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1. OUR YEAR IN RETROSPECT

Our year started with infinite promise in the expectation that all five member Bands would each commit the operational funds we require as a prerequisite for soliciting construction funding. In mid-year we experienced great disappointment when the Soda Creek Band was unable to follow the example of the other four, but the year ended on an extremely positive note as representatives of the four Bands expressed a determination to press ahead with the project, hoping that the Soda Creek Band will feel able to renew its commitment to the project in the foreseeable future.

Several things were accomplished during the year that advanced the project, and although we have reported on them in previous editions of this Newsletter, we think they bear repeating.

Our business community fundraising in support of building a bridge across Sucker Creek was completed in time for construction to be carried out in the Spring and the opening ceremony was conducted on July 1st. We acknowledged the many generous contributions that made this possible in earlier issues and on our website, but in the spirit of Christmas and at a time to give thanks we list them again in this edition.

Our determination to press ahead with what we have termed “mini projects” came to fruition in several ways. Firstly, we utilized generous grants from *CN* and from *Aboriginal Tourism BC* so as to raise a substantial grant from the *Cariboo-Chilcotin Beetle Action Coalition*. That enabled us to commission *McFarland Marceau* to carry out the design development phase of the overall project which they have started and which they aim to complete by the end of March 2016. Their final report will furnish us with a more detailed plan and with a much more precise cost estimate for the project, and will provide a solid basis for our future funding applications.

Our other mini project involves the construction of an earthen monument that we have reported on in previous editions. An application for the major portion of the required funding was submitted to the federal *Department of Canadian Heritage* in September, and an application for the balance will be submitted to the *Northern Development Initiative Trust* in February 2016. We hope to learn the outcome of those two applications by early Spring, and if successful, we plan to utilize most of the balance of 2016 in designing the monument and its related signage, leading to construction of the monument in early 2017 and its grand opening on July 1, 2017.

2. OUR TRIBUTE TO OUR BRIDGE SPONSORS AND DONORS

Although the accompanying photograph of the sign we erected in honor of our many generous sponsors and donors shows the names of their organizations, we’re taking the opportunity to list the names of those individuals who were instrumental in obtaining support for those donations. For so many reasons we are grateful to

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3. CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Although this edition won't reach our readers until early in the New Year, we take this opportunity to express the hope that the Christmas holidays were full of joy and happiness for all of you and for your loved ones, and our Society members wish you all a very happy, healthful and successful 2016.

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