

John Locker City of Fort St. John

September 19, 2005

Dear John,

The Fort St. John Community Arts Council welcomes the opportunity to use the space behind the Sew It Yourself Shop for project organization and program development. We feel that arts projects and programs that can be developed in this area will benefit the residents, the City of Fort St. John and the Arts Council.

In coordination with Heather Truscott of the Sew Shop, the Arts Council has devised a plan to use the space that Heather can make available. The Arts Council plans to pay the light and heat for the square footage it uses. However, we have no idea how much this might be since no records of past bills have been available to us yet. Heather has told us that she is compiling the bills for the past year. The Arts Council resources are limited for this first year of development. The plan calls for a gradual development of the space available and an intensive search for additional resources to be able to maintain the space.

The first phase includes moving into the Southwest corner of the building on September 15, to provide organizational space for the Eives Christmas event and the Ice Sculpting Competition. The second phase involves the establishment of the Potter's Guild workshop on the North side of the building, starting on October 1, 2005.

The name of the space to be used by the Arts Council will be "The ArtsPost". The name is derived from a number of factors: a. the space is located across from the Post Office. b. the inside of the corner room looks like an Outpost due to the wooden floors and clapboard walls. c. the space will be an Arts Outreach space for activities that complement, not compete, with the Cultural Centre.

The two small rooms where the floor and wall are torn up would make a much-needed office if the floor was repaired and the room had an outside door. Since the windows are already framed in, replacing one window with an inexpensive, pre-framed in, outside door would provide access and additional opportunities for development.

The Arts Council would like to know:

- about the insurance for the building and injury liability while in the building.
- any form of agreement required for using the building
- to whom to we pay for our portion of the light and heat

We look forward to having a space for program organization and potential program development. Thank you for making this possible.

Sincerely,

Lisa Bush President Fort St. John Arts Council

September 14, 2005

Report to the FSJ Arts Council
Sue Popesku

Working Space for the Arts Council

The Fort St. John Community Arts Council has been given the opportunity to use space owned by the City of Fort St. John within the city limits for project organization and program development. The establishment of the space is to complement the North Peace Cultural Centre and not compete with any of its official programs and activities. The space will be very limited for the first year and will be managed by the Arts Council Board of Directors in coordination with the City of Fort St. John.

IMPORTANT: The space is temporary and subject to 30 date notice if the City chooses to use the building for other purposes.

The ArtsPost is located in the back rooms of the Sew It Yourself Shop. It is available to the Arts Council....

- providing that the Arts Council, including its member groups, DOES NOT ask the city for any funds to make the facility workable.
- for the share of the light and heat of the square footage that the Arts Council uses.
- if it cooperates with the existing tenant in the building until August 31, 2006 when that tenant will move out leaving the entire building to the Arts Council.

The name of the ArtsPost is derived from:

- its located directly across from the Post Office
- its wooden floors and clapboard walls resembles an Outpost
- the activities to take place in the building is an Outreach of arts activities.

On September 15, one room, in the southwest corner with an outside door, will be available to the Arts Council to begin organizing the signature events of the Arts Council: the Elves Christmas and the High On Ice Sculpting Competition. On October 1, a small room on the North side, with cement floor, is available for workshop space.

The potters in the community are exploring the potential of paying a portion of the light and heat to have this space dedicated to pottery. After August 31, 2006, many rooms will be available for workshop space for fabric arts and other uses. Until then, no spaces are large enough for any other substantial designation.

The Arts Council is being given this opportunity to prove that additional programs and workshops can be developed in the arts if the spaces were available for that development.

The Arts Council may be able to set up an office in this space. The possibilities are open to everyone and every group. This first year can be used for planning and growth. We would like to thank the City for this opportunity and welcome all suggestions and discussions concerning the development of the space.

For further information contact the FSJ Arts Council at: fsjarts@telus.net 787-2479
Box 6474, Fort St. John, BC V1J 4H7

March 2, 2007

To whom it May Concern,

The Fort St. John Community Arts Council is bringing to your attention the crisis in “lack of spaces” for arts organizations to work productively within the community. The termination of current leases and no designated workspace for many groups are outlined in the attachment.

