

VISITOR INFORMATION PARK



It all started with an idea, an empty, dusty site,
a determined board of directors and a lot of
community-minded businesses and organizations.

As you go through this, I sincerely hope you enjoy many of the wonderful photos we were able to take throughout the construction of the Visitor Information Park. I wish to reiterate, this project was not possible without the support of the many community members and just how grateful we are for everyone's support!



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October 17th, 2012*



Before the Visitor Information Park was developed, it was dry, dusty and boring to look at.



This is a picture of the Way-finding Map of Gibsons which was initially erected at this site in 2006.



Look inside to see the many wonder pictures of how this site transformed into the beautiful park it is today.



GIBSONS & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Working to Promote Business & Tourism on the Sunshine Coast

As the Gibsons & District Chamber of Commerce, the “Voice of Business for the Sunshine Coast”, our mission is to foster economic growth, stability and opportunity for businesses in all Sunshine Coast communities.

On behalf of our business members, we advocate to all levels of government, communicate news, and disseminate pertinent business information, as well as supporting local businesses through awareness, education and networking opportunities. Also, as our mission statement states: “The Gibsons & District Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to promoting local business and taking a leadership role in issues affecting the business community.” We feel that this VIP project achieves these goals through bridging a visitor information gap between the communities, offering services and information to visitors which will encourage spending more time here on the Sunshine Coast; and—of course—makes for an aesthetically pleasing first impression to visitors to the Sunshine Coast while and promoting and supporting local businesses and residents.

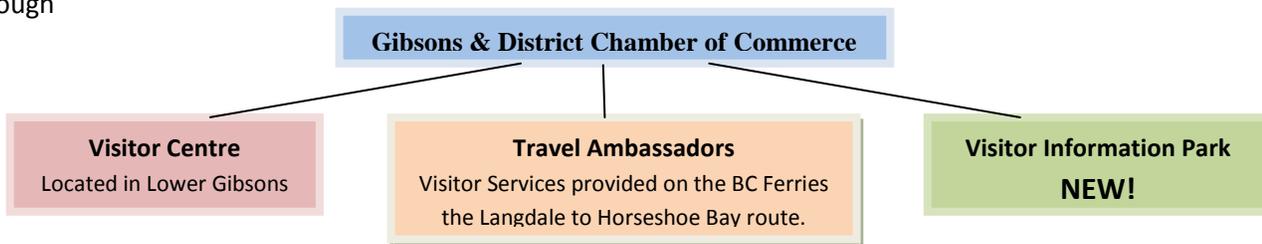
The GDCC has four main programs. Our core operation, the Chamber of Commerce, supports local businesses through

awareness, education and networking opportunities. We also run three supporting programs to support local businesses through tourism: the **Travel Ambassadors**, the **Gibsons Visitor Centre** and most recently, the **VIP**.

The Travel Ambassadors are our front line. They greet visitors, tourists and residents on BC Ferries' Langdale to Horseshoe Bay route. The Travel Ambassadors are made up of volunteers, mainly retirees, who provide visitor information services on the 40 minute ferry ride. This program runs from May until September each year. Last year alone, the Travel Ambassadors spoke with or helped 40,000 visitors, tourists and residents.

GDCC also manages the Visitor Information Centre located in lower Gibsons. This is a year-round facility that assists visitors and tourists, as well as residents, by providing information on where to stay, where to eat, what to do and how to get around.

We are proud to include the newly create Visitor Information Park as part of the programs offered through the GDCC.



BACKGROUND

This project came about when the previous map, which had been erected by the Gibsons and District Chamber of Commerce (GDCC) in 2006, was destroyed in a major wind storm in January of 2010. Replacement discussions started in March of 2010 and by June of 2010, a committee was struck to come up with a plan to replace the Map.

This area is the “Gateway to the Sunshine Coast”, and had long been identified as a missed opportunity to welcome and orient visitors.

This is the “Wayfinding Map” which was initially erected in 2006.

