

The Protection Island Lions Club and the City of Nanaimo

Beacon House Renovation Project

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A Bit of History

Special points of interest:

- Beacon House needs many repairs.
- We have the opportunity to make the repairs and also expand the building.
- This project is tax neutral.
- This project is a joint effort between the City of Nanaimo and the Protection Island Lions

Beacon House is owned by the city of Nanaimo. The PI Lions Club lease the building.

Through the years the Lions Club has maintained and made improvements to the building. This building is the island's Community Hall and Library. All our public and many private events are held in this space. Weddings, birthday parties, memorials, fundraisers, workshops and many meetings are held here.

Beacon House is showing its age and currently requires a number of repairs to make it energy efficient, environmentally sound and

safe for all who use it. Some of these repairs include; new flooring, added insulation, new energy efficient windows.

Currently Beacon House can accommodate 65 people. It has become too small for the needs of our growing population and the many events and activities that are held at Beacon House.

The Lions Club has a history of successful projects: the PI Library, the Bottle Recycling Program, new decking, stairs and railings at Beacon House to name a few. We now have the opportunity to build a bigger and better Community Hall.



Protection Island Lions Club

The Protection Island Lions Club was established in 1986 by a small group of islanders. We currently number 20 full members. We have a number of associate members and many volunteers that help us support the enhancement of our community through activities and events.

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The BHR Project

In 2013 the Lions Club met with the City of Nanaimo, Parks, Recreation and Culture to discuss all of the Beacon House issues. The ideas of expanding Beacon House to accommodate more events and people while also addressing the needed repairs was presented. The city provided an

initial outline for the processes and procedures that would need to be followed.

Since then many more project meetings and meetings with the city have ensued.

It was thought that the renovation project could be accomplished as

one large project. However unexpected variables came into play and the project was re-evaluated. In order to accomplish what was wanted for Beacon House it was decided that it could be done if the project was divided into two phases.

Check out the PI Lions Website: www.PI-Lions.org



**Beacon House
Gallows Point
Protection Island**

"A very big 'Thank You' to everyone who has supported our fundraising events!"

Personal cash donations to the project are eligible for a Tax Receipt.

Contact Us

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PROJECT CHAIRPERSONS

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Current Project Status

The City has officially approved City funding of 50% of full Project cost (Phases 1 and 2). The Lions Club's financial plan for their portion will include; donations (with Tax Receipts), labour and materials given 'in kind', grants, and fundraising events. This plan will assist in lowering the actual costs. The complete Project is estimated at \$180,000.

In late 2014 the Building Committee struck a Design

Working Group to review the [BHRP Survey Report](#) and the conceptual design. They were provided with the parameters set by the Project and the City. This Group worked many hours and within a very tight time line were able to provide the Building Committee with some excellent recommendations. The Lions Club executive and the City of Nanaimo have approved the Phase 1 design and funding.

The proposed start of the Phase 1 is the Fall of 2015.

BHRP Phase 1

The first Phase of the renovation will focus on the main hall or 'great room'. It will include demolition of the bar, drywall, insulation and inside roof of the great room, asbestos abatement, roof structure re-build, walls, doors and window casings built out for 2x6 framing, electrical upgrades, HRV unit install, new efficient insulation and all finishing. The work will be undertaken from the inside of the building, leaving the existing building exterior and roof intact.

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The Fundraising Committee will continue to plan community events to raise the necessary monies by September. We are thrilled to report as of March we have raised over \$13,000 which is over half of the needed money.

The next major hurdle is applying for and getting the Building Permit. For additional specific information send an e-mail to pi-lions@shaw.ca or you can always stop and chat with any of the project folks.

Keeping You Informed

We have planned a number of ways to provide islanders with information and provide opportunities to get involved with this exciting project. Visit our [website](#) for information about the project and other PI Lions sponsored events and programs. Please send your questions and comments to our [email address](#). We would love to hear from you.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of the work groups or volunteering in general send us an [email](#) or talk to any Lions member.

'Many hands make light work'

Personal Donations

Make cheques payable to 'City of Nanaimo'. On the memo line write: "Lions Club Beacon House" Give cheques to Peter Frewin or Margaret Harris.

PHASE 1

