

West Colchester Arena Nominated for Hockeyville

By Debbie Brown

Colchester residents will recall the excitement of one of early Hockeyville winners, Deuville's Rink in Salmon River in 2006. In celebration of the event, one of the longest parades in Colchester, coordinated by Ross Moore, made its way through Truro to Salmon River.

The winning community picked up an NHL game and cash to help with needed repairs to the arena. The coming together of the community, the spirit and excitement was a story in itself. Fast forward to Kraft Hockeyville 2021.

West Colchester Arena, home of the Cobras, has been nominated for this year's Hockeyville. The first part of the competition is to gather stories, photos and event information that help to portray the meaning and importance of the rink for so many individuals playing hockey, gathering for events and in general creating memories. These stories are being uploaded and shared. Sharing the stories is one of the best ways to garner



points toward the nomination. The more points accumulated, the better the chances of moving to the top. This phase of the competition closed on February 14th.

At this point, a panel of judges decides the communities who will move forward and an announcement will be forth coming.

The goal is to become one of the top four contenders as the 2021 Hockeyville winner in Canada. The community will receive \$250,000 for their arena and an NHL game. To learn more about the West Colchester Arena nomination, continue to follow the action on the West Colchester Minor Hockey Facebook page.

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Colchester Minor Hockey Faces Challenges

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Like all organizations, the Colchester Minor Hockey has been similarly affected. There have been some new requirements of the program due to COVID, such as a Safety Coordinator Rep on the Executive and a Safety Rep on every team in each division. The organization continues to move the program forward with an excellent team of volunteers.

The following volunteers represent the Executive of the Association. They are as follows: Alan Porter - President and Coaching Coordinator; Jennifer McKay - Secretary; Lisa Porteous - Registrar; Jamie Blaauwendaat - Treasurer; Tanya Lewis Bowers - Safety Rep; Alex Peters - Development Coordinator; Jennifer Porter - Equipment Manager; Dodie Peters - Risk Management; Jennifer McDonald - Website Manager; Matt Murray - Referee In Chief; Taunya Lynn Crowe - Ice Manager; Leah Roy - Fundraising Coordinator and Dale Shipley - Fundraising Coordinator.

Each division has its own volunteer representative and they are as follows: Jennifer Rodgers - U7 Rep; Heidi Landry - U9 Rep; Leah Roy - U11 Rep; Jennifer McKay - U13 Rep; Leanne Alexander - U15 Rep and, Ed Bowers - U18.

Updates of all the latest on COVID restrictions, such as the numbers of spectators, plus information about clinics, tournaments, teams and schedules can be found on the website at: www.cobras.goalline.ca

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