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HASTINGS PARK UPDATE

Since the opening of the Hastings Park signage exhibit in April, 2015 the Hastings Park committee has been involved in follow up developments such as:

- Responding to the City's notice that Momiji Garden directional signage is being updated and working with the Vancouver Japanese Gardeners Association on wording for the new signs. The new signs now approved by the VJGA and the City will read, " Momiji Gardens – commemorating Japanese Canadian Redress."

- Meeting PNE Community Relations Manager Kate Huffman to ensure our signage exhibit will remain intact during the 2015 Pacific National Exhibition. Committee members Jean and Walt Kamimura, Dan Tokawa and Judy Hanazawa did a walkabout with Kate and provided feedback on the PNE's concern about line ups in close proximity to the signs. We recommended for the next PNE in 2016 that the sign overlooking the Livestock Building should be positioned further away from 3 ATM machines.

- Meeting with Vancouver Park Board Hastings Park Redevelopment planner Michelle Larigakis to find out the current status of the Hastings Park Livestock Building Redevelopment Plan. During a meeting with Michelle on August 18 she informed us the Livestock Building redevelopment would involve working with the PNE on their Building business plan. We informed Michelle the next phase of the Japanese Canadian Hastings Park project involved the mounting of an interpretive display in the Livestock Building which would include a commemorative listing of all those who were detainees in the park. Michelle responded positively to this plan and recommended our committee should work with the PNE in their planning for proposed activities in a renovated Livestock Building. Michelle informed us there will be a Stakeholders group connected to the building's planning and it would be appropriate that our group would become involved with this group. Michelle also agreed to participate with the committee in a tour of the Livestock Building and the committee is currently determining a date and time for the tour to take place.

- Michelle confirmed the new Momiji Garden directional signs have been approved and will go into production. We asked about the possibility of the Garden having its own interpretive sign and she responded positively to this proposal. As a follow up, the Hastings Park committee made contact with the Vancouver Japanese Gardeners Association receiving endorsement by their board regarding the plan to have an interpretive sign mounted in Momiji Garden. The sign could provide information about the history of the garden and the Gardener's Association. Cost for

developing the sign would be similar to other Hastings Park signage at approximately \$5000. Sources of funding should be determined for this project and the Hastings Park committee and the Gardeners Association can jointly review possible steps regarding fundraising.

- The Hastings Park website which was an integral part of the Hastings Park signage project is very near completion. Committee member and past Nikkei National Museum Director Curator Beth Carter reviewed the website with other committee members during a meeting on September 23. The website design and content provides a broad, enlightening and visually engaging presentation of historic and social information including detainee stories, artists interpretations about the detention of Japanese Canadians in Hastings Park. The committee also discussed the possibility that the website can be an easily accessible site for Hastings Park detainees and detainee families to provide their names for documentation in the planned commemorative display in the Livestock Building. At this time the National Nikkei Museum is maintaining a file of detainee individuals and families. The website launch is planned for early November.

As the Hastings Park Project's planned next phase is the development of the interpretive display in the Livestock Building, the committee is aware it is critical to review fundraising steps. The National Nikkei Museum has proposed a workplan timeline for its initial development to be 2017, coinciding with the 75th anniversary of the 1942 Internment of Japanese Canadians. The Museum is looking at funding possibilities such as a grant funding application with Heritage Canada. The Hastings Park committee will continue to provide update information about the Hastings Park project including developments with our website, the Momiji Garden and Livestock Building Interpretive Display. ♦

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WORKING GROUP UPDATE

On August 21, 2015 the working group met with Anglican Church representatives to review the June 15 Apology event and to discuss steps to ensure the apology would have genuine meaning for survivors, families and the community.

All agreed the apology event would have benefited from offering opportunity for dialogue between the bishops and community members. The event did encourage people to connect and mingle after the formal program and this was valuable. People expressed comfort in recognizing they were not alone. The bishops commented there is work to do and they have a big learning curve in relationship building with survivors, families and the community. The Anglican Primate will make a formal statement about the apology during a convention with Lutherans in Toronto November 13 to 15.

All agreed the *Bulletin* article by Marion Little offered important community information about the Church's responsibility to act and ensure there are steps to prevent clergy abuse. Other steps requested by the community or discussed with the church include:

- Making sure the filmed apology is on diocese website and making a YouTube link
- Removing the cherry tree at St. Martin's Church which commemorated Mr. Nakayama
- Scheduling a community meeting as soon as possible for Bishop Melissa Skelton to meet with survivors, families and the community. Working group was informed Bishop Skelton has taken personal responsibility upon apologizing and understands the importance of meeting face to face.
- Removing Mr. Nakayama's materials from museums and institutions and returning them to the family
- Setting up a scholarship
- Making Mr. Nakayama's confession public

- Provide community education about clergy sexual abuse through developing education resources such as webinar training and community workshops

Our meeting included discussion about supporting survivors and families through reaching out and offering opportunities to dialogue. If it is easier the working group can offer suggestions for apology follow up steps but first it is important to be supportive and build trust with survivor families. Working group members are available to personally meet with survivor families and their friends if families feel this would help.

All agreed it would be positive if there were concrete actions taken within a year by the church to demonstrate the genuineness of their apology. As a lesson learned through the Residential School Truth and Reconciliation process, the church expresses the need to first ensure the community accepts any reconciliation steps they offer. The working group will continue to meet with the church on a regular basis as these reconciliation steps are developed and shared with the community for their acceptance.

Working Group Meeting of September 10, 2015:

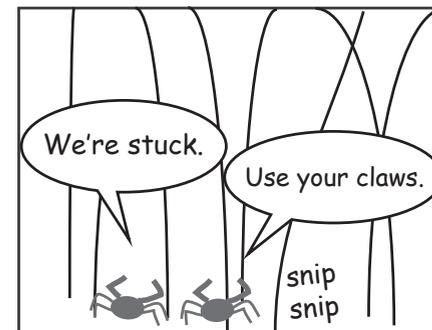
As a follow up to the August 21st meeting, the working group met on September 10 and agreed on the following actions:

1. Arrange and schedule a community meeting with Bishop Melissa Skelton at the earliest opportunity and ensure families and community members are given plenty of notice about the meeting to encourage full attendance and participation.
2. Schedule a community education workshop on the topic of clergy sexual abuse in a community, its effects and what to do. The working group will contact Marion Little to see if she is available to facilitate such a community education event in early 2016.

Follow up – September 25, 2016: Bishop Melissa Skelton spoke briefly with a working group member on September 13 and expressed her enthusiasm about a personal meeting with families and the community at the earliest opportunity.

Please read *The Bulletin* for updates and further notice as we will work on scheduling a meeting with Bishop Skelton in November. ♦

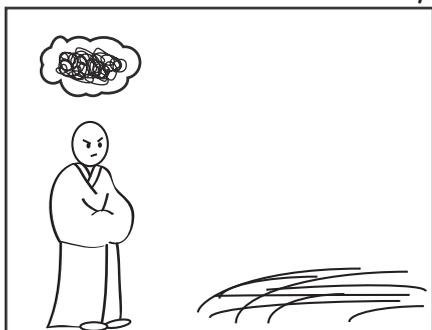
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