

Schuss could reopen if government helps

Construction on the new Valley Schuss Ski Resort could begin by late June.

In an interview with The Banner, Wednesday Garry Smith, chairman of the Valley Schuss Ski Resort committee said that shareholders hope to rebuild the ski resort, as well as add a proposed fitness centre to the club's facilities.

In early November the Valley Schuss resort was completely gutted by fire, putting the future of the skiing centre in serious doubt.

Despite this fact owners opened the slopes for skiing through the winter months and still managed to attract the most daily skiers (more than 5,000) the club has had in its history.

In mid-February Schuss put in a fire claim to their insurance company, but later learned that the company, Strathcona, was insolvent.

This only jeopardized the club's future to an even greater extent, but it appears now that the problem has finally been worked out.

Wednesday Valley Schuss received a settlement of \$300,000, and they are to get more if and when they rebuild.

GOVERNMENT HOLDS KEY
According to Garry Smith the government will play a major part in the future of the area resort.

"In about one month the shareholders will all meet to figure out exactly what to do," Smith said. "By then we should know whether the government will help out, cause or not."

Smith says it will cost approximately one million dollars to rebuild Valley Schuss.

"We're willing to put in about three-quarters of that amount," he said, "but it will be up to the government to put in the rest."

Representatives from Valley Schuss have already met with MPP George McGeorge and his response was reportedly favorable.

"He said he didn't want to see Valley Schuss die," Smith said. "He was quite friendly and commented that he thought it was about time we had some good luck."

Valley Schuss representatives hope to hear back from McGeorge soon with word on exactly how to proceed with getting some sort of grant to aid them in their cause.

"In 30 days we'll know whether we're going to rebuild or not," Smith said. "We're counting on doing the whole thing at once."

There is however, a slight chance that the ski resort will be rebuilt this summer with the fitness centre following next year.

"Because of the good response we've had from our proposed fitness centre we would like to do the whole thing and give Orangeville and area people what we advertised and obviously what they want," Smith added.

"We'll need the government's help though, which I think is quite possible."

NEW FACILITIES
If the club is indeed rebuilt it will feature several new attractions.

The ski resort will have more snow making through the winter, steeper hills will be constructed on the west side, and a chair lift will possibly be installed.

Banquet room facilities for 250 persons will also be built into the structure if construction takes place.

The fitness centre would be completely indoors and attached to the main resort, covering an area of 2000 square feet.

It would be a fitness centre, whirl pools, saunas, a lounge, and four squash and/or racquet ball courts.

Will Valley Schuss Ski Resort live or die?

The answer appears to be in the hands of the government.



UP IN FLAMES—The future of the Valley Schuss Ski Resort was put in serious jeopardy in November when the club's main building went up in flames. The complex was leveled by the fire, but Valley Schuss still opened up for the winter skiers and incredibly enjoyed a successful season. Owners hope to rebuild during the summer, with the intentions of adding a fitness centre to the resort's attractions.

Handicapped 'ecstatic' says assoc. spokesman

ORANGEVILLE—"We're ecstatic," Devon Raymond, chairperson for the Orangeville Ability Association exclaimed. She was referring to the announcement by council of the ramp to be installed this summer leading into the post office.

"It makes me really happy to hear that," she said. "Physically disabled people should have access to any building just like everyone else has."

She said she felt it was a real accomplishment during this the International Year of the Disabled.

The Orangeville and District Ability Association has been pushing for advancements such as this since their formation. Former chairperson June Noble told The Banner that she was really pleased to see that something was finally being done.

"We've been complaining about not having something in the way of a sidewalk or a ramp for a long time," she stressed. "This is a terrific move in the right direction."

She said she feels that there really aren't enough places in Orangeville that are accessible.

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A smoldering skeleton was all that remained of Valley Schuss following the November fire. An insurance claim was put in by the resort's owners in February, but payment did not arrive until this week. The settlement was for \$300,000.