

President's Report—2023 Annual General Meeting

I would like to respectfully acknowledge that the land we gather on today is on the Unceded traditional territory of the K'omoks First Nation, the traditional keepers of this land.

Good evening, Members of the Fanny Bay Community Association and guests! It is my pleasure to present my President's Report for the past year.

First and foremost, I would like to thank all of you for your continued support and involvement in our community. Our success would not be possible without your dedication and commitment.

As I head into my third year as President of the FBCA, I can look back and say it's been one heck of a ride! I've learned a lot about resiliency and perseverance. I've also experienced the rewards of being surrounded by an incredible team of Board members, especially when we're dolled up for one of our themed Board Meetings.

As a Board, we have navigated through a global pandemic and, like many of you, we hope we're on the other side and in a healthier and happier place. I am happy to report our programs and events have returned to pre pandemic levels.

We have hosted several music concerts, and the attendance has been strong. We've had successful movie nights, and we introduced a new speaker series, which has covered a variety of topics from *Ghost Ships* to the *History of Diamonds*. We held two *Summer Markets* and a *Christmas market*. We also held a very successful raffle with the proceeds going towards the flooring project. *Celebrate Your Community* and the *Halloween Event* continued as usual, with both well-attended. We were also successful at obtaining a gaming grant, which allowed us to produce the monthly *Fanny Bay Flyer* at no cost to the membership or readership.

At the Special Meeting held in January, members suggested we have a *Welcoming Committee*. Thank you to community members *Louise Bradshaw* and *Eleanor Hope* for stepping up to make this happen.

All of these achievements are a testament to the hard work and dedication of our Board Members and Volunteers, and I am truly grateful for everyone's efforts.

"What about a building update Tammy!" I am so happy you asked. As many of you know, we have and continue to deal with major structural issues with the building. We've had setbacks with our flooring project plans and we learned that this is a much bigger, more complex and costlier project than we originally thought. We're not alone though - the CVRD has earmarked \$30,000 for the FBCA to apply towards the

restoration of the building. We had hoped to source a grant to pair the CVRD's contribution, but to date we have been unsuccessful. Although \$30,000 is a lot of money, the quotes to remedy the buildings structural issues exceed \$70,000.

As many of you may know, we were without a Treasurer for almost a year. The Treasurer position is vital for any Board and ours is no different. The Board certainly recognizes this and this is why we took steps to arrange a Special Board Meeting in January to address this. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank community member Dianne Mintz for stepping in as an interim Treasurer for a few months to help Angela, Susannah and I keep the ship afloat... we might have sunk if Dianne hadn't surfaced as our life preserver.

I would also like to take a moment to recognize the contributions of our outgoing Board members: Suzanne Murray, Erna Smith, Angela Hicke, Sherry Harrill, Debby McRae, and Marcia Cronk-Teha. Their hard work, dedication, and service has been invaluable to the success of our community, and we could not have achieved all that we have without their unwavering support. I am grateful for all that you have done, and your offers to continue as volunteers. On behalf of the remaining Board, I wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

To those who are staying on the Board, Neville Hope, Alaine French, Judy Starr, Susannah Howick, Keir Gervais, and our recently appointed Treasurer Tanya Ackinclose, I want to express my appreciation for your continued commitment and dedication to the FBCA and our community. Your contributions are vital to our success, and I look forward to working together with you to achieve our goals.

As we face new challenges and opportunities in the months ahead, I know that we can rely on the collective strength and wisdom of our Board Members, Volunteers and the community at large to guide us forward. Together, we will continue to make a positive impact on our community and create a better future for all who call it home.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Mercer – FBCA President