

**GCPS Progress Report**  
**November/December, 2021**  
**By Diane Sterne**

- Due to the flooding on November 15, I did not put out a Progress Report.
- Our Non-Profit Status was renewed October 21 (after our AGM) on the Societies Online website. Cost to renew was \$40 as previous years.
- Special thanks to Howard Peet for another generous donation to the GCPS! Thank you so much for your support, Howard!
- Special thanks to Roy Roberts for his generous donation to the GCPS! Thank you so much Roy!
- Skip Broderick has offered the Granite Creek Preservation Society a piano that belonged to her grandfather, George Batstone. At one time George lived at Granite Creek. He obtained the piano from Ed Cook who received it from his mother, Emma Cook (Foxcrowle Percival Cook's wife). The piano was originally in the post-fire, second Granite Creek Hotel. Since the GCPS has nowhere to display such a valuable item, we offered it to the Princeton Museum to be included in the Granite Creek display there.

At the request of the Museum Manager, Todd, Bob Sterne and I attended a directors' meeting at the Museum to discuss whether or not they would accept the donation. I made a presentation (I have attached what I told them), and after a vote, they decided to accept the piano. It is amazing that Skip has made such an incredible offer to donate the piano. It has been in her family for decades and is very special to her. **Thank you Skip for your incredible generosity.** We are so glad to have been able to help find a suitable home for this important piece of history!

The piano arrived at the Museum on Friday, November 12! The move went well without any issues. I will send a photo of it when the Museum reopens.

Skip has also given me some family papers which I will transcribe over the winter. Once it is done, Ole Juul will be able to put everything on the GCPS website. Bob Sterne will take photos of the original papers and that will also be included. When this is done, we will donate the originals to the Princeton Museum to be kept safe in their Archives.

It is encouraging to know that families in possession of important artefacts, trust the GCPS enough to offer them to us. As has always been our policy, original papers and artefacts are always turned over to the Princeton Museum where they can be displayed or stored safely.

- Maurice Chartrand has completed work repairing fences at the Granite Creek Cemetery. This was part of the Grant we received. He did a fantastic job, and we are so grateful to Maurice for his hard work. He has also taken out some dead trees from the Cemetery. Maurice said that next spring he will touch up the repaired fences with white paint. Thank you so much Maurice!!
- Ernie has been searching for the right tree to use as the base logs for the picnic table that he is building for the Delprato Cabin property. Obviously, it will not be installed until next year, given the flood and now there is snow on the ground making access to the Cabin not possible right now. Thank you, Ernie, for handling this project for us.
- Bob Sterne and I dropped off more maps to the Granite Creek Town Site. This year there were 800 left there. The total since the Walking Tour was created is 3,500! It is still proving to be a place of interest to tourists in the area.
- We received the balance of the Grant money owed to us. Even though the projects were not able to be completed by the end of November, we were sent the balance with the promise we will get the jobs done as soon as weather permits in the spring of 2022.
- Financial Report: 10 Members have already paid for 2022. Reminder that memberships for 2021 expire at the end of 2021. You 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 1W0. General revenue is currently \$3,907.66 of which we will owe \$1,000 to Ernie Rice for the picnic table.