

Secret meeting in Calgary

Negotiators talk over Lubicon deal

By Susan Enge
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Federal and provincial negotiators met in Calgary this week to work out the details of the land transfer Premier Getty promised the Lubicon Nation on Oct. 22.

News coverage of the discussion has been blacked out. Both parties agreed to keep confidential the details of how the 79 square miles of reserve land will be transferred back to the federal government which is presently under provincial jurisdiction. The negotiators are also keeping quiet regarding discussions involving Premier Getty's commitment to sell an additional 16 square miles of land to the federal government for Lubicon use.

While talks between the negotiators continue, the Lubicon Chief is insisting Prime Minister Mulroney rectify the unresolved elements of their claim before Minister of Indian Affairs Bill McKnight scuttles the entire deal.

Mr. McKnight's statement made last week in

Edmonton that he could not provide Treaty benefits to the 478 people living in Little Buffalo, without being compelled to apply the same principle to other outstanding land claims negotiations, threatens to jeopardize the Lubicon's deal, says Chief Bernard Ominayak. He wants the entire population to be treated equally and this cannot be achieved without altering the federal minister's position.

On the other hand, McKnight said treaty benefits would be provided to just the registered treaty Indians from Little Buffalo and will not be given to non-status Indians or Metis.

Ken Colby, federal public relations consultant, says talks will progress if the Lubicon endorse the federal government's premise they "do not have aboriginal title" but rather, "have an entitlement under Treaty 8 which has never been fulfilled."

The Lubicon Nation claims it has aboriginal title to the land and never signed any Treaty.

Federal negotiator Brian Malone released a press statement late Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 1, following two days of talks with provincial negotiators in Calgary. He said, "the concerns the band has raised with the media can be accommodated. Until I have had the opportunity to discuss these matters directly with the band, I cannot comment further."

Malone is meeting with approximately 30 oil and gas companies who hold interests in the general area proposed for the reserve Nov. 2 and 3rd in Calgary.

He has requested tri-lateral discussions be set up to finalize the land base. He has asked to "join talks between the Lubicon Lake Indian and the province of Alberta negotiators."

The Lubicon and provincial government negotiators are discussing in Edmonton, today, the details of wildlife management on their traditional lands.



From Ironwork to soapstone

Dell Warner, an Iroquois soapstone carver, recently took part in the arts and crafts show and sale at the Convention Centre in Edmonton from Oct. 28-30. Warner says, "It all began in 1982 while I was employed as an ironworker in Alberta...I had prayed

that I would be able to live and work at home where I was born. That is the time I began dreaming of soapstone." And so began the carving career from which he makes a living today.

— Photo by Keith Matthew

Edson Metis to test MAA brass' reaction in a bid to open the books for scrutiny

By Susan Enge
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EDSON, Alta.

Two ousted members of Edson Local 44 of the Metis Association of Alberta (MAA) are spearheading a plan to force the association to open its financial records for a three day inspection beginning Nov. 7.

Sharon Johnstone-Martel, president of the local, and husband Dan Martel, former Zone 4 vice-president, met with representatives from three other zones in the province in Edson Oct. 29 and 30. Their meeting coincided with the Metis regional council's meeting also held in Edson that weekend, from which the media was barred.

Johnstone-Martel told the assembly it was time to "look at the records" of the MAA because she heard "program dollars were being misappropriated." Until an inspection of the organization's books can be completed to allay her fears, she says the investigation should proceed.

Members from Zones 1, 3 and 6 agree. Although representatives from Zones 2 and 5 were missing from the meeting, Dan Martel confirmed members from Zones 1 to 6 will be participating in the three day con-

frontation. Two representatives from each zone will travel to Edmonton to participate, he added.

Johnstone-Martel said the exercise is meant to test the reaction from the Metis President Larry Desmeules. She is expecting to see membership cards revoked arbitrarily by Desmeules following the request to investigate the books.

"Will he also pull their membership cards?" questioned Johnstone-Martel. She says hers and Dan Martel's membership cards were revoked arbitrarily by Desmeules shortly after they demanded to see the association's books last June.

Desmeules says he will comply with the request to see the books providing they "use the proper people and the proper procedure." He adds he will not let "a gang of kids come in here and Treaty Indians coming in here and look at anything - or non-members."

Desmeules sees the criticism from the Local 44 group as coming from people who are "nothing but troublemakers."

The Edson local is also facing strong opposition from its zone's regional council's vice-president, Joe Blyan. Since Johnstone-Martel's and Martel's membership were cancelled, Blyan has been

refusing to recognize her participation in regional meetings.

In a Sept. 20 letter to the Edson local, Blyan warned the membership "they run the risk of having their local struck" if they "persist in recognizing a non-member as their leader."

But the Metis membership are unwilling to choose another leader. They showed their support for Johnstone-Martel at the Local 44 meeting.

Blyan wrote a second letter Oct. 17 offering four options suggesting that: the local opt to appoint an interim leader until Johnstone-Martel becomes a member in good standing; she apply for re-instatement through the MAA's elders council, obtain a legal ruling concerning her membership, or start up an autonomous body under a different name.

When questioned about his actions, Blyan shouted he wasn't "trying to strike the local's membership" from the regional council. And, he raised a motion, which was passed, to close the regional council meeting to media and Local 44's lawyer.

"I will not sit here and go through these presentations with their lawyer. There are real serious allegations being made here.

I'm going to have to adjourn the meeting unless I have my own lawyer," shouted Blyan, cutting off Local 44 member Dan Martel's presentation regarding his local's conflict with the MAA.

