



THANK YOU LASQUETI!

Once again Lasqueti Islanders came through in a big way for the Judith Fisher Centre. Donations and the proceeds of the Gala Dinner more than matched the Amazing \$32,500 Challenge and a total of \$80,000 was raised.



The Gala Dinner contributed \$30,000 towards the total, in large part thanks to a \$10,000 Matching Challenge that was made for Raise the Paddle. The other reason that the Gala was a success is the effort that the cooks, wait persons, decorators, support people and cleaners put out to make it a truly gala evening.

One of the most gratifying elements of fund raising for the Judy is the diversity of support this project draws. Getting the Health Centre built is something that: old time islanders; relative new comers; seasonal and full time residents; and families looking to reconnect with the island, all agree on.

What's Warm, Pink and Fuzzy?

Progress continues on getting the Health Centre ready for opening. Over the summer local volunteers completed the plumbing, rough in wiring, and other in-the-wall tasks. During the last week of September the building was completely insulated from top to bottom. It is now ready for dry walling which is anticipated to occur during October. Thanks to Mel and Rose Back's donation there is enough cedar lumber to complete the siding and decking on the building.

The summer fund raising cycle will pay for the rough wiring, insulation and drywall and painting. Some budget review will be in order at that time but the "budgetary expectation" is that we are within sight of finishing the project, and we also know that some more fund raising will be required. Some of the most expensive parts of the project come in the final finishing stage, they include flooring, cabinets, fixtures - electrical and plumbing, doors and trim.

Work continues at the service building as well, the firewood shed has some dry wood and the hot water heating system is slated to be operational this winter. So far the generator has not been a priority because of the success of the PV system but as dark days approach efforts are underway to construct a roof over the generator.



The Cooking and Community website has taken wing and has become a vibrant place to celebrate life and eating on Lasqueti. New postings, poems, stories and photos about the adventures of living here along with new recipes make the site worth a bookmark.

www.cookingandcommunitylasqueti-island.com is a wonderful window where visitors can get a peek of Lasqueti life. We all often get asked about life here, this is a good website to send them to.

The Lasqueti Cookbook, is a perfect gift for any one that has a kitchen and curiosity. Using the website makes it easy to order and ship - they even send a gift card that you can add a message to.



An Opening Day In Sight

At the current pace of work the LRS expects that the Health Centre will be open early in 2017. We have some funding applications in the works, which, if successful will allow us to open the doors in 2016.

To keep the timeline in perspective it was only two years ago - the summer of 2013 - that we broke ground on the building. Way to go Lasqueti!