

Monday, June 10th, 2013

Director Mr. Mickey Macri,
Area B of the Squamish Lillooet Regional District

Dear Mr. Macri,

Re: Request for funding support for Lillooet's Miyazaki House Restoration Project

Since our previous conversations over the last year, our volunteer group has been actively exploring ways to repair, preserve and upgrade Lillooet's historic Miyazaki House which has fallen into a state of disuse and disrepair over the past twenty years. We are proud to inform you that the Miyazaki House Society has been formed and officially recognized by the District of Lillooet so that we can seek financial support from our local communities, provincial and national governments.

We have to the best of our abilities, taken an inventory of all the repairs that are needed to bring the building up to standard. They include the following and are not limited to:

1. painting of the interior ceilings and the entire exterior of the house,
2. roofing over critical areas and installing new gutters,
3. repairing and refinishing the hardwood floors downstairs and upstairs,
4. removing old wall paper, installing drywall, and painting all the walls upstairs,
5. replacing trim,
6. upgrading the landscaping of the grounds,
7. repairing the collapsed root cellar
8. security system to prevent vandalism that has consumed a fair amount of the repair budget

At the present time, our district representative and staff, Mr. Wayne Robinson informs us that there is approximately an annual budget of \$6000 to hire contractors for maintenance/repairs, and an additional \$4000 allocated annually in funds for purchase of equipment and supplies for the Miyazaki House. Detailed accounting of expenditures would be available upon request. We are reaching out to local communities for volunteers and donations in kind, and we are actively planning fundraising events in hopes of raising the money needed to properly restore this heritage house to receive visitors from near and far.

This letter is a request for assistance from your office, and we appreciate your indication from last summer of a possible "matching fund." At the present time, the above mentioned annual budget from our district office is the only fund we have to rely on. The small amount that our group raised last year has already been used for recent activities involving community consultation - for publicity, supplies, and for registering and applying for the official society status.

Please advise us of any other options that we may pursue in order to move forward with our vision to revitalize Miyazaki House. We appreciate your consideration and look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

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