The combined funds that the six following groups spend each year in Fort St. John is \$254,000 which has an economic impact of \$635,000 annually throughout the community (using 2.5, the lowest economic index factor). The added social and enhancement elements these groups provide to the community are more valuable but difficult to measure.

The Arts Council Board of Directors would like to find a workable solution for the organizations listed in order of priority according to immediate need:

1. Fort St. John Community Arts Council
2. North Peace Potters Guild
3. North Peace Spinners and Weavers
4. Fort St. John Country Quilters
5. Stage North Theatre Society (August 2007)
6. Fort St. John Literacy Society (July 2008)

Solutions to the two Fort St. John institutions that also require expansion will take much longer planning. However, the Arts Council will assist where possible to support plans of expansion for both:

1. Fort St. John Public Library
2. Fort St. John-North Peace Museum

Please inform us of any steps we can take to secure adequate and workable spaces for these groups.

Thank you for your assistance,

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November 23, 2007

Mayor Jim Eglinski and Council Members
City of Fort St. John, B.C.

Dear Mayor Eglinski and Council Members,

The Fort St. John Community Arts Council is bringing to your attention the crisis in "lack of permanent spaces" for arts organizations to work productively within the community. The termination of current leases and no designated workspace arts and literary groups are outlined in this report. Those currently renting are paying commercial rates which are straining their sources that could be more wisely used to develop arts programs within the community.

Please consider the information in this report when developing the Cultural Policy and the revision of the Official Community Plan for Fort St. John.

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The Arts Council Board of Directors would like to find a workable, long-term solution for the organizations listed in order of priority according to immediate need:

1. Stage North Theatre Society (lease expires April 2008)
2. Fort St. John Country Quilters (no community space for group workshops and quilt frames)
3. Fort St. John Community Arts Council (Artspost lease expires May 2010)
4. North Peace Potters Guild (in Artspost)
5. North Peace Spinners and Weavers (in Artspost)
6. Fort St. John Literacy Society (going into Executive Place temporarily)

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Stage North Theatre Society

Stage North is a non-profit community theatre society dedicated to providing quality entertainment, mentoring for youth, and educational experiences in production for residents of Fort St. John and area. It is the largest and most active theatre group in Northern British Columbia.

Contact: Rob Laventure President phone 785-8921 cel 263-1376
Stage North Theatre Society
Box 33 9420 93 Avenue
Fort St. John, B.C. V1J 6W7

Space required: 3500 sq ft to 4000 sq ft designated space with bathroom

Space Use: rehearsal space, costume and prop storage, set construction

Current Situation: **Current rental lease (\$1500 per month) runs out April 2008** and Stage North must vacate the rental property of 2 truck bays at the formerly A-1 Brake on 7524 100 Avenue. **Stage North has no where to relocate.**

About Stage North:

Membership: 95 active members Audience: 3500 – 4000 annually

Annual Budget: \$85,000

Sources of Funds: Generated through Productions and Sponsorships
Bingo proceeds
Fort St. John Community Arts Council grant

Mandate: To provide quality entertainment for the community through theatre productions and specialty requests such as theatre sports improvisations for local parties.
To train interested residence in production skills as a resource for expertise in staging community events.
To mentor youth in presentation skills and personal confidence development.
To introduce career opportunities for stage, film and production.

Performance Space: Stage North will continue to showcase performances at the North Peace Cultural Centre in Fort St. John, a 413 seat theatre with all the required elements for staging a successful production

Affiliations: Theatre BC
Peace River Zone Festival held annually in the Peace Region
CanWest Play Fest (held in Fort St. John 2006)
The Jericho Project: a select Theatre BC program to increase theatre attendance.
Fort St. John Arts Council

History: Stage North originated in 1977 when Northern Lights College was established with a mandate to serve the community with arts components including music, pottery, painting, and theatre. Stage North's Brian Paisley, who later went on to found the Edmonton Fringe Festival, established a strong theatre education centre in a refurbished army barrage that was relocation behind the temporary college at the current site of the Senior Citizens Recreation Hall. NLC gradually terminated the theatre, music and pottery courses when they focused more on academic courses in the late 1980's.

