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"They've got speed and finesse."

— Six Nations Arrows' general manager, Jack Hill about his lacrosse team.



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Pardon Moi! The Bloc takes Riel's case to Parliament Hill again

By Christine Wong
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OTTAWA

More than a century after his execution, Metis leader Louis Riel may become a key figure in the long-simmering Canadian unity crisis.

In a subtle but cleverly crafted move, the Bloc Quebecois is championing Riel in a bid to stir up nationalist feelings in Quebec before the next referendum.

On June 4, Bloc MP Suzanne Tremblay introduced Bill C-288, a private member's bill to revoke Riel's 1885 conviction for high treason. He was tried and hanged that year for his part in the North-west Rebellion.

"Louis David Riel was unjustly hanged. It is our duty to correct history and to clear his name," said Tremblay, MP for Rimouski-Temisouata, Que.

In a press release announcing the bill, however, Tremblay singles out Riel as a protector of French language rights and the defender of a "distinct society" — the two main political platforms of the Bloc Quebecois.

"Riel was hanged because he was a Metis, because he was a francophone, because he had come to the defence of a distinct society," Tremblay charged.

There are rumblings on Parliament Hill that the Bloc is simply using the bill to advance separatism in Quebec, where Riel has long been a hero to Quebec nationalists. If the federal government recognized Riel as a "defender of a distinct society," as Hill insiders suggest, it would then be forced to recognize Quebec as a distinct society.

The timing of the bill has also raised eyebrows, since it comes just as another Quebec referendum looms, and precisely at a time when Prime Minister Jean Chretien is planning to open another round of Constitutional talks.

The Metis National Council expressed strong support for Tremblay's bill, but none whatsoever for her party's separatist goals.

"We applaud the efforts of the Bloc Quebecois on this issue and we call on all MPs to support the bill. But Riel and the Metis have always stood for a strong united Canada," council president Gerald Morin said.

Quebecers have always seen Riel as a hero, Morin explained,

because he fought for French language rights, had a strong Catholic faith, and fought for minority rights against a powerful English-speaking lobby centred in Ontario. But Riel's actions ultimately demonstrated the importance of unity, Morin believes.

"This bill is especially timely now that the unity crisis is heating up again," he said. "It gives us a time to reflect on Riel's vision of Canada as a place where people of all different backgrounds and cultures can live together."

Tony Belcourt, president of the Metis Nation of Ontario, agreed.

"It's ironic that the BQ is bringing up this bill for their own motives. We can only suspect what those (motives) are," he said.

Belcourt said his organization supports the Bloc's bill, but does not want to promote "turmoil or separation in Canada . . . We're doing everything we can to raise the spectre of a strong united Canada."

In 1992, the House of Commons passed an all-party resolution recognizing Riel as a founder of Manitoba, but rejected calls to pardon his treason conviction.

Tremblay's bill is the BQ's second attempt to clear Riel's name. A similar bill introduced by the Bloc was killed by Liberal and Reform MPs in December, 1994.

Tremblay denied her bill carries a hidden political agenda.

"Riel has always been important in the culture of Quebecers as a defender of francophone rights, of the rights of people and of democracy."

When talking about the unsuccessful 1994 bill, however, Tremblay said it died because "the Reform Party is against everything that is francophone."

She said Liberals and Reformers killed the previous bill because they were afraid the Bloc would turn it into a touchy political debate about distinct society and French language rights in the year leading up to the 1995 referendum.

Tremblay maintains both bills are simple attempts to right a historical wrong and nothing more. Since private members' bills rarely get passed, however, the whole matter may quickly be swept aside once again.

Whatever the Bloc's motives might be, and whether or not the bill gets passed, Tony Belcourt still believes it is an important step towards healing the wounds created by Riel's death.



Todd Phillips/Nunatsiaq News

History in the making!

Newly elected suffragan bishop of the Arctic Paul Idlout (left) is consecrated into his office at St. Jude's Anglican Cathedral in Iqaluit. The consecration was presided over by Metropolitan of Rupert's Land, Barry Curtis (right). Idlout is the first Inuk in the world to be elected to the position of bishop and only the third Aboriginal bishop to serve the Anglican church.

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Canada moves ahead in negotiations

By Darah K. Hansen
Windspeaker Contributor

SECHELT, B.C.

The federal government said it is prepared to negotiate a fisheries agreement with the Sechelt Indian Band that will provide for the food, social and ceremonial needs of the community.

As well, Canada said it will repatriate all Sechelt cultural artifacts currently under federal control and protect rights set out in the band's self-government agreement as "treaty rights" under the Constitution Act of 1982.

It also supports the Sechelts' request for ownership of selected land parcels within its traditional territory, that those lands be owned in "fee simple" and governed by the band, and that it be granted title to the rights of all minerals found under them.

In fact, there was very little in the federal government's much-awaited, 25-page response to the Sechelt land claim position paper — delivered at a June 11 meeting of the three negotiating parties in Sechelt — that ran contrary to the band's demands currently under negotiation with the British Columbia Treaty Federation (BCTF).

"It is now up to all of us to find ways to move forward with these negotiations as quickly and efficiently as possible," Canada's chief negotiator, Robin Dobson, said to a favorable response from the Sechelt team.

But moving forward appears a difficult task in these negotiations, particularly in light of the provincial response to the Sechelt paper delivered at the same meeting.

Members of the Sechelt team hurled angry comments at provincial negotiator Randy Brant and his assistants after learning the B.C. government has not yet been given its authority to move into actual negotiations with the band on several key topics under their claim.

The band has been pressuring the two other governments for months on the issue, openly questioning the province's commitment to concluding the negotiation process by the end of this year as previously agreed by the parties.

"If we're looking to finalize by December, they do need a specific mandate," Sechelt Chief Garry Feschuk said.

At the meeting, Feschuk demanded to talk to someone higher up the provincial chain regarding the band's land

claims, commenting: "I don't know where the provincial government is coming from."

Brant said he would seek to organize the meeting with the minister of Aboriginal Affairs but added he didn't know how much more that would accomplish.

"The cabinet gives; I deliver," he said.

The band team was visibly upset by the province's position on several issues outlined in the Sechelts' land claim paper.

Of particular offense was a comment read out by provincial lawyer Allison Bond that the treaty process "is not about calculating past damages" but is, instead, "about negotiating new arrangements based on a recognition of the current rights, responsibilities and interests of all parties."

Feschuk called the statement "an insult to our people. . . . If we're not at the table for past damages, then why are we here?"

Under the provincial position, B.C. is opposed to much of the band's demands, including a proposed "co-management" scheme for land and resources in the Sechelt traditional territory which would create a new management board governing wildlife, parks and environmen-

tal assessment.

In forestry, the province says "no" to the Sechelt's proposal of a guaranteed annual supply of 50,000 cu. m of timber.

B.C. is also opposed to a proposal that would see the band receive a 50 per cent cut of all resource revenues, including stumpage fees, from within its traditional territory.

And, in a potentially-explosive racial issue, the province remains fixed on demanding that Sechelts prove their Native Indian ancestry, through an as-yet-unnamed process, before they can be counted as band members under the treaty. The federal government says it supports the current Sechelt procedures which govern band membership and eligibility.

Both Canada and the province have asked to negotiate issues of tax exemption and cash payment.

Under the band's current position, it is asking for approximately \$85 million and 900 hectares of land. Both governments have said that is too much.

The Sechelt Indian Band is currently at the head of the line in negotiating its claim under the BCTF and is scheduled to sign an agreement-in-principal by December, 1996.

Decision still out on Manitoba Metis

By Michael Smith
Windspeaker Contributor

WINNIPEG

A court decision to dissolve the corporate arm of the troubled Manitoba Metis Federation was wrong and would set an undesirable precedent if upheld, the Manitoba Court of Appeal was told June 18.

The court heard arguments that it should reverse an earlier decision by a lower court judge to dissolve the corporation, which represents the province's Metis people. The 12 elected members of the MMF's 18-person board of directors are contesting the decision.

The court was told the board was democratically elected and decisions made by the majority should be followed.

The court will decide on the case at a later date.

The decision, made by Justice James Smith on May 7, ordered the dissolution of the federation's corporate wing. Smith also appointed a receiver-manager to sort out the organization's financial situation. The corporation is estimated to be over \$400,000 in the red.

Another reason for the decision was the long and bitter fight over power and money between the board and MMF president Billy Jo De La Ronde. Smith stated that he could not see how the two parties could ever find common ground.

Board members took the matter to court hoping to get a ruling on their authority after a De La Ronde-organized tribunal expelled them from the organization.

Since the ruling, De La Ronde has made attempts to gain control of both the provincial and federal Metis organizations. He established his own corporation, Manitoba Association Inc., and claimed that it now represented the Manitoba Metis.

The board members, with the support of the Metis National Council (MNC), met with provincial and federal government officials and politicians to ensure that De La Ronde's new company was not recognized by the provincial and federal government and that funding was not diverted to Manitoba Association Inc.

Chartrand said they received assurances that no action will be taken by the federal government at this time and that core funding will continue to flow to the MMF.

The most dramatic and curious move was De La Ronde's

unsuccessful attempt to remove from office MNC president Gerald Morin. Morin had publicly thrown his support, and the support of the council, behind the 12 board members.

In early June, De La Ronde and one other voting member of the MNC board met in Winnipeg and voted to oust Morin from office. They then voted De La Ronde national president, and proudly announced this to the national press.

Morin quickly denounced the action, describing it as a "mockery of democracy." He accused De La Ronde of diverting attention from his own problems.

"Mr. De La Ronde has created tremendous problems in Manitoba. He has effectively divided our people in the province of Manitoba and he has come very close to destroying our organization in the province."

NATION IN BRIEF

Fontaine has the answer

Phil Fontaine, grand chief of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, is calling for a separate Aboriginal justice system to prevent violent conflicts between Aboriginal factions. Fontaine said the need for a new conflict resolution system is imperative in light of the standoff between factions from the Waterhen Reserve northeast of Dauphin, Man. Last month, armed dissidents occupied the Waterhen Reserve to protest against alleged corruption by Waterhen Chief Harvey Nepinak. More than 70 families were forced from the community during the standoff, which ended May 19. Fontaine said the conflict was created, in part, by the mainstream justice system which has failed to address specific problems faced by Native people. Ron Irwin, minister of Aboriginal Affairs, met with Fontaine in Winnipeg, June 13. Irwin agreed that a separate Aboriginal justice system could be key to avoiding factional disputes.

Fishery dispute heats up

There is trouble brewing between Native rangers and fisheries officers on a reserve in northern New Brunswick. Natives say they won't respect the salmon fishing boundary on the Restoucouche River near

Campbellton set by the Department of Fisheries. They say they won't be pushed around any longer. In June, fisheries officers and the rangers were involved in a confrontation where it is alleged the officers rammed a Native boat. It is also alleged that an officer drew a weapon. Henry Mitchell, director of public security of the Listuguj Reserve, said it won't happen again. He said if fisheries officers point weapons, then his own members will aim their own guns.

Charges in Nuxalk case worsen

Where they were once charged with violating a court injunction obtained by a logging company, the 22 people arrested in last year's blockade of a logging road near Bella Coola, B.C., are now charged with criminal contempt of court. The trial took place the week of June 17. The results were not available by press time. In January, the Nuxalk claimed sovereignty over the road which they blocked and denied the court's jurisdiction over Nuxalk land. When the judge rejected that argument and ordered a new trial, the accused walked out.

Just a progression of tactics?

A provincial court judge in Victoria has ruled that Na-

tive people have the right to hunt after dark using bright lights. The case involved three Aboriginal people from the Chemainus area charged with illegal hunting. The judge ruled that pit-lamping — the practice of using a strong light to attract an animal in the dark — is a modern version of a pre-colonial practice. It is an advancement similar to that of bows and arrows giving way to firearms, the judge said. The B.C. government is to decide whether to appeal the court ruling. Environment Minister Moe Sihota said such hunting is unacceptable, no matter who is doing it. He said the ruling will increase tensions between Natives and non-Native, because it offers up two different standards.

Settlement reached

The Paul Indian Band, located west of Edmonton, announced a settlement agreement has been reached on a specific claim negotiated with the Government of Canada. In the settlement, financial compensation in the amount of \$4.7 million will be awarded for the mismanagement by the Department of Indian Affairs in the sale of surrendered Indian reserve land. The First Nation has been working for over 15 years to have the claim settled.

Chippewa manage

By Roberta Avery
Windspeaker Contributor

CAPE CROKER,

The Chippewas are fighting over the management of the Bruce Peninsula around the Bruce Peninsula.

On May 29, the province approved by Federal approval of the Chippewas' claim for provincial jurisdiction.

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Sports anglers claim an anti-Native fishing ban. It got out of hand.

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"It's our responsibility," said John Morin, Ontario Minister of Natural Resources.

"It's our prerogative as a member of parliament."

But Akiwenzie and the Nations both agree to oversee Native fishing.

Though a date has not been set to meet with provincial officials.

Sports anglers want to see the management of the fishery. They introduced to stop the bow trout and salmon.

But Nawash cornered the angler's fishery. He said the angler's fishery is not the stocking, and there is no introduction," he said.

Cooper said the issue is on Native fishing. He said the two chiefs.

Family

By Mrs. Noah Black
Windspeaker Contributor

IPPERWASH, Ont.

Last September's shooting of Anthony "Dudley" Cooper by the Ontario Provincial Police in Ipperwash Provincial Park on Lake Huron has provoked questions that are still unanswered. Dudley Cooper and two other Native people were wounded by police in the Sept. 6 incident.

Yet, Ontario Premier Bob Rae has steadfastly refused to launch an inquiry into the incident until the civilian investigations unit (SIU) has released its report, even though an inquiry is required under law. The SIU reports that the investigation is being hampered by a lack of co-operation from the police.

So incensed is the family at the apparent government will to investigate the shooting, they have filed a lawsuit for wrongful

Chippewas take over management of fishery

By Roberta Avery
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CAPE CROKER, Ont.

The Chippewas of Nawash have announced they are taking over the management of their own fishing operations around the Bruce Peninsula in Ontario.

On May 29, the band passed a federal Indian Act bylaw approved by Federal Indian Affairs Minister Ron Irwin declaring the Chippewas fishing activities no longer fall under provincial jurisdiction.

In 1993, a court decision recognized the Chippewas right to fish commercially in traditional grounds around the peninsula which juts into Lake Huron. But tension between non-Native sports anglers and Natives exercising their right to fish, escalated into violence last summer.

Sports anglers claiming the Nawash were over fishing held an anti-Native fishing demonstration in Owen Sound last August. It got out of hand and police had to be called.

Thousands of dollars worth of Nawash fishing equipment was stolen or damaged and a Native fishing tug was sunk and, then after it was raised, was set on fire. Then, in September, two Nawash members were stabbed in a dispute with non-Natives in Owen Sound.

Nawash Chief Ralph Akiwenzie said the new bylaw should alleviate conservation concerns.

"It addresses the concern that our fishery is unregulated. We have addressed that key issue," said Akiwenzie.

The band has hired a fisheries officer who will ensure the fishery is regulated. The band will issue licences on the advice of a biologist with conditions including the amount of catch.

Ignoring the new bylaw, the province insists management of the resource still comes under its jurisdiction.

"It's our responsibility to oversee the conservation of the resource," said John Cooper, information officer for the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, fishing Lake Huron unit.

"It's our prerogative to manage the resource," echoed Bruce member of parliament Barb Fisher.

But Akiwenzie and Chief Richard Kahgee of Saugeen First Nations both agree that the province hasn't a right to licence and oversee Native commercial fishing operations.

Though a date has not been set, the two chiefs have agreed to meet with provincial officials to discuss the fishing.

Sports anglers want the province to take over the management of the fishery. They hope enough restrictions will be introduced to stop the Nawash from catching the stocked rainbow trout and salmon.

But Nawash communications coordinator David McLaren said the angler's fish stocking programs could cause problems.

"This is not the natural habitat for the species they are stocking, and there is always the danger disease will be introduced," he said.

Cooper said the province will delay imposing a licence on Native fishing operations until after the meeting with the two chiefs.



John Lypian

The contentious Indian display continues to deteriorate in Edmonton's Valley Zoo play area.

Zoo First Nations display causes stir

By R John Hayes
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EDMONTON

In the 1950s, a zoo's Indian display between the reptiles and the great apes wouldn't have caused much comment, but the plastic Indians-and-tipi display at Edmonton's Valley Zoo is still in place, more than 35 years after it was erected. Comment is common enough, however, today.

"I don't know, really, how offensive it is to me," said Val Kaufman, assistant executive director of the Canadian Native Friendship Centre in Edmonton and chairperson for the Northern Alberta Alliance on Race Relations. "But having seen it myself a number of times, it might not hurt the zoo to have

a little cross-cultural sensitivity. With National Aboriginal Day coming up, [the display] might be offensive to others."

The display is the only one of an anthropological nature in the Valley Zoo, which was opened as the Storyland Valley Zoo in what is now west Edmonton decades ago.

"Maybe it's a holdover from the days when the zoo was the Storyland Valley Zoo, and maybe the display was based on a story like 'Hiawatha,'" Kaufman said, "but the zoo is a place we take our children to be educated. Maybe they need to look at presenting Aboriginal people in a more positive manner than in a plastic play area."

"Well, it's been a part of the zoo since the '50s," said Linda Cochrane, director of the Valley Zoo. "[The display's] part of our

history and certainly, if it's offending people, we'll have to take a look at it."

In the last two decades, zoos around the world have adapted to pressures from animal advocates in eliminating barred cages and presenting animals in displays that more accurately represent the natural environment of the species. This has benefitted the animals and added realism for the zoos' patrons.

Edmonton's Indian display not only portrays an outdated stereotype, but it has been allowed to deteriorate through the years, Kaufman said.

"As director of the zoo," Cochrane said, "I don't want to see anything we display being offensive to people, and if people are complaining about this, we'll have a good hard look at it and perhaps take it out."

Family appeals to nation for information on shooting

By Mrs. Noah Black
Windspeaker Contributor

IPPERWASH, Ont.

Last September's shooting of Anthony "Dudley" George by the Ontario Provincial Police at Ipperwash Provincial Park on Lake Huron has provoked many questions that are still begging answers. Dudley George died and two other Native people were wounded by police bullets in the Sept. 6 incident.

Yet, Ontario Premier Mike Harris has steadfastly refused to launch an inquiry into the shooting until the civilian Special Investigations Unit (SIU) has released its report, even though an inquest is required under Ontario law. The SIU reports its investigation is being hampered by a lack of co-operation from the OPP.

So incensed is the George family at the apparent lack of government will to investigate the shooting, they have launched a lawsuit for wrongful death. The

civil action names Harris, Attorney-General Charles Harnick, Solicitor-General Bob Runciman, OPP Commissioner Thomas O'Grady, numerous members of the OPP tactical squad and Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth 2 as defendants.

