

ARTSPACE

January 6, 1988

Mayor Walsh & City Council Members
10631 - 100 Street
Fort St. John, BC

Dear Mayor Walsh and Council Members:

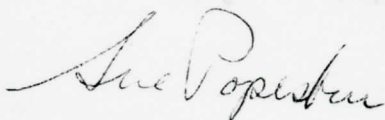
The Artspace has provided the first "home" for the arts in Fort St. John since 1982. The development of the Community Ticket and Information Centre and the multi-use of the Artspace by arts and non-arts organizations has contributed to the increased profile of the arts in Fort St. John and to the awareness of Fort St. John within the province of British Columbia.

The Artspace staff with the assistance of the Arts Council volunteers, have been able to serve the community by generating two thirds of the annual cost of operation and receiving assistance for rent from the City of Fort St. John.

The Artspace would like to request the continuation of the \$800 per month assistance from the City through 1988.

We look forward to presenting the Artspace and Arts Council budgets to the Finance Committee soon.

Sincerely,



Sue Popesku
Artspace Director

FORT ST JOHN COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

In order to provide a wider scope of arts activities in the community, the Arts Council continuously monitors all employment programs in the area. Whenever program objectives coincide with arts needs and objectives, well-researched applications are submitted to the funding source.

In this way the Arts Council has caused a total of \$ 180,000 to flow into the community from 1986 to 1988 and has provided a total of 2,100 person/days of employment for residents of the area.

ARTS COUNCIL & ARTSPACE projects which have brought funds into the community and provided employment:

1986: HERITAGE FESTIVAL

(1) Total funds received: \$33,900

Source: Canada Works Program

Number of jobs: 2

Duration: March 1985-June 1986

(2) Total funds received: \$7,200

Source: BC/Canada Summer Employment

Number of jobs: 4

Duration: May-August 1986

ARTVARK '86

Total funds received: \$11,300

Source: BC/Canada Summer Employment

Number of jobs: 4

Duration: May-August 1986

EXPO 86 REGIONAL OFFICE FOR BC PAVILION AT ARTSPACE

1987: CULTURAL TOURISM

Total funds received: \$68,000

Source: Employment Canada/Job Development Program

Number of jobs: 4

Duration: January-October 1987

ARTVARK 87

Total funds received: \$13,800

Source: BC/Canada Employment (Summer)

Number of jobs: 4

Duration: May-August 1987

1987-1988:

ARTS MANAGEMENT

Total funds received: \$45,000

Source: Employment Canada/Job Development Program

Number of jobs: 4

Duration: December 1987-May 1988

ONGOING: Through fund raising, money is brought in to provide one full time position in the Artspace office. Through income from class registrations, funds are available for one half-time position for Classes Coordinator.

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Dear Mayor Walsh and Council Members:

The Fort ST. John Community Arts Council has worked throughout 1987 to maintain a consistent level of service to the community and arts group members while supporting the development of the future Arts Centre. Fundraising efforts have been designed to contribute to the capital of the new Arts Centre. New programs for further arts development have been put on hold until the fundraising energies can, once again, be focused on arts programs rather than facilities.

The current level of assistance from the City Council has allowed the Arts Council to complete all on going activities and services. In 1987, the Arts Council:

- maintained the Artspace Ticket and Information Centre
- improved and extended Artspace Classes
- assisted twelve of the twenty-six member groups with financial support
- conducted the highly successful Partly Arts concert series
- sponsored and hosted the Regional Peace Country Arts Conference
- completed the Artvark Summer Arts Program for the fourth consecutive year
- encouraged arts activities and events of all art-related groups and individuals in the community
- informed individual artists on sources of funds and means of publicizing their artwork
- provided entertainment and exhibits for specialized conferences and community events

The Fort St. John Community Arts Council would like to continue the cooperation between the arts community and City Council with the same level of funding received in the last five years of \$5,500 annually.

We look forward to discussing with you the arts involvement in our community.

Sincerely,

Linda Scarfo
Linda Scarfo, President

Arts Today for Arts Tomorrow

FORT ST. JOHN COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL - BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1987-88

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Sue Popescu-Special Director for Artspace

Meetings are also attended by representatives of most member groups.

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The Economic Impact of the Arts Groups in the Fort St. John and area has been determined by adding the Last actual financial information which is from 1987 and 1988. Each is only a one 12 month period.

The following includes Arts Council Member groups which involves the majority of arts organizations in the area. It does not include the Public Library, Northern Lights College Visual and Creative Arts nor Jellison's Studios(a private business).

