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Bob Dye, Peter Zwart, Scott Helma with Sue Popesku

Arts Centre helped by BP Explorations

BP Explorations Inc. has donated \$6,500 (U.S.) toward phase two of the North Peace Arts Centre. Peter Zwart, Canadian division manager, said the donation was part of BP's ongoing commitment to assist communities where they do business.

Zwart was in Fort St. John with several associates, including Scott Helma, land manager and international negotiator; and engineers Bob Dye and Ken Konrad.

"We're addressing cultural and social needs," said Helma. "It's evidence of our appreciation for local people and local needs."

BP Exploration, based in Houston, Texas, has an on-going partnership with Canadian Hunter for gas and oil exploration and production. Their drilling program for next year includes 20-40 wells in the Brassey, Noel and Sundown fields, south of Dawson Creek.

Zwart said the partnership holds rights to about one million acres of land, and daily produces 150 million cubic feet of gas, and 4,000 barrels of oil. "It's a long-term relationship, with on-going development," said Zwart.

Bob Steele, Gary Staples and Ed Taras, all of Canadian Hunter, were on hand to present the first \$5,000 installment of a \$15,000 donation to the arts centre from Canadian Hunter. The remaining \$10,000 will be paid over the next two years in \$5,000 installments.