

IN THE REMEMBRANCE OF

KOMAGATA MARU

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Introduction: Coal Harbor a little calm neighborhood right next on the water's edge, despite that it is given an industrial history as a form of shipyards which is right next to the Railway Terminus. Talking about today this place is full of history, art and attractions. Right from the Convention Centre going west to Georgia Street to the south and stretching to the north up to Stanley Park, we will also find a board of seaplane for “sightseeing” a tour above the city. However, talking more about the history of Vancouver like lighted, water drop, Stanley Park, Lion Gate Bridge and the Tiger Sisters. (htt) The Vancouver Harbor also have a history of shipyards. In other words, the report we will be writing on the history of the ship incident happened at the Vancouver Harbor in 1914.

Moreover, Komagata maru event does not carry history only at Vancouver Harbor, but made a history within and across the sea connecting Lonsdale and the Vancouver shipyard till today. Therefore, Lonsdale shipyard was officially opened in 1906 and was owned and operated by Alfred Wallance (The University of British Columbia, 2012).



So, the whole report will be focused on the ship incident happened in 1914 at the Vancouver harbor and which other ships or navy helped those passengers on the ship at the time and may be it will be focused on the Lower Lonsdale shipyard too. As it came through after reading some history that help came from North Vancouver shipyard too. However, it relates the whole topic of shipyard history and the ship incident happened in 1914, thus remembering it once again in the present community and how that history is still present and is an ongoing topic for shipyards until today. We will be focusing on what the incident was following with time, what exactly happened, and the reason of the incident. Most importantly, focusing much on budgeting and financing. Although, we will organize this event on April 13, 2020 in newly build shipyard of North Vancouver. The reason for choosing this date of next year instead of this year is because this date is religiously and historically relating to Sikhism and celebrated

worldwide as Vaisakhi (Vaisakhi, 2019). On this date Khalsa panth of warriors was founded by Guru Gobind Singh Ji in 1699.

Background Information:

The Komagata Maru Incident was involved of Japanese Steamship Komagata Maru consist of a group of people who tried an attempt to enter in Canada in 1914, among them, 24 entered but remaining 352 were dismarked and were forced to go back to Kolkata(Punjab). However, Indian Imperial Police arrested group leaders, in which they attacked back and 2 Sikh lead to death. There were a total of 376 passengers who were on the ship; 337 were Sikhs, 27 were Muslims and 12 were Hindus. (Komagata Maru ship,1890, 1890)

SWOT Analysis:

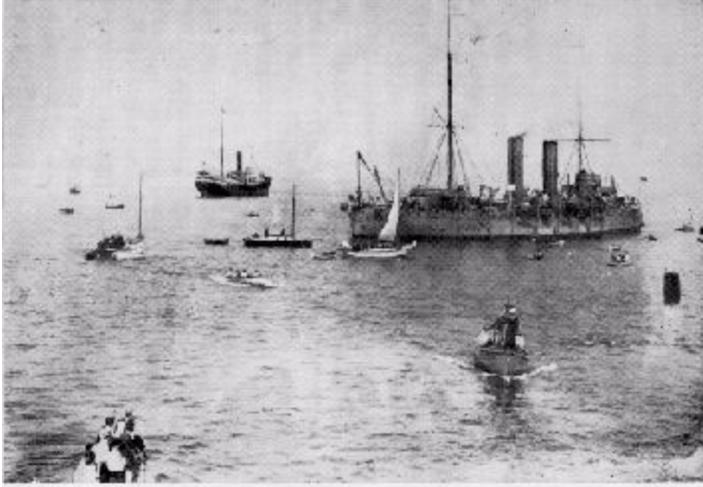
STRENGTH	WEAKNESS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The strength of this event we are organizing is that the event actually happened, and therefore, we have all realistic things that happened during the incident. In short, this event has a strong history and even though have a strong history of changing government's decision in the history of Vancouver. ● The incident happened in the sea (water), nobody was sure where exactly that incident happened. After studies it came to know that Komagata Maru passengers were trying to get entered at the Vancouver Harbor, but after denied, they were helped by North Vancouver Shipyard too. So, it carries a deep history of connecting both Vancouver and North Vancouver historically. <p>That is the strongest part of organizing our event of Vancouver Harbor at North Vancouver Shipyard.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The issue that we might suffer while organizing our event at The North Vancouver shipyard is that we originally don't belong to this country, but the history of Komagata Maru ship was made by Indians. So therefore, it partially connects our culture to Canada. That's why we are trying to adjust that history and fit all historical aspects of the incident and become adjustable in identifying the real sense of organizing that event at the North Vancouver Shipyard.

