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## Two Optimist clubs pledging support

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The Optimist clubs of Stratford and Mitchell are getting behind the Stratford-Perth Museum with financial support.

The Stratford club recently made a 10-year commitment at \$1,500 a year and the Mitchell club gave \$3,000 with the idea of also making the same \$15,000 pledge as Stratford.

Dale Bast, a member of the Stratford club, said in a perfect world the 10 local Optimist clubs in the area would each commit \$15,000 over the next 10 years for a total of \$150,000 for the museum.

"Our two clubs, Mitchell and Stratford, are going to get the ball rolling in that direction," said Bast, a member of an Optimist committee that spent two years looking at opportunities on how to get involved with the museum. The study identified there is a "significant influx" of youths using the museum. Thousands of students attend the museum through class trips.

The talks between the Optimists and museum officials included the possibility of naming rights and signage for the Optimists for the children's part of the museum. The Optimists' creed is "friend of youth."

Bast said some of the clubs are still working to fulfil the Optimists' pledge to the Stratford General Hospital Foundation's Heart and Soul campaign, however.

"I think that as we finish up those commitments that probably more clubs will be able to roll over into support of the museum," he said.

A collective pledge to the museum could also serve as a new symbol of co-operation for the local clubs, which have worked together in the past on projects such as a fire safety house.

Bast said the museum project will be talked about at the next quarterly Optimist meeting in February.

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