



News Release

Granthams Hall Celebrates Official Grand Re-Opening

Sechelt, BC – January 30, 2020 – After eight months of extensive renovations, a grand opening has been scheduled for the revamped Granthams Landing Community Hall. Known within the community as the ‘hall with heart’, Granthams Landing Community Hall will officially open its doors with a public community celebration and ribbon cutting on February 14 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

In 2019, the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) received \$235,414 in support through the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund for the renovation of the hall, an important and historic community facility. The total cost of the renovation was approximately \$525,000.

The historic hall, originally a church, was built by volunteers in 1931. In 2009, the SCRD acquired the hall and added it to its Community Heritage Register as a significant heritage property. The building was a venue for a variety of community activities and events until it was closed in 2015 due to structural issues resulting from the building’s age and deteriorated condition.

The refurbished hall will give local residents and visitors a new space to discover and experience high-quality professional arts performances, and provide artists a new space to create, teach and present.

“This financial support has enabled this historic building to serve further generations of artists, performers and community members,” said Lori Pratt, SCRD Board Chair. “As a hub for the Granthams Landing community of West Howe Sound, a valued space for the arts community of the Sunshine Coast and an important place for the Sḵw̱x̱w̱ú7mesh Nation, the hall has been an important cultural venue for more than 75 years.”

The federal investment allowed the SCRD to repair, update, and modernize the hall, while ensuring a safe and accessible community facility. The renovation project included replacing the foundation, replacing the roof and roof trusses with a cathedral hemlock wood interior ceiling, insulating the entire building, providing a fully accessible interior washroom, rebuilding the entrance, a state-of-the-art septic treatment system along with mechanical and electrical upgrades. The renovation also included the addition of an accessible parking stall and an accessible ramp entrance to the building.

The project team consisted of the project architects Scott Gordon and Gerald Longson, SCRD staff, and the construction work was completed by Summerhill Fine Homes Ltd.

Patrick Weiler, Member of Parliament for West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country, Lori Pratt, SCRD Board chair and a representative from Sḵw̱x̱w̱ú7mesh Nation will be present for the ribbon cutting on February 14.

The facility is located at 846 Church Road, Langdale. For hall booking information contact 885-6801, extension 6611.

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