Since this map was situated parallel to the highway it did not draw much attention.



The committee reviewed a number of options and decided to replace the map with a structure in keeping with the community esthetics already established on the Sunshine Coast. We also wanted to increase the usability of the map, by incorporating all the towns and municipalities from Howe Sound to Desolation Sound.

Key highlights as to why this location would be ideal for the Visitor Information Park:

- ▶ **According to the most recent traffic counts available, the traffic volume in summer can be as high as 16,640 vehicles per day!**
- ▶ **Our Visitor Centers have an average of 12,000+ visitors per year recorded, and**
- ▶ **The Ferry Travel Ambassadors have tracked an average of 40,000 visitors annually requesting information while on the ferry.**

The reason the board felt it was important to create a better “way finding map” was to aid business throughout the entire Sunshine Coast – not just Gibsons. Many of our businesses support the ENTIRE coast, not just a portion and it made more sense to support something that was Coast-wide and which would be useful for ALL visitors.

Not only are there maps located at the site, there is information about events on the Sunshine Coast, information on who to contact (all visitor centers are listed) for more specific information about where to stay, things to do and places to eat and how to get there!

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

Our goal was to utilize a greatly underused opportunity to welcome and orient visitors to the Sunshine Coast in the best potential location to do so. In order to accomplish this, we needed to provide convenient facilities, a pet leisure area, a rest stop for bicycle users, park benches and a place where visitors can orient themselves, not only to where they are going but more importantly, what they can do here. The main attraction of this site is the maps which encompass the ENTIRE Sunshine Coast as well as the key areas to visit and information about attractions and activities.

Since this region is heavily reliant upon tourism, the local business community, government and non-profits all strongly support improvements to our visitor infrastructure, especially if it complements and supports infrastructure and organizations already in place on the Sunshine Coast.

The WORK COMPLETED in CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

Judith Reeve, A local landscape architect, was retained to provide drawings of the project. On October 12th, 2010, the Gibsons & District Chamber of Commerce kicked off the campaign for the Visitor Information Park.



Pictured here is landscape architect, Judith Reeve with her Artist rendition of the park.

Brent Richter Photo, of the Coast Reporter



NOVEMBER 2010

The next steps were to identify sponsors, stakeholders, and contributors, especially in-kind. Our initial funds from the GDCC were \$22,515. Therefore we needed to identify what the actual cost of the project would be so that we would know how much community support would be required to be able to complete the project. Although we had seed money, our plan was much grander than our available funds!

As board members, we all have our areas of expertise as we are all business owners in our respective fields; however, none of the board members were in the construction industry. Therefore, we were very grateful that Wakefield Construction stepped forward and offered their services to lead this project.

On **DECEMBER 22nd, 2010**, we officially signed on Wakefield to be our project managers for the Visitor Information Park!



Pictured (from left): Dean Walford, Gibsons Chamber vice president; Dave Chisholm, Chamber director; Michele Platje-Devlin, Chamber president; Rinette Lagace, Chamber treasurer & VIP Committee Chair; Ray Dierolf, business development; Leighton Bell, project manager; and Lance Sparling, president, Wakefield Home Builders Inc.

Jason Silverthorne of **Sunshine Map Company** was in the discussions with the board right from the start. He would provide the maps for the structure, we just had to build it. Build it we did!

Bonniebrook Industries Ltd. was the first business to sign on as a contributor to the project. Tao has been very accommodating and helpful throughout the construction phase and now during the regular service phase he has even provided two port-a-potties for the site!



Tao of Bonniebrook Industries Ltd., offered their port-a-potty services and maintenance for the Park!

Our initial ground scraping was done by Nick Bergnach of **NB Contracting Ltd.** and **Gibsons Redi Mix Ltd.**



*Initial ground scraping was done **March 17th, 2011** in order for the surveyor and engineers to do their jobs.*



To our delight, we were so happy to hear that **Island Coastal Economic Trust** would assist in the funding of the project which was great needed and greatly appreciated.



