

GCPS Progress Report

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By Diane Sterne

- On March 15, 2018 Diane Sterne registered the AGM with Societies Online and paid the \$40 fee. The list of the Executive was also updated on the site. This is a legal requirement to keep our Society designation.
- Olive Scott has renewed her membership. Thank you so much, Olive for continuing to support the Granite Creek Preservation Society!
- As the Executive knows, Terry Malanchuk sent us a link to something called the Heritage BC Watch List. This looks like a very good fit for our site so Bob Sterne and I sent in an application to have the Granite Creek Town Site added to the Heritage BC Watch List. This is a nomination only and there is no guarantee it will be added to the list. The website states: "The *Heritage BC Watch List* is a catalyst to draw attention to the conditions of sites and places of value and significance to the historic and cultural fabric of British Columbia...The Watch List will identify the susceptibilities and vulnerabilities of sites that strongly contribute to the identity and story of the local community and place and contribute to the legacy of British Columbia. The Watch List is not a permanent designation and does not reflect poor supervision or stewardship." We hope that they will agree to add the site to their list. Thank you, Terry, for telling us about this!!!
- I would like to propose that a committee be formed that will organize the interpretive sign walking tour reveal after the signs are installed. A date should be chosen, posters made, and people invited to the event (but not until after the signs are in ☺) I don't know how fancy you want this to be but the committee can decide that. Someone will need to do a speech (George Elliott?) and perhaps Chris Goodfellow might like to say some words. We should also have the press invited and have someone video record it for our own records and the GCPS website. If Chris has hats we can sell, this would be a really good place to sell them. Who would like to volunteer for this project? CBC radio has a free public events register. When the details are hammered out you can call them at 1-888-662-6628. You must call on a Monday at 9 am (I think) and speak with one of the hosts and be interviewed. They won't advertise events from messages left. They will announce the event for free on the radio.
- You may recall I talked about a boy who was swept away in the river and mentioned in the Lou Hare Diary. I did not have a name for the boy and I was wondering if possibly he is the Kettle Boy referred to at the Tulameen Cemetery. I accidentally came across something in my Cemetery notes. It was reference to the boy's drowning that was reported in the British Colonist newspaper, June 2, 1886. Our boy has a name - Reese Hughes - and the article says he was approximately 18 years old. I have sent the information to the Tulameen Community Club and asked them to forward it to someone in charge of the Cemetery there. Hopefully we will hear back from them.
- I was contacted by Allan (last name unknown) of Penticton regarding two graves we have listed in the Find A Grave website. He had some details about John

Abrosimo (his parents, occupation, and age at death) and Thelma Abrosimo (her parents, maiden name, age at death). For Thelma, we had the burial date listed as her death date. I have corrected this on the Find A Grave site and in my notes but we should have a new marker made for her. We can include her maiden name on the marker as well. Thank you Allan for your assistance with this. I also think we should order a new marker for Pearl Danish. I was given her proper name some time ago and I think her marker should reflect this. I also want to remove her age because it is difficult to know given various documents have different birth years for her. I believe she was older than indicated on the marker we have now (I just can't confirm how much older). Can we hold a vote to see if you agree to Bob Sterne ordering two new grave markers as indicated above? We will update the Cemetery sign in the spring when it is accessible.

- George Elliott very kindly and unexpectedly nominated Bob and me to receive a BC Historical Federation Award of Recognition. Thank you so very much, George. That was extremely kind of you and was a complete surprise to Bob and me. Unfortunately, we can't attend the presentation banquet in May because of our motel, but they said they'd find another time to give us the certificate. We feel very honoured!
- Ernie Rice very kindly took the 5 big bags of recyclables to be cashed in for the GCPS. That was one BIG load of cans!!! Ernie came back with \$51.75 from turning them in! WOW!!! Thank you so much, Ernie! That was a lot of nasty, sticky work sorting them and we all really appreciate your hard work!!!!