

# New canteen underway at Castleton Fields

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The new canteen and washroom facilities are slated for spring opening

Where there's a will, there's a way - and the Castleton Sport Club has determination in spades.

The volunteer organization has established the Castleton Sports Fields as a top-notch sports venue in Castleton. Two ball diamonds, three soccer pitches, a children's playground, parking lots, ample running space - and all for all ages of participation has been the dream realized by the group of community volunteers over the past 15 years or so.

Recognizing they were the only resource to establish an activity centre for the rural population, the volunteer parents, community business people, family and friends have continuously pulled together to create and continuously improve the Castleton Sports Fields. Along with the fundraising events have been hours of volunteer physical labour and organizational meetings.

Last fall, the Castleton Sports Club Inc. executive moved ahead with a new canteen building on the site. The new block building also contains washrooms.

The canteen project is slated for completion this upcoming spring-summer season - all the better to attract tournaments.

"Right now, the township has donated \$1,000 to ensure the programs and, this past year, matched us \$1 for \$1 up to \$30,000 for the new canteen building," Steve Clarke of the Canteen Development Committee reports. "There has been a lot of volunteer labour and many local businesses and tradespeople have donated materials for the project.

"We still have to raise funds to put an awning for shade on

the building. That's the next project."

The Sports Club is warmly encouraging anyone interested in joining their dynamic group to come out to the annual general meeting Tuesday, January 23, 7:30 p.m. at the Castleton Town Hall.

"We'd like to get more of the community involved," Mr. Clarke notes.

As a volunteer organization, there have been dances, bottle drives, selling chocolates, Nevada ticket sales, soccer and ball tournaments, - you name it - for the cause. It's worth noting the only government assistance ever received for the first-rate facility is the annual rec grant from the former municipal council and the special canteen contribution.



**SISTER ACT:** The Colborne CIBC bank won Best Commercial trophy for their Colborne Santa Claus Parade entry. Jane Boreham, left, accepted the trophy on behalf of the bank at the January 1 New Year's Day levee. Jane's sister Rose Nelson, also a co-chair of the Santa Claus Parade Committee, made the presentation.



**SPARKS:** Colborne Sparks won best youth group entry in the annual Santa Claus parade. Debbie Hoffman, left, received the award from Debbie Timbers of the Colborne Castleton Optimists.



**BEST DEPICTION:** Colborne United Church won the trophy for the Santa Claus parade entry best depicting the theme "Come Home For Christmas". Harry Jeninga of the Colborne Castleton Optimists, right, presented the trophy to the Rev. David Timson at the New Year's Day Levee at Colborne Legion.