

LOCAL NEWS

# CELEBRATING THE ALASKA HIGHWAY



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The Fort St. John North Peace Museum is out of the gate early as it readies to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Alaska Highway next year. The museum has created a commemorative 2017 calendar full of historical tidbits and photographs detailing the history of the famed highway. 2017 will mark 75 years since the highway's construction, and Canada's 150th birthday. Heather Sjoblom, museum curator (above), addressed city council on Monday, June 27, to share the museum's schedule of events for the coming year, and to gift council with one of the newly completed calendars.

The calendar features the photographs of Rudy Schubert, who enlisted in the American Army and worked on the Alaska Highway with the 341st Engineers. Schubert moved to Fort St. John after serving in Europe and continued to document the history of the North Peace. The calendar looks at the surveying and construction of the highway, the tourism it brought, how early bridges were built, the story of the Charlie Lake Disaster, and more.