

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Rotary Clock

In 2006, a member of the executive from the Peachland Rotary Club was traveling in the Yukon and Alaska. The club had just finished its project building the Rotary Centennial Pavilion in Heritage Park. This was the club's project marking 100 years of community service by Rotarians around the world. Our club was about to embark on a detailed analysis of potential new projects for Peachland. Standing on a corner in front of the Whitehorse Federal building he saw a beautiful town clock donated by one of the Whitehorse Rotary clubs. The idea for a Peachland town clock was born.

The Rotarian returned to Peachland and the clock was included in the potential projects list. When the analysis was complete the club adopted the town clock concept as its next major project. Work began immediately. The whole club became involved in fund raising. Part of the proceeds from the 2007 and 2008 Rotary Galas were earmarked for the project. As well as the funds raised by Rotary in Peachland, the Club received supplementary funding for the project from Xstrata Copper Canada Brenda Mines Division, Rotary District 5060 and the Lottery Corporation of BC.

A Rotary project committee began its work: seeking permission from the town for the project; selecting potential clock suppliers; establishing specifications for the clock and inviting suppliers to tender. The Electric Time Company of Medfield Massachusetts was selected to build and supply the clock. The town built the base for the clock in 2008 as part of the waterfront beautification project using the funds supplied by Rotary District 5060.



As Peachland's Centennial year drew near it became apparent that the clock would be delivered in time and it became the Rotary Club's donation to our 2009 celebrations. The clock was installed in early May by Rotarians with assistance from municipal workers. On May 18th as part of our Centennial Victoria Day celebrations the clock was officially unveiled by the honorable Steven L. Point, the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia. The clock has become a focal meeting point for Peachlanders as well as visitors.

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