Stage North continued as an active community theatre organization. Each year, Stage North provides quality entertainment with 4 or 5 productions and skilled members of Stage North have assisted with additional community events such as the CDC Talent Show, BC Festival of the Arts, summer festivals and special concerts.

Long standing Stage North members have their roots in the Workshop Players, a thriving community theatre group during the 60's and 70's. In the 40's and 50's, a vibrant group of community activists, including Margaritte and Frank Davies and Dr. G. Cormack, wrote and produced plays for the Drama and Elocution Festivals. The prestigious Hamber Award in British Columbia was first awarded to Fort St. John for an original production.

Future Vision:

Stage North Theatre Society has the potential to become a semi-professional theatre organization in the near future. Guest directors and special roles by professional actors could provide much-needed mentoring and training for local residents.

Courses in theatre performance and productions skills during the summer would be an exciting component to a Cultural Tourism focus in Fort St. John as well as create a pool of talented resources for potential film location and additional events/festivals in the area.

Job creation through theatre development is an unexplored potential in Fort St. John.

Set and exhibit construction space, rehearsal space and a small presentation area shared with the Museum could allow changeable exhibits for the museum and character actors for historic re-enactments for cultural tourism development as well as teaching space for theatre and museum workshops.

Fort St. John Country Quilters Guild

The Fort St. John Country Quilters Guild is a non-profit society dedicated to making quilts, preserving the heritage of quilt making, and teaching about quilt techniques and related fabric artworks.

Contact: Lorraine Babuick babuickl@telus.net
North Peace Cultural Centre
c/o 10015 100 Avenue
Fort St. John , B.C. V1J 1Y7
Home 787-9564

Space required: 800-1000 sq ft (with possible shared bathroom)

Space Use: Quilt cutting tables
2-3 quilting frames
meeting/work space
storage for materials and equipment

Current Situation: Currently no designated space. Meetings and workshops are in the Cultural Centre, Northern Light College, and community halls. Individuals work at home.

Funds available for rent money could be \$200 per month.

About The Quilters Guild:

Membership: 60-70 members

Annual Budget: \$3,000

Sources of Funds: Workshops
 Memberships
 Fort St. John Arts Council

Mandate: To teach skills in quilting techniques from beginning to advanced.
 To provide quilts to the less fortunate: Maopi Transition House, Kidney
 Dialysis Centre, Hospital Foundation and the Salvation Army
 To present workshops in various quilting techniques and fabric arts.
 To host an annual Quilt Exhibit the month of May at Peace Gallery North.

Sales Space: Individual quilters will continue to sell items on special occasion sales in the Peace Gallery North in the North Peace Cultural Centre in Fort St. John. This is a limited outlet and does not allow for on-going exhibitions and installations.

Affiliations: Fort St. John Community Arts Council
 Canadian Quilters Society

History: The quilters met in 1984 in the Artspace (then located in the previous People's Drug Mart on the corner of 100 Street and 100 Ave.) to form a group of like-minded individuals to pursue an advanced level of the art of quilting.

Individuals have submitted works to the Annual Regional Juried Show and charity auctions such as the Hospital Foundation. Workshops were held to share quilting techniques. A number of successful quilt shops have been established in Fort St. John by private entrepreneurs.

Membership in the guild varies and members have pursued a variety of interests in workshops and weekend retreats.

Future Vision:

The Quilters Guild would like to bring in special teachers with the expertise to teach new quilting techniques. Members would like to travel to provincial conferences and exhibits to learn more techniques. Holding a quilt conference here in Fort St. John would attract hundreds of people to Fort St. John from all over Western Canada and the US.

With designated space, quilt frames could be left up for on-going work and demonstration. A sales outlet and on-going display would encourage more interest and provide more funds.

Fort St. John Community Arts Council

The Fort St. John Community Arts Council is a non-profit registered charity dedicated to the development and promotion of arts and cultural programs and events in Fort St. John and area. The Arts Council has 20 groups representing hundreds of members and thousands of spectators who are involved in creating, participating or watching arts and cultural programs and events in the Peace Country.

