

Good season for BRCC

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The Barrington Regional Curling Club (BRCC) is holding its own, with another successful season set to wrap up over the next month or so at the Sherose Island facility.

"Basically we're doing okay," said Bob Cushing, club treasurer in a report to Barrington Municipal Council's committee of the whole on Feb. 15.

Club membership is 127 this season, said Cushing, which is down slightly from last year but income remains about the same due to a new fee structure. "Our projection-to years' end is...we will be solvent at that point," he said, adding a lot of the club's success "is due to help the municipality has given us."

Besides league play every evening but Saturday, the club also hosts several successful spiels during the season including the men's annual lobster spiel, which attracted 18 teams this year, including a team of MLAs,

The ladies sweetheart spiel, which is an introduction to the sport, was also a success, said Cushing.

The club also offers a day program for school children. Cushing estimated that by the time the season is over, around 700 children will have gone through the volunteer-run program.

Looking to the future, Cushing said the club is pursuing a project under the ice rink energy program which would include the installation of a low-emissivity ceiling that would cut energy costs and pay for itself in about three years. "It's the most cost effective, energy efficient project we could do," said Cushing.

Cushing said the project would cost around \$20,000, with the club responsible for 20 per cent of the cost (\$4,000).