



## Greetings from the Chair & Co-Chair

Mark and Cindy Diamond

The Steelhead community was first settled in and around 1900 to 1910 with newsmen who worked in Vancouver for *The World*, *The Herald*, and *The Province* newspapers and commuted home on weekends. As Steelhead became more established, it attracted more settlers who began to earn a living out of the thick, lush forests. The first school in Steelhead was established in 1915 and the first community hall built in 1929. Unfortunately, the hall burnt to the ground a month after opening its doors. In 1956 another community hall was built and remained active until around 1970 when the SCA sold the land and the building and adopted the old schoolhouse until sometime in the 1980s when it was torn down.

The Steelhead community talked about the feasibility of building another community hall in Steelhead for many years and finally approached the District of Mission in 2005 about the possibility of leasing the one-acre lot where the old Steelhead schoolhouse was. The concept of the return of a community hall in Steelhead was for a number of purposes such as a central location/marshalling place in the event of an emergency, a general meeting place, community programs that include health and social activities, as well as for a revenue generator for the Association to help build and maintain a healthy community. The District of Mission advised us to put together a proposal outlining our commitment and in November 2006 a Land Use Agreement was signed leasing the land to the SCA for a dollar a year. Site preparation and excavation began in July 2007.

This lengthy joint project has been funded through grants, fundraising, community connections, and especially through volunteer labour! In 2010 the Steelhead Community Association was nominated and the proud recipient of the District of Mission Special Accomplishment Award. This award was given in recognition of all our volunteers hard work, commitment and dedication to the community hall project and making Steelhead a better place to live. In the words of past Mayor James Atebe: "These volunteers exemplify a common characteristic: a desire to contribute and to give from the heart to improve the quality of life for others. Although their service is voluntary, it does not come without enormous personal cost, perseverance, dedication and caring. Our community is a stronger, more compassionate, and livable community because of the spirit of volunteerism."

On September 6, 2016, we can finally and happily announce the long awaited and much anticipated Steelhead Community Hall was granted the Final Occupancy Permit!

Words alone do not adequately express the gratitude felt to all the hard-working and dedicated volunteers of Steelhead as well as volunteers that live outside our community, who have given so selflessly, to bring the dream of a Steelhead Hall to reality.

*"Courage doesn't always roar, sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, I will try again tomorrow."*  
~ Mary Anne Radmacher-Hershey

**"If you do not hope; you will not find what is beyond your hopes!"**



## Blast from the Past

Bonnie Harber

Our family joined the Steelhead Community Association around 1976. What a fun and busy place it was. The original Steelhead School was the community center, rented from the School Board for \$1 a year and maintenance. The original school was located on the same property as the new hall.

We had monthly meetings and held many annual events. The most memorable ones were the Halloween parties. Everyone brought their candy and pumpkins to the hall to be distributed. Adults as well as kids tried to out-do each other for the best costume award. Hot dogs, hot chocolate, goodies and fireworks rounded out the evening.

Christmas time featured decorating the hall and a live tree donated by the tree farm. Santa always made an appearance (the bus driver Cookie). The residents from Waddell's Guest Home were regular attendees and added to the excitement. Adults would put on a skit, the little kids put on a play or sang, and the teens also did a performance. Every kid in Steelhead sat on Santa's knee and received a gift. And of course, all the Christmas baking was a huge hit.

Then there was the "Annual Spring Thing" which took months to prepare for. It was many events rolled into one: A white elephant table; auction; Miss Steelhead contest; Tombola game; Bake table; Games; and then a potluck dinner (Doreen Cameron always hid the ambrosia I made under the table to enjoy later at clean-up).

Then of course the Steelhead picnic which is still being held and now known as the Steelhead Summer BBQ. Also held at the old school were card parties (Whist); New Years dances; Several of the local girls held their weddings in the school; Baseball games; We even had a cheerleading squad that entered the agricultural parade in Mission, Steelhead usually had a float as well. I must not forget Teen Night on Friday night, the kids sure had fun.

At that time two families in Steelhead, the Thomas's and the Zehner's both had 8 kids each, with several others having 3 or 4, there were usually plenty of us around for any get together.

