

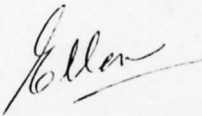
Please find enclosed the minutes and relevant reports from the last meeting of the Peace Liard Regional Arts Council.

The PLRAC is planning a retreat on June 7th and 8th at Fort Saskquatch which is located near the Pine River Bridge between Dawson Creek and Chetwynd. This will be a very important retreat and we would like representatives from all communities to attend if possible. At the retreat we would like to discuss future directions for the Peace Liard Regional Arts Council and discuss Community Cultural Development and establish what this term means to our region for feedback to the Assembly of BC Arts Councils.

We hope to arrive at the retreat between 5pm and 7pm on Friday the 7th. All costs for this retreat are covered by the PLRAC (including travel) so please be sure to send a representative, your voice is important. Please contact me by phone at 782-2601 (Tuesday to Friday) and 782-1145 (evenings and Mondays) to let me know who your representative(s) will be for the retreat. I can give you more specific directions on how to get there then. Again: It is important that your CAC be part of this discussion!

Also find copies of the new newsletter. Please circulate it within your community and if you would like more copies please contact me.

Thank you. If you have any questions please call.



For your information:

The following people have been appointed to the new BC Arts Council:

Mavor Moore	Joy Coghill	
David L H'Lui	Jay Stewart	Sandy Wilson
Leon Bibb	Tom Durrie	Carolyn Woodward
Nina Baird	Penny Stewart	Francis Swasirline
Merrill Gordon	Lydia Cassionachuck	
Anna Wymann	Richard Hunt	

Please forgive any names that may be misspelled. We did not get this list from an official release.

Next meeting dates:

June 7-8th	Retreat	Fort Saskquatch
September 14	Fort Nelson	
November 16th	Tumbler Ridge	

Minutes
PEACE LIARD REGIONAL ARTS COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
May 11, 1996 Fort St. John

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 with seven people present: Blair Thorson, Sue Popesku, Lois Mumby, Anna Stuber, Bob Bennetts, Pam Trotter, Ellen Corea.

Review of Agenda - additions:

- Business Arising - Sheila's phone bills
- New Business - Survey from BC Festival of the Arts
 - Closing of music dept. at Northern Lights College
 - Ford Theatre funding - letter from Judy Tyabji

Approval of agenda as amended / Pam

Approval of minutes from last regular meeting January 27, 1996 / Pam

Correspondence

- Specific correspondence reviewed in morning discussion
 - Correspondence from Yvonne Elden
 - Assembly of BC Arts Councils
 - Chetwynd Community Arts Council
 - Min. of Small Business, Tourism, and Culture - Operating Grant

Motion arising from morning discussion regarding correspondence from Yvonne Elden and Chetwynd Community Arts Council:

Moved that the Peace Liard Regional Arts Council will send a letter to the Chetwynd Arts Council, c.c. to Yvonne Elden, Anita Van Holderbeke and Denice Lindley, acknowledging each date of correspondence and conclude with an appreciation of the extra effort it required to make the Regional Juried Art Exhibition tour a success. An invitation will be extended for them to attend the retreat on June 8th, as well as the next meeting to be held in Fort Nelson in September. A request will be included for the names of their current contacts. Anna will write the letter.
Lois/ Pam passed

Business Arising

1. Regional Juried Art Exhibition : Discussion around the future of the Images & Objects provincial exhibition was conducted in the morning sessions after correspondence was received indication that the Assembly will no longer be co-ordinating the provincial event. (See news release in the regional newsletter- Arts Beat)

Motion that the PLRAC plan on having the regional exhibition next year in Fort Nelson as established and that the process begin with correspondence with Fort Nelson immediately to set plans for the Juried Exhibition. Details of the plans can be developed at the next regular meeting to be held in Fort Nelson in September.

Pam/Bob passed

2. Regional Juried Art Exhibition and Tour: After some discussion regarding the problems encountered during the tour of the Regional Juried Art Exhibition and review of the correspondence from the Chetwynd Community Arts Council the following suggestions were made:

- 1) Planning for the regional tour begin at the same time as planning for the juried exhibition.
- 2) We investigate the possibility for a regional courier
- 3) Maximum pieces to tour be kept down to 15-20.

Motion that the opening ceremonies for the Regional Juried Art Exhibition be arranged for and conducted by the regional board

Sue/Bob passed

3. Regional Workshop: Ellen presented a written report and financial breakdown on the regional workshop "the Business of Culture". (enclosed)

Motion to accept Ellen's report

Pam/Lois passed

Some discussion ensued re: the next regional workshop and it was suggested that we try to partner with Community Futures who just held a workshop in FSJ on Marketing. This workshop had a good deal of information on the BC Creative Arts Exhibition, jurying an art product and information on large creative arts trade fairs. Ellen will investigate the possibility of partnering with this group for the next workshop to be held in Dawson Creek.

