

# THETIS ISLAND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## FORBES HALL EXPANSION ~ NEWSLETTER

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2018

The Forbes Hall Expansion Committee met with TICA members on November 26, 2017 to present concept plans for an expanded Forbes Hall. Following that meeting the Committee took the members' feedback, went back to work, and is now planning to update the community once again.

Mark your calendar for the next meeting, which will be held on

**Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 PM at Forbes Hall.**

At this meeting, the members will have an opportunity to review the new concept design and floor plan, be updated on the progress in fund raising, and renew their TICA membership.

An official notice will be sent out shortly.

Rumour has it that goodies will be served.

Members will vote on approval of the latest design and authorization of construction

### **Expansion Update**

What's been happening since the last meeting?

#### **Fundraising**

Anonymous donations in the amounts of \$100K and \$200K were received in December, bringing donations for the expansion to \$530,000.

\$25,579 net has been spent on planning, as budgeted originally to get us to this point.

Currently TICA has \$519,421 available & dedicated to the project.

### **Grant & Funding Applications**

On Wednesday, December 13, the Forbes Hall Expansion Committee's Fundraising Working Group submitted an application to the BC Rural Dividend Program for funds to support a feasibility study for the Renovation and Expansion of the hall. Such a study is a requirement for future significant capital grants.

### **New Working Groups Struck**

As the hall renovation and expansion project moves along there is more planning and work to be done. Since the last membership meeting two "Working Groups" have been struck to support the planning, completion and success of the project.

**Fundraising Working Group:**

The Fundraising Working group will work within the community to fundraise through events, donor drives and in other ways.

**Sustainability Working Group:**

This group will assess the viability of various sustainable aspects of the design including construction materials, solar, rainwater capture etc.

**Concerns from General Meeting**

**November 26, 2017**

**Washrooms****Number of washrooms:**

The number of washrooms in the design is according to the current Building Code Requirements.

A petition was considered to request an exception to the Building Code however it was determined that the space gained and the costs saved by not following Code would be minimal. Additionally, given that the building is designated as an Emergency Social Services centre and were it to be used as the comfort centre during a power outage etc. the additional stalls would be needed.

**Inside Access to washrooms from the new main hall:**

The committee heard concerns about easy access to the washrooms when events are on in both the multi purpose room and the new hall. Now there is an interior access planned to the washrooms from the new main hall.

**Insulation:**

The properties of the insulation required for the project, and research for a suitable soundproofed sliding wall, will be determined in part through the work the Sustainability Working Group, and in consultation with Herold Engineering and the Forbes Hall Expansion Committee

**Number of tables:**

12 of our 5' tables can be accommodated in the new main hall and an additional 4 tables can be set up in the new multi purpose room, for a total of 16, seating 128 people.

**Fire Suppression Regulations:**

Expansion beyond the proposed total build of (500 sq. metres) would require an internal sprinkler system.

An external roof sprinkler is planned.

**In Consideration:**

The expansion committee considered Skylights in the multi purpose room & an Exterior door from the library. Neither is recommended.

An outdoor compostable toilet could be considered in the future.