

## **The Community Hall and Arts Centre Committee**

Bowen Island has an abundance of arts and community groups who are in desperate need of a multi-use facility to stage all manner of events, including such activities as: theatre, concerts, community dances, recitals, conferences, film nights, receptions, workshops, meetings, tai chi, and yoga.

Over the course of many years, a variety of locations have been used for community assembly and performance. Most of these facilities are now either inadequate or are no longer available.

In response to one of the many recommendations detailed in the Cultural Master Plan\* (CMP) dated January 20, 2003, Bowen Island Arts Council (BIAC) was designated as the leading advisory organization to Bowen Island Municipal Council (BIM) for arts and cultural development, with responsibility to direct the implementation of the island's Cultural Master Plan.

One of the four major themes resulting from the CMP included the recommendation for BIM to actively support and make a public priority the acquisition and expansion of arts and cultural facilities that are accessible to the community at large. This was based on public feedback that established the need for arts and cultural facilities on Bowen Island.

To this end, a sub-committee of BIAC was created and named the Community Hall and Arts Centre Committee (CHAC Committee) in February 2004. Its mandate is to plan, design, locate and realize the creation of a Community Hall and Arts Centre on Bowen Island. A detailed Business Plan for a facility was produced in 2004.

Membership of this committee includes representatives from a broad section of the arts community: actors, producers, directors, musicians, literary artists, singers, arts entrepreneurs, theatre technicians and audience.

Representatives from the CHAC Committee have participated in every Municipal Taskforce, Working Group, and Committee dealing with the civic facilities issue since 2004.

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