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SECOND PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION – FEBRUARY 1, 2010, AT 7:00 PM **REGIONAL RECREATION CENTRE**

Progress on the Regional Recreation Centre is moving along well with final schematics being prepared, detailed design being completed, and site works to begin shortly. A second Public Information Session regarding the Regional Recreation Centre is scheduled for February 1, 2010, at 7:00 pm in the Bay Room at the Bayshore Community Centre. This session will provide information on the Regional Recreation Centre including final floor plans, illustration of the facility and next steps.

A notice for Prequalification of Selected Contractors was issued by the City in November 2009, and closed on December 2, 2009. The Construction Manager, Aquicon Construction Co. Ltd., is currently completing the review of the submissions. The prequalification process is undertaken to ensure that companies working on the project have the experience, qualifications, and resources with respect to manpower and production capacity to undertake a project of this magnitude.

It is important to note that a significant amount of local labour will be used for the project either through a union or non-union arrangement. The list of unions involved in the project and the appropriate contact information is available on the City's website at www.owensound.ca/recreationcentre.php.

The list of prequalified companies will be published once the prequalification process has been completed and will be posted on the City's website. Local companies who ultimately do not meet the prequalification requirements of the project are encouraged to contact the prequalified companies to determine if their company can be engaged to work on the project. The list of prequalified companies will be published once the prequalification process has been completed and will also be posted on the City's website.

The significant long-term benefit of the project will be the availability of a large regional recreation centre for the Owen Sound area. The Centre will provide recreation opportunities for youth to senior for the next 40 years or more. An additional benefit will be in the creation of short-term jobs.

All available information related to this project is posted on the City of Owen Sound Website www.owensound.ca/recreationcentre.php. For additional information contact Mr. Brad McRoberts, P. Eng., Manager of Special Capital Projects at 519-376-4440 Ext. 1201 or by e-mail at bmcroberts@owensound.ca.