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Market Hall appoints new Treasurer to the volunteer board of directors.

Ian McPherson is an accountant with AON Inc., with ten years of experience in corporate accounting. His decision to become involved as a volunteer at Market Hall comes from his desire to offer his skills to a worthwhile community project. Ian recognized the contribution that Market Hall Performing Arts Centre makes to the arts in Peterborough. Ian joined the board in May, 2008 and it quickly became apparent that he was the best person for the role of Treasurer.

“He brings a fresh perspective to the board and the financial planning expertise we need. This makes him a natural choice.” said Jim Angel, Chair of the Board.

When asked why he chose Market Hall, he responds, “I wanted to be involved with an arts group and have the opportunity to contribute to the restoration of a Peterborough historic building.”

As a volunteer director of the Hall he will have ample opportunity to do exactly that. The Market Hall building itself is owned by the City of Peterborough, and they have been diligently restoring and rehabilitating the exterior facades for several years and more work on the ground level storefronts is set to proceed this fall. However, the interior of the Hall is also in urgent need of upgrades. In March 2008, the Arts Centre was almost forced to close its doors unless \$30,000 of electrical work was started immediately. City councilors voted to help Market Hall pay for that work to be completed. In addition, the board and staff have been working with an architectural team to complete a set of plans for a more accessible and functional community performance space with completely updated electrical and mechanical systems, including a new elevator. “Several consultations with stakeholders and the public have taken place and a great deal of that input will be incorporated into the final design” says Karen August, director of development for the Market Hall.

If you have time and energy to commit to the Market Hall as a volunteer there are many ways to get involved. Call Karen August or Bill Kimball at 749-1146 to see how your skills and interests could be used to make great things happen at the Hall.

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.