There were, of course, the never-ending work bees, as we were responsible for the upkeep on the school. Everyone pitched in. Then we started having work bees at each other's' properties in between and always ended every event with a potluck supper and of course the staple beer, great company, and lots of laughs.

I can't wait to see those days return with the completion of our spectacular new hall.





# Community Hall Update



## The Making of a Hall... Excerpts from Past *Community Hall Updates*

*Winter 2007* 🍂 "...and we're off..Yes!"

*Spring 2008* ☀️ "...the spirit was willing but the weather was not...now remains a good layer of snow."

*Winter 2008* ❄️ "...the logs have been transported to a log home building site where they will build... then be brought back here where they will be re-erected into the hall..."

*Spring 2009* 🌸 "...an inspection to be done...we can put metal on the roof..."

*Summer 2009* ☀️ "...inspections have passed...waiting for release of funds needed to put on roof..."

*Winter 2009* ❄️ "...roof is pretty much completed...most of the windows and doors have been Installed...the tar paper has been applied and the siding should be going on soon...grading of parking lot and surrounding area of hall..."

*Spring 2010* 🌱 "...the skylights are all in...windows and doors are in...siding is nearly completed... DoM Council unanimous to provide hook-up to water line to hall at no cost to us... and four loads of large rock to incorporate into our landscape..."

*Summer 2010* ☀️ "...landscape...donated trees, plants, rhodos, hydrangeas, honeysuckle, topsoil, grass seed, fertilizer..."

*Fall 2010* 🍁 "...exterior log staining..."

*Spring 2011* 🌻 "...latest work being done with interior plumber and electrician..."

*Summer 2011* 🌸 "...plumbed and ready to go...electrician getting us energized...rock picking... fertilizing and re-seeding the lawn...grass is growing and it looks beautiful... mow grass...lay down river rock around perimeter of hall...weeding and mowing... power washing and staining soffits...building forms getting ready for concrete...sidewalks and patios all poured now and looks fantastic..."

*Winter 2011* ❄️ "...interior T&G and logs have now been stained...framing inspection passed..."

*Summer 2012* 🌳 "...insulation complete..."

*Winter 2012* ❄️ "...vapour barrier up...exhaust fan donated...drywall donated...gate donated..."

*2012-2016* 🌲🌲🌲 "...metal power pole donated...drywall completed...kitchen cabinets and bar cabinets completed...mega painting work bee...chair rails done...wainscoting done...tile and grouting completed...trap door installed...kitchen roof built...gutters installed... milled and cooked silver birch floor installed and super-coated...exterior deck bar tops installed...sound system donated and installed...parking lot donation top-dressed, tamped and made proud...lot perimeter and fire-pit boulders... metal handrails installed... landscaping materials and deliveries...fit and finish inside and out...plumbing and electrical passed..."



*September 6, 2016*

"...Final Inspection passed!!!!!!!!!"

**"A dream doesn't become a reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work."  
AND A WHOLE LOT OF THANK-YOU'S TO ALL! NOW LET'S ALL HAVE SOME FUN!**



# Steelhead Happenings...



Terri Cameron

# Steelhead Matters

Hmmm, let's see. What has been going on as of late in this busy little community of ours?

WELCOME

First off, we would like to give a big warm Steelhead welcome to Reto, Nadine Koch and their beautiful little girl Danni, who moved into Pike and Doreen Cameron's homestead on Johnson St. They moved in in June and have already attended a couple of local events, so it looks like they are going to fit in just perfectly. I'm sure that "Gramma and Grampa" are smiling down on them, so very happy that there is love and laughter (and children!) again!

WELCOME

Also, a very, very long overdue welcome to Marlin & Carol Orthner, who moved into Steelhead on Johnson Street well over a year ago, but were never officially welcomed into the community. We hope to see you at future fun Steelhead events!

WELCOME

Same to Perry & Jayne Prins – Super tardy welcome but happy to have you in the 'hood! Same to anyone new that we missed! Welcome! It's a great place to live!



Congratulations to Hayley Jones, who graduated from Grade 12 at Mission Senior Secondary this year. We wish you the best of luck in all your future ambitions!



