

A Different

VIEW

of
ARTS

in

Fort St.

John, B.C.

Mayor's Message

Fort St. John, B.C. Extends A Warm

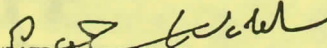
WELCOME



As Mayor of Fort St. John, British Columbia, and on behalf of its 14,000 residents, it is a real pleasure for me to bring you greetings and to invite you to visit our fair city.

Many of you will have occasion soon to drive the Alaska Highway and we in Fort St. John want to encourage you to stop in on your journey to enjoy our hospitality. Take a break in your travels to enjoy our first class campsites and hotels, and our pools, golf courses, shopping and history. We are at Mile 50 on the "Alcan" Highway and we would truly love to have you visit us. We'll make it worth your while!

Yours sincerely


PATRICK D. WALSH
Mayor

Message from the Minister of Science & Technology

As a member of Parliament for Prince George — Peace River, I extend my warmest greetings to all visitors to Fort St. John. We in the North take great pride in welcoming guests to our community. May you enjoy the best that Northern hospitality has to offer, whether you're staying a while or just passing through.

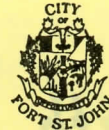
F. Oberle, M.P.
Prince George - Peace River

Thankyou To:

Fort St. John Community Arts Council
Fort St. John & District Chamber of Commerce
Employment & Immigration Canada
Cultural Tourism
The Artspace
Alaska Highway News
Peace River Alaska Highway Tourist Association
Chamber of Commerce Tourist Information Centre

Information Centres

For Visitors



The Tourist Information Centre is located in the lobby of the North Peace Museum and operated under the Fort St. John and District Chamber of Commerce. The booth is open year round, and the friendly staff will be pleased to answer your inquiries and curiosities. Also at the same location is the Business Information Centre. For more information call 785-6037.

For Residents



The Artspace Community Ticket and Information Centre is a facility for arts activities in Fort St. John and a Ticket and Information Centre for the community. Developed by the Fort St. John Community Arts Council in 1983, the Artspace has group and family members who use the facility, receive a newsletter quarterly, and benefit through members' rates on classes and Artspace special events. The Artspace staff coordinates the weekly "What's Going On" Calendar in the Alaska Highway Newspaper, and the CKNL radio program "Arts Insite" which is produced and aired twice weekly. The Artspace is also home of the Artvark Summer Program run by our very own enthusiastic, creative "Artvark Gang". Drop in at the Artspace for information on daily, weekly, and special events and activities, or just to have a warm, friendly chat with the staff (we love that!). Come on down to 10003-100 Street-lower level, or call 785-1988. We'll be expecting you!!!

Art Gallery



The North Peace Art Society promotes and encourages growth of the Visual Arts in the North Peace Region. Run by volunteer staff, the Art Gallery is filled with excellent works by our many talented local artists. A summer program by a student artist in residence provides added tourist interest to the gallery. The North Peace Art Society offers a bursary to an eligible graduating student who wishes to pursue a career in the field of art. The Art Gallery is presently located at the Totem Mall. For more information call 787-0993.

North Peace Museum



The area surrounding Fort St. John is a collage of forests, lakes and rivers, hills and valleys, flat farm land, clear, blue skies, and an abundance of wildlife. The autumns are colorful with early Indian summers; winters bring a wonderland of crisp, clean snow, perfect for ski enthusiasts; springs return the vivid green to the trees inviting birds back from the south; and super summers are perfect for fishermen, campers, hikers, and any outdoor adventurers.

The 150-foot oil derrick standing in front of the museum is a reminder of the exploration of the natural resources which made Fort St. John boom from a quiet 6,000 population to a bustling 16,000 population in a few short years in the 1970's.

History buffs and interested guests are invited to drop in to the North Peace Museum to view the many informative displays. Opened in 1984, the museum focuses on pioneer days and shows artifacts in their natural setting. The 6,000 square foot museum, located at 9323-100 Street, was constructed with the help of the Tourist Industry Subsidiary Development Agreement and the New Employment and Economic Development Program. The exhibits were prepared by pioneers and Historical Society members with all volunteer work.

The museum replaced the delapidated Peace Island Park (Taylor), and old army barracks which had housed North Peace artifacts since 1967. The renovated Monica Storr's chapel in front of the museum delights visitors with its atmosphere of rough yet elegant place of worship of the first Anglican Church in the North Peace.

