## Glen Eden manager waiting for the temperature to drop

Ski and snowboard centre is still closed due to the mild weather

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A lack of cold weather prevented Glen Eden Ski and Snowboard Centre from opening its doors last week as hoped.

But executive manager Bob Harris is optimistic that the temperature will drop soon, and once it does, the season will be in full swing.

"Our crew is just raring to go," he said. "If we get 48 hours of good, cold temperatures, we can do amazing things." He explained the snowfall delay can actually make for a "very intense" ski season, since people will be anxious to get in as much time on the hill as they can. It's this that makes Harris confident the postponed opening won't have much of an effect on the overall season.

"We are committed to making the ski season happen," he said.

He noted that snow, created by new low-energy snowmaking guns, has been stockpiled at the centre and will be spread on the hills once it's colder.

"This (snowmaking) technology is very much a win-win situation," he said, explaining it has excellent performance in marginal temperatures and reduces hydro consumption. "Our snowmaking crew is just busting to try these new guns out."

While the ski hill can operate during the day even if the temperature is sitting one or two degrees above the freezing mark, that can only happen if it gets colder at night.

At holiday press time Thursday, the forecast said temperatures could dip below the freezing mark in the evening

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## Bureau Fund well over \$22,000

As of Thursday afternoon — our Boxing Day issue press time — more than \$22,000 had been collected for The Champion's Christmas Bureau Fund in support of the Salvation Army.

For weeks, generous Miltonians have been dropping off donations, which had come to a total of \$22,438 with one day left, as the deadline for donations was Friday.

By Thursday afternoon we hadn't met our goal of \$25,000, but we had raised more than last year when \$21,418 was collected.

"I am very happy and grateful to the commu-

nity for raising money for such a worthy cause as the Salvation Army, and also for the toys and food collected at our office," said Champion receptionist and fund organizer Sheena Cameron.

The donation deadline was extended from Thursday to Friday to try to reach the goal.

The money collected ensures no family in town goes without a turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

Toys and non-perishable food items were also collected for local needy families.



