BUDDHIST TEMPLE OF SOUTHERN ALBERTA

BTSA BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT TO AGM – March 7, 2010

As of the March 8, 2009 AGM, a recommendation was made to dissolve the Building Committee, and the committee was formally dissolved at the Board Meeting of March 11, 2009, with the proviso that Tak Okamura be designated to continue looking after any building concerns. Nearly all of the deficiencies were completed before the release of the final holdback to the contractor, and other than the installation of some minor remedial additions, such as the motorized dampers to prevent outside air from blowing in, particulary into the Dharma Classrooms, for a cost of $1,900. The children's Playground Area was completed, with the sodding of the lawn area, planting areas and installation of playground equipment, donated by Roland and Brenda Ikuta, and dedicated as the Lumbini Gardens in on October 4, 2009 at a cost of $2,142. Both front and back Curtains for the Naijin and Shrine area were installed at a cost of $12,850. The Donor Board was completed and installed at a cost of $11,000.

As you are all aware, we have acoustic problems in the Social Hall, and we are addressing this issue by having acoustic panels installed on the upper half of the south, north and east walls, and a contract has been awarded at a cost of $5,390.00, with the contractor, Roest Acoustics Ltd., donating $1,500, for a net cost of $3,890 plus GST. Installation is scheduled to start within the next 2 weeks.

We have had some concerns from some of the senior members about the visiblity of the edge of the steps at the front and side entries, and that issue is being addressed to have non slip yellow striping adhered to the edge of the steps as soon as the weather conditions permit.

We are still awaiting a proposal from the contractor to have a sound barrier installed around the cooler to cut back on the noise when the compressor kicks in and hope to have this issue resolved shortly. The contractor is also to provide us with a proposal to rectify the water draining from the downspouts across the sidewalk in the front entry, causing icy condtions as it freezes.

You have probably noticed that the donor wall has had some unexplained cracks in the backing of the panels, and the contractor will be replacing the panels affected and the plaques will be reinstalled. For this reason, any new donation plaque installations will be updated once the panels have been replaced.

Other expenses related to the building and parking lots were maintainance items, such as heat and ventilating servicing and snow removal of the parking lot, and replacement to smaller jets in the wok.

With our first year of operations under our belt, building issues have not been a major problem, and costs related to the building have been minimal.

The Best news, as reported in the latest Hikari, is that the building is now fully paid for, and the mortgage has has been retired.

Respectfully submitted,

Tak Okamura