

Last year the Shuswap Society for Arts & Culture (SSAC), promoters of a performing arts centre project proposed for Salmon Arm, approached Shuswap Theatre Society to ask if a protocol might be established between the two organizations which would allow SSAC to raise money for its project and have Shuswap Theatre Society issue receipts for donations under its charitable status. After a thorough exploration of the concept, we determined that it could jeopardize our charitable status with Canada Revenue Agency and we declined to pursue it.

This year, our President and Vice President met with SSAC's consultant on the project, Miki Andrejevic, who put the proposal back on the table. Once again, Shuswap Theatre declined.

Since that time, the Shuswap Recreation Society has announced that as part of a redevelopment of its facilities it is considering establishing a performing arts venue and has hired HCMA Architects + Design to work on the concept. In June we attended, along with a number of other stakeholders, a session hosted by the Shuswap Recreation Society and facilitated by the architects. Following the session, we indicated that for the most part, we will want to continue to present our seasons in our little theatre. We also made clear that our folks stand enthusiastically ready to provide our collective theatre knowledge and experience to Shuswap Recreation Society and their architects.

The membership of Shuswap Theatre Society has not been asked to take a position on Shuswap Theatre's potential involvement in a new performing arts centre since January 2010. The Board believes that the time has come for the members of Shuswap Theatre Society to affirm our direction going forward as far as a theatre facility is concerned and has drafted the following resolution for consideration at the Annual General Meeting.

WHEREAS Shuswap Theatre Society owns its theatre facility at 41 Hudson Ave NW in Salmon Arm, BC free and clear, and

WHEREAS Shuswap Theatre Society values the intimacy of its theatre facility and its independence as a self sustaining performing arts organization, and

WHEREAS Shuswap Theatre Society invests in its theatre facility to keep it a safe, comfortable and effective venue in which to present its productions of live theatre, and

WHEREAS Shuswap Theatre Society is an active contributor to and collaborator in the cultural life of the Shuswap region, and

WHEREAS Shuswap Theatre Society is a charity registered with CRA under the terms of the Income Tax Act

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The members of Shuswap Theatre Society affirm the following:

Shuswap Theatre Society will continue to produce most of its activities at its theatre facility for the foreseeable future.

Shuswap Theatre Society will continue to invest in the facility on both sides of the footlights to keep it safe, comfortable and an appealing performance venue for audiences and theatre workers alike.

Shuswap Theatre Society recognizes that its present facility will not last forever and continues to be vigilant of future opportunities.

Shuswap Theatre Society will continue to participate fully in the cultural life of the region.

Shuswap Theatre will protect its status as a charity registered with CRA under the terms of the Income Tax Act.