The museum houses over 4,000 artifacts which are carefully catalogued and restored. Visitors are invited to journey through history from native settlement, trading forts to the pioneer homesteads and the construction of the Alaska Highway in 1942.

May 31, 1987 saw the official opening of artifacts from the archaeological dig on the south end of Charlie Lake. Dated at 10,500 BP (Before Present), the display features a number of stone tools including a replica of an ornamental bead and thought to be the oldest man-made artifact unearthed in B.C. The original bead is presently being studied at Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, B.C.

The museum is open from 8am to 8pm 7 days a week during the summer months from June to September, and all winter from Monday to Saturday, 11am to 4pm.

Admission: Adults \$1.50 Seniors \$1.00 Children \$.75

Group tours are welcome with special rates for adult groups over 15 people. The museum is easily accessible for wheelchair visitors and features a gift shop which carries unique souvenirs of Peace Country charm and originality.

For the Young & Restless

HEY KIDS!

Come And Join Me
at the Artspace
For Lots of Fun this
Summer!

The Artvark Gang

For restless children, the Artvark Gang is ready to entertain in the summer. Register your child in the Artvark Summer Program at the Artspace! The Artvark Gang is a team of four creative, enthusiastic, and fun-loving instructors who are intent on making sure young visitors enjoy their stay while in Fort St. John this summer. The one-week art camps run from June 29 to August 28 at the Artspace, and children aged 3 to 10 can join in the fun. Each week introduces a different theme with arts and crafts and field trips galore! The maximum number of children for each day during the camp is 25. The fees for 5-day camps are, for members - \$23.00, and for non-members - \$28.00. For 4-day camps, the fees for members are \$18.40, and non-members \$22.40. For one day visits the fee will be \$8.00 per day. Registration is at the Artspace from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. The location of the Artspace is 10003 - 100 Street-lower level. For more information contact Sandy at 785-1988.

Artvark '87:

June 29 - July 3

July 6 - 10

July 13 - 17

July 20 - 24

July 27 - 31

August 4 - 7

August 10 - 14

August 17 - 21

August 24 - 28

* Safety Week

Rodeo Week

Spring Week

Animal Week

People and Places Week

Pioneer and Native Week

Music Week

Things That Move Week

When I Grow Up Week

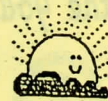
Register at the Artspace from May 19 - August 24
for your favourite weeks!

*Please Note: There will be no day camp
on July 1st Canada Day.





Summer Events Mean



Summer Fun!

June 26&27-Summerfest '87 presents **DOUG AND THE SUGS** Kids Arena 8pm

Sponsored by the



Also Appearing Quicksilver! NO MINORS PLEASE

June 26,27&28-5th Annual Peace Country Bluegrass Country Music Festival
"3 Days of Finger Pickin' Good" Music and Wholesome Family Entertainment

Bend River Ranch - 15 miles west of Chetwynd, B.C.

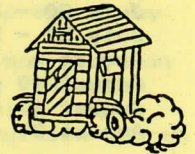
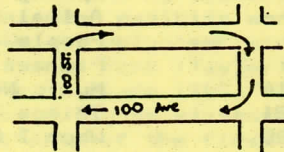
July 1-Canada Day Celebrations - Charlie Lake (6 miles from the city)

July 10-12-Rodeo Weekend - North Peace Lighthouse Association Rodeo Grounds
Alaska Highway to 72nd Street, turn North, approximately 1 km.

10 - 13th Annual Esso Resources "World Championship Outhouse Races"
100 Street and 100 Avenue



RACE ROUTE: |



11 - Rodeo Parade - 10am - Parade route available at the Artspace and posted on various business windows.

July 7-12-Dawson Creek Mile "0" Days

August 1&2-World Class "A" Goldpanning Championships - Taylor, B.C.

August 2-Fall Fair - North Pine Fair Grounds - 14 miles north of Fort St. John

August 7&8-Dawson Creek Rodeo and Fall Fair

August 14-Country Music Concert - Centennial Park (Tentative Location - please call 785-1988 for more information)

For more information on these and other events please call the Artspace at 785-1988 or contact the Tourist Information Booth at 785-6037.

