

SITE REVIEW

Executive summary

Over a period of three years the Gabriola Health Care Foundation evaluated 6 sites. The Public had input into the selection criteria as well as into the final site selection decision. Each site was evaluated against the site selection criteria. The membership of both the GHCF and the GHCS voted unanimously in support of accepting the 4.1 acres of land offered by Potlatch Properties Ltd., Dr. Bob Rooks, located at the top of Church Street at the Special Members Meetings held on Aug 17, 2010 provided the required zoning changes and subdivision could be obtained.

Site Selection Process

Beginning in 2007, members of the GHCS Board of Directors began to search for a property suitable for the permanent community-owned clinic. The process involved speaking to owners, considering financial implications, site visits, overall suitability, and public feedback. Members and residents of Gabriola were given the opportunity to talk about site selection criteria during the Town Hall meeting (Jan 2007/over 250 attendees); Community Open Space Planning Session (June 2008/approx 100 attendees); Open House (May 2009/150 attendees/73 questionnaires). As well as for three weeks in July/Aug of 2010 at the Clinic Volunteer office where information on the three donated sites was on display. This input along with discussions at the Annual General Meeting in June 2010 and a Special Members meeting in Aug 2010 determined the preferred site. The Boards of the Society and Foundation formalized the selection of the site on August 17, 2010.

Site Selection Criteria

- close to village, ferry other emergency services
- land size meets current and future needs of population (i.e. minimum of one acre)
- suitability of land for the building design, suitable source(s) of water
- ease of obtaining appropriate zoning
- affordability for the Foundation with preference to donated land

Site Evaluation Chart

Over a period of three years 12 sites were considered. Each site was evaluated against the selection Criteria. If the site met several of the criteria it was researched for specifics on cost, zoning, suitability etc. In the end only 6 sites were evaluated in depth. The site evaluation chart provides information on each site.

Site Selection Recommendation

After due consideration and much community consultation it is the recommendation of the Building Committee, the Boards of the Gabriola Health Care Foundation and the Gabriola Health Care Society that the property known as Site F (property belonging to Dr. Bob Rooks at the top of Church Street be selected as the permanent location of the Gabriola Health Care Foundation Clinic. The membership of both the GHCF and the GHCS voted unanimously in support of this recommendation at the Special Members Meetings held on Aug 17, 2010.