MAY 2011 Once the initial key survey by **Larry Land Penonzek Surveyor** was completed, then Mike Costa from **Sunco Civil Engineering Ltd.** stepped in to do their part in the project for the landscaping points and to design forms for the newly suggested structure being donated by **West Coast Log Homes**.

In the meantime, Bonniebrook Industries placed temporary portable washrooms at the site in anticipation of the work to be done.

JUNE 2011 **Fiedler Brothers** provided 70-80 truck-loads of fill to the site, which was spread out over the site by **Gibsons Redi-Mix**, using their excavator.

JULY 2011 Once the site was ready for the key footings for the sign structure, we had to go back to the civil engineers to review the footing design, since the design of the sign structure had changed drastically. Then the Surveyors returned to the site to finish the next step of the planning of the park.

At the end of July, **Maycon Construction** installed drainage and built the road to the site. Once this was complete, BA Blacktop came in and, within half a day, had the site paved.



Below are some of the local smiling faces of our wonderful construction crews from Maycon Construction Ltd. whom spent many days at the site to prepare the road base, and the contours of the park



Butch's Trucking happily volunteered his services to support Maycon Construction by bringing truckloads of sand and fill for the site!



Would you believe that *Fiedler Bros Ltd.* provided well over 80 loads of fill for the site!



The large machinery preparing the road base, as **BA Blacktop Ltd.** was up next with the paving!



The paving was completed July 27th, only after many, many others had done their part in the project, the paved surface looks great!



JULY & AUGUST 2011



Michele Platje-Devlin and **Rinette Lagace** went out into the communities, from Gibsons to Powell River to speak to organizations and businesses about the project.



AUGUST 2011 was a busy month full of activity at the site. **MPA Project Management** worked hard with **West Coast Log Homes** to ensure the footings were placed correctly and were within approved structural engineers' specifications.

The forms for the foundation to hold the log structure in place initially set back the project timeline from our initial plan. This change was strictly due to the change in the type of map structure, from a 2 x 4 structure to the amazing log structure from **West Coast Log Homes** and **Dakota Ridge Builders** that you see here.



The size of the map structure was so much larger than the initial plan, that **Sunco Civil Engineering Ltd.** was required to increase the strength of the forms for the base of the structure to withstand high winds and other potential issues. Therefore, it took 6 days for **MPA Project Management** to prepare the forms for the concrete.

Many of the contractors chuckled, stating that there was enough concrete in the forms to build the foundation of a house! Needless to say, the structure will not be moved by anything other than the most extreme wrath of Mother Nature.

Once the forms for the base were complete, MPA Project Management continued on to prepare the forms for the walkways and areas where the benches, bike rack and garbage can now sit.



AUGUST 2011 Deluxe Landscaping came in to start prepping the landscaping part of the site. The board initially desired more xeriscaping, however the site was designed for grass and trees so we went ahead with the plans drawn up by the landscape architect to ensure we were indeed meeting the "Approved" requirements.



AUGUST 8th, 2011 We had an official "Sod Rolling Event" at which up to 30 volunteers came and rolled out the beautiful grass that now covers the site. This was a fun event which many dignitaries, business members, community members and even our board members came out to lend a hand.



Lots of digging, moving dirt, adding fill, and more dirt!



Here is Mike Anderchek of Deluxe Landscaping, prepping the site for the fun “sod rolling event”.



And here are SOME of the rolls of sod, waiting for the volunteers to unroll them!



Many of our financial contributors, in-kind contributors and board members came out to lend a hand – giving even more to the community!!!



*The Barbecue for the volunteers was Provided by the **Gibsons & District Chamber of Commerce** and **Tim Hortons** provided the coffee refreshments!*



AUGUST 30TH, 2011

Now for *Denis Turenne Concrete.*



and now for the amazing log structure donated by *West Coast Log Homes & Dakota Ridge Builders.*



*The structure looks amazing!
We are so excited about such
A beautiful Map structure to
Represent the Sunshine Coast in.*



Here is *Finishes 1st*
Whom is staining the
Log structure to
Protect it from the
Elements.



