

## WINAKWA EXPANSION UPDATE - November 2010

The addition of a gymnasium at Winakwa Community Centre has been a dream of this community for over 10 years. Many **VOLUNTEERS** have put forward a lot of hard work and we're now seeing this dream become a reality. Construction is well underway, and the weather has been favourable in allowing us to stay fairly close to the original timelines.

Although we are certainly pleased that this much needed project is well underway, Winakwa's building committee has seen numerous disappointments and will certainly need a strong show of **support** from our community in order to see this project to a successful completion.

Prior to the construction phase, our building committee was forced to **trim over \$250,000** worth of items from our original plans, just to stay within budget and allow us to go to tender. As the project has proceeded, we have been confronted with numerous issues that were not addressed in the original building plans, and these problems have now become our **responsibility**. Moving forward, we are now being pressured to make **further deletions** from our original plans, in an effort to stay on **budget** and on schedule.

The deletions already mentioned were difficult enough to deal with. Further cuts/deletions will make the "finished" gymnasium virtually unusable. Some of the proposed deletion items are:

- **Removal of skate flooring throughout the facility**
- **Removal of air conditioning**
- **Removal of acoustic tiling in gymnasium**
- **Removal of flooring/trim in multi-purpose room**
- **Removal of foyer and washroom flooring**
- **Canteen area would become an empty shell**
- **Painting throughout would have to be completed after the fact at our expense**

As you can see, without the immediate help of individuals and businesses in our community, we will end up with a facility that will, in many ways, be unusable for its intended purposes.

Winakwa's fundraising committee has **several fundraising events** planned for the coming months to help raise some of the much **needed funds**. We are asking for the support of our entire

community to ensure we are able to open a "**First Rate**" facility next June. Please step forward and do **your part in support of this worthwhile community effort.**

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