



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA

FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OF THE VILLAGE OFFICE AT 6:00 PM ON MONDAY, JULY 25, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PRESENTATIONS

2.1. Ashcroft/Cache Creek Rotary Club and Ashcroft & District Lions Club
- Harmony Project Proposal

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2.2. Other items as time permits

3. TERMINATION

MEMO TO: Mayor Jeyes & Council

MEMO FROM: Michelle Allen, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: July 8, 2016

SUBJECT: ROTARY & LION CLUBS PROPOSAL FOR HARMONY BELL PROJECT

Background

The Ashcroft/Cache Creek Rotary Club and the Ashcroft & District Lions Club have worked together over the past several years to revitalize the Chinese Cemetery and provide the respect that these workers deserve as part of our history. The two clubs are now working together on a Harmony Project.

Discussion

Attached to this memo is an information package received from Pache Denis earlier this week. The package outlines the project and seeks Council approval. The clubs are not seeking any financial contribution from the Village but are looking to secure a location for this project.

The proposed project will be an amazing piece of art and will provide the opportunity for healing and reconciliation for First Nations, Chinese and other nationalities. The project will be 9 ½ feet wide and 12 feet high and the clubs are proposing that it be installed at the Wagon Site at the entrance to the community.

As Council is aware, there are a number of concerns with installing any additional tourist attractions at this site which include:

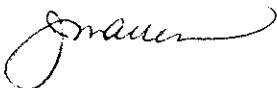
1. The property is owned by MOTI and therefore they would have to approve the project
2. The area is a busy intersection with crosswalks, the junction with Brink Street, signage to the campground, downtown, etc.
3. The lack of safe off street parking for visitors to park and walk to the harmony bell and ring it
4. The concern that visitors who wish to take a photo of the project may have to go out into the highway which causes a safety concern

Administration has mentioned that our Heritage Place Park no longer pays tribute to our First Nation connections as the pit house was removed a number of years ago due to safety concerns. Perhaps an area at the park could be modified to allow this project to be developed and incorporated into the park. The Village lacks property in the downtown core which will continue to be a challenge for future projects.

Recommendation

The two clubs will be making a presentation to Council at the Committee of the Whole meeting on Monday, July 25 at 6:00 pm however they would appreciate Council reviewing the proposal and contacting Pache with any questions prior to the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



J. Michelle Allen,
Chief Administrative Officer



Ashcroft/Cache Creek Rotary Club SERVICE Above Self

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June 27, 2016

Mayor and Council
Village of Ashcroft
Ashcroft, BC V0K 1A0

Honorable Mayor and Council:

Re: Harmony Project Proposal

We are seeking your approval in principle for the Harmony Project and the designation of an appropriate site within the Village of Ashcroft for the placement of the World Harmony Mosaic and Peace Bell.

Our local Rotary Club and Lions Club have partnered in working on improving and maintaining the Ashcroft Cemetery over the past dozen years or so. We are now partnering on the Harmony Project which we believe will increase the interest of visitors to come into Ashcroft and discover our jewel in the desert.

I and representatives of the Rotary and Lions Clubs would appreciate an opportunity, at your next meeting, to present the proposal and answer any questions you may have. Attached is the project description, plans, and projected budget. Please note, we are not seeking any direct funding from the Village of Ashcroft.

Please contact Pache Denis, a member of the Harmony Project Committee, if you have any questions prior to the meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karma Kubbernus".

Karma Kubbernus, President
Ashcroft-Cache Creek Rotary Club

cc Gordon Daily, President
Ashcroft and District Lions Club

Pache Denis, Harmony Project Committee
pdenis@telus.net or 250-453-9227



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July 5, 2016

Mayor and Council
Village of Ashcroft
Ashcroft, BC V0K 1A0

Honorable Mayor and Council:

Re: Harmony Project Proposal

The Ashcroft & District Lions Club in partnership with the Ashcroft/Cache Creek Rotary Club are seeking your approval in principle for the Harmony Project and the designation of an appropriate site within the Village of Ashcroft for the placement of the World Harmony Mosaic and Peace Bell.

