

GCPS Progress Report March, 2014

Notice of Meetings have been posted in the *News Leader* (a big front page ad - THANKS George!), the *Spotlight* (in their community events section), the *Coalmont Courier* online newspaper, and at the Coalmont and Tulameen mailboxes.

An article about the GCPS was printed (front page) in the Tulameen Community Club's *Winter Newsletter*.

Todd Lester found some AMAZING photos of Granite Creek from the 1970's that were posted online. He contacted the photographer (Don Winslow) and received his permission for us to use them on our GCPS website at no cost. It was a great find!! Thank you Todd for finding them.

Chris Goodfellow tells us that he has been in contact with John Mitchell who was involved with placing the current plaque at Granite Creek that reads Granite "City". Chris wants to replace it to the wording of the original plaque calling it Granite Creek. John has agreed to allow Chris to replace the plaque and Chris will have Hanson's Funeral Home make it. Chris is paying for the plaque.

We received the Land Titles records from the BC Archives. Bob prepared a report on his findings and the email went out to the GCPS members. Ole also posted it on the GCPS website.

We heard back from the Minister of Community Sport and Cultural Development (Coralee Oakes) to get an official answer as to whether Granite was ever a city. It was not.

I am working on my spreadsheet of Granite Creek prospectors. It is still not complete but to date I have over 700 names on it. The alphabetical spreadsheet includes the prospectors' first and last names (including alternate spellings), their mining license number (when available), and mining companies they were affiliated with. Originally the database was only going to include the early years of Granite. After hearing from members, I decided to include all Granite Creek prospectors. Since my original intent was to get a better number for how many were there in the early years, I am putting an "X" beside names that appear only after 1887. Once this spreadsheet is done, Ole can put it on the GCPS website.

I put my article about Catherine Austin, the woman prospector and business owner at Granite Creek, on hold until I get the prospectors' spreadsheet done. I have been in contact with her family.

I have submitted an article answering the questions "was Granite a city" and "was Johannson's cache true". Ole is editing it for use on the website. Since these are two questions that keep coming up, it is important the GCPS has answers to them.

I gave Ole a copy of the Granite Creek Prospectors' Manual by P.L. Trout from 1886 and it is now on the website.

If anyone is going to Victoria and can visit the archives, there are 7 Granite Creek maps that we would like photographed. They are stored off-site, and must be ordered at least 24 hours ahead of when you wish to view them. The call numbers are: GR 1088, Box 5, File 33, 16226/07; Map Accession Number 19416, sh. 109-115. There is also one death certificate which should be looked up. It is for Dr. Hugh Blaine Cameron who died April 9, 1915. The death certificate will indicate where he is buried and there is a chance he is at the Granite Creek Cemetery. If he is, we will need to add him to our list. The information needed to find the death certificate at the Archives is: Reg. Number 1915-09-206882, BC Archives Microfilm Number B 13112, GSU Microfilm Number 1927140.