

Grant Funding Update – May 2022

Many of you saw this poster on the wall at the end of the season - with \$306,000 emblazoned on it.



Q. Where did that money come from?

A. An Infrastructure Canada CoVid-19 Resilience grant to improve the air quality of the rink

Q. What was it for?

A. Installation of new birch wallboard and insulation in the rink walls that face the outside. Completed in summer of 2021.

Still to come ... a new natural gas dehumidifier to replace our workhorse electric one that's served us well over the years. With the new one we'll be able to

control humidity down to the ideal 45-50% levels instead of our typical 75% readings we used to in the winter.

This might take until Winter 2022/23 to arrive and be installed. They will be prepping the interior ducting, exterior mounting and natural gas connection this summer. The old one will be removed Summer 2023.

Back on the Books

More good news followed in March. We were notified that BC Community Gaming had changed their mind about our previously turned-down application for a Capital Gaming Grant of \$114,000. Apparently, they had more money* to distribute. Adding in a previous Powell River Community Forest grant, the project funding is to be used for:

- **Exterior Siding** – replace two walls of cedar siding with metal panels [**Nelson Roofing**] (team members – Shaun G, Don M, Chris H, Marlene H, Lorna D, Leah B, Roger P)
- **Solar Panels Grid-Tie** installation on roof – expected to reduce our plant operating costs to net zero [**Newport Electric**] (team members – Shaun G, Don M, Bill H, Rob S.)
- **Security Fencing and Gates** for Parking Lot and paved area at back, and potential for adding security cameras to protect against graffiti [**to be awarded**]
- **Art Mural(s)** for parking lot wall [**to be awarded**]



Your capital assessment fees have helped the club to make these improvements and get funding. With little more than \$60,000 of Curling Club money we're going to be able to fund *more than \$500,000 in capital improvements* and reduce our plant operating costs for years to come.

So, you can see that this'll be a busy summer and interesting year ahead of us. [Info or Questions?](#)

Anyone that would be interested in the Building Director or Treasurer position in the future, it would be a great time to come on early as a Director-At-Large and transition to see how the role would fit. Contact board@powellrivercurling.ca for more details

**On another great note for Powell River, Community Gaming also did the same for the Patricia Theatre and just granted them enough money to pay off their mortgage.*