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Sherman Thomas, pictured with his wife Marilyn Sanford in their living room on the White River First Nation near Beaver Creek, Yukon, was recently honored by the United States Army at a ceremony in Northway, Alaska. Thomas earned the Silver Star — the army's third highest award for valour — in Vietnam for carrying an injured comrade 100 metres to safety while under enemy fire. With eight other medals to his credit, Thomas, 62, was one of the most decorated soldiers in the US Army during the Vietnam conflict.

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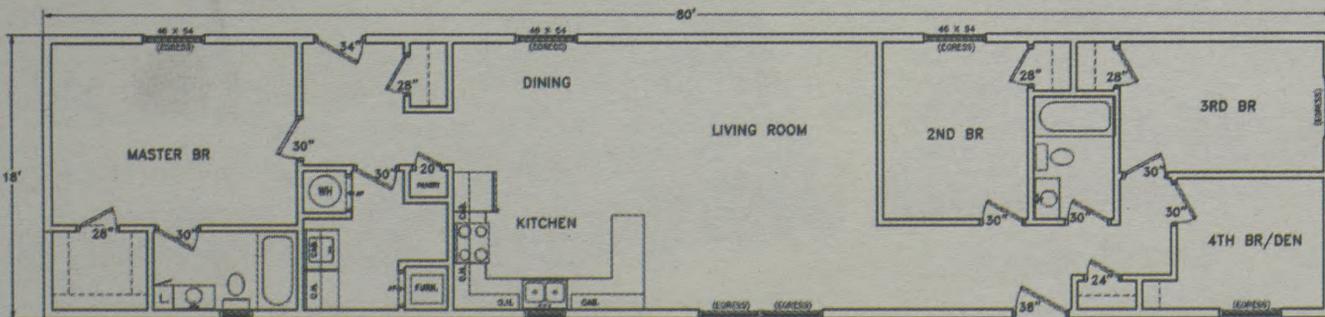
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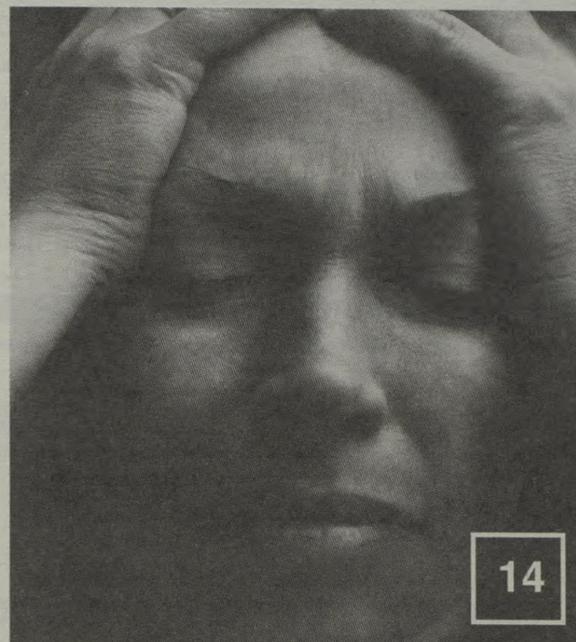
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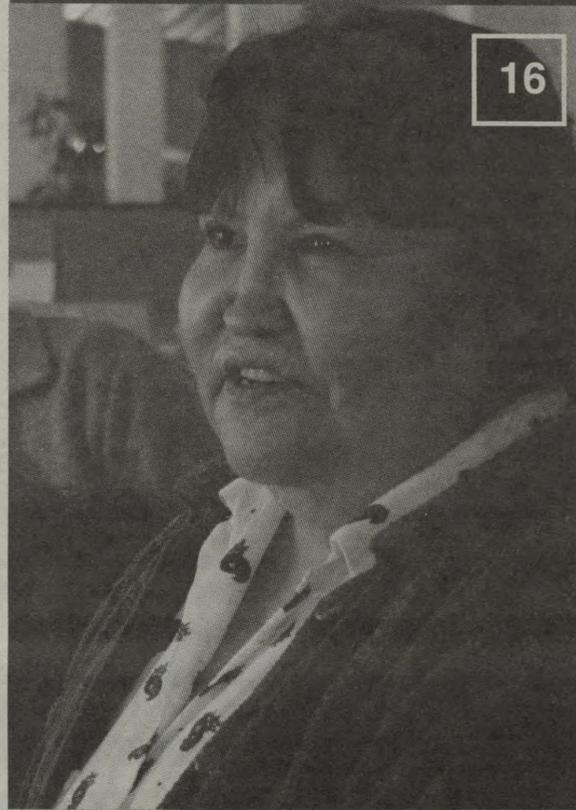
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For decades, Rita Joe used her talents to advocate for love and understanding between peoples. That wonderful voice has now been stilled. Joe passed away on March 20 in a Cape Breton hospital following a long battle with Parkinson's disease.



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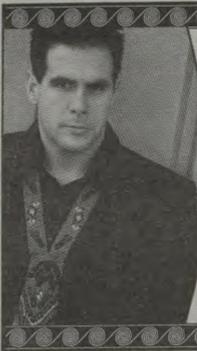
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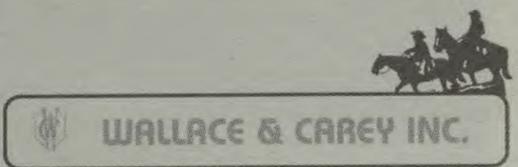


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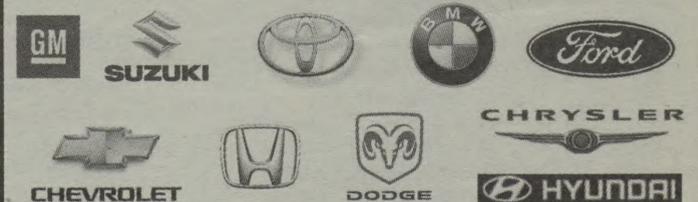
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## Residential school policy was really well intended?

Shocked and dismayed. How else can you describe the response in this newsroom to Indian Affairs Minister Jim Prentice's statement this month that residential schools were originally designed to educate Native children and the policy was therefore well intended and didn't require an apology from the federal government?

Sure, and Auschwitz really was a place where work would make you free.

"Arbeit macht frei" or "Work will make you free" was what the sign over the main gate of that concentration camp said. It was a lie. A vile, evil disgusting bit of propaganda. And sorry, that's where our minds went when we read the minister's comments.

In public policy circles, it's a commonly accepted rule that the first side to mention Hitler loses, that comparing an opponent in a debate to the Nazis is a sign of hysterical desperation. Even mentioning Hitler is a warning sign that your argument is coming apart. Generally, it's a good rule.

But this is an exception. And no comparison between the Conservative Party of Canada and the Nazi Party is intended, by any means. That would be way over the top and irresponsible.

But comparing the residential school policy and the master plan to rid Europe of Jewish people? That comparison can be made.

Residential schools were designed from the start to rid the northern part of the North American continent of Indigenous cultures, to assimilate Indigenous peoples into the mainstream Canadian body politic.

No less a personage than famed "Confederation poet" Duncan Campbell Scott, the deputy superintendent of Indian Affairs from 1913 to 1932, stated this objective in no uncertain terms, as anyone who knows anything about these issues can tell you. It's on the public record.

Scott entered the department in 1879 as a young boy of 17 and then rose to the top, so he both directed and reflected the thinking of the day when he said the objective of the schools was to "take the Indian out of the child."

There's no nice way to say it. That was a plan for cultural genocide; less of an atrocity than the kind of genocide that the Nazis contemplated, yes, but along similar lines.

Generally, over the top political correctness is not a useful public policy tool. Those who wear 18 different colored ribbons and spend all their spare time haunting those who do not edit every word that comes out of their mouths to show sensitivity for a million different causes are missing the point that moderation is the only way to get any useful answers to the most troublesome issues of the day.

Sure, if out of date and discriminatory words and attitudes are to be expunged from society, they must be identified and addressed. But getting to the point of persecuting rather than educating those whose attitudes need a little adjusting is just swinging too far across the spectrum.

So there'll be no call for the minister's resignation here, just a suggestion that those words be reconsidered.

What's most troubling about it all is that one gets the sense that Prentice, as a senior and central member of the Conservative government, and his colleagues are stepping up to the plate in their minds and offering some real leadership, having the courage to make difficult decisions because . . . well, someone has to.

After former prime minister Paul Martin tried to be all things to all people during his short stay in the Prime Minister's Office, Canada can definitely use a little leadership.

But this is the wrong issue on which to seek to appear to be decisive and to be standing up against the forces of political correctness.

And that is the crucial point here. Right wing political movements have gone down that dead end road with tragic results before.

Playing to Canada's mistaken view of itself as a benign and racism free society might resonate with one heck of a lot of Canadian voters and might seem to be the ticket to a majority government, but it's wrong and it can't lead to anything good.

Canada must come to grips with the past if there is to be any peace, order or good government in the days ahead. Horrible things were done for equally horrible reasons. Until the day comes when Canada takes a very public step back from those historical misdeeds, there will still be some that believe that Canada is not sorry and does not regret them.

Think about all the other groups that Canada has apologized to and made restitution. What makes residential school survivors different?

It appears there's a battle raging between the Conservative government and the chiefs over accountability for taxpayers' dollars. It appears that Minister Prentice and his government has decided to make a show of "getting tough with the Indians."

It's been said in this space before that complete transparency and accountability—in all levels of government—is a good thing.

Just don't get the two issues mixed up. They don't belong together.

The suspicion that Canada is avoiding this apology for un-stated and indefensible reasons is still out there. The minister's comments did nothing to address that concern at all.

Quite the contrary, in fact.

—Windspeaker

## Another side of the story

Dear Editor:

In response to the article titled, "Novel approach to land claim overlap proposed" in the April 2007 edition of *Windspeaker*.

The Simpcw First Nation (a member of the Shuswap Tribal Council) applied for an injunction against the Lheidli T'enneh people to stop ratification of a treaty negotiated through the British Columbia Treaty Commission process. They want to sort out the question of overlapping Aboriginal title. But what did they do while the negotiations were happening? Why all of a sudden a big panic to rush to the courts for an injunction?

There is a great concern here because the Shuswap Nation has claimed their traditional territory deep into the Rocky Mountain trench and as far south as Columbia Lake, which encroaches traditional Ktunaxa territory.

The Shuswap claim for the area into the Columbia/Kootenays is based on the fact that there is the Shuswap Indian band located north of Columbia Lake.

The oral history is that the Kinbasket family of Shuswaps, of which I am a direct descendent, immigrated to the Rocky Mountain trench after they were sent away in exile approximately 150 or so years ago.

It is very problematic when a First Nation begins claiming territory based on fewer than 200 years of occupation, especially an occupation that occurred post-contact with the first Europeans. If the Shuswap Nation is able to say they have Aboriginal title in the Kootenays, then what will stop the Métis from claiming the very same thing? This is a slippery slope and it is time to set the record straight.

The Ktunaxa territory is based upon 10,000 years of occupation and there is oral history and archaeological evidence that supports that as well. In addition, the Ktunaxa language is an isolate and is entirely unique, which says a lot about the fact that they have maintained exclusivity in their territory. They went to war against their enemies to defend their territory and just because one Shuswap family moved in after their exile and intermarried with the Ktunaxa, there should be no reason that the whole Shuswap Nation should have a claim to territory that is, according to oral history, not theirs.

Troy Hunter

Ktunaxa Nation, Victoria

## Surviving and thriving

Dear Editor:

I am a recent survivor of a gay bashing. It feels kind of weird for me to introduce myself like this, like I'm at some "Gay Bashed Anonymous" meeting but it feels good to get it off my chest.

I would much prefer to not even mention it. But I have no choice. My physical wounds tell me I have no choice. I have suffered in my recovery and every time I look at the scars left they scream at me . . . remember!

My nightmares also tell me I have no choice by reminding me in the security of my sleep how insecure I have become. My emotional wounds tell me I have no choice because they strike at the very core of my being. I was attacked because I'm gay.

That which was always a source of pride and strength for me became a target for others to strike out with their hate.

Before that night I saw being two-spirited to be a blessing from the Creator, not just for myself, but for the community. The Creator has always given us to the people to help them and make them stronger. It's just recently that we've forgotten that and adopted the hate from another people.

But, what saved me is my faith. My faith in my Creator that sends us what we need at the time to grow and be stronger. My faith in my family and community, who stood by me and reminded me of how much I'm loved, saved me.

But above all, my faith in myself saved me. I knew I was stronger than this and would survive to live life to

## [ rants and raves ]

its fullest yet another day.

The Creator allowed this to happen for me for two reasons, I think.

The first and most important reason was to help me refocus my life and look after myself. You see, I was drinking at the time and maybe this wouldn't have happened if I had not been. I know I didn't deserve what happened to me and they had no right to do this to me, but maybe I might not have been in that situation if I was taking better care of myself.

The second reason I think the Creator let this happen to me was to show me that his children still have a long way to go. Before then I never realized there was still so much hate in the world, let alone in my home of the Yukon. I thought that in the 21st century we had left all that hate and bigotry behind.

Well, I had a group of haters remind me otherwise.

But you know what? I survived. And I survived for a reason.

My reason is to stand up to the hate and say with my life that it's not ok.

I have suffered hate all my life, mainly verbal abuse up to now. I used to try and ignore it and just excuse it as what I get for being different. But that's no way to live. I shouldn't have to hide who I am just because it might make some people feel uncomfortable.

For those who hide behind, "I don't mind gays if they keep it to themselves," they might as well say, "I'll tolerate you as long as you hide who you really are."

That's still being homophobic but with a polite smile.

I have said the same thing to some gay friends who got upset with some hetero couple down in the gay village in Vancouver. I told them if we want respect we have to give it as well. (I know this sounds like a cliché, but some of my best friends are hetero.)

What a wonderful world it would be if we all respected each other for what the Creator made us to be.

We're pretty lucky to have such progressive human rights legislation here in the Yukon that protects all Yukoners, including us queers. But it's just pretty words on lovely paper if we don't practice what we preach, if we turn a blind eye to hateful words or jokes made at the expense of another's dignity. We are just as bad as the bashers if we say and do nothing to stop the hate.

My part to help stop the hate is to continue to be proud of who I am as a two-spirited Tlingit man from Teslin. I want to help others be proud of who the Creator made them to be as well.

I know too many people who hide who they are because they are afraid. Until my assault, I thought they were just being too timid. I found out how right they are.

I almost moved back to Vancouver after my assault, but then I thought, "No! This is my home, damn it, and I'm not going to let them ruin it."

I am staying and I'll be looking after myself because I have a big task ahead of me. I want to help develop productions and workshops that can be brought to the communities to help remind the people of the role we two-spirited people played in society before the missionaries imposed their standards and morals upon us. It'll be part of the de-colonization that is beginning among our people as we make our way back from the abyss.

It's the colonization of our people that fuels the hatred and I'm sure that those who made me a victim are also victims of hate as well.

It doesn't excuse them for what they did as they still chose to continue the circle of violence, but it helps me understand them and eventually forgive them.

I'm not mentioning the community because I don't want that to become the focus. This is just not one particular community's problem. It is faced in every community in the Yukon.

Our Elders say that we are only as strong as the people who stand behind us. I know I'm strong because of all the wonderful people who have helped me through this.

Gunalcheesh,

Duane Gastant' Aucoin, Teslin, Yukon

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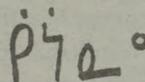
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**No apology comments assailed**

Indian Affairs Minister Jim Prentice said his government refused to apologize for the residential school policy this month. National Chief Phil Fontaine thinks the decision may be coming from higher up the chain of command.

"We've had numerous conversations and meetings and I've always given Minister Prentice the benefit of the doubt. In some situations I don't think it's Minister Prentice that's made the decision," Fontaine said.

"A perfect example of that is the apology. There's no good reason why this government can't apologize to us for the residential school experience. We've countered every argument they've made that it was benign policy.

"We know this wasn't a benign policy and that our situation is different from Maher Arar and Japanese Canadians, the Chinese head tax, Hep-C. Of course every one of those are different, but what's common to each of those situations is that government is responsible for serious harms that were inflicted on the people."

Prentice said that "fundamentally, the underlying objective (of residential schools) had been to try and provide an education to Aboriginal children."

Liberal Member of Parliament Gary Merasty also attacked the minister's comments.

"The minister has shown an incredible amount of disrespect with his comments," said Merasty. "This is an issue that requires awareness, understanding and respect for all aspects of the trauma that these survivors endured and the collective intergenerational trauma that still reverberates through our communities today. The minister is displaying a complete ignorance and lack of any awareness of this."

**OI Leasing still fighting**

An April 10 memo sent out to those employed through the OI Employee Leasing company based on the Six Nations reserve in Ontario, shows that the ongoing fight between OI and the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency (CCRA, formerly Revenue Canada) is set to break out again.

OI, one of the Obonsawin Irwin group of companies, located on reserve in order to allow First Nations people to work off reserve but technically be employees of a company located on reserve and thus tax exempt. The government has fought unceasingly to put an end to this practice. OI has been sent a tax bill for almost \$7 million for uncollected GST on its services, which it claims are tax-exempt, and OI clients have been subjected to collection attempts for back taxes by CCRA.

As the legal fight with the government continues, OI's lawyers continue to uncover interesting documents through the discovery process.

OI President Roger Obonsawin sent out the memo that quotes a remark from a "protected" document sent from one Revenue Canada official to another in 1999 in preparation for a meeting with a Native party whose identity has been blacked out in the document.

"By increasing the potential value of and utility of Section 87 (the Indian Act section that deals with tax-exempt rights) the availability of employee leasing could make it more difficult to secure treaty settlements... that provide for the termination of the Indian Act tax exemption," one director general level official reported to the then assistant deputy minister of policy and legislation at Revenue Canada.

"The real issue all along has not been OI, but termination," Obonsawin wrote in his memo to his clients.

**Leaked board minutes show FNUC finances hurting**

Minutes of the First Nations University of Canada board meeting on April 4 show that the school needs to get access to funding in order to avoid catastrophe.

Senior management proposed the following two options for the board members to consider at the meeting. Option one requires that FNUC takes steps to acquire \$1,541,584 in incremental funding from the federal and provincial governments. An additional \$952,744 is needed for budgeted capital purchases that are currently not funded by anyone and simply extracted from core funding dollars.

If that cannot be achieved, the second option calls for drastic cuts in order to balance the budget.

The cuts would include:

- Academic programming: \$464,350
- Sessional instructors: \$160,000
- Governance: \$125,000
- Collective bargaining agreement concessions: \$410,000
- Senior management: \$60,000
- Cultural uniqueness (Elders): \$44,000, and
- Administration: \$277,000.

A motion was passed in favor of option one.

**Minister announces \$41 million for Pikangikum**

A multi-million dollar package to be spent over five years was announced by the Indian Affairs minister on April 10.

"Canada's New Government is pleased to invest in improving living conditions at Pikangikum First Nation. We are committed to assisting the First Nation in its efforts to become a healthier and more sustainable community," Minister Jim Prentice said.

The plan calls for \$18.2 million to build a new school for kindergarten to Grade 12; \$12.9 million to complete an upgrade of the current diesel generation system, as well as to connect Pikangikum to Ontario's hydro grid; \$9.7 million to expand and improve water and wastewater systems; and close to \$200,000 to assess and remediate environmental issues in the community.

**Two per cent is no solution, secret report**

By Paul Barnsley  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

OTTAWA

Indian Affairs Minister Jim Prentice received a report on Groundhog Day that describes a very serious financial situation within his department, but he and his government apparently decided not to notice the black shadow on the horizon.

National Chief Phil Fontaine said the shadow is getting harder and harder to ignore.

The minister was told about the precarious financial situation at Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) six weeks before Finance Minister Jim Flaherty read his March 19 budget speech. First Nation observers are wondering why so little was done about those urgent warnings.

The 33-page report, entitled "Is two per cent enough? INAC funding for First Nations basic services," is labeled "Secret—Advice to minister." The first sentence, under the heading "Issue," sets the tone, saying that "policy and program pressures are beyond the capacity of the substantial \$6 billion departmental budget." A spending freeze imposed during the deficit cutting days of the Chretien Liberals placed a two per cent a year cap on growth for INAC's budget in 1996. It's still in place, even as inflation and rising population numbers have strained budgets.

The document's author seeks to inform the minister that after 10 years of INAC managers robbing Peter to pay Paul as they attempt to provide basic services, the department is now at the breaking point, and many basic services have been cannibalized to address other, more pressing matters that could lead to political embarrassment for the government.

While the 10-year-old cap is set at two per cent, the report said spending that couldn't be avoided has meant that costs are actually rising at a slightly higher rate.

Specific targeted increases for such "gap filling" programs as special education have added an average of 0.9 per cent annually for an average total annual increase of 2.9 per cent. This growth lags the combined population and price increases of four per cent, resulting in an annual shortfall of 1.1 per cent.

Since the 1996 program review decision, "there has been a six per cent decrease in constant dollar per capita on reserve expenditures." In another three-page document, obtained by a federal opposition party, the figure attached to the funding increase for this fiscal year is 0.6 per cent, well below even the two per cent figure.

Weeks before the budget, the author of the report told the minister that millions would be needed to get back to even and that the government must consider health and safety concerns if the problem is not addressed.

That set off alarm bells with Ottawa insiders.

"In what other population in the country could you have a department of professionals warning about health and safety risks and then have it ignored," said one, on the condition of anonymity.

There's another genuine bombshell in the 33-page report.

"To some extent, the funding outlined by the First Ministers'

Meeting would address the shortfall," it states. "Additional funding of about \$50 million per year plus an A-base adjustment of up to \$500 million would be required to match First Nations population and price growth of the last decade." A-base funding is a department's permanent core of funding to which special short-term program costs are added each year.

The \$5.1 billion plan approved in Kelowna and abandoned by the Conservative government, in other words, wouldn't have done much more than bring INAC financing up to par.

The bureaucrat's comments also revealed that funding for First Nation administrative positions is stuck in the distant past.

"The department and First Nations have coped with the shortfall primarily through reallocating from the infrastructure program and through limiting growth in various program areas (e.g. First Nations staff salaries and benefits)," the author wrote, later adding that "tribal council and band advisory positions are still funded at \$50,000 a year (since 1986). INAC funds employees' benefits at 12.5 per cent versus federal at 20 per cent." And it appears that "Indians" are of secondary importance in the department of Indian and Northern Affairs.

"Significant economic growth in the north, fueled by resource development and oil and gas exploration and development, has outstripped the Northern Affairs Organization's ability to provide effective support to economic development activity in the territories. Pressures on operations have resulted in reallocation of more than \$40 million annually from Indian and Inuit programming, which is not sustainable," the report stated. "Over the last five years, the department has been required to reallocate funding to cover new government priorities (e.g. clean up of northern contaminated sites). There is little remaining flexibility to reallocate without major policy and program decisions about redesign."

The department resorted to "Treasury Board contingency votes or Governor General's warrants" to cover this year's funding requirements. Ottawa sources say those two devices are emergency measures for line departments to get money outside of their budgets.

Government funding for non-Native people in the territories is almost twice that of First Nations "On-reserve per capita expenditures are less than territorial per capita expenditures despite similar demographics, scale of operations and geographical challenges. The 6.8 per cent annual growth in federal transfers to territories (96/97 to 04/05) compares to 2.9 per cent growth in basic services funding for First Nations. On reserve expenditures exclude claims and litigation," the minister was told.

With all the attention on water quality problems on reserve, it's interesting to note that \$293 million was reallocated from INAC's "capital" budget to other areas.

While capped at two per cent, costs for elementary and secondary education for First Nation students have been rising by 4.4 per cent a year, the report states. Close to \$100

million has been reallocated to address that shortfall. The report notes that the higher cost "reflects 'price-taker' nature of provincial school expenditures."

First Nation technicians say that is an alarming comment that means that the government will pay provincial (non-Native) education systems when they raise their prices, but not First Nations. And the money to pay the provincial school systems is cannibalized from basic services budgets.

Assembly of First Nation sources are calling the situation described in this report "fiscal discrimination."

"It confirms everything that we've been saying for the last while," Fontaine said during a phone interview on April 13. "Our communities and our governments are seriously under-funded and the unfair expectations placed on our governments are really discriminatory and completely unfair because we're being forced to do more with less. As a result, we've seriously compromised the health and safety of the people we are expected to serve."

"Departmental officials have now made the same arguments that we've been making and it's pretty scary." The fact that the government chose not to act on the warnings in the report is very troublesome to the national chief.

"It isn't AFN. It isn't the national chief. It isn't regional chiefs that are making these arguments. It's coming from within the government. These people obviously don't have an axe to grind. They're doing their jobs and they want to provide the best advice to the minister," he said.

"Now we discover, and I didn't know this until I read this document, that the minister was well informed. He was advised that this was a serious situation and we were dealing with a situation of crisis proportion. The end result of all this is that on March 19 we were essentially ignored. That's further compromising the health and safety of our people."

Fontaine hinted that the federal position on spending for First Nations is part of a behind-the-scenes political fight. He said the minister's public comments are designed to play to a certain political constituency.

"For example, the argument that the government is spending an awful lot of money and there needs to be value for the dollars spent. We see that as code language and I've raised that with Minister Prentice and I've asked him to refrain from making that kind of assertion because it's discriminatory," he said. "They don't say that about provincial governments and the billions that are being transferred to provinces nor to the \$17 billion that was committed to defense." Apparently, the government will not raise funding until the chiefs agree to structural changes in the way First Nations governments account for their spending.

"We're not opposed to structural changes. We know that we have to do some things differently and better. But we can't afford to compromise the health and safety of our people," the national chief said.

Fontaine said the Conservative position and the minister's public comments play to the segment of the Canadian population that is biased against First Nations.

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# Government stalling First Nation

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## BEAVER CREEK, Yukon

White River First Nation's Chief David Johnny and council are getting awfully tired of waiting for some kind of answer from the Yukon regional office of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC).

Two band council resolutions, one asking for meetings to discuss the creation of a reserve, and the other seeking to deal with tax exemption matters, each following INAC's own processes, have received little response from the government. This February marked the one-year mark since White River First Nation (WRFN) first attempted to engage the department in those discussions. Finally fed up, Johnny wonders out loud if he should seek a court order "to get INAC to follow its own policies."

During an interview in his office on March 26, the chief acknowledged that there's a lot going on behind the scenes. Newly elected Alaska Governor Sarah Palin, who took office Dec. 4, is pushing for the Alaska Highway oil and gas pipeline project to go ahead as soon as possible, and the proposed path of the pipeline goes right through WRFN's traditional territory.

WRFN found it relatively easy to get a meeting with Governor Palin in early March to explain their position.

"There's something really drastically wrong when a First Nation has to go and negotiate with a foreign country to get an agreement when your local government can't even come and knock on your door," he said.

Since WRFN has not signed a self-government agreement — as 11 of the 14 Yukon bands have done with the Yukon Umbrella Final Agreement (UFA) — a lot of very important questions remain unanswered. Johnny also acknowledged that the change in government in Canada last year probably has the bureaucrats uncertain of just how to approach this complex matter.

But the chief wants answers. He and the council are extremely frustrated because they believe a reserve should have been created more than 20 years ago. Land under federal jurisdiction was set aside for First Nations in the Yukon. But the tax-exempt provisions of the Indian Act don't apply to non-reserve land and this

First Nation feels it's getting a lesser deal than others. And WRFN researchers say their current land base is significantly lower than both the regional and the national average.

Johnny notes that there's nothing in the UFA that stops Canada from converting WRFN lands set aside to reserve status. He points out that First Nations who have not signed final agreements South of 60 are not being forced to adhere to self-government agreements signed by their neighbors.

Adding to the outrage at White River is the knowledge that several new reserves have been created since 1990. On Aug. 5, 2005, the federal government announced the creation of 10 new reserves in Manitoba.

Johnny and his council and staff say they are being pressured to sign the UFA, an agreement that they simply don't believe in.

Departmental information shows that bands in self-government agreements tend to get better funding than those that are not. Government officials say that serves as an "incentive" to get the bands out of the Indian Act and into self-government arrangements. Johnny calls it coercion.

"Yeah, you can see it in everything you do. We try to deal with this pipeline. Canada has to come to consult us. There's no way around it. We have Aboriginal title. One thing that people have to understand is that they always say 'Indian Act band.' We were a government before the Indian Act. Then, to simplify their own lives, they put us under the Indian Act," he said.

Roy Bird, a member of the Montreal Lake Cree Nation in Saskatchewan, is the Yukon regional director general for INAC. He assumed that post in April of 2006.

"We just want to make them step forward and make a decision on it. Like, Roy Bird, we haven't even met with him yet. We want them to make a decision now instead of giving us the runaround," Johnny said. "I think they thought that all the First Nations in the Yukon would sign an agreement."

"So they based the policy on that without even thinking that maybe one First Nation was not going to sign. So now they're in a predicament because they never really did their homework

to say, 'White River's not signed, so what do we do now?'"

Talk in the oil and gas industry—and in government circles—is that there's a bit of a race between the Alaska Highway pipeline and the McKenzie Valley pipeline. If one is stalled too long and the other goes ahead, interest from investors in the second project may disappear.

Johnny acknowledged there is a bit of a gamble in standing on principle and perhaps delaying the Alaska Highway project, but he believes it will go ahead.

"They think they're just going to wait out White River because they think that the membership's going to pressure chief and council to have an agreement," he said.

But this is his community's best chance for self-sufficiency, he added, and the consensus amongst his people is to stand firm.

