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Film Commission Busy in 2006!

Prince George: 2006 was a solid year for production in Northern BC according to Film Commissioner Karen Cameron who says there were over 140 production days in Northern BC, contributing approximately \$360,000 to our economy.

Projects varied from two extreme skiing feature films shot in the Terrace area to documentaries for the Animal Planet, Knowledge Network and History Channel. Prince George hosted OLN's *Road Hockey Rumble* and the Stikine River Valley was home to some aerials for the feature film *Eragon*.

"Location requests remain solid and the digital photo library now sits at over 6,500 images of over 640 northern locations and growing," adds Cameron, "we respond to client requests quicker than ever before."

"Annual location tours continue to profile the best the north has to offer and 2006 was no exception," says Cameron. "Prince George and Prince Rupert highlighted the diversity of our region, from the snowy interior to the temperate coast." The film commission also attended two trade shows in addition to their regularly scheduled client meetings in Los Angeles.

Cameron remains positive about the future of film production in northern BC. "We negotiated a three-year funding agreement with the Province and the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako to ensure financial stability for our operations. Our community screening of *Eight Below* in Smithers was a huge hit and director, Frank Marshall was even in attendance. He spoke very positively about his filming experience in the north. Now more than ever, maintaining a northern-based, knowledgeable portal to promote our locations and infrastructure continues to be our greatest advantage."

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