

Chairman's Report  
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This year has been a very very important year for the association and our vision concerning the building.

The years started off with creation of a new music program for beginners and included ten adult students. This initiative paralleled the existing program with three students from the High School. The programs were joined in April as there were some drop outs at the end of the session. However we did continue these lessons throughout the summer months and are currently proceeding with classes for those students plus a new beginner class that was started in September.

The hall has seen some significant growth in the use of the main hall over the year. Everything from Variety concerts to Ship's company rehearsals, special concerts, film nights and dances. We are actively developing promoting the use of the hall in many new and community development ways. More on that later.

The biggest development of course in hall usage has been the initiation of a film society. Films for All at the Hall began its offerings in December after much organization and the purchase of some equipment. While we're not experiencing turn away crowds at this point we are seeing growth and expect that this will increase hall usage by a wide variety of people from all of our radial community as people become accustomed to it and take advantage of going out for a good movie.

The success of the hall project is highly dependent on the use of the facility by residents from Apple River to Bass River and Parrsboro to Amherst. To that end we have begun development of the board of directors to more meaningfully represent our radial community. We are presently graced with the contribution of directors from Bass River, West Brook and Port Greville/Fox River. We are currently exploring interest in Advocate and Economy.

In terms of finance we are doing very well. Our fundraising events, membership development, donations and government support have enabled us to end the year and a very positive way. There are financial statements available from our new treasurer Linda Towns. We will go over those with you to answer any questions that you might have.

The biggest news of course is the completion of the Business Development Plan that we initiated over a year ago. We were very successful in hiring the partnership of Lydon Lynch architects of Halifax and Bruce Roberts, of Kelco planning consultancy in Kentville. We are very excited about these results and what it means for our future. More on this during the special presentation.

In closing we are now firmly positioned in the middle ground of our development of the project and will be looking forward towards the completion of our secondary development phase by summers end.

All in all it's been exciting, rewarding and quite a bit of work for all of you board of directors. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all and to especially offer Colin Curleigh and Brenda Wheaton my thanks for their huge contribution. Our operation though is not isolated to the board but there are many people now who are volunteering in many ways on committees to help make this dream come true. A big thanks to all of them!

Conclusion of report.

Respectfully submitted  
Michael Fuller