

# Kamloops keeps its hockey team

The Western Canada Hockey League Kamloops Chiefs will remain in Kamloops.

Team Owners Bernie Rempel and Andy Berna announced Saturday the club will be signing a re-negotiated three-year contract with the city, guaranteeing the team will stay.

Kamloops city council agreed Friday to spend \$114,500 for seating and facility improvements, but not to add 400 seats as originally proposed.

Coach Harvey Roy said the next move is a major push

towards sale of seasons tickets with the team hoping to sell a total of 1,500 tickets.

Rempel praised the citizens of Kamloops for their support of the team and pressure on Kamloops city council when it was felt the team would have to leave.

Council had refused last Tuesday to provide the alterations.

Despite the Chiefs staying in Kamloops next season, team management still hopes to operate a tier two team, in the B.C. Junior Hockey League, in the city.