



THETIS ISLAND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

FORBES HALL EXPANSION ~ NEWSLETTER

Monday ~ May 21st, 2018

EXPANSION UPDATE

We have been very busy since the last update in January.

The concept / floor plans have been presented to Islands Trust, CVRD, and mechanical and electrical engineers, and there are no "road blocks" to proceeding with going forward with developing the working construction plans at this point.

Subsequently, RB Engineering and Rocky Point Engineering have been engaged to provide electrical and mechanical engineering for the project.

We have received a staged concept proposal from Viridian Energy Cooperative for a "grid tie" solar system, should we decide to pursue this.

Geotechnical subsurface assessment was conducted by Lewkowich Engineering Associates and their report indicates we are "good to go" for construction.

Trax Developments has started the review of the septic system.

Vancouver Island Health Authority has been contacted regarding proposed kitchen plans and possible rainwater catchment for potable water supply. Unfortunately, at this point in time, there is no approval process for the water system, as VIHA is waiting for a Provincial Government document that would outline requirements for treatment of rainwater for potable water systems.

The Sustainability Working Group organized a meeting with Hajo Meijer from Ecocentric Design, designers, and engineers to discuss potential avenues for sustainable build elements for the project.

The decision has been made to clad the whole of the exterior with an extra 2" of insulation, as well as increasing the attic insulation's R-value above that which is required. In addition, the plan is to adopt sustainable practices whenever appropriate or feasible.

Currently, the plans are being drawn for structural, mechanical, and electrical, getting ready for presentation to the CVRD/Islands Trust for permitting. The estimate is that the plans will be ready by the end of June.

The intent is to go to tender once the drawings are complete.

As well, groundwork is starting on the interior design of the expansion and renovations.



Heading off on Get-to-the-Point

Fundraising Working Group - Grants

The Rural Dividend Grant was granted in late February, and was used to engage a Feasibility Consultant to perform a study.

Cornerstone Planning Group was contracted to complete the study. Their report was finalized on May 4, 2018.

The information that was gathered for this study is very comprehensive, and will go a long way to helping with the applications for other grants.

The FH EX Committee is currently applying for two grants. The key grant is the BC Gaming Capital Grant, with application intake starting on June 1st. This is a critical time for this grant, and all hands are on deck.

Earlier in the spring with due diligence, TICA engaged Jennifer Barnes Van Elk to write 2 BC Lottery grant applications for us: one for the \$250,000 capital project, and one for \$10,000 for ongoing program development.

Fundraising Working Group - Events & Community Engagement

In late February, letters were written and sent out to as many community members as possible, to announce the fundraising campaign, and to ask for donations to TICA (a registered charity). We had an amazing response, and are encouraged by the commitment the community has shown.

Events have been happening since the February 10th meeting, to engage the community and giving them opportunities to show their support.

February 24th - the Community Dinner saw a full room of diners enjoying a choice of menus. The evening netted a total of \$850.

March 30th & 31st - Get to the Point - a two-day event of dinner, trivia, and a 12.5 km walk around Thetis. The Gall family made sure walkers, runners, and cyclists were ferried from Pilkey Point to North Cove, while the TIVFD and other support made sure

we did it safely. Between the two days, just under 100 people participated, making the event net \$2,576.



Transformed for the Fashion Show

May 5th - Fashion Show & Boutique Sale - a fashion extravaganza, with "model" volunteers, and with a room full of curated fashions & accessories for sale: Guests sat and watched the show with a little glass of something bubbly, and a plate of nibbles, before descending back on the sale to finish up their shopping. Net total for the evening was \$2302.

Saturday, May 19th, Thetis Island Memories - Movie Night - a digital presentation of 36 years of photos was shown. Produced by Tricia Hunter, with photos from many islanders included. This event had the donation box at the entry, and also offered popcorn & drinks for \$2. It was a huge success with an absolutely full room. Lots of laughter, some poignant moments, all in all a fabulous walk down memory lane shared by neighbours, family & friends. Net total of \$1,617.



Thetis Island Memories - a walk down memory lane.

Also, in May, the Loisesles offered a Grail Dancer Experience as a fundraising event to a group of islanders, all enjoying a lovely day under sail & on the water with their hosts. Net total of \$1,792.

(Note some of these events made more money than shown in their nets, but some donations requiring receipts are included in the donation total of the Financial Update)

Two more events are in the works, the July 1st Pancake Breakfast, organized by Virginia Lamb, and a late summer concert organized by Carolyn Askew for August 25th. More info will be coming about these two events.

Fundraising financial updates: we update this information regularly at three locations: Forbes Hall, the Community Info Building at the Ferry Line-Up, and on the roadside Thermometer.

As well, the information is distributed via e-spokes, thetisblog, & the Thetis Island Community Posts FB Page. It is also available through the Thetis Island Community Assoc. website, and thetisblog.net.

Fundraising Working Group - Merchandise

T-shirts were part of the Get to the Point event, with all walk participants receiving one to wear with pride, and many others were sold at the events and in the days following.



The sale of t- shirts has been so successful, that more will be ordered soon. As well, there's another graphic in the works, for t-shirts. Mugs, Ball Caps and other items are going to be offered, using the original Thetis Island graphic. The items will be for sale at the Summer Market, and other events through the year.

Sustainability

Some of the sustainable aspects that are being considered for the expansion and renovation of the hall are: a parallel water system to take advantage of rainwater collection, solar panels to feed back into Hydro thereby reducing our electrical costs, and increased insulation.

One of the critical applications will be a superior envelope on the building, which in part is created by the workers taking the time necessary to ensure the draft points are fully sealed. Along with the improved insulation our new building will be far more efficient.

As we start sourcing materials, we will take both durability and the environment into consideration when making decisions.

Fundraising Financial Update to May 21, 2018

To Dec 31/17	\$530,000	Donations
Jan 1 - May 18/18	75,342	Donations
	8,623	Events
	10,000	Grant
	93,965	Matching
		<u>Donation</u>
Current Total	\$717,930	
Goal	\$930,000	



How to Make a Donation

Write a Cheque:

**Give Directly to, or Send by Mail to: Matt Hess, Treasurer TICA,
PO Box 14-0, Thetis Island, BC V0R 2Y0**

Or

Deposit in the Donation Box at any Hall Event

Donate through Canada Helps at:

thetisland.net or thetisblog.net

Make a Cash Donation:

Use the Donation Box at any Hall Event

Please note: CRA Tax Receipts will be issued to all donations \$25 and over.

Please include Name & Full Mailing Address with your donation if wanting a Tax Receipt.