There are several mosaic projects around town and we believe that this one will be an attraction and something that the residents and visitors alike will enjoy.

We are not seeking any direct funding from the Village of Ashcroft.

We would like an opportunity to attend your next meeting to present the proposal and answer any questions you have.

Sincerely,

Lion President Gordon Daily

cc Karma Kubbernus, President,
Ashcroft-Cache Creek Rotary Club

Pache Denis
Heritage Project Committee

May 26th, 2016

A Proposal to the Ashcroft Rotary Club

By: Marina Papais and Daniel Collett

Proposal: We propose to design, make and install a 9'x12' piece of Public Mosaic Art with the theme of World Harmony. We are willing to complete this Harmony project for the cost of materials. Our intention is to create an inviting, positive and meaningful statement that celebrates Life, not only in Ashcroft but as an intention towards the world as a whole.

Design: The structure to house the Art has been designed (see attached drawing) and most of the main ideas and concepts have been discussed at length. Since the actual mosaic design is an organic process that builds and changes by the moment, the best we can do for now is to provide key inspirational words, ideas about colour, main themes etc. Please read the words on the drawing to get an idea where we might be heading. Of course since this is a piece about Harmony, we need to celebrate our cultural differences, and more importantly, our similarities.

A beautiful bell has also been donated to the cause by one of our beloved senior community members. This bell has inspired the idea of hanging it high on the art frame and calling it the Harmony Bell. We envision a plaque or sign near the pull cord (and possibly signs at the highway entrances) inviting people to "Ring the Ashcroft Harmony Bell for World Peace" The Frame would be set in concrete and for further stability during high winds, air spaces have been provided in the design.

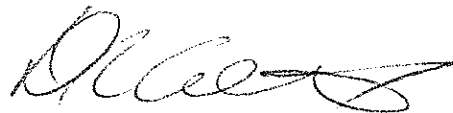
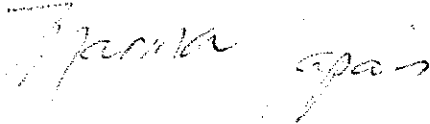
Location: Ultimately, we would like to see this piece installed where it would be seen by visitors driving across the bridge toward Ashcroft Safety Mart (see enclosed picture). MOT would need to approve the location.

