

Report for Cemetery Board Meeting April 30, 2014

Research & Documentation - on use of the land in perpetuity as a reserved section , Glen Hodges , Manager MTV has submitted a report to his superiors at The City of Vancouver (includes lawyers, City Manager) which asks the City to issue a Letter of Understanding on the use of this area as a reserved section for Jewish burials and with recommendations on the transfer of unused plots which were purchased from Mountain View and now reclaimed (5 so far) or in the midst of the process of being reclaimed (48) *51 with refund of purchase price*

The last transaction of this nature was in 1986 when pots were sold to the STCB for \$ 112.00 *SINCE 2003 by law (Cemetery Act) private sales (3rd party) prohibited - must be returned to original registered owner*

My guess is that fee will be substantially different for this last group . *owner can assign "rights of usage"*

Currently the STCB has 6 (2 of which are under the hedges and cant be used) 4 of which have just been sold to The Mate family.

Also 45 families have come forward to retain 15 unuse3d plots which were purchased years ago and for which as descendants, they can have the right of usage and have all written letters to this effect.

Have about 150 names that we have no leads on and these have been given over to the Jewish Geneological Institute as a project for their volunteers.

Restoration;

72 completed and with good weather now, the next group will be started. Some people have come forward to pay for individuals ones and we will be writing a second grant application to Heritage BC.

Plans:

Approved by MNTV and this Board represented by Arnold – now detailed drawings being done t tender out for construction.

Geotechnical analysis of the soil completed and structural engineer retained to see if it could withstand concrete walls and gate , washing station etc.

Curbing uncovered, to determine curbing that needs to be replaced.

Hedges rejuvenated , all roots left in place so as not to destroy any burials.

Funding: Budget : \$ 390,000 and we have as of today raised \$ 400, 032. Of that , \$ 223,132 deposited , \$ 84,200 due in 2014 and \$92,700 due in 2015. 6 major families with direct connections to MTV not confirmed yet.

Plus a dozen or so other families with direct connections.

Following those we will canvass members of the community in order to reach our goal of a million dollars earmarked for future needs. There are also still a number of naming opportunities available – pass these around

Educational Programming:

Walking tours ongoing – with new information being added all the time.- for example:
Katrina Melekov, widow of Nathan Melekov – built the St. Rgis Hotel, mining promoter, moved to the U.S.and was indicted several times for fraud; Lilly Cohen (Green/ Paperny's Aunt who was sent from Prince Rupert at the age of 10 with T B and died a week later.

Partnership with Grade 10 at King David – Field trip, then choosing a historical character to write an essay on. The J.H.S. will provide them with basic research tools.