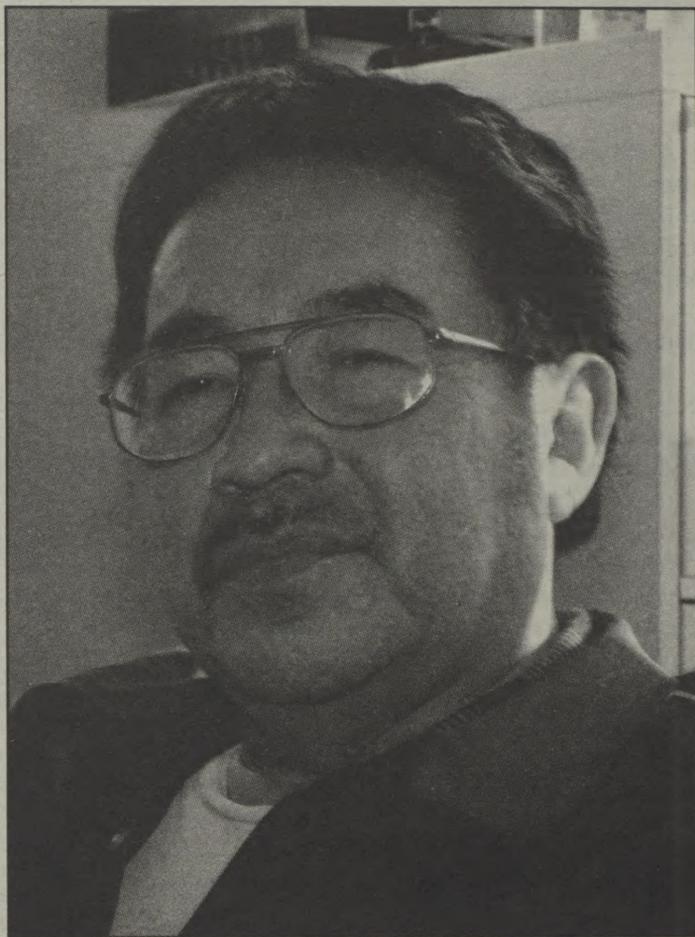
"If you look at it, 10 years of self-government that [Yukon] First Nations have had to improve their land and their communities, it doesn't add up to me. There's nothing there. I've seen it for 10 years and the process that the government is putting these First Nations through, I don't want to go through," he said. "They want to sit us out, saying, 'We'll make it tough for them,' so our members say, 'Go back to the table and sign an agreement.' But our members say, 'Forget it, if they don't want to come back to the table on a new agreement then forget it. We'll sit here and wait for them.'" He'll sit down and negotiate a self-government agreement, he added, but the case law has evolved since the UFA was signed and he will insist on something much better for his people.

"If they want to negotiate with White River, we have to come to the table as a partner, with our view of saying we're not negotiating under the Indian Act, we're negotiating as a new government like Nunavut," he said.

If he gets a deal that's better than the UFA, he knows other First Nations will want to renegotiate. But that's not his problem, he added.

"They know it's going to cost them millions of dollars if they come back to the table with us and we change it. If we have a better agreement then you're going to have all those other First Nations saying, 'Hey,'" he said.

He's spoken to oil and gas and



White River First Nation Chief David Johnny

pipeline companies and has been told that it would be no problem to pay WRFN enough in royalties to cross their land to make the community completely self-sufficient. He believes the territorial and federal governments are eyeing those royalties for themselves.

"Why can't Canada say, 'There's an opportunity for White River to become self-sufficient.' Why can't they just say, 'Hey, we'll help you. We have the expertise. We'll even go and negotiate with the pipeline companies with you if you really want to be self-sufficient,'" he said.

Johnny isn't the only person who thinks the one-year stalemate is unacceptable. Calgary lawyer Gavin S. Fitch, appointed by Indian Affairs Minister Jim Prentice as a special ministerial representative to look into the matter, wrote a letter on March 26 informing chief and council that he agreed with their position on the delay.

Noting that he had satisfied himself that the request to have their land set aside converted to a reserve "is sincere and represents the current thinking of the WRFN leadership," the lawyer wrote that "having regard to the length of time the request has been outstanding, Canada must

deal with the request as soon as possible. In particular, Canada's assessment of the request and response should not be deferred any longer based on my having been appointed as the minister's special representative." He said he expected a response "hopefully before mid-April." After hearing no response as of April 10, WRFN faxed another request for a meeting on the matter.

Although WRFN staff say they still had heard nothing from INAC as of our deadline on April 18, Bill Rodgers, Prentice's director of communications, told *Windspeaker* on April 17 that the government has now begun a review of the matter.

"Ministerial Envoy Gavin Fitch sent an interim report to the minister in March. One of his recommendations was that the department undertake an assessment of White River First Nation's request for a reserve. The department has now started a review. Discussions are continuing between Mr. Fitch and the White River First Nation. It should be noted that to date, public policy in the Yukon has not included the creation of reserves for Yukon Indian bands. Instead INAC has focused on the completion of comprehensive land claim and self-government agreements," he said.

## Secret INAC report reveals "scary" financial budgetary shortfalls

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"Of course. [Indian Affairs Minister Prentice's communications officer] Deirdre McCracken keeps saying we can't afford to keep pouring money down the funnel. As if money is being poured down the funnel. That isn't so. What the facts tell us here is that our communities are seriously under-funded and there

isn't such a thing as pouring money down the funnel and not getting value for dollars," Phil Fontaine said.

By taking money away from First Nation and Inuit programming to pay for the mainstream economic boom in the north, it almost seems the Conservative government is attacking Aboriginal people, he

added.

"And I don't know why this is so. It seems that we're being punished and I don't know why. I don't know what we did wrong," he said. "We've made some very serious overtures to the Harper government to establish a respectful relationship where we can actually do good things for First Nations people. And we've done so over the last couple of months. And

I can't claim success. And I'm very disappointed."

Bill Rodgers, the Indian Affairs minister's director of communications, dismissed the leaked documents as out of date.

"The documents that have been circulated to the *Winnipeg Free Press* and other publications in recent weeks are old and pre-date the new government's first budget. Unlike

the previous government, Minister Prentice has taken a targeted approach to First Nations funding, setting priorities in areas that include water, housing, education, economic development and the acceleration of the land claims process. Improvements in these areas will go a long way to improving the overall quality of life of First Nations residents," he said.

# Canada acknowledges secret guidelines

By Paul Barnsley  
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## GENEVA, Switzerland

A footnote at the bottom of page 15 of Canada's 16-page follow-up submission to the United Nations (UN) Human Rights Committee, dated Aug. 14, 2006, contains a startling admission.

A Canadian official complains, in Canada's written reply to the UN human rights body on a submission made earlier by the Lubicon Lake Cree Nation, that the Lubicons "provided the Human Rights Committee with a privileged document prepared by the government of Canada as instructions for its negotiators dealing with self-government issues." Which means that the "Guidelines for Federal Self-government Negotiators" do exist after all.

In June 2005, *Windspeaker* obtained the document, which was marked "secret", from the Lubicons and made attempts to verify its authenticity. Government reactions ranged from claims that the document was a draft that had never been

adopted by cabinet and never put into effect, to not-for-attribution denials that it even existed.

The document was dated March 1996, but Lubicon Chief Bernard Ominayak stated that the Lubicons obtained it late in 2003.

Fred Lennarson, a long-time advisor to Ominayak, said the band's negotiating team believed at the time, based on its experiences, that the guidelines were still in use.

The Justice department lawyers who compiled the guidelines for federal negotiators wrote that the federal government's policy recognizing the inherent right of self-government "goes considerably beyond what the government would be prepared to accept as a strict matter of law, if it were forced to litigate the matter before the courts."

The guidelines go into great detail as to how to word clauses in agreements, warning away from words that a court would see as a sign the government is recognizing the inherent right of a specific First Nation.

The idea put forward is that the government has recognized

—and enshrined in Section 35 of the Constitution—that there is a general inherent right to self-government that all First Nations possess in theory, but few, if any, possess it in practice.

General recognition of the inherent right is preferred by the Justice lawyers because it means no specific right is recognized, according to the document.

"Under this approach, recognition of the inherent right is explicit but we remain agnostic as to which groups actually have such a right," the secret document states.

The Lubicon complained to the UN human rights body at the time that this was a secret plan to negotiate in bad faith, something Canada mentioned and again denied in its most recent response to the committee.

"The Lubicon Lake Cree characterized this document, which included privileged legal advice on the meaning of possible language to be included in final agreements, as a mandate to negotiate in bad faith. The government of Canada regrets the willingness of the negotiators for the Lubicon Lake Cree to breach negotiation

privilege and to miscast documents and actions of the government of Canada in the press and before UN bodies."

Canada was responding to a submission made Jan. 11, 2006 by Lubicon Lake Cree Chief Bernard Ominayak.

"Caught off guard when the Lubicons obtained a copy of the secret Justice department guidelines, chagrined federal negotiators responded to the Lubicon demand that the secret guidelines be renounced, and federal negotiators sent to the table with instructions to negotiate self-government in good faith, by taking the position that the secret guidelines can't be renounced because, they said, the guidelines haven't been approved by the federal cabinet," the Lubicon submission stated.

"Justice department officials unabashedly (and illegally) denied the existence of the guidelines when asked for a copy by the media under Canadian access to information legislation. The Canadian Indian Affairs minister [Andy Scott] responded to the Lubicon

demand that the government renounce the guidelines and send government negotiators to the table with instructions to negotiate Lubicon self-government in good faith by ignoring all reference to the secret guidelines and simply denying indignantly that Canada ever negotiates in bad faith."

The question of the nature of the mandate of federal negotiators is keeping the talks at an impasse at the moment.

"The question of the guidelines must be addressed to make any progress on self-government. As long as the federal negotiators are instructed to go to the table and negotiate in bad faith, why go? It's got to be exposed and the government's got to renounce it. It doesn't mean that they will start acting in good faith, but at the moment they have official instructions to negotiate in bad faith," Lennarson said, when reached by telephone on April 11. "You can't negotiate on that basis. It's terribly important that it be addressed and the way to address it is to shine the light of day on it."

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# [ news ] Disabled INAC employee having troubles

By Paul Barnsley  
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HULL, Que.

Josée Guest, the staff Ombudsman for Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC), first started raising alerts about the way the department deals with employee disability issues in her second annual report in 2003.

As the person designated to help employees struggling with disabling injuries or illnesses—as well as other matters—Guest hears from many INAC employees. As with any large employer, there are many points of friction between management and staff.

The staff Ombudsman's office, created at INAC in 1990, is designed to be an impartial and confidential place where employees can go for advice—or even just to blow off a little steam—if they're having difficulty at work.

In her 2003 report to the highest-ranking INAC bureaucrat, the deputy minister, Guest wrote "persons with disabilities consulted the staff Ombudsman at a rate higher than their total

representation within the department. The Duty to Accommodate Policy should be distributed regularly to help managers, supervisors and staff identify needs."

The fact that employees dealing with disability issues were involved with Guest at a higher than proportionate rate indicates that the department is not yet on top of the issue.

Two years later, in her 2005 annual report, the staff Ombudsman provided a lot more detail about the nature of the problem.

"Many employees find themselves, for reason out of their control, on long-term disability leave. In order to collect disability insurance (DI), many forms need to be filled and delivered to specific responsibility areas at the appropriate time," she wrote. "When these time lines are not met it can cause financial worries, such as paybacks and/or reduced income, to an employee who is already in a vulnerable position. It can also cause added stress to an employee returning to work after long-term disability leave. Return



Marianne McLeod

to work full-time can be impeded."

She suggested, at the end of March in 2005, that the department face the problem head on.

"One possible solution in order to be prepared could be to dedicate resources who would be assigned to deal with every aspect of disability leave, from making sure the forms are where they should be when they are needed to integration back into their workplace on the employee's return to work," she wrote.

Marianne McLeod, a 33-year-old citizen of the Chippewas of Nawash First Nation, would agree with all of that. The project officer with the

advocacy and partnerships section of INAC's economic development branch at headquarters in the Ottawa region has a condition that causes chronic pain and fatigue that can also disrupt sleep patterns.

It's a condition that was diagnosed in 1996, three years before she began employment at INAC in April of 1999.

On Aug. 11, 2004, at the request of her director, she was assessed by Health Canada.

"I was declared unfit for work and began short-term disability on the following day, due to fibromyalgia. Short-term turned into long-term disability. In April of 2005, I was reassessed and told that I needed four to six more months off," she said.

She returned to work four months later, putting in four hours a day, three days a week under the government's Graduated Return to Work Program.

"Shortly after returning to work I began to have some problems with my pay," she said.

For the next six months, she was being either paid for more hours than she worked or found that previous over-payments had been

deducted, leaving her with no money to pay bills.

"During 2005, my pays they went up and down like a roller coaster from as little as \$324 gross to as much as \$1,944 gross at times. It was very stressful and extremely hard to gauge my finances, as well as the concerns of DI reporting and my T-4 come time for 2005 taxes," she said.

"At the end of 2005, I had been overpaid by the department for a total of \$4,000 gross," she said.

Then in November of 2006, a deadline for filing a routine medical report was missed and the insurance company cut off her disability insurance and she was forced to apply to return to work full time.

Problems persisted, as she became involved in disagreements over what was legitimate time off and what was not.

In March of this year, McLeod retained a lawyer to look at civil remedies for what she calls a "very frustrating and stressful situation."

"And when you consider that stress is a factor that contributes to my illness, this is just terrible situation," she said.

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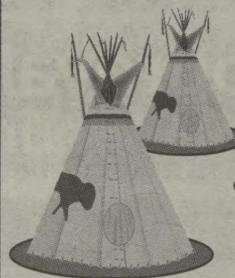
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# Globalization comes to Turtle Island

Just a little while ago I was invited to speak at a conference in Regina dealing with international human rights and globalization. Not my normal areas of expertise, but since my career as a First Nations writer began I have been asked to speak or write on a multitude of topics not usually associated with the Native community: subjects like crystal meth (while a problem in some Native communities, there are no labs in my laundry room), Leonard Cohen (he's a singer or something, right?), or Jane Jacobs (me, a guy who lives on a reserve, is requested to write about a leading urban planner).

But it was the topic of globalization from an Aboriginal perspective that got me thinking. What about this and all the other fashionable popular technical terms to describe elements of modern Canadian society? How many of them are mistakenly believed to be shiny and new but, in fact, have been around since the first Caucasian boot set foot on Indigenous soil. It's all a matter of perception. Myopic perception.

Most people think globali-



## THE URBANE INDIAN

Drew Hayden Taylor

zation is a current topic but actually there are those that believe it's been an issue here for over 500 years. When two lost Italians, Christopher Columbus working for the Spanish, and John Cabot (born Giovanni Caboto) sent by the English, came knocking on the door of Turtle Island, the world changed as the globe got bigger. Since then, First Nations people have been dealing with the threats and benefits of globalization centuries longer than the term "globalization" has existed. The time between 1492 and 1497 was when the first restaurant opened offering Sheppard's pie, tapas and some decent pasta primavera. Economies changed. Methods of existence had to modify and restructure to meet the oncoming flux of capitalization and trade. An

entire continent became a source of raw materials; global economies shifted and shivered as gold, fur, lumber and other materials were redistributed about the world. The work force available on Turtle Island, and to a certain extent Africa, had to radically adapt to the needs of this new world economy. It was laissez-faire at its worst. The original name for NAFTA was the TICADWYWA (Turtle Island Come And Do What You Want Agreement).

However, its not all one sided. I have seen evidence of what can be called a conspiracy to take over the world, perpetrated in its own way by the Native people of this continent. Two years ago, on a month long visit to Australia, I found myself in a dollar store in the fine city of Brisbane, hunting for of all

things, a spatula. In a dusty old corner, near some touristy koala bear salt and pepper shakers, stood a rack of several dozen small, cheap but familiar dreamcatchers of various sizes and makes, all made in China. The irony was not lost on me. I've heard tales from international traveling Native people of seeing them in Africa and South America. Several months ago, in Vienna, I saw two stalls in an outside Christmas market that featured dreamcatchers, medicine wheels, Mandelas and a whole assortment of pseudo-Native paraphernalia to an eager Teutonic audience. I also saw a shop dedicated to the same type of Indigenous arts and crafts in downtown Dusseldorf. In terms of insidious worldwide domination, I guess dreamcatchers are our McDonalds.

On a literary level, Native literature is spreading across the world, influencing minds and thoughts in many different cultures. Since the turn of the century (I love saying that), I have been invited to the book launch of the Italian translation of that old classic of Native erotic stories *Tales From The*

*Smokehouse* (whether that qualifies as Native literature is a question in itself) in Turin, and seen portions of my plays performed in India. Other plays of mine have been translated into Arabic, Czech, Italian and German. Plays by other Native playwrights have been produced and studied in Japan, India, Scotland and a host of other countries. In an Austrian bookstore, I toyed with the idea of picking up a copy of Tom King's *Green Grass Running Water* and Leslie Marmon Silko's *Storyteller*.

Italy and Chile have their fine wine. Germany has its fine cars. India has its tea and tech services. Columbia has its fine coffee and cocaine. Native North America has its literature and fine dreamcatchers. I believe the technical term is "trade imbalance." We've got our foot in the door but I think we need to try harder to get our whole leg in. Maybe we should export our land claim philosophy to South Africa, India, and other countries with marginalized cultures. I'm sure the Kurds could organize a decent roadblock.

Globalization — thy name is Turtle Island.



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# Indigenous Nations suffer borderline madness

By Timothy A. Johns  
Windspeaker Guest Columnist

I was born in Farmington Hills, Michigan. My mother and grandparents were born in Canada. I have status with the Delaware First Nation at Moraviantown in Ontario. My wife Dora M. Johns, crane clan of the Ojibwa (Anishinabe), was born in Detroit and has status at the Walpole Island First Nation, Ontario. Her mother and grandfather were also born in Canada. Her grandmother was born in the United States, a member of the Saginaw Chippewa.

The Three Fires People (Anishinabe) are scattered all over Turtle Island, as are the Delaware (Lenape). The British and American governments put a line through our lands.

The Delaware Nation was one of the first nations to encounter the Europeans in the 1600s. Delaware (the first state), New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and southern parts of New York were the Delaware's traditional lands. Washington, DC was a part of Delaware country.

By the late 1700s the Delaware were spread out all over what is now Ohio and Indiana, displaced by American

land greed. In the mid-1800s the main body of the Delaware Nation was living at the White River Village in Indiana. Once again, American advancement

Detroit River and into what would become Canada. In 1792, the Moravian Band of Delaware settled on the Thames River in what is today Southern Ontario.

recognized tribe. Although our bands are in Canada, our tribes are on both sides of the imaginary line called the border. Why are we not Native

Kansas, in regard to attending classes. They told me that I wasn't a Native American, and wasn't eligible to attend their school, because I was from a Canadian tribe. I let it go at that time, although it made me mad. Then recently, when I requested eagle feathers and was denied, I started to think. If they don't regard us as Native Americans, what about other services provided to Native people. We were born in the USA and we are native to North America.

One day I asked a cousin of mine who lives on a reserve in Canada, and is a lawyer, about our hunting and fishing rights in Ontario.

"Owa, that's a touchy subject, because we are originally from the states and don't want to anger the Canadian government. In the late 1800s they were going to kick us out of Canada, so we don't want to start trouble today," he said.

I thought that sounded crazy, here in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Scared to be kicked out of Canada? Huh? Just think. We are considered refugees in Canada, and not even recognized in our own original homelands. I remember an Elder saying, "I was not born in America; it was born on my land."

*When I was a teenager back in the 1980s, I contacted Haskell Indian Nations University in Kansas, in regard to attending classes. They told me that I wasn't a Native American, and wasn't eligible to attend their school, because I was from a Canadian tribe.*

pushed the Delaware to Kansas for a short time, then to Oklahoma where a large number of Delaware live today.

During the Revolutionary War in 1782, my band, which was predominately Christian and called the Moravian Delaware, were living in what is today Ohio with Christian missionaries. An American army looking for "hostile Indians" came across their peaceful villages, and massacred 96 Christian Delaware at Gnadenhutten, mostly women and children. The survivors then fled to the area just north of what is today Detroit.

My ancestors, upon hearing about an American force ready to attack Detroit, once again fled. This time crossing the

Today I'm a respected pipe carrier and have been powwow dancing ever since I was a kid. I have and use eagle parts for both my ceremonies and powwow dancing. I heard about the federal agents harassing Natives for permits to possess eagle parts. So, doing the right thing, I sent in a request for a permit to the US Fish and Wildlife Service's national eagle repository. They turned me down on the grounds that I'm not a Native American or "a part of a federally recognized tribe." I contacted the Bureau of Indian Affairs and was told the same. I don't know who can help us, but I think there's something wrong here. I'm an American citizen, as is my wife. We were born in the USA and can prove we are members of a federally

American?

Many people from all over the world have migrated to this country, they are all recognized as Americans: Mexican Americans, Arab Americans, German Americans, Irish Americans, Polish Americans, African Americans, and so on. Do any other American citizens have to have a status card to prove who they are? My ancestors occupied these lands for thousands of years before they became known as the United States and Canada. I just don't understand how the federal government can say that we are not Native Americans with all the history my tribe has with this country.

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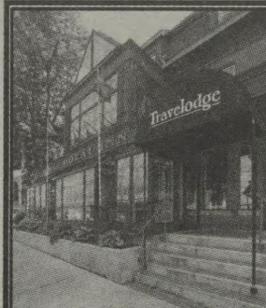
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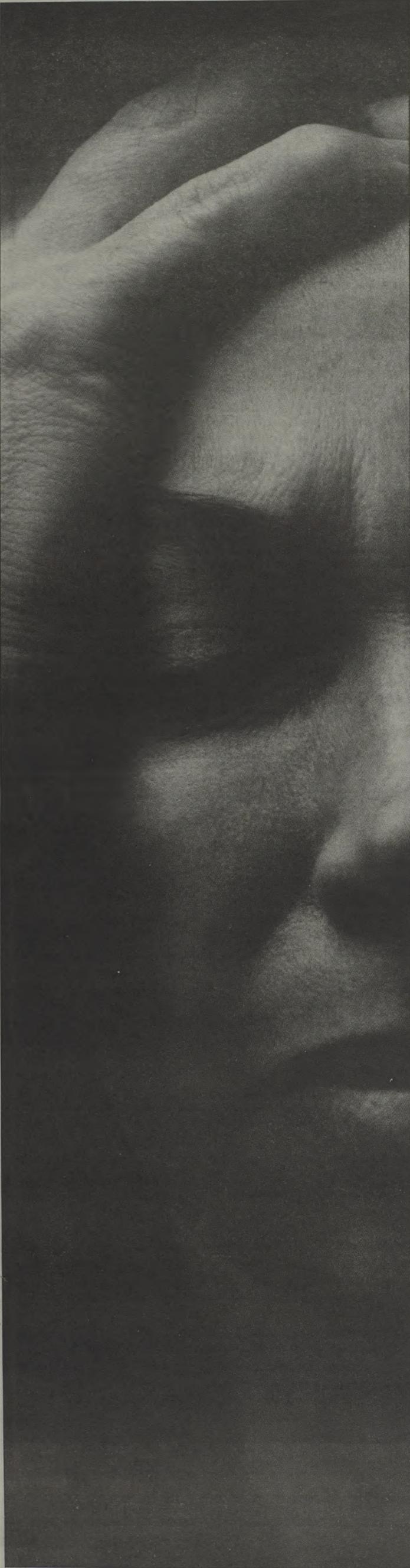
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# Communities work to reduce suicide rates

By Laura Suthers  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

## OLD CROW, Yukon

Epidemic of suicides plagues First Nation community; a First Nation community in crisis; Aboriginal youth issues need to be addressed—these are just some of the headlines that have been making the news in the last three months.

While the rest of the world appears just to be waking up, once again, to the high suicide rates within Aboriginal communities, the communities themselves are working to find solutions to the problem.

In Old Crow, the Yukon's most remote community, developing any sort of special initiative to address the issue of suicide hasn't been necessary, because suicide hasn't been a problem. The suicide rate in the community has always been very low, and there hasn't been a suicide in Old Crow since the mid-1990s.

The small village—the only village in the territory without road access and the only Yukon community located north of the Arctic Circle, is home to the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation. Vuntut Gwitchin Chief Joe Linklater believes the close ties the community members have to their culture and traditional way of life plays a large part in keeping the problem at bay.

"The culture was actually practiced rather than talked about. People were trapping and speaking the language, hunting, and we're still very much a hunting culture," Joe Linklater said. "I think it was just a good strong cultural belief. We live in a small tight community so there's good family support and a lot of self-sufficiency that's still practiced."

Counselling services are available to the 300 or so community members, provided by a community nurse, community leaders and Elders. The ban on alcohol that's been in place in the community for the past 16 years has also played an undeniable role in keeping the community healthy.

The story is quite different in Sandy Bay, a remote northern community in Saskatchewan that is now beginning its efforts to recover and find solutions after suffering through a wave of devastating suicides, with at least five suicides and at least as many attempts over the course of a few months. The most recent community member to take her own life was a 15-year-old girl who committed suicide in February, but not before expressing the hopelessness she was feeling by writing one last poem.

"Maybe they haven't noticed or maybe they don't dare to find

out who I am, to show me that I care," she wrote in the poem that she entitled *A Simple Smile-A Scream Inside*.

Sandy Bay is one of eight communities that makes up the Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation. Outgoing Peter Ballantyne Chief Harold Linklater said the community has been rallying to find ways to address the problem of suicide.

"I believe the community is working towards solutions," said Harold Linklater. "I know there are still issues and challenges that they have to deal with and overcome, but for the most part, I believe that they're working in co-operation."

Harold Linklater believes the main issue that needs to be addressed in order to quell the suicide crisis in his community is ensuring more attention is paid to the youth of Sandy Bay.

"I think the youth are not being listened to. We're not paying attention," he said. "Us parents, and I'll include myself, we're not paying enough attention, we're not caring enough for our youth and so they're feeling left out and they probably feel that people don't care. And that's combined, of course, with the alcohol and drugs that are going on."

Harold Linklater agrees that these are definitely desperate times for Sandy Bay, but that the community has been pushed into action to tackle the issues surrounding the recent suicides.

"The community has more or less told me that this is what we're going to do, we are going to tackle the issue ourselves and the community together," said Harold Linklater.

"The last time I spoke with the councillors (two of whom are from Sandy Bay) they said that they were going to get a community action committee in place to tackle these issues."

According to Harold Linklater, the community has already begun a number of activities for youth.

"They've started community healing and youth healing initiatives, which involves working with Elders," he said.

Efforts have also been undertaken to help those impacted by the suicides.

Harold Linklater told *Windspeaker* he brought in a professional counsellor for the family of the 15-year-old girl.

"It's dramatic and very emotional for families to deal with suicides," he said.

According to information from the Public Health Agency of Canada Web site, there are many issues such as depression, substance abuse and low self-esteem that contribute to suicides.

Some of the signs a person can look for that might indicate someone is thinking about suicide are depression, overeating

or having no appetite, changes in sleep patterns, or changes in behaviours, such as giving away their belongings and saying things like "I wish I were dead" or "Life is hopeless."

Harold Linklater believes that if the youth just open up and confide in someone about the way they're feeling, then those issues could be addressed.

"I've really stressed the fact at many youth conferences that, if youth have problems they should be talking to people and they shouldn't try to deal with these issues on their own," he said. "If they have these issues of thinking about suicide, they shouldn't be ashamed."

Harold Linklater attended a youth conference held in March in Pelican Narrows, another of the member community's of the Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation. He was there to address the issue of suicide and to find out from the youth what they want to see happen in their community.

"I've stated to them that if you need or want to see something in the community, you talk to me, you tell me, because I don't exactly know what you want. I think I may know what you want, but I would like you to tell me so we can work towards those kinds of aspirations from our youth," he said.

He'd like to see the youth more empowered and more involved in coming up with solutions for the problems they encounter, "what they think is going to be an answer to their dilemma."

Aboriginal communities and organizations aren't alone in recognizing that something needs to be done to address the high suicide rates among Aboriginal people. Government, too, has begun to jump into the void by funding projects to tackle the problem.

British Columbia's Ministry of Children and Family Development is the latest to step up and contribute. On April 12, the department announced it would be providing funding for the White Buffalo Aboriginal Heath Society (WBAHS), an organization based in Kamloops that works to help Aboriginal people achieve balanced and healthy lifestyles. The \$70,000 the society will receive will be used to establish an Aboriginal Suicide Critical Incident Response Team (ASCIRT) to serve Aboriginal communities throughout the province.

"The overall objective in the ASCIRT program is to work with Aboriginal communities to establish community response teams that would address the issue of suicide," said Deb Canada, WBAHS executive director. "So it's about putting training in communities and establishing teams."

(See Connecting page 15.)

# First Nations youth speak out about suicide

By Melanie Ferris  
Windpeaker Writer

ALLISTON, Ont.

Suicide amongst Aboriginal youth in Canada has been called an epidemic. The rates vary among First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities but no matter which community you look at, the rates are higher than those in non-Aboriginal populations.

The loss of young people is devastating to many smaller communities, which sometimes experience suicide "clusters" where one youth commits suicide and then others copy them. Many community leaders are now taking action to try and prevent suicide rates from increasing.

It is clear that suicide happens because of a variety of factors, such as socio-economic issues, loss of culture, and life situation. The National Aboriginal Health Organization (NAHO) is working with the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to help youth identify these factors and empower themselves to develop strategies for combating suicide amongst Aboriginal youth.

More than 30 First Nations youth from across Canada were invited to discuss suicide at the National First Nations Youth Suicide Prevention Forum held in Alliston, Ont. from March 22 to 25. The youth had to work in the health sector, write a short essay on their feelings about suicide, and provide two letters of recommendation in order to be accepted for the forum.

The forum focused on giving the youth a chance to express their views. Staff at NAHO and the AFN recognized that many conferences don't give youth the

chance to share their knowledge.

