

## NEWS FROM THE JUDY JANUARY 2016

## LASQUETI HEALTH CENTRE NOW SLATED TO OPEN SPRING 2016

A successful \$80,000 2015 fundraising campaign plus the Powell River Hospital Board's \$125,000 contribution "seals the deal" to complete the Health Centre (HC) this year.

Tim Peterson, Chairperson of the Lasqueti Last Resort Society says, "We are very excited that we now have enough money to pay for the materials and specialized services needed to finish the Health Centre. The contribution from the PRHB means that we can open the Centre a year earlier than planned, but only with the continued generosity of our local volunteers."

A lot of progress occurred during 2015, and as the new year begins, the HC is: drywalled; has received it's first coat of paint; and the radiators are being installed. Next steps on the inside will include: flooring; cabinetry; painting; tile work; finish electrical and plumbing. Outside there's decks, ramps and stairs to build.

We are not "out of the woods" yet and will be calling on the community for volunteers throughout the winter and early spring to keep this project on track. Please schedule a few "Judy Days" into your plans over the next few months.

## MORE PROGRESS ON THE SERVICE BUILDING

Much progress has taken place at the mechanical heart of the JFC - the Service Building. This fall and winter has seen: the boxing and venting of the batteries; the installation of the wood fired water heater and it's chimney; installation of the potable water system (pictured below); the installation of the heating

water holding tank; and the installation of the back up generator.

Additionally a number of volunteers of all ages took part in a few firewood work bees resulting in a great pile of split wood being readied for the "big boiler." More volunteers came and dug ditches in the rain. What an amazing place Lasqueti is!

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## WHERE WILL ALL THE MONEY GO?

The vast majority of the money that remains to be spent to complete the HC will be used for finishing materials and specialized trades.

Most of us that live on Lasqueti share the experience of being amazed at how expensive the "last bits" of our construction projects are. The list below shows what's left to buy before we can open the doors and hold the first Nurse's clinic:

- Specialized flooring for the treatment rooms.
- Flooring for the rest of the building,
- Plumbing and Light fixtures
- Water Heater(s)
- Paint
- Interior doors, hardware and trim And that's just the big items, we also

need to spend money on heating fixtures, specialty furnishings, and landscaping.

With the push on to finish by late spring we will continue to seek volunteer help. Please come out for work days.

THANK YOU LASQUETI