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A LIFELONG STUDENT OF HISTORY

It's near impossible to measure the contributions Joan Patterson has made to preserving and sharing the history of the North Peace, but it can at the very least be measured in time. At left, Patterson receives an award from North Peace Historical Society President Evelyn Sim honouring Patterson's more than 30 years of dedicated volunteer service to the museum. More help is always needed — visit [Join Helping Hands For The NP FSJ Museum on Facebook](#), or drop by the museum Feb. 28 for its annual general meeting starting at 6 p.m. with a Chinese food dinner at 6:30 p.m. Ron Yipp will make a special presentation on his memories as a Chinese cowboy from Penalty Ranch.

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HISTORY IN THE BOOKS

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In November 2017, the Baldonnel Women's Institute met at the Fort St. John North Peace Museum. After the meeting, they presented the curator Heather Sjoblom with two history books that had been put together by Ruth Large. The books tell about Baldonnel WI members from the earliest days up until recently. **Pictured, from left:** Sjoblom, Ruth Large, and Norma Currie, past president of Baldonnel WI.



**North Peace
Historical Society
Annual General Meeting**

**Wednesday,
February 28, 2018**

**North Peace Historical Society
Annual General Meeting & Dinner**

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

6:30 p.m.

Grace

Offered by Bruce Christensen

Dinner

Prepared by Mama Panda's & Volunteers

Annual General Meeting

O CANADA

INTRODUCTION OF INVITED GUESTS

CALL TO ORDER:
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2017 AGM:
LYNNE HOLLAND

ADOPTION OF THE 2017 FINANCIAL STATEMENT:
LYNNE HOLLAND

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER:
LARRY EVANS & WARREN MOORE

PRESENTATION BY RON YIPP:
*Memories of a Genuine Chinese Cowboy
from Penalty Ranch*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:
EVELYN SIM

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:
LARRY EVANS

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

ADJOURNMENT

Directors Standing for Re-Election

Larry Evans
Lynne Holland
Matt Preprost
Edna Yaeger

Directors with One Year Remaining

George Barber
Arlene Boon
Ken Boon
Bruce Christensen
Patrick Ferris
Grant Lonsberry
Evelyn Sim

O Canada

O Canada!
Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all thy sons command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise
The True North strong and free!
From far and wide, O Canada,
We stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

God Save the Queen

God save our gracious Queen
Long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen:
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us:
God save the Queen!

Want to be on the Board of Directors?

Sitting on the Board of Directors is not as daunting as it sounds! It requires you to meet with the rest of the Board for less than two hours on the third Wednesday of each month. Directors are encouraged to participate in museum events or serve on museum committees as they are able. Please nominate yourself during the election of officers or speak to a current board member (listed inside this program) to nominate you.

2017 Annual General Meeting – March 1st, 2017

On March 1, 2017 President Evelyn Sim welcomed 43 members of the North Peace Historical Society and 32 guests to 2017 AGM. Bruce Christensen offered grace and everyone enjoyed a turkey dinner prepared by Tanya Hall. The meeting began with singing of O Canada. A round of applause was given to Tanya and her helpers for the delicious meal. Evelyn Sim introduced invited guests Karen Goodings of PRRD, Bruce Christensen representing City Mayor and Kathleen Olgivie, intern working at the museum. The meeting was called to order with a moment of silence for all those who have passed away in previous year.

Bruce Christensen moved the adoption of 2016 AGM minutes as circulated. Lynne Holland seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2016 North Peace Historical Society Financial Statements prepared by MNP LLP adopted as circulated by Lynne Holland. Larry Evans seconded the motion. The motion is carried.

Bruce Christensen introduced Warren Moore, guest speaker on 'A Child's Life on the Alaska Highway'. Warren was born in Grande Prairie, AB on July 30th, 1941. He spent most of his childhood with his family living at different places along the Highway. He graduated from North Peace High School and run his own company for many years and has now retired to the farm. Warren and his wife have been active with the Royal Purple Elks for over 50 years. Warren Moore spent most of his childhood at different locations on the Alaska Highway. Warren with his parents and brother and sister and pet dog, Lassie left Grande Prairie on December 21st, 1951 to go to Fort Nelson where his father would work for Highway Maintenance Engineers. Their 1st stop was in Dawson Creek spending the night at 1st Army Stop Place. Next morning they continued up highway passing over Peace Bridge, through Taylor and Fort St John, saw the 1st drilling rig in the area. Stopped at Blueberry(Wonowon) Army Stop and delivering the mailbags. Stopping points were a safety feature on the highway. Continued on to Pink Mountain Lodge (Mile 147) run by Jimmy Anderson's parents where they spent the night. Next day continued travel saw 1st caribou at Mile 173, carrying on through Trutch, Prophet River arriving in Fort Nelson on December 23rd. Dad delivered the mailbags The family enjoyed a Christmas party and dinner at the Army mess hall. They moved into a home at Skunk Hollow for \$10 per month. In August 1952 the family moved to the FSJ Airport with the Highway Maintenance Engineers. Warren participated in sports and played hockey in Taylor. One day the kids met Grant McConghie, president of CPA at the airport and he gave them candy. Warren accompanied his Dad on a job at the Peace River Bridge when he was to place dynamite to remove a logjam in river. They went down to river level on ladder inside the bridge columns. In 1954 the family moved to Muncho Lake. Mom would order groceries from Dawson Creek and they would arrive on Friday at 5PM. Warren and Dale Southwick would help unload the truck. Just before Christmas Warren and his brother and sister were home alone. After a quarrel between the brother and sister a fire started under tree. Warren managed to put it out with fire extinguisher filling the living room with foam. He received a letter of congratulations from Highway superintendent. There were 8 families with HME and 8 other families from other side of the lake. The families gathered twice a week for curling. Laird Hot Springs was visited regularly where Tom & Rose Mould had a garden year round because of Hot springs. Warren had his first taste of beaver cooked by Rose. Spent some time with Callisons at the Racing River. In 1955 went to Fort St John to attend high school. Warren joined cadets at the Airport and learned to shoot. March 1957 started work at gas station in Taylor and bought 1st car. The summer of 1956 Warren went to Cadet camp in Vernon. Haul trash from Airport 3x week as part-time job and graduated from NPHS. The peace bridge, which came to us from Tacoma, collapsed in 1957. Warren went to work at Taylor Plant and that ended his days as a kid growing up along the Alaska Highway. Slideshow of pictures accompanied his story.

Evelyn Sim recited a poem about being a Northerner, author unknown.

President's Report:

2016 was an other impressive year with 21 events attended by 3,321. A total of 93 volunteers have contributed 4,534.75 hours. 48 guided tours went through the museum in 2016. With only 4 volunteers doing tours we have a need more. We would thank all our volunteers and Board members for their dedication through the year. This past year Fred Jarvis and Zylpha Alexander have resigned from the Board. Zylpha served from 2001 and Fred from 2003. We also lost Judy Hawthorne who passed away on February 14th.