4. Pacific Contact: Ellen presented a written report (attached)

Motion to accept Ellen's report

Pam/Sue passed

There was some discussion about the possibility of the regional arts council sponsoring a regional tour of one performer. Also the possibility of sending an additional representative to Pacific Contact as it is a very positive experience.

5. Regional Directory: Some discussion ensued regarding the direction of the resulting information. It was decided that all the information that is not in the RJAE data base will be entered and that Chetwynd Community Arts Council will receive their information back as soon as this is completed. A list of the information will be made available to regional art galleries, cultural centres and arts councils in the region.

6. *Retreat*: Sheila had met with Ellen earlier and sent a verbal request that the board conduct a retreat to discuss Community Cultural Development (see: Assembly report) and the future direction of the Regional Arts Council. A tentative date was set for June 8th. Ellen will look into the place.

7. *Sheilas Phone Bills*: After all the assembly phone bills were received by the office (they weren't being forwarded to our Dawson Creek office even though Ellen had phoned and given BC Tel the new box number) the account came to an additional amount of \$377.43. As per the motion at the last meeting the PLRAC will cover this amount as well.

Reports

1. *Treasurers* : Bob presented the financial statement.

Accepted as presented Pam/Lois

Sue presented a final financial report from the Fort St. John CAC relating to the Regional Juried Art Exhibition. As a result of hosting the RJAE, Peace Gallery North will be purchasing, for it's permanent collection, Emily Mattson's "Through the Board Fence" (which was used for all the promotion for the event). They will be acknowledging the support of the PLRAC for this purchase.

2. *Program*: Art Collection - The next community for the Art Collection program is Fort Nelson. Ellen will contact and ask for an application to be filled out.

3. *Personnel*: Anna has met with Ellen on a regular basis over the last four months especially around the time of the Regional Workshop.

4. *Advocacy*: The following activities have been carried out with regards to advocacy:

- a) Mini Conference: interaction with municipal and regional district representatives.
- b) Regional Juried Art Exhibition: Large enrollment with good regional exposure.
- c) Bob Bennetts went out to talk with presenters in Dawson Creek to help that community on their performance program.
- d) An additional representative was sent to Pacific Contact.

5. *Assembly Rep*: Ellen had met with Sheila before the meeting as she was unable to attend today's meeting. She explained in general that the Assembly is looking at changes in its focus and is working with the concept of Community Cultural Development and what it means to that organization in its future direction. Sheila's request for a retreat was discussed in the morning and a tentative date set. Some discussion also revolved around the ABCAC conference to be held in Vancouver this fall. It was felt that it is very important that we should have at least two representatives from the PLRAC. Fort St. John will be sending at least two and Dawson Creek will try to send two. We will try to encourage the other CACs to send representatives as well.

Motion: That two people from this organization be sent to the ABCAC Conference and the first choice be the chairman and the co-ordinator.

Bob/Pam passed

6. *BCTC Rep:* Bob reported that the BCTC is doing quite fine and that Pacific Contact was a great success. They have added one person to the board to represent facility managers and that person is Ian Forsyth of Fort St. John. The BCTC will also be looking at redirection in the next year. Bob also noted that Tom Durrie, chairman of BCTC, is on the new B.C. Arts Council.

7. *Presidents Report:* Anna expressed a concern that we have little representation from the outlying communities at our meetings. She would like to travel to the communities and make personal contact with their members

Motion: to enable Anna to make trips to the outlying regions to establish contact again.

Pam/Lois passed

8. *Co-ordinator:* Ellen presented a written report

9. *Other :*

Newsletter - Ellen presented the recent newsletter. This newsletter will be sent out in the Dawson Creek Art Gallery next mailing and Ellen will leave enough for the Peace Gallery North in hopes that they will circulate it with their next mailing. Copies will be sent to Chetwynd, Tumbler Ridge and Fort Nelson.

BC Festival of the Arts Survey - Pam will fill out the survey on behalf of the PLRAC.

Motion to write a letter to express disappointment at the demise of the music program at Northern Lights College.

Sue/Lois passed

Sue brought up the fact that the Ford Theatre was built in Vancouver and underwrote by our government. We have received a copy of a letter by Judy Tyabji (sent to Glen Clark and the Province Newspaper) expressing concerns about the surtax on ticket sales that are supposed to be put back into the cultural funding of the province, probably through Cultural Services.

Move to write Cultural Services and request clarification about the revenues from the surtax through ticket sales at the Ford Theatre.

Sue/ Bob passed

Meeting adjourned at 3:15