

Fort St. John Community Arts Council,
P.O. Box 6474,
Fort St. John,
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September 29th., 1974.

Mr. E. Hall,
Provincial Secretary,
British Columbia Cultural Fund,
Parliament Buildings,
Victoria, British Columbia.

Dear Sir,

Please find the enclosed briefs which were submitted to our committee regarding the Community Arts Council Grants:-

1. North Peace Potters' Guild.

Requested: \$400-00

Recommendation: \$400-00

1973-4 has been a period of rapid growth for the N.P. Potter's Guild. Membership was 12 as of June 1/73 and reached a peak of 33 in April/74. A new kiln was purchased, and the library was expanded during the year. Fall and Spring saw the establishment of pottery classes taught by the members of the Guild. The grant requested will be used to help finance a workshop during the coming year.

2. Fort St. John Workshop Players.

Requested: \$400-00

Recommendation: \$300-00

The 1973/4 season saw less productions but more community involvement by the club. In October a make-up workshop was held, and was well attended. The children's play "Jack and the Beanstalk" was a success, and made a small profit. In February a talent show was organized by the Workshop Players, all the profits from this event were donated to the building fund of the Arts Council. Their second play "The Girl in the Freudian Slip" was typical of recent productions, in that although well attended, realized little profit. The Workshop Players have worked very hard during the past years to provide a service to the community, and now they find it necessary to request a grant for replacing and maintaining lighting equipment and stage flats, and to assist in defraying costs of hall rentals.

3. Fort St. John Community Arts Council/Concert Society.

Requested: \$400.00

Recommendation: \$400.00

Over the past years the members of the Community Arts Council have decried the lack of high quality entertainment for the citizens of this area. Since 1968 there has been no organized concert series here. Now we have a small group of eager people who are working hard to re-establish the tradition of having concerts visit this area. The committee is hoping to bring to Fort St. John three concerts given by the Festival Concert Society, in the months of October, December and February. The Arts Council grant will be used to give this committee a working capital.

4. North Peace Historical Society.

Requested: \$300.00

Recommendation: \$300.00

The members of the Historical Society have worked extremely hard during the past year to improve the collection of artifacts, and restore several old buildings at their Museum site at Taylor. They still have over one hundred objects in storage which need repairing, cleaning and painting before they can be used in the museum. The grant would be used for this purpose, and to provide improved display areas within the museum.

5. North Peace Music Teachers' Association.

Requested: \$700.00

Recommendation: \$400.00

The amount requested will be used in a variety of ways in the coming year. Interest in promotion of music in the north is growing, and the group feels that contact with Victoria, and the Provincial council is invaluable. Money from the grant will help towards sending a delegate to this council. They are still hoping to purchase a concert piano for the town, and have two musicians in Edmonton and Vancouver looking for a suitable one.

We trust that the enclosed briefs are in order and should there be any suggestions concerning our requests we look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Mary Wheat
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Secretary,
Community Arts Council of Fort St. John.