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to consolidate services would be in the interest of the town, and, that the present medical quarters (in the town hall) could be rented.

A lengthy discussion was held on the means of raising money for the project, with some concern expressed about other expected projects - sewage installation, additional storm sewers, what will the mill rate be, in view of these major projects, coupled with a medical centre?

Council expressed the hope that the centre could be built without resorting to a tax levy, or, at least, but a small part of the cost.

Reeve McParland asked the representatives attending to discuss the project with their organizations and report their views at a further meeting, with written briefs of comments being welcomed meanwhile.

SPORTS SLANTS

- By Ray Shank

Well, all I can say at the moment is, so far, so good!

My Canadiens are in the Stanley Cup finals, and, by the time you read this, they could very well be leading the best-of-seven series 2-0, since the first two games were scheduled for Montreal.

The last time Chicago won the Cup was back in 1960-61, when a fellow by the name of Rudy Pilous coached the team. However, they had a budding you star then by the name of Robert Marvin Hull who, although only in his fourth season in the NHL, was fast becoming the hottest scoring whiz ever to lace on a pair of blades.

Granted, Bobby Hull's younger brother, Dennis, along with old pro Stan Mikita and net-minder Tony Esposito, have looked extremely good in their quarter and semi-finals against St. Louis Blues and New York Rangers.

Dennis, until the start of the finals, had racked up 17 points - tops in the playoffs - and appeared a strong candidate for the Conn Smythe Trophy honours. And Mikita and Esposito were more than carrying their respective loads.

But let's face it, the Hawks don't have an explosive type like Bobby Hull and that is a good enough excuse to eliminate them as choices to win the most prized trophy in hockey.

Montreal, meanwhile, doesn't need a super star like Hull. The Canadiens are a power-laden club that doesn't need to count on any one man. Their stars to date have been goalie Ken Dryden, defensivley and Yvan Cournoyer

offensively.

But you can count on the fingers of both your hands guys who can come through for them - Jacques Lemaire ... Henri Richard ... either of the Mahovlich brothers ... Mark Tardif... Guy Lafleur ... or even a rushing defenceman like Guy Lapointe.

Canadiens have so much talent, it's pitiful - pitiful, that is, if you're anti-Montreal.

Doubt very much if Henri Richard reads this column, but in case he does, I must apologize to him for the nasty column I wrote about him earlier in the season when I commented that he was all washed up and that he should hang up his skates before he becomes a hockey bum.

Prior to the start of the finals, the diminutive Canadiens captain had scored four goals - all key ones, too - which, by the way, was just half as many as he scored all year. Let's face it, Henri is like most of those old pros - especially Canadien old pros. He's a money player, which means that when the money is on the line, he plays his best brand of hockey.

If you remember, Richard was the hero back in 1971 when the Canadiens won the Cup from Chicago in the seventh game. It was Richard who won the deciding game for the Habs with his late third period goal.

It's quite likely Henri will retire after this season, but not before he's made sure that his name appears on the Stanley Cup one last time.

One has to admit that Kenny Dryden has been a Rock of Gibraltar for the Canadiens. He won the Vezina Trophy with a very respectable 2.26 goals against average, which was .25 better than his opponent in the finals.

But one fellow the Canadiens will have to count on a little more in the finals is Frank Mahovlich, who did little in the series against Buffalo or Philadelphia to show he was second highest scorer on the Montreal team during the regular schedule.

Mahovlich, I felt, played terrible hockey in the first two playoff series. But he's not that inconsistent and should show well in the finals.

Remember, I picked Canadiens to win the Cup ... and if they don't, I have to eat a page of this newspaper ... and I can think of more nutritious food.

SPORTS SHORTS: Promoter of the Year honours have to go to Montreal boxing promoter Regis Levesque. Levesque offered Canadiens defenceman Pierre Bouchard and Philadelphia forward Dave Schultz each \$25,000 to don the gloves and fight it out in Montreal for the hockey heavy-

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