

## Improving Our Municipal Park

Baseball has been an integral part of our community since 1900. Since then, many teams have come and gone but the spirit of the game has remained. Our town has seen teams of all ages play in our Municipal Park, many of these teams went on to win provincials and even Western Canadian titles. We have watched ball players, with "Hamiota" proudly emblazoned on their chests, become inducted into the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame.

With the sport of baseball slowly dying in surrounding communities, Hamiota is growing into a regional centre for baseball in Westman. Our town boasts the ability to form teams in all age groups of boys and girls, and a strong High School team as well. Players from different municipalities in our area have come together to form these teams, further defining us as a regional centre for baseball. With baseball being so strong in our community, we have to make sure that our facilities are in top form, not only for the benefit of the baseball community, but also for the soccer players, the beach volleyball teams, the swimmers, and the equestrians. Improved facilities also benefits the economy of our town as the more baseball regionals and provincials we host along with events such as the High School Rodeo Finals and the MBRA (*Manitoba Barrel Racing Association*) Finals, the more benefits our local businesses and centres see.



The improvement that has been proposed by Hamiota Minor Ball is the replacement of the storage shed and canteen building. If you are familiar with this structure, you know that it is dangerous and at the very least, unusable.

The first phase of construction will consist of replacing the old shed with a 40 foot by 40 foot structure. Half of this would be designated as an equipment shed while the other half would hold a canteen area. The roof will extend past the building to provide a graveled, sheltered picnic area which would over look the main ball diamond. The second phase of the project, slated for the future when funds are available, will be the addition of washrooms. This wonderful new addition to the Hamiota Municipal Park will be made available to all groups wishing to use it.

If you are interested in volunteering your construction expertise or making a donation, please contact Bonnie Michaudville at 764-3050 ext. 106.



