

Fort St. John Community Arts Council
Presentation to Fort St. John City Council

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The Fort St. John Arts Council has 24 member groups including dance, music, visual arts and literary organizations. The Arts Council is one of 5 Arts Councils of the Peace-Liard Regional Arts Council and one of 105 Arts Councils in the B.C. Assembly of Arts Councils.

The Assembly has asked all Arts Councils to request that March 11 be designated Arts Awareness Day in their respective communities. The lower mainland will be holding a rally called For the Life of Art and all Arts Councils in the province will be sending in their Arts Awareness Proclamations to be part of Arts Awareness Day on March 11. The arts play an important role in everyday life and healthy communities are enlivened and enriched by the arts.

The Fort St. John Arts Council has continued to serve the community by:

Supporting the North Peace Cultural Centre

Helping the member groups of which 11 received financial support through assistance from the City of Fort St. John.

Initiating the Business Award for the Development of Arts in Fort St. John in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce

Awarding excellence in the Arts to high school and college achievers.

Provide national and provincial expertise in arts management organizations such as the B.C. Touring Council where Bob Bennetts is the Regional Representative and the Canadian Conference of the Arts where Sue Popesku is the B.C. representative.

Conduct the Partly Arts Series which presents 5 professional touring shows each year. This year a sixth show, The Little Eagles of Siberia, a children's choir from Russia will be added on May 8. Everyone is invited to attend this outstanding performance. Tickets will be available soon.

The Fort St. John Arts Council is keeping up to date on the provincial move to develop policies and criteria for regional development of the 12 Arts Regions in B.C. and on the Ministry of Tourism, Responsible for Culture advisory council on the Status of the Artist.

We invite you to attend the Arts Council meetings the third Tuesday each month at the North Peace Cultural Centre.