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**Reference: 2009 Western Canadian Ice Carving Olympic Qualifiers**

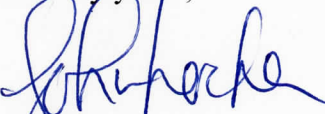
Fort St John is very interested in hosting the Western Olympic NICA Qualifier for Ice Carving in our city in 2009. Fort St. John is “The Energetic City”, which reflects not only its large resource base, but also the vitality of its residents.

As the “host city” and “hub” for northeastern British Columbia, Fort St. John is proud to have been host to many regional, provincial and national events over the years. We are renowned for our experienced volunteers and recreational facilities and are home to some of the finest accommodations, restaurants and hospitality found in the North Peace.

Plus, Fort St. John has promoted and celebrated winter and winter events throughout its history, demonstrating to visitors that it is truly a city for all seasons. The *High On Ice* Carnival held each January features the only NICA sanctioned British Columbia Ice Carving Championship in its impressive list of activities. International ice carvers have competed in High On Ice in the past three years and have witnessed our second-to-none hospitality first hand. The new Enerplex , an ice facility for hockey and speed skating scheduled for completion in 2008, could also provide temperature control for future ice carving events in the case of inclement weather.

Fort St. John fully expects to be involved in the planning of the 2010 event in Whistler and we feel it is a natural fit to host the Western Olympic Qualifiers in 2009. We look forward to working with you to bring this event to “The Energetic City”!

Sincerely yours,



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