



Highlights from 2024

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 • We received a \$1500 grant from Island Health to support our Senior’s lunch program • We received a \$4000 Arts & Culture grant from the CVRD to support our Fall Fair
Staff/Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We had 2 office staff leave us in 2024. Lauren took a job at the Courtenay Rec Centre. Lauren was lovely to work with; she had a great sense of humour and was our media guru. Kristine decided not to return after the summer break as she was busy with other pursuits. She was also our TRX instructor and always had a smile on her face. • The biggest loss of the year was having our long-term Finance Coordinator retire. Vi Ellis had been with the BCCA for 35 years! She had a wealth of knowledge not only about the finances but the history of the Centre. When I started the E.D. position, I remember asking Vi to please stay for 2 years so I could learn as much as possible from her. She gave me those years, and it was a pleasure working with Vi. She and her husband Andrew were both a huge part of the community Centre. Andrew spent many hours volunteering at our events and was often found picking up garbage in the parking lots and around the canter. Vi is very missed but we wish her and Andrew both a well-deserved retirement! • A familiar face returned to the Centre to take on the Finance position. Cori Lally worked for many years as the Programmer. She moved on to other pursuits but returned to tackle the Finance role. Cori was already familiar with many of our systems, so it was a nice transition. Although she did not have an in-depth knowledge of bookkeeping, she was a fast learner and with the help of Laurie our Treasurer she was able to become proficient at the role quickly.
Facility/Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This year we replaced 2 of our treadmills in the fitness room with brand new ones. The old ones certainly did not owe us anything as we were given them 2nd hand and thanks to Jerry was able to maintain them for years past expectancy. It’s nice to have 2 brand new treadmills and they are well used. • The lower level had a fresh coat of paint completed by the Pumpkin Patch Preschool. We also put in all new LED light fixtures. • The Black Creek Pickleball club worked diligently to repair cracks in the tennis courts. We painted 2 extra court lines at the end of the tennis courts to make a total of 4 pickleball courts. The club came up with a portable netting system so 4 games could be played at the same time. It’s been nice to see more folks using the courts again. • The lower level was rented out to Club Kidz to run summer camps throughout the summer. It was nice to see the space used and have kids around the Centre. • The fall of the year we invested in a 10’ x 20’ storage container. Prep work was completed with a concrete sidewalk at the back of the pavilion and the container was placed so that when the doors are open you step onto the concrete and can easily roll items into the pavilion. We were in need of this extra storage space as fitness programs were sharing equipment that was being kept in the fitness room. This was disruptive to the fitness room users and participants spent a lot of time moving equipment around. It also has extra storage space for event equipment.
Programming/Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024 was a busy year for programs. We ran an average of 30 different types of classes each season with approx.;

	<p>-9 fitness, including: high intensity, cardio and seniors.</p> <p>-9 health & wellness, including: yoga, tai chi, Qigong and meditation</p> <p>-7 art, dance & music, including: clay sculpture, pre-school and adult dance & ukulele</p> <p>-5 sports, including: soccer, ball hockey, pickleball, softball & taekwondo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We contract approx. 34 instructors & facilitators per session. We ran an average of 50 classes a week for 42 weeks for a total of approx. 2100 classes for the year! In addition to our classes, we ran a variety of workshops each season, including art, wellness and certification courses such as Firearms and Food Safe. • Notable to mention is that we had 2 programs that really succeeded this year. We had a record of 22 participants in our Monday senior fitness class which includes lunch, and we had 30 families attend Parent & Peanut (free drop-in program for pre-school age children & guardians) for a total of 78 folks including the kids! • In addition to our programs, we have 474 fitness room members with access cards and an additional 40 families who attend the Pumpkin Patch preschool and there were 65 rentals over the course of the year, including being the polling Centre for the BC election. • We average around 200 users coming to the facility each day • We ran 6 events in 2024: we had the return of our Curling Funspiel for the first time after covid. This Funspiel has been going on for almost 50 years! We had a full roster, and it was a great day. In the spring we had a Community Swap & Shop in the pavilion and following that we ran a Rock N' Roll Bingo pub night that was a huge success! Our annual Fall Fair was wonderful with the addition of logger sport demonstrations, zucchini car races, human slot machine, chicken poop bingo, photo booths and more. We dedicated this year's Fall Fair to our much beloved community member Margaret Douglas who lost her fight with cancer. Margaret was an inspirational member of the BCCA, with years of devotion to our landscaping, ball field and volunteering every year at the Fall Fair from Friday night set up to Sundays clean up. She had many roles over the years including running the corn shucking and watermelon eating contests. We hosted Kenny and Val for a comedy evening and finished the year with our annual much loved Winter Market. The pavilion has been a shining star for this market both for vendors and attendees. Each year we have more vendors requesting to be in the pavilion for this market. The only event that did not return in 2024 was the Car Show. We had decided to move this to a separate weekend as it was a lot of work to run it the day after the Fall Fair. However, the date we chose did not work as there was another large car show at Crown Isle the same day which we wouldn't be able to compete with.
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Final Thoughts: The Black Creek Community Centre is made up of staff, directors, instructors, facilitators, members, and volunteers. All of these individuals create an amazing community within our Centre. Together we will continue to keep this place the hub of our community by adapting, overcoming obstacles, growing and most importantly by being a safe, healthy and enjoyable place to be.

THANK YOU for allowing 'our place to become your place'

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 **2024:** \$381,814

List of our major supporters, funders, and sponsors in 2024:

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

Fall Fair Sponsors: Peninsula Co-Op ∞ Climatec Mechanical∞ Quinsam Radio∞ CVEX∞ Coastal
Community Credit Unit∞ Discovery Foods ∞ Water Pure and Simple ∞ Quinsam Radios + many more!

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