*This is Chris MacGregor from **IMA Roofing** whom framed in the structure so that the maps could be attached and also spent a few more days to put the metal roof onto the structure!*



SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2011 - Last Minute Preparations for the Grand Opening!

***Sunshine Coast Fencing** came in at a days' notice to help with the fencing around the facilities! Amazing and it looks great. We are so lucky to have such giving people in our community.*



***Wet Coast Enterprises** also made a lovely cedar shake mural to add to the unique aspect of the park and really depicts the Sunshine Coast. This cedar shake mural is attached to the cedar privacy fence in front of the convenience facilities at the site. If you look closely, this cedar shake mural has amazing pictures of mountains, killer whales, and a lighthouse h*



Finishing touches and watering of the lawn are ongoing. But the park is Ready!



At this point, all the facilities are in, the 5 initial maps are up, extra solar lighting has been put in for security reasons, and now the park is functional and ready for Visitors! We hope that members of the community enjoy their new park!

SEPTEMBER 8th, 2011

And now for the GRAND OPENING!



The Chief of the Squamish Nation blessed the park



Dancers from the Sechelt Nation performed a "welcoming dance"



What a crowd! There were a few lucky ones whom found the only shade available.





Leighton Bell of Wakefield Inc.



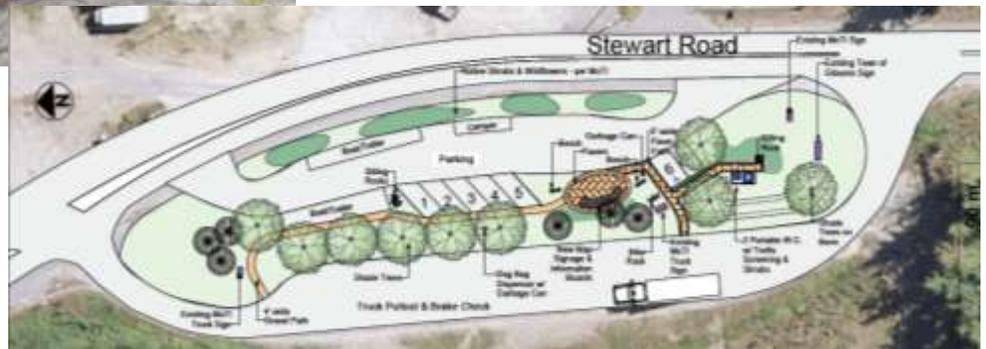
The "Ribbon cutting Ceremony" with local dignitaries & Board

NOVEMBER 2011 The site has been fenced to avoid young children from running onto the brake check area. This fence was built by Walter Tripp. It encompasses the grass area for the safety of those using the park. Its rustic look is intended to harmonize with the log structure, wood benches and the privacy fence around the bathrooms.



This fence was built by Walter Tripp which encompasses the grass area for the safety of those using the park. It is a rustic look which ties into the log structure, wood benches and the privacy fence around the bathrooms.

If you look at the site plan below, it shows how the borders of the park is along the brake check where the truck and trailer is pictured below.



Coastal Cast Stone finished off the bottom of the Sign structure base with a lovely finished look!



MARCH 2012

The back panels of the sign structure now hold beautiful pictures of areas across the entire Sunshine Coast, provided by Sunshine Coast Tourism. There is also a listing of the many things to do along the Sunshine Coast.

On the back left, a “thank you” panel lists the many contributors to the project and includes many of wonderful photos of the building and construction of the project. Below the pictures is the list of names of all the contributors with a QR Code. This QR code allows a person with an Iphone or android phone to scan the code and go directly to the company’s website. Yes, Island Coastal Economic Trust is on the list with their own QR code!

(See the picture on the next page!)



