



Media Release

Coastal Community Credit Union grant helps repair Errington War Memorial Hall Stage

For immediate release

Vancouver Island, April 24, 2008 – The Errington War Memorial Hall will soon have a new stage, thanks in part to a \$2,500 grant from Coastal Community Credit Union's Coastal Spirit Fund.

"We're replacing the floor of the stage," said Denise Schmidt, Treasurer of The Errington War Memorial Hall Association. "It's 50 years old, and it's been refinished so many times that it's down to the nails."

Built in the early 1920s to honor those who died in World War I, the Hall is the hub of community life in Errington. Pre-school, home school, yoga and meditation groups, dance groups, along with weddings and funerals, fill it with activity daily. The stage itself is used two to three times a month for theatrical productions such as the annual Vaudeville show, monthly coffee houses and dances. A group of volunteers operates and maintains the building.

"We don't have a tax base, so we have to raise all of our own money, through hall rentals and fundraising events," said Schmidt. "Whenever we have a large project, it's just such a great boost to be able to approach organizations like Coastal Community Credit Union for help with the cost. The Coastal Spirit Fund really helps. We're very grateful."

Schmidt hopes that the new stage, along with a new floor for the entire hall, will be ready in time for "Hi Neighbor Day" in August.

"Coastal Community Credit Union is proud to contribute to the renovation of The Errington War Memorial Hall, which has played such a central role in the life of this vibrant community for over 80 years," said David Johnston, Branch Manager of Coastal's Community downtown Parksville location. "The dedicated volunteers who devote countless hours to keeping this wonderful resource available to Errington are the kind of partners we seek in helping to build the communities where we live and do business."

In 2007, Coastal Community Credit Union invested over \$400,000 to fund Vancouver Island community initiatives, including \$158,000 contributed through the Coastal Spirit Fund. Grants ranged from \$1,000 to \$20,000 to 41 community organizations. The Coastal Spirit Fund supports local projects in the areas of Arts and Culture, Community Service, Economic Development, Education, Environment, Health, Sports & Recreation, and Youth. Organizations interested in applying for the 2008 Coastal Spirit Fund should visit the Coastal Community Credit Union website at www.cccu.ca the deadline is Wednesday, October 1st, 2008

About Coastal Community Credit Union

Coastal Community Credit Union is the largest credit union based on Vancouver Island serving communities from Victoria to Port Hardy through community branches, financial planning, business and insurance offices. Passionate about the communities it services, the

Credit Union offers financial and in-kind support to charity and non-profit groups through its Community Investment programs.

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