Wall Murals

Location of Murals

Overwaita Foods 101 Street/100 Avenue
10345-100 Street

Central Dept. Store (alley)
10040-100 Street

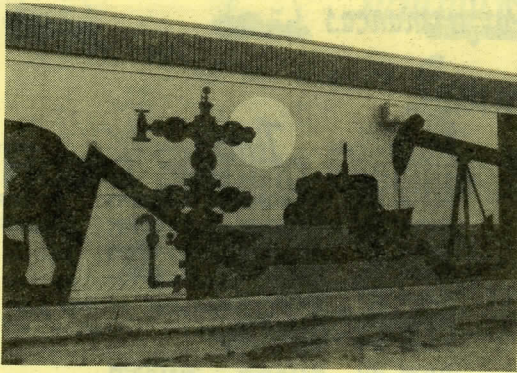
Co-op Mall 9831-98A Avenue
Lads Sports Plaza
10251-100 Street

Minute Muffler 9224-100 Street
Palmer Satellite Systems
9719-100 Street

Fire Hall 9407-100 Avenue
and parking lot of
Palmer Satellite Systems
on 100th Street

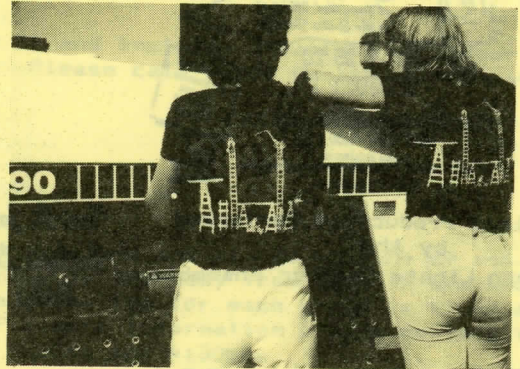
North Peace Rec. Centre
9805-96 Avenue

Northern Lights Rest.
9823-100 Avenue



Co-op Mall-9831-98A Ave.

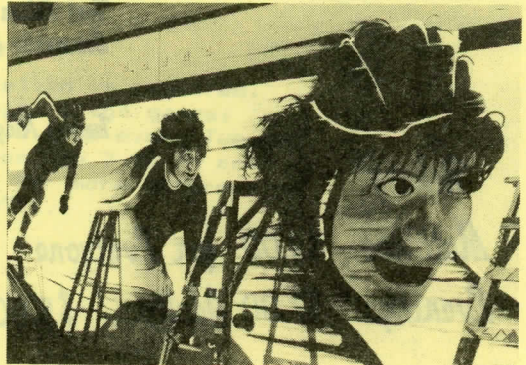
Throughout Fort St. John, exciting depictions of sports and local heritage scenes color the exterior walls of various buildings. Inspired by the approach of the B.C. Winter Games in 1984, local businessman Peter Vogelaar of Rainbow Sign Co. and the Community Arts Council co-sponsored a Summer Work Project in 1983 to produce murals related to the sports included in the Winter Games.



Wall People

The idea was so well received that Vogelaar continued in 1984 and 1985 with his "Wall People," producing heritage and industry themes of the area.

Overwaita Foods-10345-100 St.

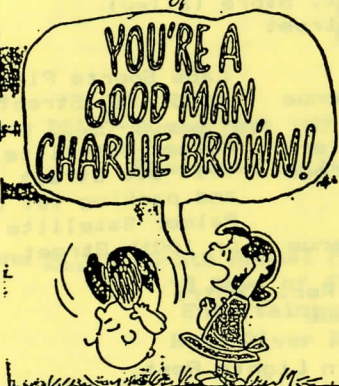


SUMMER TOUR '87

Performances

Special 20th Anniversary Production
Of

YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN!



A fun-filled Musical
for the Entire Family!

**JULY 25 TO
AUGUST 1**

EVENING PERFORMANCE - 8:00 P.M.
MATINEE - 2:00 P.M.

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:
ARTSPACE - CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TOURIST OFFICE (MUSEUM)

FOR ST. JOHN
NORTHERN
LIGHTS
COLLEGE
THEATRE

STUDENT
5.00
ADULT 7.00
SENIOR 5.00

A Musical Production Performed
by the
Northern Lights Chamber Ensemble!

North Peace in Northern B.C.