Space has been set aside for advertisements above the photos of the Sunshine Coast. The panel facing the bathrooms will have a circle route map and a listing of annual events on the Sunshine Coast. Below is the map of Powell River (the upper Sunshine Coast) finally put up. Now that this is done, the community board can go up as well!



STATEMENT of COMPLETION of the PROJECT OBJECTIVES

This project has gone extremely well. It has been a delight to work with our many contributors and local contractors to make this happen. Inevitably, there were a few changes to the initial plan, and they are outlined below.

NUMBER of PEOPLE & BUSINESSES INVOLVED

We did our best to track the number of volunteer hours donated by individuals involved in managing the project; however, we have had to make an overall estimate based upon the number of meetings, planning sessions and on-site work parties. Approximately 650 hours were donated to this project. At an average value of \$15 per hour, this totals \$9,750. Please note, this does not include the 'in-kind' contributions which were tracked separately, as listed below.

In addition to that volunteer time, we recorded man-hours of work, machine hours and donated building materials. "In-kind" bills submitted by our contractors have been tracked and copied to Island Coastal Economic Trust, totalling \$114,551! This added a truly amazing amount of time and value to this project. We simply could not have completed it without the help of extremely dedicated community members, local businesses, local governments from every area of the entire Sunshine Coast and the provincial government!

To fund the project, a total of \$154,954 was raised, of which \$87,328 was from government. The following governmental bodies contributed to the VIP Project: Island Coastal Economic Trust, District of Sechelt, Sunshine Coast Regional District, Powell River Regional District, Town of Gibsons, and Sechelt Indian Band. Corporate Sponsors provided \$30,000 in funds. They were: Deluxe Landscaping, BA Blacktop, Wendy's and Tim Horton's, CIBC, all the Sunshine Coast IGA stores, and the Sunshine Coast Credit Union. A further \$10,000 was provided by the Gibsons Rotary Club. Gibsons & District Chamber of Commerce contributed \$22,515 (the insurance coverage for the Wayfinding map) and an additional \$5,111 was from the Chamber's deferred funds.

In total, 51 different businesses, governments and non-profits contributed to this project! (See Appendix A)

Unfortunately this project has not created any full-time employment; however, it has created other part-time opportunities. The ongoing maintenance of the park is being provided by Jim's Mowing on a weekly basis, and there has been a part-time person in the office dedicated to manage the park and sell advertising. Income from advertising sales will be used to pay for the ongoing maintenance of the park and go into a fund for long-term capital replacement costs.

IMPACT of the PROJECT

Over the months while the project was in its building stage, we met numerous people who stopped to use the facilities or to ask for directions, even before we were finished! The park is well used by visitors and even some residents who want to pull over and to take a little nap prior to continuing on their journey. And we are delighted with the QR Codes that add an extra dimension for smart phone users. What a great location for all of this to happen!

Another bonus of this improved site is that groups (realtors in particular) have used it to promote themselves by setting up on the grass with signage and information for travellers. We hope to see the park get more usage for other similar events, whether it is promoting a local business, sharing information, or aiding people in relaxing while waiting for the ferry or meeting guests coming off the ferry.

PERTINENT PROJECT INFORMATION

The initial plan for the project has been successfully completed. We have created a site for visitors and residents with convenience facilities, a pet leisure area, a rest stop for bicycle users, park benches and maps and signage that help



visitors orient themselves, not only to where they are going but to activities and attractions across the ENTIRE Sunshine Coast. This is the only rest stop on the Sunshine Coast that provides all basic amenities for travellers.

The project was a considered to be a huge success by all participants and it is greatly appreciated by the local residents since it has beautified a site which was previously unsightly, and un-usable.

COMPLETED PROJECT ITEMS

- All aspects of the building of the sign structure,
- Paving of the site
- The landscaping of the site
- Rock sandblasting welcome sign to the park
- Signage to the park
- Convenience facilities
- Fencing of the site for Security and liability reasons
- Pet leisure area
- All Sunshine Coast maps printed and mounted (hiking & biking trails are also listed on these maps)
- Extra information boards also designed, printed and now mounted
- A thank you sign for all Contributors
- Park benches
- Bicycle parking for bike users of nearby trails



The site looks AMAZING!!