In addition, the family has set up a toll-free hotline in Ontario (1-888-477-3792) and has engaged the services of professional lobbyists to keep the case in the public eye.

"We want all the facts to come out about my brother's death," Maynard "Sam" George said. He explained that the family took the unusual step of setting up the toll-free number in the hope that people who have information about the government's involvement in the incident at Ipperwash will come forward.

They are also requesting donations from the public to help "get us some justice," as Sam George put it. He explained that donations can be made payable to the Anthony "Dudley" George Memorial Fund and sent to Ac-

count No. 503339, Transit No. 07372 at the Royal Bank of Canada in Forest, Ont. By the time this story is published, a non-profit trust fund in the same name will likely be in place to administer the money, which will be used for a public relations campaign and for legal fees. Five trustees will be appointed, including Toronto-based lawyer, Delia Opekow.

According to a letter released by Sam George, the lawsuit may take three to five years and cost \$500,000 or more.

"Therefore, we are carrying out a public information and fund-raising campaign to get this issue out in the open. We want a full judicial public inquiry into the OPP's actions and the events surrounding our brother's death. We want to know who ordered this action. And we want to prevent this from ever happening again to innocent people," Sam George's letter states.

Gary George, a relative who describes himself as "the co-

ordinator for the dispute resolution for the Dudley George family" said he supports the family in its pursuit of justice.

"If you're going to have police acting this way in Ontario, that means you're going to have them acting this way in other provinces," Gary George said in justifying the nation-wide appeal for support.

"I think it's more of a global issue [than a Native one] of how emergency police forces act and then respond to people," said Phil Winch, editor of the *Forest Standard*.

The 20 or so members of the Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point began their peaceful, unarmed occupation of Ipperwash Provincial Park after official closing time on Sept. 4, 1995. They were there to bring attention to their half-century-old land title dispute with the government and their concern over the desecration of Indian burial grounds in the park.

The next day, the Ontario premier and an estimated 20 sen-

ior aides and officials comprising the so-called "Aboriginal emergencies committee" met to discuss the Native occupation of Ipperwash. Harris, Runciman and Harnick are all reported as saying they did not direct the police to use force and that they were unaware that the police contemplated or intended to use extreme physical force against the protesters.

Yet, enough doubt has been shed on these assertions that the provincial opposition parties on May 30 grilled the government on the issue in the Ontario legislature. They charged that either the government approved the high number of heavily armed officers in attendance at the park, or actually ordered the police to move in and squash the protest.

The Ontario Provincial Police Association, which represents the more than 200 heavily armed officers who converged on the protesters last fall, filed an injunction to prevent the SIU from obtaining photographs of police who were there.

Role model funding saved

By Mrs. Noah Black
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OTTAWA

The National Native Role Model Program, set up in 1984 to reinforce self-esteem and positive lifestyle choices among Aboriginal youth, was facing dissolution, but a last-minute reprieve from the medical services branch will keep it on track one more year.

"This year's budget of \$209,070 to deliver the role model program is uncut from the 1995-1996 fiscal year," said Judith Ross, acting director of the health programs support division.

In March, Paul Cochrane, assistant deputy minister of the medical services branch, had notified role model organizers there were plans to cut all funding by the year 2000, said program director Arlene Skye.

As a result, Skye sent out a letter to program supporters, advising them the cuts would come in increments beginning this year. She put out an urgent request for letters of support for the program, to help persuade medical services to continue the funding.

Then a May 22 letter from Paul Glover, acting director general of First Nations and Inuit health programs, stated the role model program was not slated for a cut this year and that the program "was inadvertently included on this list [of programs to be cut]."

In the meantime, letters of support came pouring into the role model program office, Skye said.

"This will give us a bargaining tool for next year . . . when we have to fight to keep the program alive."

Skye plans to send a follow-up letter to community health representatives, NADAAP workers, band councils, friendship centres and educational institutions to let them know the current status of the program.

Despite the reprieve, role model program organizers are already looking for money elsewhere, Skye said.

"We're working on developing how to reach the corporate world by summer."

An important part of the services provided includes the school program. This consists of posters supplied to teachers, as well as a promotional video that demonstrates how role modelling can be used in class. Last year they sent 500 copies to teachers, free of charge. Two hundred more teachers requested the program.

Most band offices and clinics

have copies of the glossy posters of Native role models that Skye's office distributes. Her office also pays for the photo sessions, for the training orientation, and for the public speaking instruction it provides to role model participants.

Communities that want a role model to visit currently cover his or her travel costs. But Skye's office provides all promotional materials, such as posters and lapel pins, for the event.

Role models serve for two years. When the program began, the role models were "people with very high profile careers, then it kind of levelled off." Candidates now do not have to be NHL stars or big-name entertainers to be considered.

Gerald Auger is one of the current crop. The 28-year-old Cree man from Wabasa, Alta., is a graduate of business and marketing programs from two colleges. He said the national role model program is very important.

"A lot of the Aboriginal youth don't have that many role models to look up to."

He said that the students who approach him after he delivers a talk at a high school or elementary school "are usually the ones that are struggling also, that come from a kind of dysfunctional family or background . . . so I kind of connect with them in that sense."

Auger was selected as the Alberta role model, in part, because of his work with the young pride project, run under the auspices of Youth Services Canada. Since last October, when the project began, Auger has worked with 12 inner city youth.

"I put them through career planning, entrepreneurship, and designing and developing programs to give back to the communities through service," Auger said.

Darlene Olson, the Native liaison worker at Prince Charles Elementary School in Edmonton, Alta., said she would like to see a role model visit their school, but the cost of subsidizing travel has prevented it.

"We do have a bulletin board in our school that represents Native youth who are role models," Olson said. "I think it is extremely important because our children see this and know that they, too, can become a role model."

The nine role models now in place have made 20 visits in the six weeks ending May 15 this year, Skye said. She said there is one role model from Yukon, one from the N.W.T., one from the Atlantic region, and one each from the other provinces.

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Pilot killed in chopper crash Micmac community mourns man

By Todd Phillips
Windspeaker Contributor

IQUALUIT, N.W.T.

A 29 year old Micmac who worked to fulfill his dream of becoming a helicopter pilot died in a crash north of Igloolik in the Northwest Territories.

Investigators still don't know why Preston Joe's seven-seater Bell 206 Long Ranger helicopter crashed about 60 km north of Igloolik, an Inuit community on the northern tip of the Melville Peninsula. He was the only one on board.

Joe's death came as a shock to the 700 people of the Conne River Micmac reserve on the southern coast of Newfoundland, south of Grand Falls.

The chief of the Conne River Micmac, Misel Joe, said his cousin Preston will be sorely missed.

"The whole community is suffering," said the chief. Preston was a role model for both young and old in the community, because of his determination to make sacrifices to achieve his dream of flying helicopters.

"He mopped floors, he cleaned toilets, he did anything that was possible to keep him around helicopters," he said. "A lot of Aboriginal people admire and respect that."

A spokesman for Baker Lake Flight Services said Joe set out from the community of Hall Beach just south of Igloolik Friday afternoon. He was supposed to fly directly to Cape Dorset, a community at the southern tip of Baffin Island.

He was expected in Cape Dorset Friday evening, but when he didn't show up, flight services in Iqaluit started trying to find him.

It was someone out on the land who found the crash site and set off their personal locator beacon to alert the local RCMP detachment.

Guylaine Babin, the manager of Iqaluit's flight services said she can't explain why Joe ended up north of Igloolik.

"It was a ferry flight for an undisclosed customer," said Joe's employer, Frank O'Conner, the co-owner of Aero Arctic Helicopters Ltd. from Yellowknife.

O'Conner wouldn't com-

ment on the investigation into the accident. He said Joe worked for him for approximately two years. O'Conner talked glowingly about his respect and admiration for his former pilot.

"I'm still in a state of shock. He's a half a head shorter than me, but 10 feet taller," O'Conner said. "He was well-liked, he was well-respected, and he's the standard by which all other pilots should look up to."

Misel said Preston was a highly skilled carpenter, but left the reserve to pursue his dream.

"It's so easy to stay in the community. But to go outside the community and to do what you dreamed of takes a lot of guts," Misel said.

"He was certainly making history for this community by doing what he was doing. He was the first to achieve that level," he said, adding that other Conne River Micmacs have since taken up flying.

The RCMP, transport safety board, and the chief coroner of the N.W.T. are investigating the crash.

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Feds announce water and sewer projects

By Mrs. Noah Black
Windspeaker Contributor

OTTAWA

First Nations are finally moving into the 20th century in some communities as the rest of the country stands poised to move into the 21st.

The Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Ron Irwin, last month released a flurry of announcements that the federal government has honored its commitment to provide indoor plumbing and potable drinking water to isolated reserves.

In the west, Little Red River Cree First Nation saw the completion of its \$1.8 million sewer and water extension, raw water transfer system upgrade and improved sewage lagoon on the Fox Lake Reserve. The project, which employed 16 band members, linked Laboucan Village, Loonskin Village and Metsikassus Road to 44 buildings.

"It feels like we have finally moved into the 20th century," Chief Johnsen Sewepagaham said.

Beaver Lake First Nation got \$245,000 to install a new lake intake pipe and a wet well sys-

tem to compensate for a dropping water level in the lake.

Another \$323,000, including \$40,000 from the Beaver Lake Band, was spent on the water treatment plant to bring the quality of drinking water up to acceptable standards and to provide more training to the water plant operator. Thirteen full-or part-time jobs resulted from the combined projects.

Chief Emile Cardinal said "We now have an adequate, quality water supply that meets our needs."

A May bulletin from Indian Affairs reports a pipeline has brought cleaner drinking water to the citizens of the Alexander First Nation from the Town of Morinville. Twenty band members worked for five months on the project. Costs were shared among the federal government, the Municipal District of Sturgeon and the Alexander First Nation. The 16-month, \$2.3 million project was managed by the band's economic development company, Kipohtakaw Developments Limited.

In the Sioux Lookout District of northern Ontario, the Indian Affairs advanced \$7.6 million to accelerate water and sewage projects on six reserves. Some of these projects will now go ahead

a year ahead of schedule. The funding advances went to Cat Lake, Kingfisher Lake, Muskrat Dam, Sachigo Lake, Sandy Lake, and Wunnumin Lake. The projects will provide an estimated 7,400 person-days of employment.

In the Kenora-Rainy River region of Ontario, the Seine River First Nation is using its \$1.27 million advance to provide piped water and sewage to approximately 46 homes and 45 lots. The project is expected to generate seven to 10 full-time jobs.

Indian Affairs spokesperson Nancy Nantais said the advances represent only a portion of the cost of each project. She said the idea was to get some of the budgeted money out to the bands ahead of schedule so the work could get under way.

The largest capital project ever approved for an Ontario First Nation has just been announced by minister Irwin as having been completed. Attawapiskat First Nation spent \$16.2 million on its water and sewer system to serve 232 homes, lots and community buildings. Another \$2.2 million was spent at Attawapiskat on the Vezina Secondary School Technology Wing.

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Two-edged sword

It comes as no real surprise that Aboriginal people have not been invited to participate in the First Ministers Conference June 20 and 21. Nor is it a surprise that Assembly of First Nations Grand Chief Ovide Mercredi wants a seat at the table there.

It is clear to us, at least, that First Nations people are not represented in the political power structure at any level. There must be a place created for them in the process, and it must be a significant one in terms both of appearance and authority.

Both provincial and federal governments endlessly download or upload responsibilities onto other levels of government, with First Nations as a pawn in the game.

There are, however, other Aboriginal people, and where they fit in is even less clear. Metis, non-status and Inuit peoples are shuffled from pillar to post by non-Aboriginal governments trying to find ways not to give them service. At the same time, no Aboriginal voice is heard in the corridors of power. Mercredi's message is clear and correct: That must change.

On the other hand . . .

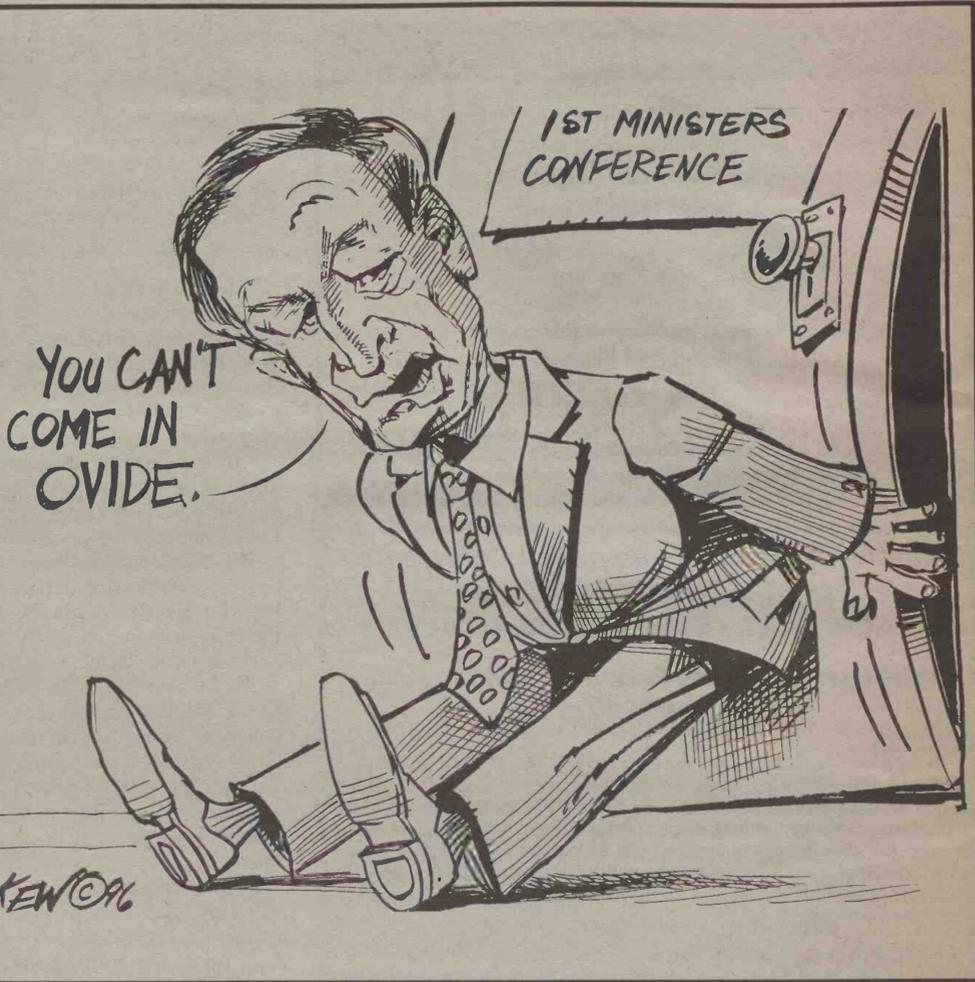
The Assembly of First Nations does not represent Metis, non-status or Inuit people. Indeed, the assembly's detractors will say that it doesn't represent a majority of Canada's First Nations, either. Mercredi's message jumps from the need for Aboriginal people to be heard, straight to an assumption that he'll be the one to do the talking, without consideration of who he represents or what his organization really is.

Is the AFN a government? And, if so, what, who and how does it govern?

Or is it a lobby group? And, if so, why should it have any more say than any other lobby group representing a million or so people?

Mercredi shifts from side to side of that line, as it suits him. He and the AFN need to decide what exactly they want to be, and then to become it.

Out of this whole thing, it is clear to us that there needs to be significant, real representation of Aboriginal people in the political decision-making process, not as "observers" but as real participants. That's something that the federal and provincial governments must address, and soon.



The road to assimilation must be destroyed, says national chief in his message to the people

GUEST COLUMN
By Grand Chief Ovide Mercredi
Assembly of First Nations

OTTAWA

The federal government has recently deemed it appropriate to designate June 21 as National Aboriginal Day in Canada. At the same time, this government has also determined that First Nations will not be provided any opportunity to represent themselves as a distinct order of government in this country, by once again excluding our peoples from any participation in the upcoming round of First Ministers discussions on June 20 and 21.

The prime minister and premiers will be discussing the economy, social issues, the renewal of the federation and the amending formula of the Canadian Constitution. First Nations know that these issues are priorities in this country. However, the federal government has stated that these issues do not directly affect First Nations. We know that anything decided by the white governments will directly affect First Nations. We know that anything decided

by the white governments will directly affect our people's social and economic conditions as well as our inherent Indigenous rights.

The First Nations were not represented in 1867, when the French and the English first discussed Confederation, nor were we present for any subsequent meetings throughout the 1800s and 1900s. As a result of the patriation of the Canadian Constitution in 1982, two major outstanding matters continue to confront Canada.

One is the unfinished business surrounding the recognition and protection of Aboriginal and treaty rights. The other is the refusal of Quebec to sanction the newly framed Constitution. To date, neither of these matters have been dealt with to the satisfaction of the original peoples in this land or Quebecers.

The federal government has continued its White Paper Policy of 1969, with ongoing devolution of more powers to the provinces. It is now also using Ron Irwin's self-government policy to entrench federal and provincial powers as the updated version of Chretien's 1969 White Paper Policy.

This year's theme for the Assembly of First Nations annual general assembly on July 8, 9 and 10 is "Assimilation, Partnership or Sovereignty: Redefining the First Nations Direction." For

many years, our nations have been encountering a subtle process of genocide and assimilation by all levels of white governments in Canada.

The Liberal government has produced policies that continue with this approach, including their most recent policy on our inherent right of self-government. We cannot allow this to continue.

We have tried to work in a spirit of co-existence and partnership with these governments, but we have achieved only modest gains in changing policy. This is not a true partnership.

All power continues to rest with the other levels of government. We need to define what our true sovereignty is and develop a unified strategy to implement our understanding. A fundamental shift in relationships is necessary.

We must find better ways of entrenching our understanding of what it means to be First Nations in this country. We have to revive our roots as a sovereign people who are still the only true owners of this land.

We have to destroy the road to full assimilation. The one-sided partnership that only favors white governments and their people is not worthy of our support.

This leaves us only with two options — true partnership or sovereignty.

