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Subject: Request for Letters of Support: Sue's Collection

Hi Tyra, hope this finds you and yours doing well and staying safe.

Together with the FSJ Community Arts Council, the Peace Liard Regional Arts Council is submitting a grant to the BC Arts Council for funding to create an online archive, in Sue Popesku's name, of her substantial collection of arts and culture documents. We are wondering if the Peace River Regional District might be willing to write a letter of support for this grant? The letter would just need to speak to the value of such a project and the abilities of the PLRAC to carry this out. We would be administering the creation of the online system and working with the FSJ Museum and the FSJ Community Arts Council, we would hire staff to categorize and curate the collection and then have students through a work program do the scanning and uploading to the system. Once completed, we are hoping that an organization such as the FSJ Museum might then take it over.

Below is a summary that can be used in creating the letter of support. The archive would be similar to this one www.calverley.ca . Deadline for letters of support is May 11th (grant deadline is May 15th) and should be addressed to the BC Arts Council but **submitted to me via email**.

On April 19, 2020, Fort St. John lost one of its most devoted and beloved community builders, Sue Popesku. To quote the newspaper article <https://www.alaskahighwaynews.ca/fort-st-john/dynamo-sue-popesku-remembered-for-devotion-to-fort-st-john-1.24121001> published after her death, "If you can name it, Popesku was likely to have had her hand in it." The Peace Liard Regional Arts Council and the Fort St. John Community Arts Council would like to work together to create, in Sue's name, an online archive of her substantial collection of arts and culture material. The archive will be a valuable resource documenting the history of arts and culture in northeast BC over the past half century, and, once created, will be used as an ongoing repository for documents related to arts, culture, and heritage in northeast BC.

Thanks for your consideration, and please let me know if you have any questions at all, Donna

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