Zone Director Thelma Chalifoux expressed her irritation over the presence of Local 44's lawyer, yelling, "It really bothers me to have to have an Indian agent type here. I don't want some white dude sitting there telling us what to do."

After his presentation, delivered in-camera, Bradshaw said Blyan likes to intimidate people. "We're not supposed to step out of line. It's called dictatorship."

Bradshaw added he is "really very concerned about the grave way the association is treating its membership."

Blyan was unavailable for comment at press time.

If Desmeules denies access to the association's books, the local's lawyer, John Middleton, says the option of "taking it to court to compel the MAA to produce their records" is available. Or, the local can organize a special meeting, with endorsement from 25 percent of the province's general membership to impeach some of its leaders, can be held.

CLOSE TO HOME

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Politics cloud the classroom: Little Buffalo's Peter and Mary Sawan

Lubicon pair send kids to Grimshaw**Parents: Protests hampered schooling**By Susan Enge
Windspeaker Staff Writer

LITTLE BUFFALO, Alta.

Little Buffalo's Peter and Mary Sawan believe the recent advances made between the Lubicon Nation and the government regarding the land claim have been made at the expense of their seven schoolchildren.

Just after the Lubicons constructed road blockades on Oct. 15, they decided it was time to take action and remove their children from the community. During the blockade, grades 7, 8, and 9 students were seen manning the barriers around the clock. They studied in a tent beside the road

between shifts.

Both Peter and Mary refused to permit their children to participate in the demonstration. They claim the politics of the land claim belong in the boardroom and not the school.

"It's hurting the youngsters. I'm moving my kids to Grimshaw. My kids are not learning anything here," declared Peter Sawan, a full-time Metis trapper. His wife Mary says the problem is obvious: "It seems like they're working on the same books. My kids have suffered especially in the last two years when there were heavy land claims," she said.

Since talks advanced in the last year, Peter Sawan says pro-land claims and

anti-land claim groups began forming at school. He said his children were being taunted by the pro-land claims school kids and he is not willing to subject them to these actions anymore.

He blames the principal, Brian Dewar for encouraging students to take an active role in the road blockade.

Dewar believes false allegations are being made.

"What he (Peter Sawan) did was definitely political. It's just a way to slap at the school and the land claims."

In fact, Dewar says the quality of education at Little Buffalo school is very high which can be proven by last year's departmental

marks. Attendance is a high 90 per cent, the second best average in the Northlands School District.

Dewar suspects Sawan pulled his kids out because he doesn't support the Lubicon land claim clearly conflicting with the supportive role the school board and staff have taken.

"We're seen as a supporter of land claims. If we're not part of the solution of land claims, then we're part of the problem," stated Dewar adding this is his personal view.

As far as Sawan's children's performance at school goes, Dewar says they are doing very well. "They're a good bunch of kids."

Metis to tackle child case issues at Winnipeg meetBy Everett Lambert
Windspeaker Correspondent

NATIONAL

The Second Annual Metis Child Care Conference will be held Nov. 15-18 in Winnipeg. Hosts will be the Manitoba Metis Federation, Metis Children's Services (MCS) and the Metis National Council (MNC), says Lyle Donald of MCS. All groups are represented on the Second National Metis Child Care Conference Committee of the MNC.

The organizers are expecting 200 delegates from Metis political and social groups across the country. The federal, Manitoba and Winnipeg governments are expected. Carolyn Pettifer, executive director with MCS says that although the conference is not expected to be a large one they are "going for the quality of it (and) to get as much input as possible."

MCS president Joey Hamelin says the theme of this year's conference will be "The Well Being of the Metis Child, Family and Community."

Organizers believe Metis people are still disad-



Input wanted: Pettifer

vantaged in such areas as housing, basic needs, education and employment. The organizers hope to break this cycle, which is the purpose of the conference.

Delegates hope to look beyond the symptoms of these issues and also at some of the root causes, and then suggest ways and means of how to go about reducing the number of children going into the child welfare, criminal justice and mental health systems.

Objectives of the conference will be to motivate, encourage and support Metis communities with regards to child welfare, to promote Metis dialogue on child welfare issues and concerns, and to provide the opportunity for Metis people to share common interests and concerns in regards to child welfare.

OUR MISTAKE

In the Oct. 28 issue of Windspeaker a story which appeared on page 2 carries the headline "NCC to meet at Peerless." Unfortunately, the headline has caused readers to believe that the Native Council of Canada's national body will be meeting, when in fact it is the Alberta organization only which will meet in Peerless Lake. We apologize for the confusion this error has caused.

Also, the correct address of the NCC(A)'s O'Sky-Ya housing society is Ste. 414, McLeod Building, 10136 - 100 St., Edmonton.

Students get chiefs' help in fight against E-12By Keith Matthew
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ENOCH RESERVE

Native student societies from University of Alberta, Concordia College, and the University of Lethbridge who oppose proposed changes to education policy E-12 received the unanimous support of all the chiefs at an Oct. 27 Indian Association of Alberta meeting at Enoch reserve.

University of Alberta Aboriginal Student Council representative Brian Calliou was one of the students who gave a presentation to the chiefs.

He feels if the proposed policy is accepted it will

have disastrous effects on all Native post-secondary students. "The capping of the months is probably our biggest concern," said Calliou.

Under the new guidelines students would be given only four years to complete their degrees and special consideration by the department would be given to people wishing to go after higher degrees such as a masters or doctorate degree, said Calliou.

