

GCPS Progress Report
February, 2015

- Todd collected \$15.65 from our last two bags of recycling. Thank you Todd!!! We have more bags of recycling for Todd the next time he is in town with room in his vehicle.
- Todd has also emailed me some photos he took of the town site and cemetery in 2003. I am keeping them in my GCPS files for future reference. Thanks again Todd!!!
- George brought to my attention a call out for submissions for nominations of sites of historical Chinese significance. I figured Granite Creek certainly falls into this category so I spent an afternoon filling in the form. A summary of what I submitted is on the reverse of this page.
- Congratulations GCPS!!! The Granite Creek Town Site and Cemetery have now been recognized by the **Canadian Register of Historic Places**: <http://www.historicplaces.ca/en/rep-reg/place-lieu.aspx?id=20165&pid=0>. Perhaps George can put something in the paper about this.
- I asked Judith Cook (Heritage Planner - Information & Promotions Heritage Branch, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations) about whether Granite was on the BC list of Historical Sites as I couldn't find it on their website. She assured me it was, and here was her answer:
The BC Register of Historic Places is not publicly searchable, as it contains a very large number of sensitive sites, including archaeological and sacred sites, which would be at risk if publicized. The BC Register is a database tool used by several offices within government, to guide land use decisions. As well, the Province is a partner in establishment and maintenance of information on the Canadian Register, which is intended to be the public face of formal heritage recognition. The BC government website does feature a handful of historic properties, typically ones that are provincially designated and operated as market-ready tourist attractions. To avoid duplication, we would not publicly feature listings of historic places that are readily available elsewhere, with a few exceptions.

Rest assured though, that Granite Creek shows up as a distinct polygon on the BC Register, flagged with notes on heritage significance and its formal recognition through local government.
- I received the cemetery records I ordered from the BC Genealogical Society and am very glad that I did order them. There were 39 names listed for Granite Creek. Of those names there was one entry we didn't have (Harriet Smart – see *note below), eight had headstones that don't have headstones now (only markers which we placed), four have newer headstones (they appear to be related to the Smart family with the exception of Alice James), and one has a wood cross today that had more on it than we can read now. I will properly update all of this in our database when I have some time. * Through some detective work we feel confident that Harriet Smart should be Marian Smart (who we do have in our database). Our marker for Vallance is spelled incorrectly and we will get that changed. I have contacted Ron Hyde (who did the work in 1971) and he is going to go through his photos to see if he has anything that will help us locate the grave of Alfred Jilien. If we can, Bob and I will put up a marker for him. I was also able to update my information on the Rabbitt cemetery. The Tulameen cemetery records are what I had. The Princeton cemetery records are quite extensive so it will take me some time to work through them. When I am finished, I will give Robin the Princeton records.
- I finally completed the article about George Tunstall and Ole put it on our website. Thank you Ole!