Mandir Update # 19

Dhanyatman,

The first Update of the year brings you a very happy news. Incidentally these ‘Mandir Update’ is in the FOURTH successful year of publication ! The First issue came out in 2009.

We are grateful to all Mandir Patrons for their generous support during the last couple of years.

Here are the Updates:

On January 1st, we started our first physical activity on Mandir Construction – On this auspicious day 5 families sponsored Satyanarayan Katha in our interim mandir, and after that, Dozers ploughed through snow, bushes and trees to pave the way for geotechnical investigation and topographic survey in the proposed land in Draper road.

We also started a new page under [“Mandir Construction”](http://fortmcmurraymandir.com/mandir-construction.html) in our website, where you can get all information.

The geotechnical report as required by the Municipality is ready. After review by the Planning and Development, our land sub division proposal will be presented to the Municipal Council by the last week of February. It is expected that all Municipal formalities will be complete and the Land will be ready for purchase by March- April 2012. The owner of the Land has kindly extended the agreement until April end.

2. The Interim mandir is functioning well and it is attracting more people. Monthly Satyanarayan Katha on every Purnima and other Bhajans give an opportunity to our community to worship Lord in a place called ‘Mandir’. Please sponsor the Pooja, if your Anniversary or children’s birth day falls on that month.

3. The Hundi (Donation Box) recorded more than $3500/- in the last 5 months, which is a great achievement. Our target is $1000/-each month. Please donate generously, whenever you visit Mandir.

4. Our Community initiatives brought us more than $60,000/- in grant for the current financial year. This is highly commendable achievement. Our sincere gratitude to all those volunteers who supported us – May God Bless your family for the noble effort – Please accept this as a personal appreciation from Lord…..Our humble request is to bring us ideas for community involvement and support with your volunteering time.

5. Fund Raising: We are still short of $50,000/- for the Land purchase and the associated formalities. We are counting on your generous support. Please encourage your friends to donate at least 1% of the family income as ‘Once in a Lifetime’ gift to Fort Mcmurray Lakshmi Devi…

6. Finally, it is time for the new Executive Council and the Governing Board for our Society. The Annual General Body (AGM) meeting will be on March 11th 2012 (Sunday) in Father Mercredi High School @11am. Nominations are requested for serving the Lord in various capacities – if you are interested, please send your nominations – [fmmandir@yahoo.ca](mailto:fmmandir@yahoo.ca)

In the service of the Lord,

Vish Warrier

President

Devesh/Vasanth/Laxmikant/Sanjiv/Sandeep/Deepak/Rakesh/Jay/Chitra/Lata/Nandakumar/Jagsingh

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"Whatever you took, you took from God. Whatever you gave, you gave to him. You came empty handed, you will leave empty handed." Bhagwan Sri Krishna in ‘Bhagavat Gita’

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