"First Nations youth had the opportunity to gather in a safe environment, enabling them to discuss and share their stories in relation to suicide," said Sonia Isaac-Mann, director of the First Nations Centre at NAHO.

"This event was a milestone for the youth who attended in that, for some, it was their first opportunity to openly speak about suicide."

Anne Huntinghawk is an Ojibway woman from Long Plain First Nation in Manitoba. Apprehended from her birth parents at the age of eight, she survived teenage depression and a suicide attempt at age 14.

Huntinghawk said she was able to survive because she was able to find someone trustworthy to talk with about her problems.

"You feel like you have nowhere else to go. You have no other solution but that," she said about suicide. "I don't think there's anywhere youth can go for support in Aboriginal communities. They can't even go to their own families because their families are busy with their own problems. It's generational. It's the effects of colonization. Families don't know how to nurture themselves, so they don't know how to nurture each other."

The forum helped instill pride in culture and in the youths' identity as First Nations people through talking circles, traditional teachings on the gift of life from Elders Lillian Pitawanakwat and Alex Jacobs, presentations and training in SafeTALK suicide alertness. The traditional teachings are particularly important in addressing suicide since many youth have not received the

teachings in their own families.

Youth watched the Mothers of Our Nations documentary and took part in presentations on various programs for preventing suicide.

One highlight was guest speaker Gino Odjick. The former NHL hockey player is known as the Algonquin Enforcer. He delivered an emotional presentation about his involvement with preventing suicide across Canada.

Recommendations from the forum are being forwarded to the AFN's Health and Social Development Secretariat and National Youth Council for action and implementation. Youth strongly identified the need for a second forum to further the discussions initiated and present recommendations to leaders.

"We are taking the recommendations from this forum seriously and are working on securing funding for a second forum. Each and every youth who attended this forum deserves recognition for their bravery and courage. I am very proud of all of them and I look forward to seeing them again," said Isaac-Mann.

"The participants experienced a breakthrough at the forum in that they were finally able to face some of their issues. For others, it gave them the confidence to go back to their communities and address the problem of suicide."

Huntinghawk is now working to become a social worker so she can bring hope to other Aboriginal youth. For those experiencing depression or thinking about suicide, she said, "Tell someone. Tell someone who you feel will listen and someone who you trust. You can go to your teacher or a school counsellor."

## Connecting with culture helps stem the suicide tide

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The WBAHS conducted a small survey within the Kamloops community to determine if this type of training was needed. The community responded by saying yes, suicide is an issue in the community and, yes, training is needed, Deb Canada said.

The ASCIRT will deal with the issues of suicide and as well as loss and grief.

"The ASCIRT program is going to be a place for people to go when they are feeling desperation around suicide or feeling that they need support and the response team members are going to be trained people that will provide access to prevention and early prevention programs that are culturally relevant," she said.

Canada's thoughts on the root

causes of high suicide rates among Aboriginal people closely mirror those of both Joe Linklater and Harold Linklater—when young people don't have a strong sense of self, don't feel valued and don't feel they belong, they are more likely to head down a self-destructive path. Her organization, which tries to provide support and activities for young people, is working to address the problem.

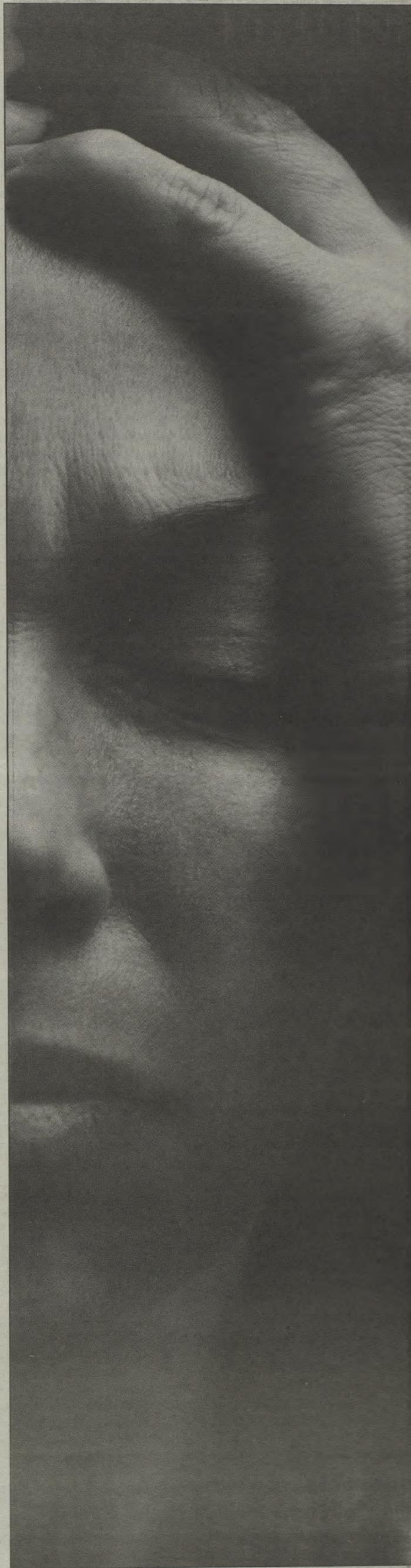
"I think part of it for the young Aboriginal people is that we struggle with this whole thing around self-esteem and self-worth and being proud of who we are. We go out into the world and we're not seen in a good way for young people. Part of that whole coping strategy is meth and drinking and it just gets into a real awful cycle, and pretty soon there's just a loss of the desire to

carry on."

If you are having thoughts of suicide or suspect someone you know is contemplating ending their life, there are a number of organizations that can help you find counselling and support.

Check your local phone directory for listings of local crisis centres or visit the Centre for Suicide Prevention's listing of crisis centres and online counselling Web sites at [www.suicideinfo.ca](http://www.suicideinfo.ca).

A list of support services is also available on the Canadian Association for Suicide Prevention Web site ([www.suicideprevention.ca](http://www.suicideprevention.ca)) and a list of resources dealing with suicide can be found on Canada Health Portal Web site. Just go to [www.chp-pcs.gc.ca](http://www.chp-pcs.gc.ca) and select the Aboriginal peoples link on the left-hand side of the screen.



# A look at life on the edge — of Canada

By Paul Barnsley  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

## BEAVER CREEK, Yukon

Your drive to the local grocery store may or may not include views of snow-capped peaks and expansive valleys dotted with the stunted pines one sees in northern climates just south of the tree line. But then again, your drive to the grocery store probably doesn't take six hours each way.

Such is life in the town of Beaver Creek, Yukon, located at kilometre 1,934 (historical mile 1202) of the Alaska Highway. It's Canada's westernmost community, the last stop before the Alaska border. If you're just passing through, it's likely you'll write the place off as just a couple of motels, restaurants and gas stations. But hang around a while and you'll get an idea of what Yukon poet Robert W. Service meant when he wrote, "There are strange things done in the midnight sun."

It's a truly beautiful place, with an incredible cast of characters, but it gets a little cool in the wintertime in these parts. Actually, it's the kind of cold that makes mere survival a genuine challenge. The airstrip at Snag, 25 km to the east, is where the lowest ever temperature measured in North America was recorded on Feb. 3, 1947. That day, it got down to minus 66 C (minus 86.8 F).

But the people are warm enough to balance things out.

"You could hear people splitting wood for miles that day," Dora Eikland, a member of the Up North Aboriginal Women's Group. The group invited *Windspeaker* to attend its quilting session at the band office.

"Spit would just freeze," added band councillor and Up North member Angela Demit.

It's all part of life in this part of the world. Fifty-eight of the 85 hearty souls who live in the town of Beaver Creek belong to the White River First Nation (WRFN) and are either Upper Tanana or Northern Tutchone peoples. The others are territorial government workers, Canada Customs officers and others whose livelihoods bring them to this border town some six hours northwest of Whitehorse, the territorial capital.

There are no reserves in the Yukon, but the territory's 14 First Nations have land set aside (LSA) for them, although the 11 communities that signed the Yukon umbrella final self-government agreement gave up their LSA. Without the racial separation required by the Indian Act, the Beaver Creek community has naturally settled into a mostly peaceful co-existence of Native and non-Native people, with a White River side and a non-Native side, although WRFN people do note that none of their members work in territorial government jobs in the region.

The only thing close to a municipal government in the area is the band council, Chief David

Johnny and his four councillors. They preside over a neat, peaceful community with a covered outdoor seasonal swimming pool and a two-sheet curling rink.

WRFN is only 16 years old. For almost 30 years, after a local Indian agent presented some signatures on a document in 1965 that are still considered suspect by many of the First Nation citizens, the people who now live at Beaver Creek were amalgamated with the people of the Kluane First Nation, located near Destruction Bay, a couple of hours of very bumpy driving to the southeast.

Many of the people who built Beaver Creek with their own hands are still living in the region. Charles Eikland, Sr. remembers the construction of the Alaska Highway, which was completed in 1943. He remembers that the Japanese had attacked the Aleutian Islands off the coast of Alaska and the U.S. army built the highway to link a string of airports in the north.

The U.S. government wanted the highway to serve as a service road for its Lend-Lease program. During Lend-Lease, millions of dollars worth of military equipment and supplies were flown over the polar ice cap to the Soviet Union to aid in the fight against Nazi Germany and its allies.

Eikland was chief of the Kluane Tribal Council shortly before White River separated in 1991 and he served as acting chief of the new WRFN during its early days in the mid-1990s. He runs his own business now, doing everything from clearing land with a bulldozer to welding to towing.

"There was no road when I was born up here," he said. "In 1940, there were only five white people in the White River area." When WRFN separated from Kluane, he and his family moved to Beaver Creek.

"There was only one house there in 1991. We built five houses. And we built the streets, too. We had to start from scratch," he said.

When it's a 12-hour round trip to get groceries and the temperatures can get down to minus 60 C, you learn to plan ahead and not fly by the seat of your pants. Like most of the people in the region, Eikland has a rugged, hard-nosed sense of self-reliance.

Jimmy Enoch and his wife Lena are getting on in years now but still live together in a house not far from the WRFN band office. Jimmy Enoch was chief at the time of the amalgamation. When *Windspeaker* dropped in for a visit on March 27, the former chief was reading over some mail about a meeting of former students at the St. Paul's residential school in Dawson City, a place he quit at the end of Grade 7. The meeting was to explain the opting-in process for the Indian residential school compensation agreement. He recalled a time when he and 13 other Yukon chiefs traveled to Ottawa for a meeting related to

land claims in the 1960s.

"We had a heck of a time," he said. "We were not used to the city."

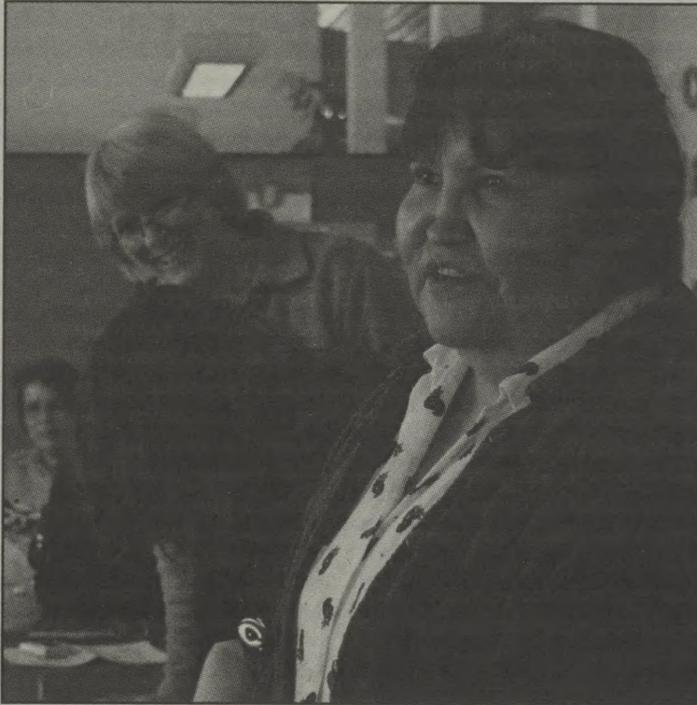
Robert Service probably never met Sid Vander Meer, a Dane by birth and an original Beaver Creeker, but he's the kind of character that populates the poet's creations.

His home is stuffed with collectibles and he plans to one day open a museum. A mechanic of renown in the region, his front and back yards are filled with old

Honor, the military's highest award for courage under fire.

He later went on to have a successful movie career, starring in the silver screen version of his 1949 war memoir, *To Hell and Back*.

On Nov. 6, just across the border in Northway, Alaska, the deputy commander of U.S. Army Alaska, Col. Robert Ball, held a ceremony honouring the Silver Star recipient. Medals he'd earned during the war had been lost and the ceremony was held to restore them.



Councillor Angela Demit is a respected community leader

wrecks waiting their turn to be restored in his three-car heated garage. And legend has it that Vander Meer jumped into his Piper Cub JB airplane to fly the 740 km round trip to Whitehorse and back so he could surprise his wife after she admitted to having a craving for Kentucky Fried Chicken.

Two of Vander Meer's children are on the band council and his son Sid, Jr. is the band's executive director.

Vander Meer's first wife—the mother of Sid, Jr. and the two councillors—is Marilyn Sanford. She is the exact opposite of shy. A cheerful, friendly woman with a twinkle in her eye, she warms you up the moment you enter her neatly decorated home.

The John Wayne memorabilia that is everywhere in the house is a little disconcerting in a First Nation community but Sanford seems to enjoy the irony of it all.

"I love John Wayne," she proclaimed without shame when questioned. "I used to have one of those life-size cardboard cutouts of him but Sherman looked like he was getting ready to shoot him, so I got rid of it."

Sherman Thomas, her husband today, earned nine medals in Vietnam, making him one of the most decorated U.S. soldiers in that conflict.

"He was trying to catch Audie Murphy," his wife said proudly.

Murphy was the most decorated U.S. soldier of the Second World War. He received the Medal of

Thomas is a man of few words, especially when he's talking about his wartime exploits. All he did was go back from a safe position, under enemy fire, to retrieve a comrade who'd been shot and carry him the length of a football field to a waiting helicopter. That got him the Silver Star, the army's third highest award for valor.

Now 62 years old, Thomas seems almost uncomfortable talking about that remarkable feat.

"You don't think twice. You just do what needs to be done," he said, when asked about that day.

"He was the sergeant. He had to save his men," his wife adds.

People in the community say Thomas is a phenomenal sharpshooter and one of White River's best hunters.

Life in a very small community can produce some startling developments from time to time. Sid Vander Meer, Jr., Sanford's son, is the band's executive director.

"He fired me twice and I'm his mother," she said, laughing. "And he told me, 'Mom, it won't be hard to fire you a third time.'"

Tommy Johnny, the chief's half-brother, is another one of those unforgettable characters. Chief Johnny refers to him as "the last bush Indian." He lives in the 30 km wide no man's land between the U.S. and Canada Customs stops along the Canada/Alaska border. It's not part of the land set aside for WRFN, but the people know it's part of their traditional territory. His half-brother says Tommy's a "keeper of the land" for

the Northern Tutchone people. He lives alone in the bush and has done so for most of his 70 plus years.

Tommy Johnny refused repeated requests by *Windspeaker* to allow his photograph to be taken. He looks a bit like Cree NHL hockey legend Fred Sasakamoose, and, thanks to a lifetime of chopping firewood daily and roaming the traplines in rugged country, has the same strong, stocky build of a former athlete.

"I was born here and I live here. It's my land, not the government's land. The government never did nothing for me," he said when asked if anyone had ever challenged his presence in the no man's land.

Chief Johnny said there was never any reason for any government official to make trouble for his half-brother.

"He lived here his whole life. He was never on SA (social assistance) or anything. He's an Elder and DIA never built a house for him. He built his own house. He never asked for help," the chief said.

The Elder doesn't see what all the fuss is about.

"It's nothing special. I cut wood all winter. I've got something to do every day. We've been here for thousands of years, my parents, my grandpa, my great-grandpa. I know back 300 years," he said. "I'd rather live like this. It's better than town; it's too expensive. And you get better health, too. You can eat whatever you want to eat. It's a better life. Out here you can do whatever you want but in town it's different."

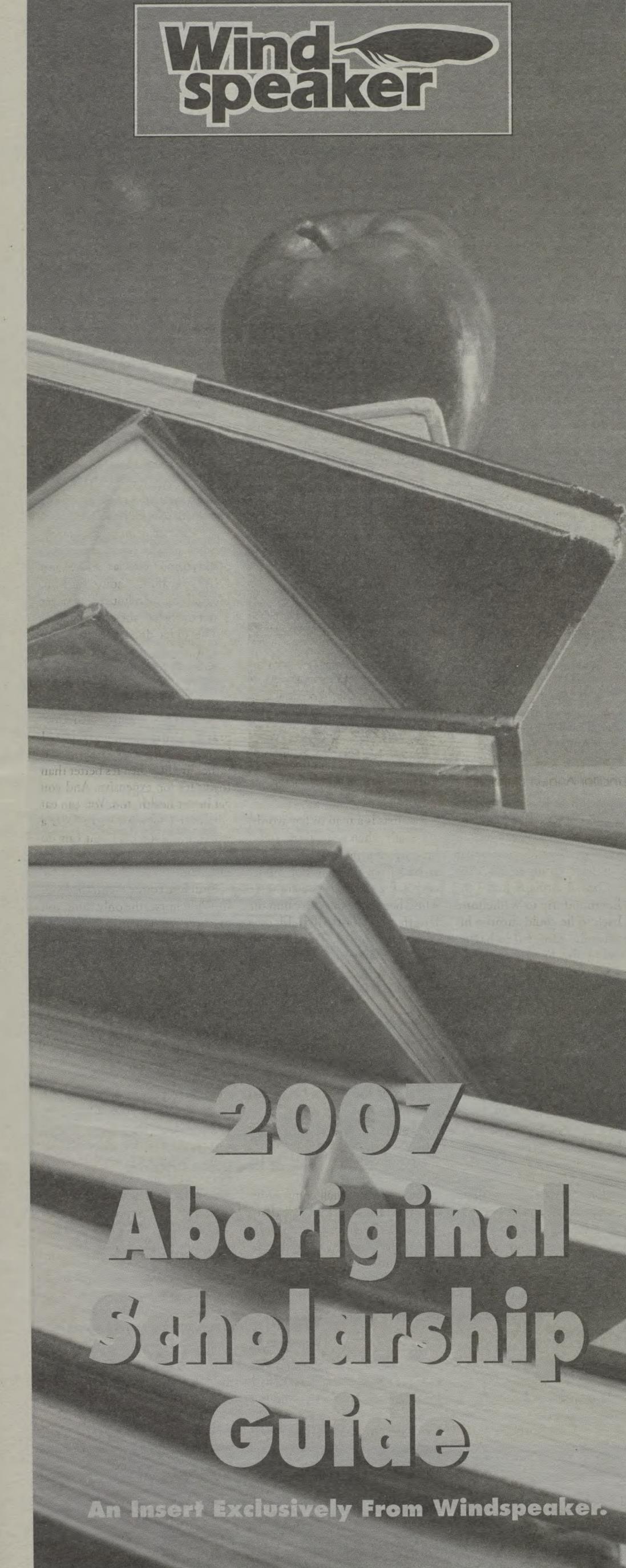
"You lose contact with the land. In Whitehorse, the only thing you can do is go downtown and bum around. Here, you've got a lot of things to do."

Someone who lives that close to the land seemed like the perfect person to ask about global warming. He has noticed the climate getting warmer over the last couple of years.

"Two, three years ago the weather wasn't very good. The snow wasn't here. You couldn't even skidoo. There was no way to trap. It was like that for three or four years. You could walk without snowshoes," he said. "I don't have snowshoes. I threw them away. But right now it's just perfect and you need snowshoes. But I threw them away. I just walked around."

His brother goes out to visit regularly, as do many people from Beaver Creek. And Tommy Johnny is well briefed by the chief about the political situation facing his people as the Alaska, Yukon and Canadian governments push for the Alaska Highway pipeline. He's ready to do what it takes to ensure his people's land rights are respected. If the companies and the governments think they can walk over top of the WRFN people, they might want to think again, he said.

"It's not going to be that easy. It's my land, too, you know. We're not going to sit and watch. Would you?" he asked.



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## Scholarships help ease financial burden that comes with getting an education

For students contemplating getting a post-secondary education, the rising cost of getting that education is an important factor that needs to be considered. But, thanks to the large number of scholarships and bursaries that are available to students heading off to college, university or technical institutes, the financial burden that comes hand in hand with earning a degree, diploma or certificate can be lessened substantially.

There are many sources you can turn to in order to find out what types of scholarships you may be eligible to apply for.

Arvelle Beutler is a student financial assistance officer at the University of Saskatchewan (U of S), which has more Aboriginal students within its student body than any other university in Canada, is home to the Native Law Centre of Canada and boasts the only MBA program in the country with elective courses in the area of Indigenous management.

According to Beutler, the best place to start your search is with the post-secondary institution you plan to attend. Students attending the U of S, for example, can find out about scholarships, bursaries and awards available through the university online at [www.students.usask.ca/moneymatters/awards](http://www.students.usask.ca/moneymatters/awards). There they can search the awards by key word or category and find application forms for the awards they are interested in applying for.

"There are many other awards available through community agencies, businesses and other organizations," she added. "Contact businesses, professional associations, unions, clubs and other organizations, especially groups to which you or your parents belong. Check with associations related to the field of study you intend to pursue."

One organization that can definitely be of assistance when it comes time to search for scholarships is the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business, which has helped more than 1,000 Aboriginal students access financial assistance through its Foundation for the Advancement of Aboriginal Youth (FAAY). The program provides students with a sort of one-stop-shopping option—they complete just one application form in order to be considered for all the scholarships and bursaries managed by FAAY on behalf of the many companies involved in the program. More information about FAAY can be found online at [www.ccab.com](http://www.ccab.com).

Another organization that offers scholarships to Aboriginal students is the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation, which provides financial assistance to students enrolled in fine arts, health careers, business, science, engineering, law, computer studies, technical studies, social sciences, social work and education. More about the foundation's scholarship and bursary program can be found online at [www.naaf.ca](http://www.naaf.ca).

You can also identify organizations that may have scholarship programs at the public library by searching publication such as the Canadian Directory to

Foundations and Grants, or by contacting your local branch of Human Resources and Social Development Canada, Beutler said. The Internet can also be a valuable source of information about what types of scholarships and bursaries are available.

One place to start in your online search is on the Indian and Northern Affairs Canada Web site, home to the Aboriginal Bursary System, a searchable listing of bursaries available to Aboriginal people. The Aboriginal Bursary System can be found at <http://esd.inac.gc.ca/abs>.

The Web site of the Aboriginal Multi Media Society, publisher of Windspeaker, is also worth checking out. Just go to [www.ammsa.com/ammsabursary.html](http://www.ammsa.com/ammsabursary.html) and you'll find an up-to-date listing of more than 380 scholarships.

Once you've found the scholarships you want to apply for, the next step is completing the application. According to Beutler, there are some simple steps a person can take to improve the chances that their scholarship application will be successful.

"Students should answer all questions completely and submit all necessary supporting documents. Remember, your application must convince the selection committee to choose you over another candidate. It's important for the selection committee to understand the extent and impact of your involvement in extracurricular activities, volunteer work and with other organizations. For example, were you a member? The president? How did you make a difference? How would the world or organization be the same or different if you were not involved in the organization?" she said.

"When submitting an awards application, keep in mind it is a representation of you, much like your resume. Therefore it should contain no spelling errors and formatting and visual presentation should be esthetically pleasing. You want your application to stand out and make a good impression."

For students already enrolled in a post-secondary institution, there is very often help to be had when it comes to filling out scholarship applications, Beutler said. Students at the U of S, for instance, can consult with student central officers for help, and staff from the Aboriginal Students' Centre can help Aboriginal students complete their scholarship and bursary applications.

"In addition, some colleges have staff devoted to helping Aboriginal students enrolled in their college. For example, Charlotte Ross, coordinator of academic programs for Aboriginal students in the College of Arts & Science will help Aboriginal arts and science students with awards questions," she said.

For students still in high school who are preparing to start their post-secondary education, Beutler advises them to talk to their high school counsellors to get advice and assistance with completing their scholarship application forms.

# 2007 Aboriginal Scholarship Guide

An Insert Exclusively From Windspeaker.

The following list of scholarships and bursaries has been compiled by Windspeaker with the kind assistance of participating companies, schools and foundations. For a complete and up-to-date listing of Aboriginal scholarships and bursaries please check our online listings located at: [www.ammsa.com](http://www.ammsa.com).

### NATIONAL

#### Canadian Merit Scholarship Foundation (CMSF):

The CMSF Awards program was started in 1989 to identify, recognize and reward well-rounded students who combine distinguished talents with character, leadership potential, and a commitment to the community.

The CMSF National Awards The CMSF National Award is our most prestigious scholarship. It is awarded after a rigorous process, which includes the written application and extensive interviews. A description of the National Awards follows: Up to 35 National Awards are offered to students bound for one of our 25 participating Canadian universities. The top National Award is valued at up to \$8000 cash and up to \$8000 in annual tuition for up to four years of full-time study, plus up to \$7500 in summer program funding over the course of a degree. The CMSF Finalist Awards CMSF Finalist Award are valued at \$2,500 and are one-time entrance awards tenable at any accredited university in Canada at which the recipient gains admission and enrolls in a full-time program of study. A Finalist Award is offered to every finalist who participates in National Selections but is not offered a CMSF National Award.

The CMSF Provincial Awards CMSF Provincial Award are valued at \$1,500 and are one-time only entrance awards tenable at any accredited university in Canada at which the recipient gains admission and enrolls in a full-time program of study. All Canadian Merit Scholarship Foundation (CMSF) Awards inquires contact: Canadian Merit Scholarship Foundation (CMSF) 53 Yonge Street, 5th floor Toronto, ON M5E 1J3 1-866-544-2673 Website [www.cmsf.ca](http://www.cmsf.ca)

#### Garfield Weston Merit Scholarships for Colleges (GWMSC)

Eligibility: 1) Be in the final year of study for a high school diploma OR be an adult in the work

force. 2) Must NOT be university degree or college diploma graduate within the last 3 years. 3) Demonstrate an academic ability that will ensure success in their chosen course of study. 4) Demonstrate leadership potential. 5) Present a record of service to the school and/or community. 6) Demonstrate an interest in his/her selected field of study. 7) Be accepted at an accredited community college for 2-4 year diploma studies in the academic year after selection. National Award: Up to 50 available annually

For each National Award the colleges make a tuition grant of up to \$4500 per year. In addition to this, the GWMSC offers up to \$8000 per year as a stipend. The National Award is renewable for up to 4 years of diploma studies only at our participating colleges.

All GWMSC Awards inquires contact: CMSF/GWMSC 53 Yonge Street 5th floor Toronto, ON, M5E 1J3 1-866-544-2673 Web Site: [www.gwmisc.ca](http://www.gwmisc.ca)

#### Native Women's Association of Canada Corbiere - Laval Two-Axe Early Student Awards

Aboriginal women and be enrolled in a post-secondary institution. Two (2) awards valued at \$1,000.00 each

For more information contact: Native Women's Association 9 Melrose Avenue Ottawa, Ontario K1Y 1T8 Phone: (613) 722-3033 Fax: (613) 722-7687

#### The Ross Charles Award

Deadline: March 15 Dedicated to providing six weeks of specialized training to young professional Aboriginal men and women from Northern Canada who are interested in furthering their knowledge in the fields of broadcasting and telecommunications Send to: Attn.: Cancom 155 Queen Street, Suite 1204 Ottawa, Ontario K1P 6L1 Phone: (613) 232-4814

#### Gil Purcell Memorial Journalism Award - The Canadian Press

To a Native person studying journalism. Value: One scholarship of \$4,000 Eligibility: Native ancestry. Studying journalism at a Canadian university or community college.

Deadline: December 31 of each year.

Information: Manager of Human Resources Canadian Press 36 King Street East Toronto, Ontario M5C 2L9 Phone: (416) 594-2179 Fax: (416) 364-9283

#### The Canadian Medical Foundation Dr. John Big Canoe Memorial Scholarship

Deadline: Applications and supporting documentation for the 2002/03 academic year must be received by March 31.

During each year of the program, a \$2000 scholarship may be awarded to an undergraduate Aboriginal student enrolled in the last or second to last year of study in a Canadian school of medicine who has demonstrated both strong academic performance and outstanding contributions to the aboriginal community in Canada.

Applications and supporting documentation to: The Canadian Medical Foundation, 1867 Alta Vista Drive, Ottawa, ON K1G 3H7 Phone: (613) 731-9331 ext. 1087 Toll Free: 1-800-267-9703 x1087 Web site: [www.cma.ca](http://www.cma.ca)

#### Canadian Medical Association Special Bursary Program for Undergraduate Aboriginal Medical Students

Deadline: TBA

The bursary is awarded based on financial need and will provide a maximum of \$4000 per academic year to each successful applicant. A total of up to \$40,000 in bursaries may be awarded in each academic year of the program. Given that financial resources are often limited by the end of the academic year, bursaries will be awarded at this time. Bursary recipients will also receive memberships in the CMA, the relevant division of CMA (provincial or territorial) and the Native Physicians Association in Canada.

