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Novice Lacrosse Team Donates to Rec Centre

(Owen Sound, ON) Parents of Owen Sound's novice lacrosse rep. team members have donated part of their 2009 season registration fee to the Regional Recreation Centre fundraising campaign.



Team manager Jeff Wilkins formally presented \$700 to campaign co-chair Tom Rice on June 24.

The money donated was surplus to team requirements last year and would normally have been refunded to parents. Wilkins proposed the donation to 17 families involved with the team and every one of them agreed to participate in the gift, he said in an interview.

"This is a really cool idea! I'd like to congratulate Jeff and the novice lacrosse team parents for being proactive in fundraising for the Rec Centre campaign," commented Rice.

Building began in early March on the \$38 million, 125,000 sq. ft. recreation centre at Victoria Park following federal and provincial government grants totalling \$22 million. A joint project of area

municipalities and the Owen Sound Family Y, it will house two new arenas, a health and fitness centre and two pools. The building significantly improves and increases recreational facilities serving residents of northern Grey-Bruce.

“An additional arena for Owen Sound should relieve existing pressure on arena space in the Owen Sound region,” Wilkins said. “For the city’s minor lacrosse program particularly, the new centre should provide better tournament plan facilities.”

Rice said, “Thank you on behalf of our committee for your generous donation. It will help ensure more lacrosse opportunities in the years to come.”

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