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## MAY 2015 NEWSLETTER

### 1. BUSINESS PLAN

We still anxiously await the decision of the Soda Creek Band regarding our request for a 5-year funding commitment towards the operation of the Centre once it has been built. Following the election for Band Councilors that took place earlier in May and saw the election of two new Councilors, the new Chief Donna Dixon who is a past president of our Society, will bring our request forward consideration at the June 9<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

### 2. OUR BRIDGE BUILDING PROJECT

The slight delay in publishing this edition of our Newsletter has enabled us to report that phase 1 of the bridge construction was completed on June 1st by way of installation of the concrete footings and cedar log stringers that will support the bridge superstructure. The cedar that will provide the posts, railing and decking of the bridge, has been milled by Sitka Log Homes and in the near future will be cut to their precise dimensions under the direct supervision of President Brad Johnson. Those pieces will be stained by Marty Dixon's Canim Lake crew and then installed by Marty's crew under the supervision of Celtic Engineering as phase 2 of the project, which we anticipate being completed in June.

### 3. A SIMPLE CEREMONY TO MARK COMPLETION OF THE BRIDGE

In our April edition we said we were looking forward to conducting a simple ceremony following the completion of construction to honour the many local businesses that have contributed financially and – together with *ArtsVest B.C.* and the *New Pathways to Gold Society* – have made it possible to build the bridge at this time. Although plans have yet to be finalized, we are considering – in cooperation with the *100 Mile House & District Historical Society* – conducting the ceremony on the morning of Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup> in conjunction with the holiday celebrations taking place at the 108 Heritage Site that day. As soon as a final decision has been made, we will be issuing invitations to all those who have contributed to the project, and who are listed in this Newsletter more or less in the form that will be seen on the plaque we plan to erect at the site.

#### 4. THE OVERALL PROJECT

Although our approach to the two senior levels of government and other potential donors for the major portion of the funds needed for construction, continues to await the decision of the Soda Creek Band, we are starting to make tentative approaches to various potential sources, and are already in the process of lining up meetings with our three local MPs and our three local MLAs. With the Provincial Legislature already adjourned for the summer and the Federal Parliament due to follow suit in late June, we hope to hold those meetings in early to mid July. We continue to hope that we might be able to raise the first \$156,000 in the near future so that our architects will be enabled to complete design development and construction documentation by late 2015.

#### 5. THE FIRST DRAFT OF THE BRIDGE PLAQUE

**THIS BRIDGE WAS COMPLETED IN JUNE 2015 FOR THE**

***NORTHERN SECWEPENC CULTURAL SOCIETY***

INITIAL DESIGN BY ***McFARLAND MARCEAU ARCHITECTS LTD.***

MODIFIED, ENGINEERED AND BUILT BY ***CELTIC ENGINEERING LTD.***

AND MADE POSSIBLE BY THE GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE

***NEW PATHWAYS TO GOLD SOCIETY***

AND THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS

ARCADA RENTALS	PHARMASAVE, 100 MILE HOUSE
BMO BANK OF MONTREAL	RBC ROYAL BANK
CANADA SAFEWAY	REGENCY CHRYSLER, 100 MILE
CALIJA LOG HOMES	SANDMAN INN, WILLIAMS LAKE
HEARTLAND TOYOTA	SAVE-ON-FOODS
HOME HARDWARE, WILLIAMS LAKE	SITKA LOG HOMES
HUB INTN'L. BARTON INSURANCE	SUNRISE FORD
McDONALDS, WILLIAMS LAKE	THE COAST FRASER INN
NIGEL HEMINGWAY LAND SURVEYING	TIM HORTONS, 100 MILE HOUSE
OK TIRE, WILLIAMS LAKE	UNITED CONCRETE, 100 MILE HOUSE
100 MILE FREE PRESS	UNITED STEELWORKERS OF AMERICA
111 MILE SAND & GRAVEL	WEST FRASER MILLS
THE NEW 108 RESORT	WILLIAMS LAKE & DIST CREDIT UNION
MOUNT POLLEY MINING	WILLIAMS LAKE TRIBUNE

MANY OF WHOSE CONTRIBUTIONS WERE MATCHED BY ***ARTSVEST BC***

AND THE FOLLOWING GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS

100 MILE SNOWMOBILE CLUB

JOHN AND BARBARA HOOPER  
DOLORES HUSTWAIT

GRAHAM AND LISA LESLIE  
BRENT RUTHERFORD

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The footbridge: June 1 - phase 1 of the project completed.



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