OPPORTUNITIES	THREATS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • While organizing this event we are getting an opportunity to promote our culture's history. With the help of this event we are promoting Sikh Society. Vancouver is a historical city by itself already, but still in that part of history, from our point of perspectives, many people not only Canadian's but many of the Indian people too don't know much about the sacrifices made by Indian community way back, and thus, those people were the only martyr's and the reason that we are here today in Vancouver and enjoying multicultural environment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After we planned everything for the event and it's going well. Though still we are scared that the event will go through as whatever we planned. If not what else will be the result? Are people interested in the event that we are organizing? What if our budget plan goes over? • However, we will be organizing our events after knowing all required terms and conditions, still if something goes off track?

Situational analysis: In this analysis, we will be describing the situation of Komagata maru in 1914 when it arrived in Canada in Vancouver Harbor. Starting with the journey, they started from British Hong Kong - Shanghai, China - Yokohama, Japan - Vancouver, British Columbia. The day when they were to board off from the ship at the Vancouver Harbor, white Canadians preferred to stop the off board from the ship of Indians, in fear of losing their jobs. Moreover, the Federal Government was pressured too for not selling tickets to Indians.

Though, people who are having tickets to enter Canada only those entered and the price of the ticket was \$200 and only 20 people entered. Rest all are attacked and are forced to board their ship to Kolkata. The most hurting time was 1907, when Ottawa passed a Law of Not allowing Indian to Vote for Canadian Government ever. They were restricted to even participate in any of the events happening at that time in Canada and even were not allowed to work, neither allowed to become an accountant, nor lawyers or any other job posts as well. The government at that time was full of discouraging an Indians immigration.

However, talking about the ship attacks at Indians, they were helped too by the Indians who were already living in Canada. Not only Indians were there to favor those passengers. But there was a person who was working in the North Vancouver Shipyard and helped passengers for 3 days. (The History of Metropolitan Vancouver, n.d.)



From his picture we can easily predict the passengers were being continuously helped by everybody who could.

A description of the project: This project is quite interesting in all our project because it's kind of realistic project. This project is about event organizing in shipyard in North Vancouver. There were a bunch of topics and ideas that came into our mind and we have selected the remembrance event of Komagata Maru ship. The reason why we both selected to organize an event on Komagata Maru is because of our nationality as Indian and the history behind this incident. This whole project/event will be for the remembrance of this incident and will be treated as a tribute to the people who were on board in 1914.

Stakeholder analysis:

Name	Jobs	Contacts	Rating/Helpful
Rajwant Singh Toor	Vice-president of Komagata Maru Society in Surrey	604-763-1736	4.5
Tajinder Parmar	Manager at Khalsa Dhiwan society	tajinder.parmar@vpd.ca	3.5
Lakhwinder Singh	Works in Komagata Maru Museum	604-322-5610	4
Garry	Coordinator at Shipyard	gary.quayproperty.net	4

A set of deliverables: The main Goal of organizing this event is to remember the martyr's, and this goal can be achieved through Objective which is, really let the event happen. However, Our Mission throughout the whole event is to remind the community about the sacrifice made my people way back and this can only happen if community will give an equal and in with us, which will be our Vision for this Event.

Expected outcomes of the project: the expected outcome will be that the newborn or the people who don't know the history of Komagata Maru will be able to learn about this incident and this event will be represented as an advice for the higher authority to not to repeat the history in the future.

A budget & Funds: We think that we are okay with our budgeting part because we were able to convince our societies and local community to raise funds for this event for which we are sure they will do it. Moreover, we got sponsorship from Khalsa Dhiwan society, got good amount of grant from the Komagata Maru society and we both are able to raise funds from the public sectors as some business in my neighborhood were agree to provide with some of the money to organize this event. The best thing was when we talked to the vice president of Komagata Maru society Mr. Rajwant Singh Toor, he is providing us with the full fund raising and he promised us if we need any financial help throughout the event he will be there to help.

Conclusion:

Wrapping up the whole report, this event is for the sake or we can say in remembrance of People who sacrifice their lives at that time to have a better life for us today. If that didn't happen, maybe we are still not sure, Indian nation would be here or not. Therefore, the cost of this event might be around \$50,000-\$70,000. Further for any increase in total budget cost, our finances are keen to help us with the amount that we want. Thus, the entrance fee is free. So, may be not all of us today present here know the whole history of Vancouver. We know the History of Vancouver itself. But not that history which made Vancouver a Multicultural City.

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