

# President's Report 2024



We are proud of our many achievements in 2024 – with much work yet to come!

## Intermunicipal Committee

We are fortunate to have support from six municipalities. Our Intermunicipal Committee includes Councillors Karel Roessingh (Highlands, Chair), Colby Harder (Langford), David Grove (Colwood), Gery Lemon (View Royal), Sharie Epp (Metchosin), and Dana Lajeunesse (Sooke). Mr. Lajeunesse (now a Member of the Legislature) will be replaced by Councillor Jeff Bateman for the 2025 year. The committee is supported by PACS Directors Judith Cullington, Chris Fraser, and Matt Cowlrick.

The focus of the committee's work is models for shared funding and operating, and the search for a suitable location for the arts and culture centre.

## Site Search

Our site search continues. We explored several promising possibilities in 2024, however we have yet to find the "right place at the right price". This continues to be our highest priority for the coming year.

## Outreach Events

Thanks to support from our funders, we were able to hire the talented Aynaz Fazeli as our outreach coordinator for a short period. Aynaz provided support with our social media and setting up outreach activities. Sadly, we were unable to secure the funding needed to retain her for a longer term.

We had a wonderful time meeting hundreds of community members through our outreach events. This included tables at the Langford Food Truck and Music Festival, a Colwood Music in the Park, Metchosin Days, and the Highlands Winter Craft Fair. A feature of the outreach event was our "heART" – an opportunity taken by many to tie a ribbon on our heart-shaped frame to show their support for the concept of a west shore arts and culture centre.

PACS also co-hosted a special event with the View Royal Community Association—“View Royal’s Got Talent”—a showcasing of a great deal of local talent! Intermunicipal Committee members Councillors Gery Lemon and Karel Roessing joined as judges.

### Input to CRD Performing Arts Facilities Select Committee

The Capital Regional District is exploring opportunities for financial support for regional performing arts facilities—the Royal, MacPherson, and Charlie White (Mary Winspear) theatres. PACS is working to ensure that the proposed west shore centre would also meet the definition of “regional” theatre. PACS has participated at the CRD meetings to ensure that the Directors are aware of the proposed west shore facility.

### Sponsors and Funders

We are so fortunate to be supported by many individuals and community partners. We recognise, thank, and celebrate you all!

#### Municipal Funders

City of Langford  
City of Colwood  
Town of View Royal  
District of Metchosin  
District of Highlands

#### Community Supporters

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### Thank you and more!

Thanks to all of you who are members and subscribers to our newsletter.

I would especially like to thank this year’s Board of Directors: Vice-President Chris Fraser, Secretary David Stocks, Treasurer Duc Le, and Directors Dorothy York and Matt Cowlrick. We also have many advisory committee members who participated this year: Al Lehmann, Andrea Carey, Aynaz Fazeli, Begum Eryilmaz, Benedicta Osubele, Fran Perkins, Jen Wilde, Jeni Gunn, John Hawkins, Katherine Searle, Kathryn Pascuzzo, Lina Lewis, and Mozhy Mohaghegh. You are a small but mighty team, and it is a pleasure to work with you!

Judith Cullington, President