

Bowen Island Arts Council
Community Hall and Arts Centre
Basic Hall Specifications and Information 2014

This conceptual design, in various iterations, has been endorsed by all studies and reports relating to a multi-purpose Bowen Island community gathering place, suitable for assembly, presentation and performance. It is a tried and true design, and is the model for many lower mainland flexible facilities that are owned or managed by Municipalities.

In this current version, we have reduced the size, square footage, and support elements to the absolute practical minimum, in order to inform any future process, and hopefully encourage an understanding that to go any smaller is a worthless exercise, and will produce results that will not meet this community's critical needs.

- The Hall is flat-floored, throughout, and is capable of effectively programming community assembly, the Performing Arts, soft Recreation, Seniors and after-school activities, dances, silent auctions, craft fairs, memorials, and the like.
- Hall Capacity: In **Performance mode**, *retractable seating 155*
Portable seating (optional), 18-28
* retractable seating can be retrofitted, as funds allow, as long as wall and floor reinforcement is done during initial construction.

In Banquet/Assembly mode, 225

- Hall is a single, T-shaped room **(2416 SF)**
- Total area, with critical support rooms **(3192 SF)**
- Dimensions: **Stage area, 40' x 24' (960 SF)**
Audience area, 52'x 28' (1456 SF)
Height, 18' to lighting grid
- Support Rooms: **2 Storage Rooms, 6'x 12' x 18' high (144 SF).** Possibility to double this with minimal extra cost, by including lofts for equipment.
2 Dressing Rooms, 20' x 8' x 10' high (320 SF)
1 Crossover Hallway Backstage, 40'x5'x10' high (200 SF)
1 Tech Booth, 14' x 8'x10' high (112 SF)
- This design does NOT include lobby, public washrooms, offices, First Aid room, or kitchen, as these will be determined by decisions on whether the facility is part of a larger Community Centre, or is stand-alone. To add these elements for a stand-alone facility would increase the total area to 6000 SF
- Blackout capable
- Wheelchair accessible