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Fort St. John

COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL



Box 6474, Fort St. John, B.C.
V1J 4K5

January 6, 1988

Mayor Walsh and City Council Members
10631 - 100 Street
Fort ST. John; BC

Dear Mayor Walsh and Council Members:

The Fort ST. John Community Arts Council has worked throughout 1987 to maintain a consistent level of service to the community and arts group members while supporting the development of the future Arts Centre. Fundraising efforts have been designed to contribute to the capital of the new Arts Centre. New programs for further arts development have been put on hold until the fundraising energies can, once again, be focused on arts programs rather than facilities.

The current level of assistance from the City Council has allowed the Arts Council to complete all on going activities and services. In 1987, the Arts Council:

- maintained the Artspace Ticket and Information Centre
- improved and extended Artspace Classes
- assisted twelve of the twenty-six member groups with financial support
- conducted the highly successful Partly Arts concert series
- sponsored and hosted the Regional Peace Country Arts Conference
- completed the Artvark Summer Arts Program for the fourth consecutive year
- encouraged arts activities and events of all art-related groups and individuals in the community
- informed individual artists on sources of funds and means of publicizing their artwork
- provided entertainment and exhibits for specialized conferences and community events

The Fort St. John Community Arts Council would like to continue the cooperation between the arts community and City Council with the same level of funding received in the last five years of \$5,500 annually.

We look forward to discussing with you the arts involvement in our community.

Sincerely,

Linda Scarfo

Linda Scarfo, President

Arts Today for Arts Tomorrow

Fort St. John

COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

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Box 6474, Fort St. John, B.C.
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November 14, 1988

Mayor Walsh and City Council Members
10631 100 Street
Fort St. John, B.C.

Dear Mayor Walsh and City Council Members,

The Fort St. John Arts Council would like to thank you for the support received for the operation of the arts in the community. The Arts Council with twenty-six member groups representing thousands of residents has received \$5,500 each year since 1983 and the Artspace which serves the entire community has received funds to cover the rent in the past four years. Enclosed is a detailed list of funds provided to member groups since 1980. In 1988, the total funds contributed to the arts by the City of Fort St. John was \$15,100. This contribution has assisted in generating over \$250,000 in arts spending in the community in 1988.

The Arts Council and the Artspace projected budgets to 1990 are enclosed. The immediate change to 1989 is seen in the rent increase imposed upon the Artspace by J.B. Holdings. The Artspace must now pay \$900 each month which also covers light and heat. The Arts Council is able to carry on the current programs with the Artspace but can not raise the additional \$1200 to provide the additional rent funds.

The Arts Council can continue to provide the current level of service to the community through the Artspace with additional support from the City.

REQUEST FOR 1989:

		<u>Increase from 1988</u>
Community Arts Council 26 member groups	\$6500	\$1000
Artspace Ticket and Info Centre	\$10800	\$1200

Thank you for your assistance in providing arts activities and the Community Ticket and Information Centre for newcomers and residents of Fort St. John. We are proud that other B.C. communities are looking to the Arts Council Artspace in Fort St. John as an example of what they would like in their communities. Thank you for helping to make this all possible.

Sincerely,

Kevin Truscott
President

Fort St. John Community Arts Council

Arts Today for Arts Tomorrow

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Fort St. John

COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL



Box 6474, Fort St. John, B.C.
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December 15, 1989

City of Fort St. John
Fort St. John, B.C.

Dear Mayor Walsh and Council Members,

The Fort St. John Community Arts Council would like to thank you for your continued support of arts development in Fort St. John. Enclosed is a brochure of the member groups of the Arts Council. The Arts Council serves its 26 member group through awareness, promotion, and Artspace services. The Arts Council encourages individual artists, group events, and community involvement. The new Arts Centre completion is the top priority of the 1989-1990 season for the Arts Council and member groups.

