

KENDALL'S KORNER

Now it is Vernon's turn



The people of Enderby and district, in their wisdom, voted 64.2 per cent in favor of a new arena Saturday.

The referendum allows for the construction of a 1,500 seat arena and the renovation of the existing arena, turning it into a four-sheet curling rink.

Enderby made the right decision, now it's time people in the Vernon and Coldstream area got together and did something about getting a new rink here.

The ideal solution would be a two, or three, rink complex under one roof. This has been suggested before, but as everyone knows, nothing has been done about it.

Building materials and land prices are not going down so the longer we wait, the more a new arena is going to cost. And let us not forget, the Vernon Civic Arena is not getting newer by the decade.

Perhaps it is about time that the local city councils, and the regional district, moved recreation a little higher up the list of priorities.

HELP NEEDED

Vernon Vikings Hockey Club is requesting the co-operation of the people of Vernon.

Vikings need accommodation for 16 players for the winter in family homes. The club is also in need of temporary billeting facilities for players who will be here for about one week, trying out for the team.

Players will start arriving in Vernon Wednesday. If you can help phone 542-6117 or 545-1770.

A NEW RECRUIT

Vernon Minor Hockey Association lost a good man when RCMP S. Sgt. Bob Crookshank was recently transferred to Courtenay.

But, I am a little surprised the hockey executive have not been at the police station recruiting the new sergeant yet.

Sgt. Nick Shaigec was very active in Cranbrook Minor Hockey last year and is a fine all-round sportsman.

With three children, one of them playing hockey, Shaigec is just the guy minor hockey types will probably have roped-in soon.

Besides his interest in hockey, he plays baseball, is an ardent curler, and shoots a pretty fair round of golf with a 12 handicap.

He plans on becoming involved in sports when he gets settled, but the minor hockey folks might not wait that long.