

Dhanyatmans,

1. The general feedback on two days of Spiritual Sadhana was really encouraging. Many thanks to Pandit Roopnath Sharmaji, who has really boosted up the momentum and enthusiasm among volunteers.

It is most unfortunate that many of our friends could not attend the programs. Mandir, being an umbrella set up for all spiritual organizations in Fort McMurray, our humble request is that please give preference to Mandir functions and attend them in large numbers.

Our sincere "Dhanyawadâ€™ to all volunteers who helped us in this great effort - in planning, organizing, cooking, clean-up and whole heartedly participating in the Mandir program.

2. Most hearty news is that we surpassed **\$300K** milestone in pledge collection from 170 families. A Big thank you to all donors and volunteers! The latest pledge total is attached.

3. The minutes of the last public meeting held on April 17th is also attached for your reference.

4. As we mentioned during the Anjaneya Pooja, we have some good news ...by the grace of Hanumanji, we are closing-in on two alternate pieces of land.

These two sites are above 5 Acres and 5 Km from downtown on the Draper Road. The cost of either plot is around \$400K. The development charge for 1 Acre is around \$350K. Power is available, but no other utilities. We need to develop only 1 Ac, which could be financed by Bank.

But there are hurdles...The municipality has to approve permit for building religious place in the area and agree for lot sizing. We had couple of discussions with municipality and are optimistic.

Now, there is a risk - as the Draper Road will be asphalted this year, the price may go up and the landlord may not hold onto his promise...how fast we will be able to close the deal ?

5. A proposal came up from the floor, which looks very positive -

To form an independent Trust "Fort McMurray Mandir Development Trust" of 20 people who are willing to give loan of \$20K for buying the land in Trust's name. The purpose of the Trust solely will be to purchase the land and transfer to SMCS after obtaining all necessary approvals from Municipality. These 20 people will be considered as Pillar Patrons till the loan is repaid to them. Tax receipt could only be issued when we transfer the land to SMCS, by which time we expect to get CRA approval.

If due to any reason, the Trust fails to obtain necessary approval within reasonable time (12 months), the land will be sold and the money will be returned to Pillar Patrons. In the event of this situation, to sustain the confidence of the community the executive committee proposes as under:

- The loss in the transaction shall be borne by the individuals and profit will be returned to Mandir.
- Another advantage is that if we are able to identify a better, cost effective land, the Trust could sell and retrieve their money.

Mandir Executive Committee is always open for suggestions and discussions on the modalities of this Trust.

As always said - lead by example, I am offering myself as your humble servant for the first Pillar Patron.

We are looking for philanthropist, who could support this noble and pious cause.

No success without pain - each one of us to look around and find a way to mobilize 20 Pillar Patrons.

If Hanumanji could soar above the ocean to Lanka with the blessings of Sri Ram, then we will achieve **Sethu Bandhan** through your support.

We will come up with a 30 day count down, starting Monday, May 3rd - Target is to find out 20 Pillar Patrons by June 3rd. If you are willing but wish to be anonymous at the beginning, please let us know (fmmandir@yahoo.ca). Please contact Devesh Amin (780 742 6293/ 780 742 6293) for further information on this initiative.

It is our expectation that, if GOD's willing, we will perform Bhumi Pooja on our site by July 24th !

We are coming up with a 'Risk Review Matrix' on our land proposal next week. Comments are always welcome.

May Lord SatyaNarayana bless this endeavor !

With love,

On behalf of Mandir Committee

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