

# Council Notes May 19, 2009

## **Tender for Multi-Use Culture and Recreational Centre is Awarded**

North Kawartha council awarded the tender for the new Multi-Use Cultural and Recreational Centre to Bondfield Contractors for \$ 8,175,500. Gary Geraldi, Director of Parks and Recreation, explained the alterations made to the original design and detailed the items that were changed or removed to meet the budget. He explained that the building was not reduced in size, and that the removed items can be added later, if the township can obtain additional government grants. Reeve, Jim Whelan said he wants grant applications to be submitted as soon as possible to minimize the impact on the original features of the building. Mr. Geraldi stated that the contractor has agreed to freeze prices on most of these items until September while the township makes its applications. Regardless of additional grants, CAO, Shannon Hunter said that it is imperative that the project costs do not exceed the budget. The proposed costs for any unforeseen “extras” that occur during construction will be carefully scrutinized and will have to be approved by the architect as well as the township. Deputy Reeve, Barry Rand said that he was pleased with the decision process but was disappointed that the heat recovery system was one of the items removed from the design. (The heat recovery system would take the heat out of the ice rink and transfer it to the parts of the building where it’s needed.) The architect stated that the system costs over \$200,000 but has a 10 year pay-back duration. He said that similar operating savings could be obtained by operating the building efficiently.

## **Jack Lake Sustainability and Stewardship Plan**

Ruth Pezzack, President, Jack’s Lake Association, provided council with an update on the Jack Lake Sustainability and Stewardship Plan. She explained that Jack Lake is very unique with several rare species of animals. The Lake Plan has been under development for three years and will face a vote this summer. The plan can be downloaded from:

<http://www.jackslakeassociation.ca/LakePlan.htm>