

Highlands East opens information centre

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The following are brief reports of items discussed during a May 9 meeting of Highlands East council.

A new information centre has been opened in Highlands East at the Wilberforce Curling Club located on Essonville Line. The info centre was opened up this past weekend and had 10 visitors, two of them from as far away as Germany, said Curtis Tighe, economic development and business co-ordinator for the municipality.

?The info centre has been well received by everyone,? said Tighe.

As of Monday, May 9, the centre had also received visitors from Florida and Pennsylvania, who had travelled to Highlands East for the mineral collection sites, Tighe told the paper.

The info centre is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed Tuesdays.

Wingrove moves up

Highlands East fire chief Bill Wingrove will be taking over as fire co-ordinator for Haliburton County, replacing Haliburton fire chief Miles Maughan who is set to retire at the end of June.

Wingrove told council he was recommended for the role by Maughan. The alternate will be Minden Hills fire chief Doug Schell.

Curling Club/LWMC improvements continue

Much needed repairs to the Wilberforce Curling Club continue as councillors approved another tender at their April 25 meeting. Property supervisor Jim Alden presented a tender to finish the concrete floor of the curling rink slab to be offered to Cajun Concrete Construction in the amount of \$13,709, including tax. The amount will cover 4,896 square feet of curling surface.

Alden also recommended a tender for heating upgrades for the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre and Wilberforce municipal building in the amount of \$138,368 plus tax.

The tender was submitted by Summit Mechanical and was the lowest amount among three tenders.