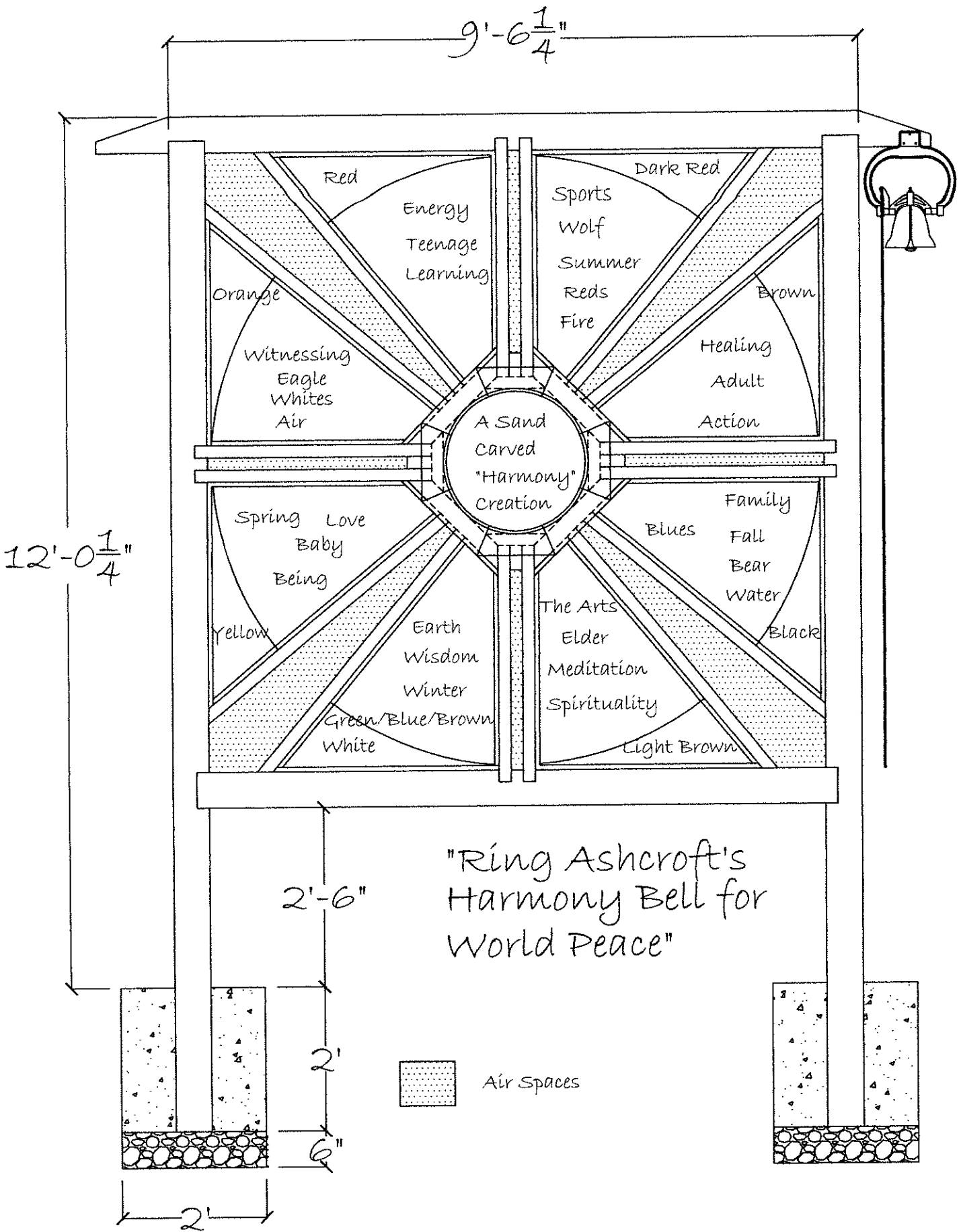
Cost: See attached estimate

Thank you for your Consideration.

