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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Chapleau Recreation Centre Renovations**

**May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – Chapleau, ON** - The Township of Chapleau is pleased to announce that renovations at the Recreation Centre are currently underway and are scheduled for completion early this fall.

The project is valued at \$1.75 million and is funded by the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation, FedNor, local sponsorships and the Township of Chapleau. Local sponsorships include generous contributions from Goldcorp Borden Gold, The Rotary Club of Chapleau and the New Horizon Rebekah Lodge 391. In total, 96% of the funding needed for this project has been leveraged from outside sources, resulting in a net cost to the municipality of less than \$75,000.

The scope of work includes full-scale renovations in the hockey lobby, the curling lobby, lounge and bar, the community hall and the kitchen. A significant portion of the budget is dedicated to enlarging and upgrading the kitchen which will be equipped with a professional-grade propane range and convection oven, stainless steel fridge and freezer, a commercial dishwasher and more. The space has been designed to accommodate food preparation for a crowd of up to 350 people.

The renovations will provide a facelift to the 40-year old facility, and will enable the Township to better market the space for events, meetings, corporate training and private functions. The replacement of the Public Announcement (PA) system, as well as the installation of audio and visual equipment in the community hall and curling lounge will provide users with a modern experience. Accessibility upgrades include the construction of a new universal washroom, a viewing platform in the hockey lobby and a lowered window in the curling lounge to provide a barrier-free view of the ice surface.

For safety reasons, the arena has been closed to the public until the renovations are completed. We thank you for your patience, and look forward to celebrating the re-opening of the facility in the fall.

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