



**GORE** – On October 2, the Municipality of Gore hosted a ground-breaking ceremony to officially launch the construction of a new Centre de Petites Enfance (CPE) daycare centre to serve the communities of Gore, Mille-Isles and Wentworth.

“For the residents of Gore this is a very important step. People living in Gore are in a remote area where it’s not always easy to travel 20 kilometres out of the municipality to seek daycare. We’re trying to make things better for our kids. Over the last five years we have built a park with a jungle gym, a basketball court and a skating rink. We have a new broomball league and soccer field and a new community centre for events. This is the next step in

building our community,” said Gore Mayor Scott Pearce.

The CPE is situated in the centre of the municipal park with direct access to sports facilities. Located in an isolated area, it is surrounded by trees and is distant from the road.

The new government-mandated CPE will accommodate 29-children with priority given to families who live in Gore, Wentworth and Mille-Isles.

Todd Richards of Grenier & Richards Architects designed the 2,500-square-foot space, which focuses on efficient construction methods and a design which blends into the natural environment. A screened-in porch will allow children to play outside during bug season.

“The warm floor system uses a hydronic system where the slab is heated with warm water. It’s an extremely efficient heating method that is not only the most efficient, but also the most comfortable- especially for the kids who will be playing down on the floor,” said Richards.

The Municipality of Gore will be covering the \$350,000 cost of building the CPE, which has been financed through long-term loans.

“The direction of the Centre de Petites Enfance (CPE) will be paying annual rent which will be reimbursed by the government. These funds will pay for the cost of the building,” said Gore Director-General Ron Kelley.

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Pearce, the new building also represents the possibility to expand services to include a summer day-camp.

“We are expanding to offer services that are badly needed in our community. Our next big project is to try to bring a medical co-operative into our community. I have already spoken with the local Centre for Local Development, the CSSS Argen-teuil Hospital and one of our residents who owns a few dental clinics, and we are all very excited about the project,” said Pearce.