Portland hotelier had deal on Riverwalk Inn

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A jury has awarded $4 million in damages to Param Hotel Corp. in a breach of contract lawsuit against the Port of Astoria over the lease at the Astoria Riverwalk Inn.

“The jury's verdict affirms the fundamental concept that a deal is a deal,” said Colin Hunter, Param's attorney. “We sincerely thank the jury for their diligent service on this hard-fought case.”

The jury found that the Port had breached its contract by failing to accept the remaining seven years of heavily indebted former operator Brad Simon’s lease to Param after the Port Commission voted to do so in 2015, with damages of $282,430. In the jury also found that the Port made false representations to Param, with damages of nearly $3.8 million. An individual causal claims against Port Executive Director Jim Knight was dismissed.

The Port’s attorney, Luke Reese, said the claims of fraud are subject to a cap at the time of Param’s failed deal and said the Port was more than $560,000.

Former pastor now running granite works in Astoria

Left local church to take over business

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Chris Schauermann and his wife Shary, who renovate and flip houses, had been buying stone from Russ Bant's Astoria Granite Works for years and storing it at his warehouse. In April, Warr called Schauermann and asked him to come get his stuff because he was closing the business down.

"I said, "Will you want to sell some of your hand tools?" Schauermann said. "And he said, "How about buying my whole business?""

A pastor for the past 21 years at Gateway Community Church in Hammond, Schauermann recently left the ministry and took over the business. Warr retired from operating the Astoria Stone, Rock & Brick Co. in 1993, when Sears bought the store back from him. After three or four months, he realized retirement wasn't for him. Dick and Denny Thompson approached him about buying Astoria Granite Works, which their father Paul Thompson had started in 1917.

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Cannon Beach library celebrated 90 years

Private library supported by 80 volunteers

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CANNON BEACH — The original Cannon Beach Library had 54 books sitting on three shelves at what was then a grocery store on Hemlock Street.

Ninety years later, the library now fills its own building with more than 14,000 books. It has seen a number of location changes and technological advances since 1927.

"I'm 75 years old, and I've been considering retiring for several years," he said. "When I started trying to sell his business and building, Warr said, 'I'll fall ill.'"

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The Cannon Beach Library board is hosting its 90th birthday party Oct. 21 as a way to thank the community for decades of support. People are invited to dress as their favorite literary character and enjoy bite-sized snacks and historical photos.

"The library has been a community effort from the beginning, starting with community dances and chicken dinner fund raisers," said Phyllis Pfister, co-president of the library board. "We are here to serve the needs of the community."