

Jean Crowder. MP
Honorary Chair, Cowichan Valley Public Art Gallery



I am writing to offer my enthusiastic support for the plan for a community Arts Centre and I am pleased to take on the role of honorary chair of the board.

I would agree that a purpose built public art gallery for the Cowichan Valley which would meet the conditions required for holding top international and national exhibitions would be a significant contributor to the overall health and well being of our community.

It has been demonstrated in any number of research studies and community economic assessment impacts that arts and culture play key roles in the economy both in direct contributions to the economy, spin off jobs, and in assisting in diversifying the economy. As well the arts can help foster local creativity, bolster community resilience and contribute to enriching the social and cultural capital in a region.

I look forward to working with the Board. To date your commitment and dedication to seeing this project through to fruition are admirable.

Sincerely
Jean Crowder