

## Proposed community centre takes step forward

**Submitted by Alan Masters**

The New Proposed Beeton Community Centre took another step forward this Monday night at a public meeting held by Parks and Recreation Director Patrick D'Almada and the Town planning staff at the Beeton Arena.

There was a record attendance of 91 residents who signed in, three councillors, a number of candidates, the Town CAO Blaine Parkin and four consultants hired for the Beeton Facility Replacement Project.

The meeting was very lively with lots of questions.

Director D'Almada confirmed that this project was selected to be completed first, as a key to the Town moving forward, it is top priority.

The purpose of the meeting was to receive input from residents as to what activities they would like to see included in the new facility. The original plan put forward by the FAB and Town steering committee for this project included an ice pad inside the building.

Recent consulting reports suggested that an internal ice pad would not be necessary as the town appeared to have sufficient ice time for its needs.

However, as we heard from residents in the meeting, the inclusion of an ice pad arena is central and fundamental to the community activities in Beeton and was part of the original proposal.

Additionally, it was mentioned we should remember our Beeton hockey history, legendary as a producer of many famous NHL hockey greats over the years.

This word "central" to our community is key as many other activities are being considered to fit the needs of Beeton residents and the Town in general. Having the community centre central in the village, is a big advantage for Beeton. Our businesses will take advantage of the new town square and the visitors it will attract and our current residents and the many new families now joining our village will have the ability to walk comfortably to the facility from anywhere in Beeton if they so choose.

You can respond to the Community Survey at the links below and let them know what you would like to include. The Town needs your support.

The web-site for the project is [www.newtecumseth.ca/bfrp](http://www.newtecumseth.ca/bfrp)

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