



Highlights from 2023

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| 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 program |
| Staff/Board | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We saw a few changes in staff this year starting with our maintenance position. John VanderMatten retired at the end of June. John was a jack of all trades and a pleasure to work with. Always quick to come during emergencies and never phased by any challenges presented to him. We hired Remco Wagenmakers to take over this position later in the summer. Remco is a local Black Creeker, so not far away when needed. He is very competent and easy to work with. • One of our office staff also left in September. Tasha Harrison had been with us since March of 2021 and was a lovely person to work with and well-liked by our members. She can be credited with countless hours of work in setting up our facility rental system. She spearheaded everything from agreements to policies and programming the system to get us to the current registration process we use. Her time and effort were much appreciated on this especially as rentals started again after the pandemic and have been going strong ever since. The staff of Lauren, Jessie and Kristine covered the shifts until we hired someone new. In October Stacey Stotts joined us. Stacey is also a local Black Creeker and was familiar with the centre as many years ago she ran our Parent & Peanut program. She's up for any task, a fast learner and a pleasure to work with. We are lucky to have found her and that she found us again. • Board Recruitment – Laurie Beldam joined us in January. Laurie is one of our yoga instructors and we sought her out in the hopes that she would take over as Treasurer as Chris MacPhedran had expressed his wish to step down from this position & remain a member at large. Laurie has been making the transition into this position & it has been great having her on the board. |
| Facility/Projects | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over the year we continued to make improvements to the facility. It never ceases to surprise me how even small changes can have a big impact on the everyday tasks. Some of these included a new tool box (that you can wheel around!) complete with a good set of tools, extra fitness equipment (due to the increase in fitness class participants), shoe storage at the entrance and additional coat hooks in the main hall entrance, moveable floor fans in the fitness room and outside shades on the windows to help with the heat reduction in the summer & a leaf blower for quick cleaning of the pavilion and surrounding areas. • We dealt with a leak in a pipe outside of the sump pump room and the plumbers cleaned the room thoroughly. This has removed the odor and you can take a deep breath when you go in there if you please. • In the spring and summer we tackled the outside areas with cleaning and repairing some gutters, a fresh coat of paint on the lines in the tennis court, for both tennis and pickleball, replacing a few rotten boards on the back deck & hired a painter to come and remove the pitch from the post and beams in the pavilion; along with re-staining the pavilion he also did the front entrance of the building to match & finished up some fascia board painting that was left over from the previous year. • In October we completed the canvas enclosure on the pavilion. This was completed by VI Custom Canvas & Upholstery. Crystal did an amazing job sewing these panels and her and her team installed them with the help of a few of our volunteers. This has |

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| | <p>been one of the best improvements and investments we could have made as it has turned the pavilion into a year-round facility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The end of the year we installed a new access card system for our fitness room users. We were running on borrowed time with the old system (Honeywell) as we had no support with it and it was getting slower and slower. It was an obsolete system by the time it finally quit for good. We exhausted all our efforts in trying to keep it running. We were able to find & install a new system in a very efficient timeline with minimal interruption to our members. The transition was exceptionally smooth, and the system was easy to learn for the staff. We were also able to use our existing access cards, which reduced extra costs. • Although we are incredibly lucky with our rural location and do not deal with theft or vandalism very often, we did have an incident this year. Late in the year we had someone wander the premises in the early hours. This person was also recorded on some neighbours properties as well. Unfortunately, he used our pit toilet as a place to get warm and do drugs. In this process, his torch melted our toilet. Luckily, the building itself is concrete and no further damage was done. The toilet was replaced, and no other damage on the premises was recorded. The police were notified of the occurrence and reviewed our video surveillance to get an image of the suspect. |
| <p>Programming/Event</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2023 was the first full year with no covid 19 restrictions. The first day back after the Christmas break was the busiest office day possibly in the history of the centre. It continued for 2 weeks jolting us and everyone out of the covid fog. Class registrations were better than we had seen for years, and fitness room users were out in full force. We were off to a good start and am happy to report it continued through the year. • Some new fitness classes were added to make use of our spin bikes. High intensity fitness classes moved out to the pavilion once the weather was nice in the spring. The fall was the first time we could double book with programs running in the hall and pavilion. That being said, do to the increase in demand and limited space this year also had us double booking the main hall and using the divider wall to create two spaces. We managed to run a seniors fitness class & mom & tot yoga class at the same time. • The kids Taekwondo class and Pickleball continue to be the most well attended and always fully booked sports programs. Our long-running Parent & Peanut program exploded with 30 families often showing up with over 50 adults and children in attendance. Believe it or not we also share the space with a senior's fitness program for the first hour! Our office staff Kristine offered to run a few weeklong kids' programs in the summer and these were well attended. • The winter session was also the first time we did not cancel any classes due to low registration. • With all restrictions lifted it also meant 2023 was a fun year for events. We had 6 events in total starting with the Polar Bear Swim which saw record attendance, followed by a sold out Pop Culture Trivia Night, a sold out Spring Dance featuring live music with The Howlin' Dogs. We had our first Spring Community Garage Sale in the Pavilion with the intention of turning this into an annual event. Next came the annual Fall Fair & Car Show followed by the Winter Craft Market to end the year. • With the Fall Fair being the biggest event of the year, it takes the most planning and starts early in the year. We did have a change of co-ordinator part way through with Tasha having to step down. We were very fortunate to have Jessie take the reins and everything turned out great on the days of the event. It's always nice to have co-ordinators familiar with our centre and our Black Creek culture to run this event. |

Final Thoughts: 2023 was a wonderful year at the community centre! Being the first full year of life back to normal, it was a pleasure to see regular members back and get to know all the new faces. We have a great staff that come to work every day with smiles and a wonderful board who care about the centre. We will continue to strive to stay in line with our vision:

Be a place to go for fun and enjoyment within our community.

Have our membership take ownership of our facilities and programs.

Instill a sense of community within our membership.

Understand and meet our community's leisure and recreational needs.

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 **2023:** \$353,928

List of our major supporters, funders, and sponsors in 2023:

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

Fall Fair Sponsors: Peninsula Co-Op ∞ Tyler Cochrane Chainsaw Carvings ∞ Fall River Logging ∞ CVEX ∞

Coastal Community Credit Unit ∞ Discovery Foods ∞ Water Pure and Simple ∞ Quinsam Radios

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

