

Dear Mandir family,

Wish you and family, a very happy new year !

May the Goddess Mahamaya, bring you happiness and prosperity throughout the year 2010. May our dream fulfill in this year.

I do really appreciate your anxiety on Mandir project....Let us push through, and continuously follow up with each other.

With loving regards,

Warrier

Any project which is not reviewed progressively, will not achieve the target as scheduled. This is more important when Public /community at large is closely observing and anxiously waiting for progress.

Here is our latest update.

We have progressed a long way in the last 3 weeks. Each of the subcommittee is working hard to come up with a concrete proposal as soon as possible.

### **1. Registration Subcommittee**

The members led by Shiv Sharma, had put in lot of time and effort over the last one month. In fact I had attended couple of meetings and the last meeting for finalizing the constitution and bylaws took almost 4 hrs! The draft is in the final stage and could be released to patrons, early next week for review. The committee had taken such care that they consulted and assimilated past experiences of Hindu societies of Edmonton, Calgary, Saskatoon, Winnipeg and Toronto while drafting the Constitution/Bylaws.

Please be reminded that this is only a first milestone achievement in the long journey of complete registration with Revenue Canada. The second milestone will be registering the new organization with Province of Alberta under Societies Registration act. A Bank account could be opened after we finalize our organization structure and select key positions.

### **2. Land and Building Subcommittee**

One of the prime subcommittees - They have great responsibilities; Members are actively visiting various places and weighing different options to present it to the community at large by January 31<sup>st</sup> (*lets watch for this milestone from land Committee*

!). They also have regular meetings/discussions and even formed three task forces to approach different opportunities.

I am highly impressed by the professionalism of the members and expect them to present 1-3 proposals to choose. One of the impressive outcome is that they are also exploring some commercial opportunities so that Mandir will be self sustaining - that means, mortgage could be paid back faster by the rental income which could be generated;

For your information, Hindu Society in Winnipeg has a sprawling complex of a 30,000 sq.ft with fitness centre, library etc.

### **3. Fund Raising & Publicity Subcommittee**

As all of us know, if this subcommittee is not active, our dream just could not materialize. This Committee needs a large member base support with different geographical background so as to percolate down to various Indian sub groups in Fort Mac.

Even though we surpassed **\$120K** in pledges, that is not even 10% of the target funds required (~ \$1.5 M). More disturbing fact is that contribution came from less than 50 families whereas we have around 450 Hindu families in Fort Mac.

While we thank the quick responders, we also request them to talk to friends to support this great initiative.

If anyone is interested in supporting fund raising efforts, please contact our Satish or Jay Patel.

All of us need to remember that this fund raising is a noble cause - no personal interest involved - please ensure the spirits of volunteers are kept high!

The only interest for us should be creation of '**Vasudeva Kudumbakom'** for Indians in Fort McMurray.

Please come, support and join this great initiative!

### **4. Mortgage**

This is another important item in the step by step progress in fulfilment of our dream; we need at least 10 **Pillar Patrons** to stand guarantee to the mortgage. Any philanthropist with pure devotion should come forward. Please contact me, whenever it is convenient.

### **5. Planning/Scheduling/Estimation Support**

If there is someone with skills in this area we need your help.

6. **Access Database Programmer**

If there is someone with the above skills, we need your help to develop a program for Mandir database.

Regards,

Vish Warrier