

Music on the Mountain Society Annual General Meeting

6 June 2019

President's Report

The 2018 MoM Festival was held on traditional Nak'azdli Territory in Fort St James, at the Fall Fair Grounds. We once again had an amazing lineup, with over 30 acts, kids programming, workshops and multiple stages, all made possible by the communities of Fort St James and Nak'azdli, along with volunteers from all over. We are proud of our legacy of promoting independent music and art, while encouraging environmental sustainability and social responsibility.

For the second year in a row, wildfires were devastating to our turnout, even keeping some paid performers away. We held on and completed the festival although it was held during an evacuation alert. We survived.

This was the last festival to be held at the Fair Grounds, as the former owners, the Fort St James Snowmobile Club, sold the property to Newland Enterprises, a local logging company. Newlands will not be allowing community functions on the Fair Grounds property.

Our investment in the stage and the improvements to the property will likely be written off, as we seek another venue. Fortunately we have three hosts who have reached out to us, giving us some options as we look to 2020 as our next vision.

Since Rosemarie and I are living in Terrace, we need to have community support in order for MoM Festival to continue. Community support means help and interest from Fort St James and Nak'azdli, as well as from the arts community at large, in Prince George, Quesnel, Edmonton, Vancouver, and beyond.

If no one else steps forward I will continue to Chair through this down year. We require support from the community, and a Chair who can get things done in Fort St James,

For those who are at this meeting, and wish to keep the dream alive, I thank you. You are the future of this movement.

Yours in Love and Art,



Lionel Conant