



Highlights from 2022

Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We received our annual funding from the CVRD in the amount of \$86,799 • We received another year of our on-going \$19,000 community grant from BC Gaming, which supports the programming costs of the Centre. • We continue to receive \$7,000 annually from the Ministry of Children and Families for our childminding and Parent & Peanut programs. • We received the Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Project (CERIP) grant from the province of British Columbia in the amount of \$400,000.00 This grant allowed us to build the outdoor pavilion to provide a safe outdoor community gathering space.
Staff/Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The biggest change for 2022 was seeing our long time (almost 10 years) Executive Director Dana Starritt resign at the end of June. Dana was a driving force behind so many of the changes to the BCCA over those years. Her strong leadership skills were shown through respect from both staff & the board. Her commitment to community engagement, support of events, members & volunteers and her vision are all seen throughout the BCCA. She is greatly missed. • Kim Blackwell, who had been doing the Programmer roll for the past 2 years, took on the additional Executive Director role to become a full-time employee. This transition was smooth as Kim was familiar with many of the Centre's systems and daily operations. • Unlike previous years, which often had 1 office administrator working all the weekly shifts (total of 40hrs for a full-time position), we now have 4 part-time office staff working 2 to 4 shifts each. Tasha and Lauren started with us in 2021 and continue. In 2022 we hired Jessie & Kristine. This group of hardworking ladies bring a wealth of knowledge from backgrounds in marketing, tourism & recreation & office administration. They all love the community and work hard each shift to keep the operations running smoothly and they bring innovative ideas and support to our Centre. • Board Recruitment – we have had 2 new board members join us in the fall of 2022, Deanna McLeod, and Karin Koschack. Deanna recently moved back to this area and volunteered at the Fall Fair. Karin is a familiar face, being an avid supporter and volunteer for many years with many of our events. From selling raffle tickets at various venues in the community to cooking great vats of chili for the Polar Bear Swim, those are just to name a few. It is great to have some fresh faces on the board and see the board grow.
Facility/Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The construction and completion of the outdoor pavilion kept us busy for the first half of the year. This was a large project with a lot of planning & hard work. It is great to see it completed and being used. With the pavilion we have space for programs, rentals, events, and we gained 2 large storage rooms. Our contingency enabled us to add some additional items: BBQ's, 2 new sets of bleachers, 2 new picnic tables, stairs & a railing from the back parking lot up to the field, additional security cameras and 10 spin bikes. • With the placement of the pavilion the parking lot was redesigned, and the basketball court removed. • We removed the old light pole in the middle of the new parking area as it was awkward with the sidewalk/basketball court removed. The pavilion has security lights on all sides.
Programming/Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The beginning of 2022 still saw many Covid 19 restrictions for classes and operating

	<p>times. We were unable to run any fitness programs for most of January. After that things started to get back to normal with all classes being able to be run with space restrictions still required. Although programs ran as usual it was a slow return to programs throughout 2022. In the fall there was hesitancy as many folks expected another wave of covid restrictions heading into the cold/flu season. However, that did not happen, and all programs were running with no restrictions by the fall. We started using the pavilion for classes while the weather was still warm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In July we celebrated with a grand opening of the pavilion. We had a variety of performers along with a hot dog bbq and beer garden. It was great to have the community support and have a chance to show off the pavilion. • The Fall Fair returned to its former glory this year! After many years of restrictions folks were ready to get out and we had one of the most successful Fall Fair's ever. The Fall Fair Society had been dissolved in 2021. Our board member Andrea Sorensen took on the Fall Fair this year and she did a fantastic job! Over 50 vendors, kid's market, 2 bouncy castle's, dog agility, farm equipment, blacksmith's, live music all day, food trucks, pancake breakfast & bbq, silent auction, corn shucking, beer garden, you name it we had it! The brilliant weather for 2 days brought out record numbers of folks. The car show & strongman was also a tremendous success with over 100 cars on display. That was the best event to celebrate a return to normal. We had a profit of approx. \$17,000. • We had our Winter Market Craft Fair in December and that was also remarkably successful despite very snowy conditions. Most of the vendors made it. The pavilion was a fantastic addition with a space for a photo booth, fire pit area and additional vendors. With the snow it was very festive! We had a profit of just over \$2000.
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Final Thoughts: The fall of 2022 was the first time since March 2020 that we felt the Centre get back to 'normal' after 2 years of Covid 19 restrictions and closures. There was a buzz again in the building with the return of many familiar faces and many new ones. All the programs were running, many at capacity and we were able to introduce long awaited new programs and workshops.

The return of events with no restrictions was also a great relief to the community and this was seen with the success of our Fall Fair weekend.

The pavilion build kept us busy for most of the year. It was exciting to see the building develop from day to day, and we are immensely proud of the final product. This is a wonderful addition to our Centre.

A special thank you must be given to Andrea Sorensen for her work on the Fall Fair and Jerry Griffin for the pavilion project.

To all our staff, board members, volunteers, and the smiling faces we see each and every day around our Centre, THANK YOU for all you do to keep this a wonderful place to be!

Annual Revenues

2011: \$190,378 **2012:** \$195,855 **2013:** \$218,154 **2014:** \$219,911 **2015:** \$217,864 **2016:** \$232,881
2017: \$231,133 **2018:** \$242,458 **2019:** \$269,545 **2020:** \$230,997 **2021:** \$293,218 **2022:** \$684,664*
 *Includes CERIP grant revenue of \$400,000

List of our major supporters, funders, and sponsors in 2022:

CERIP ∞ Comox Valley Regional District ∞ Province of British Columbia (BC Gaming) ∞ Ministry of Children & Families

Fall Fair Sponsors: WestJet ∞ Comox Valley Dodge ∞ Saratoga Speedway ∞ Pacific Playgrounds ∞ Co-op ∞ Discovery Foods ∞ Long & Mcquade ∞ Iconic Dwellings ∞ Curious Cats ∞ 97.3 The Eagle ∞ Water Pure and Simple ∞ Quinsam Radios

❖ the many, many, wonderful volunteers who help in ways big and small to keep the BCCA vital!

