

At the present time we have made application to Win-tario for \$17,000 which we hope to receive in 1978. We have passed the new Municipal Recreation By-law and have established a Municipal Recreation Committee, which will be comprised of 10 to 12 members representative of the community.

In April 1978 we invited several consultant firms to preview the situation, and then inform us of the manner in which they would study the matter, and at the same time tell us how much a comprehensive study would cost. Three companies visited the area, and then replied by written presentation telling how they would conduct a study, arrive at a proposal for development, and how much the work would cost. These companies were as follows:

McNeeley Engineering Ltd.	\$4,800
Greer-Galloway and Associates Ltd.	4,775
J. L. Richards and Associates Ltd.	5,100

Because of the indicated intent on the part of J. L. Richards to significantly involve the community in the development study it was decided to retain this firm of consultants. It is expected that the study and drafting of proposals will take approximately three months to complete. This means that we could possibly have plans by some time in September, 1978.

3. RECREATION NOW

The Community Hall is a meeting place for several groups: The Lions, Women's Institute, Arts and Crafts Association and Bingo nights, to name a few. The Hall is maintained by the Municipality. In 1977 a new furnace had to be installed, at a cost of \$1,888. Other costs including heat, hydro, caretaker, repairs, etc., amounted to \$1,985. A range of modest fees are charged for the use of the Hall, but these do not cover expenses.

The Municipality has lent only a small degree of financial support in the past to local ball teams because

it is felt that such teams should be largely self-supporting. Last year \$300 was directed to ball teams for equipment. A similar contribution is being made in 1978, as well as an additional \$300 to a general recreation program initiated by Dr. Catherine Downing called "Keep Busy 1978".

4. KEEP BUSY 1978

This is an organized recreational and cultural program for youth, aged 2 to 20 years, for July and August. The program, including games, crafts, library service, think groups, and so on, will try to help develop in young persons some of the following qualities:

1. Understanding of their community and its people.
2. Enthusiasm for community involvement through responsibilities and commitment.
3. Understanding the commandment - "Love one another."
4. Feelings of self-worth and confidence, humility and respect.
5. Responsibility for and understanding of Senior Citizens.
6. Joy of serving.
7. Skills and initiative.

NOTE:

It is likely that a number of group activities in "Keep Busy 1978" will take place on the recently acquired Barnet property. Furthermore, it is expected that the Calabogie Lions Club will host the Senior Citizens in mid-July in the same area.

It would seem that great opportunities are unfolding for the development of our awareness of new forms of community living, healthy life styles, and of how much people really mean to one another. And great things will be accomplished if we all maintain a stance of positive, constructive and charitable thinking.