



THE MORE THINGS CHANGE.....

In 1969 Northern Metallic Sales GP opened in a small building on the corner of 114th Avenue & 100th Street, across from the current Ernie's location. At the time, a handful of industrious employees recognized the opportunities in the area and set about realizing their ambitious goals with the limited resources on hand; build a business on customer service, ensure inventory levels are fit for industry, add value wherever you can, and create relationships that will stand the test of time. Grande Prairie was entering a new economic stage and the world was a very different place.

In 1969 the very first concept of the internet – the “arpanet” – was introduced. A strange idea indeed. How could that ever work? Yet today, some of the world's most successful companies have no content whatsoever....AirBNB, Facebook, Uber...they are just ideas. Who could have imagined anything like this 50 years ago?

If you are old enough to have been around in 1969 you may recall some of these fun facts and trivia:

- Sesame Street premiered on the NET network.
- Scooby-Doo aired its first episode.
- Top song was Aquarius/Let the Sunshine In – The 5th Dimension.
- Johnny Carson was the funny late-night host.
- Phyllis Diller was the funny lady.
- Don Rickles was the funny guy.
- Jim Morrison, Paul Newman, and Robert Redford were the hottest guys.
- Raquel Welch, Natalie Wood, Dyan Cannon, Jane Fonda, Goldie Hawn... the list goes on were among the hottest women.
- WOODSTOCK!
- Silly String made its first appearance.
- Most popular TV shows included Laugh In, Gunsmoke, Bonanza, Mayberry, Family Affair, Here's Lucy, Red Skelton, Marcus Welby MD, Disney's The Wonderful World of Color, and The Doris Day Show.
- The music scene included The Rolling Stones, Elvis, The Beatles, Peter Paul & Mary, Diana Ross, The Archies, Tommy James & the Shondells, Marvin Gaye, and Sly & the Family Stone.
- And, that giant leap for mankind...Neil Armstrong stepping foot on the moon!

So many enormous leaps for mankind have taken place in the last 50 years. The litmus test of any company's success is its ability to roll with the changes and adapt. It is a testament to its people and their resilience in incorporating change. Northern Metallic is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year and salutes the people that have been part of the organization, the valued partner customers and vendors, and the community for the many years of loyal support! Together they have stood the test of time!

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