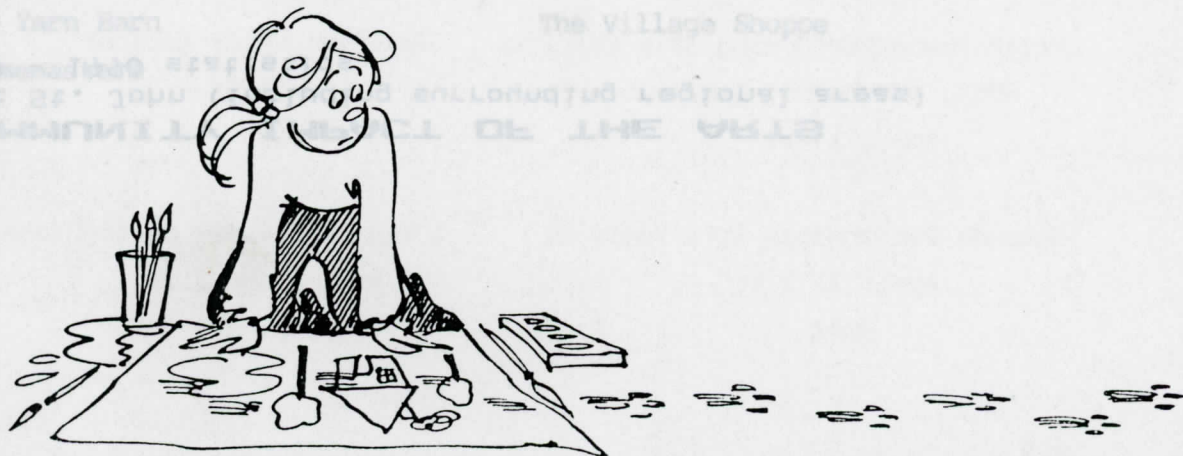
	<u>Last Actual Statement</u>	<u>Economic Factor 2.5</u>
Artspace Classes	\$21,447.69	
Artspace Ticket/Information Centre	22,998	
Can-Cannetes	1,491.29	
Quilters	879	
Art Society(Mall Gallery)	36,700	Total Impact:
Potter's guild	3,580	\$5,883,212
Music Teachers	2,043.75	(nearly \$6 million)
Talent and Fiddlers	1,179.50	
Care Home Auxiliary	8,153	
NLC CHamber Ensemble/Musical Soc.	10,704.67	
Theatre Society	18,118	
Festival Assoc.	11,638	
Partly Arts Series	16,418.66	
Arts Council	36,132	
Historical Society	81,770	
	estimated from here	
Craftsmen Assoc.	600	
Friends of the Library	250	
Gallery Society (planning study)	30,000	
Spinners/Weavers	2,500	
Local Council of Women	1,500	
Machine Knitters	500	
Northern Dance Society	17,000	
Old Fash Fiddlers	1,200	
Rotary Pipe Band	800	
Scot Country Dance	300	
Special Projects		
Vancouver Symphony	12,382	
Artvarrk Summer Prog.	13,000	
Construction of Arts Centre 1987-89)	<u>2,000,000</u>	Total \$2,353,285.50

Not Included is the numerous groups more loosely organized such as the SquareDancers, music bands and other self contained institutions as the Friendship Centre Native Crafts and the Multi-Cultural Society.

Arts Today for Arts Tomorrow

The Arts in Fort St. John

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(604) 785-1991



Coming Up in the Arts.....

"Be A Good Egg" March 30

Totem Mall 10 A.M.

Dirty Works at the Crossroads

by NPSS Drama Zone

April 5-20

North Peace PERforming Arts Festival

NPSS; MB Church; Immaculata Hall

April 17-21

Honours Performance Arts Festival

April 21 2 P.M.

NPSS

Annual Art Auction

April 19

MacKenzie Inn

Northern Dance Extravaganza

April 26, 27

NPSS

Jellison Dance Recital

April 28

NPSS

Artspace Classes Spring Session

Begins April 22

Artspace

COMMUNITY IMPACT OF THE ARTS

Fort St. John (including surrounding regional areas)
1989 - 1990 statistics

THE ARTS generate into the North Peace economy

\$877,625 annually

\$351,050	X	2.5
Combined average		Lowest Economic
annual expenditure		Index Factor

66% of the Area population of **26,000** are involved
in watching or participating in the arts.

Fort St. John has **20 art related businesses.**

Mrs. Twichetts Eye

The Quilt Patch

The Brass Basket

JC Craft Boutique

Playful Learning Centre

Erikan Gallery

Totem Mall Gallery

Gramma's Craft Shop

The Yarn Barn

Framemasters

The Music Shoppe

Dand B Music

Decal Mania

B and G Fabrics

Lorraines Fabrics

Systems by Trail

Rainbow Signs

The Glass House

The Village Shoppe

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ARTSPACE SERVES COMMUNITY

The Artspace offers community information and a ticket service to the North Peace for the seventh consecutive year in 1989-90. The easy to remember telephone number 785-1989 has received hundreds of inquiries asking about schedules and activities of sports events, environmental groups, arts and much more. In the past few months a larger than usual number of new - comers have come in for information.

The artspace offers a free communication system for the entire community by keeping track of annual happenings on the up-to-date calender. When arranging special events many groups are asking first what else has been planned for specific dates. This attempts to avoid major conflicts of too many public events on the same day.

The What's Going on Calender is compiled at the Artspace every Monday morning for publication in Wednesday's Alaska Highway News. All groups are asked to phone 785-1989 to submit their events before 12 noon on Monday. No charge is levied for this service and the sooner the information gets on the calendar, the sooner more people can be informed.

The Artspace frequently receives inquiries from CBC Radio about who to contact concerning issues and events in the community. All non-profit groups are welcome to leave their current Board of Directors names and phone numbers. Tourism calendars and current events notices are sent to Grande Prairie, Dawson Creek, Prince George and Vancouver from the Artspace.

The Artspace is the home of the twenty-three member groups of the Arts Council and the meeting place for non-arts groups such as the Bridge Club, Blizzard Bicycle Club, Personal Computer Users and many more. The Arts Council governs the use and operation of the Artspace.

The annual budget of the Artspace is supported by the Community Arts Council with one-third representing the rent for the space supplied by the City of Fort St. John. The Arts Council fundraises to meet the major portion of the \$30,000 annual operating costs. The Provincial Employees Service Fund has assisted in the fundraising for the past three years.

The Board of Directors of the Arts Council welcomes all input into the development fo the arts activities and suggestions for community invovement. The Arts Council meets every third Monday of each month at the Artspace at 7:30 PM. You are welcome to find out more about the arts on the first meeting of the 1989-90 season on September 18, 1989.