

## **THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SPACE, WAUBAUSHENE and Tay Council**

Further to your recent consultations with the Waubaushene Action Group, Talpines POA, the Benny Club and Recreation Committee, we understand that you will soon be making a recommendation to Council for community space options in Waubaushene.

As the community groups stated in these consultations, it is our view that a multi use building attached to the current Fire Hall is the community's preferred option. If our design proposals are accepted, the space would provide a safe, and permanent home for the Benny Club, which badly needs a permanent indoor home with storage, a safe place for local children to gather, do crafts, and play sports, while also realizing the upgrade of the firefighter washrooms and decontamination rooms that are required.

Our seniors need an indoor space to meet and be physically active, in keeping with the principles of age friendly communities and Tay's own, recent studies. This is a location easily accessible without transportation.

The local PICKLEBALL club currently run by Talpines POA volunteers on the ice rink in summer would volunteer to hold PICKLEBALL in the winter in the space. Such a space could be used for chess and checkers clubs, badminton, yoga, Tai Chi, homework clubs and much more. It could also be used as a heating and cooling centre in case of emergencies.

**We understand that finances are always a concern. The Waubaushene Action Group (WAG), Talpines Property Owners' Association and the Benny Club volunteers propose to partner together to launch a GO FUND ME fund raising campaign with a goal of raising \$100,000.00, should Council commit to building the multi use space as described, at Bridgeview adjoined to the Fire Hall.**

Our volunteers are also skilled at grant applications, and if Council commits to this building desired by the community, and provides us with a letter of intent, we would apply for grants from many provincial and federal sources

WAG Waubaushene Action Group, Talpines POA, The Benny Club  
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