

REBUILDING HURLBURT COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN - (A Final Report to TUC) 2010.01.17

The Rebuilding Hurlburt Community Campaign ended on November 30.09.

Let me begin by quoting Ken Christensen and Bruce Blankley in a November 2009 letter to TUC leadership.

*"It is unfortunate that our ambitious goal of over two million dollars by way of cash donations or gifts in kind has had very limited success.*

*In June 2008 we attended a meeting at TUC with representation from the Boards of Governance, Trustees, Co-Chairs of the Congregational Campaign and ourselves. We left the meeting assured that the incorporation of the society was underway and that a satisfactory lease would be forthcoming.*

*Based on the assurances we received, a fundraising cabinet was established consisting of persons well experienced in fundraising in the North Okanagan. All of the cabinet members were advised that we (Ken & Bruce) were satisfied that the appropriate requirements for the relationship between Camp Hurlburt and TUC would soon be in place. Based on the information we had at that time we projected that our campaign goals could be achieved by the end of 2009."*

The Rebuilding Hurlburt Campaign was basically on hold for most of its 17 months pending the finalization of a lease. There has been a fair degree of frustration and tension with this struggle by TUC leadership to finalize the necessary Society and Lease.

In my June 2009 report to Trinity, we were still hopeful that the lease was imminent. The campaign team remained positive that even with only several months left in the campaign, when the lease was in place everyone could proceed wholeheartedly toward fundraising for Hurlburt. The lease was not in place when the campaign ended on November 30, 2009.

Kal Rotary had pledged \$20 000 for Rebuilding Hurlburt in September 2008. In November 2009, at the final campaign meeting, it was learned that a decision was made by Kal Rotary to redirect those funds to another community need. The funds were to have been provided to Rebuilding Hurlburt on the finalization of a lease and can be reapplied for when everything is in order. This is only one example of the loss to Rebuilding Hurlburt.

The community cabinet members are business and community leaders who recognize that Rebuilding Hurlburt is a worthy cause but have also recognized that the upheaval at our church has been detrimental to the campaign.

Next steps for Camp Hurlburt are again in the hands of Trinity leadership. Although I have acquiesced to a huge lost opportunity for Camp Hurlburt in 2009, there is no doubt that our local community wanted to support Rebuilding Hurlburt.

I leave you with best wishes from Ken Christensen and Bruce Blankley. *“It is our belief that any future fundraising efforts directed to the local community can be quite successful provided the public can be assured that a rebuilt Camp Hurlburt is guaranteed a long life.”*

Respectfully submitted,

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