

## **GCPS Progress Report**

**April, 2022**

**By Diane Sterne**

- As some of you already know, our GCPS Founder, Secretary and WebMaster, Ole Juul suffered a serious medical event in March. He is beginning a very long road of recovery. Our thoughts and prayers are with him. He is currently in Penticton Hospital and out of ICU. While he concentrates on getting better, Ole will not be able to help our Society. He is such an important part of the GCPS, we feel lost without him; but we know he will want us to do our best to carry on.
- Due to Ole's condition, it was necessary for us to find help in saving our website which is also our online Museum. Ole created and managed our amazing website and we did not want to lose it. With almost ten years of material collected on it, we wanted to ensure it was secured.

Our deepest thanks to Ole's son, Leif, his friend Tristan and Coalmont's very own IT expert, Ray Boyd for moving the site in its entirety to a new hosting site. Not only has Ray secured and saved our domain name, he also kindly and generously agreed to continue looking after the site for us. We are so very grateful to him for rescuing such an important part of our Society. We have spent so many sleepless nights worrying about this dilemma and Ray swooped in as our hero, rescuing us in our time of great need. Our website can still be found at [www.granitecreekbc.ca](http://www.granitecreekbc.ca) and looks exactly the same as before. 😊 I will be sending Ray a thank you card from the GCPS as well as complimentary memberships for both he and his wife, Lonnie.

Once the dust has settled, Ray will update the site with past Progress Reports, etc. We will need to begin paying for the hosting site and other costs, but this is a small price for its continuation. Our Treasurer, Bob Sterne has locked us in for three years at Doteasy at a greatly discounted rate. After three years, we will have to pay the regular fee. Ray has also created a subdomain which will be used for the Cemetery. There will be some costs involved in creating this.

- Once again, our deepest gratitude to Howard Peet for his generous donation to the GCPS. This money will go directly to offset some of the costs for our website. We are so appreciative Howard. Thank you!!
- We are getting very close to re-opening the Granite Creek Cemetery for burials. We have an Operator's License that is subject to the Lease documents being signed. We are just waiting for the Province to send them to us.
- Bob has spoken with Ernie Rice about the picnic table that he is making for the Delprato Cabin site (using Grant money we obtained last year). He is

looking for appropriate logs for it and hopes to be working on it soon. Thank you Ernie!

- We will need to have an AGM shortly but a date hasn't been set. I will advise everyone as soon as that is decided. Due to Ole's illness, we will need to find a new Secretary. The position does not require a lot of time as we only hold in-person meetings once or twice a year. Most of our correspondence is done through emails. If you would like to fill that position, or know of someone who could do it, please email me at [gammiersterne@gmail.com](mailto:gammiersterne@gmail.com). Thank you!
- Financial Report: 15 members have paid so far for 2022 (9 have not renewed). Anyone wishing to renew (who hasn't already done so) can pay (\$10 per person) using the donate button on the website ([www.granitecreekbc.ca](http://www.granitecreekbc.ca)) or mail a cheque or drop off cash at: 1841 Main Street, Coalmont, B.C. VoX 1Wo. Current Operating Balance is \$3,470.10 (after we paid for the Operator's License and the website). Monies to be deducted from that are the picnic table and insurance (approximately \$1,700 for these items).