

The Peachland Hub "Shovel-Ready" Funding Appeal

What is the Peachland Hub?

The Peachland Hub will be a new facility, owned by the District of Peachland, that will house many of Peachland's community service non-profit groups. The building will be constructed on the site of the current 50+ Activity Centre. The project is being driven entirely by volunteers from the non-profit groups, this includes all planning, contracting, and fundraising.



What Stage is the Project at?

From first establishing the Peachland Hub Society and getting approval in principle from Peachland Council in December 2021 much has been accomplished. Our Business Case, developed through winter of 2022, led to Council granting an Authorization to Proceed with the project and the commitment for a long-term \$1/year lease.

Our Start-up Funding Campaign in April/May 2022 raised \$185K, enabling us to hire the architect and engineering team led by Urban Arts Architecture. Through the summer and fall they evolved our early concept designs into the schematic design we have now. A Green Municipal Fund grant of \$80K in support of this work was awarded in December 2022.

The Urban Arts team commenced work on the Design Development stage to provide additional information for our Green and Inclusive Community Buildings fund grant application (requesting \$8.3M) which was submitted at the end of February 2023. They are currently on hold, pending our authorizing them to complete the Design Development and Construction Drawings stages of the process.

What is the Status of Construction Funding?

The funding for the Hub's construction will come from multiple sources: governments, donations, and events.

The federal government funding will be through our request to GICB for \$8.3M. We have passed a first gate with this group, having provided them with additional requested information in July. For provincial government support we are working with Parliamentary Secretary Dykeman (PS for Community Services and Non-Profits), and our MLA Dan Ashton, and will be making a case for end-of-year funding of \$4.2M in March 2024.

Our appeals to family and corporate foundations and high net-worth individuals continues, to date we have yet to receive a donation commitment. Our community campaign had good success during our Jail 'n Bail event and modest success throughout. We believe that both foundation/high net-worth and community donations will gain momentum on confirmation of one or both of our government sourcing efforts.

What are the Project's Timing Constraints?

The GICB grant imposes strict timing constraints as they will not support work done beyond Mar 31, 2026.

This means that we must start demolition of the existing 50+ building no later than August 2024.

This means that all funds for the project must be either in-hand or certain by the end of May 2024 to proceed with bidding and permitting.

So, we must be shovel-ready by May 2024.

What is Needed to Get to Shovel-Ready Status?

To be shovel-ready for May 2024 we need to re-engage the Urban Arts team to complete the construction drawings. Approximately \$400K will be required to complete this work (including GST and expenses). We intend to bring the Construction Manager on to contribute to the design process – this will ensure that we can minimize costs and ensure that the construction process will be completed within the strict confines of the GICB funding program. This is estimated to cost an additional \$50K.

We are working with PS Dykeman's assistant and MLA Ashton to try to secure \$250K of provincial funding for this effort. That leaves about \$200K; funds on hand will cover the projected cost for the Construction Manager, leaving \$150K to be raised from this campaign.

We are hoping that this will come as 4 donations of \$25K and 5 donations of \$10K, however, donations of any amounts are greatly appreciated. At this point we are looking for donation commitments, ready to be executed within a week of request, until we have certainty that all needed funds will be raised such that the project to attain shovel-ready status will proceed.

Recall that we can accept stock in-kind donations.



Peachland's community service groups need a new and permanent home!

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