

Delegation to Brockton Council - January 10, 2023



Victoria Jubilee Hall 101 - A Brief History in 150 words

VJH was saved from the wrecker's ball in 1997. It was sold to the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO) for \$1, and has been managed ever since by volunteers.

ACO provides Charitable Status for donation receipts, and Auditing services. Everything else, all income for the operation, maintenance and repair of VJH is generated by **volunteers**, through grants, donations, daily and long-term rentals and ticket sales for shows. One Committee manages all aspects of the physical building and property inside and out, and the other, Jubilee Arts and Music (JAM), looks after finding and booking shows, and staffing those shows with volunteers, as well as light and sound technicians.

Brockton Funding:

For many years Brockton provided \$5000 per year to assist with maintenance and repairs. About 5 years ago, that was raised to \$10,000.

Last year, following 2 years of a COVID shut-down, the Committee asked for, and received \$25,000 to help make up for the loss of income.

Accomplishments in 2022, in roughly chronological order:

Exit steps at North and South Basement windows



.....Steam cleaning of Opera Hall seats

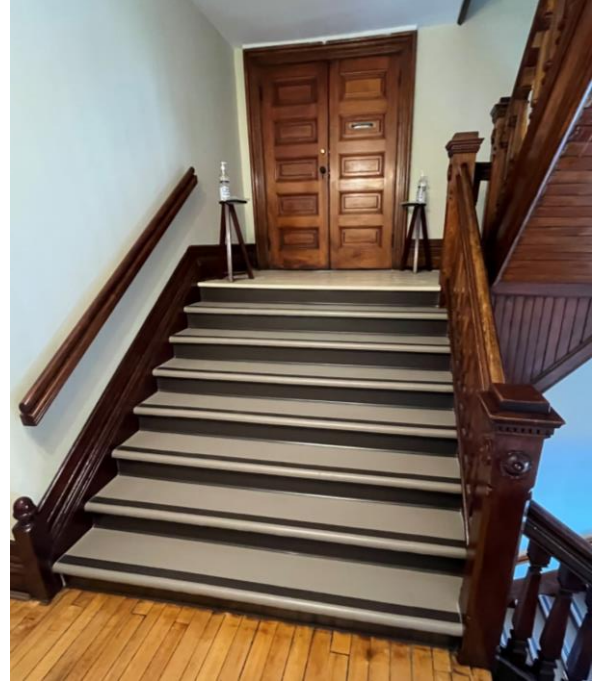
Installation of 7 hand cleaner stations in anticipation of.....reopening of Theatre to County Towne Players



Refinishing of Opera Hall Staircase bottom to top



Installation of rubber stair treads bottom to top

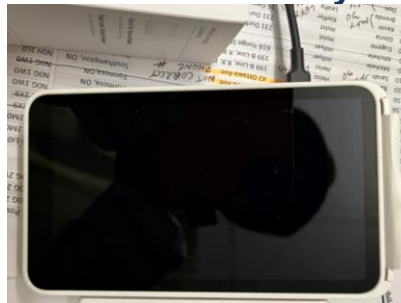


Installation of New Spring Banners (CTP)



Resumption of Series shows: Jim Witter, Sean McCann, Wingfield, and other performers:
Neil Diamond Tribute Band, Sing Show Chorus, Optimists' play-"URSA"

Installation of SQUARE Credit / Debit system for tickets



Partnership with Bruce County Museum



125th Anniversary of VJH Celebration



And Throughout the Season, Beautiful Gardens, tended by our Volunteers



2022 Ontario Volunteer Service Award Winners:

Maryanne Buehlow, Ruth Fischer, Doug Lonsdale, Winnie Schmidt, Pauline Seigfreid, Joanne Sutton.

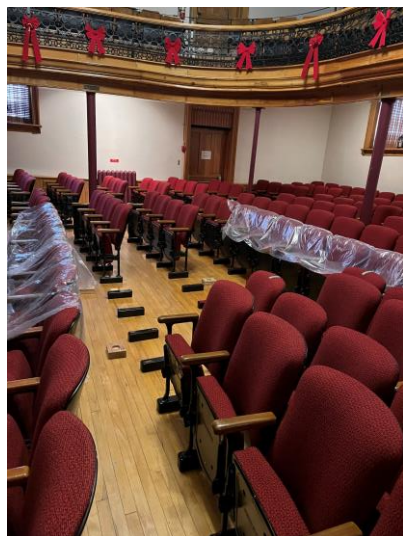
Removal and replacement of East Porch steps, our biggest project of 2022



Replacement of 12 ft x 6 ft North Office window



Rewiring and servicing Opera Hall Chandelier



Installation of new sound board



..... PLUS, innumerable fixes, additions, small projects, all done by volunteers.

The Committee of Victoria Jubilee Hall is respectfully requesting funding from Brockton Council, in the amount of \$25,000, for the following reasons:

1. Last year's donation was leveraged extremely well to support projects that were partially funded by grants, effectively doubling or tripling its value.
2. Expert volunteer labour is able to complete difficult projects for the cost of materials alone.
3. Because of a Provincial Government change of policy, our long-term tenants, Four County Labour Market Planning Board are moving out. This will result in a loss of \$26,000 per year in rental income.

Projects / Expenses for 2023

Large windows long overdue for protection:



These enormous windows are glazed with one thickness of 125 year-old glass. They are an energy drain, but they are part of the historical facade of the building, and must be preserved. The solution for ten of these windows so far, has been to install thermopane glass to the *outside* of the old wooden windows, while restoring and repainting the old wood (cost ~\$450 ea). HOWEVER, the 12 windows remaining are too high for old volunteers, and need to be contracted out, for **an estimated \$3000 ea.**

Passcard Door Access: Convert the North Door lock to a passcard system, to not only provide more secure access to authorized persons, but also to monitor who is in the building. ~\$3500

Additional Exterior Security Cameras - South side ~\$1500

Opera Hall A-Frame Ladder Little Giant 20 ft. step ladder, to allow safe access to the theatre lighting and chandelier . ~\$2300



Longer Term Plans

- **Theatre Lighting upgrades** - LED, servo-controlled units ~\$40,000
- **3 Washroom Renovation** - priced for a grant this year. ~\$45,000
- **Ventilation plan, with major upgrades to our HVAC system.** This is something that has just passed in France for all public buildings and likely will go around the globe because of COVID. Cost unknown. \$????

Momentum

This past year has seen a surge in donations, from service clubs, businesses and individuals. This momentum has been in no small part due to the boost which the Hall received last year with the enthusiastic support of Council. We would ask Council to see this request not as a line-item in the budget, but as an investment which will double or triple in value over the next twelve months.

Sincerely,

The Committee of Victoria Jubilee Hall:

Henry Simpson, Chair and Treasurer, Bob McCulloch, Secretary, Ted Cobean,
Jim Bohnert, Robin Zettel, Don Moore.