Dhanyatmans,

It is long since our last update on May 28th 2011; Here are the latest Update from your Mandir…

1. By the grace of Almighty God, we achieved a significant milestone this Friday, July 22nd. We have successfully completed “Sanatan Mandir’s Roadshow in the community. The public Open house for the Municipal bylaw site specific amendment for our proposed land was a great success; along with our partners, the Church Group, we presented a beautiful picture of our Mandir to the satisfaction of the Draper Community and the Municipal authorities; By the blessings of our elders and all of your prayers, there was no specific concern raised by Drapper Road local community against building religious place. This makes our next journey and Municipality’s task easy;

This was the culmination of a series of discussions, meetings and campaign for our Mandir with the Municipality and others; We salute all the volunteer efforts- time and energy spent on such critical issue…..

2. Please be informed that we have other tasks such as Land Survey, Environmental Impact Assessment, Geo-technical Study etc. to be completed before the Sub-division. Municipality also has certain procedures which all may take another 4-5 months. We are requesting the Owner of the Land to extend the Closing date. However we believe that we have passed through the biggest hurdle of Public Consultation and other issues.

 3. As informed earlier, our bank balance is around $430K. We need another $120K more, before Closing to complete all the formalities as mentioned above.

Your sincere support in realizing our dream Mandir is well appreciated…There are still a few prominent members of our community to grace this noble cause; Our humble request to them – Kindly open your heart – Be supportive of this great cause….share your fortune from this mother earth (Fort McMurray Oil-sands) with the community you live;

A simple overview of the donations received is as follows:

Total Life Members (LM) registered : 237

Total CAD as donations of LM = 388,662 (This do not include any corporate or puja sponsor's donations)

LM Donation amount 5000 or more = 20

LM Donation amount between 3000 to 4999 = 8

LM Donation amount between 2000 to 2999 = 41

LM Donation amount between 1000 to 1999 = 168

4. We are also receiving donations from other Oil-sand companies and philanthropists. This was possible only due to our community involvement and cultural background. We need more volunteers to make the presence of “SMCS” in the community events. If you have time to spare, please contact our Community Director, Sri RK Gupta (Ph: Home 780-790-9520).

5. In order to keep our momentum live, we were involved in lots of volunteer activities & programs during last couple of months. We (SMCS society) performed better than our expectations with the help & blessings of you all. To keep up this momentum, our humble request to all society members is to join us, and give some of your valuable time by volunteering in the upcoming events. Our immediate next program participation is the "Heritage Day Celebration" on 1st August 2011. Details will be shortly communicated. Please contact any of our committee members for volunteering for this event for keeping our vibrant presence in the local community.

Finally, if anyone needing more information for positively contributing to the noble causes, please approach any of our committee members.

In His Service,

With love and warm regards,

 Mandir Executive Committee.

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On this path, effort never goes to waste, and there is no failure. Even a little effort toward spiritual awareness will protect you from the greatest fear.

 ~ Bhagavad Gita