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Minor hockey gives \$50,000 to Rec Centre fund



(Owen Sound) Owen Sound Minor Hockey Group is pleased to announce its \$50,000 gift toward construction of the \$38.6 million, Regional Recreation Centre now under construction in Owen Sound.

Group president Brian Seaman announced the gift during a pre-game ceremony at the Owen Sound Attack hockey game at the Lumley Bayshore Community Centre, Friday (Oct. 29, 2010).

"The need for additional ice facilities in Owen Sound is long overdue," Seaman said.

The donation comes from continuing fundraising activity by members of the non-profit, minor hockey group providing organized hockey at both Representative and House League levels for 600 boys and girls in Owen Sound and surrounding municipalities.

"While the existing Coliseum has served its purpose well, it is time to replace it with a facility we all can be proud of," Seaman said.

Hockey group officials presented a cheque to recreation centre fundraising committee co-chairs Tom Rice and Sonya Mount. The gift matches a \$50,000 pledge from The Attack, Jr. A hockey club announced earlier this year as part of a \$5 million fundraising campaign to complete financing for the centre.

“Owen Sound Minor Hockey continues their investment in the youth of Owen Sound and area with this donation,” Mount said. “They recognize the need for a new facility and their support will help to make the regional recreation centre a reality.”

The minor hockey group’s gift brings the current fundraising total to more than \$1.8 million. In recent years, pressure on existing arena space in Owen Sound has forced the minor hockey group to rent ice in surrounding communities, forcing parents and children to travel as much as 30 kilometres, often during winter conditions.

“With recent growth in girls’ hockey, ringette and our organization, we all look forward to the completion of the new facility,” Seaman said.

Construction began last March and is well underway on the 125,000 sq. ft. regional recreation centre. It houses two NHL-sized ice rinks, a health and fitness centre, a walking/running track and two pools, one competitive-sized and one for leisure and therapy. The Owen Sound Family Y is a partner in the project. To make a donation, please call the campaign office at 519-376-0484, ext. 222. For more information, check the Regional Recreation website at www.regionalconcentre.ca

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