

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS

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WHERE HAS THE SUMMER GONE!

Welcome to the 3rd edition of 2009. Here is a brief update on “what’s happening” around the site

Project Update:

HVAC & Lighting Project

- These projects are both now completed—on time and on budget!
- BC Hydro Power Smart recognized the RBCM for their dedication to energy conservation and completion of the lighting energy efficiency project which saved 338,000kWh, the equivalent of powering 31 homes for a full year!

Carving Shed Project

- Deconstruction of the carving shed is finished.
- H& L Demolition, our contractor, did a great job

of removing the structure within a few days and they did a magnificent job of steering clear of the Haida Totem Pole. Conservation Services can now let out a big sigh of relief! H&L also, very graciously delivered the adzed wood pieces from the bottom of the structure to local First Nations carvers to be re-used by them.

- The area has been turned into a picnic area and we hope that you and our visitors have had an opportunity to enjoy it!

Elevator Modernization

- The elevator modernization project was finally completed in June and hope you agree that the wait was worth it! After a few mechanical challenges (some minor one still on-

going), some loud noises and vibration issues, one must admit that the elevators are running much better and when you push the call button, the elevator arrives toute suite!

- Activation coming to you soon—a card swipe has also been added to the Fannin elevators and Reception also has a call button at their desk.
- Congratulations to Dan Savard, the trekking winner of a day of boating and lunch with Captain/Chef Williams. The date is yet to be booked, but we’ll be sure to take some pictures!
- Although we do have improved elevators..... feel free to use those stairs — just for the health of it!

Building Envelope Remediation Project

- Over the next 5-6 months, the building envelope remediation project (BERP for short!) will be underway. The exterior will be under construction as the existing marble is removed, the area is prepared (water proof, fire proof and insulation) for

the arrival of the new StoneLite panels.

- While construction is ongoing, unfortunately there will be some noise, dust, and disruption for staff, partners and visitors. We will ensure signage and a flag person is used to direct traffic as required.
- In keeping with our sustainability initiatives, the

marble that is being removed will be reused and/or recycled.



ADDITIONAL LINKS :

www.bchydro.com

www.crd.bc.ca

www.livesmartbc.ca

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OUR RECYCLING PROGRAM STATS:

GLASS/TIN = 2683 CU FT
 ORGANICS = 2012 CU FT
 CARDBOARD = 11232 CU FT
 SHREDDED PAPER 1980 LBS

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT NINE - 40 FOOT TRAILER LOADS KEPT OUT OF THE LANDFILL EACH YEAR!!

THE NEW RECREATIONAL AREA....

BEFORE.....



AFTER



100% Recycled Rubber Car Stop Bumpers



BEHIND THE SCENES....

CARPET NO MORE!
THE NEW AND IMPROVED FLOOR AREA OUTSIDE THE FREIGHT ELEVATOR ON THE 2ND FLOOR



CONTACT US: PMO TEAM

PAM, TANYA, JON, FRANCOIS, BILL, JUDITH, NICK & COLLEEN (NOW WITH US PART TIME)....

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What else is new and other "Stuff":

Landscaping improvements, are continuing—more plants and more mulch—native and drought resistant wherever possible.

The Archives and Exhibition wood entrance doors are slowly being refinished.

Have you seen the new 100% recycled rubber car stop bumpers in our parking lot? They will not warp, crack, chip or rot! If not, check them out! The old ones were taken away and ground up for road fill—they were recycled!

Nick the Shipper says.... he is now purchasing paper clips made from recycled materials. As of April 1, 2009, we are also purchasing 100% recycled post consumer content white copier/printer paper. Shipping is getting rid of the 30% PC content first so you may not have the 100%.

Do you know that our letterhead, envelopes, and business cards are printed on Mohawk Options 100% PC White? They are made with wind power and are Green Seal certified and acid free. They are also FSC-certified (forest stewardship council) and contain 100% post consumer waste. According to Chris Tyrell in Graphic Design, it doesn't really get any better than that!

Ho, ho, ho!... special Christmas rates are available for groups wishing to book the Modern History gallery. If you know groups who may be interested, please call Judith at 250-387-5745.

Sustainability says..... RBCM's final 4th quarter

Energy Management review with BC Hydro was in July. BC Hydro was impressed once again with our progress!

FYI...Reports, minutes, updates, studies and presentations on sustainability initiatives are in:

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- The July 17th Seals baseball game draw winners were drawn so thanks for participating by in the BC Hydro turn it off draw!... We still have some "turn it off" or "turn off the lights" stickers, so if you'd like one... please come and see us!
- Here are tips from BC Hydro to help you and your family conserve energy and reduce our impact on the environment.....
- Get an energy audit and follow through with the recommendations.
- Draft proof your home or office. So, if you notice a breeze coming in through your office window, please let the PMO office know!
- Control lights (if possible), try turning them off whenever enough natural light is available.
- Install automatic lighting controls. Most of our washrooms have already been completed and as funding permits, we will add to other rooms that would benefit from the control.
- Consider using seasonal LED ("SLED") lights for the upcoming festive seasons... which will be upon

us sooner than you think! BC Hydro's key Power Smart SLED messaging is that: SLED uses 95% less energy, better for the environment and your wallet (75 incandescent bulbs use the same energy as 9240 LED bulbs!); SLED's last up to 10 times longer; they are more durable with no filaments or glass to break; and they produce no heat which reduces the risk of fire.

BC Hydro has some consumer rebates available if you are buying certain energy efficient items. The forms are available free from BC Hydro.

Don't forget that you too can become a Team Power Smart member (it's free to sign up!) Check out:

<http://www.bchydro.com/powersmart>

<http://www.bchydro.com/guides tips>

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not." Dr. Seuss

DID YOU KNOW?

Risk Management is something that each of us practice every day, from deciding whether to use the last of the milk for breakfast before your other half wakes up, to deciding on whether or not to invest corporate capital into a project.

Key to risk management is the concept that it is a process to achieve balance between opportunity and risk, and not just a process that focuses on negative potentials.

Recent RBCM initiatives (e.g. HVAC, Marble Cladding,) are an excellent example of risk management: we are investing in our infrastructure now to reduce risk to the collections in the future.