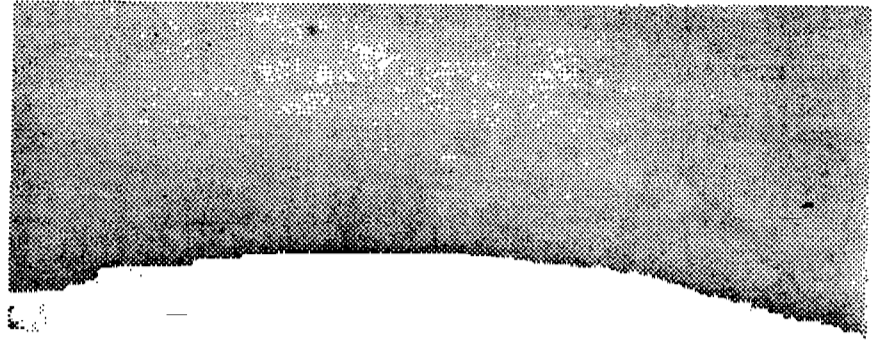
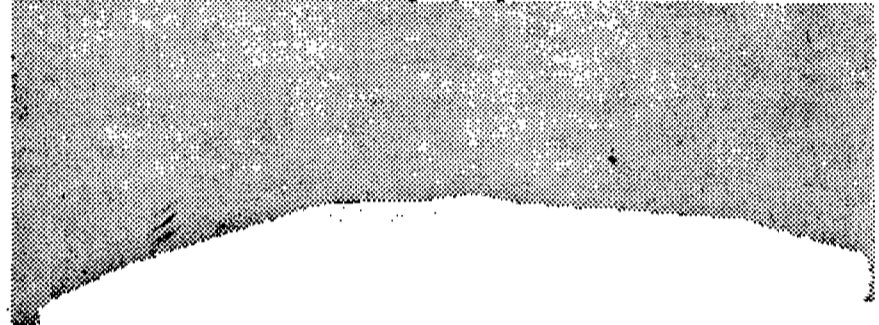
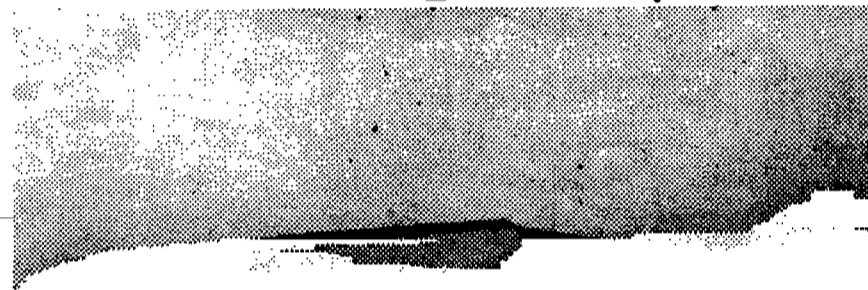


Unfortunately, this could not be made possible due to the reality of project costs over-runs. The marching order was clear for Jay Benedict, MCA project manager and the arena project team put the building up for 5.1 million and don't create or tolerate a deficit. Soon the turtle design was out, less seats (800) and extras like paved roads, driveway, zambonie, elevator for handicaps, landscaping, fewer finished change rooms, public announcement systems, and score board were all out. This is what we had to do to keep the arena cost at 5.1 million.



Note:

Even though we have scratched the turtle-head from the design and proceeded with construction we are still hopeful that sometime in the future we can find the monies three hundred and fifty-thousand dollars (\$350,000.00) to use it for the "Iroquois Sports Hall of Fame".



WHEN YOU BREAK GROUND THERE ARE ALWAYS UNANTICIPATED SURPRISES:

If the Akwesasne Arena was located in a municipality like Cornwall or Long Sault one would expect that cost would be kept low simply by hooking up to the nearest waterline or electrical source. For the Akwesasne Arena one half mile of extra power lines and poles had to be provided for the Arena site. Other surprises included the type of soil that was uncovered which required extra concrete to be poured. Good drinking water was located one third of a mile away and had to be piped in. What became more clear as construction began was unanticipated costs that would surface from time to time. And every time something like this would occur it meant something else had to be scratched from the budget.

Right now the community needs an Arena and we are doing what we have to do to make it happen.

There has never been any doubt over the last 30 years that an Arena was needed in Akwesasne. From all the different segments, jurisdiction and factions our community members agreed on one thing. An Arena would bring our people closer together and provide greater opportunities for our youth in pursuing an athletic career, be it hockey, lacrosse or figure skating. It certainly would go a long way in keeping everyone occupied in recreational activities. We have provided this background report for the purpose of clarifying any misconceptions or misunderstanding regarding the merits of this project.

The Community Needs To Help

There is no doubt that the Arena Project team will require additional financial resources to complete this worthwhile undertaking. We are very hopeful that it can come from the community. The list provided in this report makes it obvious that community input is needed and welcomed. Over the next month we will be providing the various community organizations, businesses and individuals an opportunity to join us in making the Akwesasne Community Arena a reality. The contents provided in this report will assist the public in understanding the efforts of the people associated with this project as well as the financial cost associated with the Arena thus far.

Updated Cut List From Akwesasne Arena

Below you will find a list based on priority, the items that had to be deferred from the Arena Project. They based solely on what could be added at a later date through fundraising efforts in the community.

Zamboni-50,000; Scoreboard-15,000; PA System-25,000; Elevator for Handicapped-45,000; Furniture and Equipment-30,000; Additional Lighting in Parking Lot-45,000; Change Room #6-50,000; Plastic Seats @ 200 ea.-58,875; Additional landscaping-35,000; Additional painting-20,000; Insulated Floor Over Ice-20,000; Air Conditioning on 2nd Floor-30,000; Asphalt Paving-100,000; Concrete Curbs-50,000; Phillip Hopps Road Upgrade-100,000.

Total - \$673,875.00

Other Related Costs

The arena is situated on a 14 acre community property located along the banks of the St. Lawrence River. We have an opportunity over the next few years to place a softball diamond, tennis court, soccer and field lacrosse on the premises as well as year round swimming pool. Fundraising is needed to make this a reality and listed below are the approximate costs:

Softball Diamond, Tennis Court, Soccer Field - 350,000; Swimming Pool (Year Round) - 750,000.

Total: \$1,100,000.00

