

GCPS Progress Report February, 2017

- We have been given the go-ahead to proceed with our Lease Application for the Cemetery. We placed an ad in the Spotlight for two consecutive weeks.
- Ole presented us with some information regarding the New Societies' Act. It appears that our Constitution needs to be amended. The Constitution (under the new rules) must be as follows:
 - 10** (1) A society must have a constitution that sets out
 - (a) the name of the society, and
 - (b) the purposes of the society.
 - (2) A society must not have a constitution that contains provisions in addition to the name
 - and purposes of the society.

Our Constitution includes more than the name and purpose of our Society. We need to remove parts 3-7 of our Constitution and include it in our By-Laws instead.

I contacted Societies online to see what we do now and if this will cost us money to change. This is their response:

a new 'Replacement Transition Application' filing option will be made available on March 1st on www.gov.bc.ca/SocietiesOnline . Please use this option to correct the previously filed Transition Application when it is made available. There is no filing fee for this transaction.

We will need to address this and other changes (as required) at our AGM in March before we do the Replacement Transition Application filing. I have copies of the proposed new Constitution and By-Laws that I would like you to take home and review before our AGM in March.

- On February 6 I nominated the GCPS website which Ole has so beautifully created for the B.C. Historical Federation Website contest. I think it is too late for this year, but I did receive confirmation that they received the nomination. The prize is \$250 which I thought, if we are lucky enough to win, the GCPS could put towards one of our projects.
- George wrote an excellent News Release to highlight what the GCPS is working on and what we are as a Society. He put it online in various places and I have asked Ole to put it on our website and on the CoCo site as well. I printed off some copies and put them at the Coalmont mailboxes for locals to pick up. Great work, George!!! Thank you!!