



Victoria Jubilee Hall

111 Jackson Street South, Box 369
Walkerton, Ontario N0G 2V0

January 11, 2022

Mayor Peabody and Members of Brockton Council:

2021 has come and gone, with no shows or daily rentals at Victoria Jubilee Hall.

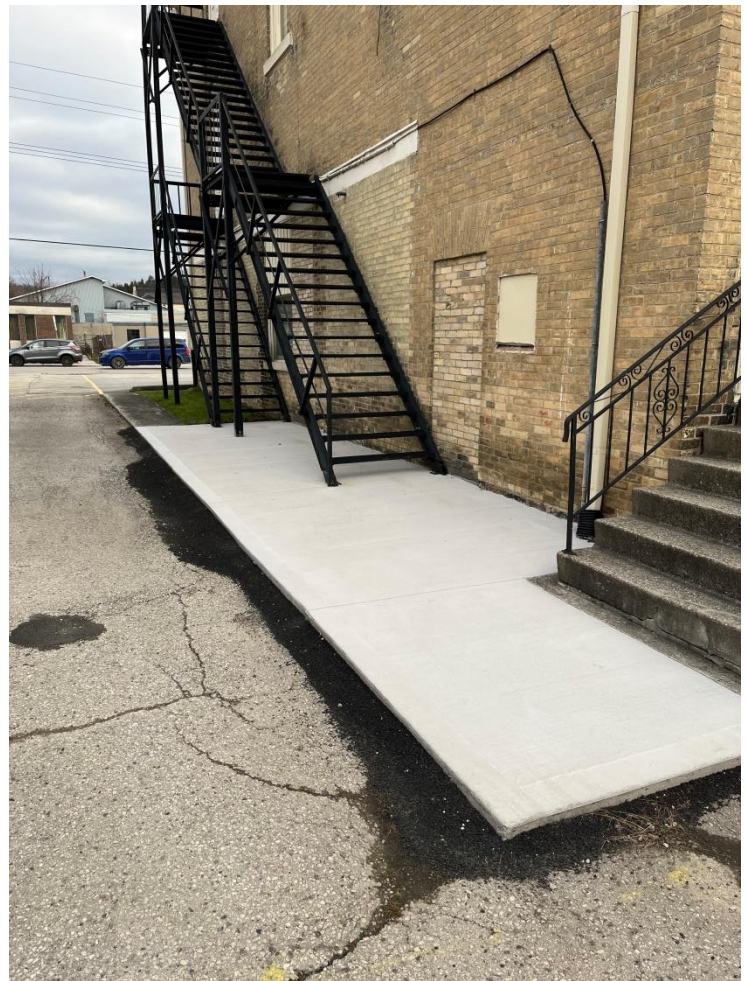
Our Jubilee Arts and Music Committee has booked, cancelled and rebooked many performers, only to re-cancel them. Obviously we are not alone in this frustrating cycle.

Nevertheless, our intrepid volunteers have made lemonade out of these lemons, by using the vacancy of the Hall to do major upgrades.

In addition to the myriad tasks involved in the day-to-day running of the Hall, we completed the following projects:

1) Upgrading West side fire escape and concrete landing: **\$8500**





2) Retrofit of Main Floor Furnace for Better Ventilation and Noise Control \$3400

3) Upgrades to Telephone and WiFi - Paid for by Walkerton Rotary

The following were all completed by volunteers.

4) Converting the Office Door to a 'Dutch' door for better contact protection for our administrator.



5) Raising of all Theatre seats on Main Floor for better accessibility \$1500 CTP



All materials paid for by County Towne Players

6) Repaving a Major Washout in West Driveway



7) Pressure Washing and Installing New Lights on Gazebo



8) Medium-Term Repair to 6' x 12' Window North Side Main Floor



9) Painting Main Floor Washrooms



10) Purchasing and Installing “SQUARE” Credit / Debit Terminal and Software



11) GARDENING - the continuous and enormous 6 month project of maintaining the grounds of the Hall to the standards of our administrator.



Marg Sockett, winner of the Mary Millard Award for Special Contributions to Architectural Conservancy of Ontario.



Several large “Bees” were organized this year to install garden stone, raise sunken paving stones and edge walkways.

Despite these accomplishments, we must consider what was NOT done this year. Our net revenue for 2021 is down about \$35,000 from what we would expect in a normal year, for the second year in a row.

This means we have only undertaken urgent projects, or those with near-zero cost.

What has NOT been done:

- 1) Replacing HVAC unit over opera hall**



\$5000

- 2) Rebuilding East Porch Steps**

\$27,000

(Grants / Donations in place for \$13,500)



3) Retrofitting 8 more windows

\$550 ea = \$4400



4) Replacing treads on indoor stairs up to Opera Hall and Balcony -

\$6000



5) Updating our 20 year-old website

\$4000

The website needs to do more than just announce events; for example:

- Ticket sales, with a view to reserve seating
- Rental options with room layouts, photos, rate structure
- Recognition of Donor page - with photos of plaques and tributes
- Historical Archive - old photos, collection of WHT Fun Facts, history of the Hall
 - history of past 2 decades of renovations

6) Steam-cleaning theatre seats

\$1200

7) Ticket-reading hardware / software

\$1500

8) Replacing north window

\$8000



9) Re-wiring Opera Hall Chandelier

~\$3000



10) Security cameras on south and west sides

~\$3000

11) Servicing Tower Clock Chimes

~\$1200



12) Installing an electronic sign to replace the aging wooden sign

\$10,000



13) Sound and Light System Upgrades

~ \$50,000



Community, Provincial and Federal Grants

The VJH Committee has been blessed with a new member, Robin Zettel, who has been turning her talents to researching and applying for grant money. She is leaving no stone unturned in her search.

Grants received this year:

\$7500 for East Porch - Trillium Mutual - Roots Community Fund
\$10,000 for Sound / Lights - Community Foundation GB Capital Grant



Other Grants Applied for:

We continue to work closely with Brockton's Community Coordinator to explore funding opportunities and we have two grant applications currently being processed.

Relationship with Brockton

The town of Brockton has incorporated Victoria Jubilee Hall into its
2021 - 2025 Strategic Action Plan.

“Supporting Community and Cultural Events Action I: Continue to financially support Victoria Jubilee Hall to ensure its success and sustainability according to the vision set out by its Board of Directors, which promotes arts and culture in the community.”

Brockton is relying heavily on the Volunteer Committee to sustain this enormous project for the benefit of this and ensuing generations. Over two decades, volunteers have managed to leverage small amounts of money to complete huge projects. But volunteerism has also taken a hit in COVID times, and help is needed to clear the backlog of pending projects.

Our Request:

This building, and the culture which it fosters for the whole town of Brockton, needs help at this time.

For these reasons, the Committee of Victoria Jubilee Hall respectfully requests funding for 2022 in the amount of \$25,000.

Respectfully Submitted,
by the Victoria Jubilee Hall Committee:

Bruce Stickney - Chair

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Henry Simpson - Treasurer

Jim Bohnert

Bill Carroll

Robin Zettel - Grant officer

Bob McCulloch - Secretary