

Congratulations to The Huntsville Otters for providing such excitement on Sunday afternoon.

The game was exactly what the CBC folks were looking for from a town that is hoping to be awarded the designation of "Hockeyville" in 2008.

It was a full house with standing room only.

The parking lot was overflowing with cars parked all the way up to Brunel Road. This causes me to wonder how we can even consider adding a second ice pad to this location, that will significantly reduce the parking.

We cannot rely on the high school parking lot to be available. As it was with the pond hockey, many large tournaments begin on Friday afternoon in order to get all the games in over the weekend.

The realities of snowfall in this Town creates havoc in the parking lot with huge snow piles and sight loss of the parking lines again reducing the number of spots.

I understand that when the first ice pad was built, it was designed such that a second one could easily be added later on. Does that still hold true today or is the equipment outdated? "If we build it they will come." Not if they cannot park! If "Sport Tourism" is an economic focus for Huntsville, we need to be cautious that we don't build a facility that can host a large tournament that supporters can't get to. They might come, but they will not return.

Something to think about before rushing into locating the second ice pad on Brunel.

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