"Native students, once they ran out of the months, they would no longer be supported and then it would be up to them to find funds on their own. Most institutions and bands that have been speaking

out against this have stood by the meaning of the treaties and saying that education is a treaty right," he explained. The new policy will only give an additional year once a Native student gets the bachelor of arts degree, he added.

"I think what they are basically doing is cutting everything in half as far as months go," he said.

Calliou feels the new policy is highly restrictive and will go much deeper than the Department of Indian Affairs says it will. "It is an erosion of treaty rights and if they can put a cap on this to start with then they can come up with excuses to eventually cut it

off using economic arguments and then it could go on further into other areas."

Under the current post-secondary funding policy allowances are available, including a special shelter allowance based on a formula which allows for additional money for rent, a special tutorial assistance to assist students in subjects which they are weak, a special allowance was available for clothing when a student was in obvious need, special clothing required for courses such as science labs and other courses, special services and contingencies allowances for daycare and babysitting. All of these allowances will be elimi-

nated under the new policy.

According to Calliou these additional cuts to supplement their already meager budgets will affect their work. "The amount of money that is paid right now is pretty well inadequate and people just barely live and they are proposing stiffer cuts.

"It is tough enough for us, we have to meet all university requirements just to be here, and then the funding people want to make it tougher still," he exclaimed.

He says the rationale the Department of Indian Affairs is using is unjustified. "What their justification is that they can put more Native people

through post-secondary schools and be able to go out into the work force. But then no one is going to be a professional because all they will have are bachelor of arts degrees" and they will be facing stiff competitions from people with masters and doctorates, he says.

A coalition of Native students are meeting from Alberta to set out a policy in opposing this new funding proposal. "What we are doing is just on our own but there is definitely a nation-wide movement because we have literature from all across Canada — from New Brunswick to British Columbia," says Calliou.

CLOSE TO HOME

Chief at Edson**Chief urges
Metis to unite**

By Susan Enge
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EDSON, Alta.

The battle facing Edson Metis must be fought alone, said Bernard Ominayak, Chief of the Lubicon Nation in a guest speech delivered to a Local 44 special meeting, Oct. 28-29 in Edson.

"Nobody's going to fight your battles for you. You have to be prepared to fight those battles alone," he said.

If the Metis want greater control over their lives, as they pursue their quest for self-government, they must put aside petty differences within their political Metis organizations and strive to utilize their influences instead, said Ominayak.

The Cree leader was invited to speak to a group of dissatisfied Metis leaders and members from various locals across the province. Ominayak was asked to comment on how unity amongst a mixed Lubicon population was achieved during negotiations with the federal and provincial governments.

The three families opposing land claims negotiations in Little Buffalo, said Ominayak, are proof there will always be a dissenting group. Despite the conflict, he says, it's crucial to "stand united up front" because federal and provincial governments would welcome divisive nations.

Edson's Metis local president Sharon Johnstone-Martel agrees with the Lubicon Chief's conviction to unity but is unable to support the Metis Association of Alberta.

"We're unhappy with the MAA bureaucracy. How do we make the leadership better and make it work for the grassroots people? That organization is holding us back," said Johnstone-Martel.

At the end of the two day meeting, the Metis group agreed to walk into the main office of the provincial Metis headquarters in Edmonton demanding to examine their financial records. Two representatives from all six zones in the province will participate in the venture.

"There is a lack of consultation, a lack of being true leaders. We want to take away the leadership and redirect funds to the local level," said Johnstone-Martel.

MAA President Larry Desmeules accuses the group of being "nothing but troublemakers." He added Johnstone-Martel, in particular, is at present being charged by the MAA for mispending \$4,000 given to her to attend a meeting last year. These funds, says Desmeules, were never accounted for by Johnstone-Martel, which led to the removal of her Metis membership by their board of directors.

**Remembering the war years**

On Nov. 11, 1976 Native war veterans from across Canada met in Ottawa to share stories and memories about their experiences in the war. The gathering was organized by Edmonton's Vic L'Hirondelle and the Native Council of Canada. Though identification for most of the veterans in this picture could not be

obtained, the back row contains some familiar faces. On the immediate left is Vic L'Hirondelle; fourth from the left is George Gardiner, Slave Lake; and fifth from the left is Stan Daniels, a former Alberta Metis leader who passed away January 27, 1983.

- Courtesy of Vic L'Hirondelle

Foster program to be probed

By Lesley Crossingham
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EDMONTON

As the controversy over the placement of Native children with Native foster parents rages in many mainstream newspapers, many people continue to ignore the facts, says a Sturgeon Lake child welfare officer.

This week Alberta's ombudsman launched an independent investigation into the province's program for Native children in reaction to an earlier criticism by a Court of Queen's Bench Justice Margeurite Trustler who lashed out at social services for its "sickening and disgusting" treatment of non-Native foster parents.

"I'd like to make it clear that we no longer use the word repatriation, but reunification," says Cheryl Goodswimmer, director of the Slave Lake Regional Council's Child welfare department.

In many cases, explains Goodswimmer, Native children are not taken back to a reserve, but are placed with suitable Native foster parents. Support workers ensure the child is settling into its new environment and the non-Native foster parents are not wrenched away from the child but are actually encouraged to become part

of the extended family.

"They (media and some foster parents) paint a bleak picture of the reserves. Our reserves are just rural communities, they are not like they used to be in the 60s and 70s. These days we have good housing, employment and recreation facilities. They have really improved," says Goodswimmer.

