

## CHESLEY CURLING CLUB

March 18, 2024

To members of Arran Elderslie Council.

Chesley Curling Club has been providing recreation to Chesley and area for over 70 years. When the current arena was built, the Curling Club and the municipality entered into an agreement to build a new facility alongside the new arena.

As the building nears 50 years old, it's obviously time to replace the roof. The curling club appreciates the assistance from the municipality and their staff in asking for tenders for the entire facility including ours.

We obviously support the idea of moving forward and paying our share as in our agreement.

We pretty much have the funds needed but it would likely drain our reserves completely and leave no funds in case of equipment repairs to the refrigeration plant or any emergency funds we may need. The pandemic was costly to small clubs like ours.

We currently manage several annual fund raisers which include 2 memorial bonspiels, two golf tournaments as well as a Cattleman's Bonspiel. We have hosted the Provincial Elementary School tournaments twice (2002 and 2017)

We would like to request of the municipality a \$50,000 loan towards this project payable at \$10,000 per year for 5 years. In addition to our regular fund raising, we will be introducing new events to raise additional funds over those 5 years.

We appreciate you listening to our request and await your response. Any additional questions, feel free to ask us.

The Chesley Curling Club

Peter Knipfel, Director.