



January 4, 2021

Brad Sperling
Electoral Area Director, Peace River Regional District Area C
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Dear Director Sperling,

The City of Fort St John would like to thank you for your contribution of \$140,000.00 towards the project known as the Festival Plaza. From the beginning, Council saw this project as a gathering place for our communities, our First Nations and our rural neighbours.

This site will encompass a plaza where our constituents can celebrate life in the north with a building that provides space for displays, celebrations of culture, arts, food, and much, much more.

We want to acknowledge that your contribution holds you harmless for any liability and indemnifies you and your successors for any suits or damages done to the plaza. We also want to acknowledge that unless you choose differently, we hold no further obligations for costs of this project.

Our local welders worked with the art created by our local artists and built four fire obelisks that will be used to warm attendees at community events. The plaza design has strong influences from local ecology, landforms, culture and events developed through conversations with local First Nations and community members, and additionally features:

- Eight leaning wood poles mimicking the placement of natural wood poles as the skeleton structure of a teepee, artistic paving patterns
- Artistic paving patterns throughout the site with a variety of coloured concrete surfaces, including a coloured river that mimics the alignment of the Peace River through the Fort St. John region
- Bronze paw prints impressed directly into the concrete surfaces placed to exactly replicate true gaits and spacing of each animal
- First Nation beading designs showcasing the work of the ancestors of the Dene-zaa people.

As we work to build quality of life and quality of experience for our community, this kind of contribution contributes to our respective residents and visitors.

Thank you for thinking of the future of our communities.

Warmest regards,



Mayor Lori Ackerman