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**[EXTERNAL]**

Aniin Mayor and Council, Township of Fort Frances;

My name is Eric C. Keast. I am mostly a painter, but work in sculpture as well, spending several years in Minnesota, interning with Anurag Art Bronze Foundry and Studio. I gained experience casting and fabricating with different metals, and worked with stone and wood, joined and installed together.

I am writing a Canada Council for the Arts Grant application, to research, create and install fish/fishing sculpture along the Rainy River system, and hopefully beyond, eventually. My instagram is currently down, but my work can be seen on my FB page, under photo albums, there is an instagram album and recent uploads. i have sent emails to several local businesses re: this idea, but have yet to receive feedback.

I am seeking: a) A "letter of support" from the Township to pursue the project, with Fort Frances in consideration as an installation site. b) Provision of meaningful installation site(s) for sculptural installation. I was thinking the Rainy Lake Hotel town space, and riverside. c) It is not necessary to the project, but Commission / consultation of an initial work would help fund time and expenses. I have acquired some stone grinding and polishing equipment and mobile capability to work onsite, that should allow me to create a flattish, polished granite surface on a rock face or boulder provided by the Township.

Softer stone provides greater sculptural possibility. Large regular limestone blocks are stackable to make composite rock wall relief surfaces anywhere; available from Stonewall Manitoba (regionally sourced :) or Ottawa area, and might make an affordable set of carveable stones to incorporate into structure, for future art commissions. Parking lot boundaries, benches, wall sections...

Thank you for your consideration. I am currently taking a business plan course to pursue indoor fish aquaculture and aeroponics design and construction. I would like to incorporate pond design and landscape art in my growth plans; having a history with metal,

fountain building, stone carving and fish sculpture. My paintings commission at \$500, for 10-12 square feet of canvas, painted to request. I have attached an art resume pdf and samples of stone carving, papiermache and painting photos.

Sincerely.

: Eric

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