Place	Date	Times
Dawson Creek in the TENT	June 23	9:30AM 1:00PM 8:00PM
	June 24	9:30AM 1:00PM 8:00PM
	June 25	12 Noon 8:00PM
	June 26	2:00PM 8:00PM
	Sat. June 27	8:00PM
	Sun. June 28	8:00PM
	June 29	NO SHOW
	June 30	2:00PM 8:00PM
	July 1	2:00PM 8:00PM
	July 2	2:00PM 8:00PM
	July 3	2:00PM 8:00PM
	Sat. July 4	8:00PM
Sun. July 5	8:00PM	
July 6	NO SHOW	
July 7	2:00PM 8:00PM	
July 8	2:00PM 8:00PM	
July 9	2:00PM 8:00PM	
July 10	2:00PM 8:00PM	
Sat. July 11	8:00PM	
Sun. July 12	8:00PM	
Fort St. John Northern Lights College	Sat. July 25	2:00PM 8:00PM
	Sun. July 26	8:00PM
	July 27	2:00PM 8:00PM
	July 28	2:00PM 8:00PM
	July 29	2:00PM 8:00PM
	July 30	2:00PM 8:00PM
	July 31	2:00PM 8:00PM
Sat. Aug. 1	2:00PM 8:00PM	
Fort Nelson Community Hall	Aug. 5	2:00PM 8:00PM
	Aug. 6	2:00PM 8:00PM
	Aug. 7	2:00PM 8:00PM
	Sat. Aug. 8	2:00PM 8:00PM
Tumbler Ridge	Aug. 12	2:00PM 8:00PM

Tickets

Matinees \$3.00 for Everyone

Evenings \$7.00 Adults \$5.00 Students & Seniors

Tickets Available at:

Tentertainment Box Office - N.A.R Park Dawson Creek
Artspace & Chamber of Commerce Tourist Booth Fort St. John

Looking for the ARTS

in Fort St. John, B.C.?

Fort St. John, B.C.—a place to relax, enjoy the hospitality, take in the beautiful atmosphere...discover the arts! Claimed to be the oldest white settlement in B.C., Fort St. John is fortunate to have a community supportive of the visual and performing arts. Since the early years, people of Fort St. John have been interested and participated in various aspects of arts activities. The North Peace Cultural Society, recently established, is working towards a cultural centre for North Peace which will provide proper Theatre facilities, Art Gallery, permanent Regional Public Library, and the Artspace. Since the community has very active drama, music, dance, and art programs, and numerous clubs and organizations frequently sponsor local and professional touring performances, audience attendance is increasing, in spite of inappropriate facilities. The vacant 27,000 square foot Hudson's Bay Department Store on 100th Street and 100th Avenue is the proposed space for the arts complex, which would then be accessible to North Peace residents and travellers along the Alaska Highway. The complex will provide a home for the various existing arts groups, and will also provide a permanent home for the Library, Art Gallery, the Artspace, a 420-seat Theatre, and a multi-use area to serve the 25,000 residents in the North Peace. Special events, festivals, performances, conferences, promotions, and a showcase of tourist attractions will all be part of the centre's on-going operations.

Scheduled for completion in 1988, visitors from far and wide are invited to return and experience a long-awaited dream come true. Residents will be encouraged to invite out of town guests to a delightful performance or concert, view local artists' works, or just relax and enjoy the atmosphere of the complex.

If you would like more information on the Expo Legacy Project, call the Artspace at 785-1988 and the staff will be more than happy to help you with your inquiries. Expo '86 was a memorable and exciting, world-wide event. People from all corners of the earth were invited to gather together in Vancouver, B.C. to celebrate each other's accomplishments and appreciate the cultures of all nations.

Performers of Fort St. John and area were pleased and honored to be part of Expo '86 B.C. Pavilion Regional Week. Now the imprint of that historic event will remain as the committee is coming closer to providing a facility for the rich cultural talents of Northern B.C. Thanks to the support of the federal government, local businesses and countless individuals, and future supporters, what was once a dream in the minds of arts groups of the North Peace and area is fast becoming a reality.

ART IS ALIVE in Fort St. John, B.C., and the arts complex will ensure that everyone has the opportunity to examine and experience all aspects of the arts. You'll find what you're looking for (and more!), here and now, and definitely in the future. SEE YOU THEN!!!



