

### **Reason for Proposed Naming:**

In 1997 Jim had a vision of what he wanted long term for his players and coaches. The "rink shack" was too small to accommodate all the players, in fact the defense had to change in what is now the equipment room.

He envisioned a locker room with a permanent equipment room, coaches office, another washroom and storage area.

But dreams are just dreams until you persevere to make them a reality.

He proposed a project that would eventually cost \$120,000.00 in 1998.

The financial proposal was that there would be a three-way split between the Province, Strathcona County and the Sherwood Park RAMS organization. The province of Alberta with the help of Minister Iris Evans awarded the team \$40,000.00 from the lottery grant fund, Strathcona County put up \$40,000.00 and the RAMS covered the rest through partnerships with architects, piling companies, woodworking companies and sweat equity from any and all parents, coaches and players.

It was Jim's vision to have a permanent home for The RAMS and Strathcona County and the Province of Alberta helped to make that dream into a reality. The clubhouse is a testament to Jim's vision and tenacity in wanting what's best both for his players and his community.

-Adam Skitsko