

Plans underway for next year's winter carnival

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The Champion

Organizers of the upcoming Milton Winter Carnival are reaching out to all sectors of the community for a hand in the February event.

"I think what we're calling for at this time is for a rally from the community to get involved," said Barb Kwade, chairperson of the 10-member carnival planning committee.

The committee is eyeing an event bigger and better than the last successful carnival, which was attended by 1,200 people at Memorial Arena earlier this year.



Organizers are hoping to kick off next year's February 6 carnival with activities at the Mill Pond the Friday night before. The main event Saturday will again be held at the Thompson Road arena.

Local community groups, businesses, service clubs, and individuals are being asked to participate by sponsoring an activity, simply donating money, or

volunteering their time.

"The proposed budget for 1993 is expenses of \$3,442, but we hope donations can bring this down to \$2,000," said Ms Kwade.

Activities at the last carnival included face painting, puppet shows, craft classes, ice sculpturing demonstrations, and kids' games.

Sponsorship is required for clowns and a magician, as well as supplies and prizes, she said.

The Town-driven carnival made a comeback this past February after being cancelled two previous years in a row.

Traditionally held at Rotary Park, the carnival moved indoors to Memorial Arena except for a few activities which were held in the parking lot.

"We need to get things going outside again," said Ms Kwade, who represents the Town of Milton on the committee.

Wet, soggy grounds at the park cancelled the carnival two years ago, and last year, Town staff concentrated their efforts on fundraising for the Milton Leisure Centre.

To get involved contact Mike Ricker at 876-1331 or Barb Kwade at the Town's leisure services department, 878-7211, ext. 188.

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