



Highlights from 2025

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"> • Staff - Cori Lally replaced our long time bookkeeper Vi Ellis in 2024; however, she was only able to stay with us for a year before moving away. We replaced Cori with Stacey Stotts who has been employed in the office administrator role since late 2023. Stacey had some previous schooling completing a payroll and basic bookkeeping program. She also had full knowledge of our day-to-day operations, which made it a much easier transition. She stays after her regular office shifts and works on finance in the afternoons in the office. This has been great as the Executive Director is also working during that time enabling them to work together. A thank you to our treasurer Laurie Beldam for spending many hours with Stacey in helping her learn the many aspects of bookkeeping. Laurie and I both agree that Stacey is a fast learner and in time will excel at this job. • Board Recruitment – Our former treasurer Chris McPhedran stepped down from the board this year. Chris was a great asset to the board as he brought a calm presence and a lot of board knowledge. Deanna McLeod took on the role of vice chairperson, filling a position that had remained empty since late 2024 when Andrea Sorenson stepped down. We had 3 new board members join us, Sarah Kehler, Shannon Bablitz and Teresa James. Unfortunately, Teresa’s work scheduled changed and she had to step down during the year. Sarah and Shannon have been great additions to the board. They have both been members of the BCCA for many years with themselves and their children participating in PPNS, various programs, and Shannon was also the preschool dance instructor for many years.
Facility/Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The largest upgrade this year was purchasing and organizing the new equipment in the storage container. Racks and bins were purchased to hold the various sets of dumbbells and slam balls. Steps and risers were also purchased. Everything has a spot and is easily accessible for fitness classes in the pavilion. We no longer have to move equipment back and forth to share with classes running in the main hall. The back of the container has room for Christmas decorations for the pavilion, including the tree still assembled! • This year we replaced all the office computers, upgraded our router, and purchased 2nd monitors for the 3 desks. This was a much-needed upgrade as we were running old, often 2nd-hand computers that were very slow. Everything is very efficient now. • We replaced the lighting in the front hall and washrooms. This matches the lighting in the office and downstairs. Eventually we will do the fitness room, main hall and back hallway and washrooms with the same fixtures. • Smaller projects, the ones often overlooked but make the day-to-day operations run smoother were; new paper towel dispensers (ones that don’t leave little bits on the floor), zipper adjustment on the pavilion canvas (making it easier to open and close in winter), retractable hose reel. • For events we purchased 3 new tents, a new grill top for the BBQ, an ice maker & rechargeable glue guns (these worked great for building hobby horses at the fall fair as we didn’t need to plug them in) • The fitness room had some modifications done to the big weight rack and at the end of the year our last old treadmill broke down, leaving us trying to find the problem and find replacement parts or looking at purchasing a new one.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We also started a slideshow reel on the tv in the fitness room. It wasn't used that often for sports or other tv programming, and we find that the slideshow is a real hit. We put posters advertising our programs, workshops and events, board and staff photos and bios, our advertisers and many other historical and day-to-day photos from all the activities around the centre. It's updated regularly to keep it interesting. • Although we didn't have a spring clean work bee this year, we accomplished some outdoor work; a load of gravel for the parking lot (spread by a volunteer), removing grass and adding gravel to the teacher's parking area for the PPNS. We replaced the pump on our septic tank that services the front of the building and at the same time had risers put in and the electrical box raised up.
<p>Programming/Event</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our programs remain about the same as the previous year. We run our facility at full capacity most of the year. Our lucky number appears to be 30, with 30 different types of classes per season, an average of 30 classes a week & approx. 30 instructors & facilitators keeping it all running on schedule. We had an additional 20 workshops throughout the year; we will have to try and increase that to 30 to keep in line! Until we increase both our facility space and storage space, this number will likely remain the same for the foreseeable future. We continue to run as many classes as suitable in our outdoor pavilion, and we use our divider wall to make 2 spaces in the main hall to run classes at the same time a few days a week. Our cleaners are 3 times a week and 2 of those days they are working around the schedule with limited time to clean the main hall floor! • When the space is not being used for programs and workshops, it is often rented out. Birthday parties on weekends continue to be popular as do meetings, family reunions, and celebration of life ceremonies. This year we had a regular cake maker renting the kitchen and a dog trainer rented the pavilion. We had 110 rentals in total including 2 sleepovers (girl guides and cub scouts) and 9 weddings. • We ran 8 events this year including our biggest event, the Fall Fair. These 'fun' fundraising events included a dance featuring a live band; Shotgun Kelly (sold out crown with 120 tickets), the annual Curling Funspiel, Rock N' Roll Bingo night, an Easter Event, our first ever Chili Cookoff, a Disco Dance & we finished the year with our annual Winter Market. Each and every one of these events were not only successful fundraisers but very fun community events. These events are all run with volunteers, and our Easter Event was fully run by our Youth Creek Crew volunteers. To keep the youth motivated, they also did their own fundraiser in the summer. The money raised goes directly back to them to purchase items they would like, or to donate to another charitable organization. They raised money to build a lemonade stand to use for further fundraising events in the future. They had a sponsor with a car in the speedway. All their names were painted on the car, and we sent them to the Speedway to see 'their' car race as a thank you for all they do throughout the year. These kids have shown up; making decorations for events, baking for the Fall Fair and working various jobs at the fair, including being there at 8am and helping vendors move products from their cars to the field & helping to clean up at the end of a long day. They decorated the hall and pavilion for Christmas and helped sell raffle tickets all summer long. It's been a pleasure watching them proudly represent the community centre and the spirit of community at such a young age!

Final Thoughts: The Black Creek Community Centre is the quietest bustling little place to be. Those who know know. And when a new person finds us, they know. There is a very special feeling among the 'community' within the community centre. It has been built on a history of community, and that still shines through today almost 70 years later, thanks to our board of directors, staff, volunteers, instructors, facilitators and our fantastic members! '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 **2025:** \$421,392

List of our major supporters, funders, and sponsors in 2025:

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

Fall Fair Sponsors: Peninsula Co-Op, Tyler Cochrane Chainsaw Carving, Fall River Logging, CVEX, Coastal Community Credit Unit, North Island Septic, Discovery Foods, Comox Airport Commission, Quinsam Radios, Pilon Tools, Black Creek Motors, Climatech, Above & Beyond Tree Service, Forbidden Timber, Wine With Us

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

