



THETIS ISLAND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

FORBES HALL EXPANSION ~ NEWSLETTER

Monday ~ August 20, 2018

BUILDING UPDATE

Forbes Hall, due to its projected size and occupancy, is now classified under the Building Code as public assembly building. Code reviews are done often through the process, and sometimes reveal new challenges with each step. Being classed as a public assembly building, due to size and expected occupancy, imposes a more stringent level of professional oversight, for this reason TICA is obligated to have an architect oversee the build.

Angela Quek of AYPQ Architecture has been engaged to act as Architectural/CRP (Construction Registered Professional) on the Project. Since coming on board in mid-June, she has done great work to complete the drawings, which will be used to go to Tender.

You will notice that Angela has made some modifications to the design creating more of a Thetis Island aesthetic.

The committee is still hopeful for the project to go to Tender in September. The Tender (request for bids) will be sent to a selected list of between four and six contractors. The selection process will be led by Angela Quek. Breaking ground will depend on the availability of the successful contractor.

Local islander Tracy Higgins (of Higgins Group Interior Design) will be working with Angela on the interior design of the hall.



Fundraising Working Group - Merchandise

The Thetis Island merchandise has been a huge success! The line of T-shirts created for Get to the Point in April sold out, and a second order including new items was launched at the Summer Market in June. The T-shirts, ball caps, and mugs feature designs by Bill Dickie, while the postcards and bookmarks showcase photography by local Thetisians. Merchandise will continue to be sold at fundraising events throughout the fall.



Our cheerful, colourful merchandise vendors!

Photo Credit: Tatiana Nemchin

Fundraising Working Group - Events & Community Engagement

The annual July 1st Community Pancake Breakfast was led by our very generous Virginia Lamb, and supported by her large group of willing and happy volunteers. 120 breakfasts were enjoyed, raising \$724 towards the hall expansion.



Graeme & Veronica enjoying the Canada Day feast

Photo Credit: Anita Swain

It was an enchanting evening July 5th at the Lawrence Valley Dining Event thanks to the efforts of Bill & Ann Dickie, with her catering team of Don Sinclair, Kathleen Thompson, Anne-Marie Koeppen, Gloria Taylor, and Connie Schermerhorn. The ambiance was created the moment guests started the walk down the trail with poems about summer, hung on twigs for guests to enjoy. A delightful scene was set with a long communal table dressed for 20, a bar and lounge area placed in the field. After aperitifs were served, guests enjoyed an absolutely delightful 7-course meal made with local ingredients. The evening raised \$2,500



Ready for their al fresco meal in the valley.

Photo Credit: Keith Rush

Family Fun Day, held on August 11th, was a huge success thanks to the generosity and spirit of the community. This annual fundraising event is a joint effort hosted by the Thetis Island Community Fund (TICF) and the Thetis Island Community Association (TICA). All proceeds and donations of this event go to great causes on a 50/50 split. TICA has allocated its share of the proceeds to the Forbes Hall Expansion Project. The 2018 Family Fun Day raised \$3,750 in proceeds and donations.

Mike Latte overseeing the Pie Auction at Family Fun Day



Photo Credit: Tatiana Nemchin

Our final event of the summer, [the Farmteam Concert](#), will take place on August 25th, and is sold out! Produced by Carolyn Askew and Anne Barr; Anne's son Matt Kennedy is the lead vocalist in the band. Guests will be treated to a night of music, fun and dancing! We thank Farmteam for sharing their wonderful talents with our community at this end of summer fundraiser.

Fundraising Working Group - Grants

On July 21st, after months of work by dozens of volunteers, and with the aid of grant writer Jennifer Barnes Van Elk, a Capital Project Grant Application was submitted to the Provincial Government under the Community Gaming Grants program. TICA is asking for \$250,000. It is expected that successful grant applications will be announced by the end of October.

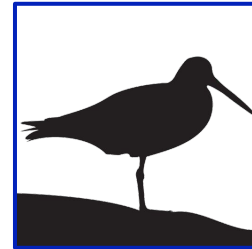
The Feasibility Study, completed in May, supported the need to expand the hall and contained many recommendations in line with what the community put forth. The Study was used as reference for the BC Gaming grant.

Sustainability

Thanks to Doug Fenton and his committee for their work with the Forbes Hall Expansion Committee and recommendations for best practices for the design and build of the Hall.

From discussions with both Doug and key consultants, the decision has been made to implement the following elements:

1. Green Roof over the entry
2. Improved Building Envelope
3. Increased rainwater collection & storage
4. Increased insulation throughout attic spaces
5. External clad additional insulation on all exterior walls
6. Heat Pumps / Efficient HVAC System
7. LED Lighting
8. Construction to allow for future installation of solar panels (panels not part of the construction plans going to tender)



Our sincere thanks to everyone who has supported the hall expansion through donations, time, expertise and every other way...

Forbes Hall Expansion Committee

Fundraising Financial Update to Aug. 20, 2018

To Dec 31/17	\$530,000	Donations
Jan 1 - Aug 15/18	85,533	Donations
	11,116	Events
	5,365	Merchandise
	10,000	Grant
	112,014	Matching
		<u>Donation</u>
Current Total	\$754,028	
Goal	\$930,000	

Note: if any donations were received at an event and required a tax receipt they are included in Donations rather than the Event at which the money was raised.



How to Make a Donation

Write a Cheque:

**Give Directly to, or Send by Mail to: Matt Hess, Treasurer TICA,
PO Box 14-0, Thetis Island, BC V0R 2Y0**

Or

Deposit in the Donation Box at any Hall Event

**Donate through Canada Helps at:
thetisland.net or thetisblog.net**

Make a Cash Donation:

Use the Donation Box at any Hall Event

Please note: CRA Tax Receipts will be issued to all donations \$25 and over.

Please include Name & Full Mailing Address with your donation if wanting a Tax Receipt.