Goodswimmer cites examples of foster children who had been raised in the city but returned to the reserve or a rural community and after a period of adjustment have fitted into their new lifestyle as if they were born to it.

"I know one young boy who now spends most of his time in the bush with his uncle. He is really settled and more importantly, happy in his new home."

Goodswimmer sees the recent controversies where unhappy non-Native foster parents have battled for the return of a Native foster child as "isolated cases. They are not such a big issue."

Goodswimmer is particularly concerned that comments made by the Minister of Social Services, Connie Osterman, regarding specific cases, will reflect badly on the Native reunification program.

In a constituency meeting Saturday Oct. 23 Osterman admitted there had been recent problems in

Native long term placements, but that the problem was being addressed within the department.

However, senior advisor to Osterman, Hugh Tadman is quick to point out that the legislation itself is not being changed so much as internal policy.

"I believe the document that was presented to (social services) staff in the spring of this year should prevent further problems," he said in an interview from his Edmonton office this week.

Tadman admits that some social service workers were "over zealous" in their assessment of certain cases, but there has been some distortion in the media of the extent of the problem.

"Placing Native children in Native homes is not the be all and end all of the decision," he said adding that consideration to how long the child has been in the non-Native home is taken into account when decisions are made.

Tadman is particularly upset by recent criticisms by a Calgary organization called Society for Concerned Foster Families of Alberta. According to the president of the organization, Kathleen Robinson, she and her organization intend to lobby for legal fees some foster parents have been "forced to pay" when fighting a social ser-

vices decision to remove their Native child.

"It's not unreasonable for foster parents to pay as much as \$30,000 in legal fees and the province should return that. I know people who have even mortgaged their houses to pay legal fees," says Robinson in an interview from her Calgary home.

Robinson emphasises that her lobbying efforts are not based on racism but on what she sees as the unfair treatment on the part of social services.

"Some children have been moved from home to home. It is not in the best interest of the child."

However, Calgary social services director, Bob Scott feels the media is to blame in the controversy as Robinson's organization only represents "about three foster parents" and points out that foster parents who have been forced to go to court have been reimbursed for legal fees.

Meanwhile as more cases go to court, and more non-Native foster parents declare that the reunification of Native children is not in the best interest of the child, Good Swimmer says she and her fellow workers continue their work.

"We feel we make a difference and we actually see the results," she says.



Gov't welcomes division: Says Chief Ominayak

GRASSROOTS

Lawrence steps into McCallum's mocassins

AAY! Where's Mark you say? What's happened you ask? Well, friends and relatives, Mark saw an opportunity to enhance his reporting career and after three years of freelancing and working as a staff writer for Windspeaker, he decided to move on. Of course, it goes without saying that all of us at the Aboriginal Multi-Media Society of Alberta want to wish our comrade the best of luck in his future endeavors.



DROPPIN' IN By Bea Lawrence

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Yup ... you got it ... I've just been elected to fill in Mark's moccasins. Sure, it's gonna be tough ... especially since he probably wears a size 12.

I'm sure we'll have some fun times in the weeks ahead but I do need your assistance okay? Phone me up. Talk to me. Write to me. Let's have those ideas and things you wish to relate about your communities and I'll do my best to have them published.

I suppose I should introduce myself to you all. My name is Beatrice, please call me Bea. I like my friends to call me Bea. Over the telephone line though it's hard for people to understand that Bea is my actual name. It's generally misunderstood for just the letter 'B' or Dee or whatever. Younger kids usually have the last laugh with the name. They giggle when they hand over the phone to their parents and say, "someone called B." They can't imagine anyone being called one letter of the alphabet I guess.

Seems like this is also a good time to inform you all that I am a Chipewyan Indian and do speak the language fluently. Yup, born and raised in Cold Lake and another one of those who was herded off to a boarding school where I first learned to speak this here English. Immediately though, I learned that there was a

challenge to speaking and writing in this foreign tongue. Not one to side step a challenge when I see one, I decided then that I would learn this subject to the best of my abilities. No surprise then that English was my favorite subject throughout the duration

of my education. While at the boarding school I did pick up some knowledge of understanding and speaking the Cree language as well.

Anyhow, on with the rest of the good stuff happening around our Native country.

Edmonton: For those of you sitting there twiddling your thumbs and asking yourself 'what should I do now and with the rest of my life?' the week of Nov. 7 to 11 is Canada Career Week. Call Bonnie Ewasyshyn in Edmonton at 422-1794 or dial 0 and ask for Zenith 22140 for info about all sorts of careers. If Bonnie's line is busy try the Edmonton Hot Line 422-4266. Posters and brochures will be made available to the public and for those of you interested a 'kick-off race' is scheduled to take off from Concordia College Nov. 6. The complete run is 7 km long from the college and back again. Entries are according to your skills category. In conjunction, the Career Development Centre is holding an open house Nov. 9 at 10050-112 St. on the 5th floor. This is open to the public and anyone who wishes to further their career goals is most welcome to attend and participate.

Singing, fiddling and dancing feet will sound in the 26th Annual All-Native Festival Nov. 11 and 12 at Edmonton's Oliver School 10210-117 St. Competitions begin 7 to 10 p.m. Added to this year's festival is the

Clarence Phillips Memorial Trophy for the best square dance caller category. Phillips contributed annually to this event for 23 or 24 years until his death in 1987. Admissions are: \$4 for adults and \$2 for seniors and children 12-years-old and under. Rodney Sutherland and Country Pride will entertain the crowd Nov. 12 at Montgomery Legion 10328-100 St. from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Admission for the dance is \$6 per person. For more information call Georgina Donald or Ann Cardinal at the Canadian Native Friendship Centre 452-7811.