The Canadian Medical Foundation, 1867 Alta Vista Drive, Ottawa, ON K1G 3H7 Phone: (613) 731-9331 ext. 1087 Toll Free: 1-800-267-9703 x1087 Fax: (613) 731-9013 Web site: [www.cma.ca](http://www.cma.ca)

#### Heroes of our Time Scholarships - Assembly of First Nations

Sponsored by: Assembly of First Nations Eligibility: First Nations Citizen Value: TBA

Deadline Date: June 1 each year Tommy Prince Award Walter Dieter Award Omer Peters Award Robert Smallboy Award James Gosnell Award Applications submitted to: Selection Committee - Heroes of Our Time Awards The Assembly of First Nations - Education Sector 473 Albert Street - Suite 810 Ottawa, ON K1R 5B4 Toll-Free: 1-866-869-6789 Phone: (613) 241-6789 Fax: (613) 241-5808

#### Tom Longboat Award

Sponsored by: The Aboriginal Sport Circle Eligibility: Nominations are invited from all levels of sport. To be eligible, nominees must meet the following criteria:

Must be of Aboriginal descent Must have amateur status in the sport which they are nominated Must be for athletic achievements within the awards calendar year Must submit a completed Nomination Form to the appropriate Provincial/Territorial Aboriginal Sport Body on or before the annual deadline.

Criteria: Currently enrolled/accepted in medical program, demonstrated exceptional academic abilities, involved and committed to extra-curricular activities

Deadline Date: February each year.

For more information contact: Aboriginal Sport Circle at Toll Free 1-866-938-1176 Website: [www.aboriginalsportcircle.ca](http://www.aboriginalsportcircle.ca)

#### The Banff Centre - Aboriginal Leadership and Management Programs

Special grants, which can be applied against the tuition for Aboriginal professional development programs, are available to Canadian Aboriginals or non-Aboriginals who work for Aboriginal communities or organizations.

Contact: 1-888-255-6327 Website: [www.banffleadership.com](http://www.banffleadership.com) Email: [leadership@banffcentre.ca](mailto:leadership@banffcentre.ca)

#### Investing in the future growth of Aboriginal Youth - Canadian National

Deadline: June 1st CN developed its Native Educational Awards Program because of its commitment to the education and training of Aboriginal youth. Every year since 1988, we've awarded five \$1,500 scholarships to help Aboriginal students pursue university studies leading to a career in

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For more info. contact your band office, friendship centre or college of your choice Web Site: [www.cn.ca](http://www.cn.ca) Canadian National Native Educational Awards Program 935 de la Gauchetière Street West Montreal, Quebec H3B 2M9 1-800-329-9780

#### CN Scholarship For Women

Deadline: October 13th One scholarship of \$500 available to women registered in programs of non-traditional trades. Qualifying programs include Welding, Machine Shop, Heavy Equipment Mechanic, Industrial Electronics Technician/Technology, Mechanical Engineering Technology and CAD/CAM Engineering Technology. Applicants must be accepted into fall semester in specified program of non-traditional trade. Application is required by July 25; forms are available through Student Services and Registrars offices. Web Site: [www.cn.ca](http://www.cn.ca)

Canadian National Educational Awards Program 935 de la Gauchetière Street West Montreal, Quebec H3B 2M9

#### Educational Awards Program - Husky Oil

Deadline: May 31 Awards announced: July 31 Up to 7 Aboriginal students are selected each year.

Awards of up to \$3,000 per year will be granted to cover a portion of tuition, books, or living expenses.

Aboriginal people (Inuit, Métis, Status and Non Status Indians) who meet the following qualifications: \* Canadian citizen\* in need of financial assistance\* demonstrate serious interest in furthering their educational and career development Preference will be given to applicants whose residence is located on or near one of Husky's exploration, development or operation sites Individuals pursuing academic post-secondary studies at a university, community college or technical institute are eligible to apply.

Diversity and Aboriginal Affairs Husky Oil Operations Limited P.O. Box 6525, Station D Calgary, Alberta T2P 3G7 Phone: (403) 298-6780

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#### Application deadline: June 15, 2007

To receive an application, contact your local Alberta high school or post-secondary institution, e-mail: [abla@macewan.ca](mailto:abla@macewan.ca), or call: 780.497.5063

The Aboriginal Business Leadership Awards are offered to Aboriginal students pursuing a certificate, diploma or degree in a business or commerce program at ANY public post-secondary educational institution in Alberta.

#### Award Recipient Criteria:

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are eligible to apply. You must be a permanent resident/citizen of Canada.

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RBC Royal Bank Aboriginal Student Awards Program  
330 Front Street West 10th Floor  
Toronto, ON M5V 3B7  
Fax: 416-348-6455

#### CMHC Housing Awards: Housing for Youth

Individuals, firms, institutions and government agencies that are delivering programs that improve choice, quality or affordability of housing for youth may be nominated for a Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) Housing Award. Awards and honourable mentions are given to those individuals or groups that have achieved excellence in one of five categories: financing and tenure, technology and production, planning and regulation, concept and design, and process and management.

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation  
Social and Economic Policy and Research  
700 Montreal Road  
Room C7-417  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0P7  
Phone: 1 800 668-2642  
Email: [hap@cmhc.ca](mailto:hap@cmhc.ca)

#### Legal Studies for Aboriginal People Program

Deadline: March 31 for Pre-Law Programs.  
The Department of Justice funds Métis and non-status Indians who wish to attend law school. Through the Legal Studies for Aboriginal People Program, the Department offers scholarships for the three-year law program and scholarships for a pre-law orientation course. Value: Tuition fees, textbooks, living expenses, award based on financial need.

For more information:  
Phone: 1-888-606-5111  
Web site: <http://canada.justice.gc.ca>

#### Polaris - Northern Star Program

This awards program recognizes the creative and innovative environmental actions by youth who have had an impact within their communities.

Young people up to 25 years of age may be nominated for an award. Completed forms are due by March 31 of each year.

For more information and a nomination form, call the Action 21 National Office  
Toll free at: 1 800 668-6767.

#### Department of Justice Canada Entrance Scholarships for Aboriginal Students

The Department of Justice Canada has made available three-year scholarships to Métis and non-status Indian students who wish to attend law school. Each year, ten or more pre-law scholarships will be made available to Métis and non-status Indians, to cover the cost of attending a summer orientation program offered by the Native Law Centre, University of Saskatchewan, in Saskatoon and a summer French language pre-law orientation program at the University of Ottawa.

In September, ten or more three-year law school scholarships will be made available to Métis and non-status applicants to defray their living costs, textbooks, tuition fees, and other costs. The Department of Justice Canada is accepting applications for the summer pre-law program until 1 April, and applications for the law school scholarships until 1 June. Students interested in both programs must forward two separate applications.

For further information and application forms, contact:  
Program Assistant,  
Legal Studies for Aboriginal People Program,  
Department of Justice Canada,  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H8  
Similar financial assistance is available from Indian and Northern Affairs for registered Indian and Inuit students.

#### Department of Indian Affairs or your Local Band Education Authority

Funding for status Indian students is available from the Department of Indian Affairs or your Local Band Education Authority. Legal Studies are generally considered separate from other undergraduate programs and therefore full funding will be available for the three years of legal studies.

Métis, Inuit and non-status Indians may apply to the Department of Justice. The funding covers tuition, books and living expenses and is renewable for the two further years of law school. The funding also covers the Saskatchewan Summer program.

For more information on whether you qualify and the applicable deadlines for funding,

contact:

Program Administrator Legal Studies for  
Aboriginal Peoples Program Department of  
Justice Canada Ottawa, Ontario R1A 0H8  
Phone: (613) 957-9583

#### Chevron Canada Resources

Deadline: January 31 Number of scholarships varies, value up to \$5,000 Available to students of Aboriginal heritage interested in undertaking a period of study in public administration and/or community affairs involving drug/alcohol education and rehabilitation. Special consideration given to residents of Northwest territories and other areas of concern.

Apply to: Canadian Universities for Northern Studies  
#201, 130 Albert Street  
Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5G4

#### TD Bank and First Nations Bank of Canada Aboriginal Education Awards

Deadline: March 31 Value: Five awards of \$1,000 each Recipients will also receive consideration for summer employment and full-time employment once education is complete. Criteria: Applicants must be of Aboriginal ancestry (Status, Non-Status, Inuit, Métis); full time student at recognized Canadian post secondary institution pursuing a program relevant to a career in banking such as business, economics, computer science, math and sciences; in need of financial assistance to further educational goals.

Apply to: Award Coordinator  
Toronto Dominion Centre  
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P.O. Box 7700  
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 3E7  
Phone: (204) 988-2800

#### Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada

Web site: [www.aucc.ca/scholarships/index\\_e.html](http://www.aucc.ca/scholarships/index_e.html)

#### AMEC Aboriginal Undergraduate Engineering Scholarship

Deadline: October 19th  
Value: \$5,000 In conjunction with AMEC, CEMF offers up to one \$5000 Undergraduate

Engineering Scholarship annually to young Canadian Aboriginal women who are proven leaders and active in their community to encourage them to pursue a career in engineering. Applicants must be enrolled full-time in an accredited Canadian undergraduate engineering program of study and be:

1. In their first year, or 2. In their second year, immediately prior to the December deadline. Scholarships are based primarily on demonstrated community leadership and involvement in extra-curricular activities. Special emphasis is placed on leadership to recognize and encourage continued contributions to Canadian society. Work experience may also be considered.

Applicants must be willing to act as role models and promote engineering as a career choice to young Aboriginal girls - each Scholarship winner will be required to make at least one presentation to a high-school level audience of Aboriginal youth.

Eligibility Requirements  
Applicants must be Canadian Aboriginals with permanent residence in Canada. In accordance with the Constitution Act, 1982, Part II, Section 35(2), an Aboriginal applicant is an Indian, Inuit, or Métis person of Canada, or a person who is accepted by one of the Aboriginal peoples of Canada as a member of their community.

All applications must be submitted by all applicants directly to:

The Canadian Engineering Memorial Foundation  
AMEC Undergraduate Engineering Scholarship Award  
P. O. Box 370, 1-247 Barr Street  
Renfrew, ON K7V 4A6

#### The Department of National Defence Security and Defence Forum (SDF) SDF Aboriginal Scholarship Program

Value: \$10,000  
Number available: The Security and Defence Forum has set aside up to \$10,000 a year to fund Aboriginal scholars. The exact number and value awarded annually will depend on the number and quality of applicants. Scholarship funds may cover tuition fees and or expenses related to a degree program, including - but not limited to - support for distance learning. Fields of study: Social sciences/humanities

studies relating to current and future Canadian security and defence issues, including their political, international, historical, social, military, and economic dimensions. Research in the pure or applied sciences is ineligible. Applicants must explain in their proposal the relationship of their study/research plans to Canadian security and defence issues.

Eligibility: \* Applicants must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents at the time of application and be of either a member of the First Nations (status or non-status), Inuit or Métis. \* Applicants must, as a minimum requirement, hold an Honours Bachelor's degree (four year program) or its equivalent before taking up the award.

Duration: One academic year, and can be used to assist students in continuing their graduate studies at university and/or to purchase technology required to assist distance learning Eligible institutions: Graduate scholarships are tenable only at Canadian institutions. For more information: For complete information and application form please visit the DND website.

If you wish to have an application form emailed to you, please contact [awards@aucc.ca](mailto:awards@aucc.ca)

Phone: (613) 563-1236

Web site: [www.aucc.ca/dnd.html](http://www.aucc.ca/dnd.html)

#### KPMG's Aboriginal Client Services Group Awards Program

KPMG is providing five student awards of \$1,500 CDN each. KPMG is committed to building successful relationships with Canada's First Nations and Aboriginal Communities through our Aboriginal Client Services practice - a dedicated group of professional advisors serving the needs of First Nations Aboriginal clients across Canada. We also believe that we can assist First Nations and Aboriginal people through this student awards program. The KPMG First Nations and Aboriginal Student Awards Program is available to encourage and assist First Nations and Aboriginal students in the pursuit of post-secondary education in the fields of Business, Economics, Political Science, Law, or First Nation Financial Administration.

Applications must be received by May 19  
KPMG Student Awards Co-ordinator  
KPMG Marsland Centre  
20 Erb Street West  
Waterloo, Ontario N2L 1T2

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The National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation is dedicated to helping our First Nations, Métis and Inuit Youth realize their potential. Education is the vital first step in building productive, creative and challenging lives. Opportunity should never be missed or creativity left unexplored.

The National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation strives to provide support for a variety of careers and life choices. If you're making important choices, now is the time to check out the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation, where potential meets opportunity.

### Important New Deadlines

**Fine Arts and  
Cultural Projects**  
May 1, 2007

**Post-Secondary  
Education Award**  
June 1, 2007

**Health Careers Award**  
June 1, 2007



**National Aboriginal  
Achievement Foundation**

P.O. Box 759  
2160 Fourth Line  
Six Nations of the Grand River  
Oshweken, ON N0A 1M0

T: 416.926.0775  
F: 416.926.7554  
[education@naaf.ca](mailto:education@naaf.ca)  
[www.naaf.ca](http://www.naaf.ca)

For more information on our financial assistance programs call **1.800.329.9780**

### Indigenous Scholarship Program - Holiday Inn Vancouver Downtown

Please see our ad on page 11.

Value: \$2,000

Number: 6

Deadline: N/A

Conceived and established in 2003 by Holiday Inn Vancouver Downtown, the Indigenous Scholarship Program sets aside program funds for every room night spent at the hotel by a member of Canada's Aboriginal Community. Each year, the hotel will award at least one scholarship to First Nation youth that are pursuing a post-secondary education. Open to all Aboriginal students, the Indigenous Scholarship Program considers a number of criteria in awarding scholarships including financial situation, academic achievement, community involvement and career aspirations. The Indigenous Scholarship Program is managed by Holiday Inn Vancouver Downtown with recommendations from an Executive Education Committee and input from an Advisory Board made up of representatives from Canada's Aboriginal Community. Eligibility: Any Aboriginal student currently enrolled at or, accepted to a post secondary institution.

**Application form and eligibility criteria for the Indigenous Scholarship Program can be obtained by calling the Holiday Inn Vancouver Downtown at 1-800-663-9151.**

Web: [holidayinnvancouverdowntown.com](http://holidayinnvancouverdowntown.com).

### MuchMusic Aboriginal Youth Scholarship

Please see our ad on page 4.

The \$5,000 scholarship is awarded in partnership with AYN (Aboriginal Youth Network) to the individual who best demonstrates skill, talent, excellence and enthusiasm in pursuing a future in the broadcast industry. Open to all Aboriginal Canadians under 29. Deadline: November 30, 2007

**Application form, scholarship criteria and other details at: [www.muchmusic.com/mays](http://www.muchmusic.com/mays)**

Information: [scholarship@muchmusic.com](mailto:scholarship@muchmusic.com)

### Burlington Resources Aboriginal Awards Program

The Aboriginal Awards Program has been developed to provide financial assistance to Aboriginal students pursuing high school

upgrading and post-secondary education. Award amounts are designated according to the educational level you are pursuing:

Secondary School/Academic Upgrading \$1,000  
College or Technical Institute \$2,000  
University \$3,000

Please send your completed application along with your proof of acceptance and most recent transcripts to the following address no later than June 30th:

**Diversified Staffing Services Attention: Burlington Resources Aboriginal Awards Program**

100, 805 – 5th Avenue SW

Calgary, AB T2P 0N6

Phone: (403) 237-5577

Toll Free: (877) 271-7720

Fax: (403) 266-3386

Web site: [www.diversifiedstaffing.com](http://www.diversifiedstaffing.com)

### 2008 Toyota Earth Day Scholarship Program

Cultivating Tomorrow's Environmental Leaders Every day, in communities across Canada, young people are actively demonstrating their passion for the environment through the important work they accomplish. These dedicated young Canadians are emerging as tomorrow's environmental leaders and advocates.

Toyota Canada Inc. and Earth Day Canada established the Toyota Earth Day Scholarship Program to help cultivate and nurture this environmental leadership. The Toyota Earth Day Scholarship Program encourages and rewards graduating high school students and Quebec junior college students who have distinguished themselves through environmental community service, extracurricular and volunteer activities, and academic excellence. Because environmental issues are increasingly being tackled through multidisciplinary approaches, future environmental leaders will come from a broad range of academic backgrounds. The Toyota Earth Day Scholarship is offered to students entering their first year of post-secondary studies in the discipline of their choice, to prepare themselves for the career of their choice.

The Toyota Earth Day Scholarship Program grants 15 awards of \$5000 each annually, to be applied directly towards tuition, books, room and board (where applicable) or other educational expenses for the first year of post-

secondary full-time studies in Canada.

Regional panels of community, business and environmental leaders will select the winners who best meet the selection criteria. Awards will be granted in five geographic areas. The National Award Ceremony will be held in Toronto on Earth Day (April 22)

Application Deadline: Jan 31st 2008

**For applications and more information please visit: [www.earthday.ca/scholarship](http://www.earthday.ca/scholarship)**

Email: [scholarship@earthday.ca](mailto:scholarship@earthday.ca)

### The Canadian Nurses Foundation

Value: varies

Deadline: April 1, 2007.

The Canadian Nurses Foundation is the only national foundation solely committed to promoting the health and patient care of Canadians by financially supporting nurses through study awards, specialty certification, research grants and general support of educational endeavors that advance the nursing profession.

The criteria and 2004 application forms are presently on our website [www.canadiannursesfoundation.com](http://www.canadiannursesfoundation.com)

We would appreciate your promoting these scholarships on your web site.

**Canadian Nurses Foundation**

50 Driveway

Ottawa, Ontario K2P 1E2

Toll Free: 1-800-361-8404

Fax: (613) 237-3520

email: [info@cnursesfdn.ca](mailto:info@cnursesfdn.ca)

Web: [www.canadiannursesfoundation.com](http://www.canadiannursesfoundation.com)

### The Weather Network — Pelmorex Inc.

Value: One award of \$500.00

Deadline: May 30

The Weather Network educational incentive award is to create interest among Aboriginal peoples in the Canadian Broadcasting industry. Eligibility: A status or non-status Aboriginal full time student who demonstrates financial need. The applicant is enrolling in a Third or Fourth year Canadian Journalism or Radio and Television Arts program at a recognized College or University and has received passing marks (60% or better) in their previous year of study. Applicants are committed students with proven leadership ability, and enthusiasm for their chosen career path.

If no students entering are eligible, the award

may go to an Aboriginal student in another reputable program specifically, Business Administration, Meteorology, Computer Science, Graphic Design or Engineering Technology.

Requirement: Resume, official transcript from most recent year of study, successful interview with Pelmorex and good references.

Information: Pelmorex Inc.

Human Resources

1 Robert Speck Parkway Suite 1600

Mississauga, Ontario L4Z 4B3

Phone: 905-829-1159

Fax: 905-566-9696

### Millennium Excellence Awards

Please see our ad on page 7

Value: Local award winners will receive a one-time \$4,000 award. Provincial/territorial award winners will receive a \$4,000 award, renewable up to three times (for a possible total of \$16,000). National award winners will receive a \$5,000 award, renewable up to three times (for a possible total of \$20,000).

Eligibility: The excellence awards recognize, support, and encourage talented Canadians who make positive and significant contributions to the betterment of communities across the country, who demonstrate the capacity for leadership, and are committed to the pursuit of academic excellence and innovation. Only individuals who intend to enter a college or university undergraduate program for the first time may apply.

### Millennium Bursaries

Value: Between \$1,500 and \$4,500, depending on the students' province or territory of residence and level of financial need. Eligibility: To qualify for a millennium bursary, a student must: (a) be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident, (b) be studying in an undergraduate program at a Canadian post-secondary institution, both of which must be recognized by the Canada Student Loans Program or the student's provincial/territorial student financial assistance program, (c) successfully qualify for assistance from his/her province/territory of residence, and (d) have already completed 60 per cent of year of post-secondary education. Students have their level of financial need assessed by their province/territory of residence. Those who demonstrate the highest level of need and meet the

Foundation's eligibility criteria qualify for a millennium bursary, which is paid either to the student or directly to the student's loan provider to reduce his/her student loan debt. Duration: Awarded annually. Application Deadline: Students must successfully apply for provincial/territorial financial assistance.

**Information and application forms:**

[www.excellenceawards.ca](http://www.excellenceawards.ca)

### Alliance Pipeline Aboriginal Student Awards Program

Number: One

Value: Cost of tuition, books and supplies to a maximum of \$4,000 per academic year.

Deadline: April 30

Eligibility: Aboriginal students who are residents of Saskatchewan, Alberta or British Columbia; enrolled in, or have applied to a technical school, college or university, in a program relevant to the oil and gas industry; relevant programs include: mechanical engineering technology, instrumentation engineering technology, electrical engineering technology, power engineering, mechanical engineering or business administration.

**Coordinator, Aboriginal Student Awards Program Alliance Pipeline Ltd.,**

#400, 605 5th Avenue South West

Calgary, Alberta T2P 3H5

Phone: (403) 517-6511

### Imperial Oil Aboriginal Scholarships Awards Program

Value: \$3,500 (maximum for college) and

\$4,500 (maximum for university)

The awards are designed to cover tuition, textbooks, supplies and other compulsory fees.

Deadline: June 30 of each year

Imperial Oil Resources offers four individual education awards each year to any person of Aboriginal ancestry entering post-secondary studies. The purpose of the awards program is to encourage people of Aboriginal ancestry to pursue undergraduate post-secondary educational studies in disciplines relevant to the petroleum industry. Applicants must reside in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Northwest Territories or the Yukon for at least one year immediately prior to applying for the award.

**Application form, full program guidelines and eligibility details can be obtained by calling**

## The University of King's College Scholarships



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### Journalism, Arts, Science and Music (first degree)

#### Dr. Carrie Best Scholarship

2 awards @ \$5,000 per year for 4 years

Deadline for Fall 2007 Admission - extended to May 15, 2007

### One-year Bachelor of Journalism (Post Baccalaureate)

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- ATV/CTV Media Scholarship (\$6,000)
- Rogers Broadcasting All-News Scholarship (\$5,000)
- Daily News Journalism Scholarship (\$1,000)
- Reader's Digest Journalism Scholarship (\$2,000)

Deadline for September 2008: February 15, 2008

Details and application forms available on-line at [www.ukings.ca/kings\\_3975.html](http://www.ukings.ca/kings_3975.html)



Contact: The Registrar  
University of King's College  
Halifax, Nova Scotia  
(902) 422-1271 ext.108  
[admissions@ukings.ns.ca](mailto:admissions@ukings.ns.ca)  
[www.ukings.ns.ca](http://www.ukings.ns.ca)

## EN'OWKIN CENTRE

Governed by the Okanagan Indian Educational Resources Society (OIERs), the En'owkin Centre is a registered Private Post Secondary Institution.



The En'owkin Centre provides a culturally sensitive learning environment in a nurturing and challenging atmosphere with highly professional educators.

For more information, contact the  
**STUDENT SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR, Anna Lizotte:**  
Ph. (250) 493.7181, Fax. (250) 493.5302,  
or by Email. [alizotte@vip.net](mailto:alizotte@vip.net)

\*EN'OWKIN CENTRE OFFERS A SCHOLARSHIP SUBSIDY TO OFFSET LIVING COSTS OF STUDENTS IN FULL TIME COURSES IN THE National Aboriginal Professional Artist Training Program (NAPAT). En'owkin also has five other programs of study that you can check out on our web site!

[www.enawkincentre.ca](http://www.enawkincentre.ca)

As part of CHUM Television's commitment to encouraging Aboriginal participation in Canadian broadcasting, MuchMusic is proud to offer the annual



## ABORIGINAL YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

The \$5,000 scholarship\* is awarded in partnership with AYN (Aboriginal Youth Network) to the individual who best demonstrates skill, talent, excellence and enthusiasm in pursuing a future in the broadcast industry.

**OPEN TO ALL ABORIGINAL CANADIANS UNDER 29. DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 30, 2007**  
APPLICATION FORM, SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA AND OTHER DETAILS AT [MUCHMUSIC.COM/MAYS](http://MUCHMUSIC.COM/MAYS)



\*To go toward tuition; payable directly to post-secondary educational institution of student's choice.

# Aboriginal Scholarship & Bursary Guide

Annual Windspeaker Insert — May 2007

Check online for Aboriginal scholarship/bursary updates at [www.ammsa.com](http://www.ammsa.com)



**Imperial Oil Community and Aboriginal Affairs at 780-639-5194.**

**Association of First Nations Women Scholarship**

Value: Two awards: one in the fall, and one in the spring.

Scholarships are awarded twice a year. The successful applicants are presented with their awards at the Blanche MacDonald Memorial Dinner and the Native Indian Teacher Education Program Graduation Dinner.

Eligibility: Applicants must: be of First Nation ancestry; be registered as full-time students at a post-secondary institution; and include with their application proof of registration at a post-secondary institution, a copy of their transcript(s), a professional reference, a personal reference, and a support letter from a major Aboriginal organization.  
Deadline: Open

**Association of First Nations Women #1 -245 East Broadway Vancouver, B.C. V5T 1W4 Fax: (604) 872-1845**

**Canada Post Aboriginal Education Incentive Award**  
Please see our ad on page 10.

Submissions accepted from May 1st to July 31st of the current year.

Are you - a First Nations (status or non-status), Métis or Inuit - a person with a treaty or membership number? - a Canadian citizen? Have you - returned to school after a prolonged absence? - completed one full year of educational/vocational or trade skills training? You are eligible to apply for Canada Post Aboriginal Education Incentive Award.  
For more information about this award and submitting, please visit Canada Post's website

URLs: English: [www.canadapost.ca/Aboriginal](http://www.canadapost.ca/Aboriginal)  
French: [www.postescanada.ca/Autochtones](http://www.postescanada.ca/Autochtones)

**Intelligent Sensing For Innovative Structures (ISIS) Canada Research Scholarship for Aboriginal People in Engineering**

Value: One scholarship of \$5,000 per year. Intelligent Sensing for Innovative Structures (ISIS Canada) is a Network of Centres of Excellence funded by the federal and provincial governments, the university communities and the private sector. The mandate of ISIS Canada is to develop a new generation of sophisticated civil engineering structures for the 21st century. Eligibility: In order to be eligible, applicants must be graduates in engineering or applied sciences at a Canadian university or be currently enrolled in a degree program, and must be registered in, or intending to proceed to, graduate study in engineering or applied sciences. The scholarship is awarded for a 12-month period and may be renewed for a second year at the discretion of the awarding committee.

Deadline: March 31  
**President ISIS Canada**  
227 Engineering Building  
University of Manitoba  
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3T 5V6  
Phone: (204) 474-850

**Intelligent Sensing For Innovative Structures (ISIS) Canada - Research Scholarship for Women and Aboriginal People**

Value: One scholarship of up to \$5,000. Eligibility: Applicants must: be women or be of Aboriginal ancestry; be engineering graduates or currently enrolled in a degree and intending to pursue graduate studies; be seeking solutions to the deterioration of steel reinforced concrete; and be in third year civil engineering or above.

Deadline: March 31  
**Intelligent Sensing for Innovative Structures Room 227 Engineering Blvd.**  
University of Manitoba  
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3T 2N2  
Phone: (204) 474-8880

**Magna For Canada Scholarship Fund**

Value: Various scholarships of \$5,000 to \$10,000. Eligibility: Applicants must: be full-time students; and submit a proposal (maximum 2,500 words) on "If I was Prime Minister of Canada, I would do the following to improve living standards and unite the country."  
Deadline: May 15  
**Magna for Canada Scholarship Fund**  
36 Apple Creek Blvd  
Markham, Ontario L3R 4Y4

**National Union Scholarship for Aboriginal Canadians**

Value: One scholarship of \$1,000. Eligibility: The award is open to all Aboriginal Canadian students who plan to enter the first year of a public post-secondary education institution full-time, and who are children of, or foster children of, a National Union member. The award is given to the writer of the best 750-1000 word essay on "The importance of quality public services in enhancing the quality of life of Aboriginal Canadians."  
Deadline: June 30  
**Scholarships National Union of Public and General Employees**  
15 Auriga Drive  
Nepean, Ontario K2E 1B7  
Phone: (613) 228-9800  
Fax: (613) 228-9801

**National Union Scholarship for Visible Minorities**

Value: One of \$1,000. Eligibility: The award is open to all visible minority students who plan to enter the first year of a public post-secondary educational institution full-time, and who are the children, or foster children, of a National Union member. The award will be given to the writer of the best 750-1000 word essay on "The importance of quality public services in enhancing the quality of life of visible minorities."  
Deadline: June 30  
**Scholarships National Union of Public and General Employees**  
15 Auriga Drive  
Nepean, Ontario K2E 1B7  
Phone: (613) 228-9800  
Fax: (613) 228-9801

**National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation (NAAF)**  
Please see our ad on page 3

Deadlines:  
Fine Arts: Two deadlines annually on March 31 and September 30  
Aboriginal Health Careers: One deadline annually on May 1  
Post-Secondary Education Awards: One deadline annually on June 1

**Aboriginal Health Careers Program Scholarship:**

Deadline: May 1  
Provides support for students who are pursuing accredited health studies leading to employment in the health professions and who have demonstrated the potential for academic success. Eligible fields of study: medicine, nursing, dentistry, biology, chemistry, physiotherapy, pharmacy, clinical psychology, laboratory research and technology and any other health field in which a study of the hard sciences is a pre-requisite.

**Aboriginal Veterans' Scholarship Trust - Canada (NAAF)**

For students engaged in fields of study that support and contribute to Aboriginal self-governance and economic self-reliance. For more information check out the web site Aboriginal Veterans Scholarship Trust.

**Business, Sciences and General Education Program (NAAF)**

Value: Varies from \$1,000 to \$8,000  
Eligibility: Aboriginal ancestry (Status, Non-Status, Métis, Inuit) attending a Canadian Community College (CEGEP) or university (first year or returning students); registered in programs such as business, health sciences, new and advanced technologies (not limited to these). Priority is given to students enrolled in business and sciences.  
Deadline: June 1

**Diane Fowler Leblanc Aboriginal Social Work Scholarship (NAAF)**

Value: The amount of each scholarship is based on the individual needs of each candidate (tuition, course materials, living expenses, daycare, travel) up to a maximum of \$10,000 per year for three or four years, depending on the institution's course requirements.