Sincerely,

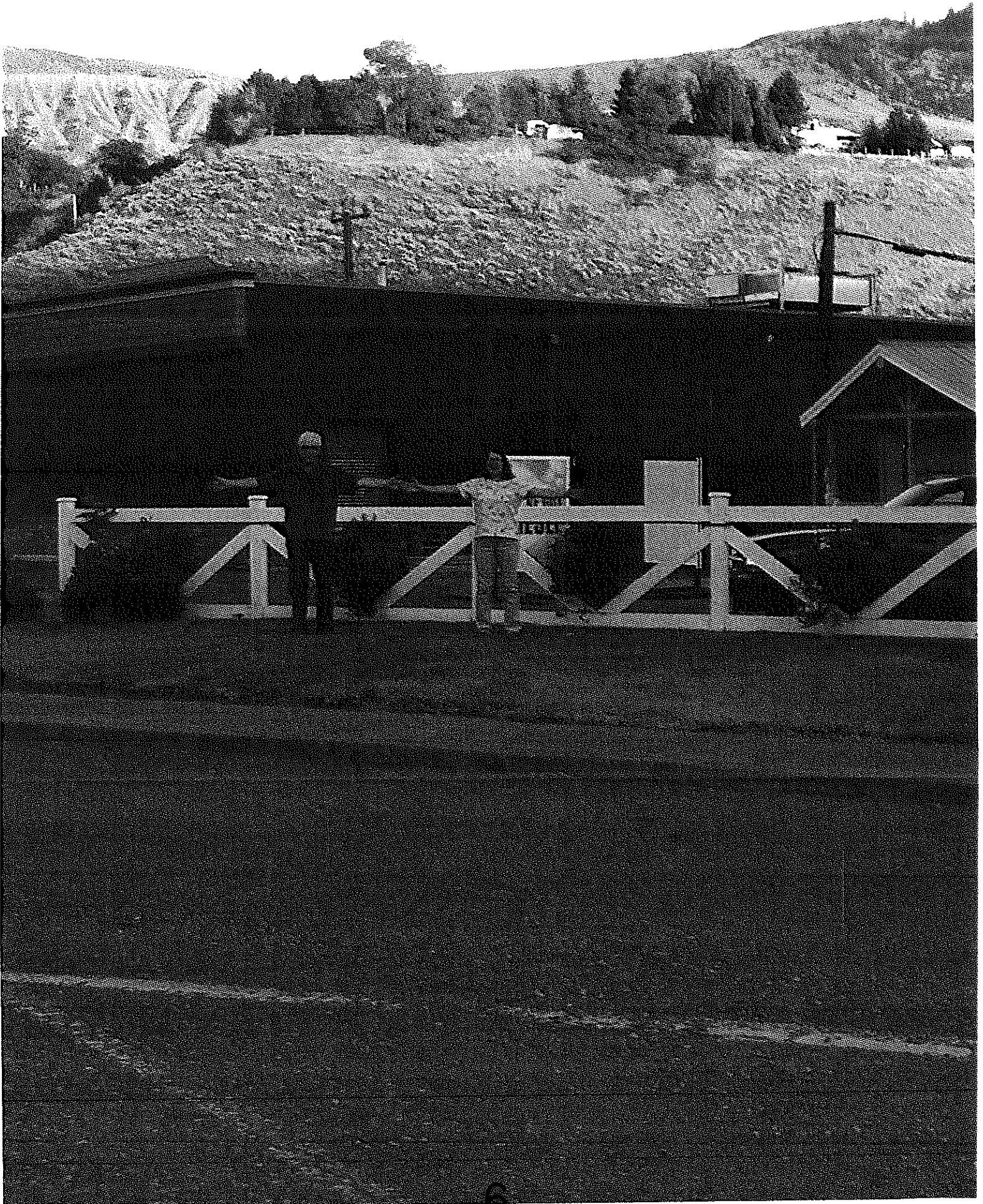
Marina and Daniel





"Ring Ashcroft's
Harmony Bell for
World Peace"

Harmony



Hello Marina & Daniel

My sincere apologies for not being able to respond to your message earlier. I just returned home yesterday.

It was also my great pleasure meeting both of you. Your creations have filled me with awe and admiration. I am very grateful that you have designed the lovely glass mosaics for commemorating the early Chinese in Ashcroft. Your artworks have testified the presence and significance of Canadian Chinese history and heritage in Ashcroft. Thank you ever so much. Hope that you have already looked at the website of the New Pathways to Gold Society (NPTGS) and found the guidelines for the application of funding. When you or the Rotary send in the proposal please make sure that letter(s) of support from the community, especially the Ashcroft Council for the projects are included, and matching/supporting funds from other sources are possible.

I admire your incentives in producing another piece of art work for reconciliation with a bell to be chimed by visitors/tourists whose ringing tone signifies 'welcome to Ashcroft'. What an ingenious idea of promoting tourism for Ashcroft! Reconciliation (for First Nations, Canadian Chinese and other nationalities) and promotion of tourism in BC interior are the mandates of NPTGS. Therefore, application for funding from Ashcroft will have a very good chance to get some money from the Society.

NPTGS will have the next board meeting in the mid of October. If the application for funding could be sent in three weeks or so prior to Oct 16, it would be great. I will give you/Ashcroft full support at the board meeting.

Regards

Lily Chow

Harmony Project Budget Estimate

Mosaic Glass	\$1,568
Mosaic Art Supplies	275
Harmony Bell	400
Engraving (abrasive materials)	375
Plywood	100
Treated Posts	200
Fasteners	50
Concrete & Wire Mesh	200
Stain	100
Miscellaneous Supplies & Equipment	1,470
Hub Fees	1,000
Labour for constructing and installing frames	1,500
Labour for Glass Art Work & Engraving	12,800
Contingencies	1,450
Total Cost	\$20,588
Donations	
Donated Engraving and Art	\$12,800
Donated Construction Labour	1,500
Donated Harmony Bell	400
Total Phase 3 Donations	\$14,700
Funding shortfall	<u>\$5,888</u>