St. Albert: Believe it! Theresa Strawberry, chief of the O'Chiese band, has challenged all chiefs across the nation not to touch a drop of alcohol nor to consume non-prescription drugs during the National Addiction Awareness Week of Nov. 13 to 19. Theresa mailed out declaration notices to the chiefs for signatures. It will be interesting to note how many will accept her challenge. Also, the Nov. 18 and 19 weekend dates hold promise for a 'Sober Walk' and Round dance at Poundmaker's Lodge. Detailed information for these events will be published in next week's issue.

Peerless Lake: The Native Council of Canada (Alberta) NCC(A) will hold their Annual General Assembly at Peerless Lake school Nov. 18 and 19. President Doris Ronnenberg will address land claim issues and elections for some executive and board positions. Ronnenberg is seeking a third term of office with the NCC(A). The NCC(A) is affiliated with the national Native Council of Canada and represents non-status and new-status Indian people. The community is 300 km north of Edmonton.

High Level: The Native Friendship Centre here will host their Christmas Craft Fair November 25 & 26. Call Norman Champagne at 926-3355 for details. More next week folks! Thanks for your time and I do hope that you will look for me next week. Have a safe and happy week. 'Don't Worry.'

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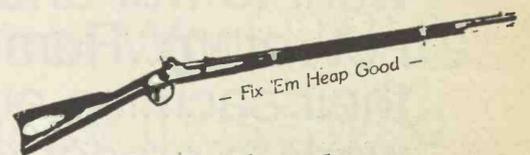
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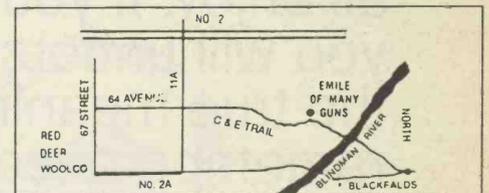
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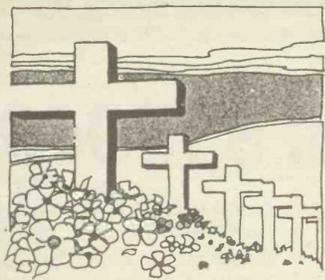
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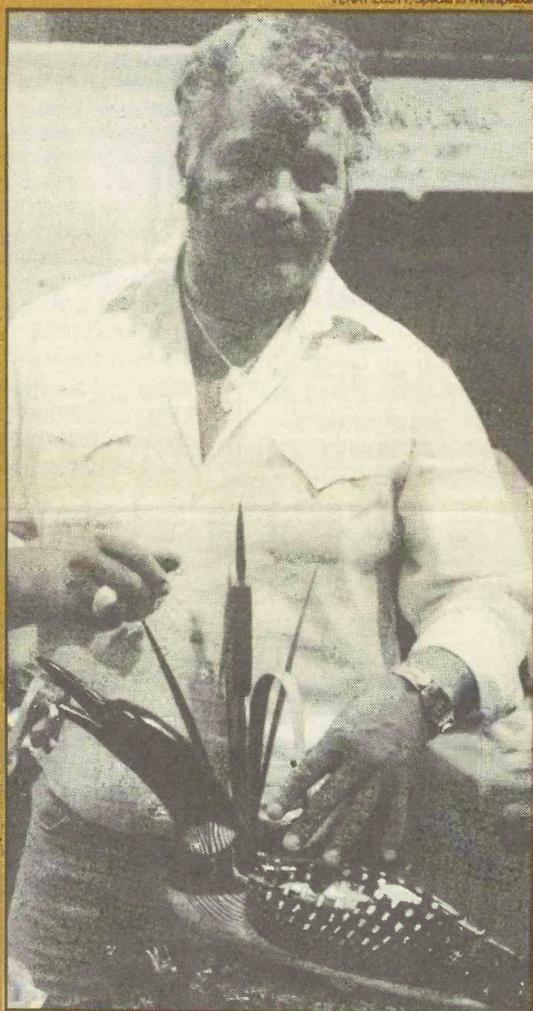


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Slave Lake booth: Volunteer Joyce Carifelle



Wooden loons a hot item: Carver Sonny Macdonald



\$6,000 price tag: Carving by Harris Smith

Arts and crafts sale a shop

By Terry Lusty
Windspeaker Correspondent

EDMONTON

The 1988 Annual National Show and Sale of Canadian Native Arts and Crafts at Edmonton's Convention Centre was a shoppers' delight for those wanting handcrafted Indian arts and crafts for themselves or as gifts for others.

The show offered an opportunity for advance Christmas shopping and that's precisely what some people did.

Retailers zeroed in on the Convention Centre from all parts of the country and

from Tuktoyuktuk in the north to New York state to the south.

With over 50 booths to select from, the range of goods to be had were varied in price, size, color, design and subject.

Vancouver based wood carver Harris Smith was in his glory again this year as a repeat winner of first prize and \$1,000 for best booth which displayed colorful and exquisite miniature wood carvings of animals, fish and spirit beings.

Real attention-getters, however, were his \$6,000 Wild Man of the Woods and his \$5,000 Wild Woman of the Woods carvings.

Despite the high price tags, he did sell a number of items ranging from \$50 to a few hundred dollars.

Taking second prize of \$500 in the booth competition was Ermineskin Garments while Quilchena Native Arts, Merritt, B.C., took third place money of \$250.