**Arts Scholarship Program (NAAF)**

Deadline: March 31.  
Value: Based on Budget needs. All areas related to the visual, performing, media, graphic and literary arts. Award decision based on merit of project, quality of training and financial need. Art work samples will need to be sent with application.

**Petro Canada Education Awards for Native Students (NAAF)**

Deadline: June 15  
Five education awards of up to \$5,000 are available to native students of Canadian or Inuit ancestry entering or enrolled in post-secondary programs where studies can be applied in an industrial setting in the oil and gas industry. Selection is based on financial need, academic performance and potential, appropriateness of studies to industry, and future aspirations.

Contact individual schools for application forms.

**Shell Canada Aboriginal Scholarship Program (NAAF)**  
Preference will be given to studies in business, science and engineering.

**CIBC Achievers (NAAF)**  
Fields of study an unlimited.

**TransCanada Pipelines Leadership Awards (NAAF)**

With these awards, TransCanada Pipelines is helping Aboriginal students prepare themselves to play leading roles in the fields of engineering, business and commerce, law, science and technology, environment and communications.

**BP Canada Aboriginal Young Achievers Scholarship (NAAF)**

Priority for these scholarships may be given to students who are pursuing careers in business, engineering, environmental studies and physical sciences.

**Great-West Life Business Education Scholarship (NAAF)**

This scholarship was created to help Aboriginal students from across Canada to succeed in the areas of business and entrepreneurship.

**TD Bank Financial Group Scholarships (NAAF)**

Through its support of the scholarship program, TD Bank Financial Group is helping to make it easier for Aboriginal students to realize their educational goals.

**UGG Agricultural Scholarships (NAAF)**

UGG is pleased to provide scholarships to encourage Aboriginal students from the Prairie Provinces to pursue careers in fields related to agriculture.

**The CN Aboriginal Scholarships (NAAF)**

These scholarships provide funding assistance to Aboriginal students from across Canada who are engaged in studies that will prepare them for careers in the transportation industry such as engineering, business, computer science, communications and technical studies.

**Suncor Energy Foundation "Shared Achievements" Aboriginal Scholarships (NAAF)**

These scholarships were created to assist Aboriginal students who are pursuing post-secondary education in business, teaching and science, particularly engineering, earth sciences, natural resource management, environmental studies and computer science. Preference will be given to students from Central and Northern Alberta, Northeastern and Southwestern British Columbia and the North West Territories.

**3M Canada Aboriginal Health Education Awards (NAAF)**

With these awards, 3M Canada is making a positive contribution to the lives of Aboriginal students who are pursuing careers in fields related to health care.

**Sun Life Financial Careers in Health Awards (NAAF)**

With these awards, Sun Life Financial is providing increased opportunities for Aboriginal students to receive training and education for careers in health care.

**Weyerhaeuser Aboriginal Scholarship (NAAF)**

Weyerhaeuser is pleased to offer scholarship assistance to Aboriginal students who are pursuing careers in business and science. Contact individual schools for application forms.

**National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation Suite 33A, 70 Yorkville Avenue**

Toronto, Ontario M5R 1B9  
Toll free: 1-800-329-9780  
Phone: (416) 926-0775  
Fax: (416) 926-7554

**Foundation for the Advancement of Aboriginal Youth (FAAY)**  
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Foundation for the Advancement of Aboriginal Youth (FAAY)

Corporate sponsors who support FAAY will award over \$292,000 in scholarships and bursaries to Aboriginals (Status, Non-Status, Métis and Inuit).

To qualify for a bursary, students must be between the ages of 13 to 18 and be enrolled Grade 9 and up in high school. Students may re-apply each year.

To qualify for a scholarship, students must be enrolled in a Canadian university, college or technical institute. There is no age restriction for post-secondary students.

Scholarships and bursaries are awarded on a national basis and are based on specific criteria, including contributions to the community, academic performance, career goals plus leadership and role model qualities. Please contact us to obtain a current list of bursaries/scholarships under our administration.

## Aboriginal Awards Program

In keeping with our commitment to provide educational support to the Aboriginal community, TransAlta will present eight educational awards (two college and two university) in 2007 to Aboriginal (status, non-status, Métis and Inuit) students who meet the necessary qualifications.

To be eligible, you must meet the following criteria:

- ◆ You must be of Aboriginal ancestry
- ◆ You must have lived in Alberta for at least one year immediately prior to applying for the award
- ◆ You need financial support to pursue your education
- ◆ You possess promising academic qualifications (record of academic excellence)
- ◆ You must provide proof of enrollment to one of the ten colleges or four universities listed
- ◆ You maintain the required course load in your chosen program

Applications must be completed and returned by June 15, 2007. Your transcripts, which include all diploma exams written in June, must be received by July 16, 2007. A letter of acceptance and proof of enrollment from the educational institution is also required to complete the application.

For further information and application forms, please contact:

Human Resources  
TransAlta  
110 - 12 Avenue SW Box 1900  
Calgary, Alberta T2P 2M1  
Phone: 403-267-3702

**TransAlta**

Looking for more scholarship/bursary listings?

Many more listings are online at:

[www.ammsa.com/ammsabursary.html](http://www.ammsa.com/ammsabursary.html)



First Class, First Nations  
Aboriginal Scholarships

Undergraduate and graduate studies.

Casino Rama Aboriginal Scholarships are awarded in spring and applications are received in fall.

- \* Full-time students must be of First Nation status and must be in second year of their post-secondary studies or higher in an accredited college or university.
- \* Academic achievement on transcripts must meet minimum A to B percentile averages.
- \* Person must be a native resident of Ontario.
- \* Judging of applications includes consideration of student volunteered community service.

Casino Rama encourages motivated students to contact the Corporate Affairs Department to receive more information and be added to its scholarship mailing list.

Corporate Affairs Department  
Casino Rama RR# 6, Box 178, Rama, Ontario L0K 1L0  
Phone 705-329-5256 or email: [lawsons@casinorama.com](mailto:lawsons@casinorama.com)

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## In high school?

If you're heading into grade 9 or higher, and aged 13-18, you can apply for a bursary.

## In university or college?

Whatever your age, if you're studying full-time at post-secondary level in Canada, you can apply for a scholarship.

## How to apply

For more information or to apply, please go to [www.ccab.com](http://www.ccab.com) or call 1-866-566-FAAY.

## About FAAY

FAAY is the largest non-government funded scholarship program for Aboriginal students. If your company would like to be a sponsor, please call the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business at 1-866-566-FAAY.

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Angela Pinay, MBA '04

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I WAS CO-PRESIDENT OF MY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL.

- a KSR film -

I always saw the glass as half empty. Now I'm having second thoughts.

FAVOURITE MOVIE: Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind.

I'm from Hay River, NWT pop. 3600 (Hub of the North)



walk -> pan (close up)

I could only drive (close up) so far. I walked the rest of the way.

< I can't draw. >

I volunteer at the First Nations Student Association creating a program to welcome First Nations students to Vancouver.

I grew up as your typical Canadian. But I love my moose meat.

I'm just me. No more. No less.

DIRECTORS I LIKE: MICHEL GONDRY CHRISTOPHER NOLAN

I love hockey.

I use my artistic abilities to connect with my heritage.

Worked on 2 documentaries commissioned by the Smithsonian, Washington DC

TO DO:

- Get back to Jon re: Totem filming
- get a drummer lined up.
- type up first draft of "F-Nat"
- books - library

ESSAY!!!

My friends call me Cliff. (for some reason)

I hate infomercials where they try to make it look like using a can opener is impossible.

**KELVIN REDVERS**  
Millennium Excellence Award Recipient

Proud to be Métis. (Métis symbol) the joining of 2 cultures and the existence of a people forever.

I helped grade 8ers and 9ers with their Safer Environment Program.

The best way to learn about making movies is to make them. The second is to watch them.

My mother is Chipewyan. At school I get to study who these people were. What blood runs through me.

It's the little things that make life worthwhile. That's what my film Simple Pleasures is all about. (won 1st place, International Youth Film Festival, Austria)

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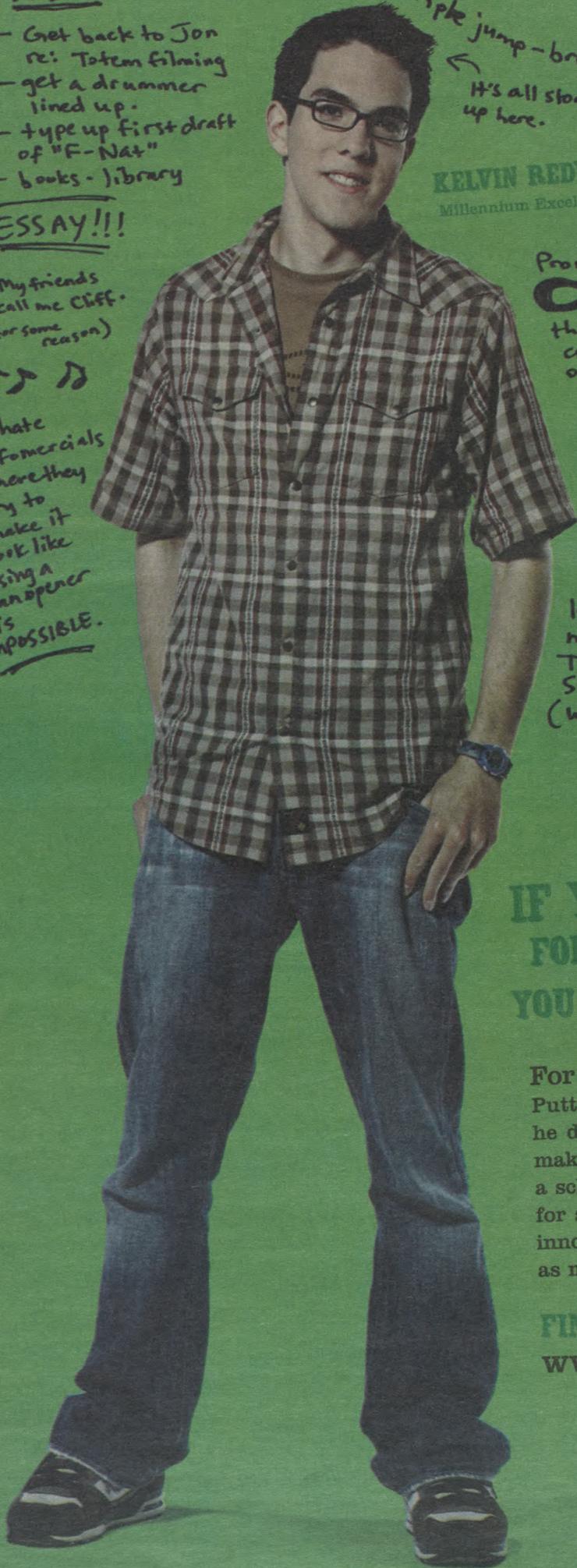
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204A St. George Street  
Coach House, Main Floor  
Toronto, ON M5R 2N5  
Phone: 416-961-8663 ext. 227  
Fax: 416-961-3995  
E-mail: [faayinfo@ccab.com](mailto:faayinfo@ccab.com)

**The Canadian Aboriginal Science and Technology Society CASTS Scholarship Programs**

Deadline June 15

CASTS scholarships are awarded to post-secondary graduate and undergraduate students for leadership and academic achievement. Awards are made possible by individuals who wish to support the advancement of Canadian Aboriginal people. Recipients cannot receive more than one scholarship per year. Students who are members of CASTS will be given first priority, however, all students are encouraged to apply and submit application by June 15 of each year. CASTS Scholarship Chief Crowfoot Professional Health Careers Scholarship Duval House Communication Careers Scholarship Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists Scholarship

#### CASTS Scholarship

This scholarship is made available to students pursuing academic programs in the sciences, engineering, health-related fields, natural resources and math and science secondary education. Programs of study may be two to four years or longer.

#### Chief Crowfoot Professional Health Careers Scholarship

Administered for the Deb C. Crowfoot Professional Corporation, this scholarship is made available to four students pursuing professional health careers. The four scholarships are to be awarded in the following manner:

1. must be a member of the Siksika Nation or one of parents must be a Siksika Nation member;
  2. must be a member of Saddle Lake First Nation or one of parents must be a Saddle Lake First Nation member;
  3. must be a member of the Ermineskin, Samson, Louis Bull or Montana First Nations or one of parents must be a member of the four bands;
  4. must be a professional Health Careers student of Canadian Aboriginal Descent.
- Note: Professional health career programs are those that require four or more years of university training.

#### Duval House Communication Careers Scholarship

This scholarship is offered to students entering fields related to communications such as journalism, graphic design, television and radio arts.

#### Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists Scholarship

Students pursuing academic programs in the earth sciences are eligible for this scholarship. The program of study must be at least two years in length and the student must have completed

the first year of their studies.

When applying for a scholarship please send your applications to:

**CASTS Scholarship Committee**  
P.O. Box 5635  
Fort McMurray, Alberta T9H 3G6  
If you require assistance or to request an application form please contact the Treaty 7 Offices  
310-6940 Fisher Road. S.E.  
Calgary, Alberta T2H 1W3  
Phone: (403) 258-1775  
Fax: (403) 258-1811

### BRITISH COLUMBIA

#### Aboriginal Graduate Scholarship in Economics - University of Victoria

Application deadlines: Graduate Students - January 30. Undergraduate Students - May 30  
Terms of Reference: A scholarship of \$1,000 is awarded to an Aboriginal Graduate student entering the Department of Economics. If there is no eligible graduate student then the scholarship will be awarded to an Aboriginal undergraduate student entering the Department of Economics (that is the undergraduate student has declared Economics as their Major, or Honours, programme).

Applications can be requested from the Department in person, by phone (250) 721-8532 or email: [jnixon@uvic.ca](mailto:jnixon@uvic.ca).

#### First Citizens Fund - Student Bursary Program

Objective: To provide financial assistance to eligible Aboriginal students enrolled in post-secondary education programs.

Number: Varies  
Value: Maximum \$2,000 per year (Students receiving assistance from their Band or Tribal Council are eligible for a maximum of \$700 per academic year.)

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Applicants for the bursary program must be registered in a minimum two-year academic program and must maintain an average of C+ or 2.5 GPA.

Bursary levels are determined by the financial needs of each student but the maximum bursary students can receive is \$2,000 per academic year, and this is paid only after the receipt of official transcripts.

The BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres (BCA AFC), under contract with the Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services, currently administers the Student Bursary Program.

**BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres**  
200 - 506 Fort Street  
Victoria, BC V8W 1E6  
Phone: 250 388-5522  
Fax: 250 388-5502  
Toll Free: 1-800-990-2432

#### Łāni Etiè Tahltan Scholarship

Value: \$300.00

The Łāni Etiè Tahltan Scholarship was established by Louise Framst Books as a keef' for those who contributed to the Tahltan

Cookbookseries and to acknowledge the collective knowledge of the Tahltan people which makes up the heart of this cookbook series).

The scholarship is to go to a student of Tahltan descent who has demonstrated achievement in all areas: academics, athletics, art and citizenship in home and community. Note: More than one scholarship may be given out in a year.

To qualify, a student must be of Tahltan descent and enrol in a post-secondary program. Fill out the Stikine Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards Form and attach a document which: a) Traces Tahltan ancestry b) Includes an essay of 500 words or less, discussing the meaning of Łāni Etiè and how it applies to themselves, stressing all-round personal development.

Considerations: The successful candidate(s) writes a letter of appreciation, indicating personal achievement and a photograph, which will become part of a permanent record.

Send to: Louise Framst, Box 52, Cecil Lake, BC VOC 1G0.

The successful candidate(s) sends a copy of registration in courses or institution to: **Stikine Scholarship Committee, School District #87 (Stikine), Box 190, Dease Lake, BC VOC 1L0**  
Phone: (250) 771-4440

#### Joe Mathias BC Aboriginal Scholarship

Eligible applicants are members of a BC First Nation who are in financial need and demonstrate merit with respect to accessing post-secondary education including:

- \* Courses of study towards a degree, or a certificate or diploma, at an eligible post-secondary education institution; or
- \* Post-graduate studies in an eligible post-secondary educational institution.

Information: Chief Joe Mathias BC Aboriginal Scholarship  
c/o Deloitte & Touche  
P.O. Box 49279, Four Bentall Centre  
2100 - 1055 Dunsmuir Street  
Vancouver, BC V7X 1P4

#### Coast Ferries (1937 - 1997) Scholarship - Vancouver Community College

Value: One award \$1,500 annually credit toward tuition fees. Eligibility: Available to students in the outer Mid-Coast communities of Bella Bella (Waglisia), Klemtu, Shearwater, Ocean Falls, Rivers Inlet/Oweekeno, Dawson's Landing (Rivers Inlet) and Kingcome Inlet. Not available to students who permanently reside in Bella Coola. Must have supporting letter from their local First Nations Council and/or School District #49.

Information:  
**Vancouver Community College Foundation**  
1155 East Broadway  
PO Box 24620 Stm. "F"  
Vancouver, British Columbia V5N 5T9  
Phone: (604) 871-7148

#### Robert Allison Bursary for Non-Status Indians - Okanagan University College

Description: Enables deserving students to begin or continue attendance at Okanagan University College. Value: The annual income from a bequest may be divided or awarded to a single applicant at the discretion of the selection committee. Eligibility: Native descent

Applicant's circumstances make it necessary to be self-supporting. Available to students at any College Centre. Duration: N/A. Deadline: May 31 of each year

#### Vicki Hitchen Memorial Scholarship - Okanagan University College

If you are a member of the Adams Lake Indian Band, Neskonlith Indian Band, Little Shuswap Indian Band, Spallumcheen Indian Band or Okanagan Indian Band and if you are planning to continue University or College education next year, you may wish to apply for the Vicki Hitchen Memorial Scholarship. This is a \$1,000 scholarship\* available to an Aboriginal Canadian currently attending OUC. Applications are available from the Financial Awards Office, or at any OUC campus office.

\*Amount may vary slightly depending upon interest actually earned by the endowment fund.

#### Interior Aboriginal Endowment Fund Award - Okanagan University College

The Interior Aboriginal Endowment Fund Award has been established by the Interior Aboriginal Business Services Society to provide annual awards for Aboriginal students. Recipients will be permanent residents of B.C. and will be enrolled full-time in any year of a degree, diploma or certificate program at any centre of OUC. Selection of the award recipient will be based on a combination of academic achievement and financial need, with emphasis on financial need.

Information: **Financial Awards Office Okanagan University College**  
1000 K.L.O. Road  
Kelowna, British Columbia V1Y 4X8  
Phone: (250) 862-5419  
Fax: (250) 862-5466

#### McCarthy Tetrault Annual Scholarship - UNBC

One (1) valued at \$750 Available to full-time First Nations student enrolled in Northern Advancement Program. Recipient must be resident of northern British Columbia as defined by UNBC Act.

#### Bank of Montreal Aboriginal Scholarship - UNBC

One (1) valued at \$1,500 Available to full-time First Nations student enrolled in Northern Advancement Program. Recipient must be resident of northern British Columbia as defined by UNBC Act. Must have completed at least 60 credit hours towards Bachelor of Commerce degree.

#### Canfor Corporation Scholarships - UNBC

Three (3) valued at \$3,000 Must have completed at least 60 credit hours towards Natural Resources and Environmental Studies program. Preference to dependent relatives of Canfor employees or to First Nations students. For information on all UNBC Scholarships please contact: UNBC Financial Aid Office 3333 University Way, Prince George, BC V2N 4Z9

#### BC Hydro Aboriginal Scholarship Program

To encourage and financially assist Aboriginal people to pursue post-secondary education in disciplines relevant to BC Hydro and, where possible, to provide recipients with work experience.

Value: Eight scholarships of \$1,000 each.

Eligibility: Status Indian, Non-Status Indian, Inuit or Métis. Has successfully completed the first year of a full time post-secondary program in a discipline relevant to a broad range of BC Hydro careers.

Good academic standing (preferably 75% grade point average) in addition to good written communications skills. Balanced lifestyle (i.e., fitness, community involvement, hobbies and interests). Supported by a British Columbia First Nation or Native organization.

Deadline: Mid-January

Information: **Outreach Programs**

**BC Hydro**

16th Floor, 333 Dunsmuir St.

Vancouver, B.C. V6B 5R3

#### Mungo Martin Memorial Awards - British Columbia

To assist people of Native descent to further their education, vocational training, skills and competence. These awards are not only open to those who wish to further their general education and skills, but are available to those who seek to do creative work to further the artistic heritage of the Native peoples in their paintings, carving, music, dance, folklore or language. Value: Normally from \$100 to \$500. Number of awards and award amounts depend on the funds available. Eligibility: Aboriginal ancestry. Living in British Columbia at the time of application. Preference will be given to young people. Must be a student at an accredited university or college. Must complete application form, provide two references and supply an official copy of transcripts. Duration: Recipients may apply for further award in a subsequent year.

Information: **Lucy Galloway**

P.O. Box 883

Qualicum Beach, British Columbia V9K 1T2

Phone: (250) 752-8785

Fax: (250) 752-3076

### ALBERTA

#### Grant MacEwan College Foundation - Alberta

Please see our ad on page 3.

#### Robert C. Carson Memorial Bursary

Sylvia Schulze Memorial Bursary for Alex Taylor School

Alberta Indian Arts and Craft Society Scholarship

Alberta Health Careers Bursary

Aboriginal Leadership Development Awards

Canative Housing Corp. Award

CFCW Ltd. Scholarships

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Claudette Rendall Award

CN Bursary

Dreamcatcher Scholarship

Eagle Feather Award

Oldies 1260 CFRN/CFRB-The Bear Scholarship

Robert Markle Scholarship

Social Services Bursary Program

Information:

Student Awards Office

Student Advising Centre

Room 7-112A City Centre Campus

Grant MacEwan Community College

P.O. Box 1796

Edmonton, Alberta T5J 2P2

Phone: (780) 497-5063

#### Andy Collins Memorial Scholarship

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[patricia\\_reynolds@carleton.ca](mailto:patricia_reynolds@carleton.ca)

<http://www.carleton.ca/cie>

# Aboriginal Scholarship & Bursary Guide

Annual Windspeaker Insert — May 2007

Check online for Aboriginal scholarship/bursary updates at [www.ammsa.com](http://www.ammsa.com)



of Alberta regional boundaries. Entering a field in one of the following areas: oil and gas, music or sports. Entering or enrolled in a post-secondary educational institute. Must demonstrate a financial need. Applications Process: Fill out an application form available at the Zone II Regional Council office in Bonnyville. Attach the following with your application: Letter of Acceptance or proof of enrollment from the institute, short type-written profile on yourself and proof of Aboriginal ancestry. Applications will be accepted from January 15 of each year to July 1st. A panel will review all applications. Two letters of support must be submitted with application.

**For More information:**  
Zone II Regional Council Métis Nation of Alberta  
Box 6497  
Bonnyville, AB T9N 2H7  
Phone: 780-826-7483

### Apeetogosan (Métis) Development Inc. Scholarships

Apeetogosan (Métis) Development Inc. has announced that they will provide six \$1,000 cash bursaries to any qualifying Métis individuals that are in their first year of Post-Secondary education. All the applicant needs to do is go to our web site at [www.apeetogosan.com](http://www.apeetogosan.com) to receive a copy of the details and application.

**George Vass, General Manager**  
Apeetogosan (Métis) Development Inc.  
#302, 12308 - 111 Avenue  
Edmonton AB T5M 2N4  
Phone: 780-452-7951  
Toll Free: 1-800-252-7963

### The Belcourt Brosseau Métis Awards

Please see our ad on page 5.  
If you are a Métis residing in Alberta and need financial help to pursue your education or upgrade your skills, a Belcourt Brosseau Métis Award can help you take the next step. It will give you the opportunity to continue your education by covering a portion of your tuition costs. Deadline: May 15 of each year. We are now accepting applications throughout the year

from students entering the trades. Applicants are advised to apply early.  
**For more information call:**  
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### TransAlta Aboriginal Awards Program

Please see our ad on page 5.  
In keeping with our commitment to provide educational support to the Aboriginal community, TransAlta will present four educational awards (two college and two university) in 2002 to Aboriginal (status, non-status, Métis and Inuit) students who meet the necessary qualifications. Eligibility: You must meet the following criteria: You must be of Aboriginal ancestry; You must have lived in Alberta for at least one year immediately prior to applying for the award; You need financial support to pursue your education; You possess promising academic qualifications (record of academic excellence); You must provide proof of enrollment to one of the ten colleges or four universities listed; You maintain the required course load in your chosen program. Deadline: June 14. Your transcripts, which include all diploma exams written in June, must be received by July 15, 2002. A letter of acceptance and proof of enrollment from the educational institution is also required to complete the application.

**Information and application forms, please contact:**  
**Human Resources**  
TransAlta  
110-12 Avenue, SW, Box 1900  
Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2M1  
Phone: (403) 267-3702

### Edmonton Métis Cultural Dance Society Community Scholarships - High School

To encourage Aboriginal students in Alberta to pursue Studies at recognized High School. Value: Two \$500.00 scholarships one to a female and one to a male. Eligibility: An Aboriginal youth in an Alberta high school. Must live in the province of Alberta, have a lot of community involvement, is helping to preserve the Aboriginal culture in their community. Duration: Annual. Deadline: September 30th. Scholarships, will be given out at the Annual Louis Riel Gala during

Métis Week in Edmonton. All recipients must be in attendance and available for the award.

### Edmonton Métis Cultural Dance Society Community Scholarships - Post Secondary

To encourage Aboriginal single parents, and children of single parent families, to further their education at the post-secondary level. Amount: Two \$500.00 scholarships one to a female and one to a male. Eligibility: An Aboriginal Person in a recognized post-secondary institution located in Alberta. Must live in the province of Alberta, have a lot of community involvement, is helping to preserve the Aboriginal culture in their community. Duration: Annual. Deadline: September 30th. Scholarships, will be given out at the Annual Louis Riel Gala during Métis Week in Edmonton. All recipients must be in attendance and available for the award.  
**Edmonton Métis Cultural Dance Society**  
10104 - 121 Street  
Edmonton, Alberta T5N 1K4  
Phone: (780) 451-1072  
Fax: (780) 451-1137  
E-mail: [emcbs@telusplanet.net](mailto:emcbs@telusplanet.net)  
Website: [www.metisdance.com](http://www.metisdance.com)

### Laurence Decore Awards for Student Leadership (AHSF)

Eligibility: Applicants must be Alberta residents who are currently enrolled in a minimum of three full courses at a designated Alberta post-secondary institution. Applicants must also be involved in either student government or student societies, clubs, or organizations. Additionally, candidates may be involved in student organizations at the provincial or national level or in non-profit community organizations. Selection: Applicants must be nominated by fellow students from their institution. Each institution is responsible for the formation of a Selection Committee to review nominations and recommend recipients. Award: A total of 100 awards are divided among eligible Alberta post-secondary institutions. Awards are valued at \$500 each.

### Jason Lang Scholarships (AHSF)

Background: These scholarships were named in memory of Jason Lang, a 17 year old high school student who was killed in a school shooting. They are designed to reward the outstanding academic achievement of Alberta post-secondary students who are continuing into their second year of an undergraduate program.

Eligibility: Nominees must be residents of Alberta who continuing in the second year of a full-time program. Students must be attending an Alberta institution. They also must have completed one year of an undergraduate post-secondary program that is at least two years in length. The nominee must have been enrolled in at least 80 per cent of a full course load in their first year and have earned a grade point average of at least 80 per cent. Selection: Students will be nominated by the Awards Office of the Alberta institution where they completed their first year. The nominee must take at least 60 per cent of a full course load in their second year of the same program. Students are not allowed to receive the Jason Lang Scholarship and the Louise McKinney Scholarship for the same period of study. Post-secondary institutions may establish additional requirements for their nominees. Award: Scholarships are valued at \$1,000 each. Deadline is August 1.

### Theodore R. Campbell Scholarship (AHSF)

Deadline is June 1. This scholarship was created to reward the accomplishments of an aboriginal student from Blue Quills First Nations College. The scholarship was established by the family of Ted R. Campbell through the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund Endowment Program. Eligibility: Applicants must be Alberta residents who have completed the first year of an Education degree (university transfer) at Blue Quills First Nations College. Applicants must have completed a minimum of 24 credits with passing marks in all courses. The applicant must be continuing in the Education program. Selection: Blue Quills will determine the qualifying applicant based on their 1st year grade point average. Award: Each year 1 scholarship of \$1,500 will be awarded. Application forms are available from the

Research and Planning Office at Blue Quills College OR Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund (AHSF) 9th Floor - 9940 106 Street Box 28000 Station Main Edmonton, Alberta T5J 4R4 Phone (780) 427-8640 (In Alberta, but outside Edmonton dial 310-0000)

### AlPac Aboriginal Education Partnership Program

Award: Varies. A strong mentorship is an integral part of the program. Deadline: May 30. Eligibility: Aboriginal person residing in Alberta-Pacific Forest Management Area for at least one year pursuing post-secondary studies leading to a recognized degree certificate or diploma. Must possess suitable attitude and be willing to participate in a partnership. Contact 1-800-661-5210

### Robert C. Carson Memorial Bursary

Deadline: Students should contact the financial aid office of their institution. Value: \$500 Number Available: Five Eligibility: Awarded to Aboriginal students without sponsorship enrolled full-time in their second year of the Law Enforcement, Criminal Justice Diploma or Faculty of Law programs at Lethbridge Community College, Mount Royal College, Grant MacEwan Community College, University of Calgary or University of Alberta. Applicants must have been a resident of Alberta for a minimum for three years prior to applying. Application forms are available from the institution's Student Awards Office.