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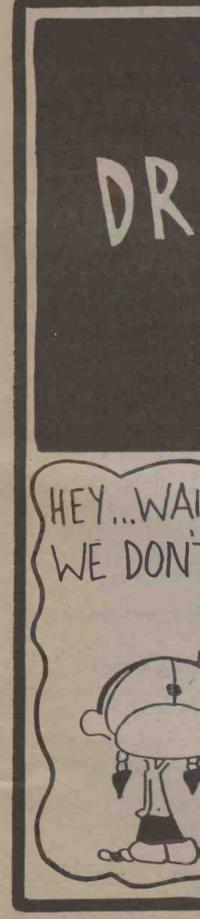
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Dear Editor:
First Nations are interested in the events at the government unilateral Feb. 9. Very little about media and as a result. One Aboriginal had "signed away" have construction. At the time the government that two issues required. The first issue press agreements. Mandating them and agreed on March 18. The second issue how revenue from government declared its right off the top. In making this decision, it entered a fundamental in any of the discussions. Mnjikaning or any. Indeed, everyone by the First Nations. The maximization was clearly expressed committee's criteria. casino. Had the full sole use of the First have agreed to the. Furthermore it this 20 per cent to started again. This. It has always been a mandate to deal with always been the case the First Nations was to be done with. This was to be handled with regional of the First Nations. Ontario's chief recommended by the present unilaterally will not discuss this. Throughout the Nations of Ontario it's about the economic Premier (Michael) revenue belongs to. If you would like please don't hesitate.

OTTAWA



Letters to the Editor

Situation at Rama clarified

Dear Editor:

First Nations across Canada have watched with considerable interest the events at Mnjikaning (Rama First Nation) since the Ontario government unilaterally stopped construction at Casino Rama on Feb. 9. Very little about these events has appeared in First Nations' media and as a result some misconceptions may have arisen.

One Aboriginal newspaper actually reported that Mnjikaning had "signed away" 20 per cent of the gross revenues in order to have construction begun again. This is incorrect.

At the time the government stopped construction, it indicated that two issues required negotiation.

The first issue pertained solely to the signing of certain business agreements. Mnjikaning was already in the process of negotiating them and an operating agreement was concluded and ratified on March 18.

The second issue was policy related and was concerned with how revenue from the casino would be distributed. The government declared its intention to take 20 per cent of gross revenue right off the top.

In making this announcement, the government arbitrarily altered a fundamental principle of the original agreement. Never, in any of the discussions which took place between either Mnjikaning or any of the other First Nations, did this issue arise. Indeed, everyone agreed that all revenues would be utilized fully by the First Nations for their benefit.

The maximization of revenues to be delivered to First Nations was clearly expressed as one of the objectives of the site selection committee's criteria in choosing Mnjikaning as the location for the casino. Had the full 100 per cent of revenues not been designated for the sole use of the First Nations, it is doubtful any First Nation would have agreed to the placing of a casino within their community.

Furthermore it was suggested that Mnjikaning had signed over this 20 per cent to the government in order to get construction started again. This too is incorrect.

It has always been Mnjikaning's position that it did not have a mandate to deal with the 20 per cent of gross revenues. It has always been the case that the 20 per cent belonged collectively to the First Nations of Ontario and only they could decide what was to be done with it.

This was to have been the intention of the second negotiating table with regional Vice Chief Gordon Peters and Chief Bill McCue of the First Nations casino revenue sharing committee. However, Ontario's chief negotiator has announced that the 20 per cent demanded by the province is not negotiable. The Ontario government unilaterally expropriated this revenue and has declared it will not discuss the issue in any forum.

Throughout the past few months, Mnjikaning and the First Nations of Ontario have maintained that the issue is about jobs, it's about the economy and it's about integrity. We will not allow Premier (Michael) Harris to dissuade us from our belief that this revenue belongs solely to the First Nations of Ontario.

If you would like to have further clarification or information, please don't hesitate to contact:

Dennis Martel
Communications, Mnjikaning First Nations, Ont.

Reform M.P. finds fault in reporting

Dear Editor:

How surprised I was to see the lopsided report of my April visit to Sarnia as reported in your May edition in "Nation in Brief." I assured the chiefs with whom I met in Sarnia prior to a public meeting that I would not be addressing the Sarnia land claim at the meeting and I kept this promise.

You chose to report my re-

fusal to comment on the Sarnia land claim as a negative and quote one individual at the meeting who concluded that I was ill-prepared. This is contrary to the overwhelming feedback I received from the meeting participants and to the feedback from the Aboriginal community which I received after the meeting who were impressed that I did keep my promise.

Finally, I was in Sarnia by invitation and was not "On a cross-country tour to sell Reform's Aboriginal agenda" as your article stated.

Generally, I find your newspaper to be well written and I am disappointed with the slant to your coverage of my successful visit.

Sincerely,
John Duncan, M.P.
(R—North Island-Powell River, B.C.)

Reader supports Shania Twain

Dear Editor:

In reading your article on Shania Twain in your May 1996 issue, I could not help but feel deeply for this nation's outstanding achiever and rising star in country music. I share in her confusion, and pain.

Why should anybody question Twain's identity? Who has the right? To me, it appears as nothing but a case of jealousy and revenge.

It is very clear from the article that Twain is of Native ancestry and upbringing. She went about, had a vision, set her goals, stuck to her plan and pursued her dreams. We all know that Twain never did exploit her ancestry, nor misrepresented herself while pursuing her dreams.

To the guilty parties, I would kindly ask that you please stop trying to rob Twain of her identity. Quit tearing this beautiful and gifted woman apart and

cease from cutting her down and from cutting an important part of her off (her identity). We, the First Nations people, just will not allow it. She makes us proud.

It is only the adult community and the non-First Nations community that bring issues like this to the forefront, to the headlines. Our youth do not take notice of the negative too much — only the positive. In the end then, there remains no doubt that Twain stands out as a very beautiful, gifted and positive role model to our First Nations youth, a special First Nations someone to look up to. It is through role models like Twain that our youth remain aware that they, too, can stand strong and reach their dreams.

To reiterate, there appears to be more than enough evidence to prove that Shania Twain is a First Nations person and artist. Further, as your article points out, it

should be only the First Nations communities who should determine who is and who is not a First Nations person.

As long as Shania Twain's heart continues to bleed over all this, then, too, so shall mine.

"Shania, my sister, you are from the Creator, and of the universe and Mother Earth. We are your brothers and sisters. Please continue to stand strong as a tree, with long secure roots and many branches. Remember also that we all stand with you. Remind yourself always that above you always are the spirits, including that great one, to constantly watch over and to guide you. Like the eagles and the hawks, are the angels. The many loved ones who have taken that final journey to the other side are your guardians — your protection."

Sympathizing with best regards,
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Anglicans select Inuk bishop

By R John Hayes
Windspeaker Staff Writer

IQUALUIT, N.W.T.

Church members and clergy of the largest Anglican diocese in the world, the Arctic, chose 62-year-old Paul Idlout of Cape Dorset, N.W.T., as their suffragan bishop last month. He is the first Inuk bishop in the world, and the third Aboriginal bishop to serve in the Anglican Church of Canada.

Idlout was consecrated at St. Jude's Cathedral in Iqaluit on June 2 in a ceremony presided over by the Metropolitan of Rupert's Land, Barry Curtis.

"I felt this should have happened three or four years ago, when at that time I felt that the Inuit were ready then," Idlout said. "We can be involved with the servicing of a huge territory by Inuit people."

A suffragan bishop is assistant to the bishop, but will not be promoted to the higher office upon the bishop's resignation without an election.

Elections, such as the one in which Idlout was chosen, are held in the Arctic diocese every three years at diocesan meetings, called synods. To gain election, a majority of both the clergy and the laity at the synod must vote for the candidate. In Idlout's case, that requirement forced 29 ballots and a synod of more than a day.

The 31 members of the clergy voted consistently for Idlout while the 43 lay members voted for Benjamin Arreak, from Kuujuaq, N.W.T. Both men are originally from Pond Inlet, N.W.T.

"To be elected, you have to have a majority in both 'houses' — the clergy and the laity," Curtis explained. "As is often the case, the clergy was voting for one candidate and the laity was voting for another."

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Todd Phillips

Bishop Paul Idlout bows in prayer as other church leaders perform the laying on of hands during the consecration.

day, I thought we were really in a stalemate," he continued. "There was no movement." In an attempt to break the deadlock, the synod chose to return Canon Abeli Napartuk from Puvirnituq, Que., to the ballot. That seemed to do the trick, although Napartuk was never close to getting elected himself.

"There was no animosity the whole time," Curtis said. "There was a really good feeling. If either candidate had even seemed to be campaigning, it would have been the kiss of death for him, I think, but there is discussion over coffee among the other people, of course."

The consecration of the bishop took a long time, too, because of some special conditions.

"The whole service was bilingual and from the *Book of Common Prayer*," Curtis said. "As well, some of the service was also translated into Gwichen and Cree, depending upon who was speaking." Because of the languages used, there were essentially four sermons, according to Curtis, but time didn't seem to matter. The pace of things is different in the North, he said.

"Although it did make a difference to one of the bishops who was there," he laughed.

"He [the bishop from Moosonee] had to leave before the ceremony was over and fly back home to his synod."

"[The consecration ceremony] was a great thing," Idlout said. "It was wonderful. It was real nice with all the people there. I think that it was the first time the people had seen themselves [in a place of authority] in their own land."

"It was a very happy occasion," Curtis said. "I think people were very excited by the consecration of an Inuit bishop, especially in St. Jude's. It is a very attractive cathedral — designed to resemble an igloo with many other local design elements — and it was packed to the rafters."

Williams estimated that more than 75 per cent of the Inuit of the Northwest Territories and northern Quebec are Anglican.

"I think it was a very positive affair," Curtis said. "The diocese is feeling very good and they have a good bishop."

"I think that mostly my future wants to see — the Diocese of the Arctic is very short of money — the small parishes in the Arctic begin to understand the need to start looking after their own," Idlout said. "Hopefully, it will be quicker to educate to work towards an Arctic for Inuit people."

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4. Husky will be evaluating the pool throughout the first year of development.

— if the gas well can be produced
— where the gas well is located
— if there is a need for water to produce the oil
— the final design and construction of the oil well, and
— the need and method of water injection into the oil.

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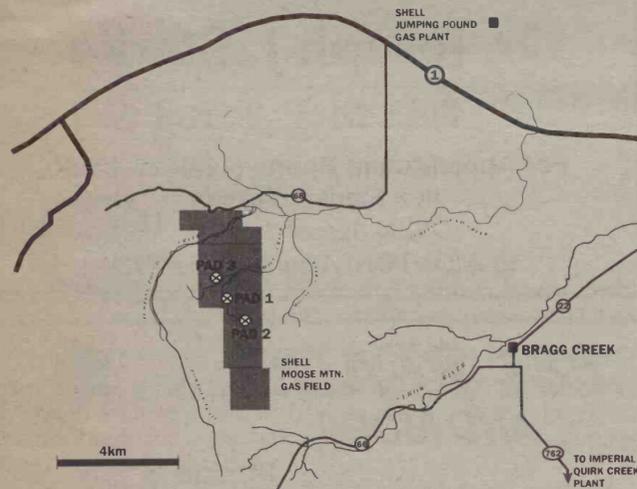
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Moose Mountain Update

This is the fifth Information Update on the status of the Moose Mountain Project. This Update provides a status report on operations, test results, future development and public consultation for the Moose Mountain discovery.

Since the last update, significant progress has been made in understanding the complex structure of the wells at Moose Mountain. We are now moving from the exploration phase of the project to the first stage of development.



OPERATIONS UPDATE

The Moose Mountain field (see map) encompasses an oil and a gas find in the Foothills of the Rocky Mountains west of Calgary. The field is owned by Husky Oil Operations Ltd. at 66 2/3%, and by Rigel Oil & Gas at 33 1/3%, with Husky Oil as the operator.

Extensive testing and evaluation have revealed the Moose Mountain pool to be a complex reservoir that may be divided into separate compartments. Both oil and gas have been found through the drilling of five wells from three pads. Current data indicates the oil may exist in at least two separate compartments: one compartment penetrated by a single

well (10-14), the other compartment by three wells (02-23, 02-27, 10-22). One well (12-12) encountered a gas zone.

The Pad 1 oil has been tested through a methodology approved by the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (EUB); this methodology involved the production of fluids from one well and re-injection of the fluids into another well. Based on the results of this testing, combined with data gathered through the completion of the wells, Husky has conducted extensive technical studies and modeling of the reservoir and its capabilities. The test results indicate it is possible to produce commercial quantities of oil.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Two possible scenarios exist for the transportation of the fluids from Moose Mountain to a processing facility:

1. The first scenario involves moving the reservoir fluids, both oil and gas, by pipeline to an existing processing facility. The closest facility is the Shell Canada Jumping Pound Gas plant approximately 25 km to the north and this would require about 16 km of pipeline to tie in. Discussions with Shell Canada are ongoing to determine available capacity and fee structures. Other potential options include the Imperial Oil Quirk Creek plant some 35 km to the south of the Moose Mountain field; or

2. The second scenario is trucking the fluids from the wells to the appropriate processing facility.

Husky believes that the first scenario of a pipeline tie-in to a nearby processing facility provides the greatest potential to utilize existing corridors, roadways and facilities for the transportation and processing of fluids. This will minimize the impact of development on the area, residents and users, as well as wildlife and habitat.

As the basis for the development plan, data has been gathered from the five completed wells and the one extended (120 day) re-injection test. This data has given us an initial picture of the reservoir, but a more complete understanding of future field performance will be accomplished once fluids have been produced over a longer period of time.

Husky Oil

Information Update

A plan for the first stage of oil recovery is being developed; this plan will take into consideration a variety of factors, including technical capabilities and project economics, and is envisioned to take the following form:

1. Initial development will be focused on the Northern end of the pool where oil has been encountered by wells on Pad 3 and on Pad 1.

2. In the first stage of development, production from the two wells on Pad 3 will be transported to a processing facility at a total rate of 1800 barrels of well output per day, including 950 barrels of oil. The products produced will be oil, sales gas, propane, butane, condensate and sulfur. This means that fluids from the wells will be brought to the surface and transported through a new pipeline that connects with existing pipelines. This method of transportation ensures Husky is making the most efficient use of already developed facilities.

3. Over the first year of production, Husky will monitor deliverability, sustainability, decline, gas/oil ratio and water/oil ratio. As well, pressure will be monitored in the south portion of the pool, particularly the gas well (12-12), to determine if the gas in 12-12 is a gas cap existing over an oil pool, or a stand-alone gas reservoir.

4. Husky will be evaluating the above data gathered throughout the first year of production to determine:

- if the gas well can be produced at the same time as the oil wells
- where the gas well production will be processed
- if there is a need for, and the timing of, additional wells to produce the oil
- the final design and timeline for enhanced recovery of the oil, and
- the need and method to optimize the process of recovering the oil.

Future development will depend on the success of the first stage of oil production on Pad 3. Additional facilities could be needed at existing locations. Also, the development of the pool could see more drilling and the addition of water flooding to effectively deplete the reservoir. Water flooding is a way of increasing oil recovery by injecting water into the oil reservoir. The injection of water forces additional oil out of the reservoir rock.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND CONSULTATION

Husky is committed to public involvement in planning the development of the Moose Mountain field. Work has begun on the collection of data relative to wildlife, habitat and on the identification of potential pipeline routes. This information will be shared with the public in order to gather feedback to choose the corridor which is in the best interest of the users of the area, residents and the development.

Husky will be in contact with members of the public to arrange meetings to obtain input on the proposed development which will be incorporated into the application to the EUB for development approval. Timing for the submission of an application is targeted for late fall, 1996.

This update is a continuation of our commitment to provide information to those who are interested in our activities in the Moose Mountain Region. If you would like more information about our activities in this area, please contact:

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Behind the scenes



Drew Hayden Taylor

I write this as I am traveling home on a plane, exhausted and delighted, after attending yet another fine film festival, my fourth journey in a row for this particular festival.

No, I'm not returning from the Cannes Festival (no tan and certainly no scantily clad girls, but I do have a suggestion for the festival organizers for next year), nor the Toronto International (since I live in Toronto, it would be kind of hard to fly home from it), nor the Sundance Festival (no Robert Redford in sight, nor any mountains).

I am, of course, referring to the Dreamspeakers Aboriginal Film Festival held annually in Edmonton. It's the kind of place where novice writers, directors and writers rub elbows and eat breakfast with practically the whole cast of *North of 60*, along with Graham Greene, Gary Farmer and quite a few other notable Natives in the news.

And the reason these people were here, other than to do that elbow rubbing thing I mentioned earlier, was to attend the inaugural presentation of the first Aboriginal Film Awards, affectionately known as the "Abbies".

Hosted by the dapper, charming and remarkably tall Tom Jackson, these awards celebrate the best of Aboriginal film and video. Awards for best production, best acting and best documentaries were handed out to deserving winners as well as a special retrospective salute to the career of Graham Greene.

But as an invited delegate privy to the behind the scene dramas that were constantly unfolding backstage during the awards ceremony, as well as the whole festival itself, I couldn't help but feel that perhaps a few awards were being left out. Special awards for the people involved in the festival itself and in the audience.

So, in the spirit of the first "Abbie" awards, may I present, in conjunction, the first Behind-The-Scenes Dreamspeaker Awards, or the "BTSDA's" (pronounced just the way it's spelled).

- **BEST ORIGINAL REQUEST BY A VISITING GROUP (Entertainment Category):** The award goes to the Aztec Fire Dancers who phoned up the Dreamspeaker organizers asking if they could find the dancers a large snake for their act.
- **BEST KEPT SUDDEN REALIZATION/CONCERN:** The award goes to the Dreamspeaker staff who suddenly realized during the packed gala dinner and entertainment that the Aztec Fire Dancers were using real fire, giving off lots of smoke, in a room full of very well dressed and elegant people, as well as lots and lots of smoke detectors and sprinklers.
- **BEST SPONTANEOUS MUSICAL INCIDENT:** The award goes to the jam session between the Billy Joe Green Band, Gary Farmer on harmonica, and Pure Fe with vocals.
- **BEST PICK UP LINE:** The Award goes to the unnamed gentleman who used the line "Hey, wanna go up to my room and do a little throat singing?"
- **MOST ANNOYING AND OFTEN REPEATED QUESTION:** The award goes to all the people who posed the same question to the Maori delegation, here all the way from New Zealand. "What's your opinion of the movie *Once Were Warriors*?"
- **BEST INSTANCE OF A SUBJECT NOT DISCUSSED BY TWO ADULTS OVER DINNER:** The award goes to Jordan Wheeler, story editor for *North of 60*, and Drew Hayden Taylor, disgruntled critic.
- **MOST INTERESTING & REVEALING DETAIL MISSED BY MOST PEOPLE:** The award goes to whoever noticed that on the list of award nominations handed out at the gala dinner, the first nominee in each category was always the winner, due to a printing oversight.

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REVIEW

By Eva Weidman
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Rotten to the Core
By Sheila Jones Morrison
126 pages, \$14.95 (pb.)
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It would be easy to label Sheila Jones Morrison a racist. She is a white, middle-class woman who has set herself up for that knee-jerk reaction.

Morrison has written *Rotten to the Core*, a slim soft-covered volume, which tries to pry the top off the secretive world of the Manitoba Metis Federation. But not for reasons of race. She is just partaking in the honest pursuit of a good story.

