

# **RED GAKYIL REPORT**

April 2025

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

### **Khandroling**

- 1) Efforts to address the damage to the coating on the universal mandala due to excessive moisture are ongoing, but so far a satisfactory remedy has not been identified. Since the coating is now several years old, possibly it will need to be re-sealed soon.
- 2) Plans are being developed to enclose the Vajra Hall and finish the ceiling, with attention given to the acoustics, aesthetics and weather resistance. Yeshe has been consulted, and has been invited to visit and work on the acoustics, but he specified it's best for him to do this after the enclosure is complete.
- 3) Repairs and staining are planned for the siding of Rinpoche's cabin, in early June when karma yogis will be here to help. Repairs to the bridge leading up to the cabin are also planned for this spring.
- 4) Composting toilet options for cabins have been researched and the Trelino Evo portable composting toilet was selected for purchase this spring, when people staying in Rinpoche's cabin can try it out. Because it is not a true composting toilet it bypasses the logistical and permitting obstacles of other models. If approved more can be ordered.
- 5) Trees that fell across the road up to the pond over the winter have been cleared. Others in danger of falling should be monitored and cut when possible.
- 6) Debris blocking the culvert and the drainage along the road to and from the pond has been mostly cleared, but needs continued maintenance.
- 7) Gravel road from bath house up to Mandarava and Togyal cabins has been partially cleared of growth but needs continued maintenance.
- 8) Tractor needs new starter and annual maintenance.

### **Schoolhouse**

- 1) Roof leaks into second floor necessitate patching at least. Estimates are being gathered. When possible the entire roof should be replaced.
- 2) Problematic light switches in gonpa have been replaced.
- 3) Repairs needed to pass building inspection have been completed. These include new batteries for second floor emergency lights; new lit exit lights for dorm, hallway and building entrance; laundry room doorway widened; stairway railings raised; fire escape certified. Fire inspection passed.

- 4) Damage to thangkas in gonpa and main entrance foyer is being addressed, Thangkas in gonpa have been re-hung to prevent wrinkling. For now the Goma Devi thangka in main entrance has been repaired and rehung in gonpa, and a framed Goma Devi painting put in its place in the foyer. Goma Devi thangka should be professionally cleaned and all thangkas protected by glass or plexiglass.
- 5) Foyer bathroom wood rot in wall and window frame has been assessed and is being repaired by Jeremy this spring.
- 6) WiFi system was upgraded to eliminate problems with weak and unreliable connection.
- 7) Back door next to throne in gonpa is rotted and needs to be replaced asap, as rot is spreading to floor. Jeremy is getting estimates.
- 8) Second floor fire escape door needs to be replaced. Jeremy getting estimates.

## **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) Bath house needs sanding and painting of steps and deck, or replacement of these areas with synthetic decking.
- 3) Rip rap is needed alongside newly paved road to prevent erosion. Kocot estimate for this is \$8814.
- 4) Farmhouse porch and deck need repair, sanding and staining, or replacement with synthetic decking.
- 5) Farmhouse basement needs water remediation.
- 6) 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.
- 7) Planting is needed in pond cabin area, including installing memorial garden, shade trees, and another commemorative garden area where the original mandala was. These will make the newly open space more attractive and versatile.

### **Schoolhouse**

- 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 will 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.

### **Dark Retreat**

- 1) After exploring many options, the study committee has determined that the second bedroom at the farmhouse could relatively easily and inexpensively be converted into a dark retreat space when needed, and could continue as a normal bedroom at other times. This option could allow dark retreat possibility soonest and with least cost.
- 2) The gakyil would still like to renovate two rooms in the old cabin when resources are available.