

# FCM, Ottawa provide funding

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As owners of the building, the municipality is responsible for operating costs, capital maintenance and repairs. The five-year agreement also outlines that the municipality will not pay to rent space for the Youth Centre, offices and use of the theatre for council meetings, Jansen said.

The deal includes a renewal of the agreement with the Whistler Interfaith Society for the use of Millennium Place for church services, and maintains the Interfaith Society's option to buy back the building before March 9, 2014, Jansen said.

The municipality took over ownership of Millennium Place in March 2009 after the Interfaith Society was unable to pay the outstanding \$3.2 million mortgage.

## Cost overruns approved

Council approved the payment of about \$250,000 in cost overruns on the High Performance Centre at the athletes' village.

Part of the Whistler Athletes Centre, the High Performance Centre project was led by 2010 Olympic organizers VANOC with a contribution of more than \$4 million from the municipality, said Martin Pardoe, municipal manager of resort parks.

The expected cost overruns were first presented to council in April 2009 and have now been finalized. The \$250,000 is for mitigation of methane gas from the old landfill site nearby and "change orders" associated with the project, Pardoe said.

Last April, the overruns were estimated at some \$270,500. According to a staff report, a future budget amendment bylaw will identify where the funds will come from.

## OCP advisers named

Melamed announced the four community

members selected by council to sit on the 20-member Community Advisory Group for the Official Community Plan (OCP) update.

Steve Anderson, Brent Harley, Duane Hepditch and Johnny Mikes were chosen from about 20 applications that were received, Melamed said.

Fifteen members of the group will be selected by the various Whistler 2020 Task Forces, while the final representative will be a local youth chosen by her or his peers.

Melamed said there will be many opportunities for citizens to get involved and provide input through the OCP update process, starting with the Après in Action event on Wednesday (May 26) from 3:30 to 7 p.m. at the Conference Centre.

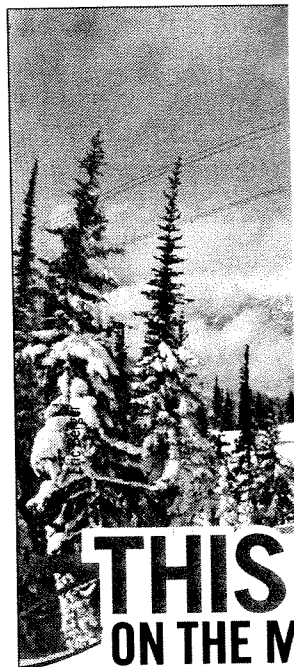
## Funding announced

More than \$4 million in loan and grant funding from the Green Municipal Fund was announced for the Whistler Public Library on Tuesday.

Marvin Hunt, a director with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), joined local MP John Weston for the announcement to council. Weston said about \$3.6 million is in the form of a loan, while about \$500,000 is a grant for the construction of the library.

The FCM's Green Municipal Fund is an endowment from the federal government totalling more than \$500 million for sustainable municipal development, Hunt said. He congratulated council on the LEED Gold library project.

Weston also announced \$9,000 in federal funding for the Whistler Arts Council, plus funding for both the World Ski and Snowboard Festival and Crankworx under the federal Marquee Tourism Events Program. The WSSF was awarded \$326,250, while Crankworx got a \$170,000 boost.



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