



Celebration of Lights



We hope this request finds you all well. Christmas is a joyous time to be shared with our loved ones while creating lasting memories. With that in mind the Fort Nelson Historical Society (FNHS) applied for a grant to bring a festive Community Christmas Light Display to the museum buildings and property from the North Peace Community Foundation. **Not only were we successful in receiving this grant but the evaluation committee was so impressed by the impact this project could have in the community that the foundations Board of Directors chose to double our ask so that we could expand the project further and longer than originally stated.** This grant funding will allow the society to procure approximately 2500+ feet of LED Christmas lights and multiple festive holiday blow ups/decorations. Every reasonable effort will be made to purchase/utilize local businesses and contractors. This funding also allows the society to upgrade/install some (but not all) of our electrical.

The purpose or goal of the Celebration of Lights:

- 1) Promote healthy living for all (seeing colored or decorative lights triggers our brain to release happy hormones (chromotherapy)
- 2) Facilitate wonderful holiday memories within our community
- 3) Bring friends and family together during the holiday season
- 4) Increase community engagement
- 5) Attract more visitors/tourists to our community during the off season

This will be a family friendly Christmas light display that everyone can enjoy, inclusive and barrier free. For a small donation, visitors will have the ability to walk or drive through while enjoying holiday lights and festive holiday decorations scattered among the ¼ acre. LED lights on the buildings, blow ups, and other Christmas paraphernalia will bring a smile to every visitor's face.

How can you or your company help? While we would accept any monetary donations to help offset costs such as increased hydro, the genie or manlift rental, trench digging for underground electrical, etc. What we need the most is able bodies. We are inviting your business/company to host a team building exercise where staff would physically participate by decorating a building. 2 buildings have already been spoken for but we have 7 more of varying sizes. We also have several trees that will need to be wrapped

