

## **RED GAKYIL REPORT**

June 22, 2025

### **Projects completed, underway, or planned**

#### **Khandroling**

- 1) Options and costs for finishing the Vajra Hall ceiling, protecting the beams, and enclosing the structure to help protect the mandala and floor sealant are being investigated. These will be presented to the community once all information has been gathered.
- 2) Repairs and staining of the siding on Rinpoche's cabin have been completed, which will help preserve and weatherproof the structure.
- 3) Extermination of carpenter ants in Rinpoche's cabin has been contracted with Meerkat Pest Control, with a series of treatments over 90 days for \$425.
- 4) Peeling paint on bath house porch, doors, and trim has been scraped, sanded, and re-painted.
- 5) New trees have been planted in the pond/pond cabin area, with hardware cloth around them for beaver protection. Donations of \$2200 covered the cost.
- 6) Blockages in water pipe to pond cabin tank have been cleared. Culvert has been cleared. Leaks in bath house water pipe caused by gnawing animals have been repaired.
- 7) Purchase of portable camping toilets for Mandarava and Togyal cabins is planned as soon as funding is available.
- 8) Memorial Garden installation has begun and sample name plaques purchased, with all funds donated by Marit.
- 9) Tractor repairs are partially complete, with further work pending. Gator also needs repair.

#### **Schoolhouse**

- 1) Entire schoolhouse roof has been repaired to eliminate leaks and prevent future leaks, by Slate Roof Repair LLC for \$16,676.
- 2) Removal of rotting rear door in gonpa, and closing the space to become part of the back wall, is planned for late summer when funds become available.
- 3) Foyer bathroom wall and window frame, which had rot, will be re-assessed and finished, also in late summer.

## **Projects needed, depending on funding and community priorities**

### **Khandroling**

- 1) Guardian cabin needs repair and repainting of steps, deck, and decorative woodwork around eaves.
- 2) Gravel roads leading to Khandroling entrance and to the two remote cabins need continual repair and maintenance. Trap rock needed for road to upper cabins.
- 3) Spring spigot needs repair and further work is needed to keep water pipe to spring clear and free of roots.
- 4) Culvert drainage ditch needs to be re-dug.
- 5) Mesh encasement needed in front of culvert to keep debris and beaver dams from blocking outflow.
- 6) Rip rap could be installed along newly paved road up to the stupa to prevent erosion. Kocot's estimate was \$8814.
- 7) Farmhouse porch and deck need repair, sanding and staining, or replacement with synthetic decking.
- 8) Farmhouse basement needs water remediation.
- 9) Farmhouse porch roof leak needs repair.
- 10) Ramp to Rinpoche's cabin needs repair and some boards replaced.
- 11) Hardware cloth or similar protective covering needs to be installed on wood at base of Rinpoche's cabin to prevent animals from chewing it.
- 12) Easement, included in our deed, from Martin Rd in Buckland to Khandroling boundary behind bath house and Vajra Hall, has been researched and possible routes from Martin Rd to Vajra Hall area explored. To preserve our easement rights we should clear a pathway and use this entrance occasionally.
- 13) Vajra Dance Historic Landmark garden to mark the site of Rinpoche's original dance mandala (see description attached to previous Community Meeting minutes) should be installed in stages as funding becomes available.
- 14) Continued work needed to complete Memorial Garden.

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- 1) Parking lot needs to be repaved. Kocot estimate from 2023 for full repaving was \$34,585, or spot repair for \$14,224. Subsequent deterioration likely makes spot repair unfeasible.
- 2) Building codes require wheelchair access ramp, which should be (re)designed in rear of building to main foyer area. Current ramp is unusable.
- 3) Two remaining doors in gonpa have same rot issue as the back gonpa door but not as bad. They need to be replaced soon to prevent rot from spreading.

- 4) Dorm should be updated to make more comfortable, private spaces that will attract more use.
- 5) Front entrance double doors are very old and don't close tightly. Replacing them would save energy costs considerably.
- 6) Second floor door by fire escape needs to be replaced when funds are available. Estimated cost is \$3000 to \$3500, including installation.

### **Dark retreat**

- 1) The planned work to make the vestibule area and adjoining bathroom at the farmhouse into a convertible dark/ light retreat space has been stalled. A new project leader is needed to determine the best course forward and to spearhead this effort.