"I knew that even doing a book like this, I would automatically be labelled simply because I was saying something negative about Metis people. That is an automatic political reaction. But, the Metis people I've talked to don't see that. All except the MMF directors of course," Morrison said.

The catch is, Morrison doesn't say negative things about Metis people. Without the co-operation of Metis people, the book probably wouldn't have been possible. Who the MMF represents and doesn't represent is one of Morrison's strongest points.

Most Metis people have ca-

reers, jobs, mortgages, just like everyone else in Manitoba. The MMF represents the poor, single mothers, and families. It also represents a few insiders who are either incredibly bad with money or just plain greedy.

It is the money question which is the main thrust of *Rotten to the Core*. Large amounts of money have seemingly vanished without any records or accountability. The MMF has also received unusually generous grants and funding since they became allies with the federal Conservative government during the Meech Lake and Charlottetown constitutional debacles.

Morrison said the blame for the MMF's rough ride is beyond the influence of one individual.

"If you go back and want to point fingers it has to begin with the bureaucrats who started these organizations," Morrison said.

But, while the financial maneuverings of the MMF are very much in the forefront of this book, there is another feature that made Morrison realize there was more to the story than a paper trail.

She found while completing her research, she was tracking a path of fear. A contagious fear which grew with the rumors and nasty stories that circulated among the Metis people.



Sheila Jones Morrison

"People believed these stories to be true and there was some pretty bad stuff. It got me wondering why a government-funded organization could get away with this nasty stuff, if in fact they were. I couldn't make any headway, because people were afraid to talk to me. That's what got me hooked, the fear."

Rotten to the Core sold out of the first print run just weeks after publication.

Morrison's book is a success, but controversy is whirling around the MMF and the leadership of current president Billyjo De La Ronde.

The MMF board has been dissolved, the corporate arm of the MMF is now in receivership and legal opinions vary as to whether De La Ronde is still president of either the provincial body or the corporation.

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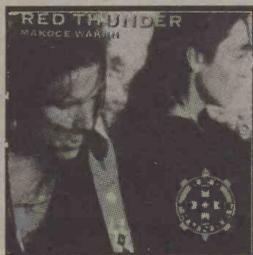


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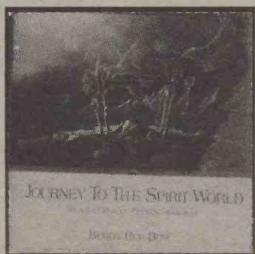


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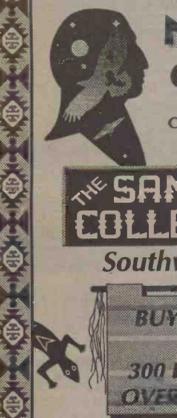
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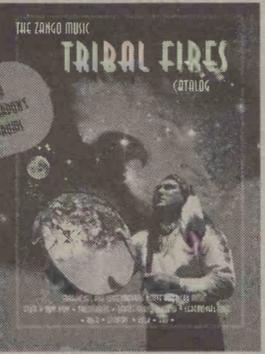
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Four ex-wives and a funeral-home owner light up new release from HarperCollins

REVIEW

By Suzanne Methot
 Windspeaker Contributor

Tales of Burning Love
 By Louise Erdrich
 448 pages, \$35 (hc.)
 HarperCollins

Four of Jack Mauser's ex-wives are stranded in a blizzard, stuck in a red Ford Explorer in a snowdrift off a deserted highway in North Dakota. Accompanied by a mysterious hitchhiker, they exchange stories about themselves and their former husband during the long, cold night. The women don't like each other very much, but each of them loves another person in a way she is powerless to explain. These tales of burning love fuel their survival on this night, propelling their individual (and lifelong) searches for happiness and understanding.

Tales of Burning Love is the sixth novel from Louise Erdrich,

a Turtle Mountain Chippewa who is also the author of *Tracks*, *Love Medicine* and *The Bingo Palace*. Erdrich's novels all feature a revolving cast of characters related by blood, marriage and other circumstances completely beyond their control. Everybody's related to everybody else, and their lives intertwine in a complex weave, creating a rich canvas of criss-crossing dreams and destinies. These characters are like our own friends and families, from our own communities, and there is a familiarity to them that is striking.

Erdrich casts her net wide in this book, scooping up peripheral characters from previous novels and telling their stories in varied installments that travel back and forth through time, illustrating how their lives came to be connected. Jack and the ex-wives' club are joined by funeral-home owner Lawrence Schlick and his wife, Anna, and others including construction workers and a bevy of convent nuns.

Some of the most vivid and compelling characters from Erdrich's other novels, includ-

ing the fiercely weak Sister Leopolda, perpetual escapee Gerry Nanapush and beautiful, tired June Kashpaw Morrissey, pay welcome visits.

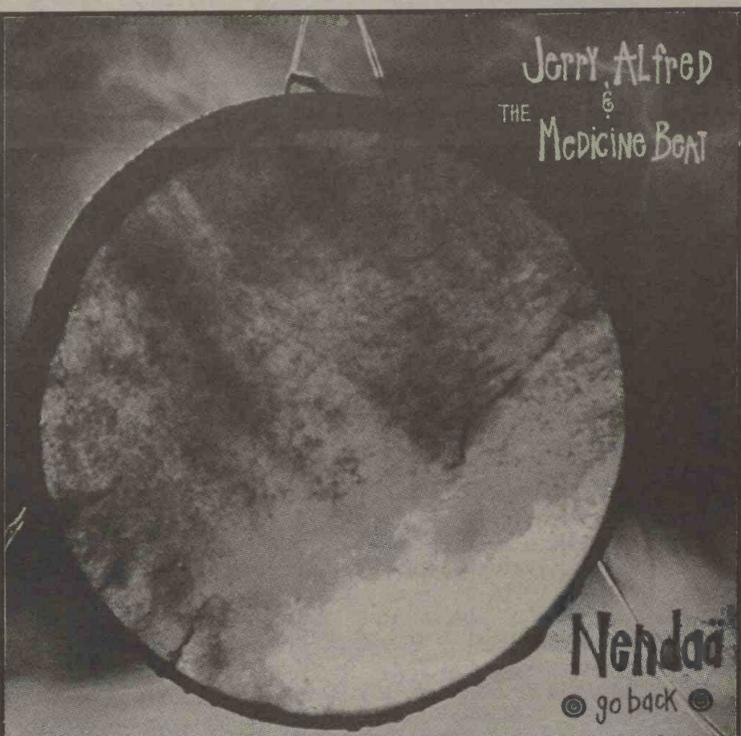
If ever a character illustrated the everyday magic and despair of life, and the unending search for love, it is June Kashpaw Morrissey. This book is not about her, yet she is ever-present, touching us in that place where solitude is a myth and fear a constant companion. She haunts this novel, flitting between the pages like an unseen spirit, a rustle of black in the corner of an eye. She begins this novel — as she began *Love Medicine* — and she ends it, speaking to all of us about love and life's choices.

Each person's story is complete in its telling, a full exploration of character and intent. The marriage of these stories into novel form creates a fertile landscape that still speaks of Erdrich's first love. She began her career as a poet, and her writing is full of images and rich: chop up the sentences, and it would be poetry. A gorgeous, delicious book.

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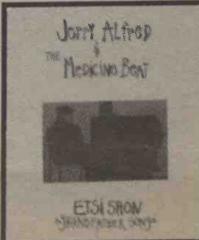


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Dreamspeakers gala best yet

By Kim Ziervogel
Windspeaker Contributor

EDMONTON

The Dreamspeak Film Festival's gala banquet is always one of the highlights of the week-long event each year in Edmonton.

Big name stars and other industry types come out to help celebrate Aboriginal contribution to film. They have been doing this each year since the festival's beginnings five years ago.

This year was a little more exciting than previous gala events though. Not only was it the largest gala to date (800 tickets sold), but it also included the first Aboriginal Film Awards.

The awards, nicknamed the Abbies by Dreamspeakers Festival Society president Greg Coyes, was an impressively professional production.

Each nominee was previewed during the week at the film festival. At the awards dinner, a quick clip of each nominee was shown. The winners received a trophy that was in the shape of a stylized tipi.

The biggest disappointment of the night, however, was that almost half of the winners were no-shows.

The big winners of the evening — Annie Frazier-Henry and Frank Blythe — were in attendance and were suitably excited. Blythe picked up three awards for his production of *Storytellers of the Pacific: Identity*, while Frazier-Henry nabbed two awards for two different shows: *Ladies of the Inlet* and *It's up to Us*.

The evening's biggest honor was reserved for film star Graham Greene whose movies include *Dances With Wolves*, *Die Hard With a Vengeance*, and the soon to be released *Dead Innocent*.

Greene was presented with a hand-made star blanket, a traditional way of honoring respected people in the Native community.

In accepting the honor, Greene spoke briefly on Natives in films.

"We should honor ourselves. We should award ourselves. We should work among ourselves," said Greene.

Although he offered words of encouragement to his peers, Greene was not as gracious after the awards were over. Greene, along with Tom Jackson, the evening's emcee and *North of 60's* Peter Kenedi, were whisked out a back door.

Greene immediately went to his hotel room and sources said Dreamspeak's staff had a hard time convincing him to have a photo taken with Edmonton Mayor Bill Smith and his wife.

Security around Greene was so tight that one might have



Kim Ziervogel

Graham Greene

mistaken him for the prime minister of Canada. This was disheartening, considering the courtesy of last year's honoree Tantoo Cardinal.

Cardinal was gracious and without pretension in her dealings with the public and media. She was relaxed with the audience and stayed behind to sign autographs. Unlike Greene, Cardinal even smiled.

One wonders if Greene was as affable as Cardinal before he was nominated for an Academy Award.

Abbie winners

Performance by an actor in a dramatic role: Tie to Ryan Black — *The Rez: "Golf and Politics"* and Henry Ah-FooTaripo — *Talk of the Town*.

Performance by a female actor in a dramatic role: Jennifer Podemski — *The Rez: "Golf and Politics."*

Best of the Festival: Alanis Obomsawin — *Storytellers of the Pacific: Identity*, Producer: Frank Blythe

Documentary under 30 minutes — *Ladies of the Inlet*, Producer: Annie Frazier-Henry.

Documentary over 30 minutes — *Storytellers of the Pacific: Identity*, Producer: Frank Blythe

Drama under 30 minutes — *A Day in the Life*, Producer: Don Selwyn

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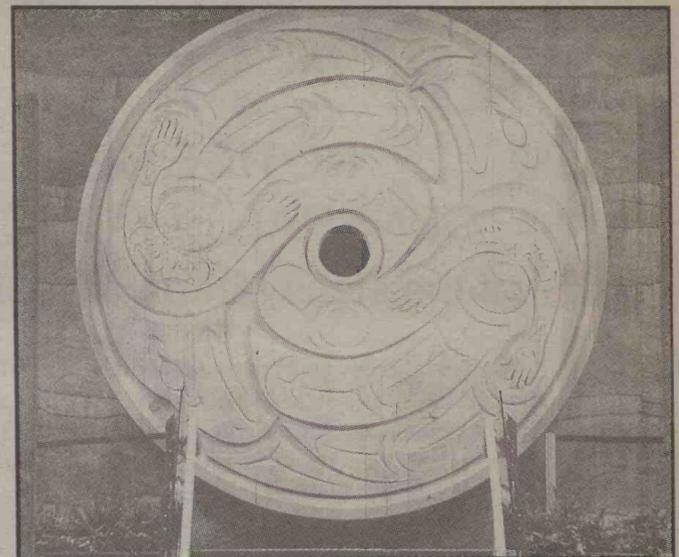
figure represents a male form and the other a female. The carving style reflects the art of early Salish culture.

Coast Salish art and craft is celebrated by four weavings that hang in the new terminal building. Each weaving measures 1.5 m by 4.8 m and reflect both modern and traditional weaving practices. The weavings are hung close to the Welcome Figures.

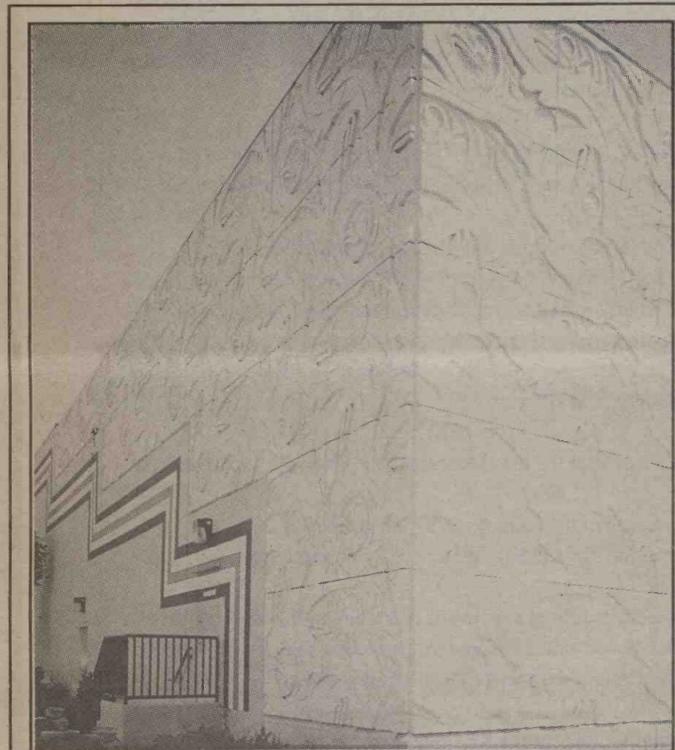
The Musqueam weavers are Debra Sparrow, Robyn Sparrow, Krista Point, Gina Grant and Helen Calbreath.

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The spindle whorl, created by Coast Salish artist Susan A. Point, is the largest spindle ever made and graces the new Vancouver International Terminal Building. The spindle is but one of many pieces of art that is on display and includes a sculpture by artist Bill Reid.



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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION of the Métis Nation of Alberta

Notice is hereby given that a **GENERAL ELECTION** of all Elected Officers of the Métis Nation of Alberta Association will be held on **Tuesday, September 3, 1996**. This includes the President, Vice-President, six (6) Regional Presidents, and six (6) Regional Vice-Presidents.

As well, there will be an **ADVANCE POLL** on **Saturday, August 24, 1996**. Voting will be by secret ballot in the elector's polling subdivision. Location of polling stations will be posted in the communities. Polling hours on Election Day as well the day of the Advance Poll will be **8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

To be an eligible elector, each member must be properly registered with the Métis Nation of Alberta Association. Please Note: There will be no vouching at the election.

For further information contact your Regional Zone Offices, as well as the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer at 13140 St. Albert Trail, Edmonton, Alberta, T5L 4R8. Phone Number (403)455-2200, ext. 259 or 1-800-252-7553.

Margaret Ann Pruden
Chief Electoral Officer
Métis Nation of Alberta

Following are the Official Dates for the Métis Nation of Alberta Association General Election, based on the Election By-Laws:

- Nominations Open: Monday, July 3, 1996
- Nominations Close: Friday, August 2, 1996
- Last day for withdrawing nomination: Sunday, August 4, 1996
- Voters List to be completed by: Tuesday, August 13, 1996
- Posting of Nominations: Tuesday, August 13, 1996
- Advance Poll: Saturday, August 24, 1996
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NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS of the Métis Nation of Alberta

Notice is hereby given that nominations for the positions of **President, Vice-President, one (1) Regional President, and one (1) Regional Vice-President** from each of the six Zones of the Métis Nation of Alberta Association are being accepted as of **July 3, 1996** at the office of the Chief Electoral Officer. The office is located at 13140 St. Albert Trail in the City of Edmonton, Province of Alberta.

Qualified candidates must have their completed "Nomination Paper" filed with the above office on or before **5:00 p.m., August 2, 1996**.

"Nomination Papers" are or will be available by July 3, 1996 at the Métis Nation of Alberta, Electoral Office, 13140 St. Albert Trail, Edmonton, Alberta, T5L 4R8 and also at the Regional Zone Offices.

Please note the following sections of the Métis Nation of Alberta Association Election By-Laws:

Section 6.4: A Métis Lifetime Member is eligible to be nominated as a candidate in an election if on the day his or her nomination paper is filed he or she:

- (a) is a Métis Lifetime member who is entitled to hold office; and
- (b) is of the full age of sixteen (16) years or will be that age on election day; and
- (c) has been ordinarily a resident in Alberta continuously from the day 12 months immediately preceding the election day; and
- (d) has no financial debt owing to the Métis Nation or its affiliates that is more than (30) days in arrears

Section 6.5: All nominations for President and Vice-President shall include the following:

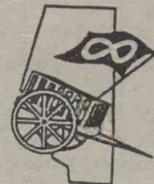
- (a) written acceptance of the nomination by the candidate; and
- (b) One hundred and fifty (150) signatures of electors nominating the candidate; and
- (c) a non-refundable deposit in the sum of two hundred (\$200.00) dollars.
- (d) A deposit that is not refundable under this section shall be deposited in the general account of the Métis Education Foundation.

Section 6.6: All nominations for the Regional President and Regional Vice-President, shall include the following:

- (a) written acceptance of the nomination by the candidate; and
- (b) seventy-five (75) signatures of electors who reside in the Region nominating the candidate; and
- (c) a non-refundable deposit in the sum of two hundred (\$200.00) dollars.
- (d) A deposit that is not refundable under this section shall be deposited equally in the general account of the foundations of the Regional Council of the candidate.

Please Note: This election will adhere to all provisions contained within the By-laws of the Métis Nation of Alberta Association.

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INNISFAIL, Alta.

An Aboriginal corrections officer has filed a complaint with the RCMP accusing a Mountie of racism.

Rob Genaille said he and a fellow corrections officer were harassed by two RCMP officers, one of whom was brandishing a shotgun.

Genaille said he and a friend were talking and praying on the slope of a public ski hill in Innisfail on May 31 when a jogger went by them. Genaille said he greeted the jogger as he passed. Soon after the exchange, the jogger returned with a shotgun and a uniformed officer. The jogger was an off-duty police officer.

The uniformed officer demanded identification from the two Aboriginal men, but neither thought they had any with them. The rifle was cocked and pointed in the direction of the men and a second request for identification was made.

Genaille said he tried to explain to the officer who they were and what they were doing at the ski-hill, but the RCMP persisted with their harassment of the men.

The RCMP searched the men's belongings, including a medicine bag, a possession considered sacred in Native spirituality.

Sergeant Ralph Carriere of the Innisfail detachment has reported the officers were responding to a complaint from a citizen about two suspicious men.

Genaille said he and his friend were sitting in the open in a public place and talking. There was nothing suspicious about their behavior. Genaille suspects the police zeroed in on them because he and his friend are Native.

After the incident, Genaille requested identification from both officers. The uniformed officer was able to provide Genaille with a card. The jogger had no identification with him, Genaille said.