### NAIT Aboriginal Student Club

Value: \$800 Number: 1 Eligibility: Available to students of Aboriginal Heritage who are enrolled in the second year of the Forest Technology program. Conditions: Awarded on the basis of academic achievement. Deadline: September 30th Office of the Registrar Student Awards and

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**Financial Aid The Northern Alberta Institute of Technology**  
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Edmonton, Alberta T5G 3H1

### Syncrude Aboriginal and Women Education Awards Program

Deadline: June 30

Two awards of \$2000.00 each for Aboriginal people attending post secondary educational institutions in programs related to the oil sands industry (i.e. engineering, computer science, technologists etc.)

Two awards of \$2000.00 each for Aboriginal people attending post secondary educational institutions pursuing studies in the Finance/Accounting/Business disciplines.

Two awards of \$2000.00 each for women attending post secondary institutions pursuing a degree in Science & Technology.  
Eligibility: Aboriginal peoples (Indian, Inuit & Métis) Women pursuing studies in science & technology

You must: have lived in Alberta for at least one year immediately prior to applying for the award, or formerly long-term residents; meet the academic requirements for the program of study; maintain a full course work load leading to a recognized degree or diploma; provide proof of acceptance into accredited colleges or universities within Canada (must be provided before awards are received)

A selection committee, comprised of Syncrude employees and community members will evaluate applications and its decision will be final. Criteria to be used in selecting award recipients are: financial need, academic performance and potential, and appropriateness of the discipline of studies to Syncrude.

Syncrude Canada Ltd. will notify all applicants, in writing, of the results no later than mid-August.

How to apply: Application forms are available from the address listed below. Please send your completed application form along with the required transcripts and proof of acceptance to the address outlined below. Please note that if proof of acceptance and/or transcripts are not available at that time, then it must be produced prior to receiving the award.

For further information regarding this award program contact Lana Agecutay at Phone: (780) 790-6356

E-mail: [agecutay.lana@syncrude.com](mailto:agecutay.lana@syncrude.com)  
Syncrude Aboriginal/Women Education Awards Program  
P.O. Bag 4023, M.D. 1200,  
Fort McMurray, Alberta T9H 3L5

### Northern Alberta Development Council

Application deadline: May 15

Are you interested in living and working in northern Alberta? If so, consider applying for one of the 125 NADC Bursaries offered each year to Alberta students. Bursaries are offered to students in a wide range of programs including education, technical programs, health, business and social services. Bursaries are valued at \$3,000. Upon graduation, recipients live and work for one year within the Northern Alberta Development Council boundary. Applicants must be Alberta residents based on Students Finance regulations. Applicants must also be within two years of completing their program. Students receive a maximum of two bursaries.

Applications are available online: click here OR:

Northern Alberta Development Council Postal Bag 900-14 Peace River, Alberta T8S 1T4  
780-624-6545 (toll-free first dial 310-0000)  
Email: [nadc.bursary@gov.ab.ca](mailto:nadc.bursary@gov.ab.ca)  
Alberta Scholarship Programs  
9th Floor, 9940 - 106 Street

Edmonton, Alberta T5J 4R4  
Phone: (780) 427-8640  
(toll free first dial 310-0000)  
Email: [scholarships@gov.ab.ca](mailto:scholarships@gov.ab.ca)

### Imperial Oil Cold Lake Aboriginal Education Awards Program - Alberta

Deadline: June 30 of each year.

Imperial Oil's Cold Lake operation offers a one-time educational award of \$1,000 to individuals of local native ancestry. The award is designed to assist a student in his/her first or second year of post-secondary education towards a career in the petroleum industry.

Approved programs range from business studies to technical fields and applicants must be a registered member of a qualifying Treaty, Métis Settlement or Association within the Cold Lake area.

Application form, full program guidelines and eligibility details can be obtained by calling Imperial Oil Community and Aboriginal Affairs at 780-639-5194.

### Alberta Foundation for the Arts Scholarships

#### The Queen's Golden Jubilee Scholarship for the Performing Arts

Deadline: March 1.

Applicants must be 25 years or younger on or before the March 1 deadline and must provide proof of age.\* Hard copy applications will be accepted, by mail only. No faxed, computer disc or e-mailed applications will be accepted.\* Alberta Community Development shall retain custody of all materials submitted with scholarship applications.

#### The Queen's Golden Jubilee Commemorative Scholarship for the Visual Arts

Deadline: March 1.

The Queen's Golden Jubilee Commemorative Scholarship for the Visual Arts was established by the Government of Alberta in 2002 to commemorate the Queen's accession to the throne and her service to the Commonwealth.

\* Applicants must be 25 years or younger on or before March 1, and must provide proof of age.\* Hard copy applications will be accepted, by mail only. No faxed, computer disc or e-mailed applications will be accepted.\* Alberta Community Development shall retain custody of all materials submitted with scholarship applications.1.

For application assistance, please contact staff by calling (780) 427-6315 at least two to four weeks before the program deadline date.

### Aboriginal Health Bursary Program - Alberta

Apply by May 15

Partnership program with Alberta Health and Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund. Designed to provide funding for Aboriginal students in Alberta to pursue post-secondary education in a health field.

Awards valued up to \$12,000 for college/technical programs or \$13,000 for university programs.

Up to 20 awards will be available annually. Applicants must be Indian, Inuit or Métis and have been a resident of Alberta for 3 years.

Must be enrolled or will be enrolled in a health field at the college, technical institute or university level and demonstrate financial need. Have maintained full-time enrollment (60% of a full course load) and passing marks in all courses in their previous year of study if they are entering their second or subsequent year.

Contact: Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund,

6th Floor, 9940 - 106 Street  
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2V1  
Phone: (780) 427-8640

Alberta Energy Company Limited

### Native Scholarship Award

Value: Five (5) \$3,500 scholarships each year. Must be accepted into the oil and gas industry at an accredited technical school, college or university. Candidates must have resided in Northwest Territories, British Columbia, Alberta or other areas where AEC has an operation interest.

Applications are available by contacting: Alberta Energy Company Ltd.  
3900 - 421 - 7 Ave S.W.  
Calgary, Alberta T2P 4K9  
Fax: (403) 266-8212

### Alberta Law Foundation Scholarship - University of Lethbridge

Deadline May 31

One annual award of \$5,000 is available to an Aboriginal student entering first year at the Faculty of Law on the basis of academic standing. The award is renewable in the sum of \$3,500 per year for a further two years subject to the recipient maintaining a satisfactory academic standing.

No additional documentation is required to apply. Your application to the Faculty automatically is considered as an application for the Law Foundation Scholarship.

Undergraduate Awards for Native American Students

Bobby-Jo Stannard stanrj@hg.uleth.ca  
There are several Undergraduate scholarship opportunities for students of Native American descent at the University of Lethbridge (for example;

Peigan Nation Scholarship, Lubov Alexandra de Grandmaison Scholarship - Native American Studies, Lubov Alexandra de Grandmaison Scholarship - Fine Arts). The terms of reference for these scholarships can be found in the back of the UoL Calendar. Applications for the UoL Undergraduate Awards are available at the Financial Aid and Student Awards Office (SU047).

### Native Foundation Trust Bursary - Grande Prairie Native Friendship Centre

For high school students entering an arts, science or business program at a recognized educational institute. Amount: The number and amount of bursaries vary from year to year. Eligibility: Must have attended a recognized educational facility within Grande Prairie and area. Academic standing. Financial need. Duration: N/A.

Deadline: October of each year.

Information:  
Executive Director  
Grande Prairie Friendship Centre  
10507 98th Avenue  
Grande Prairie, Alberta T8V 4L1  
Phone: (780) 532-5722  
Fax: (780) 539-5121

### Senator James Gladstone Memorial Scholarship - Alberta Indian Investment Corp.

To recognize excellence and achievement by a Treaty Indian and to encourage and assist Treaty Indians in the pursuit of post-secondary education in the area of business, finance or economics.

Amount: Maximum of \$750 for students enrolled in colleges and technical institutions. Maximum of \$1,000 for students enrolled in universities.

Eligibility: Treaty Indian and resident of Alberta. Enrolled full time at a college, university or technical school in one of the following programs:

1. Commerce 2. Business 3. Administration 4. Accounting 5. Small business.  
Personal and academic objectives, particularly as they relate to Aboriginal economic and business development in Canada.

Application Deadline: Varies  
Information: General Manager  
Alberta Indian Investment Corporation  
P.O. Box 577  
Winterburn, Alberta T0E 2N0  
Phone: (780) 470-3600  
Fax: (780) 470-3605

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### Pre-Medicine Awards for Aboriginal Students

Chase Memorial Scholarship  
Louis Riel Scholarship  
Aurora Awards  
Gordon McCormack Memorial Scholarship  
Harvey Bell Memorial Prize  
Roger Carter Scholarships  
Henry Favel Scholarship  
Diana Leis Bursary  
Siberman Filer Bursary  
Nexen Awards for Aboriginal Students  
Entering Awards - Business Economics  
Continuing Awards - Business Economics  
Entering Awards in Land Use and Environmental Studies (LUESt) or Environmental Earth Sciences (EES) Continuing Awards in LUESt or EES:

Information: Scholarships and Awards  
Office of the Registrar  
University of Saskatchewan  
105 Administration Place  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7N 5A2  
Phone: (306) 966-6748  
Fax: (306) 966-6730  
E-mail: [awards@usask.ca](mailto:awards@usask.ca)

### Mike Memorial Scholarship Fund

Established by the children of the late Jacob G. Mike to assist students from any of the Saskatchewan First Nations who are pursuing a Degree or Diploma (minimum 2 years in length) from a post-secondary institution in Saskatchewan, and who are in their 1st year of studies.

Number of Scholarships: (4) at \$500 each  
Deadline date: June 30th  
Scholarship selection date: July 15th  
Eligibility: Enrolled in their post-secondary program of choice beginning Fall 2005, and have successfully completed their first year of full-time studies ending Spring 2006. Must be a member of a Saskatchewan First Nation.  
For application forms and/or more information: Jake Mike Memorial Scholarship c/o 234 Fisher Crescent  
Saskatoon, SK S7L 5C9

### SaskPower Diversity Awards Program

Award description: There are two awards categories:

Entrance: up to seven awards will be presented in each academic year for students entering first-year studies. Continuing: up to eight awards will be presented in each academic year for students entering second-year studies and beyond. Award value is \$1,500

Application deadline: No later than September 30. Awards are presented on a one-time only basis and recipients may only receive one SaskPower post-secondary award during their studies.

Although students are eligible to apply for the SaskPower Diversity Awards Program and the SaskPower Scholarship Program, the same student cannot receive both awards. Incomplete applications will NOT be considered.

Application forms are available from SaskPower on-line at [www.saskpower.com/](http://www.saskpower.com/)

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#### SaskEnergy Aboriginal Scholarships

In support of Saskatchewan Aboriginal youth, SaskEnergy provides 14 post-secondary scholarships each year.

Students must attend Saskatchewan Indian federated College (SIFC), Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies (SIIT), Gabriel Dumont Institute and Dumont Technical Institute.

Value: Varies from \$1000 to \$5,000  
Eligibility: Aboriginal; Saskatchewan resident; Saskatchewan high school graduate; achieve 80% average in grades 11 and 12; demonstrate financial need; register full-time for the fall or winter semesters.

Phone: (306) 777-9079

Contact each institution for application forms.

#### City of Regina - Henry Baker Scholarships

The City of Regina offers six scholarships to students at the University of Regina including one at SIFC in Regina

Value: 2 @ \$1000 and 4 @ \$2,000  
Eligibility: Varies

Deadline: August 1st  
Information: Phone: (306) 777-7800

Application form: [www.cityregina.com](http://www.cityregina.com)  
Return completed application to:  
City of Regina Public Affairs Division  
City Hall, 14th Floor P. O. Box 1790  
Regina, Saskatchewan S4P 3C8

#### Eugene Lavallee Memorial Scholarship

Deadline: June 15  
One valued at \$500 awarded in preference to First Nations students whose home community is in the Touchwood File Hills Qu'Appelle area. Subsequent preference will be given to First Nations students from Saskatchewan.

Award based on highest average marks and then based on experience in the field of additions. In the event of two or more students having similar marks the scholarship will be awarded based on experience.

No student may receive this scholarship two years consecutively.

Apply to: Executive Director  
New Dawn Valley Centre Box 400  
Fort Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan S0G 1S0

#### Cameco Northern Scholarship

Deadline June 30  
Scholarships of up to \$4,000 for university degree programs, up to \$3,600 for technical training at a recognized technical institute is available. Eligible individuals must have resided in the Northern Administration District of Saskatchewan for five (5) years immediately prior to application. Special consideration will be given to applicants pursuing careers related to some aspect of the mining industry.

Application forms are available from individual schools or Cameco's Northern Affairs office:

Cameco Northern Affairs,  
P.O. Box 1049,  
LaRonge, Saskatchewan S0J 1L0

#### Cameco Scholarship

Deadline June 30  
Several scholarships of \$1,000 are provided annually to selected dependent children of regular Cameco employees, in recognition of the superior academic performance.

Manager, Compensation and Benefits  
Human Resources and Administration  
Division, Cameco Corporation,  
2121 11th Street West,  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7M 1J3.

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Award?**

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- a Canadian citizen?

#### Have you

- returned to school after a prolonged absence?
- completed one full year of educational/vocational or trade skills training?

#### You are

- eligible to apply for Canada Post Aboriginal Education Incentive Award.

Submissions accepted from May 1st to July 31st of the current year.

For more information about this award and submitting, please visit Canada Post's website urls:  
English: [www.canadapost.ca/Aboriginal](http://www.canadapost.ca/Aboriginal)  
French: [www.postescanada.ca/Autochtones](http://www.postescanada.ca/Autochtones)

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# Aboriginal Scholarship & Bursary Guide

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## SaskTel Scholarship

Every year, SaskTel awards eleven scholarships of \$3,000 to post-secondary students in Saskatchewan. To be eligible, you must be a Saskatchewan resident; be enrolled in full-time studies related to telecommunications at a post-secondary education institution in Saskatchewan; have achieved a minimum average. SaskTel encourages students from employment equity groups to apply; however, scholarships are not limited to equity candidates. Deadline to apply is September 15.

## SaskTel and Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies (SIIT) Scholarship

The Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies (SIIT) and SaskTel jointly established six scholarships valued at \$1500 to encourage Aboriginal students to pursue post-secondary education in fields directly related to telecommunications. There is an Entrance Scholarship for students who have successfully completed High School requirements or the Adult Secondary Education program and a Continuing Scholarship for students who successfully complete the first year of study of a two year diploma program. Check [sasktel.com](http://sasktel.com) for all eligibility details. Deadline to apply is November 1.

## A.E. Blakeney Sasktel Bursary

The recipient of the A.E. Blakeney Bursary is awarded \$10,000 annually for a period of four years, for a total value of \$40,000. You must be a first year post-secondary student and preference will be given to students from designated employment equity groups. Check [sasktel.com](http://sasktel.com) for full criteria. Deadline is June 9 of the awarding year. Visit [www.sasktel.com/about-us](http://www.sasktel.com/about-us) for more information and to apply on-line.

## Cogema Resources Inc. Scholarships

Deadline: June 30 Eight (8) \$3,500 University and Four (4) \$3,000 Technical Available annually to Northern Saskatchewan residents for courses of study of future benefit to the north.

Information and application forms: Manager, Northern Affairs Cogema Resources Inc. P.O. Box 900, La Ronge, Saskatchewan S0J 1L0 Phone: (306) 425-6880 Fax: (306) 425-6886

## Napolean Lafontaine Scholarship Trust

To encourage Saskatchewan Indian people to pursue full-time education training in fields related to the economic development of Aboriginal peoples.

## Entrance Scholarships

Value: Up to \$300 for each eight-month period of full-time studies. The number of scholarships and amount depend on the number of applicants in relation to the funds available. Eligibility: Métis or Non-Status Indian. Has resided in Saskatchewan for at least five years.

## Gabriel Dumont Graduation Scholarships

Value: Up to \$200 for each year of full-time studies to a maximum of \$1,000 for any one recipient. Eligibility: Métis or Non-Status Indian. Has resided in Saskatchewan for at least five years. Completed a diploma, certificate or degree program at the Gabriel Dumont Institute which required a minimum of eight months of full-time study. Enrolled in a public or Aboriginal education institution in Canada providing a recognized

diploma, certificate or degree program. Nominated by Institute staff based on academic achievement, contribution to the student body and commitment to Aboriginal peoples. Achieve a B average in the most recent months of full-time studies.

## Graduate Scholarships

Value: Up to \$2,000 for each award period, granted on the basis of 12 consecutive months of full-time studies. The number of scholarships and the amount are determined by the number of applicants in relation to the available funds. Eligibility: Métis or Non-Status Indian. Has resided in Saskatchewan for at least five years. Engaged in any graduate degree program at the masters or doctoral level or accepted into a masters or doctoral program at a recognized Canadian university.

## Loan Remission Scholarships

Value: Not to exceed 50% of the outstanding loan balance to a maximum of \$3,000. Will not be paid before the date on which interest on the outstanding loan becomes payable. Eligibility: Métis or Non-Status Indian. Has resided in Saskatchewan for at least five years. Has an outstanding loan balance through the Canada Student Loan Program and/or Saskatchewan Student Loan Program after the receipt of any other loan remission awards available to the applicant through the governments of Canada and Saskatchewan.

## Special Scholarships

Value: Varies depending on whether funds designated for other scholarships have been used or unanticipated revenues received. Eligibility: Métis or Non-Status Indian. Has resided in Saskatchewan for at least five years. Enrolled in a public or Aboriginal educational institution in Canada providing a recognized diploma, certificate or degree program. Committed to the needs of Aboriginal people. Achieve a B average in the most recent eight months of full-time studies, over a period of 12 consecutive months.

## Undergraduate Scholarships

Value: Up to \$500 for each eight-month period of full-time studies. Number of scholarships and amount determined by the number of applicants in relation to the funds available. An individual may receive up to three consecutive or non-consecutive undergraduate scholarship awards. Eligibility: Métis or Non-Status Indian. Has resided in Saskatchewan for at least five years. Completed a minimum of one academic year of full-time studies at a recognized Canadian public or Aboriginal educational institution.

Duration: Annual Application Deadline: October 1 and May 1 each year.

Information: Napolean Lafontaine Scholarship Fund

Room 210 College West building University of Regina 3737 Wescana Parkway Regina, Saskatchewan S4S 0A2 Phone: (306) 347-4100 Fax: (306) 565-0809

## Bill Hanson Bursary/Scholarship Program

Sponsored by: Treeline Association of I.A.N.E. Eligibility: Aboriginal ancestry student enrolled in post-secondary or Adult Basic Education who has indicated a preference in commerce, bookkeeping, receptionist/secretarial, clerical accounting, business administration, accounting, or data entry Value: Two at \$150 Criteria: Have demonstrated proficiency in academics, involvement with extra-curricular activities and community volunteer organizations, leadership qualities, proven

dedication and perseverance in overcoming educational barriers, intent on continuing studies at a recognized university or technical institution for the next academic year.

Deadline: May Applications available from: Royal Bank 1135 Central Avenue Prince Albert, SK Fax: (306) 953-5766

## Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation Post-secondary Scholarships

Eligibility: Saskatchewan resident who is enrolled or about to be enrolled in full-time studies at a post-secondary education institute in Saskatchewan and must be taking a program related to the following: recreational and leisure studies; business administration; hospitality management; electronics and computer technologies; or communications. Value: Six (6) \$1000 scholarships for university degree programs; Eight \$500 scholarships for certificate/diploma programs Deadline Date: May 31 Applications submitted to: Saskatchewan Gaming Scholarship Committee 3rd Floor, 1880 Saskatchewan Drive Regina, Saskatchewan S4P 0B2

## Donald R. Simmons Memorial Scholarship

Eligibility: Indian or Métis ancestry Value: Two \$500 awards Criteria: Enrolled in first year of approved institution, Grade 12 graduate; General Proficiency Award applicants excluded Deadline Date: October 15 Applications submitted to: Saskatchewan Education, Training and Employment Student Financial Assistance Unit Ground Floor, East Wing, Walter Scott Building 305 Albert Street Regina, Saskatchewan S4P 3V7 Phone: (306) 787-6419

## Gabriel Dumont Award

To assist Aboriginal students enrolled at the Kelsey Institute in furthering their education. One award is designated to each of the following divisions: Adult Basic Education (ABE), Industrial Engineering, Health, Science and Community Services Value: Three awards of \$250 each Eligibility: Aboriginal student enrolled in a full-time, on-campus program at Kelsey Campus. Academic achievement. Involvement in student life activities. Participation in and contribution to the community. Deadline: May 31 each year for ABE. February 28 each year for Industrial Engineering and Health, Science and Community Services. Information: Director, Student Awards SIAST Kelsey Institute P.O. Box 1520 Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7K 3R5 Phone: (306) 933-8351 Fax: (306) 933-6490

## MANITOBA

### Louis Riel Institute - Bursary & Scholarships - Manitoba

Deadline: Due dates vary, check with university directly All Métis students planning to attend one of the four (4) provincial universities in Manitoba are eligible to apply for an award. Bursaries are awarded primarily on the basis of economic need. Scholarships are awarded

primarily on the basis of academic merit. The value & number of each award varies at each university and is best obtained directly from the University.

Application: Louis Riel Institute 103-150 Henry Avenue Winnipeg, Manitoba

### Sokoloff Family Bursary - University of Manitoba

Deadline: June 30 One (1) \$700 to \$1,000 annually available for Aboriginal students at the University of Manitoba. One Student shall be selected by the Director of Financial Aid and Awards.

Application: Financial Aid and Awards University of Manitoba Suite 422, University Centre Building Winnipeg, Manitoba

### Abraham McPherson Memorial Scholarship Award

Award provided by Manitoba Aboriginal Education Counselling Association Inc. to Aboriginal students pursuing post-secondary education in the counselling field. Value: Four scholarships annually \$250 each Eligibility: Aboriginal ancestry (Status, Non-Status, Inuit, Métis); Manitoba resident, high school graduate with overall 70% average in graduating. Procedure: Applicants are available from the Student Services Centre Awards Office, from any Tribal Council, Band Education Authority in Manitoba. Deadline: May 31 Manitoba Aboriginal Education Counselling Association Inc. 305-352 Donald Street Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 2H8 Phone: (204) 947-0421

### Manitoba Hydro's Awards Bursaries and Scholarships

Employment Equity Bursary Deadline: October 1 Value: 11 bursaries of \$1,500 awarded plus summer employment Eligibility Criteria: \* Member of an Employment Equity Designated Group\*\* Entering first year of studies at a Manitoba University studying: Engineering, Computer Science or Commerce OR Entering first year of studies at a Manitoba College studying: Civil, Computer, Electrical or Electronic Engineering Technologies\* Academic history

### Trio Award

Deadline: December 1 Value: \* 1 award of \$200 awarded to a student in Senior 2 \* 1 award of \$300 awarded to a student in Senior 3 \* 1 award of \$500 awarded to a student in Senior 4 Potential opportunity for summer employment or full-time employment in one of Manitoba Hydro's Trades Training Programs\* Eligibility Criteria: \* Aboriginal ancestry\* High school student in Senior 2 to Senior 4\* Academic performance

### Northern Student Award

Deadline: December 1 Value: 3 awards of \$300 awarded to Junior High or High school students living north of the 53rd parallel \* Potential opportunity for summer employment or full-time employment in one of Manitoba Hydro's Trades Training Programs\* Eligibility Criteria: \* Aboriginal ancestry\* Living north of the 53rd parallel\*

### Mathematics Award

Deadline: May 15 Value: 1 award of \$200 granted to a student in Senior 1

Eligibility Criteria: Aboriginal ancestry Highest provincial achievement in the Pascal Math competition Application Process: Math teachers or competition coordinators will forward the name of their most successful student who is willing to self-declare as being of Aboriginal Ancestry.

### Science Fair Award

Deadline: May 15 Value: 1 award of \$200 granted to a student in Junior High or High school Eligibility Criteria: \* Aboriginal ancestry\* High achievement in a Science Fair competition Application Process: Science teachers or coordinators will nominate Aboriginal Science Fair participants.

### First Year Information Technology Bursary

Deadline: October 1 Value: 2 bursaries of \$1500 awarded plus potential opportunity for summer employment Eligibility Criteria: \* Aboriginal ancestry\* Accepted into the University of Manitoba, University of Winnipeg or Brandon University studying: Computer Sciences or University One Computer Science curriculum OR: Accepted into Red River College or Keewatin Community College studying: Computer Analyst/ Programmer or Computer Systems Technology\* Academic performance

### Second Year to Final Year Information Technology Bursary

Deadline: October 1 Value: 2 bursaries of \$2500 awarded \* Potential opportunity for summer employment available to recipients returning to full time studies in the fall. \* Potential opportunity for full-time employment in the Information Technology Training Program for students in their final year.

Eligibility Criteria: \* Aboriginal ancestry\* Students in second year to final year at the University of Manitoba, University of Winnipeg or Brandon University studying: Computer Sciences OR: Students in second year to final year at Red River College or Keewatin Community College studying: Computer Analyst/ Programmer or Computer Systems Technology\* Academic performance

### Second Year to Final Year Engineering Technology Bursary

Deadline: October 1 Value: 6 bursaries of \$1500 awarded \* Potential opportunity for summer employment available to recipients returning to full time studies in the fall \* Potential opportunity for full-time employment in a Manitoba Hydro in-house Trades Training Program for students in their final year\* Eligibility Criteria: \* Aboriginal ancestry\* Students in second year to final year at Red River College, Keewatin Community College or Assiniboine Community College studying: Electronic, Electrical, Computer, or Communications Engineering Technologies.\* Academic performance

### Certificate Program Award

Deadline: December 1 for July to December programs and July 2 for January to July programs. Value: 2 awards of \$500 awarded plus potential opportunity for term or full time employment. Eligibility Criteria: \* Aboriginal ancestry\* Enrolled in one of the following programs: Administrative Assistant, Human Resources Assistant, Network Support, or Contact Centre Representative at a recognized Educational Institution in Manitoba. \* Academic performance

Application Process: Pick up an application from your educational institution's awards office or visit our website at [www.hydro.mb.ca](http://www.hydro.mb.ca).

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Employment Equity Department,  
Manitoba Hydro,  
P.O. Box 815,  
Winnipeg, MB, R3C 2P4

## ONTARIO

### Ontario Crafts Council Awards, Scholarships & Supply Grants

The Ontario Crafts Council Awards and Scholarships program is open to Student and Craft Professional members of the Ontario Crafts Council. This year approximately \$15,000 is available. All craft disciplines are considered. Awards, scholarships and supply grants will be presented at the Crafts Council's Annual General Meeting in June.

Deadline: Monday, April 17, 5:00 pm. The Council is delighted to offer two new awards: Craft Curatorial Award sponsored by Jean Johnson C.M. and James McPherson Woodworking Award.

Also the supply grants have been significantly increased for this year and the Tommie Vaughan-Jones Award was increased to \$1000.

Applications available from the OCC  
Web site: [www.craft.on.ca/info/member\\_prog\\_awards](http://www.craft.on.ca/info/member_prog_awards)  
For more info: (416) 925-4222

### Casino Rama Aboriginal Scholarships

Please see our ad on page 5.

Awarded in the spring from applications received in the fall.

Undergraduate and graduate studies Full time students must be of First Nations status and must be in second year of their post-secondary studies or higher in an accredited college or university.

Academic achievement on transcripts must meet minimum A to B percentile averages.

Person must be a Native resident of Ontario. Judging of applications includes consideration of student volunteered community service.

Corporate Affairs Department  
Casino Rama RR#6  
Box 178  
Rama, Ontario L0K 1L0  
Phone: (705) 329-5256

### Ontario Hydro John Wesley Beaver Awards

The John Wesley Beaver educational award is equal to one year's college or university tuition, made available to one male and one female person of Aboriginal descent, enrolled in targeted post-secondary programs and selected by the Ontario Hydro Native Circle. Based on academic achievement and financial need.

Deadline: June 30 of each year.

For more information:  
Phone: (416) 592-6748  
Fax: (416) 592-4190.  
Awards are available to Ontario residents.

### Sam Odjick Scholarship - University of Ottawa

To further the interests of Aboriginal peoples in Canada by assisting Aboriginal law students who have demonstrated commitment toward the advancement of law as it relates to Aboriginal peoples. Value: \$1,000

Eligibility: Preference given to Aboriginal students. Full-time study in the LL.B or LL.M program at the University of Ottawa. Financial need. Good academic performance. Experience with Canadian Aboriginal groups.

Information: Education Equity Office  
University of Ottawa  
Faculty of Law, Common Law Section  
57 Louis Pasteur Street P.O. Box 450,  
Postal Station A  
Ottawa, Ontario K1N 6N5  
Phone: (613) 562-5800, ext.3290  
Fax: (613) 562-5124

### Alma Mater Society Native Student Awards - Queen's University

Established by the Alma Mater Society for Native students entering Queen's. If no entering students are eligible, the awards could go to upper-year Native students.

Value: Two awards of \$1,000 each  
Eligibility: Native student entering Queen's. Academic standing. Financial need. Deadline: April 30 of each year.

### Inuit Bursary - Queen's University

Value: One award of \$100  
Eligibility: Inuit student at Queen's. Financial need.  
Deadline: December 1 each year.  
Information: Student Awards Office

Victoria School Building  
Queen's University  
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# Housing project will assist First Nations youth

By Shauna Lewis  
Raven's Eye Writer

VICTORIA

Life is being made easier for at-risk Aboriginal youth in Victoria thanks to the ingenuity of three First Nations organizations.

The Victoria Friendship Centre, M'akola Housing Society and Surrounded by Cedars Child and Family Services pooled their resources last year, establishing a proposed outline for an estimated \$1 million dollar transition house project.

