

## **GCPS Progress Report April, 2017**

Todd took in two bags of recyclables for us to the tune of \$13.73. He will give us the funds when we next see him. He also took a third bag for us. Thank you so much Todd! We greatly appreciate your help with this fundraising.

We received an online donation from Tracie B. of New Westminster. I sent her a thank you note in the mail. Thank you again Tracie! Her donation is greatly appreciated!! Sally K. also made a nice donation when she was staying at our Motel. I thanked her in person. Thank you again Sally!

You may recall that we sent our support for the passing of Bill C-323 which was to amend the Income Tax Act to help people with Heritage buildings. Even though this wouldn't affect our group, we felt it was worth supporting. Peter Van Loan tweeted: "Bill C-323 passes second reading! This is a great victory for Canadians - we all benefit from the preservation of our built heritage!" Well done GCPS for supporting this!

I received a request from a girl in grade 5 to answer some interview questions. She is working on a Heritage Fair Project for school. She sent me ten questions and I sent her my answers. She and her mother were very grateful for the assistance.

On March 25 I updated our AGM Report on Societies Online for a cost of \$40.00. It included the updated Executive list. On the same date I also updated our revised Constitution and By-Laws which were approved at the AGM. This brings them into compliance with the New Societies Act. The cost of this was \$15.00.

A neighbour reported that there was a bus at the Cemetery that appeared to be abandoned. Bob and I went up to investigate but it was not actually on Cemetery land and it was not abandoned. There were a couple of people there and the bus was running. Since it was not blocking the road and was not a problem, we didn't approach the owner.

CONGRATULATIONS GCPS!!! As you probably already know, we were successful in getting the Grant we applied for through Canada 150! Now the work will begin. I have asked for guidance from Candice and will let you know where we go from here. I am so very proud of the hard work you have all put into our group. George wrote a great press release regarding the grant. Thank you, George!

The April edition of BC Magazine has a beautiful spread about Granite Creek and a nice plug for the GCPS. It was written by Andrew Sutherland of Forgotten British Columbia with some assistance from me. Andrew very kindly sent me a copy of the issue and I have it here for you to look at. He did a great job! Thank you, Andrew for helping us get Granite Creek's history out there in the public.

We updated the signing officers at Valley First. Ole (our new secretary) now has signing authority as do Bob and George.

Chris kindly got a quote on ball caps for the GCPS to order as a fundraiser. Thank you Chris! We need to discuss this before we proceed.

Ole has updated the GCPS website and it looks fabulous. He has put a banner on the first page saying "GCPS is honoured to be a Canada 150 recipient". It looks great! All of the Minutes and Progress Reports are up to date as well as the new Constitution and By-Laws and the new Executive. Both of George's articles are also posted in the News section. Thank you for all your work on this, Ole! You did a GREAT job!