Contact: Chandra wong Executive Director fsjarts@telus.net
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Space required: 1500 sq ft with easy outside access and washroom and water facilities

Space Use: Office and meeting space (possible shared photocopier, etc.)
Work space for preparation of programs such as the Flower Pot Program,
Art in the Park, Elves Christmas, High On Ice
Storage for flower pots/Christmas trees and decorations/reference
library/archives

Current Situation: Currently renting 10320 94 Avenue at \$2000 per month plus utilities and taxes. The lease is to May 2010. the city of Fort St. John has provided the 2007-08 taxes at \$6000.

Fundraising to provide rent is straining the resources of the Arts Council.

About The Arts Council:

Membership: 20 arts groups representing hundreds of members
Audience participation covering 65% of the Peace Country population.

Annual Budget: \$130,000 is the Arts Council/Artspost budget alone (does not include any of the member group budgets)

Sources of Funds: BC Arts Council-Ministry of Small Business, Tourism, and Cultural
City of Fort St. John
Direct Access BC Gaming (some years)
Membership
Generated through programs and events

Affiliations: Assembly of BC Arts Councils
Canadian Council of the Arts
Fort St. John Chamber of Commerce

History: The Arts Council was established in 1967 with a Centennial grant from the Province of British Columbia. Arts and cultural activity, particularly in theatre, music, and dance, has had a longer history in the area going back to the late 40's.

The Arts Council administers funds from the City of Fort St. John to member groups, provides scholarships to students at North Peace Secondary School and Northern Lights College, organizes the Christmas Elves Festival, performing arts and theatre festivals in Fort St. John and conducts the flower pot program and High On Ice for the City of Fort St. John.

The Arts Council has a mandate to initiate cultural development that previously has not existed in Fort St. John. Designated cultural spaces have been limited and temporary until the 1984 opening of the North Peace Museum and the 1992 opening of the North Peace Cultural Centre. A touring program to bring professional artists and shows to Fort St. John was initiated and organized by the Arts Council for decades before it was turned over to the Cultural Centre in 1992. The Artspace Classes originated by the Arts Council in 1983 has continued in the Cultural Centre. Ethnic dance, jazz and ballet have thrived since the concerted efforts of the Arts Council in the early 80's to bring more dance training to Fort St. John. Many dance studios now exist where none existed just 25 years ago.

Annual cultural festival and events have grown and expanded with the help and support of the Arts Council. The North Peace Performing Festival, Chocolate Festival, Theatre Zone Festival, Dance Festivals, Christmas Festival, Art Gallery Auction are a few examples.

In recent years the Arts Council has been able to create new events in partnership with the City of Fort St. John like the Art in the Park, Art That Moves You on the buses, Flower Pot Program and High On Ice.

Future Vision:

The Fort St. John Community Arts Council development has merely just begun. With designated office space and work space, the Arts Council can strengthen and expand to keep up with the increasing demand for arts and cultural activities in this community. The Artspost is a temporary home for the arts council and studios.

Additional programs in partnership with the City, schools and community organizations will be initiated such as downtown revitalization programs, cultural tourism projects, green space development and other enhancements which make a community a place where people want to live and play.

New and innovative programs can be developed such as interactive creative projects with children and recycling art projects with adults.

North Peace Potters Guild

The North Peace Potters Guild is a non-profit society dedicated to making pottery and teaching the art of making pottery for functional uses, creative expression and therapeutic value.

Contact: Heather Hannaford scarab@pris.ca
 Box 423
 Charlie Lake, B.C. V0C 1H0
 Home 785-5550

Space required: 2000 to 2500 sq ft with access to outside for Raku firing and outside activities

Space Use: pottery wheels (9), tables (3) for clay preparation, kiln (3), storage of clay, glazes and pots in progress, possible sales space

Current Situation: Currently the potters have a community studio set up in the Artspost. This is the first pottery studio since Northern Light College evicted the potters due to lack of room for academic classes 15 years ago.

Funds available for rent money is \$500 per month given to the Arts Council to help with the rent of the Artspost. When classes are in full production and the Guild can expand, the rent assistance may increase.

About The Potters Guild:

Membership: 45 active members currently
 Six classes currently this session and next session filling up fast.
 Potential students per year: 60-80

Annual Budget: \$8,000 currently and few resources currently available beyond class fees.

