

Box 6474

Fort St. John, B.C.

Dear Mayor Palmer and City Council Members,

The Arts Council has worked diligently in 1980-81 and has been able to complete the following projects through the grants available from the City and the Provincial governments:

1. Published a 66 page Arts Survey of all community and school art programs. The B.C. Committee of the Arts and Education Commission has asked to use the survey as a model for other B.C. surveys.
2. Assisted member groups by allocating grants:

North Peace Potters Guild	200	
Historical Society	1000	
Rotary Pipe Band	800	
Weaver's Guild	300	
Peace Lutheran Care Home	500	
North Peace Festival Assoc.	800	
Art Group	300	
Music Teachers	500	
		Total for 1980-81
		<u>\$4,400</u>
3. Distributed an arts brochure "What's Happening" to every household in Fort St. John and surrounding area.
4. Coordinated the Arts Review Supplement with the Alaska Highway News.
5. Cooperated with the Parks and Recreation Commission to prepare the "What's Going On" weekly calendar of community events in the Alaska Highway News.
6. Sent 2 delegates to Pacific Contact Conference to represent the Fort St. John Arts Community provincially.

The Arts Council received a grant of 2,140 for 1979-80 and an additional 1,860 to assist this past year's programs. These funds were greatly appreciated and necessary for the work of the Arts Council in 1980.

It appears that a letter to include the Arts Council into the City's 1981 budget was not received by the City Council. The executive of the Arts Council would like to request a grant for 1981 from grant funds still available. We can not continue the excellent public awareness and granting programs without the City's assistance.

The 1980-81 plans include the purchase of a permanent, portable, information and display board. Rampart Industries cost quotation \$1011.00

2. continued support of Arts Groups in Fort St. John 5000.00
 3. increased efforts to promote the arts in the North Peace directly improving the image of the City of Fort St. John to residents and non-residents 3000.00
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- Estimated total... \$9011.00

The Arts Council appreciates your consideration in granting the Arts
a substantial grant to assist our programs.

Sincerely,

Susan E. Popesku
President
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Fort St. John Community Arts Council
P.O. Box 6474
Fort St. John, B.C.

May 27, 1983

Mayor B. Palmer and City Council Members
10631 100 Street
Fort St. John, B.C.

Dear Mayor and City Council:

In the 1982-83 year the Arts Council has grown to twenty-six member groups representing hundreds of Fort St. John residents. Through the support of the City of Fort St. John, plus the provincial Cultural Services Branch and increasing fundraising efforts, the Arts Council has been able to accomplish the following activities:

- 1) operate the Artspace as the first home for the arts in Fort St. John and a Ticket and Information service for the entire community;
- 2) assist the following groups with grants:

Wizard of Oz	\$1,000	Care Home Auxiliary	\$ 700
Music Teachers	340	Potters Guild	300
Treeline	500	Craftsmans Assoc.	400
Local Council of		Rotary Pipe Band	800
Women	225	Historical Society	1,500;
- 3) purchase a photocopy machine for the increasing volume of arts information circulation;
- 4) conduct Arts Month in November, 1982, involving more than twenty-five events and activities;
- 5) compile the Arts Directory and Arts Review for the third consecutive year;
- 6) award outstanding Northern Lights College and North Peace Senior Secondary students studying in art related disciplines;
- 7) inform the public of community activities through the What's Going On Calendar and arts activities in the Arts Page, which both appear weekly in the Alaska Highway News;
- 8) initiate a developmental arts program for children to begin in September, 1983.

An indication of the arts awareness within the community is the representation of three people from Fort St. John on the three provincial arts organizations. Mr. Bob Bennetts remains on the

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B. C. Arts Board, and advisory body to the Minister of the Provincial Secretary. Ms. Norma Currie is the northeast representative on the B.C. Assembly of Arts Councils and Ms. Sue Popesku is the northeast representative on the B.C. Touring Council.

With the increase in the Council's fundraising activities, the Fort St. John Community Arts Council feels confident that the arts can continue to grow by maintaining the current financial support from present funding sources.

Therefore, the Community Arts Council would like to request the same support from the City of Fort St. John of \$5,500 in 1983-84 as received in 1982-83 year.

Thank you for your support. The arts have become a strong positive force within the community. We would like to continue to develop with community support.

Sincerely,



Sue Popesku
Secretary, Fort St. John
Community Arts Council

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October 6, 1983

Fort St. John City Council
City Hall
Fort St. John, B.C.

Re: Arts Council Request \$6,000 for 1984 Budget

Dear Council Members,

The Fort St. John Community Arts Council is pleased to serve the community and all non-profit organizations through the Artspace Ticket and Information Centre and the other 23 member groups of the Arts Council. In the past five years, the arts community has developed rapidly and become one of the focal points of innovative arts projects within the province.

As an indication of its active role in provincial arts, Fort St. John can claim the three representatives of the northeast region and one appointee of the four provincial arts organizations: B.C. Assembly of Arts Councils (Norma Currie), B.C. Touring Council (Sue Popesku), Theatre B.C. (Fred Galloway) and B.C. Arts Board (Bob Bennetts).

Due to the continuous support from the Fort St. John City Council, the Arts Council has been able to create the Artspace Ticket and Information Centre, sustain the communication system for publishing community activities, meetings and special events, and establish a developmental arts program currently involving 250 children, as well as, provide a unified organization for the 23 member groups of the Arts Council.

The majority of people in Fort St. John are served by the Arts Council activities and groups through active participation in the arts, assistance through the Artspace services and/or attendance at arts events, concerts and theatre performances. Arts activities have a decided economic impact within Fort St. John. Newscomers have been particularly pleased with the availability of information concerning leisure activities for their families.

The Arts Council has increased fundraising activities to help meet the increasing arts activities and grant requests of member groups. As indicated by the 1982-83 financial statement, the budget has grown along with the services provided to the community.

The Arts Council would like to request a grant from the Fort St. John City Council for \$6,000 in the 1984 budget.

Thank you for your continued support of arts activities in Fort St. John.

Sincerely,

Sue Popesku Secretary Fort St. John Community Arts Council
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