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To: All Community Arts Councils in British Columbia

From: The Fort St. John Community Arts Council


Re: Arts Activities and use of vacant space in the community.

The Fort St. John Community Arts Council has taken advantage of the current economic situation to bring increased attention to the importance of arts in the community. The Arts Council executive has opened an Artspace in a vacant store front in the heart of the city through the generous donation of Tucker Enterprises and the efforts of Northern Lights College Society. The rent and utilities are a donation in return for keeping the prime retail space active and attractive until the place can be rented.

For an Arts Council which has never had a home before, this is a golden opportunity to show to the residents of Fort St. John what such a space for the arts can do for the city. We applied for and received a Community Recovery Program to employ an arts manager, a Downtown Association coordinator, and a special events director to serve the city of Fort St. John. The space has constant displays and is the center of Fort St. John community activity. We offer to sell all non-profit organization tickets to plays, dances, dinners and other events as the Ticket and Information Center of Fort St. John.

In short, the Fort St. John Community Arts Council has made use of the available space and available manpower, both a result of the current economic crisis, to offer services to the community which will improve the city and heighten the awareness of the arts in the North Peace.

Positive action of arts organizations within British Columbia now will have lasting effects when the economy improves. Take advantage of that volunteer element with more time to spare than ever before.

Sincerely, 
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