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the immediate need for changes.

- Layout of the facility is poor. The hockey rinks should be placed to provide a adjacent shelter. The trailers now provide a temporary solution at best.

- Drainage in the area is poor. Most spring run off flows along a shallow ditch west of the clubhouse. The basement floods frequently.

- The electrical utility shed is deteriorating.

- The sports equipment-storage area is separate from the clubhouse. Fortunately

this area has not been broken into and equipment stolen.

- Parking space is very limited. This is especially a problem when the church lot, south of the center, is being used by the church members.

- The rinks are not designed to accommodate anything other than hockey. Rinks that could be converted to another use, tennis for example, in summer months would be preferred.

- There is no playground equipment at the centre.

"There are serious problems with the current facili-

ty. Largely, these problems stem from inadequate financing at the club. The facilities were developed as they were needed, and when they could be afforded. These problems must be addressed now," Riddell stated.

The proposal being put forth by the community centre is an addition to the front of the building, renovation to the main floor north and south as well as the basement area.

Total cost is pegged at \$250,000.

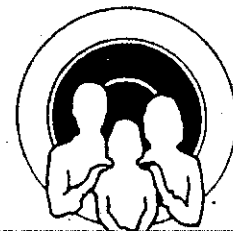
Towards that total the

community centre has pledged \$50,000 and the province has guaranteed \$75,000.

At the Tuesday, November 26 meeting of the East Kildonan-Transcona community committee, the centre will be asking the city to fund the rest of the \$125,000 necessary to complete the project.

Encouraged by the support shown by local councillor Anne Jorowski (Miles Macdonell) as others, Riddell stressed that what is now needed is financial backing.

"Next year is the centre's 30th anniversary. It would be nice to have our anniversary party in our new facility," she said.



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