

GCPS Progress Report June, 2017

- Thank you to Ed Vermette for donating some Granite Creek photos to our Society. We have scanned them for the website and will give the originals to the Princeton Museum for their Archives. We greatly appreciate your generosity, Ed. Thank you!! I also sent Ed an email thank you for his donation.
- I sent off for our free subscription (part of the Canada 150 grant) to the BC Museum's Association as instructed at our last meeting.
- Todd paid us for the cans he had taken in previously and took one more bag. Thank you Todd for continuing to help us with this fundraiser!!
- Bob and I updated our Cemetery records in the binder as well as the online records (our website, Find A Grave and I emailed the Canadian Gravemarker website). We also updated the board at the Cemetery.
- Bob and I have been working to get a brochure put together. We emailed it to the Executive. I have a sample here. We need to wait until we get the official logos from the grant committee. I was going to use VistaPrint, however I have discovered they don't do "z" folds on their brochures. This is a problem so Bob found another company called Eprintfast that should do the trick. Their prices were even cheaper than VistaPrint. We won't send anything out until after the signs are being printed. We want to see how many we can afford to have printed. We also decided to go with Eprintfast for the map handouts. It is actually cheaper to have them printed on glossy paper and folded in half then it is to have Staples print them on regular paper. It doesn't make any sense, but that is how it is, so we will have some very nice glossy maps to hand out rather than just plain paper maps.
- Bob spoke with Chris regarding the replacement plaque. He has agreed to look after ordering one and installing it. Bob gave him a budget and Chris didn't think he would have any problem keeping within it. Thank you Chris for taking this off our hands!!
- After contacting the Chinese Canadian Historical Society of B.C. to ask for assistance in translating two of our signs, I was emailed by one of their Directors. She told me that she will translate the items for us and she has done that. I said that we will put their logo on those two signs to acknowledge their assistance. I have also included a thank you to them on the backside of our map handouts. Thank you Susanna for your assistance with this part of our project!! It is great to know we will have accurate translations on our signs. I have passed on the translations to Candice for her to use with our sign layout.
- Bob was interviewed by CBC radio Kelowna (Brady Strachan) regarding the digging that was discovered in the Chinese section of the Cemetery over the May long weekend. It was broadcast together with a live interview with Bob on Friday, May 26 at 7:15 am. Great work Bob! Hopefully word will get out about people digging there and anyone witnessing it in the future will report it to police. We

need to put a stop to this disrespectful activity. This interview set off a storm of activity with emails and phone calls to us.

A man named **Dan C.** suggested we salt the site with various types of metal. We LOVED this idea and immediately went about collecting metal pieces of all different kinds. Bob and I went up to the Cemetery and buried them all around the site. We also reprinted our sign. In addition to what we had on it, it reads: This Cemetery has been salted with various types of metal debris to discourage further metal detection. I have a copy here for you to see.

- Bob was also contacted by Heather McCurdy from Consumer Protection. She heard about what happened at the site and was quite perturbed. Bob explained that no bodies were dug up and we suspect it was metal detectors. She wanted to know how our Lease application was going. Bob said we have not heard yet. She also said the site was listed as a BC Archaeological Site. We added that to our No Metal Detecting Sign.
- Someone put up three signs that are in page protectors. Two are at the Cemetery and one is at the Town Site. The signs quote a regulation regarding digging in a historic site. We don't know who put up the signs, but thank you for showing your support by doing this.
- Bob and I went up to the Cemetery to sweep headstones and Bob cleared a couple of dead trees. We also planted some more lily of the valley. Not much came up from last year's plant. Hopefully we will have more success this time.
- Our Canada 150 cheque arrived and has been deposited in the GCPS bank account. We now have funds to proceed with the project.
- Thank you to Howard P. for your very generous donation to the GCPS! We greatly appreciate your continued support!!!
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