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Community Revitalization

September 25th, 2018 – Chapleau, ON - The Township of Chapleau is pleased to announce that renovations at the Recreation Centre (Multi-Use Centre) will be completed in the very near future, and everyone is welcomed to join us in celebrating the Grand Re-Opening on October 10th, 2018 at 6:00PM. Following the opening remarks, you will be invited to tour the Centre and see demonstrations of the audio and visual capabilities in the Community Hall and Curling Lounge. And, don't forget about the Fire Department's annual Open House, which will take place outside at the Recreation Centre during the event.

The renovations are valued at \$1.75 million and are 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.

As this project wraps up, The Township of Chapleau is pleased to announce the commencement of the Downtown Revitalization Project.

Using the 2010 Revitalization Plan as a starting point, this project will result in the completion of detailed designs, including engineering and landscape architecture, required to redevelop Birch Street between Monk and Lansdowne Streets including underground infrastructure and streetscaping. Public meetings will take place later this fall to receive input from residents.

The Downtown project builds on recent community development initiatives completed at the Museum, the Waterfront Park and the Recreation Centre. Revitalization of the Downtown is a key component of the Township's efforts to attract new residents, businesses and tourists to the community.

Federal and Provincial funding sources have committed to contributing over 80% of the anticipated project costs.

It is expected that this phase of the project will be completed early in the New Year, following which, the Township will work with upper tiers of government to source the funds necessary for construction.

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