Located in the Fernwood community of Victoria, Cedar House will be a safe haven for Aboriginal youth ages 16 to 19 who find it difficult being in the care of the Ministry of Children and Family Development or living independently. The six-bed facility will provide addictions and personal issues counselling as well as employment training and education services. Length of stay will be determined by age and need, but 16-year-olds may have the opportunity to live at the house for up to two years. The home will be run by "house parents" who will provide constant support and supervision. Social workers of Aboriginal ancestry will fill the

parental roles.

"It's not a group home, it's an independent living environment," said Bruce Parisian, Cedar House project planner and executive director of the Victoria Native Friendship Centre.

"Once they make the decision to be on their own, the support systems for those youth are not there," said Parisian. "Most people who leave the reserve leave all the support systems behind. The large urban sprawls like Vancouver and Victoria are very different from the smaller close-knit communities many First Nations people grow up in."

Shelley Johnson knows all too well the difficulties that Aboriginal urban youth face today. As the CEO of Surrounded by Cedars, a non-profit urban organization delegated by the ministry to work with Aboriginal children in Victoria, Johnson aids in providing various kinds of support to families associated with the Ministry of Child and Family Development. Surrounded by Cedars will be the agency that will refer at-risk youth to Cedar House.

"We would be the gatekeeper for the referral of youth coming into the program," said Johnson.

While it would be ideal if all at-risk youth could have access to

the program, Johnson said there would be a screening process youth will have to go through to be accepted into the house.

"These are going to have to be youth that are motivated and that understand that the structure of the house is based on semi-independent living," she said.

In 2006, the federal government's Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative offered funding for various projects to deal with homelessness. According to Parisian, the funding offered to both Native and non-Native organizations did not attract any attention. Parisian and colleagues immediately drafted up a project bid.

The transition house has secured \$400,000 in federal funding. Last month Victoria city council also allocated \$300,000 for the project from its housing trust fund. Parisian said the Capital Regional District's housing trust will provide the remaining \$300,000 needed to complete the project.

Although funds have been promised, Parisian said the project is not financially out of the woods. "Access to capital dollars is the easy part. Support services is the issue," he said.

While the Ministry of Child and Family Services had rejected



Shelly Johnson, CEO of Surrounded By Cedar Child and Family Services; Bruce Parisian, executive director of Victoria Native Friendship Centre (centre) and Kevin Albers, executive director of Makola Housing, stand in front of the Cedar House, a home for at-risk First Nations youth.

the initial request for the \$1.5 million needed annually to run the house, Parisian and his partners later negotiated with the government and some funding was awarded.

"We convinced the ministry that they should support this and \$300,000 is a good beginning," said Parisian.

Kevin Albers, project partner and executive director of M'akola Housing Group of Societies is also concerned with negotiations surrounding the operations budget but is optimistic that the project's success will be the biggest catalyst regarding long-term investment plans.

"Experience is what it'll take to draw attention to the importance of this kind of project and resource," said Albers.

Providing housing support for Aboriginal people on Vancouver Island is a mandate for the M'akola Housing Group of Societies.

"The number one reason it's important is there is no other residential project like it around," said Albers.

Albers hopes that six beds will turn into 60 and more at-risk Aboriginal youth will have support services offered to them.

Preventing at-risk youth from a potential life of crime, addiction and homelessness is the goal of the project.

Homelessness is a big problem in many Canadian cities and Victoria is no exception. Parisian said the latest survey in the capital city estimated 700 people were homeless. Of that, 40 per cent are Aboriginal and a number of them are youth. Unlike their neighboring city of Vancouver where higher numbers of homeless are living on the streets, the majority of homeless youth living in Victoria are what Parisian describes as "couch surfers," those who move from residence to residence with no set address.

While it is unclear just what kind of on-going operations funding will be agreed upon to operate the house long-term, further negotiations between the three organizations and the government are planned for the summer. The Cedar House at-risk Aboriginal youth facility is set to open in the fall.

## Aboriginal Youth Council hosts annual youth forum

Aboriginal youth will have the opportunity to gain tools and skills at the 18th annual National Youth Forum that they can take back to their communities and share with other youth.

This forum, hosted by the Aboriginal Youth Council (AYC), will take place from July 8 to 10.

It is geared to youth between the ages of 14 to 24 who will have the chance to discuss issues that are important to them and their communities at this gathering in Victoria.

The participants will learn about the friendship centre movement, the National Association of Friendship

Centres and the AYC.

This National Youth Forum is a great opportunity to network with other youth about how to improve the quality of life in First Nations communities, or just have fun at the annual volleyball tournament.

Register by June 1 and save \$10. Regular registration is from June 2 to 29 with a fee of \$35 per person. Late registration after June 29 will cost \$40 per person.

For more information or to register for the 18th Annual National Youth Forum contact Jocelyn Formsma, program officer of this event, toll free at 1-877-563-4844, extension 332 or e-mail her at [jformsma@nafca.ca](mailto:jformsma@nafca.ca).



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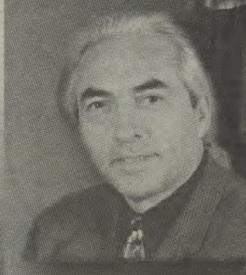
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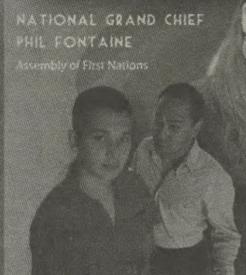
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Alberta Sweetgrass: Special Section providing news from Alberta

# Film illustrates hope and strength

By Laura Suthers  
Sweetgrass Staff Writer

EDMONTON

*Finding Dawn* is a compelling documentary that addresses the tragedy of Canada's missing and murdered Aboriginal women.

More importantly, it takes viewers into the lives of these women and young girls and is a testament to their families' love as they keep their memory alive by organizing annual walks and hosting memorials.

Winner of the Audience Gold Award at the 2006 Amnesty International Film Festival, *Finding Dawn* was screened recently at the Stanley Milner Library to celebrate International Women's Day.

Métis film-maker Christine Welsh has long been making films about women, so the idea of exploring the lives of just three of the estimated 500 missing and murdered Aboriginal women came naturally. In her film, family and friends of Dawn Crey, Ramona Wilson and Daleen Kay Bosse describe the last time they

saw their loved ones and how they continue to remember them.

"I felt this was an issue of such huge importance for not only Native women but for all Native people," said Welsh.

Welsh's documentary, produced by the National Film Board, is named after Dawn Crey, a woman from the Chilliwack Stolo First Nation who went missing from Vancouver's downtown eastside in 2000.

"The women who are working in the sex trade are not necessarily doing that as their first choice of an occupation," explained Welsh. "For many of those working in what's called survival sex, it's the only option they have, or the only option that they see they have. It's a very risky and dangerous thing to do but that doesn't mean they aren't entitled to the same protection that anyone else in our society is."

Welsh travelled to the small community of Smithers, B.C. to document the story of 16-year old Ramona Wilson, who was

last seen in 1994 hitchhiking to Morristown. Her body was found a year later off a stretch of Highway 16, where her family walks two miles annually to honour her short life.

"The families who have lost loved ones have gone through incredible and personal family tragedies of enormous scale," said Welsh, who also travelled to Saskatoon to document the story of 26-year-old Daleen Bosse, a mother and student who has been missing since 2004. Her family continues to look for clues in an effort to locate her.

Welsh tells *Sweetgrass* that she not only wanted to show who these women were and the unnecessary violence they endured but she also wanted to shed some light on the fact that these types of cases need to be taken more seriously by the police and communities.

Although the documentary illustrates the dark reality of the many lives taken, a glimmer of hope breaks through that darkness, powered by the strength of Aboriginal people to



Finding Dawn director Christine Welsh is pictured in her home territory in the Qu'Appelle Valley, Sask.

endure.

"The thing that was really transparent through this film was the strength that Aboriginal people have and the ability to bounce back from tragic events," said Welsh.

Welsh doesn't have any new projects planned as of yet. She is in dire need of a break because for the last three years all of her energy has gone into the

production of *Finding Dawn*.

"I've taken a sense of inspiration from the incredibly strong and resilient people that I've met along the way. They're the ones that give me hope, and of course tears are going to fall," said Welsh. "We need to cry because that's the appropriate human response to what's happened, but we need to roll up our sleeves and get on with this."

# Makokis carries hope of next generation

By Laura Suthers  
Sweetgrass Staff Writer

EDMONTON

James Makokis spends hours in the Ottawa University library and at times his heavy study schedule doesn't even allow him to grab a shower.

But the 24-year-old from Saddle Lake Cree Nation is more determined than ever to become a doctor.

He was gratified to receive the \$10,000 cheque that accompanied his National Aboriginal Achievement Award, presented in Edmonton March 16, but said it's the love of family and Elders that motivates him to succeed in his quest to finish school.

"I think both of my grandparents and other Elders in my community have set the stage for us to continue in our education because it was always their belief for our people to have the education to move our community forward," said Makokis.

"Our people are strong people and we're here. We're always going to be here. (Our people) set the ground work for us and it's up to



James Makokis, pictured with his grandmother at the 14th annual National Aboriginal Achievement Awards in Edmonton

us to continue that work for the future of our children and their children," he added.

A video short on a big screen at the awards captured Makokis in his white lab coat in a classroom explaining the challenges he faces as a future doctor. Not least among them was the absence of traditional ceremony he finds living in a big city.

"Ceremony and prayer keep me grounded," he said.

But his aunt, Leona Makokis, describes her nephew as a perennially "grounded young man" who has "had a vision from the time he was a little boy."

"I'm ecstatic and excited because I know that he has worked long and hard to be at this place," she said. "I think it came at the right time, especially at a stressful time because he's just finishing up his first year."

Makokis's family was thrilled to attend the gala and to celebrate the achievements of this young role model.

"He's the next generation. That legacy has to continue for them to be community minded, being responsible, understanding of the gifts and giving back to the community and that I believe is what drives all of us and James," said Leona.

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# Plans for new MN-S election back on track

Plans to hold a new election for the Métis Nation Saskatchewan (MN-S) were temporarily derailed in early February when the federal and provincial governments pulled their support from the process, but both levels of government are now back on board and the a Métis Nation Legislative Assembly (MNLA) is planned for April in the hopes of setting an election date.

The federal department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and the provincial department of First Nations and Métis Relations issued a statement on March 27 announcing their renewed support for a proposal that would see a MNLA held in April and a new MN-S election held later in the year. That proposal was developed by the Independent Oversight Committee (IOC) created by

both levels of government in June 2006 with the mandate of developing a plan to hold a new election for the MN-S.

The provincial Métis organization's previous election, held in May 2004, was plagued by numerous irregularities, calling into question the election results and prompting the provincial and federal governments to freeze funding to the organization until a new election could be held.

In January, the IOC announced completion of its election strategy and proposed holding an MNLA in April and a new election in June, but the Provincial Metis Council (PMC) took exception to the plan, indicating it was up to the PMC, not the IOC, to set an election date.

The rejection of the IOC election date was interpreted by the federal government as a rejection of the entire IOC

proposal and the government pulled its support of the process based on that interpretation. The provincial government soon followed suit.

According to MN-S treasurer Ray Laliberte, the PM met in the aftermath of the government decision and formed a subcommittee to negotiate with the IOC in an effort to get the federal and provincial governments back at the table. Now that that has happened, Laliberte is optimistic planning for a new election can resume.

"We'll find out once the MNLA sits. We'll determine what the legislative assembly believes and proceed from that point, but I think it's looking good," he said. "I think we're all pulling the same direction and there's an agreement to proceed."

April 21 has been set as the tentative date for the MNLA to deal with the election issue.



Judge Gerald Morin was recognized for the contributions he has made to the legal profession and the community when he was presented with the C. Willy Hodgson Award during a ceremony in Prince Albert on March 28. The award, presented by the Law Society of Saskatchewan, is named in honour of Christine Wilna Hodgson, a Cree Elder who dedicated herself to improving the lives of Aboriginal people up until her death in 2003. Pictured (left to right) are Law Society of Saskatchewan president Vic Dietz, Prince Albert Grand Council Grand Chief Ron Michel, and Judge Morin.

# Exciting changes planned for Wanuskewin

By Cheryl Petten  
Sage Staff Writer

## SASKATOON

The bison are coming back to Wanuskewin, but that's just one of many changes the heritage park will be going through as it gears up to begin implementing its renewal project.

The first phase of the renewal project is Tatanka Oyate, Bison Nation: Bringing Home the Bison. This first phase was made possible when the city of Saskatoon agreed to lease three quarter sections of land adjacent to Wanuskewin to the heritage park. The 99 year lease will cost the park one dollar, explained Sheila Gamble, Wanuskewin's chief executive officer, and will allow Wanuskewin to begin bringing its bison herd back home. The herd is currently situated on Wahpeton Dakota Nation.

"So this year we're going to seed the land, which is currently cropped, back to indigenous crop species—grasses, plants that bison would have had a thousand years ago—and we're going to put up the proper kinds of enclosures to make sure that (the bison) are protected and the public are protected as well. And in 2008, we will be bringing the first herd home to the park. So

we're pretty excited about it," Gamble said. "It's going to be a major draw for our visitors. A lot of visitors now say 'Well, do you have real bison?' or 'Do they still exist?' This is a great thing for the park."

Phase two of the project is building renewal, major renovations to the existing building that will add a new restaurant, a new gift shop, an office wing, and a large gallery that will be used to house travelling exhibits from around the world.

"It will be a world-class, A-1 exhibit space, and when people say, 'What is new at Wanuskewin?' we will always be able to say there's something new," Gamble said. "So it's really exciting. There are fabulous Aboriginal collections from around the world which we'd like to show, so that's wonderful for us."

The newly renovated space will also include a large multi-purpose room that can be used for performances, meetings or as a classroom. Phase two will also see creation of new permanent exhibits that better reflect the stories of the seven tribal nations represented at the park. While the existing exhibits have great stories to tell, they don't tell the individual stories of each tribal

nation, but instead lump all the nations together into one group.

"So we've decided to build new permanent exhibits," Gamble said. "They will have more information, they will individualize our First Nations, and they will talk about different concepts of where people are at. And we've divided it into several different themes."

"We're going to look at First Nations people today, First Nations people in the Euro-colonial time. We're going to deal with some hard issues such as residential schools, and we're going to deal with some issues of change there as well. And then there's the gallery for pre-European contact and then there's the gallery about where people are going tomorrow."

The revamped permanent galleries will also give local First Nation people an opportunity to see their stories represented, Gamble explained.

"We're offering our First Nations communities a chance to become more active in what stories are told because the new exhibits will offer a chance to tell different stories over time. And that's important, because that history and knowledge is disappearing."

The total cost of the renewal project has been set at \$10

million, with the building renewal portion estimated to cost about \$6.5 million. The project has received \$2.5 million in funding from the provincial government through the Building Communities Fund, which provides money for regional cultural and recreational infrastructure projects. Another \$1 million has come through Western

Economic Diversification, and Aboriginal Business Canada has provided \$250,000 to the renewal project. Thanks to such donations, Wanuskewin has enough money to cover the construction costs for the building renovations and is working to raise funds for creation of the permanent galleries. The goal is to have the majority of the work finished by the spring of 2008, Gamble said.

The park will remain open during the building renewal, relying on more travelling exhibits and more outdoor programs to accommodate both visitors and the construction process. The new permanent galleries will take longer to complete than will other parts of the renovations, Gamble said, "But there's always wonderful things that can happen there. We can have Watch an Exhibit Grow tours where people can go and actually see how an exhibit is put

together."

The final phase of the renewal project is Wanuskewin's legacy fund, which Gamble hopes to see grow to \$3 million in the short term, and continue growing into the future. Forty-two per cent of the park's operating budget is generated by the park, with the balance coming through funding from the city of Saskatchewan and from the provincial and federal governments. The legacy fund is being created to fill the void in times when those grants aren't forthcoming, Gamble explained.

"There's no guarantee for the future that any government money will be there. Government funding for museums is drying up and we have to look more and more to the private corporate sector, which is also being overtaxed," she said.

The money coming into the legacy fund will be kept in trust, and the interest earned will be used to finance necessary park expenditures.

"So it ensures that legacy exists for the park for a long time into the future, so it's a crucial part of our future operational plans."

Energy company Nexen Inc. has started the ball rolling, providing a donation of \$250,000 to the legacy fund.

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## Windspeaker's Special Section Serving the Aboriginal People of Ontario

# Courtney Jourdain sings for Canadian Idol judges

By Chen Chekki  
Birchbark Writer

### THUNDER BAY

Courtney Jourdain can't stop trying to prove to the world she deserves to be a Canadian singing superstar.

"I've always, ever since I was five years old," said the 20-year-old Thunder Bay resident.

She won *Contact* Aboriginal Icon contest on the Aboriginal Peoples Television Network (APTN) on April 4, beating out two other contestants from Winnipeg and Saskatchewan.

The prize was an expense-paid trip to Toronto to audition for the *Canadian Idol* show on April 18.

It will be her third time auditioning for the coveted talent show after failing to advance from tryouts in 2003 and 2004.

The invite to the APTN show came after she sent in her demo of a slower-sounding, bluesy song by Joss Stone called *Choking*.

"I kind of screamed," said Jourdain, after receiving the call. They told her during the call

on March 31 that she was a finalist for *Contact* and she had to have a song ready to sing in four days.

They offered to fly her to Winnipeg where the show is produced, but she decided to drive there instead, with her grandmother, mother and cousin Angus Jourdain.

An acoustic guitar song called *Let Go* that was written with Angus gave her the win on APTN. They wrote it together when she was 11 years old, but she never sang it in public until the APTN contest.

Jourdain said she knew the potential of the song, one that she described as "well-written."

"I just knew it was the song," said Jourdain.

She sang it about 20 times during the drive to Winnipeg and many times while staying at their hotel.

Two hours of voice training was all Jourdain has ever formally received, with the rest of her singing experience coming from singing at home and at public events such as the Thunder Bay Blues Festival.

A rehearsal was held at noon on April 4 at the APTN studios,

followed by the real thing at 6 p.m. She was standing in front of a few television cameras, big bright lights and three judges.

"I was just trying to control my nervousness," said Jourdain.

She quickly became more comfortable, and after singing to the pre-recorded soundtrack of her song *Let Go*, the rest was history.

The win nabbed her not only a free trip to audition for *Canadian Idol* in Toronto, it also gave her a free offer to record a song in a professional recording studio, which she has yet to cash in on.

She believes her voice has matured plenty since she appeared for the audition for *Canadian Idol* in 2003, which came after winning Thunder Bay Idol, where she beat 70 other contestants with the song *Purple Rain*.

It allowed her to advance to Toronto for the *Canadian Idol* audition. But her voice just wasn't mature enough to sing a real powerhouse Whitney Houston song, *Run to You*.

She tried again in 2004 with no luck.

"Third time's a charm," Jourdain said.



Courtney Jourdain 20-year old from Lac La Crouix First Nation has earned a *Canadian Idol* audition after winning a singing contest hosted by the APTN's program, *Contact*.

This time she has about three cover songs to choose from, and plans to make her decision a day or two before the tryout, where a panel of four will judge her.

Career wise, Jourdain is looking at studying performing arts in southern Ontario and wants to sing professionally, possibly as part of a band.

More professional voice training is also planned for her future, she said, which may help her sing the 10 original songs she wrote with Angus and any other music that comes her way.

"If I don't make it on (*Canadian Idol*) this time, we'll see where the road takes me I guess," said Jourdain.

## Water projects set for Treaty 9 reserves

Four Treaty 9 communities in Northwestern Ontario will soon have a reliable supply of safe, clean drinking water, thanks to the \$12.8 million in funding provided by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC).

The funding will be divided amongst the communities for water treatment plant upgrades and construction. Approximately \$8.9 million will go towards a new water treatment plant at Kee-way-win First Nation. Construction will begin in January of next year, which will result in a new conventional chemically assisted filtration system with granular-activated carbon filtration.

Approximately \$2 million will go to Fort Albany First Nation to repair or replace some key components of the water treatment plant, the low lift station and the wastewater pumping station. The

improvements are expected to be completed this fall.

Around \$1.1 million will go towards repairing and replacing Attawapiskat First Nation's water treatment plant. This construction to improve the quality of water is scheduled to be completed in July 2007.

Close to \$800,000 will go towards repairs and upgrades to the Moose Cree First Nation water treatment plant. The upgrades are expected to be completed this summer.

"Today, I am pleased to announce these projects that will address water quality issues in four communities, including Kee-way-win First Nation, one of the 21 communities identified one year ago as most at risk for waterborne health hazards in my *Plan of Action for Drinking Water in First Nations Communities*," said Jim Prentice, Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada in a news release.



Local Elder Marie Eshkibok Trudeau and her grandson pose for a picture with a local dancer who was part of the entertainment portion at the 4th annual Youth Symposium, held on the Wikwemikong Unceded Reserve from March 15 to 18. This year's theme was culture, tradition and language. The focus of the gathering was a learning opportunity for local youth to gain knowledge about the many cultures, traditions and diverse languages from respected Elders and traditional knowledge practitioners. The Ontario First Nations Young Peoples Council (OFNYPC) hosted the symposium. They covered the costs of meals, accommodations, entertainment and shuttle services for two youth delegates from each First Nation community and organization. The youth council represents 134 communities within Ontario. The focus of the OFNYPC is to ensure there is accurate and fair representation of the diverse regions and communities at a provincial level. They are currently gearing up for the 18th annual Youth Fourm that will be held in Victoria from July 8 to 10.

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3. By signing the Entry Form, the entrant represents that the entry is wholly original, that the work was composed by the entrant, and that the entrant is owner of the copyright in the entry; warrants that the entry shall not infringe on any copyrights or other intellectual property rights of third parties. Each entrant shall, by signing the Entry Form, indemnify and save harmless Peace Hills Trust and its management and staff and employees from and against any claims consistent with the foregoing representation and warranty; waives his Exhibition Rights in the entry for the term of the PHT Contest, and in the event that the entry is chosen as a winning entry, agrees to waive and assign the entrant's Exhibition Right in the winning entry, together with all rights of copyright and reproduction, in favour of Peace Hills Trust; agrees to be bound by the PHT Contest Entry Procedures and Rules and Regulations. All entries complying with the Rules and Regulations will be registered in the PHT Contest by the Official Registrar, Ms. Suzanne Lyrintzis. Late entries, incomplete entries, or entries which do not comply with the PHT Contest Entry Procedures and Rules and Regulations will be disqualified.
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**Entry Procedures**

1. Ensure that all spaces on the Entry Form are filled in correctly, and that the form is dated and signed, otherwise Peace Hills Trust reserves the right to disqualify the entry.
2. Adults may submit as many entries as they wish however, a SEPARATE entry form must accompany each entry. In the Youth categories only ONE entry per youth is permitted.
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4. Peace Hills Trust will not acknowledge the receipt of any entry. If the entrant requires notification, the entry should be accompanied by a self-addressed stamped postcard which will be mailed to the entrant when the entry is received.
5. Should you wish to sell your work while on display at the PHT Contest, please authorize us to release your telephone number to any interested purchasers. Should you not complete that portion of the Entry Form, your telephone number will not be released.
6. Peace Hills Trust at its sole discretion reserves the right to display any or all entries during the PHT Contest.
7. Adult category Prizes: 1st - \$2,500.00, 2nd - \$1,500.00, 3rd - \$1,000.00. Youth Prizes: 1st - \$150.00, 2nd - \$100.00, 3rd - \$75.00 in each category.

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DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF ENTRANT (must be the original artist and owner of the copyright) \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Works are restricted in size - no larger than 4 feet by 6 feet
3. The contest is divided into the following categories:
  - Adult (18 and over)
  - Youth (14 to 17)
  - Youth (10 to 13)
  - Youth (9 and under)

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For the first time ever, Health Canada has created a food guide designed specifically to help First Nation, Inuit and Métis people make healthier food and lifestyle choices.

The publication, *Eating Well with Canada's Food Guide—First Nations, Inuit and Métis*, was officially launched in Yellowknife on April 11.

Like the food guide we've all grown up with, the food guide for First Nations, Inuit and Métis people provides information about the various food groups and how many servings per day a person should be eating based on their age. But the new guide also includes additional information, such as advice on respecting your body by limiting the amount of foods and drinks you consume that are high in calories, fat, sugar or salt and information on what traditional foods can help people who don't eat or drink milk products to still get the necessary nutrients that usually come from dairy products. It also encourages people to be physically active every day.

But where the First Nations, Inuit and Métis food guide differs the most from the general food guide is in the way it attempts to reflect foods commonly found in the First Nations, Inuit and Métis

diets within its food group listings, combining traditional foods with store-bought foods, and emphasizing that, when fresh products are not an option, such as in remote communities, frozen or canned foods are acceptable choices.

The vegetable and fruit food group features berries and wild plants alongside canned or frozen fruits or vegetables. The grains category includes bannock and wild rice alongside the standard breads and cereals. The milk and alternatives category features powdered and canned milk and suggests fortified soy beverages as an alternative for people who don't drink milk. And the meat and alternatives group includes traditional meats, wild game, fish and shellfish.

The guide also includes tips for use of traditional fats, stating that fats that are liquid at room temperature, such as seal and whale oil or ooligan grease, contain unsaturated fat, and their use should be limited to two to three tablespoons a day.

*Eating Well with Canada's Food Guide—First Nations, Inuit and Métis* can be downloaded from the Health Canada Web site at [www.hc-sc.gc.ca](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca). Copies of the guide can also be ordered on the Web site.

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# [ achievement ] Abenaki youth wins seat in Quebec election

By Steve Bonspiel  
Windspeaker Writer

VAL D'OR, Que.

Quebec's March 26 provincial election produced a minority Liberal government and the somewhat surprising rise of the Action Démocratique du Québec as official opposition in the province, relegating the Parti Québécois (PQ) to third party status.

There was also another surprise in store, this time for Aboriginal people, as an Abenaki youth was elected in the northern riding of Abitibi-Est.

Twenty-four-year-old Alexis Wawanoloath claimed the seat after beating out incumbent Pierre Corbeil 8262 votes to 7545. In the process, he dethroned the province's minister of Natural Resources and a respected Quebec politician. His election represents a change in a region that has been under Liberal rule for the past four years.

"In the past the PQ have done quite a lot for First Nations through negotiations and agreements like the Paix des Braves," Wawanoloath told *Windspeaker*. "They recognize First Nations and the specific needs. Maybe it's not perfect, but the PQ's results are better than other parties," he said.

Wawanoloath is a staunch separatist and thinks that the best way for Aboriginal voices to be heard is by dealing with a separate Quebec.

"Sovereignty is a good idea because Quebec, as well as all First Nations, wants to be autonomous and successful," he said.

"All the money is in Ottawa

and all the expenses are with the province. It's something disturbing for me to always ask for money from the federal government."

Growing up with a French father and Abenaki mother in Val d'Or opened Wawanoloath's eyes to both sides of the linguistic divide. He was a federalist until age 15, when he thought to himself that having a separate country would be a better route for everyone in the province, including Aboriginal people.

"I think and understand both sides and I think I can be a good bridge for both sides too," he said.

Wawanoloath worked his way up the Native ranks by sitting on numerous boards. His interest in Native rights and his political savvy eventually saw him become the youth representative with the Assembly of First Nations of Quebec and Labrador. He had to resign that post as well as his job as vice-president of the Native Friendship Centre in Val d'Or after he was elected.

Wawanoloath has a background working for the betterment of young people. He studied early childhood education at the Abitibi Temiscamingue CEGEP, with a focus on Aboriginal children. He also worked as a social worker at two schools that had large First Nation populations. His mandate was to combat stereotypes and to educate his students about the diversity of cultures in Quebec. He stressed that he would like to continue working with the schools to help prevent students from forming racist stereotypes about Aboriginal people at an early age. But he does not only want to limit his speeches to



Alexis Wawanoloath was elected to represent the riding of Abitibi-Est in the Quebec provincial election held March 26.

youth.

"I want to teach my colleagues about Native peoples. I would also like to introduce a program where people learn about how we lived in the past and the different things we've been through to get here today. I want the people to understand the Aboriginal position and I think that will help to eliminate a lot of the ignorance and racism."

It's believed that Wawanoloath is the first Aboriginal person to hold office as a member of the PQ. When he found out he'd won the election, his youthful exuberance and hope for the future could not be contained.

"I feel very honoured," he said. "A lot of whites I met were proud to be the first riding to elect a Native person. And a lot of Native people told me that my election gave them hope. It showed that we are in a place where it's possible to live together."

During the election campaign, the Val d'Or Chamber of Commerce held a debate between incumbent Corbeil and Wawanoloath, and by all accounts, Wawanoloath held his own. His self-confidence is evident in his response when asked if he would consider running for office again. "Of course," he said. "And I will win."

The platform he ran on during the provincial campaign focused on the social and economic change he feels is needed to boost his riding and the sagging economies of towns that used to rely heavily on mining. His openness to the youth and to everyone in the riding is what he believes helped him to get in.

"I want to give the people a voice, where they can talk and express their opinions," he said. "It doesn't matter if you're a Liberal or PQ or if you voted for the Green Party, I want to hear from everyone. I invite everyone to speak, because I represent everyone."



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# Scholarships allow student to pursue her dreams

By Cheryl Petten  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

## WINNIPEG

Ever since she was a little girl, Shirley Haynes has wanted to be a teacher, but when she graduated from high school, her financial situation put attending university to pursue her dream out of her reach.

A dozen years later, Haynes finally got a chance to begin her post-secondary education, but she said if she'd known back then what she knows now, she could have begun her studies straight out of high school.

The knowledge Haynes was lacking in her youth was that student loans, scholarships and bursaries can help ease the financial burden of attending college or university. Haynes is currently in the second year of studies at Red River College of Applied Arts, Science and Technology, and is funding her entire post-secondary education with the scholarships she's received.

