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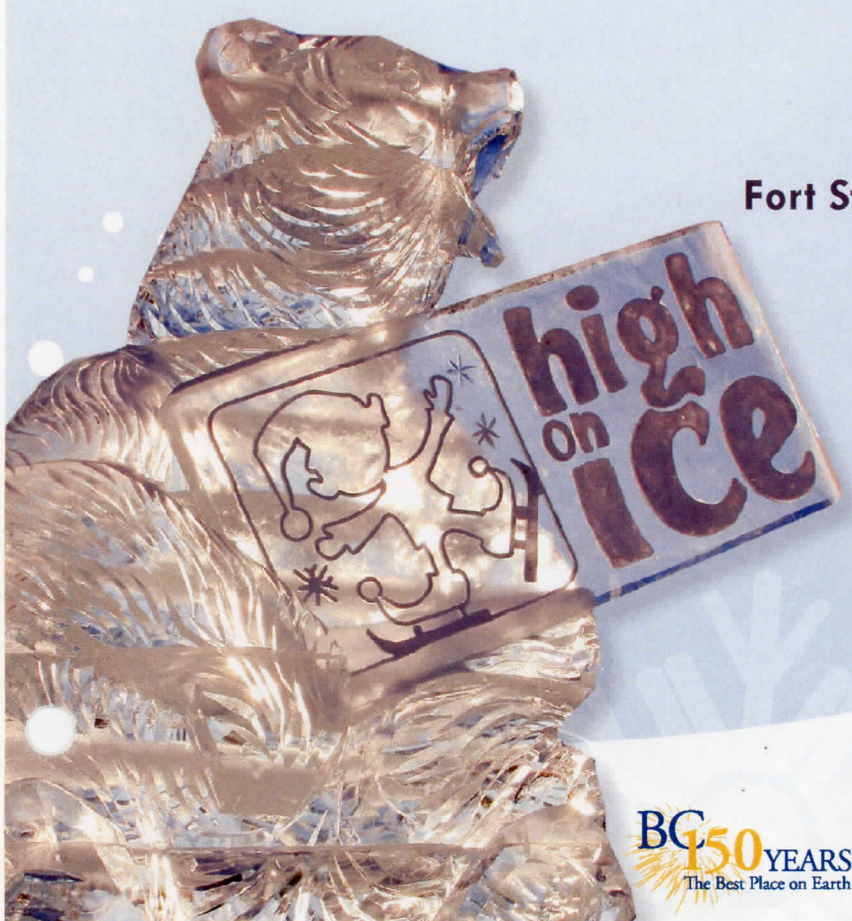
# High on Ice

*Festival*

British Columbia's Only National  
Ice Carving Association (NICA)  
sanctioned event

**Over \$15,000 in prizes!**

Fort St. John, British Columbia, Canada  
January 17-20, 2008



# Community & Event Overview

Located in the heart of majestic Peace River country, Fort St. John ([www.fortstjohn.ca](http://www.fortstjohn.ca)) is northeastern British Columbia's largest regional service centre, supporting a trading area of more than 62,000 residents in the city and outlying service region. More than 18,000 people, mostly young families, live in Fort St. John – The Energetic City.

The Energetic City has exciting plans for the 2008 High on Ice festival, set for January 17-20, 2008, featuring many professional and amateur ice carving events. Hundreds of spectators, young and old, come to this weekend event to watch carvers turn blocks of ice into creative works of art. It is BC's only NICA sanctioned event, and boasts over \$15,000 in prizes! This festival also includes community events such as ice fishing derby, snow golf, sleigh rides, toboggan races, curling bonspiels and many, many more snow events to celebrate the season.

## Prizes

**Over \$15,000 in prizes** are available to be won in the following areas:

### **Professional Team Carving - Abstract:**

1st Prize - **\$3000**; 2nd Prize - **\$2000**; 3rd Prize - **\$1000**; 4th Prize **\$500**; 5th Prize - **\$250**

### **Professional Team Carving - Realistic:**

1st Prize - **\$3000**; 2nd Prize - **\$2000**; 3rd Prize - **\$1000**; 4th Prize **\$500**; 5th Prize - **\$250**

### **Carver's Choice (Professional Team) - Trophy**

**People's Choice (Professional Team) - \$500**

**Media's Choice (Professional Team) - \$500**

### **Professional Single Block:**

1st Prize - **\$500**; 2nd Prize - **\$250**; 3rd Prize **\$150**

Value Added: Fort St. John is renown for our hospitality and this event is no different! Professional carvers will be treated to free accommodations, meals, and transportation throughout the duration of the event. Carvers receive a complimentary High On Ice winter jacket in honour of British Columbia's 150th Anniversary! (see pg.3-4 for details)

Deadline for professional carver registration is **December 14, 2007.**

Registration forms can be found on page 7 of this document.

# Theme for 2008: Celebrating Canada in the North

“Celebrating Canada in the North” is the theme of our exciting 2008 High on Ice Festival. 2008 marks the 150th anniversary of British Columbia becoming a Crown Colony, and in celebration, communities across the Province are hosting festivals and events. Our High on Ice Festival is Fort St. John’s feature “BC150 Event”, and will celebrate our community’s history, art, culture, people and unique northern spirit.



