



Market fundraisers nearing their goal

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By 2016, the refurbished, renovated and expanded former Gibsons Yacht Club building could be a vital waterfront hub if proponents successfully raise the initial \$250,000 funding. Photo submitted

The Gibsons Public Market team are just \$35,850 short of the \$250,000 target set by the Town of Gibsons that would enable the group – three local private families and Community Futures working with the Town – to finalize the purchase of the former Gibsons Yacht Club property.

All donations receive a charitable tax receipt from the Town, which will be the largest equity owner of the property. The goal is for the Town to eventually own 100 per cent of the property.

Once purchased the current building will be repaired and brought up to standard allowing for events, functions and some market related activities to be held there. Most of the work and materials for this first phase will be provided pro-bono and it is anticipated the doors would open for selected activities in the spring of 2014.

During 2014 the proponents will work with architects and engineers to further develop the detailed plans and drawings to renovate the building to a full three floors encompassing 12,000 square feet to accommodate all of the planned Market activities. Funds for this phase will be raised through a Community Bond, grants from foundations and government programs and an assortment of fund raising activities. The goal is to have the full Public Market operational before the end of 2016.

To donate, contact either Gerry at 604 886 6664; email gzipursky@gmail.com or Nick at 604 886 2199; email nicholas.sonntag@gmail.com Cheques may be dropped off or mailed to Russell F. Crum in Trust for Gibsons Public Market, Unit 100, 938 Gibsons Way, Gibsons BC V0N 1V7.

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