Enclosed is the actual financial statements for 1988 and 1989 and the forecast budgets for 1990 and 1991. The Arts Council request to the City of Fort St. John for 1990 is:

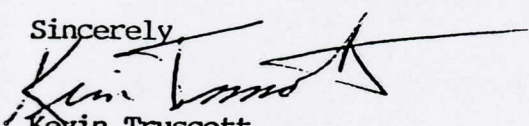
Arts Council Annual Support ; \$6500

Artspace Monthly Rent: \$ 900

The executive of the Arts Council and I would be pleased to make a formal presentation to the City Council at an in-camera meeting, if you wish.

We look forward to working with you in 1990 to provide cultural opportunities to the residents of Fort St. John.

Sincerely,


Kevin Truscott

President

*Referred to
Budget
discussions.
on Jan. 2/90 Mtg.
Revenue Committee
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November 22, 1990

Mayor Thorlakson and Council Members
City of Fort St. John
10631 - 100th Street
Fort St. John, B.C.
V1J 3Z5

*Presentation
to city by
Carol/Karen* ①

Dear City Council Members of Fort St. John,

The Fort St. John Community Arts Council has worked toward expansion of arts development in the community during the last year.

- Assisted - 13 of the 28 member groups with financial support.
- Operated - the Artspace Ticket and Information Centre assisting 25 Arts groups and 12 non-arts groups.
- Conducted - the Artspace Classes representing 1050 registrations in 1989-90.
- Presented - Partly Arts Concert Series enjoyed by 1200 audience members.
- Supported - The progress of Arts Centre development
- Awarded - Top students in Music, Drama, Creative Writing and Art at Northern Lights College and North Peace Secondary School.

The Arts Council has used the funds from City Council to assist the member groups whose combined expenses of \$302,000 generate (x 2.5 lowest economic index factor) \$755,000 economic impact in Fort St. John.

For 1991 the Arts Council requests the same assistance as last year of \$6500 for the Arts Council and \$900 per month to pay the rent for the Artspace.

The Arts Council Executive on behalf of the hundreds of people represented by the 28 member groups would like to thank the City of Fort St. John for their support of arts development in the North Peace.

Sincerely,

Carol Ingalls
Carol Ingalls
President

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COMMUNITY IMPACT OF THE ARTS

Fort St. John (including surrounding regional areas)
1989 - 1990 statistics

THE ARTS generate into the North Peace economy

\$877,625 annually

\$351,050	X	2.5
Combined average		Lowest Economic
annual expenditure		Index Factor

66% of the Area population of **26,000** are involved
in watching or participating in the arts.

Fort St. John has **20 art related businesses.**

Mrs. Twichetts Eye
The Quilt Patch
The Brass Basket
JC Craft Boutique
Playful Learning Centre
Artworks
Erikan Gallery
Gramma's Craft Shop
The Yarn Barn
Framing/TD Awards

The Music Shoppe
D & B Music
Northwest Needleworks
Decal Mania
B & G Fabrics
Lorraines Fabrics
Systems by Trail
Rainbow Signs
The Village Shoppe
The Glass House

Fort St. John

COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL



Box 6474, Fort St. John, B.C.
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January 14, 1991

Mayor Steve Thorlakson and Council Members,
City Hall
Fort St. John, B.C.

Dear City Council

Thank you for allowing us to bring you up to date on the activities of the Fort St. John Community Arts Council on January 7, 1991. Several questions arose during the presentation for which we have found the answers.

The \$1500 receivable in the Artspace statement represents the final payment of office contract from the Arts Council budget. The cheque was written June 26, by the Arts Council but not deposited into the Artspace account until into the 90-91 financial year beginning July 1, 1990.

The list of Arts Council groups receiving grants each year from the Arts Council is included. This information had not been included in the original package to City council this year.

The question of the GST is a concern for us. The increase of \$63 per month (\$756/year) on the rent was not included in the budget request. However, the GST will impact our budget in many areas which will place a strain on our already limited situation. If the City Council could include the GST in the rent request for the Artspace, the Arts Council could be better prepared to balance the 1990-91 budget.

Thank you for your support of arts development in Fort St. John.