Genaille said he found this particularly ironic, for just moments before, a weapon was being pointed at him for not being able to provide identification.

Genaille said he went to the Innisfail detachment and asked for an apology from the commanding officer, but none was forthcoming. Genaille went to his member of parliament and asked for assistance and was told that there wasn't anything the elected official could do. When Genaille went to file a complaint with the RCMP, he was told he could do so only with the commanding officer who was not available.

The next day, an RCMP representative visited Genaille at his home to help smooth over the situation. Genaille finally was able to file a complaint.

Genaille wants to know how, with all of the checks the RCMP has in place to weed out aggressive and racist police, did these two officers slip into their positions of authority. Genaille also wants to inform others who are similarly treated by the authorities that there are things that can be done.

While filing a complaint with the RCMP is only one step, going to the media with the information was absolutely imperative. Nothing would have happened without the media, said Genaille. Now it's out there and it has to be addressed.

It is against a person's human rights to be singled out for different treatment on the basis of race. In Alberta, it is against a person's human rights to be discriminated against because of religious belief including Native spirituality.

If the police in the Rob Genaille case were not RCMP but city police, a complaint could be filed with the Alberta Human Rights Commission, said Chief Commissioner Charlach Mackintosh. But because the police in question were RCMP, the complaint falls under federal jurisdiction and could be filed with the Canadian Human Rights Commission. If there is any doubt about jurisdiction, file the complaint with both the federal and the provincial commissions, said Mackintosh. There is a time limit for filing a complaint. In Alberta, it is six months from the time of the incident.

Another course of action would be to file a complaint with the RCMP Public Complaints Commission. This is an arms-length organization which was set up in 1988.

The Complaints Commission receives and reviews public complaints about the conduct, in the performance of any duty or function under the RCMP Act, of any member or other person appointed or employed under the authority of the RCMP Act.

Its purpose, in part, is to ensure that individual members of the public have their complaints dealt with in a fair and impartial manner.

Any person may file with this commission or with the RCMP directly. Any RCMP or anyone employed under the authority of RCMP Act, can take an individual's complaint.

The RCMP are required by the RCMP Act to process all complaints received and to report to the complainant on a regular basis. The first report comes within 45 days to advise that the complaint has been received and every 30 days thereafter until the force provides their conclusions or final disposition.

If a complainant is not satisfied with the outcome of the RCMP investigation and its recommendations, a request may be made to the Complaints Commission to undertake a review.

The commission will analyze the material from the RCMP investigation and choose one of several options of handling the review. These options include: Preparing a final report and recommendations based on the RCMP investigation; conducting an independent investigation; requesting the RCMP to further investigate, or institute a public hearing.

The RCMP Public Complaints Commission can be reached at 1-800-661-3601.

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Native people owe it to themselves, to future generations and to the Creator to come forward and present a complaint when they have been discriminated against, no matter how unpleasant the situation. This was the message that came out of a human rights conference held last fall in Alberta.

But Native people aren't coming forward even though across Canada they have been identified as the most often discriminated-against group in Canadian society.

Only a handful of complaints out of the 70 received in each of the last two months at the Alberta Human Rights Commission have been filed by Native people, said Chief Commissioner Charlach Mackintosh. That leads Mackintosh to believe that Native people need help, need an advocate, a guide to take them through the process.

The commissioner is hoping that funding will be made available to create positions for "trusted" people to work with the First Nations and Metis people of Alberta in the field of human rights. Mackintosh hopes to have the people in place by fall.

The following information applies to the Province of Alberta only. For information regarding filing human rights complaints in other provinces consult the phone book for the number of the commission in your area.

The Alberta Human Rights Commission is impartial and doesn't take sides. It attempts to bring about just and fair resolutions to a dispute or conflict.

There is no fee for filing a complaint with the commission and all information remains strictly confidential. The commission offers advice and direction on what can be done to resolve the conflict on your own, but if efforts fail, the commission will become directly involved.

Within 30 days, a copy of the complaint will be served on both the complainant and the respondent (the person the complaint has been filed against). During this stage in the process either party may decide to settle the complaint without any further involvement by the commission.

A conciliator tries to help the parties reach a settlement before the investigation stage takes place. If a settlement is not reached within five weeks, an investigator is assigned, normally within 30 days. The investigation is undertaken and targeted for completion within 10 weeks.

If the complaint is not found to have merit it is dismissed. The complainant may appeal this decision within 30 days. If the complaint is found to have merit, a remedy is recommended to the parties. Should either party refuse to accept the commission's findings or remedy, then the matter is referred to the director of the commission.

The director may take any action he considers to be appropriate or refer to legal counsel for settlement or refer the matter to the chief commissioner who will review the file.

By Debora Lockyer
Windspeaker Staff Writer

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QUOTABLE QUOTE

"It [sports] all has to do with keeping the kids away from drugs and alcohol."

—Sechelt Indian Band Chief Garry Feschuk, 1996.

Six Nations lacrosse struggles to remain pre-eminent

By Sam Laskaris
Windspeaker Contributor

BRANTFORD, Ont.

Six Nations teams are having mixed results in Ontario Lacrosse Association action this season.

The squad commanding the most attention is the Six Nations Chiefs, the two-time defending Mann Cup champs. As mid-June approached, the Chiefs sat atop the five-team OLA Major circuit with an 8-3 record.

On paper, the Chiefs appear to have the tools necessary to make a third straight appearance in the Mann Cup. This year's OLA champ will play host to the event this September. The Western Lacrosse Association champs from British Columbia will provide the opposition.

Though the Chiefs were OLA front runners, they haven't been as dominant as they were last season, when they compiled an impressive 19-1 regular season mark and were unbeaten in eight league playoff matches. The raging debate is whether the Chiefs have lost a step or whether their rivals have picked it up several notches. Whichever, most observers felt it would be a tough four-team battle to determine the OLA champs this season.

Besides the Chiefs, the others viewed as legitimate contenders for the league crown are the Brampton Excelsiors, Peterborough Lakers and Brooklin

Redmen. Brampton got off to a 6-3 start, Peterborough was 5-5 (a huge plus considering the Lakers won only four contests last season), while the perennially-tough Redmen were expected to improve on their sub-.500 (5-6) mark.

As for the cellar-dwelling Fergus Thistles, who won only one of their first nine starts, they were expected to continue bringing up the rear.

Despite having 18 returnees, Chiefs' general manager Cap Bomberry was hesitant to predict that his squad would capture the Ontario title once again.

"I wouldn't predict that to any writer," he said. "I'd have to answer to a lot of people if I did that."

Bomberry took the easy way out, simply saying: "We'll at least be in the playoffs." The top four finishers qualify for post-season play.

Meanwhile, both of Six Nations' junior squads have been struggling this season. The Junior 'A' Arrows had a dismal start, registering a 1-8-1 mark. And the expansion Junior 'B' Red Rebels had posted a 4-12 record.

For the Arrows, their performance is a far cry from 1992 when they captured the Minto Cup, symbolic of national junior supremacy.

Arrows' general manager Jack Hill knew that this would be a tough season. His side has only three players with at least two years of experience at the Junior 'A' level. The Arrows' roster (18 of the 19 team mem-



Martin Bomberry

The 1995 Six Nations midget team went undefeated as the Ontario provincial 'A' champions, but the step up to junior is a big one. From left: (front row) Nick Davis (trainer), Don Whitlow, Kenny Montour (goalie), Paul Hill, Delby Powless; (back row) Wayne Van Every (assistant coach), Ashley Hill, Kimbo Squire, Jason Henhawk, Landon Miller, Trevor Longboat, Blue Hill, Matt Powless, Vern Hill, Vince Hill (coach).

bers are Native) also includes seven players who helped Six Nations win the Ontario midget (16- and 17-year-olds) title last season.

"They've got speed and fitness," Hill said of his lineup. "But they're very inexperienced at this level, which is fast-paced and has a lot of checking."

Though they had picked up only one win, Hill said that his squad wasn't getting trounced.

"We're only getting beat by one or two goals a game," he said. "What's costing us is the fact we're smaller than most of the other teams. Once they get pushed around, they get mad and retaliate and get a penalty."

The Arrows, however, still had time to improve their fortunes in their 11-team league, which features a 20-game

schedule. Though they were in 10th place in the standings, the Arrows were only one point back of the 2-8 Mississauga Tomahawks and the 2-9 Brampton Excelsiors, who were tied for the eighth and final playoff spot.

As for the first-year Red Rebels, they knew they'd have their share of growing pains.

"It takes two to three years to get an established team," said Vince Hill (no relation to Jack), the club's coach and general manager.

No matter how they fare the rest of this season, the Red Rebels will get at least a taste of playoff action. All 16 OLA Junior 'B' entries will compete in the post-season. The top eight squads will battle it out to determine Ontario's two repre-

sentatives at the Founders cup, the Canadian Junior 'B' tourney, scheduled for Edmonton in August. The bottom eight finishers will vie for a provincial consolation title.

Meanwhile, Six Nations isn't the only Native side with an expansion Junior 'B' club this season. The Akwesasne Lightning, winners of only three of their first 18 contests, were in the same situation.

"I expected to do a little better," said Peter Burns Jr., the Lightning general manager and assistant coach. "But some players I was hoping would come to the club from other reserves didn't."

The Akwesasne Reserve, situated near Cornwall, has borders which stretch into Ontario, Quebec and New York state.

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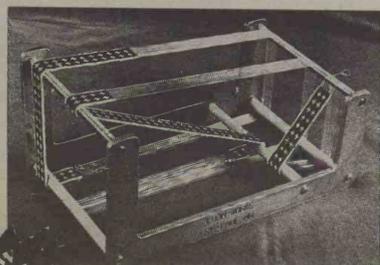
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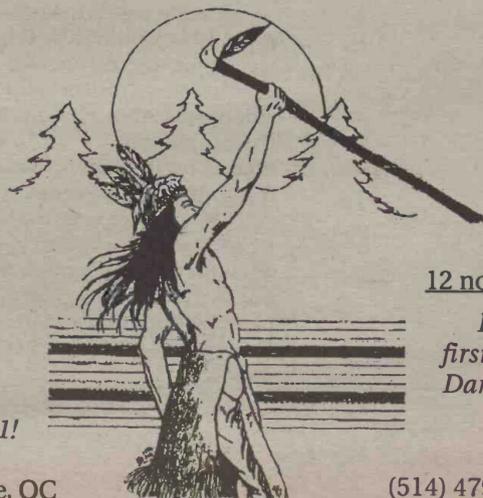


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The men's and women's fast-pitch softball championship takes place about a month later in Spokane, Washington, from Sept. 19 to 22. Contact John Martin at (509) 624-3607 or Kugie Louis at the NIAA office in Salem, Oregon, at (503) 390-4245.

Golfers take note of the men's and women's golf championship in Las Vegas, Nevada, Oct. 25 to 27. Arrange to tee it up by calling Notah Begay at (505) 839-0512. The association

will be hosting a recreation and education conference prior to the golf tournament, Oct. 22 to 24, also in Vegas. Contact Louis for information on the conference.

Louis is also the best source for information on what the NIAA is all about. If you'd prefer to write, send to the National Indian Athletic Association, 4084 Ibex NE, Salem, OR 97305, U.S.A. Fax to them at (505) 390-4245, or e-mail them at NIAAindins@aol.com.

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 Just north of the border, the North American Golf Championship will be held from June 21 to 23 in southern Alberta's Waterton Lakes National Park, and includes individual and team championships. The tournament proper has two days of competitive golf; golfers will get a crack at the course during a practice round on June 21. Contact Lloyd Gauchier at (403) 585-2124.

Coast Salish soccer clubs to tour Europe

By Darah Hansen
 Windspeaker Contributor

SECHELT, B.C.

This summer will be something to write home about for some young soccer players from B.C.'s West Coast. The Chehalis Indian Band in the Fraser Valley is sponsoring two Coast Salish youth teams to play in two international soccer tournaments in Europe. The competitions will be held in Sweden and Denmark starting on July 11 and running through to the end of the month.

The boys will also take the opportunity to present a sample of their Native culture to their Scandinavian hosts through a dance and drumming ceremony, which will be held as part of the tournament festivities.

For 12-year-old Kellen Feschuk, one of the two players from the Sechelt Indian Band selected to take part in the tour, the opportunity is an exciting one, both for the chance to travel over-

seas and for the opportunity to play soccer, a game he's played since he was four. For Kellen's father, Sechelt Indian Band Chief Garry Feschuk the opportunity represents much more for his son.

"It all has to do with keeping the kids away from drugs and alcohol," Feschuk said. In recent years, both the Sechelt and Chehalis bands have been working hard to offer healthy lifestyle choices to their children, and encouraging a love of sports is one of those options.

"Slowly, we're breaking the cycle [of drug and alcohol abuse]," Feschuk said. Taking part in trips and tournaments is just one of the rewards for the hard work the kids put into the sport, Feschuk said. It's also a way to keep the kids interested.

In Sechelt, where the band boasts a number of talented young athletes, future trips may include traveling to California to play in a soccer tournament with teams from across North America and to Victoria to compete in the 1997 North American

Indigenous Games.

Feschuk said that the band has learned that a number of important life lessons can be taught through participation in team sports. Soccer and other similar sports show youths how to work together and how to handle competition. More importantly, he said, the games can teach the payoffs of hard work and dedication.

By supporting sports, Feschuk said, the Sechelt Band is promoting the message to their youths that the same effort that goes into being a top player on the field can translate into being a winner in school. "We tell them, if they put everything they put into sports into learning, then they will be successful in both."

Meanwhile, serious training for the boys selected to go is just beginning. Kellen, who plays centre forward, is confident that his skills will be able to match those of his international counterparts, but will be using the month leading up to the tournament to sharpen his game with the help of older players in the band.

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Kikiwak Inn

Ritz of the North

The Kikiwak Inn prepares to open its doors

By William M. Hilliard
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OPASKWAYAK CREE NATION, Man.

It used to be the Otineka Mall, the first shopping centre ever to be built on an Indian reserve in Canada, that used to turn people's heads as they drove by this northern Manitoba reserve near The Pas.

Today, however, all eyes turn to the Kikiwak Inn, an \$8.5-million hotel and convention centre scheduled to open July 1. The three-storey, 6,118 sq. m hotel is the pride of the Swampy Cree community of 2,700 about 600 km northwest of Winnipeg.

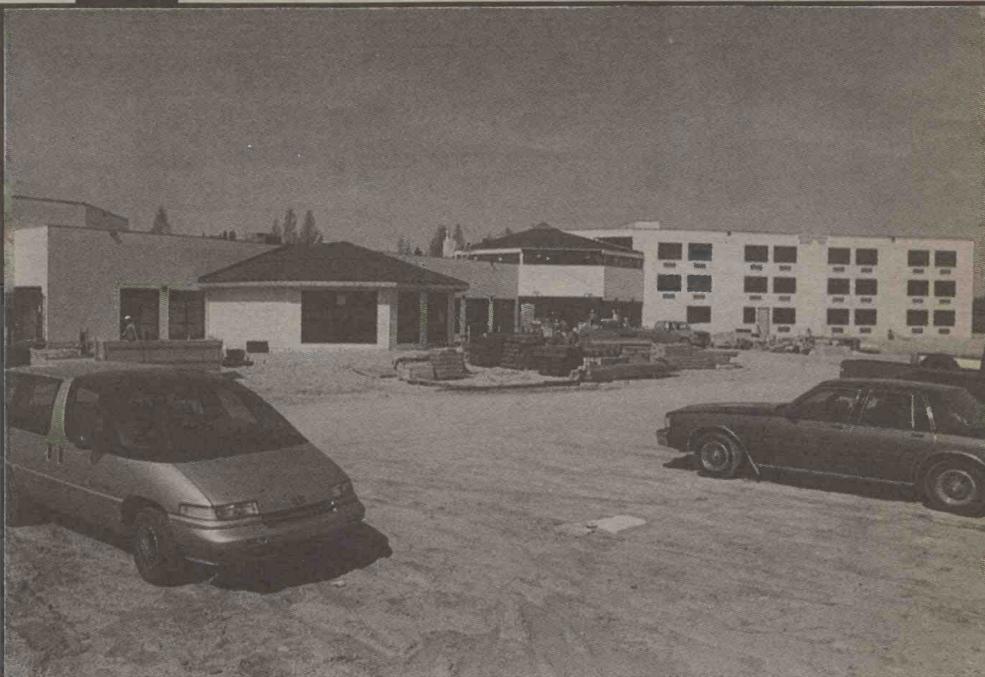
"We like to think of it as the Ritz of the North," beams Glen Ross, chief executive officer of the Paskwayak Business Development Corporation, the band's business development arm which is spearheading the hotel project.

"Or at least a pink Cadillac," he adds with a laugh, referring to the "Flamingo Hotel" nickname local wisecrackers have given the structure which has for months been clad in pink Styrofoam insulation as builders awaited spring.

"In terms of comfort and quality service, this hotel will undoubtedly be the most modern facility our area has ever seen. We're promoting the hotel as an ideal place to come to do business and enjoy the great outdoors. We're 15 minutes from an airport and we have some of the best fishing you'll find anywhere. What more could one ask for?"

Kikiwak Inn, located a bird shot from the Otineka Mall on Highway 10, is nearing completion after a year-long construction.

The hotel features 60 suites



The Kikiwak Inn under construction was clad in pink styrofoam for the winter and was dubbed the "pink flamingo" by local jokers.

William M. Hilliard

and rooms, a restaurant, lounge, video lottery terminal casino, dual-purpose conference rooms able to accommodate up to 350 people, plus the luxuries of swimming and whirlpools, and an exercise room.

It's an idea that the band has had a long time to mull over.

The plan to erect a hotel in the OCN was conceived back in the early-70s when the late Chief Gordon Lathlin mapped out a long-term economic development plan for the reserve that included a mall and a hotel to give the community a strong economic base and provide long-term employment.

Today such an ambitious plan is uncommon in Native communities where poverty is rampant. But while it has taken the better part of 20 years for the shopping centre to turn a profit worth mentioning, Ross's forecast for the hotel is much rosier. His fingers are crossed for a cash cow.

"We expect revenues to be substantial and immediate," Ross said.

"A lot of research and planning has gone into this project to ensure that the hotel is marketable and will get good returns. We're confident we'll get both. We expect the VLT room to do good business and be a major contributor to covering costs. In fact, we see ourselves making back our investment in record time."

Ross cited a perpetual shortage of hotel rooms in The Pas. As a result, the town's Northern Manitoba Trapper's Festival, the reserve's Opaskwayak Indian Days, as well as numerous other sporting events with a combined potential to infuse hundreds of thousands of dollars into the local economy each year, fall short of attracting the crowds, he said.

The president of The Pas Chamber of Commerce said the Kikiwak Inn will be good for the community on the whole.