## Professional Ice Carving Eligibility Criteria

### Professional Team Competition:

- Can enter as an individual or as a team of two
- Each team is given 12 ice blocks (10" x 20" x 40" blocks) to create a sculpture in 24 non-consecutive hours
- The Team Carving event will take place in Centennial Park (weather permitting)
- Carving times are as follows:
  - Friday January 18, 2008 - 6:00pm – 10:00pm
  - Saturday January 19, 2008 - 8:00am – 10:00pm
  - Sunday, January 20, 2008 - 8:00am – 2:00pm
- Judging will immediately follow, with the awards being given out at 4:00pm on Sunday January 20, 2008
- Teams can compete in two artistic categories: Abstract or Realistic
- All works must be created within the 2008 theme: “Celebrating Canada in the North”

### Professional Team Registration

Teams must submit a completed registration form, waiver and submit a \$100 registration fee (see pages 5-7) by no later than **December 14, 2007**, and must also submit a biography including previous ice-carving experience, awards, and rankings in competitions (if applicable) with their registration forms. **A maximum of 15 Teams will be accepted for this competition.**

### Professional Single Block Competition:

- Individual carver entries only
- Each individual carver is given 1 ice block (10" x 20" x 40" block) to create a sculpture in two consecutive hours.
- The Professional Single Block Competition will take place in Centennial Park (weather permitting)
- Carving time - Friday, January 18, 2008 with carving scheduled for 1:00pm-3:00pm.
- Judging will immediately follow

### Single Block Registration

Entrants must submit a completed registration form, and submit a \$25 entry fee (see pages 5-7) by no later than **December 14, 2007**.

**A maximum of 10 competitors will be accepted for this competition.**

### Tools and Equipment

High on Ice will supply the following tools for all teams:

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| • Scaffolding              | • Lighting          |
| • Stepladder               | • Ice lifter        |
| • Wood pallets and plywood | • Tarp              |
| • Table                    | • Plastic container |
| • Water                    | • Ice Blocks        |

## Schedule

Thurs. Jan. 17	7pm-10pm	Welcome Reception
Fri. Jan. 18	1pm-3pm	Single Block Competition
Fri. Jan. 18	4pm-5:30pm	Carver's Connection Meeting & Dinner
Fri. Jan. 18	6pm-10pm	Professional carvers competition begins
Sat. Jan. 19	8am-10pm	Professional carvers competition continues
Sun. Jan. 20	8am-2pm	Professional carvers competition completion
Sun. Jan. 20	2pm-4pm	Judging
Sun. Jan. 20	4pm	Awards Ceremony



## Judging

Professional ice carving judging will be done by NICA sanctioned judges. All competing sculptures must remain standing until the judging process is complete. Lead Judge: Bonita Lampman.

## Services for Professional Carvers

The High On Ice Festival is pleased to provide assistance to all professional carvers for transportation, accommodations, and meals for this event.

### Travel Assistance:

- Carvers traveling 100 - 700km to Fort St. John are eligible for \$200 per person.
- Carvers traveling 700km or more are eligible for \$500 per person.
- International carvers will be provided with a dollar amount equal to their one-way airfare to Fort St. John.
- All carvers will have access to free shuttle services from our host hotel to the sculpting venue throughout the competition.

### Accommodation Assistance:

All professional teams will be provided three nights complimentary hotel accommodations located at the Quality Inn Northern Grand – one room per team (double occupancy) for the evenings of January 17, 18, & 19, 2008. A credit card imprint will be required at time of check in for incidentals.

### Meal Assistance

The following complimentary meals will be provided for professional carvers:

- January 18, 2008 – Dinner provided at Carver's meeting 4pm-5:30pm
- January 18, 2008 – Soup and Bun Warmer 8pm on site.
- January 19, 2008 – Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be provided on site.
- January 20, 2008 – Breakfast and lunch will be provided onsite.

Visit [www.qualityinnnortherngrand.com](http://www.qualityinnnortherngrand.com) to see the services and amenities of our High On Ice host hotel.

## Notes to Carvers

- Organizers reserve the right to disqualify carvers who produce sculptures that are considered to be in poor taste or offensive.
- Carvers must supply most of their own tools and equipment. Access will be given to one 120V 15-amp outlet (North American Standard). Carvers may use only one electrical tool at a time. Competition organizers are not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen tools or equipment.
- We strongly recommend that personal protective equipment be used in order to avoid injuries due to the use of electrical or manual equipment (i.e., chainsaws, die grinders, etc.) This includes safety boots, hearing protection, eye wear and other relevant health and safety equipment.
- The judges are aware of the importance of health and safety in this event and should a lack of personal equipment or dangerous working methods be noted, they will issue warnings which may result in point reductions.
- A glove drying rack will be provided on site.

## Welcome to Fort St. John

Carvers are asked to attend the Welcome Reception in recognition of our sponsors and volunteers on Thursday, January 17, 2008 from 7pm-10pm.

## Contact Information

This NICA Sanctioned Ice Carving Competition is one event in the High on Ice festival held annually in Fort St. John. The BC Ice Carving Championship is organized by the Fort St. John Community Arts Council in partnership with the City of Fort St. John.

Visit [www.fortstjohn.ca](http://www.fortstjohn.ca) or contact Chandra Wong for more information at:

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