Some first-time exhibitors at this particular show and sale included stone carver Dell Warner from Ontario, Manitoba artist Gabriele Bennett, Nautchiaq Fur Shop from Tuktoyuktuk, and Nova Scotia artist Ahmoo Angecomeguin.

On the whole, over 80

per cent of the 20 or more booth operators who were interviewed claimed their sales were substantial. Some, like carvers Stan F. Jr. and Sonny Macdonald, received special orders to make custom pieces. They also often receive orders for items they run out of.

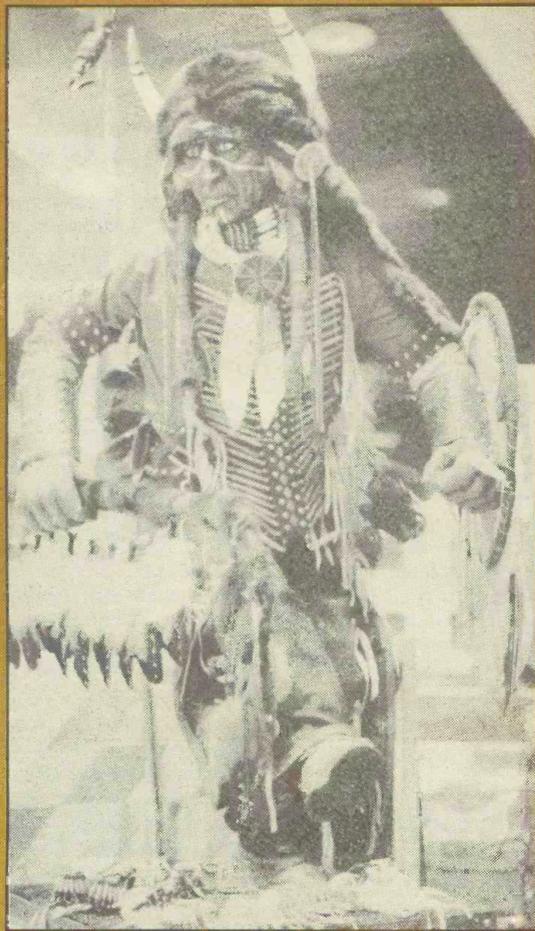
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Noticeable this year was



KEITH MATTHEW, Windspeaker

Price tag: Carving by Harris Smith



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Made in Hobbema: Three feet high dancer



KEITH MATTHEW, Windspeaker

Details in silver: Model displays David Quist's jewellery

ts sale a shoppers' delight

Despite the high price tags, he did sell a number of items ranging from \$50 to a few hundred dollars.

Taking second prize of \$500 in the booth competition was Ermineskin Garments while Quilchena Native Arts, Merritt, B.C., took third place money of \$250.

Some first-time exhibitors at this particular show and sale included stone carver Dell Warner from Ontario, Manitoba artist Gabriele Bennett, Nautchiaq Fur Shop from Tuktoyuktuk, and Nova Scotia artist Ahmoo Angecomeguin.

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the absence of Thunderbird Crafts from Thunder Bay, Ontario which offered lovely garments, as well as the moose antler and sheep horn carvings of Marvin Bourque from Fort Simpson.

Also absent this year was the tremendous selection of northern parkas, mittens, hats, mukluks, seal-skin wall hangings and novelty items such as the oopik dolls, so popular at last year's show.

The craft society's director of administration and finance, Colleen Bence, reported that most booths did quite well, with at least 80 per cent of them moving

on to the Calgary show and sale for Nov. 4-6.

Bence confesses that the flow of traffic this year was down somewhat compared to last year. However, she adds, the sales were still "right up there." She claims to also have noticed the booths which sold small items turned over a lot of sales.

The sponsors of the show again drew coupons from the drum for door prizes. About 25 gifts, donated by the different crafts people, were given away, including an eagle head on a giant arrowhead plaque carved from moose horn by Sonny Macdonald.

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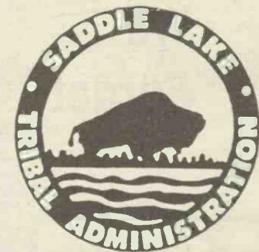
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Time running out for those not yet on the voters' list

By Albert Crier
Windspeaker Correspondent

NATIONAL

Eligible Canadian voters will have the power to decide who will form the next Canadian government when the current federal election campaign ends on election day, Nov. 21.

There is more of everything in this election than in past elections including more candidates running for more federal ridings, more women candidates and more interest in Native issues.

There are 1,569 candi-

dates contesting 295 ridings across the country, with 168 candidates trying to out-do each other in election promises for the 26 federal seats that are up for grabs in Alberta alone.

All candidates will try to attract the voters attention with their platform of promises that they hope will help get them elected. Native issues received some mention in the debate between the leaders of major political party, shown recently on national television.

There are 1,268 men and 301 women contesting the federal election. In the 1984 general election 1,448 con-

tested 281 federal seats.

Elections Canada is the federal government agency (which is not connected to any political party) that makes sure that the rules of the election campaign are followed by the candidates running for the coveted prize of being a member of the government or Parliament.

This agency also sees that all eligible voters, those persons 18 years and older get a fair chance to cast their vote by establishing an orderly process for campaigning and voting.

Elections Canada will have set up polling stations

or places where people can go to vote for the candidate of their choice, before election day.

All Canadian citizens who are 18 years of age or older and whose names appear on the voters list in their home area have the right to vote. The only person who can not vote are those people in jails, judges and senior election officials.

