

Staircase Building Fund Report for the A.G.M. Aug 30, 2008

Committee Members

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Jerry Meagher and Roberta Dalman presented a business plan to RM of St.Clements council for the reconstruction of the staircase at the Old Fisherman's Pier in Dec of 2007. RM has stated they will designate this a heritage project and will dedicate the staircase in 2009 for the 125th Anniversary of the RM of St. Clements. At that time the RM presented us with a cheque in the amount of \$4000.00.

Fundraising

Fundraising for the project has been through meat draws at the Sandbar Hotel, a summer social at the Grand Marias Rec Centre and a future plan to offer memorial plaques to individuals and families to be placed on the observation deck of the staircase. Garry Dunne reported that during the 2007/08 year I investigated possible fundraising opportunities that might be available from the Federal and Provincial governments to assist with funding the staircase project. The Hon. James Bezan, MP Selkirk-Interlake advised us that there was possible funding through a Cultural Spaces Program operated by Heritage Canada. Further research revealed applications for this program would only be accepted from incorporated bodies therefore eliminating our organization at the present time.

We later filed an application through the Community Places Program operated by the Provincial government. And although I was approached for further details on our project we were not approved for this fiscal year. This program offers "workshops" for applicants to attend to obtain assistance in fine tuning their application. It is my intent to attend one of these workshops and re-submitting our application for next year.

I will also continue to investigate further opportunities as they are identified from both government and private sources.

At the time of writing this report there is \$7224.19 in the building fund.

Preliminary design and drawings

Dean Gould and Associates has produced a drawing for a staircase that could be constructed any where along Lake Winnipeg. A site specific drawing will be produced once the staircase area, bank and shoreline are surveyed. GMPOA has hired a engineer to survey the area and provide a plan contouring to Dean Gould.

Dean Gould will then produce the site specific drawing for our staircase. The drawing will then be submitted to the (S.E.T.C), Shoreline Erosion Technical Committee with Selkirk Planning for review and hopefully all is well and the project will go out for bids on the construction phrase of the staircase.