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September was marked by continuing progress towards the finalization of the road closure and subdivision processes, continuation of the fund-raising campaign for the proposed bridge, conceptual design of the bridge, and preparations for a ceremony to celebrate the signing of a 99-year lease of our building site between our Society and the Cariboo Regional District. Details of those initiatives are reported below.

1. SUBDIVISION AND CONSOLIDATION OF THE VARIOUS PARCELS

What in our previous Newsletter we described as the somewhat complicated work involved in securing the legal documentation for the closure of the MOTI's road allowance and the transfer of land from Telus and the MOTI, saw steady progress, and at the time of writing our subdivision application had been approved by the provincial approving officer, the necessary advertising in the B.C. Gazette has taken place, the appropriate documents had been filed with the Land Titles Office, and we were just awaiting word that title to the consolidated parcel had been registered in the name of the Cariboo Regional District.

2. EXECUTION OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT AND THE RELATED CEREMONY

The 99-year lease agreement that was previously approved by the CRD Board and by our membership, will be executed at a ceremony to be held on the morning of Tuesday, October 14th near the site of our future cultural centre and museum. Invitees to the ceremony include the Chiefs and Band Councilors of our five member Bands, local municipal politicians from the CRD, the District of 100 Mile House and the City of Williams Lake, senior administrators from all those organizations, our local MLAs and MPs, and numerous others who have contributed to our project and will be gratefully acknowledged for helping us reach the point we are celebrating.

3. BUSINESS PLAN

It had originally been our intention to approach our five member Band Councils as soon as possible after we received and approved our Business Plan, in order to

request their individual commitments to fund the projected annual deficit to the tune of \$25,000 each for the first five years of operation. As earlier reported, our hope of obtaining the early attention of the five Band Councils was thwarted by a combination of three factors, namely the recent Supreme Court of Canada decision regarding aboriginal title, the fact that Canada and British Columbia intended to submit their final cash and land offers to the Shuswap Tribal Council at the end of August, and the Mount Polley Mine's tailings pond breach and its aftermath. We did however make our approach to the Band Councils in late August in the hope they will be able to consider our request during the balance of this calendar year. Their approval remains a prerequisite to us making any applications to fund the construction of our proposed centre.

4. FUNDRAISING

As reported in our August Newsletter, the initiative we launched in mid summer to obtain sponsors for our Sucker Creek bridge building project, had by the end of August raised sufficient funds to enable us to commission McFarland Marceau Architects Ltd. to begin the design work for the bridge. In mid-September our members received and approved a conceptual bridge design that is now in the hands of its structural engineers, and we are about to engage a builder to prepare a detailed cost estimate and eventually to construct the bridge. Although we won't have that estimate for a while yet, we are certain that in order to construct the bridge as well as the pathway and the hedging and/or fencing that will protect the Creek, we will need a further \$5,000, and our follow-up campaign to raise money and sponsorships from the local business communities is already underway. We are extremely grateful to our benefactors, and take pleasure in once again listing them below and on our website, the recent additions highlighted in red.

BMO, 100 Mile House	RBC Royal Bank
Beamac Installation	Regency Chrysler
Canada Safeway	Sandman Inn
Cariboo Geographic Systems	Save-On-Foods
Heartland Toyota	Sitka Log Homes
Home Hardware, Williams Lake	Sunrise Ford
Hub International Barton Insurance	The Coast Fraser Inn
OK Tire, Williams Lake	Tim Hortons, 100 Mile House
108 Resort	West Fraser Mills
Mount Polley Mining	Williams Lake & District Credit Union
Pharmasave, 100 Mile House	Windsor Plywood, Williams Lake

Several other businesses have our request under active consideration, and we will hopefully be able to list them in a future edition of the Newsletter.

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