ITEMS to be COMPLETED

Although the VIP is substantially finished, the project proved more complex than anticipated. In order to complete the project on time and within budget, a few items were not finished.

As of July 2012 this is the complete list of items still required;

- Design and installation of two remaining two back panels to include some of the following items: the ferry circle route, maps of the Islands Trust Area, trail maps of mountain biking areas, and a Community Association listing of services available on the Sunshine Coast. Since the log structure was larger than the initial plan, we decided to add more information about the Sunshine Coast on the back of the maps. (see P1 and P2 for the difference in the two map structure plans on the next page)
- Once remaining boards are installed, we would like to put up moulding and complete the community bulletin board on the front of the structure. This is one of the key items of the project which we hope to have completed once VIP advertising funds come in.
- Concrete Sealing (approx. Cost 500.00) This is more of a maintenance item which will extend the life and look of the site.

Other Items in our "Wish List" for the site for future consideration;

- Set up a surveillance system at the site. Although we have had no problems with vandalism to date, we feel we should add security since the site is not in a frequented area in the evenings. It would also provide extra peace of mind for users.
- Improve on eco-scaping of the site to minimize maintenance costs
- Add a structure or statue which describes the coast and would increase visitor usage of the park

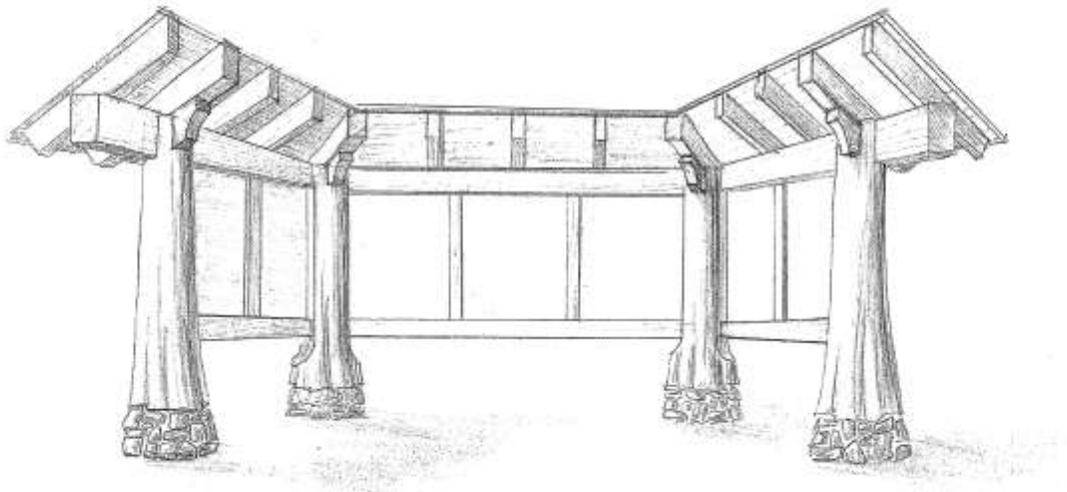


CHANGES – In Costs, Timelines and Project Changes

P1 - INITIAL MAP PROJECT PLAN – approx. 12 ft high with only 5 panels



P2 – IMPROVED AND ACTUAL MAP PROJECT PLAN – to approx. 20 feet high and 7 panels on front and 7 more on the back – more than doubling the capacity of information panels.



The decision to change the structure of the sign to one that was much more beautiful and appealing, but more complex, impacted every phase of the project. Extra planning was required from our engineer and surveyor. Site requirements, such as the size and depth of the foundation for the log structure, changed. More time was also required in order to build the foundation, which pushed the project timeline back, as well as increasing the budget for this portion of the project.

