



Mitford Pond was split into four sections to accommodate all the teams in the annual Kimmet Cup charity tournament. *PATRICK GIBSON*

Charity pond hockey tournament clears \$100,000

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A flurry of pond hockey games over the weekend has raised over \$100,000 for three charitable initiatives.

It was all part of the Kimmet Cup, a pond hockey tournament in its 13th year that's become one of the town's largest charitable events.

Games were held across four 'rinks' created at Mitford Pond, and further games down at the SLS Family Sports Centre. It was fun-focused hockey, with no hitting or goalies.

Reid Kimmet co-chairs the event, held in memory of his sister Lindsay who passed away in a car accident in 2008. The endur-

ing nature and popularity of the tournament and the considerable funds raised are indicative of Lindsay's legacy and the impact she left on her community.

"I was looking at all these volunteers and people, teams that have come out and supported the event all that time," Reid noted.

"How much time has passed in their lives, how their children that were once toddlers on the sidelines are now competing and winning the whole tournament. That everyone still supports Lindsay, supports her legacy and still comes out after all this time means a ton."

"For me, personally, I have toddlers now, and so they'll never get to meet Lindsay but through this

event they get to I think feel her presence and learn what her spirit and life was all about."

Funds from this year's tournament were being directed to the Make A Wish Foundation, the Children's Cottage Society and local initiative Helping Families Handle Cancer.

On the first Friday night, Lauren took to the ice as a third-year member of Kimmet Cup team The Goonies. She hadn't skated in months, but quickly shook off the rust in the 3-on-3 game.

"It was lots of fun," she said from the banks of the pond following her team's first game, a matchup with the Puck Junkies.

"It was great to see everybody out after everything that's been going on the last two years, and everyone's been really, really supportive and nice to each other because we all haven't skated for two years, so it's been great."

Their team showed plenty of hustle under the Friday night lights at the park.

"Most of us have played hockey for years or ringette or something," she noted.

Lauren's teammate Sean has been playing at the Kimmet Cup with The Goonies for four years now.

"It's great to be out here again," he said.

"A lot of us work together, and then our wives and girlfriends are with us as well."

"I think just seeing the community come together is the best part. Everyone's having a fun time."

'Having fun', it turns out, was central to the offense in their 21-21 tie with the Junkies.

"Just play simple, and have fun. That's really the key to it," Lauren said.

"The ice is a little tricky, but that's the fun of pond hockey."

There's still time to contribute to the initiative in the form of a donation or raffle ticket purchase through to the end of the month at KimmetCup.com.

Parking adjustments proposed in new LUB

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A January 24 council report on the LUB highlighted adjustments to non-residential parking regulations, particularly the removal of listed parking stall minimums for a more case-by-case approach.

"This is one of the most impactful changes proposed within the new Bylaw, and will have implications on how commercial, industrial, and urban service uses are approved," it reads.

"While parking is a recognized need for services within the community, listed parking stall minimums are often overly restrictive and don't always accurately reflect the amount of parking needed for various uses."

A clause in the new LUB would require applicants to propose how many parking stalls they'd include with their site, as well as offer justification for the number. The town's evaluation of that proposal would be based on 'scale,' 'proposed use(s),' 'location' and 'parking required by various users on the site.'

"This regulatory approach was specifically drafted for Cochrane based on in-depth research of parking policy in similar jurisdic-

tions, a local parking study, and public engagement which included multiple online-surveys," the report continues.



"The aim of this approach is to ensure that appropriate amounts of parking stalls are being provided based on the context of the application, and avoid past scenarios where too many or too few stalls have been provided based on the previous method of listing parking stall minimums."

In most circumstances, an updated LUB will not affect local projects currently in-progress.

"All amendment applications received in complete form and all subdivision and Development Permit applications which have been deemed complete prior to the effective date of this Bylaw shall be processed and considered based on the terms of (the 2004 LUB)," reads one subsection of the draft.

It adds that those with permit applications in-progress can request to have them considered under the new LUB should they desire.

Further information on the Land Use Bylaw review project is available at town public engagement website LetsTalkCochrane.ca.

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