Love and congratulations go out to Travis & Carla Cameron (and big sisters Ella and Lucy) on the birth of their 3<sup>rd</sup> beautiful daughter! Ruby Suzanne Cameron was born on July 20<sup>th</sup> and is the 4<sup>th</sup> grandchild for very thrilled and overjoyed grandparents Terri Cameron & Paul Roberts. Pike & Doreen would be so proud of the growing Cameron Clan! Best wishes to all!



Look out Steelhead, we have a new driver on the road! All kidding aside, congratulations to Donovan Maher, who just got his driver's license on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Happy motoring! Also, Happy Birthday wishes to you as well, as you celebrate your 17<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Way to go Donovan! (I remember when you were 3, what?!



Congratulations to newlyweds Mr. & Mrs. Nash & Kiera Harrison, as they celebrated their wedding day on Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup> in our brand new Community Hall. It was a lovely day and Mother Nature smiled down on them as they exchanged their vows in the beautiful outdoors of the Hall. From all accounts, it was a beautiful wedding, and all who attended had a great time. Steelhead Community wishes you all the best as you begin your new life together!



Lastly, if we have missed anybody on their important day, we sincerely apologize. If you have any "Steelhead Happenings" that you would like to share with us, please feel free to drop a note into the suggestion box by the mailboxes or visit our website at [www.steelheadcommunity.com](http://www.steelheadcommunity.com).

# Steelhead Matters



## Pick up your Free Tipping Coupon for Dropping off Green Waste at Mission Landfill



"FireSmart is offering Steelhead residents one free tipping event per Steelhead household for dropping off green waste at the Mission Landfill.

Green waste is any yard debris requiring grinding before composting including brush, branches (no larger than 12"), vines and other natural vegetation.

Green waste is NOT construction waste, treated wood, stumps (due to rocks), branches over 12" diameter, any painted, treated or preserved wood. These materials cannot be composted and are subject to a charge at the Landfill.

Don't forget to secure your load. Unsecured loads are subject to a \$10 surcharge, not included in the free tipping fee.

Come into the Mission Fire Station #1, 33330 7th Avenue to pick up your FREE TIPPING COUPON.

Any questions or for further information, please call Captain Bishop at Fire Station#1 at 604-820-5398.



## Membership Drive

Now that the hall's done, let's all have fun and fill it up so join in and become a member! At \$20 per household it is a great deal and will go a long way to make various improvements and to help put on various community social events held throughout the year and, of course, keep a collective voice that will ensure community concerns will be heard.

New members may drop off \$20 with your name, address and telephone number in the LOCKED Suggestion Box by the mailboxes on Cardinal St, which is checked DAILY. We will also be selling memberships at all community events, and membership renewals at the June AGM. Thank you for your support!



## Steelhead Hall

### Grand Opening!!!

After seven long years, the Steelhead Community Hall is finally complete! Please join us at the hall on Saturday October 1 for an opening day celebration. It will be an open-house format from 2-5pm. There will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony and refreshments will be served. Bring your scissors!



## Halloween Howler

Saturday October 29 at 7pm  
Steelhead Community Hall

Adults Only

Dress up in your craziest costume and head down to the Steelhead Community Hall. There will be dancing, refreshments and the usual shenanigans.



Tickets \$10 (in advance or at the door)



## Annual Steelhead BBQ

About 40 Steelheaders came out to the BBQ on Saturday August 6. We had an Olympic theme in honour of the games in Rio. The kids enjoyed tossing pool-noodle javelins and fine tuning their table tennis skills. The adults were fascinated by the Olympic flames dancing in the new fire pit at the Steelhead hall. About \$200 was raised through the sale of burgers and hot dogs. Thanks to everyone who participated!



## Another Blast From the Past!

Excerpts from the Fraser Valley Record June 27, 1966



"Hawaiian Ball held Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup> was labeled a success, and was attributed to the hard work put in by many members of the community club. Friday, the ladies gathered to decorate the hall for the dance but were first confronted with the task of cleaning up the driveway and parking lot to get rid of debris left by recent logging operation in the vicinity of the hall. Ladies were assisted by Mr. Gordon Rebagliati. When finished, inside of the hall was gaily decorated with Hawaiian motifs. Setting a gay mood for the affair were the many colourful and authentic Hawaiian costumes sported by guests attending.