Sources of Funds: Class registrations, memberships, studio use by serious potters, Fort St. John Arts Council grant

Mandate: To provide a pottery studio for members in the community and area.
 To teach skills in handling of clay in sculpting, wheel throwing, glazing and firing.
 To present workshops in clay creations.

Sales Space: Individual potters will continue to sell pottery on special occasion sales in the Peace Gallery North in the North Peace Cultural Centre in Fort St. John. This is a limited outlet and does not allow for unique pottery installations and exhibitions.

Affiliations: Fort St. John Community Arts Council grant

History: In the 1960's, the potters were a summer guild in a tiny house with no heat at Peace Island Park in Taylor. They were able to work throughout the year when they moved to occupy a room off the lobby in the North Peace Arena. In the late 70's, the Northern Lights College new campus north of town included a pottery studio and classes as part of their mandate to provide educational elements in music, painting, theatre and pottery in Fort St. John.

The potters have not had a studio since the late '80s when North Lights College eliminated the studio and destroyed the kiln to make room for offices and additional classrooms. The potters salvaged what equipment they could and stored the wheels and other equipment in various private homes waiting for the time when a studio could be resurrected.

Some potters have persevered and worked within their own homes but this did not provide access for the community and on-going classes. Young people did not have access to learning how to pot. The Artspost pottery studio now provides space for classes and work space for serious potters. Students pay fees and serious potters will be paying for work space time. These revenues will help to sustain the Potters Guild and the rent on the Artspost.

Future Vision:

The Potters Guild are now functioning daily providing classes and studio time to new and seasoned potters. However, the rent burden is ominous and drains resources which could be put to developing creative programs in pottery for children and adults.

Potters who make their living by making pottery have to work through teaching and selling pottery. Previously, a number of professional potters have left the community for places that support their vocation. Jane Anderson, previously from Fort St. John, is now living and working from Grand Prairie. Leanne Carlson has left Fort St. John and is working through Prince George. Both of these potters sell works on special occasions at the Peace Gallery North but we have lost their expertise in teaching and mentoring others.

We are pleased that pottery teachers Shannon Butler and Heather Hannaford have stayed in the community along with master potter Bob Young. Students will be able to learn from these skilled and talented potters through classes and workshops.

Given space and a permanent location, the Potters Guild could eventually create an exhibition space to view potters at work and an outlet for pottery sales which could be a valuable Cultural Tourism element for Fort St. John. A limited program for cultural tourism could possibly begin at the Artspost, however, a sales outlet is not possible with the current space in the building.

North Peace Spinners and Weavers

The North Peace Spinners and Weavers is a non-profit society of interested people who create, demonstrate, and teach the art and craft of preparing, spinning and weaving of natural fibers.

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Fort St. John BC V1J 4M6
Phone: 785-5608

Space required: 1000- 1500 square feet required
Access to bathroom and kitchen (stove and water for dye preparations)

Space Use: Working space for 60 inch floor loom, three 36 inch floor looms, 4 table looms,
loom benches, large table for felting, 6 spinning wheels
Small meetings area
Storage for small equipment and yarn

Current Situation: Currently working in the entrance room of the Artspost with two looms and limited storage. This is public access entrance to the Artspost so no designated area is for spinners and weaver only. No access to heating elements for wool dying and limited space for meetings. Workshop must be held at Northern Light College and some workshops also held at the Rotary Business building.

Rent Participation: The Spinners and Weavers have very few resources for funds. They pay \$100 a month to the Artspost and keep the front entrance room clean..

FUTURE VISION:

IMPORTANT Benefits of having studio space which impacts the community:

- more accessible to new members. Weekly spinning and weaving days in the Artspost will help to increase membership.
- central location
- long warps (*a warp is a project on a loom*) for group projects means more weaving time, less time dressing the loom which is the less desirable part of the craft.
- more visible to the community. The Artspost can hold open houses to demonstrate spinning, weaving and felting. More visual impact with many looms being used at one time with various colourful projects.
- equipment all in one place – not scattered in several people's homes. Equipment has been lost in the past, when people moved away or quit being a part of the guild.
- equipment would be used on regular basis.
- a larger space would provide a place to hold workshops. The group hosts a Peace Country Spinners and Weavers weekend workshop every second year and a North Peace Spinners and Weavers weekend workshop annually.
- pride in studio as a central gathering place encourages more spinning and weaving within the current membership.
- space for a reference library with a craft related collection of books and magazines.

