

# City chips in for new totem pole

The new Prince George Art Gallery will get a \$94,800 totem pole.

At their regular meeting Monday, city councillors unanimously approved up to \$82,500 from a 1986 B.C. Festival of the Arts legacy fund for the "Crest Pole Project."

A 30-foot cedar log from the Queen Charlotte Islands will be carved into a totem pole of human faces that represent different nationalities in the community of Prince George. There could be several different colours on the human faces - yellow, white, black and brown - to represent dif-

ferent racial groups, according to a proposal from carver Ronald Sebastian of Hazelton who will carve the pole. Crests from area first nations will also be included in the pole.

"The pole is intended to be a symbol of diversity and union in our region," says Grant Zimmerman, past president of the Prince George Art Gallery.

Mr. Sebastian will carve the pole on site over a three month period. Art Gallery officials hope the public will view Mr. Sebastian's work, attracting residents and visitors to the downtown.

When the pole is com-

plete it will be unveiled, along with the new Art Gallery, in July during the grand opening festivities. It will be the first traditional pole raising ceremony in the region. The pole will be located in front of the new gallery.

The pole project isn't cheap, however. The artists' fees alone are \$45,000, while his expenses on site are expected to be \$9,000, according to the project's budget. Site security will be \$13,500.

The Art Gallery itself is donating \$12,300 to the project. The project will get up to \$82,500 from the B.C. Festival of the Arts legacy

fund, which was provided to Prince George for hosting the 1986 B.C. Festival of the Arts. The fund has grown to \$155,000 from its 1986 size of \$70,000.

The Art Gallery has applied to the federal government for \$10,000 in funding and to the B.C. 2000 Millennium Arts Fund for \$25,000 for the project. If these applications are successful, the amount from the legacy fund would be reduced.

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The city will change the name of Indian Reserve Road to Landooz Road.

The Lheidli T'enneh Band requested the name change because Chief Barry Seymour says there is negative reference associated with the name "Indian Reserve Road."

"The rationale for our request is as we're entering the new millennium we feel it necessary to provide positive changes wherever possible," writes Mr. Seymour in his letter to city council.

Landooz Road was suggested as an appropriate name for the road, which leads to the Shelley Indian Reserve, because it is the Lheidli word for Cottonwood.

Only 10 property owners will be affected by the change.

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Belinda Rose Frederick is accused of stabbing 21-year-old Kevin Richard York to death at a house party in May 1998.

The last witness on deadline day was Constable Suzanne McKelvie, the exhibits officers on the scene on May 23, 1998. Amongst her exhibits were two knives, one from inside the house and another from outside the house, several articles of clothing seized from the accused and at the May 25 autopsy conducted on Mr. York, and a number of blood swabs collected from both inside and outside the house.

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