Sincerely,

Carol Ingalls President Arts Council 10003 100 Street, Fort St. John, B.C. V1J 3Y5
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Arts Today for Arts Tomorrow

Fort St. John Community Arts Council

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November 25, 1991

Mayor Thorlakson and Council Members
City of Fort St. John
10639 - 100th Street
Fort St. John, B.C.
V1J 3Z5

Dear Mayor Thorlakson and Council Members,

The Fort St. John Community Arts Council has continued to work in the arts development in the North Peace during this past year. With the assistance of the City of Fort St. John we have been able to:

Operate - the Artspace Ticket and Information Centre assisting 23 arts groups
15 non-arts groups.

Initiate - the development of the Children's Festival for June 1992.

Support - the progress of the Cultural Centre development providing resources,
meeting space and office services.

Present - the Partly Arts Concert Series of six touring concerts attracting an
audience of 1700 people.

Award - top students in Music, Drama and Art at Northern Lights College and
North Peace Secondary School and Miss Fort St. John Talent winner.

Conduct - Artspace Classes representing 1100 registrations in 1990-91.

The Artspace will be celebrating its 10 year Anniversary in 1992. Moving into the new North Peace Cultural Centre is an exciting 10 year milestone.

With the completion of the North Peace Cultural Centre, the Community Arts Council will experience an adjustment. Our role as an Advisory Board to the Cultural Centre will require additional effort in planning and policy and further commitment to Cultural Centre support.

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Arts Council Budget Request

The Arts Council will continue to use the City funds to support member groups development and activities. The Artspace rent will continue to be applied to the operation of the Artspace which will be part of the North Peace Cultural Centre after May 1992.

Request for 1992

Community Arts Council 26 member groups: \$ 7,000 - increase from 1991 of \$ 500

Artspace Ticket and Info Centre: \$13,476 - increase from 1991 of \$ 1,920

JB Holdings raised the rent of the Artspace to \$1,123 each month from \$963 effective last January 1991. GST is included in the above figures. The Fort St. John Arts Council has found that increase rent has limited the amount of support we could contribute to the North Peace Cultural Centre.

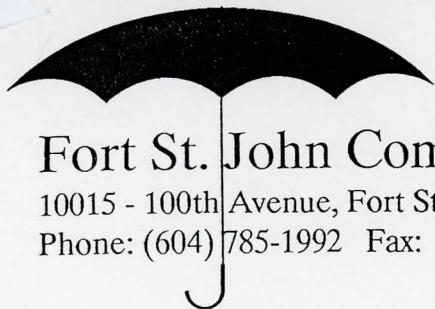
The Arts Council Executive on behalf of hundreds of people represented by 26 member groups would like to thank the City of Fort St. John for your support of the arts in Fort St. John. The Arts Council will continue to deliver the same quality and level of service that the community has grown to expect over the past 10 years.

Sincerely,

Carol Ingalls
President
Fort St. John Community Arts Council

CI/pm

*no increase
received
1990*



Fort St. John Community Arts Council

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Phone: (604) 785-1992 Fax: (604) 785-1510

November 13, 1992

City of Fort St. John
10631 - 100th Street
Fort St. John, B.C.
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Dear Mayor and Council Members,

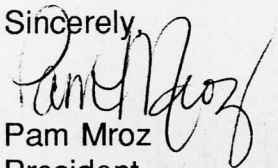
The Fort St. John Community Arts Council is pleased to have been instrumental in the building of the North Peace Cultural Centre. We feel that the results have been very beneficial to the community as a whole as well as to the arts in our community. We are proud to have worked with you on this project.

The Community Arts Council continues to serve its 26 member groups by providing financial assistance where needed according to specific criteria set up by the arts council. The Arts Council has contracted services from the Cultural Centre staff for mail and phone service and use of equipment on a yearly basis. The Arts Council continues to develop and program the Partly Arts Series which promotes the education and enjoyment of the performing arts in the community.

The Community Arts Council greatly appreciates the support of the City of Fort St. John and will continue to work with you to encourage the growth and availability of arts in our community. We encourage all groups travelling around the region, province, and out of country to recognize the support of our local community.

At this time we would like to request the continuing support of the City through the grant of \$6,500 to the Arts Council. We would like to invite your representative to attend our meetings any time.

Sincerely,


Pam Mroz
President