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Subject: Film Commission updates January 2025

Good Afternoon,

In an effort to share awareness of the ongoing efforts of the Thompson-Nicola Film Commission, I share a monthly update with the TNRD Board of Directors via email. I believe that these communications might be useful for municipality CAO's as well. I hope that you will find the info shared to be interesting.

All the best in 2025!



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Here is a brief update on some of the recent Film Commission activities:

- **“Sugarcane” Nominated for Best Documentary Feature Film.** A National Geographic Documentary, filmed in the Cariboo Chilcotin and the Thompson-Nicola Regional District. The 97th Academy Awards has listed this emotion eliciting film as a potential winner. You can stream [“Sugarcane”](#) currently on Disney+.
- **Kamloops Selected as one of the “Top 10 Cities to Work/Live as a Filmmaker.”** For the third year in a row, [MovieMaker Magazine](#) has named Kamloops as a top small city to live and work as a filmmaker. The cover image for the story showcases Kamloops and was taken by one of our scout photographers, Bonnie Pryce.
- **Large Production coming to Sun Peaks and Kamloops.** Filming for a romantic comedy feature film will take place in the next 6 weeks in Sun Peaks and Kamloops. I would like to recognize the efforts provided by our partners in Tourism Sun Peaks, Sun Peaks Art Zone, and Sun Peaks Municipality to make this happen during the busiest part of their season. I have not been in contact yet with the production publicist so I cannot comment much further, but there are opportunities for folks to be background performers in a paid position. If you know of anyone that would be interested to apply, email me and I can provide you with application information.
- **Upcoming Film Festivals,** The Second Annual Black Film Festival takes place Feb 1-2 and the 29th Annual Kamloops Film Festival takes place Mar. 6-15. Visit their site for more details [Kamloops Film Society](#).
- On March 7/8 we are hosting a 2-day **(L.A.F.) Learn About Film** event in partnership with the Kamloops Film Festival. This event will be focused on helping local emerging filmmakers build knowledge and skills that will

allow them to approach national level funders and broadcasters. Representatives from the National Film Board, Knowledge Network, and Webseries Canada will be joined by award-winning filmmaker / show runner Kevin Eastwood and Digital Marketing and Audience Development Specialist Annelise Larson to give local filmmakers a solid foundation as they create larger projects that showcase the local industry.

Feel free to reach out if you have follow up inquiries. Thank you for your ongoing support of Film Industry growth in the Thompson-Nicola.



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