

## **Granite Creek Preservation Society**

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### **There was a meeting this afternoon at the Riverside Centre about Granite Creek.**

Twelve people attended, including Area 'H' director Brad Hope and long time Coalmont area resident Edith Rice, and it was decided to form the Granite Creek Preservation Society. George Elliot is the Chairman, Diane Sterne is Vice-Chair, John Bartlett is the Secretary, Tamara Malanchuk is Treasurer. Directors are: Todd Lester, Terry Malanchuk, and Ole Juul who will be in charge of Communications. Jon Bartlett will complete the paperwork necessary to form the society as he is very familiar and experienced with this sort of thing.

Granite Creek is an important historical place in British Columbia. It was the site of a substantial, though short, gold rush. Although the original population dwindled quickly, it was still a town of note for a number of years following – not the least because of its location in the heart of the Tulameen mining district.

This mining history in itself is noteworthy, but Granite was also the starting point for many immigrants to the area. There are still a number of families in the vicinity who can trace their first arrival to Granite.

The collection and preservation of information regarding such a place warrants serious attention. As for original building structures, little remains, but it is still possible that something can be preserved. The site itself has potential as a park. Memorial, educational, and interpretive structures could be of value. §

**Edit:** Since this is an important beginning, it is appropriate to list all the people who were present and who are the founding members. They are: Jon Bartlett, W. George Elliott, Brad Hope, Ole Juul, Todd Lester, Heather Lutz, Tamara Malanchuk, Terry Malanchuk, Edith Rice, Rika Rubesat, Bob Sterne, Diane Sterne. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in Granite but the Society registration needs to be in place before anything becomes official and a membership list can be compiled. For the time being, questions can be sent to *granite (at) area-h (dot) org*.