Due to the size of the new structure, the concrete pad it was built upon also had to be increased in size so we removed a long walkway that had been originally planned. To further offset costs, we added rock instead of sod along the highway. This also decreased maintenance costs. Some plants were changed to less expensive and more drought resistant species.

Another big change with the structure was the increased number of panels and the increased capacity to hold more information of every part of the coast, including the many services and activities available on the Sunshine Coast.

The only other large change to the project was the addition of fencing. There is a brake check area directly behind the park, and if families were using the park, there was nothing to prevent young children from running off the grass into



the path of large trucks. Therefore, the board agreed we needed to provide some type of safety barrier. The wood from the fence was provided by Sunshine Coast Community Forests and a local contractor, Walter Tripp installed it for us. The wood fence ties in nicely with the log structure and the natural wood makes it a rustic but beautiful addition to the park.

Finally, we are greatly indebted to the contractors who donated their time and services. Due to slippage in our timelines, the bulk of work was done during the busy summer season, rather than at a quieter time of year. We are very grateful to them for squeezing this project into their demanding schedules so that it could be completed for our September Grand Opening Ceremony!

ECONOMIC IMPACT

The following items have been achieved

1. We increased the usability of the location to service a variety of needs and uses for residents, businesses and visitors.
2. We engaged all levels of government encompassing all areas of the Sunshine Coast.

This project has been built with many volunteers and many local contractors. *(Listing of all businesses attached as an appendix to the financial report)*

- Over 520 volunteer hours or 65 days of man hours
- Approx Project management hours
- Approx. 69 days worth of equipment hours for paving, trucking fill, mini excavator use
- Approx. 17 days of irrigation truck to water the plants, newly planted sod and trees.
- Approx. Over 675 hours or 84 days of paid and unpaid (volunteered) man hours for labour to build the forms for the base for the sign structure, the building and erection of the sign structure, labour for the preparation and landscaping of the site.

PERMANENT ONGOING JOBS

Although there has been little permanent work directly created by this project, the Visitor Information Park helps to support the many small businesses along the Sunshine Coast that rely on tourism for a large portion of their revenues. The VIP is part of much broader efforts to market the Sunshine Coast as a destination, and to provide a warm welcome to visitors when they come here.

Direct job impacts included:

- Advertising tiles sales and maintenance with local sign company & local designers, Suncoastcentral.com & Vital Signs & Aqua Thought Creative
- Maintenance contract with our local contractor for Jim's Mowing to maintain the site, cut the grass, remove any rubbish from the site
- Regular and ongoing maintenance of the portable washroom facilities maintained by our local contractor; Bonniebrook Industries Ltd.
- Administrative/staff time required of the Chamber staff to maintain the needs of the VIP park



Visitor Center Information Park Financials

Total Construction Costs

PROJECTED INCOME	Budgetted		Actuals to-date	VARIANCE
Grants - ICET Request	69,500.00	1	55,328.05	14,171.95
Local Governments	25,000.00	2	32,000.00	- 7,000.00
Community Organizations	30,000.00	3	10,000.00	20,000.00
Corporate Grants	29,000.00	4	30,000.00	- 1,000.00
Chamber Funds	24,915.00	5	27,626.00	- 2,711.00
Value Offered In Kind	95,710.00	6	114,551.40	- 18,841.40
	274,125.00		269,505.45	4,619.55

PHASE ONE	Expected / Budgeted Costs		Actual Expenses Pd to-Date by GDCC	Over (-Under) Budget
Initial Planning	8,027.45	1	10,571.53	- 2,544.08
Map Fees - Licence & Maps	6,955.00	2	10,764.00	- 3,809.00
Architectural Design	9,557.68	3	6,787.59	2,770.09
Pre-Construction Planning & Developmen	18,485.13	4	15,462.69	3,022.44
Geotechnical / Survey	2,750.00	5	6,740.00	- 3,990.00
Site Work Excavation / road base	26,400.00	6	24,898.71	1,501.29
	72,175.26		75,224.52	(3,049.26)