On election day, voting is done in secret, that is no one has to know how each elector has voted. However the elector must have their name on the voters list at the place where they want to vote at.

If for some reason people want to vote but do not know where or when to vote they can phone the Elections Canada office near their home. These phone numbers will be printed in newspapers and are also listed in the phone book.

Native people can bring someone to translate for them if they have trouble understanding the Elections Canada information.

Students living away from their usual home and who have not been listed under their temporary address can have another person cast their vote, if

they sign a special elections form beforehand.

People living in towns or cities with populations of 5,000 or more had until Nov. 4 to get their name on the voters list. After that date, those persons can not vote if their name is not on the voters list.

Voters who can not make it to the voting station on election day have the chance to cast their vote on Nov. 12, 14 and 15.

On election day the polling stations are open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Native leaders review politicians' performance

Voters urged to 'hot seat' office-seekers

By Albert Crier
Windspeaker Correspondent

NATIONAL

Even limited Native involvement in the federal election can go a long way to educate the general public and politicians about government failure to treat Native people fairly say Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Native leaders.

Although Indians make up a small part of the overall population in Canada, they can still attract public attention to issues important to the Indian community, say three AFN vice chiefs who shared their viewpoints on the current federal election campaign.

Indians should raise questions and explain their concerns to candidates when the candidates come to their communities seeking votes in the current election campaign, say AFN officials

"Put them on the hot

seat. Our issues have to be raised when they (candidates) come around," urged Chief Allison Bernard, AFN vice chief for the Atlantic region.

Chief Lawrence Courtoriel, vice chief for Alberta suggests that Native people try to find out which candidates are seriously concerned with Native issues and which candidates have supported Native activities in the past.

"Lots of Indian people believe that no matter what they do it won't make a difference, but that's not true, we have to educate our people to realize the importance of the elections," said Courtoriel.

"I advise not to be afraid to express the concerns we have and share, and jump on every opportunity to let them be known all over. We can participate in the election by letting our feelings be known about how we have been treated by

this government for the last four years, as First Nations citizens, on First Nations issues," said Vice-Chief Konrad Sioui, Quebec Region.

A report card on the government of Prime Minister Mulroney, prepared by Dan Gaspe, Economic Development Officer, AFN Secretariat, indicates a near total failure to address Indian issues to the satisfaction of Indian people.

Major Indian issues which the AFN states that the government failed in it's responsibility to Indian people are as follows:

The 1987 Meech Lake Accord, reached between the prime minister and 10 premiers failed Indian people by giving provincial governments more constitutional powers. This is seen by the AFN as threatening the bilateral relationship First Nations had with the federal government.

The Free Trade Agreement between Canada and the United States will threaten Aboriginal title and jeopardize Native land claims by allowing further natural resource exploitation on lands which Indian people have not surrendered.

Social issues affecting Indian communities such as education, housing, aboriginal language programs, child care and employment have yet to receive proper government attention states the AFN report.

Treaty rights to land, membership control, and hunting, fishing and trapping have been seriously threatened by the government's unwillingness to negotiate those issues at the political level, according to the AFN.

Only two instances of government action received favorable mention, both in the realm of Indian Act

Windspeaker presents the first of a two-part series of federal election stories to provide our readers with general information regarding voting procedures and updates on the candidates' stands on Native issues. See next week's issue for Part 2.

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Raising concerns: Lawrence Courtoriel

amendments.

Bill C-150 was passed to correct the parental death rule under Bill C-31, which disallowed some Indian people from applying for reinstatement of their Indian status; it receives a pass-

ing grade.

Another government action that received a passing grade was the Indian Act Amendment to allow First Nations to tax non-Indian businesses on designated Indian lands.

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SPORTS & LEISURE

Non-Native hockey clubs leave league to Natives

Young hockey players in Lakeland country — Saddle Lake and area — were left in limbo for a while after half of the Lakeland Minor Hockey League's teams abandoned the league.

One reason the five non-Native teams left the league was due to a few "altercations" between rival clubs, says Rene Houle, recreation director of the Goodfish Lake band. He explains that fans and spectators broke into a battle royal twice last year. The brawls involved a non-Native club and two reserve clubs.

Houle, now the vice president of the Lakeland league, is disappointed with the situation.

"We don't want to segregate ourselves," he says. Left in the league are Goodfish, Saddle Lake, Kehewin, Kikino and Vilna (the only non-Native team still in the league). The teams that abandoned the league are Bonnyville, Elk Point, Mallaig, Glendon and Lac La Biche.

But Houle doesn't want to make the non-Native teams seem like the "bad guys."

"Native communities have a lot of organizing to do, too," he says, explaining that sometimes registrations and referees were late which contributed to the teams decision to leave the league. "We (Native communities) can't blame others. We have to learn that commitment to the league comes first," he adds.

But life, and the league, goes on. Last Thursday, reps from the five remaining teams met to salvage the league. This Friday the league will have confirmation from the teams that will commit themselves to the league.

Hobbema Hawks: The latest stats on this Alberta Junior Hockey League club have them in last place in the southern division — three points behind the Red Deer Rustlers.

Hawk's management are getting their two bits worth of goalie Marty Braithwaite. The puck stopper is ranked

third in the league with an average of 2.67.

On the offensive side, little Stu Jackson leads the club in points with 10 goals and one assist.

Just in case you don't have a Hawks games schedule (published in Windspeaker Oct. 14, 1988) the next few home games are Nov. 1 against the point leading Sherwood Park; Nov. 3 versus Calgary Canucks; Nov. 15 versus Red Deer; Nov. 22 versus St. Albert and Nov. 29 versus Red Deer. Game times are 7:30 p.m..