"I think that everyone agrees this is a win-win-win situation any way you look at it," Jim Scott said.

"An extra 60 rooms in town

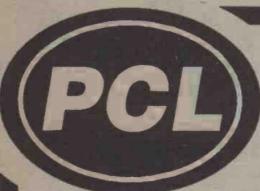
and we're talking ability to go out and lobby for bigger meetings and conventions. It's guaranteed to be an economic boost for the whole region."

"We have yet to come across anyone in town or in the reserve who's against the new hotel," said Jeff Russenholt, co-manager of Wescana Inn, one of the two leading hotels in The Pas.

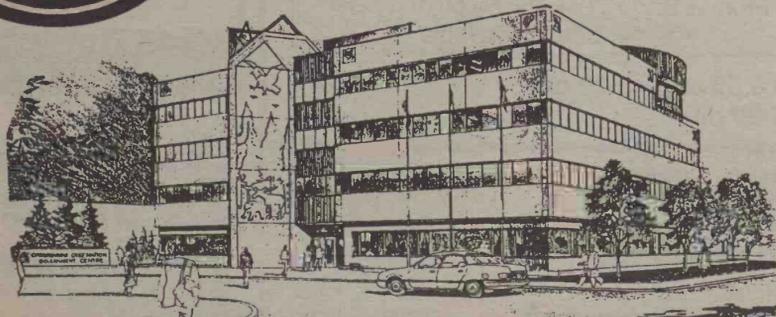
"We're particularly looking forwards for the spin-offs from the facilities which are excellent. Two or three hundred people attending a convention at the Kikiwak Inn will need some place to sleep."

The meeting facilities are booked solid throughout the summer and will include conferences by the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs and several Native and non-Native organizations. The band also hopes to use its geographical location to embrace the lucrative eco-tourism industry which will involve luring German tourists interested in the Native culture.

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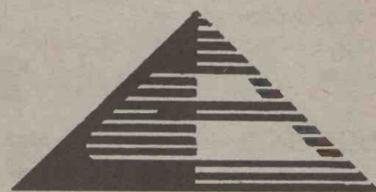
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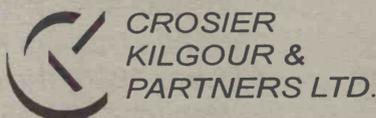
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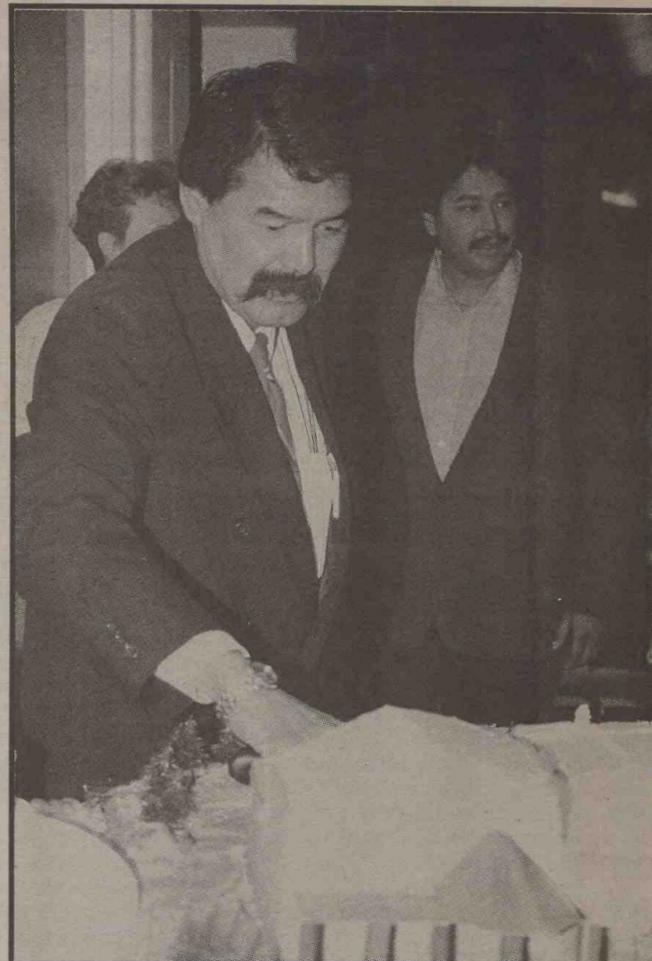
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Chief Francis Flett celebrates the hotel's construction and the long-term goals of his community. Projects like the Kikiwak Inn create long-term economic development and employment.

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Ross said the construction of the building — the main contractor is the Winnipeg-based PCL Construction — is on schedule.

While the concept to build a hotel had been kicking around for two decades, going from A to B actually only took a year. The band acquired a \$600,000 contribution from the federal government and took its plan to the bank for the remainder of the capital to cover the cost of the construction and staff training vital to the success of the hotel.

"It was decided a long time ago that the band would opt for community-owned wealth over short-term employment projects," said Francis Flett, chief of Opaskwayak.

"Projects like the mall and hotel create long-term employment. I think everyone is starting to see that it was well worth it."

Flett said his band is shooting to become a major player in the northern Manitoba economy by the end of the millennium. With some 350 employees, the OCN is the third largest employer in The Pas area outside of the Repap pulp and paper mill and the provincial government.

The hotel is part of more than \$20-million being spent in the reserve this year on capital works projects. Construction of a \$6.5-million office building is expected to begin next month on the main commercial drag between the Otineka Mall and the Kikiwak Inn. Next, the band plans to put up a bingo hall.

The construction boom is good news in a community where unemployment hovers at 70 per cent. About 50 band members will have worked in the construction of the hotel by the time it's completed.

More than 400 job applications flooded in when the training was announced last fall. The hotel will require a pool of about 120 employees, 40 of which will be full-time.

Eighty trainees are currently enrolled in a comprehensive hospitality course through the Manitoba Tourism Education Council employing Canadian standards.

The trainees will spend a total of six weeks on the job training at Winnipeg hotels including the Holiday Inn, Place Louis Riel, Norwood, Raddison, Fort Garry and Delta, as well as Grape's Restaurant.

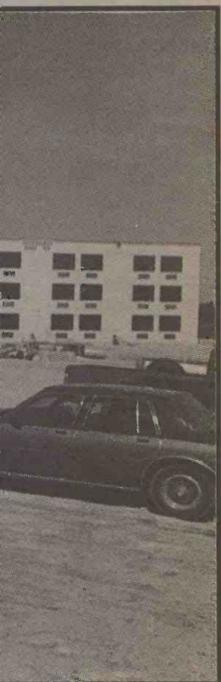
Lyle Crain, 29, expects he'll work in the lounge and catering areas of the new hotel. He sees the hotel as a God-send.

"I want my kids to see me working so that they will see their dad going to work and coming home from work as they grow up," said the father of three young children.

"Kids on the reserve see too many people sitting around doing nothing and it sets a bad example for them even though a lot of people who want to work can't find jobs. The hotel for me is the job security that I want for my family."

An elaborate grand opening is planned for the inn. Prime Minister Jean Chretien, who was on hand for the official sod turning for the Otineka Mall in 1973 when he was Indian Affairs minister, has been invited, although his office has not confirmed his attendance.

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Crees to gather

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The Opaskwayak Cree Nation will host a second Cree Nations Gathering July 15 through to 21 to try to establish a confederacy among the Cree nations of North America.

Organizers say about 2,000 men, women and children are expected to converge on this northern Manitoba community of 3,000 near The Pas, Man., a traditional Cree meeting place.

The inaugural Cree Nations Gathering two years ago in the Opaskwayak Cree Nation saw a turnout of more than 1,000 people from six provinces and Montana. It was the first huge gathering of the Crees since 1870 north of Regina.

It was decided during the gathering of 1994 that a second conference would be held in the summer of 1996 to formalize a Cree Nations Confederacy through signing a memorandum of understanding leading to the development of a constitution to govern the organization.

Under a Cree Nations Confederacy, Cree First Nations would band together to fight common political battles and

protect their traditional cultures. A confederacy would also establish an alliance to rekindle nations' trading and cultural relations of long ago and give them a united voice in negotiating self-government and rights to the rich lands and natural resources within their territories.

There are about 300 Cree First Nations in Canada reaching from Quebec to British Columbia and down into the northern United States. Chief Francis Flett of Opaskwayak invited Cree people from across the continent to participate in the historic conference.

Flett said it's vital that Cree First Nations develop among themselves strong economic links to fortify self-government when it arrives, especially in light of what is happening in Manitoba with the process to dismantle the Department of Indian Affairs, and the struggle the James Bay Cree face with the Quebec separatists.

Organizers are well on their way to organizing a series of broad-ranging conferences and workshops. A traditional powwow as well as other entertainment has been planned.

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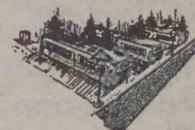
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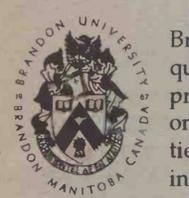
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New superhero for comic lovers

By William M. Hilliard
Windspeaker Contributor

THE PAS, Man.

Collapsed in a pool of blood on his Toronto apartment floor, Charles Fiddler faintly heard a homicide detective referring to him as "the body." Not one of his favorite memories by any stretch of the imagination.

The talented young Toronto-based comic book publisher credits this random and vicious beating attack, which occurred three years ago, as one of the catalysts for his creation.

Red Raven: Lore of the Time Before is the Aboriginal comic book epic Fiddler hopes will lead to international distribution, movies, television rights, and toys.

"It's not something that I really want to talk about, but yes, I guess the ordeal did give me a different out-look on life and pursuing my goals," said Fiddler, a 31 year old Swampy Cree from northern Manitoba's Opaskwayak Indian reserve.

"I know that if I don't take a good shot at being what I want to be I'll always wonder what could have been. I don't think I could live with that."

Red Raven was released in Canada on May 14. The comic is published by Toronto-based Bold Ink Graphics, a joint venture between Fiddler and his home reserve of the Opaskwayak Cree Nation.

Aboriginal people must first get back to their roots, Fiddler exhorts.

"I had a tough time coming to terms with my Nativeness when I was a kid, because I felt trapped between the Native and white cultures," said Fiddler, who grew up off the reserve in the nearby pulp and paper mill town of The Pas, across the Saskatchewan River from Opaskwayak.

"My mother lost her treaty status when she married a Metis and as a result I was raised as a Metis. I felt strange when I went across the river to the reserve to visit my relatives and I couldn't live there like they did. It was like I didn't belong to either side. I felt some degree of shame."

So at 18, Fiddler fled to the anonymity of Winnipeg's city streets to do some soul-searching. He took a liking to commercial art while enrolled in secondary school. It came naturally to Fiddler, who, as a kid, made most of his pocket money drawing posters for a variety of projects.

Determined to become an artist, he moved to Vancouver where he earned a meager living working menial jobs. He informally studied the masters' work and kept an eye on the street artists who hung around cafes doodling caricatures for a living.

He also studied comic books. Marvel Comics illustrator Joe Byrne of Spiderman fame is perhaps his favorite, he said.

"I knew that being an artist was the thing for me. I got jobs here and there working in commercial art but I found that my childhood interest in comics never went away. I was into sci-



ence fiction and that's when I got the idea for the comic book project."

In 1989, Fiddler relocated again, this time to Toronto where the comic book industry "was happening." It was in Toronto that he started pounding the pavement, going from library to library, researching Native culture. But he soon realized that there was only so much that the books could teach him. He had to rediscover himself.

"The more I learned the more I came to understand and respect where I came from," he said. "I realized that it wasn't a treaty or a Metis card from the government that makes a Native person Native. It's what's inside you. You just have to look deep enough."

Every kid loves a comic book and perhaps Charles Fiddler loved them more than most. One of his two fondest memories remains his Saturday afternoon raids on the comic book rack at a local pharmacy, trying to get first dibs on the latest Spiderman or Batman issues. The second was seeing his own comic book roll off the presses last month.

"It felt great. Wow! Like I was floating on air," said Fiddler. "After all the research and sweat I've poured into this project over the past five to six years it was a relief, just a terrific feeling. . . And now the real work begins."

The premiere issue of *Red Raven* is set in The Pas area some 500 years before European contact. The area is said to have been a traditional gathering place of the Cree who trekked there each summer from east and west to hunt, fish and practice ceremonial life.

A young Cree shaman warrior named Oske-pi'sew (Cree for Lynx) discovers a talisman which gives him the power, among other abilities, to shape-shift. His metamorphosis

destines him to wander North America seeking new adventures. The first of the two stories tells of how Oske-pi'sew becomes Red Raven; and the second is his first adventure pitted up against the Wetiyou, the infamous demon spirit of Indian legend.

Fiddler said the life depicted in the comic book is painstakingly researched by him for accuracy "from the mythology, spirituality and mysticism to the clothing worn by the characters." Cree words, accompanied by their English translations, are used in the dialogue, and words and phrases from other Native languages will be used in subsequent issues as Red Raven encounters other tribes.

Bold Ink Graphics is currently in production on a second comic book, a futuristic science-fiction epic entitled *Bold Justice*, in which the talisman that gives Red Raven his power also fuels lawman Stryker Bold's spaceship. One of the key characters in Stryker's crew, Tyler Wolf, is a direct descendant of Red Raven. *Red Raven* and *Bold Justice* will publish alternately every other month, Fiddler said. Fiddler actually created *Bold Justice* before *Red Raven*, but decided to publish *Red Raven* first because of its ties to the origins of the talisman.

A delegation from the Opaskwayak Cree Nation flew to Toronto for the official Canadian release of *Red Raven: Lore of the Time Before*. Among the invited guests were several movie and television producers and marketing reps from toy companies. At the party, Fiddler announced that he will be donating 25 per cent of his personal profits from *Red Raven* to various charities.

"After all the support I've received from people during the making of this project," Fiddler said. "It's the least I can do."

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By Michael Smith
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This quote comes from the promotional package of Anishinabe Camp and Culture Tours. It is selling a unique holiday experience featuring the traditions and history of the Anishinabe people with modern business techniques.

Seven West Region Tribal Council First Nations, owners of the West Region Development Corporation, have developed Shaweniquanape Kipi-che-win, the only cultural tourism operation of its kind in Canada. The camp caters to a growing market, recently labeled as ecotourism, or responsible tourism. The operation offers visitors a Canadian wilderness experience with an opportunity to learn, experience and enjoy the rich culture of the area's first people.

Elvin Huntinghawk, camp manager, said the concept was conceived about three years ago when the west region was exploring possible economic opportunities for its communities. Several options were discussed, but research showed that the fastest growing area in Canada was tourism.

"We wanted to create a business based on the natural strengths of First Nations. One of the ideas that came up was combining our cultural heritage with the growing popularity of ecotourism."

The target market for the operation are people and groups who are looking to experience first hand the traditional lifestyle of the Native people of North America. The camp is intended to present an example of how the Ojibway people used to live before the advent of the reserve system.

Planners are quick to note that spiritual ceremonies, such as the sweat lodge, are not performed for visitors.

Huntinghawk said it was decided that the main thrust of the corporation's long-term marketing strategy be directed towards Europe. This year, three or four tour groups will be traveling from overseas. A group of Japanese tourists is scheduled to arrive in mid-August for a two week stay. Other groups from Belgium, Italy and two from Germany are also expected during the season.

Many international tour operators, however, want to see the camp in operation for several years before they recommend the destination to their customers, said Huntinghawk.

"It will take about two or three years to develop, but we are getting the word out to them. They know we're here."

Financially the operation exceeded economic forecasts for the first year, attracting over 5,000 visitors and nearly breaking even.

"We were really surprised. We got tremendous support from the local people and businesses. It just took off," said Huntinghawk.

This year the goal is to attract 150 to 200 visitors per day during the season.

The camp is located on the shores of beautiful Lake Katherine in Manitoba's Riding Mountain National Park. The corporation signed a 10-year lease agreement with Parks Canada for the use of the site, the first agreement of its kind in the country.

It features 40 traditional tipis, each of which can accommodate four to six people. There are also 116 campsites available for those bringing their own tents or recreation vehicles.

A wide variety of family-oriented programs are offered throughout the day and evening, each dealing with an element of traditional Aboriginal life. A partial list includes outdoor survival skills, traditional weaponry, hide tanning and campfire story telling.

Those wishing to learn more about the history of the Anishinabe people can participate in programs that deal with traditional government, treaties and spiritual practises.

A number of special events are scheduled over the summer months that are designed to entertain and teach. Powwows are scheduled for June and September. Traditional games and crafts will be held in early August. Powwow demonstrations are held twice a week during the season where guests are invited to participate and learn about the different dancing styles and traditions.

A new feature of the second season will be an on-site restaurant that offers traditional foods such as wild rice, buffalo roasts, and soups made from various wild game. This corrects a miscalculation on the part of camp management.

"Last year we went with a menu of fast food, and found that it didn't work," said Huntinghawk. "People are looking for Native traditional foods. They travel a long way to experience this whole setting and we offered them french fries. It just didn't make sense."



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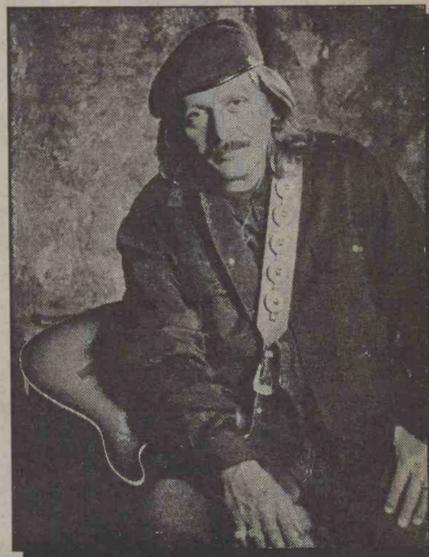
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Aboriginal Centre

Native dream comes true in Winnipeg

By Mrs. Noah Black
Windspeaker Contributor

WINNIPEG

June 21 marked a historic first for Winnipeg residents. The recently restored and retrofitted CP Rail Station at Higgins and Main in Winnipeg's north end was launched as the long-heralded Aboriginal Centre of Winnipeg (ACWI) on the day that also coincided with National Aboriginal Day celebrations.

According to an ACWI publication, the official opening of the centre celebrated "spiritual accomplishments as well as the physical.

"The Aboriginal community listened to the spirits which guided this project through to completion. Paying attention to this dream has made it a reality to be shared with everyone, today and for many tomorrows," their newsletter states.

On hand for the opening ceremonies were Lloyd Axworthy, minister of Foreign Affairs, Jack Reimer, minister of Urban Affairs, Winnipeg Mayor Susan Thompson and ACWI's chairman of the board, Wayne Helgason.

More than a quarter century was invested in realizing the dream of consolidating a host of Aboriginal agencies and services under one roof. Now there are 22 groups providing services to Aboriginal people and other Winnipeggers, and the number is growing as more office space is renovated and made available for lease.

