

Community service club donates \$25,000

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News - Warkworth - Flourish, the Trent Hills Wellness Campaign to raise \$7 million for various community initiatives, received a major shot in the arm last week - a \$25,000 donation from the Warkworth Community Service Club for an addition to the local arena. "We wanted to show the municipality we're behind them," club president Sonny Lennon said after the Nov. 21 meeting when the presentation of a cheque was made. "They're good partners and we think it's just the right thing to do." The single-storey addition is one of three recreational projects designated to receive funding through the Flourish campaign. The other two are a wellness and recreation centre in Campbellford that includes an arena, aquatic centre and walking track, and a heated

field house for indoor sports in Hastings. "It's not only for us, it's for the next generations," Lennon said. The service club decided to act after Friends of the Warkworth Arena committed \$20,000 for adding a kitchen, a multi-purpose area and dressing rooms to the building that will make it the first publicly-owned facility in the village that's accessible. "We weren't going to stand by and have them (upstage) the service club so we decided to one-up them," Lennon quipped. Now they're out there scrambling to match the \$25,000 donation so as "not to be outdone." He said it's important to the community that's accessible and can provide a venue for "a great number of groups within the community that need a bigger space." It "makes a lot of sense"

and "to a certain extent, completes" the community. An artist's conception of the addition can be viewed at the post office and online, at the Flourish campaign website, <http://flourishcampaign.ca/>. A public meeting has been scheduled for Dec. 9 at the Warkworth Town Hall Centre for Arts, beginning at 7 p.m. to discuss the project, to see who wants to be a part of it, and to determine what are the various needs within the community, Lemmon said. The Flourish campaign has set a long-term goal of raising \$7 million, with the money

to be divided among the Municipality of Trent Hills for its three recreational facilities (\$1 million), Campbellford Memorial Hospital for new equipment (\$4 million) and the Campbellford-Seymour Community Foundation to enhance its existing grant program and to create community funds in Warkworth and Hastings that will assist local projects. The Warkworth Community Service Club presented two other cheques the same evening; \$3,000 to Bridge Hospice and \$1,000 to the 7 Hills Community Pantry food bank.



Warkworth Community Service Club president Sonny Lennon was joined by club members in formally presenting a \$25,000 cheque to Martha Murphy, executive director of the Campbellford/Seymour Community Foundation, last week. The money will go toward construction of an addition to the Warkworth arena. Photo: John Campbell

Santa checks his list in Colborne

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It's a good thing Santa's a cold weather buff, otherwise he might have found the chilly wind a bit harsh Saturday night. Photo: John Campbell. SEE MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 19

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