One of the scholarships Haynes has been chosen to receive is an Excellence Award from the Canadian Millennium Scholarship Foundation, given out to students selected based on their community and academic

achievements. As an Excellent Award laureate, she will receive a \$5,000 bursary, renewable for one additional year.

Some of the scholarships she has received are awarded to people within a specific group. As a teen, she spent four years in foster care, so she has applied for and received scholarships that help former foster children attain a post-secondary education. She is Métis, so she has received scholarships given out to Aboriginal students. But she believes it's her involvement in the community—both her school community at Red River, and the community she lives in in Winnipeg's inner city—that has earned her the lion's share of the scholarships she's received.

"I apply for every single scholarship I'm eligible for," she said. She estimates she's applied for about 20 this year. "And so that helps with my applications too, because I get a lot of practice writing them."

All the practice seems to be paying off for Haynes, who has been selected to receive five scholarships this year. She gives some of the credit for her success to Red River's Aboriginal student support centre, where the staff help students with their scholarship and bursary applications.

"Before I got to Red River, that summer, I did them all on my own. And when I was at Red River last year during the school year, the help they gave me just showed me how much better my applications I'd done before I got to school could have been."

Haynes is enrolled in a joint program with Red River and the University of Winnipeg. The first two years of her studies have seen her in a two-year diploma program in Aboriginal languages. Next year, she will make the move to the university, where she will spend three more years in studies. At the end of it all, she will have a bachelor of arts degree, a bachelor of education degree and a diploma in Aboriginal languages.

One of the greatest challenges Haynes faces as a full-time post-secondary student is striking a balance between her studies and her role as mother to two young children, a challenge she wouldn't have had to deal with if she'd been able to start her studies right out of high school.

Haynes is happy to share her story with others, not because she seeks any attention, but because she hopes others can learn from her experiences and see that, thanks to the large number of scholarships and bursaries that are available, getting a post-



Shirley Haynes

secondary education doesn't have to be an unattainable dream.

"I think the farther that my story gets spread, the more people who are like me—who are Aboriginal, who are women, who have kids, who have no money, who were in foster care—whatever it is ... the farther the story is spread, the more people will see that there's opportunity and that there's things that they can access. And if I did it, they can do it. And that's really exciting to me," she said.

"I always keep stressing that this isn't about me and how amazing I am. This is about, holy crow, I had no idea these things existed. And if other people just knew they existed, it's amazing the opportunities they would get. I would have gone to university when I was 18 if I had known. Maybe someone else will have the opportunity that they didn't even know existed because the farther the story is spread, the more chance there is that they'll hear it."

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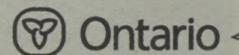
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Lawrence Martin	Bingo	Best of Lawrence Martin
Slidin' Clyde Roulette Band	No Time for You	Let's Take a Ride
Weaselhead	She's Still the Same Girl	Refuge of Romance
Black Rain	Rez Girls	Hundred Dollar Hickey
Ron Loutit	Bar Stool	Mine to Discover
Art Napoleon	Mystics	Miyoskamin
Donny Parenteau	Someone More Lonesome	What it Takes
Don Amero	Freight Train	Change Your Life
Percy Trapper	Strong & Beautiful	Songs from the Stone
Jared Sowan	Broken Wing	Eclectically Yours
Little Hawk	Sisters in Spirit	Home & Native Land
After the Rain	My Home Town	I'm Coming Home
Marlee Sioux	Wizard Flurry Home	A Bundled Bundle of Bundles
Jacques & the Shakey Boys	Naschitti	Lines, Bumps & Rails
Terri-Anne Strongarm	Anymore	Anymore
Mike Gouchie	Angels Unaware	Bad Boys & Angels
Star Nayea	Into the Depths	Single

CONTRIBUTING  
STATIONS:



Artist—Michael Bucher  
Album—SEVEN  
Song—Do What We Must  
Label—Blue Hills Records  
Producer—Peter Phippen

## Bucher CD entertains and inspires

If you're looking for a CD that offers peace, comfort and strong lyrics balanced with passionate vibrations of drums, flutes, shakers, rattles and guitars, then Michael Bucher's CD, SEVEN offers these qualities and more.

Bucher is a diverse Cherokee musician who grew up on the south side of Chicago but now resides in Wisconsin.

His music can be described as a fusion of Native folk, blues and rock, but his songs can also connect to traditional teachings that present a sense of healing.

SEVEN is a ten-track CD that sheds light on serious issues that people deal with day to day such as addiction, depression and abuse. While many of the subjects dealt with are dark, Bucher also offers hope, a sentiment that is particularly strong on the last track on the CD, *You're Not Alone*. "The battle rages on, confusion takes control. In the middle of the madness when it seems all hope is gone, just take another breath my friend. Now's the time to say we're not alone," he sings.

Bucher's CD is a wake up-call to everyone. He sings about sacred sites and treaty rights and, in the song *Do What We Must*, he sings about the environment and the pleas coming from all of the four directions that nothing is getting better. Ice is melting, things are drying up and there are too many hurricanes, but it's not too late for change, he says through song, but things can be different, if we all *Do What We Must*.

## June deadline set for third annual writing challenge

If you're an aspiring young Aboriginal writer between the ages of 14 and 29, the Dominion Institute would like to hear from you.

The institute, a national charitable organization dedicated to promoting Canadian history and civic culture, recently announced the launch of the 2007 Canadian Aboriginal Writing Challenge and is inviting young Aboriginal writers from across the country to submit stories that interpret defining moments in the history of Canada and its Aboriginal people.

There are two age categories for the writing competition—one for writers 14 to 18, and one for writers 19 to 29.

The first place winner in each category will receive a cash prize and a trip to Ottawa and will see their story published in *The Beaver: Canada's History Magazine*. Authors of the top ten stories, as selected by an advisory committee comprised of Aboriginal authors, will receive a cash prize and will have their winning essays published online. All participants in the writing challenge will receive a certificate

in recognition of their participation.

Selected winning entries from this year and from the previous two years of the competition will also be included in a publication being put together by the Dominion Institute and Theytus Books Ltd. That publication is slated for release this coming fall.

The deadline for submissions to this year's competition is June 29. More information about the Canadian Aboriginal Writing Challenge can be found online at [www.our-story.ca](http://www.our-story.ca) or by calling 1-866-701-1867.



Leela Gilday was all smiles at this year's Juno celebrations held in Saskatoon after winning an award in the Aboriginal Recording of the Year category. Gilday accepted her award during the Juno gala dinner on March 31.



CANADA COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS

A handfull of Aboriginal artists were among a group of 50 who joined the Canada Council for the Arts as the organization celebrated its 50th anniversary. Film-makers Alanis Obomsawin and Zacharias Kunuk, singer and musician Lucie Idlout and dancer Tracee Smith joined in the festivities held in Ottawa on March 27 and 28. One feature of the celebration was a conference that brought aspiring artists from high schools, universities and colleges in the National Capital Region together with the impressive gathering of established artists.

# Crystal Favel a.k.a. DJ KWE — [ windspeaker confidential ]

**Windspeaker:** What one quality do you most value in a friend?

**Crystal Favel:** One of many qualities I value in a friend is honour. I value someone who follows their heart, lives by their word, and is humble enough to learn from their mistakes. My interpretation of "honour" means staying true to yourself no matter what and if you have to jump the cliff for what you believe in, then so be it. See you on the other side.

**W:** What is it that really makes you mad?

**C.F.:** I get mad when people mistake my kindness for a weakness. I get spitting mad when others try to push me down and stop me from achieving. I'm just sick of it. I'm breaking the chains of dependency. I have every right to cross into uncharted territories. Now I just prefer to use my anger and turn it into opportunities to accomplish the impossible. The more people say, "It's never been done before" the more I want to reach for it.

**W:** When are you at your happiest?

**C.F.:** I am at my happiest when the universe feeds my vision with tools, gifts, loving people and an Earth we can call Mother. I then take those gifts and give them to others in hopes to motivate, to create and inspire their desire.

**W:** What one word best describes

you when you are at your worst?  
**C.F.:** When I am at my worst, the best word to describe me is self-loathing because I am ashamed of myself when I think I've failed. It's not easy being a buffalo and sometimes it can be very lonely walking the "Plains" truth.

**W:** What one person do you most admire and why?

**C.F.:** It would be impossible for me to just limit it to one ... I admire my mom for finding the strength to leave an abusive relationship. I admire my sister for healing from a broken neck when her truck went over a bridge in the rain. I admire my husband for healing from life-threatening injuries and heart-breaking moments. I admire myself for having the courage to heal while I follow my dreams.

**W:** What is the most difficult thing you've ever had to do?

**C.F.:** One of the most difficult things I have ever had to do was look in a mirror. I've won an international DJ contest, been on Global TV and APTN, even Dj'd in front of thousands of people, but finding the courage to look in the mirror forced me to come to terms with my need to heal.

**W:** What is your greatest accomplishment?

**C.F.:** On a business level, I would have to say one of my greatest accomplishments was to DJ for

the National Aboriginal Achievement Awards and have my husband by my side the whole time. The wax warriors were in full effect and I was able to cater to a national Aboriginal community that was inspired to celebrate our achievements. The night received rave reviews and the community finally got to hear DJ Kwe in the mix. On a personal level? To love and be loved.

**W:** What one goal remains out of reach?

**C.F.:** One goal that remains out of reach is having enough capital to build my cultural corporate vision and have it become the "Oprah" of all Aboriginal production companies that gives back to the Native community through multimedia. Does anyone want to fund an innovative and successful woman who can flip a soccer ball over her head?

**W:** If you couldn't do what you're doing today, what would you be doing?

**C.F.:** I would be in the spirit world with the rest of my ancestors and loved ones that passed away. Living on Mother Earth has been a very difficult journey and sometimes I feel like I can relate more to the spirit world than I can with people here. Therefore, if it weren't for my purpose in life to help others through multimedia I would be

Crystal Favel a.k.a. DJ KWE, is an inspiring DJ who produces traditional music fused with kicking beats and finished with her own unique signature that screams DJ KWE. The 33-year-old is also a writer, producer and promoter, and an entrepreneur who runs her own music and entertainment business called Urban Indian Productions. She gives motivational talks and workshops to youth, plays competitive soccer and also has a CD to her credit, The Electronic Drum, released last year and is anticipating the return of DJ KWE's Wax Warriors, the radio program she hosted and produced on Aboriginal Voices Radio.



chillin' with our ancestors, with a cup of green tea, beats in the background, and laughin' about all the good times we had.

**W:** What is the best piece of advice you've ever received?

**C.F.:** "Live well, retire well."

**W:** Did you take it?

**C.F.:** Yes I took the advice and now I live by it, hoping that when my time comes to retire I can embrace it gracefully. These words of encouragement help bring closure in my life and at the same time open up windows of opportunity. You're never too

young to live well.

**W:** How do you hope to be remembered?

**C.F.:** I hope that people will remember me for my spirit and not for my tears. I want to leave the essence of positivity behind for our community to feed on so that we can grow stronger in solidarity and build self-reliance. I only wanted to "belong" to a community and I hope my contribution was enough to bring everyone together. I hope to be remembered not for what I said, but for what I did. "Live well everyone, live well!"



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# Curling championship makes a comeback

By Ann Harvey  
Windspeaker Writer

WYNYARD, Sask.

Renewal of friendships and the hard-fought games of experienced rinks characterized the 14th National Aboriginal Curling Championship held in this Saskatchewan community.

Two Wynard residents, Curtis Brewster and Martin Aubichon, co-chaired the event, which brought 16 men's and four women's teams from Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan together from March 30 to April 1.

The championship tournament was inaugurated as the Western Canada Aboriginal Curling Championship and was hosted by the Hub City Curling rink in Saskatoon, where it was held for 13 years, Brewster said. This year's event marked a revival for the tournament, which was last held in 2005.

The first time the championship tournament was held, it attracted 46 rinks from across Canada. By 2002, there were 94 rinks competing. But relocating the event to Wynyard, plus holding it earlier than its usual Easter weekend timeslot caused a drop in entries for this year's event, Brewster said.

But the change in dates and venues didn't deter a rink from Slave Lake, Alta., he added. "They drove 14 hours to get here."

And it didn't diminish the quality of play.

"It was really good curling," said Brewster.

Men's winners from the first event were the Gerald Bird rink in first place, the Ted Lamotte rink in second place and the Roy Desnomie rink in third place.

The winner's in the second men's event were the Roy Desnomie rink in first place, the

Rod Wuttinee rink in second place and the Russell Collins team in third place.

Winners in the third men's event winners were the Marshall Bear rink in first place, the Elton McKay rink in second place and the Kevin Wolfe rink in third.

The men's finals saw the Gerald Bird rink defeat the defending champs, the Ted Lamotte rink, to claim top spot.

On the women's side, the Karen McGillivray rink took first place, with the Debbie Ledoux rink claiming second and third place going to the Maria Moore rink.

The first place men won \$1,500 and the first place women won \$1,200.

Brewster said the event lived up to its goal of providing an opportunity for Aboriginal curlers to come together and showcase their skills and culture in an atmosphere of fellowship, sportsmanship and friendly competition.

Curlers have looked forward to the tournament year after year, he said.

"They were all returning curlers. They were glad that we got it back this year."

Unlike Aubichon, who has been involved in organizing each of the 14 National Aboriginal Curling Championships, Brewster is new to the event, but it didn't take him long to see why the tournament is so popular.

"This is the first year I was involved with it and you could sure see the friendships. They come to win but as well they renew acquaintances," he said. "Hugs were given because the last time they saw each other was two years ago."

Brewster said planning has already begun for the 2008 championship. Organizers are hoping to return to Saskatoon and hold the tournament during the Easter weekend when more curlers will be available.



PHOTOS BY CURTIS BREWSTER

The Gerald Bird rink claimed the championship title on the men's side at the National Aboriginal Curling Championship held in Wynyard, Sask. from March 30 to April 1. Pictured (left to right) are Gerald Bird, Wilfred Bird, Bill Desnomie, David Bird, team coach George Desnomie and event co-chair Martin Aubichon, who presented trophies to the team members.

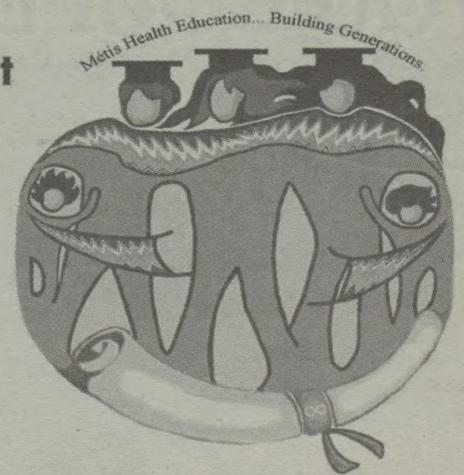


The Karen McGillivray rink took top honours on the women's side during the National Aboriginal Curling Championship in Wynyard, Sask. Pictured (left to right) are Shirley Elaine Carriere, Charlotte Cambell, Marie Jebb, Karen McGillivray and event co-chair Martin Aubichon.

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# UNBC celebrates success of medical program

There are six Aboriginal students enrolled in the Northern Medical Program (NMP) offered at the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC), and while those numbers are far from staggering, they do put the program ahead of many other medical programs in the country when it comes to Aboriginal representation within the student population.

Those six Aboriginal students represent eight per cent of the total enrollment in the NMP. According to a press release issued by UNBC, the estimated percentage of Aboriginal students among the total student population of medical schools across the country is less than five per cent.

The NMP is currently in its third year of operations, having welcomed its first cohort of students in 2004. The program, which is part of the University of British Columbia (UBC) expanded faculty of medicine, was created to try to address a shortage of doctors practicing in northern British Columbia.

"Our purpose here was to try and find a way of training students in a northern context, and trying to find the right kind of students in the hope that some of them, eventually, once they go

through all the undergraduate and post-graduate training programs, would come back to the north and help with the difficulties that we have with physician numbers in northern B.C.," said David Snadden, vice provost of medicine at UNBC and associate dean for the NMP.

The UBC has a distributed faculty of medicine, which means students entering the school's medical program have a choice of where they want to complete their studies—at UBC in Vancouver, at the University of Victoria, or at the UNBC campus in Prince George, where the NMP is based. While Aboriginal students in the medicine program are free to choose any of the three locations, the UNBC program has a number of features that may make it more appealing, Snadden said.

"I think for Aboriginal students that are from the north, it's actually easier for them to come and train here because they're closer to family," he said.

The Prince George campus also offers an environment that may be more familiar to students who have grown up on reserve than that offered by the campuses in Vancouver or Victoria, he added.

"It's a small town. We're in the wilderness ... It's a very different

experience from training in a big city like Vancouver. So I think for those people from small communities, it's a much more comfortable fit.

"We're also a small program. At the moment we have 24 students a year coming through. So everybody gets to know each other. The relationships are very close with the physicians in the town and with the community, and we've got strong links with the Aboriginal community locally. So I think these are things that attract some Aboriginal students to pick a smaller site."

Peter Eppinga, a Haida student from Masset on the Queen Charlotte Islands, is one of those who chose to complete his studies in Prince George.

There are many reasons Eppinga decided to study medicine, he explained.

"I want to help people and I love the care in medicine. I love the human body and especially how it functions. Learning how to heal a person with medicine is a great honour," he said.

"I also wish to implement health changes in the health care system for Aboriginal people. There are a lot of changes that have to take place and I want to be on the front line for those changes."



Six Aboriginal students are currently enrolled in the University of Northern British Columbia's Northern Medical Program. Pictured are (back) Peter Eppinga, (front row, left to right) Sharona Supernault, Lorraine MacDonald, Ben Matthew, Taylor Riutta and Jennifer Douse.

Part of the reason Eppinga enrolled in the NMP is because he feels the program will provide him with the knowledge and experience he'll need down the road.

"If I really want to come back to my reserve and work, I need to really understand what's going on with the Aboriginal health issues in northern B.C.," he said.

The fact that the campus is in a small community is an advantage.

"There's a lot of one on one with patients," he said. "You're just more involved."

The high population of Aboriginal people in the region also means medical students in the NMP also have more opportunities to treat Aboriginal patients, he said.

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# Fund opens doors for Aboriginal youth

By Laura Suthers  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

## WINNIPEG

The University of Winnipeg (U of W) is helping to open the door to post-secondary education for inner city children and youth through its newly launched Opportunity Fund.

The goal of the Opportunity Fund is to make attending the U of W an achievable goal for young Aboriginal students and young people from war-affected nations and refugee populations.

The impact of the new fund is expected to be far-reaching, benefiting not only students looking to begin their post-secondary education, but also primary and secondary students and would-be entrepreneurs, explained Kelly Brown, executive director of student relations at the University of Winnipeg.

One aspect of the Opportunity Fund is the tuition credit account option, geared to encourage Aboriginal students from Grade 4 to Grade 9 to stay in school.

"Keeping kids in school is step number one. That's absolutely critical," said Brown.

To earn tuition credits, students in Grade 4 to Grade 8 must be involved in extracurricular programming such as the U of W's Eco-Kids: Adventures in Environmental Science program, which explores the relationship between Aboriginal culture, science and the environment, and they must successfully complete the school year. Grade 4 to Grade 8 students involved in the tuition credit account program can earn up to \$200 in tuition credits toward the cost of a post-secondary education at the U of W.

"So, if you're in Eco-Kids, you could potentially earn about \$1,000 credit," said Brown.

Students in Grade 9 through Grade 12 have the potential of earning \$500 to \$750 in tuition credit for each year of school they complete, and can even earn bonus credit if they achieve an average of 80 per cent or higher or if they participate in extracurricular activities such as the university's Enviro Techs program.

"For the older kids in Enviro Techs, the emphasis is on math, science and environmental science, which keeps them engaged in school," said Brown.

Students in the Enviro Techs program are trained in creative problem solving and other skills that will encourage academic and personal success. They also complete leadership training, which allows them to work with the youth in the Eco-Kids program, but to also give back to their community.

Of the \$750 maximum tuition credit up for grabs for students in the higher grades, \$500 is earned by completing the grade, \$150 for earning a B or better,

\$50 for being in the Enviro Techs program and another \$50 if the students participate in sports or other extra-curricular activities.

Participation in the tuition credit account program could add up. A student who gets involved in the program in Grade 4 could potentially earn up to \$4,000 in tuition credits by the time they graduate from high school. Even students who don't get involved until Grade 9 still have the opportunity to accrue \$3,000 in tuition credits by the time they're ready to enroll at the U of W.

Another aspect of the Opportunity Fund is the Opportunity Bursaries program, which will provide financial assistance to part-time and full-time students who show academic promise, who can demonstrate financial need and who come from a group that is under-represented at the university.

"Quite often we're finding that someone's financial need is not limited to books and tuition," Brown said. "It might be they need money for a bus pass or they need money to supplement child care, so this bursary would help address all those different needs."

The Opportunity Bursaries can be combined with other scholarships or bursaries awarded by the U of W. Opportunity Bursary recipients can also benefit from an expanded transition year program that helps them make the transition to university life. The transition year program is already available to Aboriginal students at the U of W.

The third and final aspect of the Opportunity Fund focuses on community capacity building or micro finance.

"This is to provide low interest loans to people who might have difficulty getting loans from traditional financial institutions," said Brown. "We're looking for people in the community, visible minorities, immigrants, women entrepreneurs and just people who need that little assistance, whether it's for a restaurant or a food stand."

The university's goal is to create a \$10 million endowment to support the Opportunity Fund. Fundraising efforts got off to a flying start on Feb. 19 when Winnipeg-born singer/songwriter Chantal Kreviazuk and her husband Raine Maida, lead singer of Our Lady Peace, helped launch the Opportunity Fund by performing at a benefit concert.

Brown expects the fundraising efforts will receive another boost this fall when the University of Winnipeg celebrates its 40th anniversary homecoming weekend from Sept. 13 to 16.

More information about the Opportunity Fund can be found at [www.uwinnipeg.ca](http://www.uwinnipeg.ca). To find out about how to make a donation to the Opportunity Fund, go to [www.uwinnipegfoundation.ca/donate](http://www.uwinnipegfoundation.ca/donate).

Singer/songwriter Chantal Kreviazuk (pictured) and her husband Raine Maida headlined a benefit concert in February to help raise funds for the University of Winnipeg's new Opportunities Fund, designed to transform attending the university from an unattainable dream to a tangible reality for inner city children and youth.



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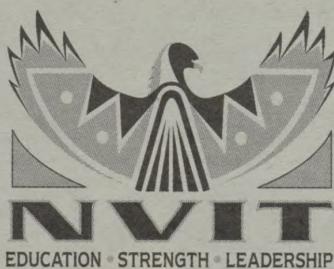
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# [ footprints ] Rita Joe

## Poet shared her stories of love and survival

By Heather Andrews Miller

For decades, Rita Joe used her talents to advocate for love and understanding between peoples. That wonderful voice has now been stilled. Joe passed away on March 20 in a Cape Breton hospital following a long battle with Parkinson's disease.

Joe overcame a tumultuous childhood, poverty, life in foster homes, prejudice, and years of attendance in residential school, and turned her experiences into a lifelong spiritual quest that would influence thousands who heard her gentle, loving, positive words.

Joe was born in 1932 in Whycomogah, Cape Breton, to Joseph and Annie Bernard. She was the sixth child born to the couple, and her memories of her early years included love and fellowship in a community where all the neighbours were poor but did all they could to help each other. Memories of her preschool years were happy, although she missed her older brothers who were attending residential school at Shubenacadie.

But Joe's childhood happiness would not last. Her mother died in childbirth when Joe was five. Joe was placed in a series of foster homes, some for as little as two weeks, others for a few months. Often these homes were poorer than her own, and the hungry little girl would cry herself to sleep on a mattress on the floor.

When she was nine, she returned home to live with her beloved father, sister Annabel, and brothers Soln, Roddy and Matt. But the family had been reunited for only a year when her father died of pneumonia and she once again found herself in a foster home. Soon after she was taken to the residential school, a move she welcomed after years of uncertainty in foster care.

At the school she was befriended by kindly

nuns who taught her to knit, sew, cook and bake, skills she enjoyed. In class, she eagerly finished her work so she could spend time in the library. But not all nuns treated her with kindness, and she found the fierce regimentation difficult. Not being allowed to speak her Native tongue was another hardship for the young girl. The school became a place of sadness and loneliness for the children who lived there, and when she completed Grade 8 and then left the school to go to work in Halifax, she harboured many heartbreaking memories.

The work was hard but Joe enjoyed the freedom of being independent. She made new friends and began to date, but she'd grown up with little opportunity to learn about life and love from her parents, and naively believed the boys she dated when they told her they loved her. She soon found herself pregnant.

She experienced prejudice and harassment on the streets of Halifax, a Native in a non-Native world, and became conscious of her lack of education and the restrictions for advancement that it represented. The next few years were not happy ones as she searched for a better job, a circle of caring friends, and some sort of stability. Soon she moved to Boston where her brother lived, but found the same barriers she had experienced in Halifax.

It was at this time that she met the man she would marry, Frank Joe. He was from Eskasoni, a community near her own home reserve. Living in Eskasoni she once again was surrounded by loving people, although life with Frank could be difficult and there was never enough money.

By the time Joe was in her 30s, she was worn out by years of deprivation, hard work and frequent pregnancies. After the birth of her daughter Anne, Joe's

doctor warned her about the dangers to her health further pregnancies would pose and told her she must have a hysterectomy. Remembering her own mother's premature death and not wanting to put her children through the same experience, she consented. After the surgery her health improved and her family life stabilized.

Looking through the work her children would bring home from school, Joe saw inaccurate history and negative stereotyping of Aboriginal people. Anxious to leave a record of the true accounts, she began to write. Always an avid reader, the words came easily, and she found the experience to be both therapeutic and enjoyable. Her first poem recognized Eskasoni, featuring its setting among mountains, trees and the rising tide, and the people who lived there. She submitted the poem to a Mi'kmaq newspaper. When it appeared in print, she was hooked.

Soon she was writing a regular column of traditional stories. She interviewed many Elders and retold their tales and relayed information about natural medicines and treatments.

In 1978 her first book, *Poems of Rita Joe*, was published. She was invited to address school audiences, and as her work became more well known, the demand for her to share her stories increased. While she told of heartbreaking stories, she always balanced the negative sentiments with positive thoughts. She scolded non-Aboriginal audiences for not listening to Aboriginal people for the past 500 years and told them now they must begin to listen so that all could live in harmony in this great land.

Joe's success in the literary world inspired her to return to school, where she completed her Grade 12, followed by a course



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Rita Joe, the Poet Laureate of the Mi'kmaq people, has left a lasting legacy in the words she has committed to print and the souls she has touched with her writing.

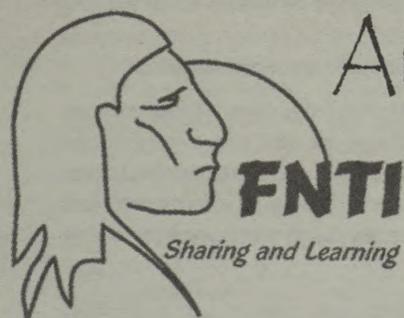
in business education. Excited by her example, her husband also returned to school, completing bachelor of education and sociology degrees. The two became closer and their marriage thrived up until Frank's sudden death from a heart attack in 1989.

Joe's second book, *Songs of Eskasoni*, was published in 1988. The book took a more assertive tone, inspiring people to begin referring to Joe as the warrior poet. She threw herself into her writing, and soon a third, then a fourth, and finally a fifth poetry anthology appeared on the shelves of libraries and bookstores everywhere.

In 1996, she published her autobiography, *Songs of Rita Joe*, which along with a film

completed in 1993, allowed Canadians a glimpse into her life. The film, entitled *Song of Eskasoni*, features Joe speaking in her gentle voice and telling the story of the Mi'kmaq people of Cape Breton Island. The past is gone, she said in the film, and people shouldn't dwell on it, but should instead look forward to today and to tomorrow, which are in their hands.

Today the Poet Laureate of the Mi'kmaq people lies in peace in the parish cemetery in the land she loved, but her voice lingers on in the printed word for future generations to love and appreciate. Through her words she is still sharing what is in her heart and those who listen will be all the richer.



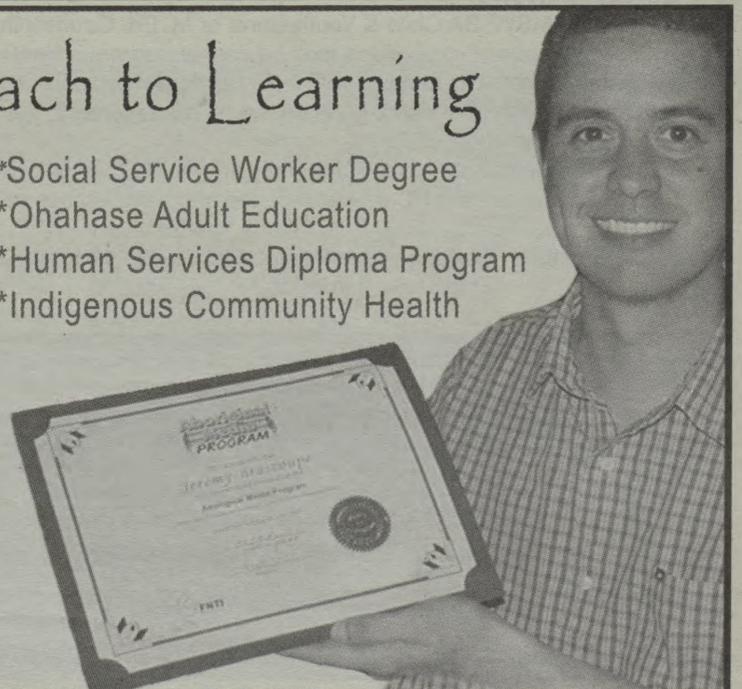
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