PHASE TWO

Construction management & Project costs	33,910.00	7	28,160.93	5,749.07
Concrete Work	11,150.00	8	9,230.80	1,919.20
Sign Building and other structures	14,300.00	9	66,393.49	- 52,093.49
Landscaping Costs	75,839.74	10	37,317.97	38,521.77
Paving	45,000.00	11	33,966.40	11,033.60
Solar Lighting / Electrical	9,000.00	12	12,165.00	- 3,165.00
Irrigation (water Truck)	3,000.00	13	3,100.00	- 100.00
Port a Pottys	6,600.00	14	745.00	5,855.00
Ongoing Mtnc of Site for 2011	3,150.00	15	1,850.00	1,300.00
	201,949.74		192,929.59	9,020.15

Total Expenses:	274,125.00		268,154.11	5,970.89
				Under Budget
Net Over / -Under	-		1,351.34	- 1,351.34

Note: There are expected expenses for unfinished items such as finishing the remaining panels & community information board, the sealing of the concrete under the sign structure - to which we anticipate the costs for these to be approx. 5,400.00



SUMMARY

In order to enable this project to move forward, all levels of government had to work together. Once their agreement was in place, local businesses and community-minded people stepped up to the plate and gave unselfishly.

We all had the same goals: beautifying our community, welcoming visitors and providing useful and practical information. We are tremendously fortunate to have a talented group of local businesses who were willing to work with their competitors to make the Sunshine Coast a little better for everyone. We will not forget the many people who gave their time and services to make this project happen.

The Gibsons & District and Chamber of Commerce will continue to manage the Visitor Information Park; including paying the annual insurance costs for the park to ensure any liability issues are covered. And we hope to improve in future on the project we have built.



Thank you again to Island Coastal Economic Trust and to our amazing contributors (listed in Appendix A) who provided whatever was required to complete the Visitor Information Park. It would not have been possible without your support.



APPENDIX A - List of all Contributors

This is a list of all the amazing groups, governments and supporting businesses whom were involved in the project whether through a financial contribution or an in-kind contribution!

Aquathought Creative	MPA Project Management Ltd. Construction + Renovation
BA Blacktop Ltd.	NB Contracting Ltd
Beaver Stamp Works	NET Bookkeeping
Bonniebrook Industries Ltd.	One Stop Contracting
Butch's Trucking	Penonzek Land Surveying Ltd
C.I.B.C.	Powell River Regional District
Deluxe Landscaping	Production Magic Ltd.
Dennis Turenne Concrete	Rotary Club of Gibsons
District of Sechelt	Seabird Rentals
Fiedler Bros Contracting Ltd.	Sechelt Indian Band
Finishes 1st / R. Cameron Industries Ltd.	Stockwell Sand & Gravel
Gibsons Building Supplies	Sunco Civil Consulting Ltd.
Gibsons Redi-Mix Ltd	Sunshine Coast Community Forest
Ground FX Bark Blowing	Sunshine Coast Credit Union
Group of One Painting Inc.	Sunshine Coast Regional District
H.L. Enterprises Inc.	Sunshine Coast Tourism Society
I.M.A. Construction	Sunshine Coast Welding Ltd.
IGA - Gibsons, Wilson Creek & Madeira Park	Top Shelf Creative
Island Coastal Economic Trust	Town of Gibsons
J Wayne Rowe Law Corporation	Vital Signs & Graphics
Judith Reeve & Associates	Wakefield Inc.
Lonecrow.net	Weber McCall Electric Ltd.
Lon's Contracting & Crane Service Ltd.	Wendy's & Tim Hortons
MacDev Financial Corp. Inc.	West Coast Log Homes ltd & Dakota Ridge Builders Ltd
Maycon Construction Management Ltd.	Wet Coast Enterprises
Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure	

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Missing are the current directors; **Rodney Bessette, Nancy Tifton and Brian Hubenig**

