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Market Hall Announces CFDC Funding

The flagship building of downtown Peterborough, The Market Hall Performing Arts Centre, has received yet another major boost in the form of funding from the Community Futures Development Corporation (CFDC), through one of its many development programs. The Community Capacity Building Program addresses local needs and priorities through collaborative partnerships which result in long-term economic benefit to the local area.

For Market Hall this means an expanded management team which now includes Karen August as Director of Development, a new role in the Market Hall lineup. Bill Kimball moves into the role of General Manager and Jim Angel takes over as Board President.

Market Hall is currently considering ways in which it can continue to be a vibrant and successful venue for music, theatre and dance in Peterborough, as well as the many community celebrations and 'town hall' type events that happen throughout the year. "Market Hall is a special place with deep roots as an artistic space in this community" says Karen August. "We are looking at the best ways to maintain Market Hall so that it can better serve artists, audiences and our whole community into the future. The funding from CFDC is intended to help Market Hall collect and develop ideas to improve the space, and, of course, to find the necessary financial resources to make it a reality."

The incoming chair of the organization, Jim Angel, believes that the CFDC funding is key to helping Market Hall put a strong team in place as part of an expanded strategic direction for the Market Hall. "Partnerships such as this one support our mission of supporting the local creative community. We believe vibrant, creative communities are key to creating a prosperous downtown and strong, healthy community."

Bill Kimball sees taking on the role of General Manager at the Market Hall as a natural fit. His association with it, in one way or another, began when it was transformed into an arts centre 23 years ago. "I'm looking forward to joining the current management team and contributing to the goal – started by the Friends of Market Hall in 1998 - of realizing the full potential of Market Hall as a home for Peterborough's performing artists and performing arts organizations."

Jim Angel is the CIO of Fleming College and participates regularly in the local dance scene as part of "Old Men Dancing".

Market Hall is a not-for-profit organization and registered charity, whose mission is to develop, nurture and sustain the performing arts in Peterborough's historic Market Hall.