About The Spinners and Weavers:

Membership: 25 members (potential for increase)
Annual Budget: \$2,000 (potential for increase)
Sources of Funds: workshop registrations
memberships
Fort St. John Arts Council grant

Mandate: To provide a creative learning environment through workshops and individual training to prepare natural fibers and utilize weaving looms and spinning wheels.

To teach the skills in processing and dyeing of wools from the sheep to the loom and the preparation of other raw materials in spinning and weaving.

To host workshops for the purpose of raising the level of expertise

To preserve the history and nostalgia of the art of spinning and weaving.

Sales Space: Individual Spinners and Weavers will continue to sell items on special occasion sales in the Peace Gallery North in the North Peace Cultural Centre in Fort St. John. This is a limited outlet and does not allow for unique fabric installations and exhibitions on an on-going basis for visitors and community.

Affiliations: Peace Country Spinners and Weavers (Alberta and BC)
Hand Weavers, Spinners and Dyers (Alberta Provincial Guild)
Association of Northwest Weavers Guild (members from Western Canada and Northwestern USA)
Fort St. John and Community Arts Council

History

The North Peace Spinners and Weavers was established in September 1977 as a group of like-minded individuals interesting in pursuing the art and craft of spinning and weaving. They met in the cafeteria of Central School where looms and other equipment were also stored. A small space was allocated for on-going use in exchange for demonstrating to students how to spin and weave. The space was lost when the school instituted a lunch program for the students. The group has not had any designated space since.

The members of the Spinners and Weavers have cooperated in various shows and sales with the community potters and the painters throughout the 80's and 90's. The Spinners and Weaver have spent many hours in various schools demonstrating and teaching students how to spin and weave. They have participated in numerous community festivals and country fairs and are willing to exhibit and sell artworks at other functions.

The Spinners and Weavers received a grant (\$2500) from the Peace-Liard Regional District in 1985 enabling the purchase of 60 inch floor loom with sectional warping beam and two 36 inch floor looms. Throughout the years, the society has been able to purchase looms and spinning wheels that have no place to be stored even with the space at the Artspost.

Major exhibitions have been held at the Peace Gallery North in November 2001, October 2004, and October 2007. With common space for the group at the Artspost, more exhibits and projects will evolve to add to the cultural development in the community. The Spinners and Weavers could eventually create an exhibition space to view looms in operation and an outlet for fabric artwork sales which could be a valuable Cultural Tourism element for Fort St. John.

Fort St. John Literacy Society

The Fort St. John Literacy Society is a registered charitable society dedicated to promoting literacy for all individuals and groups throughout Fort St John and area by developing cooperative partnerships in literacy, promoting access to literacy programs, establishing and maintaining contact with all levels of government, promoting communication among learners, tutors, instructors and other individuals, organizing activities, and promoting public awareness.

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Fort St. John Literacy Society
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Space required: 2200 sq ft possibly sharing bathroom, child care, and kitchen facilities

Space Use: - 2 offices (1 for coordinator; 1 for programs facilitator)
- childcare room and kitchen (could be a shared space)
- room that can be divided in half to accommodate individuals working on independent study; and individuals working together (ESL)
- storage space for books; a reference room for resource materials
- large room (could be a shared space) that could be used for large functions
- central location on a bus route
- would be willing to share some office equipment (eg: photocopier)

Current Situation: Current rental lease (\$850 per month) in a small house at 9635 100 Avenue ends July 31, 2008. Larger facilities are required. The Society will be moving into the ExecuPlace on 101 Avenue. This is a temporary space and does not satisfy all the needs of the Literacy Society.

About The Literacy Society:

Membership: 40 members Participants/Learners 250 per year
Additional outreach 200 per year

Annual Budget: \$67,000

Sources of Support: Ministry of Advanced Education administered through Northern Light College (25% of annual)
Private and corporate donations
Provincial and federal grants tied to specific programs
Foundation grants tied to specific programs
Fundraising activities and in-kind donations
City of Fort St. John bus passes and office equipment

Mandate: To promote literacy for all individuals and groups throughout Fort St John and area.