

Hollyburn Heritage

Society

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Following on HHS Newsletter No. 19, December 2015, 2016 became the major building year for the renewed Hollyburn Lodge. Early on we anticipated an opening for July 1st. However, Mother Nature conspired to let us have a nice long ski season. Unlike several previous years when one was able to see brown ground early May we got more snow. This put a cap on early construction and doomed our July 1st opening. We then considered BC Day August but decided to give the crews more time, we'll make opening for Saturday September 10th.

As those of us that have faced any construction job will understand that labour, materials, inspections can all combine to put the kibosh on owners' fixed date for occupancy. Hence, September 10th was cancelled. Construction and most of all, finishing does require time to get the best result. Work has been progressing well in recent months. Looks fairly certain the date for official opening will be January 15th, 2017 – this makes exactly 90 years from the date Rudolph Verne and Three Swedes had for official opening Hollyburn Ski Camp.

Accomplishments

Margaret Mead once remarked that if you want to get a job done, give it to a small group of people. This was demonstrated with "Hollyburn Lodge 2015 Renewal Project" Committee. Our group, representatives from Cypress Mountain, Bobby Swain, President & Gen. Manager, Joffrey Koeman, Marketing Manager, Kevin Healy, H/L Construction Manager, Maureen Collins & Jenn Davies, Financial Officers; from Corporation District West Vancouver Mary Ann Booth, Councillor, Christie Rosta, Manager Special Events, Caroline Hyatt & Claire Woodridge; from Hollyburn Ridge Association, Jackie Swanson, President; from Hollyburn Heritage Society, Donald Grant, Chairman and Iola Knight, Secretary-Treasurer. The two Hollyburn orgs. looked after the public financial donations. The Committee was able to accumulate almost all \$300,000, the public contribution to the total cost for the renewed lodge. It was accomplished without spending on 'fancy advertising', fundraising parties. It was demonstrated that people really enjoyed this facility in the past and look to the renewed lodge having been built "in its image" and "on its footprint" for future pleasure.