

Fairbridge Chapel Heritage Society

ANNUAL REPORT

Throughout the year a number of projects were undertaken to both maintain the heritage site in good repair and appearance.

The previous fall the strata had a number of large fir and balsam trees cut down to ensure they would not fall and damage the pump house and water tank for Fairbridge as well as the heritage site buildings. At the same time the chapel Board of Directors agreed to have one very large fir tree cut along with the trimming back of some branches on the big leaf Maple behind the school house. In addition, previously, we had the plum tree, which had black knot, removed as well as trimmed up the cedar trees around the kiosk. With this work done, we had a considerable amount of firewood available and over the spring and summer moved this supply into the basement. Dr. Fred Swann volunteered and cut most of the wood into lengths that would fit into our large chapel stoves.

While this work was underway we also had the groundskeepers, who also maintain the strata common areas, to thatch and then top dress the grass areas both around the chapel but also the area in front of the schoolhouse.

Later in the summer and early fall another firm was hired to put new shakes on the kiosk, clean the gutters and other painting touch-ups. This firm also removed a considerable of unused or unwanted material from the basement of the chapel taking it to recycle depots in the area. At the same time Director Ron Price installed two metal bars to provide better security for the chapel double doors and then totally reconstructed the east side of the entrance into the chapel. This had largely been destroyed by ants and thus removed and rebuilt from scratch and new cedar shingles added to match the other side.

During the spring as the basement clean-up began the society purchased three shelves for the small storage room so we could put various items, such as paints, tools and supplies in this location instead of having them stored in the bell tower.

For the upcoming year there are a number of projects the Board of Directors would like to tackle and are listed below. Some are minor, but others are either more expensive or time consuming.

-have a concrete walkway made to both the front entrance to the chapel as well as the schoolhouse. Also an assessment to extend it to the rear double door entrance that could provide a handicapped entrance.

- change all the main lights in the narthex, and, possibly elsewhere, to LED's.
- refurbish and upgrade the three washrooms of which one has not been in use for about 30 years. This is an extensive project but badly needed.
- more work and rearrangement of material is required in the basement and clean out the ash in the stoves.
- cleaning the bell tower from top to bottom and add some more file cabinets to store some of the historic artefacts.
- fix any zones of the irrigation system—there may be one which needs more work as most operate fine.
- improve the landscaping both in front and behind the school house.
- install a new, appropriate door, for the back of the schoolhouse
- get all the 'painted over' windows to open. There are about 5 needing to be fixed. Also, we have the fixtures to open another one in the bell tower and this could be done at the same time
- put the kiosk signs on aluminium—there are two—and fix the boarder trim. Prepare another sign for the third section of the kiosk.
- assess the blue carpet in the alter area of the chapel to see if we can, first clean it, being wool, or if it should all be replaced.
- paint on a water sealer (Cetol) around all the inside frames of the windows. Two to three coats will be required. Also assess which windows need to be painted on the outside. There is at least one.
- remove all excess oil from the clock and reset the hour hand so the strike is at the top of the hour. This is a major job and the clock has not been cleaned for the past few years after the improper oiling and has caused the clock to not maintain the hour strike properly. For this reason it was stopped in late April.
- update records on all the 'movable' fixtures and artefacts within each building. There should be photos of each fixture and kept by the Board of Directors.
- update and add items to our website.
- provide information to Board members how to maintain records, and file necessary annual reports to both the province and federal governments. Provide a full report on

all our files, location and importance of them so the Board has all necessary information to manage the society.

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