The Hawks had a slow start last season and ignited in the playoffs, impressing fans with their strong finish.

Edmonton: The Edmonton Spirits ladies volleyball club will get a taste of some of the province's hottest competition this weekend when the club plays in an open tournament hosted by the Grant McEwan Community College.

"I can't wait...I've really been working these girls," says Rick Boudreau, coach of the team. Naturally, the tournament will attract college calibre players but Boudreau expects the Spirits will do well. And if they don't, at least they'll gain some valuable experience playing with clubs from the non-Native circuit.

Should be interesting to see how they finish. The Spirits have done extremely well in Indian sports country, but the mainstream volleyball circuit is new territory. As far as I know, no Native club has entered a province-wide tournament. But, the Lac La Biche Mad Dogs, a non-Native club, has ventured into Native

tournaments and won handily. In fact, the Mad Dogs are the Canada West champions.

Sucker Creek: David Willier, the new recreation director here, says the gym is getting renovated. When the job is done there will be a new office upstairs, redone



SPORTS ROUNDUP
By Kim McLain

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Jackson: Top goal scorer

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Hockey league seeks city kids

By Lyle Donald
Windspeaker Correspondent

EDMONTON

The Canadian Native Friendship Centre, along with Metis Children's Services, will be getting together beginning Nov. 5 to organize a minor hockey team for Native children in the city. The aim is at low income families who cannot afford the high prices to enrol their children in community hockey league programs and equipment.

Ice time has been arranged at the Alexander arena every Saturday evening at 6:30. Tiger

Goldstick of CFRN radio will help secure equipment in case some kids don't have any. Tiger has a program through CFRN that gets hockey equipment donated for kids and families who are in a low income bracket.

The target group is usually kids that have not played hockey in the past — a learning experience for everyone involved.

Because the team is starting up late, they will not be in a league this year, but will play exhibition games against other teams in the city or on the reserves, and hopefully get them into Native hockey

tournaments.

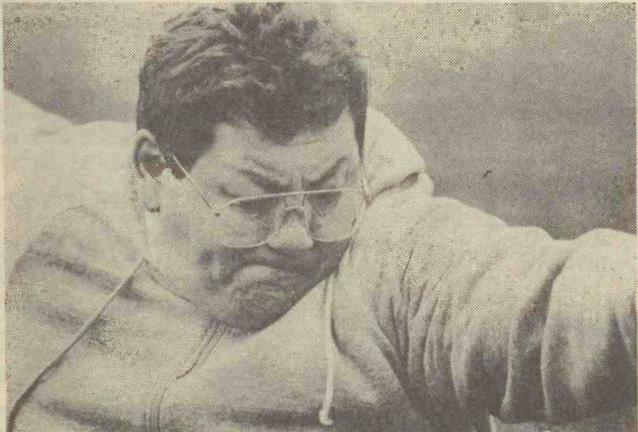
The age groups are seven to 11, mite hockey and will be open to boys and girls who are interested. They are also looking for people to donate equipment or monies to purchase some which will be tax deductible as both agencies are non-profitable organizations.

If you are interested in registering your children, or in making a donation, call John or Lyle at Metis Children's Services 452-6100 or Gordon Russell at the CNFC 452-7811 between 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Transportation will be available if required.

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LOOKING BACK

DIANNE MELI, Windspeaker

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE MARCHAND FAMILY



Medals and scars: Evelyn Marchand and father-in-law Hector G. Marchand, right

War's hardships and heroics remembered

By Bea Lawrence
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Metis War Veteran Hector G. Marchand will always be remembered for his great hunting abilities aside from his voluntary heroic and patriotic duties during both world wars says Real Marchand the youngest of his three sons. "My father was a great hunter who really enjoyed his guns and fishing poles," Real explains. "He volunteered to join the army when he was about 16 years old and was married at the time he was called back for service in the Second World War.

Hector Marchand lived from July 29, 1908 to June 8, 1985. He is buried at the

Roman Catholic Church Cemetery in Mallaig and is survived by his loving wife Blanche; three sons; three daughters; 21 grandchildren; five great grandchildren; two brothers and five sisters.

Most of the family members chose to live around the Mallaig/St. Paul and Edmonton areas except for the two sisters who reside in eastern Canada.

"My father refused any discussions about the war. The first 10 years after the war were the hardest for him. During this time he did a lot of drinking," said Real. "He came away from the wars with bullet wounds to his legs and back plus emphysema due to inhalation of mustard gas during one of the attacks. Worst was his lungs and he always

suffered with his back problems," continues Real. "Once my mother told us of how my father jumped out of bed in the middle of the night to look for his rifle."

Veteran Hector Marchand provided for his growing family at their mixed farm homestead at Mallaig. He was a veterinarian and

blacksmith by trade and the \$240 disability pension he received for his service in the war helped to support his family.

"He was a fantastic person. His favorite saying was 'you're a good looking chick,' and he said this to any woman, no matter how she looked," said Real's

wife Evelyn. "At one time I said to my father-in-law that because he was such a good man 'were you younger I would have married you instead of your son.'"

Marchand's mother was part Huron and French while his father was Scottish and spoke the Gaelic dialect. Marchand was born

in Montreal.

Marchand was given five medals for fighting these wars which took him into the countries of Holland, Italy, Belgium, France, England and Germany.

Marchand belonged to the Alberta Mounted Rifles. "My father was a perfect shot," says Real proudly.

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