In addition to agencies that provide services related to such diverse needs as education and job training, performing arts and health, the Aboriginal Centre, as it is popularly known, is forging relationships with the non-Aboriginal population on many fronts, too.

An example is the innovative program to help inner-city youth called Songide'ewin. This program gives youth who cannot fit into the mainstream educational system the opportunity to earn their high school credits. Songide'ewin means courage or strong heart; its philosophy is to emphasize the Aboriginal cultural approach to education.

Funding for Songide'ewin

came from Pathways, the Winnipeg Development Agreement and the Winnipeg Aboriginal Management Board. Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC) funnels its share through the Inuit Taparitat Council, Metis Federation, and the Assembly of First Nations.

Director Rhonda McCorrison said it is the only program of its kind in Canada. She and a couple of Winnipeg School Division #1 teachers and other concerned people saw the need to target Aboriginal youth with poor or no school attendance and to turn them into achievers. So they developed a proposal and "our success was almost overnight," McCorrison said. "We really didn't have to recruit kids to be in this program."

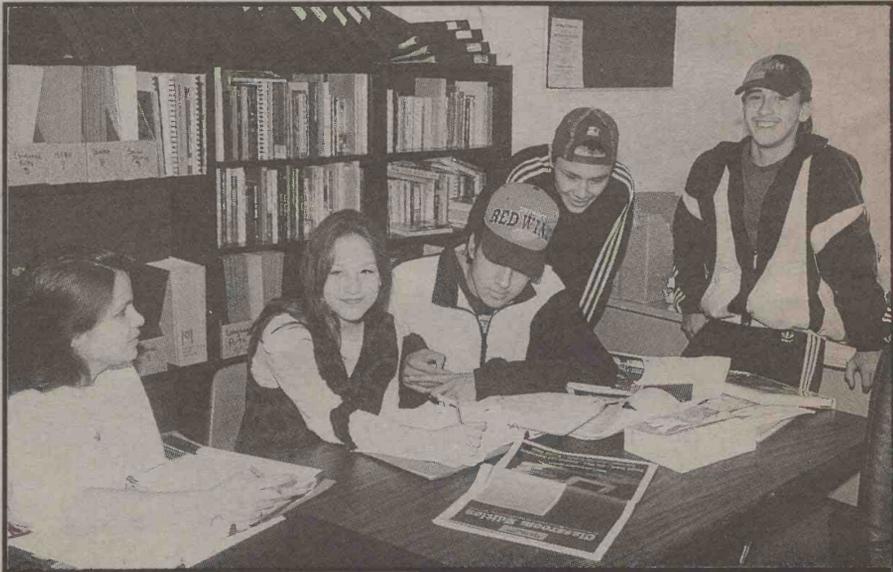
So far as funding for the building of the Aboriginal Centre itself goes, the Winnipeg Development Agreement put up \$2.5 million toward upgrading 4,500 sq. m of office space in the west wing that is now being leased to both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal tenants. The Aboriginal community contributed more than \$1 million, not to mention more than 85,000 hours of labor, worth almost an equal amount of cash.

Other monetary contributors to the overhaul included Heritage Manitoba, Parks Canada, HRDC, Veterans Affairs Canada and Anishnaabe Owey-Ishi.

The Aboriginal Centre had its roots in the Neeginan project of the 1970s, which was the first major initiative by Winnipeg's urban Native population to establish a one-stop centre to meet this group's needs for education and training, social services, and cultural reinforcement.

The administrative arm of ACWI and its offshoot, the ACWI Heritage Corporation (AHC) have offices on the main floor. AHC is charged with raising funds to continue restoration work on the heritage building; this fall it plans to launch a major campaign to get the next phase of restoration rolling.

According to the Aboriginal Centre's CEO, Bill Shead, there is still much to be done. But, in the short term, tenants and visitors can look forward to having



Left to right, Tabitha Barthelette, Rechele Duguay, Aaron Domi, Matthew Martins and Ashley Straight of the Songide'ewin Alternative Education Program.

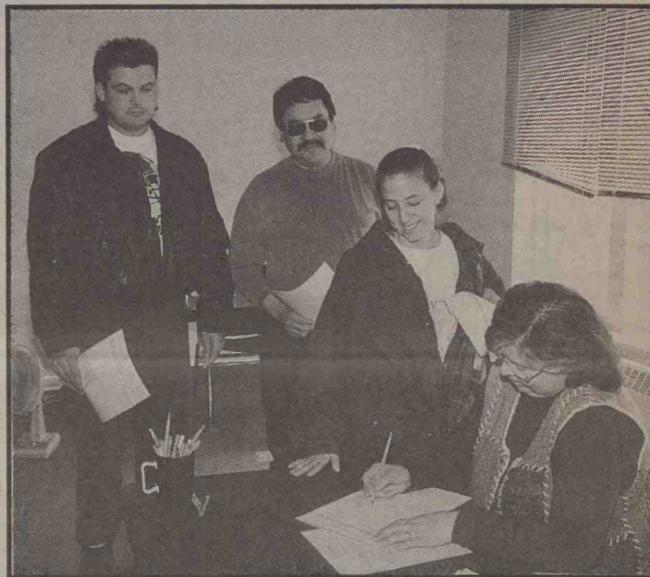
their restaurant completed before summer's end.

"It begins construction in July, and it'll probably be open sometime in September," Shead said.

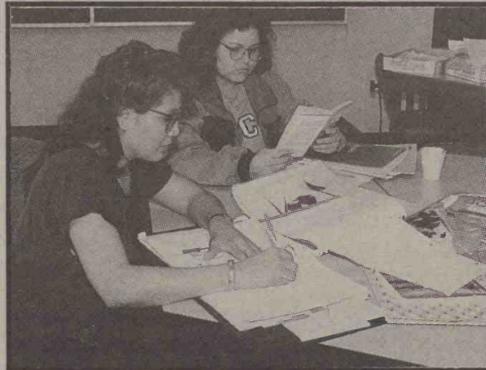
Often overlooked when credit is being handed out for the smooth running of a large entity such as ACWI is its security officers. At ACWI, the Bear Clan Patrol was the original name of the First Peoples Security organization that now maintains the integrity of the site. Shead said this body had 100 hours of professional security training prior to the opening of ACWI.

The Winnipeg Aboriginal Coalition, another tenant, is an umbrella group for numerous socially conscious smaller organizations, and consists of service providers who are "concerned about funding levels, about the viability of their programs, about the viability of the community as a whole," spokesman Dave Brant said.

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Left to right: Ken Ducharme, Ken Murdock, Lisa Charette and Marilyn Richard at the Aboriginal Training and Employment Service of Manitoba.



Corine Prince of Brokenhead Reserve, Manitoba (left) and April Coté of Coté Band, Saskatchewan take part in the Aboriginal Literacy Foundation.

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"There has been a lot of attention paid to it among Aboriginal youth in the local media. It is among the concerns of the group is looking to Brant added. "They've gathered to establish a power base from which to speak with authority... so the objective behind the formation."

Regarding the role of the Aboriginal Council of Winnipeg, Brant had this to say:

"Originally the idea was to become self-deliver programming over funding that is coming through various government agencies. In the end, some initial work towards a tripartite agreement with the province and government for self-education. That is going well, and we are hoping to be able to formally announce a tripartite agreement. A tripartite agreement has been signed."

Brant went on to talk about the difference in roles of the Winnipeg Aboriginal Coalition and the Aboriginal Council of Winnipeg.

"The coalition," he said, "is an unincorporated entity because it is not elected. The coalition's task, the coalition's function as an entity outside its own deliberations, is functioning as an advisory to the Aboriginal Council of Winnipeg, which is a formalized political body."

"Right now," Brant added, "those activities of the council are advancing the community through the tripartite treaty negotiations. The coalition is basically an advisory group of service providers, which has taken an advisory role to the political organization [the Aboriginal Council]."

"A large percentage of the organizations that the coalition are containing this structure," Brant said, "are ACWI."

ACWI took over the red brick and stone building in 1992, which was declared a historic site by the federal government. The building had been vacant for several years and had reflected the grand beaux-arts style, which was popular at the time of construction. Inside, the marble flooring, gilded plaster-work

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"There has been a great deal of attention paid to violence among Aboriginal youth in the city in the local media, and that is among the concerns that this group is looking to address," Brant added. "They've come together to establish a bit of a power base from which to speak with authority... so that's really the objective behind the coalition's formation."

Regarding the role of the Aboriginal Council of Winnipeg, Brant had this to say:

"Originally the thoughts were to become self-enabled to deliver programming and take over funding that is now flowing through various and sundry government agencies. To that end, some initial work was done towards a tripartite agreement with the province and federal government for self-administration. That is going extremely well, and we are hopeful to be able to formally announce that a tripartite agreement to negotiate has been signed."

Brant went on to explain the difference in roles of the Winnipeg Aboriginal Coalition and the Aboriginal Council of Winnipeg.

"The coalition," he said, "is an unincorporated body, and because it is not elected to the task, the coalition cannot function as an entity outside of their own deliberations, so they are functioning as an adviser to the Aboriginal Council of Winnipeg, which is a formally incorporated political body."

"Right now," Brant continued, "those activities with that council are advancing the community through the start of tripartite treaty negotiations. So the coalition is basically a conglomerate group of service organizations, which has taken up an advisory role to the political organization [the Aboriginal council]."

"A large percentage of the organizations that support the coalition are contained within this structure," Brant said of the ACWI.

ACWI took over the former red brick and stone railway building in 1992, when it was declared a historic site by all levels of government. By then, the station had been vacant for several years and no longer reflected the grandness of its beaux-arts style, which was popular at the time of its 1904 construction. Inside, the white marble flooring, gilded ornamental plaster-work and or-

nately carved oak and fir paneling needed a lot of work to bring it back to its former glory. The immense paintings of the CPR line wending its way through the Rockies had lost their lustre; the former soft, green base behind them had faded.

The building had been designed by the Maxwell firm of Montreal, which had also designed Regina's legislative building in 1912. With the addition of the Royal Alexandra Hotel to the station in 1906, the CPR depot played a central role in the history of the transcontinental railway in its heyday. Then, with the decline of rail travel and the shift away from Winnipeg's dominance as the West's commercial hub, the once-imposing station building fell into gradual disrepair.

The Royal Alexandra Hotel was torn down in 1971; the station itself was closed in 1978.

One of the first challenges of the initial demolition and site-preparation work involved the removal of asbestos from the building. Once the building was clean and safe, construction began on the top two floors of the west wing and the rotunda.

Not only did the labor-intensive restoration of ornamental plaster and woodwork, and repair to the marble terrazzo floor have to be done, but extensive retrofitting of plumbing and electrical fixtures, sprinklers and ventilation systems were required to bring the building up to government code specifications.

The former three-storey-high ceiling and curved-glass roof in the main waiting room could not be saved in its original form, because of structural considerations, but the overall feeling of openness and natural light has been preserved. So have the massive stone columns that rise from the bases at the main entrance.

Altogether, the sprawling site contains 7,200 sq. m of leasable space, in addition to the 1,800 sq. m rotunda. There is an adjacent park, which will benefit from landscaping as part of the long-term restoration plan.



The Aboriginal Centre of Winnipeg is housed in the old Canadian Pacific Railway Building. The building has been returned to its former glory.

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Graduation

Class of 1996 destined to be trail-blazers

By Debbie Faulkner
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CALGARY

A class at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT) found themselves heralded as history-makers at their graduation ceremony on Monday, June 3.

The 22 graduates of the new First Nations Petroleum Land Administration Program were praised for being among the first to be trained as energy resource managers on First Nations land.

Commendations came from Native and non-Native leaders, including First Nations chiefs, SAIT officials and Ron Irwin, minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (DIAND).

"It's been a major job to get through all these courses," Irwin told about 80 people gathered in SAIT's Highwood Dining Room.

Three qualities — the right values, the right skills and commitment — will guarantee future success, added the minister.

Irwin said the new SAIT program will benefit not only this year's graduates but also other First Nations in the future. Across Canada about 50 First Nations hold active leases on oil and gas reserves.

"When I see a success story,

I want to repeat it. I want to repeat this in Nova Scotia, in British Columbia... Just to be part of this [program] is very important to all of us," said Irwin.

SAIT president Dale Landry told the graduates he was proud of them.

"This [program] is designed to teach those who will have direct responsibility for their resources," Landry said.

Graduates of the eight month program are from five First Nations — White Bear (Sask.); Horse Lake, Kainaiwa (Blood), Siksika and Dene Tha (all in Alberta). One First Nations graduate works with Indian Oil and Gas Canada (IOGC).

The new SAIT program is part of the First Nations Oil and Gas Management Initiative, joint pilot project between First Nations, DIAND, and the Indian Resource Council.

The five First Nations involved in the project plan to move from co-management to delegation and finally full management of their own energy resources. Currently all five First Nations are in the co-management stage.

"I have a great deal of pride in your accomplishment," said Chief Roy Fox of the Blood Tribe on behalf of all the chiefs attending the graduation.

Other chiefs in attendance included James Ahnassay (Dene Tha), Robert Breaker (Siksika), Bobby Horseman (Horse Lake)

and Brian Standingready (White Bear). Bill Douglas, IOGC's CEO and executive director, was also present.

"It is important we do what we can to advance the cause of First Nations people no matter what tribe they are from," added Chief Fox.

The Blood chief also singled out Irwin for praise.

"I want to express my sincere gratitude to minister Irwin... I think he has taken on a lot of things and I think already we are seeing the fruit of those ventures."

Chief James Ahnassay also commended the new program.

"We thought it was a good opportunity for us to move toward control of our resources and an opportunity for our people to get some training."

According to Charlie Chisaakay, one of the three Dene Tha graduates: "(The program) enabled us to get the big picture."

Program instruction included sessions on surface land practices, environmental considerations, mineral lease and contract documentation, production and royalty verification. Information about industry, provincial and federal practices and laws that apply to First Nations lands was a special feature of the program.

SAIT plans to offer the First Nations Petroleum Land Administration Program again in the fall.



The Honourable Ronald A. Irwin speaks to graduates and guests during the ceremony.

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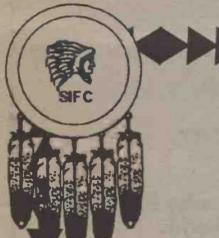
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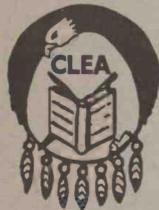
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Regional police force takes to the streets

By R John Hayes
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SLAVE LAKE, Alta.

Alberta's first regional police force was inaugurated, and the first class of 12 officers introduced, in Slave Lake on June 6. Organizers hope that the new Lesser Slave Lake Regional Police Force will be a stand-alone force within two or three years. When that happens, it will have full jurisdiction within the territory of its employers, the eight bands in the Lesser Slave Lake Indian Regional Council.

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major city, for example.

Even getting to this stage has been a great deal of work, however. The eight bands occupy reserves separated by some large stretches of non-Native land. Administering a force of 12 officers and a chief to cover eight separate reserves will be a sometimes-difficult task, one that the average municipal force doesn't have to deal with.

"Geographic location is one of the determinants of the make up of the force," Kelly said. It was also "based on police to population ratio, the crime-prevention orientation of the new force, the size of the communities and the existing crime rates in each First Nation."

Kelly was approached in late 1991 by Sawridge Chief Walter Twinn about putting together a regional police service for the regional council. Kelly agreed, but on the condition that the force maintain the highest standards.

"First, I conducted a survey of the communities, including Elders, leaders, regular band members," Kelly said. "While they weren't totally unhappy with what they had, the RCMP weren't culturally attuned." Members of the new force will be culturally sensitive, aware and educated in Cree culture and spirituality.

Kelly has built a force that is community based, and sets as an objective making the communities safe for living, in addition to the obvious job of

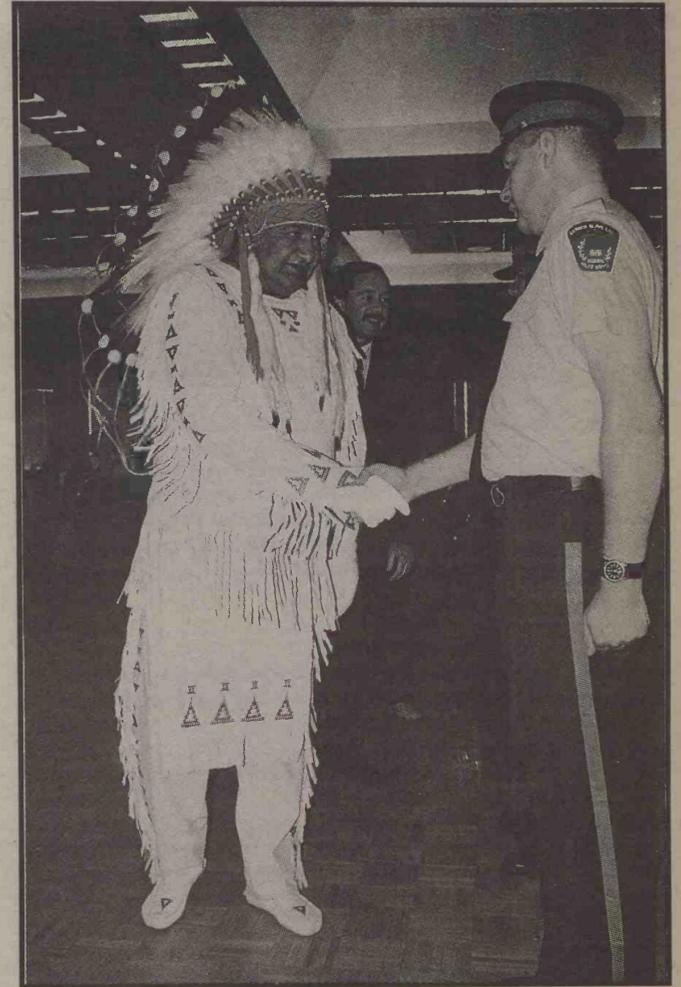
catching law breakers. Each member of the force is Native, and he or she is expected to live in one of the reserve communities the force serves.

"It's significant that Alberta's first regional police service is Native, and that it was established by a Native body with the full support of the chiefs, former chiefs and many Elders," Kelly said. "I think that it's as solidly established as it can be, as it need be to be successful."

Administrative and operational policies are in place, the governing police commission is established (including a representative from each of the eight First Nations in the regional council) and an experienced chief, Ed Want, has been obtained. Want was seconded from the RCMP for a period of two or three years to oversee the force's first years.

"Being here [at the Slave Lake ceremony] and allowing me to show my officers gives me a great deal of pride," Want said. "That will stay with me forever. Our vision is to build a police service that other First Nations and councils will want."

