

The Protection Island Lions Club and the City of Nanaimo

Beacon House Renovation Project

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The BHR Project Status Report

Special points of interest:

- Beacon House needs many repairs.
- We have the opportunity to make the repairs and also expand the building.
- This project is tax neutral.
- This project is a joint effort between the City of Nanaimo and the Protection Island Lions

First off, a big THANK YOU to everyone on Protection Island for patiently waiting to hear news about the Beacon House Renovation Project. The Project Executive Committee was hesitant to provide information until we had solid information to distribute. Also, it was decided that the project have a little time off so no work was done during the summer...with the exception of our spectacular Fundraising Committee! To date the Committee has raised over \$28,000. A big round of applause to the islanders for making all the fundraising events such a success! Stay tuned as more events are in the planning. We would also like to say thank you to Joanne Leslie for all the grant work she does for this project.

Earlier this year the BHRP Building Committee and the Design Working Group spent many, many hours working on structural, usability and design plans.

A number of concept plans were drawn up, however no final working concept plan was reached. The Design Working Group finished their in depth design work and the Building Committee worked tirelessly and hard. Before the Building Committee resigned they noted a few new issues regarding renovating Beacon House.

- A Hazardous Materials report showed the building has some issues and demolition will require some alternative handling by those experienced in such matters.
- In spite of the buildings age, any renovations need to meet Seismic requirements.

Further review of the original renovation plan, which was to build from the 'inside out', would now be costly and no longer practical given the



Protection Island Lions Club

The Protection Island Lions Club was established in 1986 by a small group of islanders. We have a number of associate members and many volunteers that help us support the enhancement of our community through activities and events.

requirements of the Seismic upgrades.

The current plan is to completely remove the main floor and roof and do a 'new build'. This will meet the Seismic requirements.

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Current Project Status cont'd

The Project Steering Committee reviewed all the work done to date as handed over by the Design Working Group and the Building Committee. A meeting with the City was arranged for September, 2015.

The city was brought up to date on the status of the BHR Project. After a good discussion, it was decided that the City would now like to be more involved. This is a positive step, given that the City owns Beacon House.

A second meeting was arranged with the City of Nanaimo, Facilities Manager. All the Design Working Group and the Building Committee work was reviewed and included issues that residents have brought forward, the Hazardous Materials and Seismic requirements issues. Copies of all the concept plans have been left with the City.

Going forward...the City will take all the provided information and work with their bylaw, regulations and planning people as well as their design and building resources. They will put answers to the given issues and work on a final concept plan. This plan, when available, will be presented to the Project Steering Committee, the PI Lions Club and the residents.

The new start date for demolition is now scheduled for the Spring of 2016

Keeping You Informed

We have planned a number of ways to provide islanders with information and provide opportunities to get involved with this exciting project. Visit our [website](#) for information about the project and other PI Lions sponsored events and programs. Please send your questions and comments to our [email address](#). We would love to hear from you.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of the work groups or volunteering in general send us an [email](#) or talk to any Lions member.

'Many hands make light work'

Personal Donations

Make cheques payable to 'City of Nanaimo'. On the memo line write: "Lions Club Beacon House" Give cheques to Peter Frewin.

" A very big 'Thank You' to everyone who has supported our fundraising events!"

Personal cash donations to the project are eligible for a Tax Receipt.

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Upcoming Events

- November 14, 2015, 6:00 pm - Cocktails, Canapés & Desserts. Break out your evening wear and dress up! Tickets \$25. Includes one cocktail, all food. Contact Nella Frewin for tickets.
- December 13, 2015—Bake Sale and Coffee House. Time TBC