

**Dear CV Arts Members & Art Supporters**

Tuesday October 1, 2013

In November the residents of Invermere will vote on a referendum requesting funding approval for a new multipurpose facility. The new building will serve, in part, as a replacement for the Invermere Community Hall, however; the larger intent is for this facility to serve a Valley-wide mandate as a multi-use art & activity centre. This initiative is very much in line with the five Community Priorities recently identified through a valley wide (Spillimacheen to Canal Flats) public consultation process funded by the Columbia Valley Directed Funds Committee which includes our three mayors and two Area directors. CV Arts endorses those priorities and likewise strongly endorses this Valley-wide concept initiative. We are asking for your support.

The 1st phase of the project includes a large main hall with a capacity to hold up to 400 people. Additional space will include breakout rooms that would be the primary spaces for the current users of the Community Hall. The plans include a kitchen as well as lobby and stage/performance areas. A 2nd phase would include a new Library and municipal offices.

Current users of the community hall support the conceptual plans for a new facility. CV Arts believes this is the best option for a new performance venue in the foreseeable future. ***We are excited by the prospect of enhancing the visual and performing arts opportunities in the Valley through this proposed venue!***

The Invermere referendum will ask approval to borrow up to \$5.7 Million to fund this project, resulting in a tax assessment of \$115 to \$125 per land parcel per year for 30 years. Following the funding precedent of the Eddie Mountain Arena and the Canal Flats Arena, other Valley communities will be approached to provide 25% of the construction and operating costs. It is expected that grants from government and other agencies and private-sector donations will decrease the amount the municipality needs to borrow and/or help fund the 2nd phase of the project.

**Please mark Wednesday, October 9 and Wednesday October 16 on your calendar to come to the Open House Meetings at the Invermere Community Hall! Hear more details about this exciting project and have your questions answered.**

We are asking for your help in generating support and excitement about this proposed new Facility particularly as a Valley Wide resource. Please contact your electoral area reps or town councillors to let them know your support. Letters to the editor would also be much appreciated.

Chris Evans  
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