"First Nations policing is also community policing in action," said Nunzio "Nick" Discepola, a parliamentary secretary representing the federal government at the ceremony. "The Lesser Slave Lake Regional Police Force is an example to others of what partnership really means."



Lyle Donald

Lesser Slave Lake Regional Police Service Constable Paul Benson receives the congratulations of Grand Chief Frank T. Halcrow of Kapawe'no First Nation at the Slave Lake ceremony.



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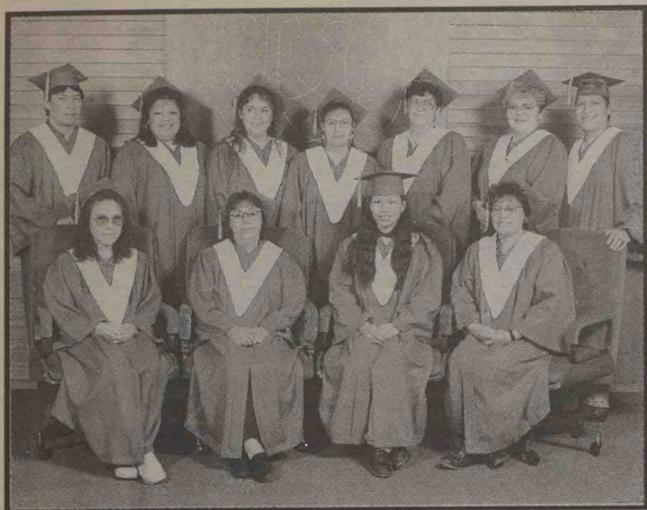
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The 1996 Community Health Representative graduating class. Back row (left to right) Bernard Paul, Doreen Ahyasou, Leona Durocher, Lee Daniels, Carolyn Auger, Veronica Banta and Daniel Bull. Front row (left to right) Irene Knowlton, Martha Stanley, Carol Lewis and Maxine Chief.

Health professionals help the community

Community Health Representatives are a group of people dedicated to improving the health conditions in their respective communities. CHR duties vary with each reserve and Metis settlement. The duties also vary with each health board in the country.

The CHR's primary role is to provide health education to individuals and groups and to encourage awareness and responsibility for health related programs.

The CHR's role is to build a caring and trusting relationship with the people in the community. This is established through home visits and includes care of the prenatal and nursing mother, and the pre-schooler.

CHR's also assist disabled clients and their families in making them aware of the benefits available. Community Health Representatives know how to listen as well as instruct. They create a caring environment that encourages community people to work together.

Health education workshops and discussions help people realize that health is not just the absence of disease, but also the intellectual, social, emotional, spiritual and cultural well-being of each person and their community.

The 1996 Community Health Representative students at Alberta Vocational College, Lac La Biche, completed their graduation ceremonies on April 30. It was a challenging year for students and staff alike — the weather played havoc with both the daily commute of the students and the field work supervision.

But the students survived and took on the many challenges the CHR program had to offer.

Computer learning was among the challenges. Once mastered, however, the computer became an asset not only in the classroom but on the job.

All classes emphasized the importance of maintaining a holistic approach to personal and community well-being. As Jordan Head, Treaty 7 Health Director, said at the beginning of the year: "We are responsible for the choices we make."

This year the CHR program had the benefit of learning from some excellent guest speakers. It was also encouraging that CHR's began to take a more direct role in their own training.

The support from health directors and nurse supervisors enabled graduate CHR's to travel and teach the CHR students. Special recognition went to Karen Abraham, Health Director at Frog Lake; Janet Stone-Hunter and Lorraine Cardinal, CHR's from Saddle Lake; Monica Lowhorn, CHR from Siksika; and Claire Large, CHR from the Calgary Native Friendship Centre. Acknowledgment went to the support from the CHR Advisory Committee, who kept the students up to date with the changes in the health care field.

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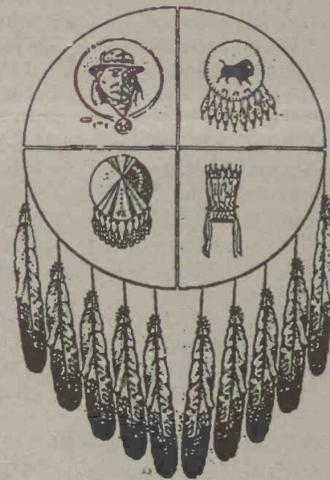


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By Mrs. Noah Black
Windspeaker Contributor

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"We are so proud," is how Peguis First Nation member John Olsen sums up his niece Cleome's academic achievements.

On May 19, 1996, Cleome Jane Harris-Evans, a 26-year-old member of Peguis First Nation in Hodgson, Man., received her Doctor of Medicine degree at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Virginia. Cleome was following in the

footsteps of her mother, Jean Harris Evans, who was the first member of that band to earn a university degree.

In mid-June, Cleome began a three-year Pediatric residency at the University of Virginia hospital, so was unavailable to talk to *Windspeaker*.

Jean Harris is eager to let people know about her daughter's accomplishments, however.

"She graduated in the top 10 per cent of medical students in the United States," she said. "And some people think Native people [are not very smart] and don't have the capability to

achieve at this level."

Graduation as a doctor is followed by three sets of board exams. Cleome has taken two; she will take the last set of exams following her next year of residency.

In January, Cleome did a month-long clerkship at the Fort Defiance Indian Reservation in New Mexico. She was popular with the Navaho people, who gave her a beaded stethoscope when she left, "because she fit in so well," her mother said.

Cleome developed an interest in medicine "when she was 12, and her brother was diag-

nosed with cystic fibrosis," her mother continues. "She was always an exceptional student; she left high school with 21 college credits and was given the faculty award for the most outstanding student."

Cleome's mother said the family lived in England until 13 years ago when they moved to the United States. During that time, Cleome was not only an avid scholar, but was very involved in the community too, working as a candystriper early on.

The hospital where she volunteered awarded Cleome a

\$1,500 scholarship when she started college. The Optimists Club awarded her another \$6,000 scholarship. When she entered medicine, the Peguis First Nation contributed \$10,000.

"It really helped," Jean Evans said. "The cost of instruments — one was \$600 American — and medical books are astronomical."

Jean Evans adds that the medical field does not allow students to work during the summer. "They only get about a week off," she said, "and they're back studying again."



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INVESTMENT INSIGHTS

Joan Barmby-Halcro

Last month Windspeaker discussed pension plan protection and the Consumer Protection Plan for Canadian Life and Health Insurance Policyholders (CompCorp). More information regarding per person limits and other CompCorp coverage is listed in this column.

policies are protected by CompCorp, with one exception: If they promise to pay only whatever amount of money is available based on the current market value of investments, with no minimum, the policy is not protected.

and other policies registered under the Income Tax Act, whether they be individual or group policies.

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If a policy providing life insurance protection is registered, it is combined with non-registered policies for the purpose of the \$200,000 life insurance limit.

RRSPs, RRIFFs, pension policies and any other policies, with any one member company, registered under the Income Tax Act for the purpose of obtaining tax deferral or relief on contributions, are combined for the purpose of the \$60,000 limit that applies to registered policies.

Since the spouse is the owner of a spousal RRSP, spousal RRSPs would come under the limit that applies to the spouse, not the limit that applies to the contributor.

Federal, and most provincial, legislation requires insurers to be members of CompCorp if they wish to sell life or health insurance or annuities to the public. Under their contracts with CompCorp, member insurers may not discontinue their membership in CompCorp. CompCorp has no authority to terminate a company's membership or to discontinue coverage. Once a policy is protected, it continues to be protected unless it is changed so that it no longer qualifies as a Canadian policy.

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What does "person" mean in applying per person limits?

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In the case of a money-accumulation policy (e.g. an accumulation annuity, RRSP), the person who is the owner. It does not matter whether the owner is a person or a corporation. It does not matter if the policies have different beneficiaries or who has been named to receive the income.

Class B: The person who is the annuitant (i.e., whoever is entitled to receive the income payments).

Class C: The person in respect of whom the payments are made.

The limits apply on the date a court order is issued to wind-up the company. The limits could be exceeded after that date because of the crediting of interest or the continued payment of premiums.

Only Canadian policies are protected by CompCorp.

The policy must be in Canadian currency.

The policyholder must have been a resident of Canada when the policy was issued. If the individual was not a resident of Canada when the policy was issued, she or he must now be a resident of Canada and the policy must now be shown on a member's Canadian books.

The policy must not be covered under any other compensation fund, guarantee fund or similar arrangement. At present, there are no other similar arrangements in Canada available for policies that are covered by CompCorp.

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There are arrangements under which member insurers provide "administration services only" to employers, unions and associations for group life and health insurance. CompCorp provides no protection for these arrangements as the insurance company, which acts as the administrator, has no direct obligation to individual members of the group.

CompCorp protection for a group pension policy is provided only where there is a guarantee to return the principal amount invested and the insurer's records identify the plan members; show the amount of money held for an individual plan member; and are kept up-to-date.

An insurer may offer a variety of different group pension policies to pension plan sponsors (e.g. employers, unions, associations).

In many cases, it will be impossible for a plan member to know whether or not CompCorp protection is provided to the pension plan unless that information is supplied by the plan sponsor.

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Employment Opportunities

Aboriginal construction industry builds on strong foundation

By Wendy MacIntyre
Transition Magazine (DIAND)

The Aboriginal construction industry in Canada is steadily becoming the backbone of the Aboriginal economy. A recent Infometrica study completed for the department of Indian and Northern Affairs found that the industry is currently doing business worth \$1 billion a year. Altogether, there are an estimated 3,300 Aboriginal construction firms across the country.

At the first-ever Aboriginal construction conference and trade show, held last November in Calgary, Minister of Indian Affairs Ron Irwin focused on the importance of the industry to Aboriginal economic development and self-reliance.

Sponsored by the Native Investment and Trade Association, the Council for the Advancement of Native Development Officers (CANDO) and

DIAND, the conference attracted 250 participants. Panels dealt with crucial issues like training, financing and successful industry practices.

One of those success stories belongs to Dave Tuccaro of the Mikisiw Cree Band in Fort Chipewyan, Alta. Tuccaro has been in business since the age of 18, when he purchased a taxi cab. Today, he is president and owner of Neegan Development Corporation in Fort McMurray. A heavy equipment enterprise, Neegan provides almost \$5 million worth of services annually to the local Syncrude Mine. Tuccaro, who also runs a water and vacuum truck business, has won various awards for his business acumen, including the Regional Aboriginal Recognition Award as Outstanding Business Person of 1994 and a nomination for "Turnaround Entrepreneur of the Year for Western Canada." He is also the found of the 64-member North-

eastern Alberta Aboriginal Business Association.

"I know we're in a growth continuum," says Tuccaro of the Aboriginal construction industry. A co-chair of the Aboriginal construction conference, he is definite about its success.

"All the trade booths sold out, and numbers-wise, it was the highest attended conference ever put on by the Native Investment and Trade Association.

"I wasn't aware of the size and magnitude of the Aboriginal construction industry, nationally," he said. "The kind of information that came out of the conference made me think longer and harder. We have to set up a national Aboriginal Business Association.

As for the future of the industry, he sees the upswing continuing.

"We're just starting to understand how to do it," he said. "As resource companies deplete resources in the southern parts of

the country, they have to move farther north. As they do that, they're coming across more and more Native communities. We're getting more involved and we're getting smarter about how to get contracts from the resource sector."

Robin Wortman, national director of CANDO, co-chaired the conference with Tuccaro. A Metis from the Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement in northern Alberta, he believes the conference "achieved a lot." And he emphasizes that the opening address by John Spratt, chairman of the Canadian Construction Association, was a good indicator of just how strong the Aboriginal industry has become.

"The conference brought together key stakeholders in the country: contractors and contractees—the companies that buy services. The key stakeholders saw for the first time the extensiveness of the industry and the benefits of a

more collaborative, strategic approach, at no cost to anyone and with great benefits."

"The conference showcased the capacity of Aboriginal people to respond to opportunity," he said. Through its network of Native economic development officers across Canada, and conferences and round tables, "CANDO is building that capacity," he stresses, "and DIAND is helping create opportunity."

"We have to build sustainable capacity," Wortman said. "Another stakeholder that can play a role is the Business Development Bank of Canada and conventional lenders. Absolutely the best and fastest way to create employment is Aboriginal-owned and operated businesses. And there's a definite opportunity for Aboriginal people living in rural and remote communities to become self-employed through subcontracts with major construction companies."

(see *Aboriginal construction* p.34)

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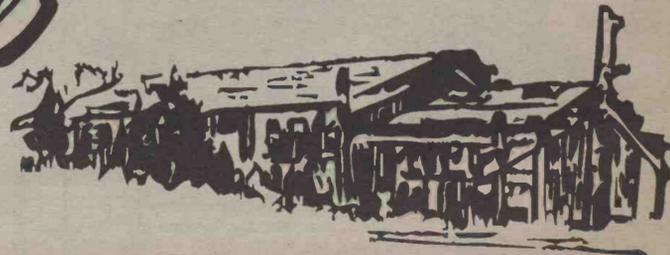
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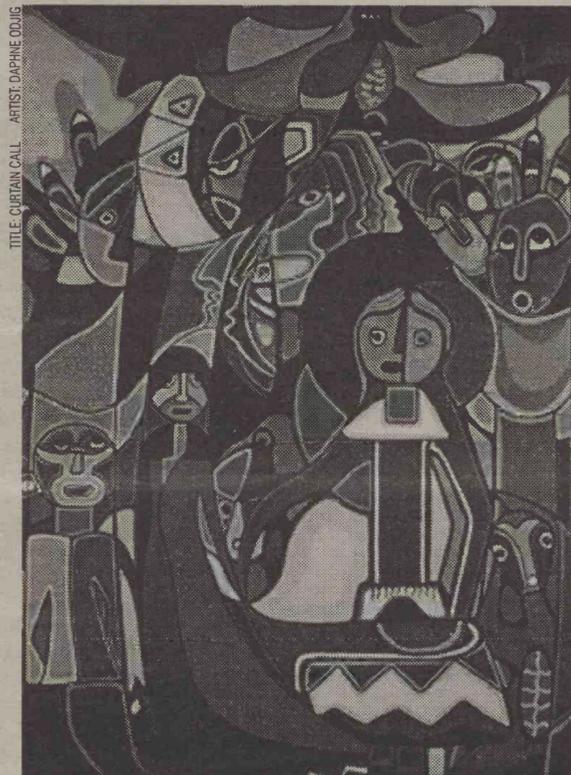
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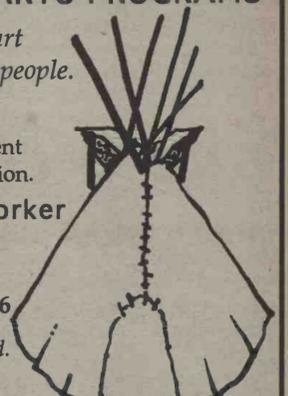


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Aboriginal construction

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PCL Constructors Inc., one of North America's leading contracting organizations, is an example of a business that has formed numerous working alliances with First Nations and Native Americans. Mac Bourassa, a regional vice-president in PCL's corporate office in Edmonton, was a panelist at the Aboriginal construction conference. PCL has been developing co-operative working relationships with First Nations and Native American groups since the company's first venture in the Northwest Territories in 1949, he said.

A recent joint venture in northern Alberta involved PCL and the Tallcree First Nation on a highway reconstruction project for the Alberta Ministry of Transportation. Working with the First Nation and a local college, PCL trained community members and completed the \$2.5 million on schedule, with an 85 per cent local First Nation workforce.

"Joint venture arrangements are true business partnerships where each partner brings a true contribution to the table," said Bourassa. "In an example like the Tallcree highway project, there would not have been an opportunity for either partner without the other."

Another organization that has a long history of business contracts with First Nations is Manitoba Hydro. Fred Wonnick, assistant to the president and chief executive officer of Manitoba Hydro, was also a panelist at the conference.

"I was pleased to see that the Aboriginal construction group is coming on so strong," he said, adding that the conference resulted in "a lot of very useful information sharing that we can take away and build upon."

Since 1990, Wonnick said, Manitoba Hydro has had over 400 contracts with First Nations in the province, covering a wide variety of construction and service work. Particularly in the last four years, he said, most of the utility's work in northern Manitoba has involved First Nations.

"Something very special for me," he adds, "is that the conference gave me an opportunity to share a presentation with Councillor Ernie Hunt, director of economic development for the Mathias Colomb First Nation." This presentation dealt with Hydro's Aboriginal business policies and the joint venture between the First Nation and its non-Aboriginal business partner, Crocus Construction Ltd., for the construction of one of Manitoba Hydro's transmission lines.

Another lucrative area for First Nations is the construction and renovation of buildings and infrastructure. At the conference, Roy Westlind of WIBCO Construction Ltd. spoke about this highly successful firm based in the Westbank First Nation in interior British Columbia. Established in 1981, WIBCO has pulled in as much as \$18 million worth of work annually. Its projects include construction of the federal building in Penticton, the Westbank First Nation school, non-profit housing, seniors housing, mini-malls and renovation of the Penticton airport.

"When I was a child," said Westlind, "the community was small. Now, I see brand-new bungalows. It's been a humungous change, even over the past decade." WIBCO started "Out of necessity," he explains. "We were happy to do our own infrastructure, build our own sewer and water lines."

Of the Westbank First Nation's 496 members, many have their own businesses, Westlind said. "When fathers are successful, and children grow up in this light, you're seeing the spawning of a whole new generation."

Westlind stresses the importance of education and training in building up a successful enterprise.

"Opportunity for education is the key for people to pull themselves out of a depressed situation. Anytime I can improve my education, I grab the chance."

"I think when we look at the whole picture a few years from now," he said of the benefits of Aboriginal business, "we'll be amazed."

Take a chance

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The program also includes a business orientation and mentorship component. This allows the program participants to take part in intensive on-site involvement in all facets of daily business operations. The mentorship placement is for a duration of four weeks.

The role of the mentor is to provide guidance through his own experience as a business owner as well as involvement in the daily business operations. This includes sales forecasting; sales and credit terms, marketing techniques, methods of selling, customer service, accounting and bookkeeping, advertising and business promotion, familiarization of services, warranties, packaging, hiring personnel, and long range planning and risk analysis.

The role of the participant during the four-week placement with a mentor is to absorb as much knowledge through the MAYET program and as much experience as possible through their mentorship placement to get their business plans up and running with confidence, faith and know-how. Each participant will handle their mentorship experience with proper business ethics and confidentiality.

The program coordinator, on behalf of the Business Development Band of Canada, works on site at the Aboriginal Centre. The coordinator recruits and monitors the mentorship placement sites to ensure that both the mentorship hosts' and the participants' expectations are being met and deal with any issue that may arise. An advisory council is also available for guidance throughout this process.



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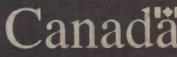
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