

## Council backs away from density limit

By Lindsay Seewalt

*The Eagle*

A motion initiated by Couns. Morgan Nagel and Alex Reed seeking to lower densities has been broadened in scope by town council.

Initially the motion sought to lower the current eight to 10 units per acre (upa) density targets, but during Monday's meeting council settled on broadening the scope and directed administration to look at the range of possibilities for the town to become involved with how densities are played out.

"The vast majority of us got elected on a platform of slowing down development and fixing traffic," said Nagel, asserting that the buy-in of the town into the Calgary Regional Partnership's (CRP) density vision has been a "disastrous social experiment for Cochrane."

Mayor Jeff Genung clarified his position that he is not necessarily opposed to lowering the density number, but does not want the focus to be on a number – rather on how density is implemented.

"I'm not saying we shouldn't lower densities ... I want to talk about densities as a whole," explained Genung.

"Just arbitrarily lowering the number might not be the way to change how densities are applied."

The motion to lower densities was supported by the Riverview Community Association.

"We were really disappointed," said Gerry Ertel, president of the Riverview Community Association, adding that he was puzzled by council's view that lowering densities would restrict housing choice.

The association penned a letter to the town in favour of the density reduction, maintaining a more suitable range would be four to six units per acre, to "make communities more livable and aligned with Cochrane values."

The letter states: "People move to Cochrane from Calgary because we are different. We should focus on building homes and communities in Cochrane that are consistent with the values that the residents of Cochrane believe are important."

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**READY TO PLAY:** Terrek Gagne, 14, carries his skates, helmet and hockey stick to the rinks on Mitford Pond for the 10th annual Kimmitt Cup Memorial Pond Hockey Tournament over the weekend. See more photos on page 7 and story on page 33.

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# Community laces up to support 10th Kimmitt Cup



(Clockwise from top): Mitford Pond was transformed into a multi-sheet outdoor hockey rink for the 10th annual Kimmitt Cup over the weekend featuring 56 teams and hundreds of players and fans. Megan Rosene and her son Brodie, 6, cheer on their neighbourhood team. Team Das Cows player Matt Johnston jokes with his teammates. Kendra Gilbertson puts on her toque after a game. Curtis Matwishyn, left, attempts a shot on goal.

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# 10th annual Kimmett Cup the best yet

By Troy Durrell

*The Eagle*

Organizers of the 10th Annual Kimmett Cup Memorial Pond Hockey Tournament said the event was a "monumental" success and a fitting honour to the event's namesake Lindsay Leigh Kimmett.

"She was an exceptional woman who had a lot of amazing traits ... she would have been very proud of how the 10th annual Kimmett Cup took place," said co-founder and co-chair Jason Baserman.

"It was incredible to see a community come together and support one another as well as kids and families that are going through trials and tribulations and it was also incredible to see the camaraderie between the competitors on the ice ... picking each other up off the ice when someone took a tumble, helping tie skates or adjusting helmets."

"You saw so many people from Lindsay's life and the community of Cochrane, Calgary and much further travel for this special event. Many people said this was probably the best Kimmett Cup ever and there was a significant group that has either been here for all 10 years or at least five or more (years) that would agree with that statement."

The 3-on-3 style tournament took place Jan. 19 to Jan. 21 at Mitford Pond raising money in Lindsay's name. The Kimmett Cup benefits the Lindsay Leigh Kimmett Memorial Foundation, a non-profit organization that was started after her death in 2008.

This year, the tournament attracted its capacity of 56 teams, and added 16 teams for the second minor hockey Sprit Bear Tournament in honour of Kimmett's late medical school classmate, Dr. Greg Roberts. The minor hockey team that raises the most money wins the 'Sprit Bear Award, named after Robert's book titled *S is for Spirit Bear: A British Columbia Alphabet*. The winner of the Spirit Bear Award was the Cochrane Pee-Wee C Falcons, while the winner of the competitive side of the Kimmett Cup Tournament was the Trans Canada team, with the Dust Bunnies as the runner up. The Shockers were the recreational tournament winners.

"We were sold out for the tournament, which we are all very proud of. We had a record number of children this year, a large number of people making their Kimmett Cup debut and have already voiced interested in coming back next year and bringing more people to the fold ... I think the Kimmett Cup legacy is going to continue to grow moving forward and get stronger for years ahead," Baserman said.

"The Spirit Bear Tournament actually doubled in



size, we had 16 teams compared to the eight we had last year so overall that makes 72 teams which is a record for our tournament."

Baserman also touched on the how generous the community was with its donations.

"There were so many donations made over the course of the day, both online and in person. There was so much goodwill and people soaked it all in," Baserman said.

"I think this Kimmett Cup will always be known for its generosity and its shared joy ... it was a true testament to both Lindsay's legacy and a tribute to many other important Kimmett Cup participants and supporters who we sadly lost over the course of the last 10 years. I think they were smiling down on us along with Lindsay, and I truly believe that's why the weather was so nice and that everybody had a good time ... they were being cared for from above for sure."

Aside from the fun on the ice, tournament supporters also had a chance at some socialization and revelry during a banquet held Saturday night at the Cochrane Lions Event Centre that had 300 people attend.

"It appears we will have raised at least \$100,000 for the Children's Wish Foundation and looks like it's very close to \$30,000 for the Children's Cottage Society. The wish pages themselves are going to stay live for another 30 days, so if people still wish to create a page or support a page or team, there is still a lot of time to do so," said Baserman.

"I just want to give a special thanks to all the

volunteers, the committee, the sponsors and the players that really made this weekend very special and very meaningful."

"We're very honoured and proud to be able to put this tournament on again. We look forward to many more years together."

To donate, people can visit [www.kimmettcup.com](http://www.kimmettcup.com) and click on the giving tab, where there are options to donate to the Children's Wish Foundation and the Children's Cottage Society.

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