

# NORTH PEACE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

---

787- 0430 P.O. Box 6584 Fort St. John, B.C. V1J 4J1

October 9, 1984

"Pride in the community and a better understanding of family origins is greatly improved by the knowledge of local heritage."

## Museum/ School District #60 Proposed Plan

**Objective:** To structure the educational resources of the Fort St. John-North Peace Museum with the school curriculum for maximum benefit to the students as they progress through the grade levels.

**Procedure:** Coordinate the focus of heritage research, pioneer knowledge and artifact and archive collection to coincide with the themes and projects of the various grade levels within the curriculum guidelines.

### Current situation (February 1984 to date):

Interested teachers book in class tours. The one paid employee at the museum attempts to have, at least, one volunteer pioneer at the museum to answer questions. The employee and/or pioneer guide the class through the museum answering random questions about the artifacts. The teacher may follow-up on historical research of interest to the class.

**Results:** Year after year some students will return a number of times and others not at all.

Many classes from some schools and no classes from other schools have toured the museum.

Merely viewing the exhibits has limited educational value.

A follow-up is only as extensive as the teacher's knowledge of the local heritage.

### Proposed Plan:

The Museum employ a half-time educator to consult with the curriculum committee, administration, and teachers of School District #60. The museum person would develop and implement educational packages, tours, and exhibits to coincide with the curriculum for various age levels.

#### Educational Packages:

Research of topics to coincide with the curriculum.  
Teacher guide for each topic.  
Suggested student activities.  
Museum follow-up suggestions.  
Special exhibits of local significance to tour the schools.

#### Museum Tours:

Guided by pioneers prepared to address the primary study topic.

#### Pioneer Discussions:

Sessions with a variety of pioneers knowledgeable about the study topic.