



Thanks fellas for a super game

The Labatt Brier played in Kitchener last week came right down to the wire Sunday afternoon when curlers from Ontario and Alberta played off for all the marbles. The

Russ Howard rink from Penetanguishene, shown at right shaking hands, just missed out taking all the action in a close 10th end affair. For their efforts, the Howard

foursome was crowned second bester curling rink in all of Canada.

-Photo by Michele Gouett



Games couldn't have been more exciting

This was the rock that got Russ Howard's foursome from Ontario into the finals at last week's Brier. The action here took

place in Kitchener, Saturday afternoon. Ontario was pitted against B.C. and it was Russ and the gang who outlasted their

counterparts from out west.

-Photo by Ed Pearson

Accessory apartment legislation is now in its final draft form

Two years of studying the issue of accessory apartments is coming to a close for Penetanguishene's Planning Advisory Committee (PAC).

According to PAC Secretary Paul Hodgins, at Monday night's meeting the committee will be considering the zoning regulations for the apartments, which is the final stage of making the units legal in the town.

At this point, all of the necessary legislation, amendments to the town's Official Plan and zoning by-laws, have already been completed but until the standards for the apartments are laid down, the town will

not be accepting any applications for the household conversions.

The move to legalize the subsidiary apartments by the committee is a response to a municipal need, according to Hodgins.

Hodgins says the municipality has been aware of many of the apartments that have been built in the town and because they are created without any municipal inspection many are poorly constructed and are sub-standard.

Under the new regulations even those apartments that exist now will be brought up to the standards laid down by PAC, according to Hodgins.

"Existing apartments don't get automatic amnesty," said Hodgins at a press conference on Friday afternoon. "We will ensure that they are brought up to standard...they will still have to comply with the regulations."

According to Hodgins, the PAC looked into the apartments not only as a measure to provide additional accommodations in the town, but as an assistance to many homeowners as well.

"Accessory apartments will provide both physical and financial help for certain segments of the community," says Hodgins.

The new legislation

will provide additional income and security for elderly people living alone or assist young couples and first time homeowners with the added income says Hodgins.

Although new laws would allow any single family dwelling to create a second living area in a home, Hodgins says the committee has studied the issue and can not foresee any large influx of applications for the apartments once everything is finalized.

Because of the interest from the community in response to PAC's study of the apartments, next week's meeting of the committee will be an open forum for anyone

who may be interested in understanding the implications of the legislation.

At Monday night's meeting the committee will be drafting the final zoning regulations for the apartments that will then be sent on the Penetanguishene Council the following Monday for the town's final seal of approval.

Although Hodgins says the public is welcome he added that the meeting is to discuss the regulations and not whether or not the town should allow the apartments adding that issue had already been decided.

The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers

Misses Brier crown by inches

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Russ Howard's foursome at the Canadian Men's Curling Championship came within a whisker, Sunday afternoon, of taking all the marbles in Kitchener-Waterloo.

The rink, which curls out of Penetanguishene, provided some of the best excitement throughout the week-long 'spiel and for very good reason.

The Howard rink of Russ and Glenn Howard, Kent Carstairs and Tim Belcourt was only one stone away from winning the Labatt Brier and being the Canadian representative at the World Curling Championship, Silver Broom, with a 4-3 loss against the Alberta rink after 10 ends of play.

Howard and Carstairs made their second appearance at the Canadian Brier, along with first timers Belcourt and Glenn Howard, last week, after taking the top spot at the Labatt's Blue Light Tankard in Richmond Hill last month.

Howard's rink finished in second spot after the 15 draws of regular play against 11 top teams from across Canada, with a strong record of nine wins and only two losses.

In the semi-final round of play Saturday afternoon, Howard's foursome squeezed by British Columbia from Kamloops, skipped by Barry McPhee, in an extra end of play, by the score of 6-5.

Prior to Saturday's semi-final round, three of the Howard team received recognition for their excellent play over the week by being named to the Labatt's first and second All-Star teams.

For his outstanding performance as third,

23-year-old Glenn Howard was named to the first All Star team with his 84 percent record for shots made during the regular round robin play.

The older of the Howard duo, Russ, 30, was Labatt's second All-Star team choice as skip ending the 15 draws with a 80 percent record, while Ontario's lead, 38-year-old Kent Carstairs was also named lead for the team.

Carstairs ended round robin play with a 87 percent record for shots made. The fourth member of the team, 23-year-old Tim Belcourt, came in to the finals with an 80 percent record, giving the team a record of 82 percent for regular play.

With Saturday's victory, the Howard rink was up against a formidable opponent, four-time Brier appearer, Ed Lukowich of Calgary, Alberta for the finals.

Coming into Sunday's final matchup against Alberta, skip Howard said he and his team felt good about what lay ahead of the four men.

"We feel better today than we did going into yesterday's match against B.C., the pressure is off us now," said Howard.

"There is no shame in losing in the championship."

"The team has been curling well, and the pressure doesn't seem to be affecting us. I feel real good going into this match."

Although the first place team had a same final record of nine wins and two losses going into the finals, the Alberta team repeated the scene from earlier in the week, defeating Ontario in front of a capacity crowd at the Kitchener Memorial Auditorium.