



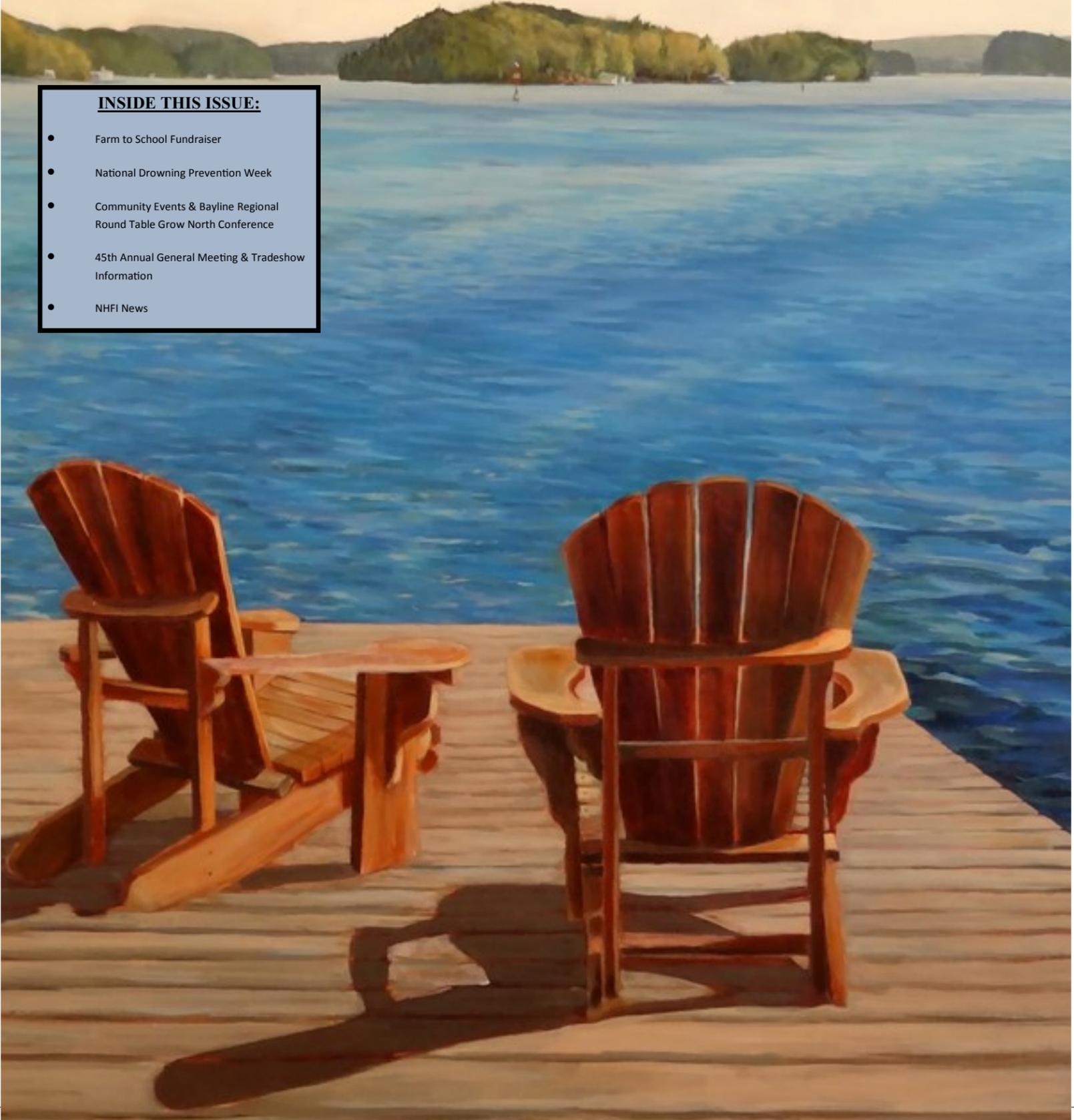
WHISPERING PINES

Summer 2015

Northern Association Of Community Councils

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Office News

Northern Association of Community Councils

Since May, the NACC has been fortunate enough to have an intern student from Red River College join our team. Teri Clarke is currently studying at the Exchange District Campus in the Computer Applications for Business Program. While interning at NACC, Teri has worked on her Microsoft Office skills, business communications & general correspondence.

Teri's skills have been a great help in preparing for Whispering Pines, and everything we have worked on together to prepare for our 45th AGM & Tradeshow.

Teri's internship will come to an end after the AGM in August.

We wish Teri the best of luck in her studies this fall.

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PRESIDENT REPORT; REG MEADE

Hello Whispering Pines readers,

I would like to welcome everyone to the Summer edition of the Whispering Pines. Thank you for taking the time to read what is taking place within our organization, and the NACC communities.

The NACC holds many organizational positions within other boards across Manitoba to discuss how we can help bring better services and growth to Northern Manitoba. Since March, I have attended such meetings with the University College of the North, Vale Inc, The City of Thompson and other stakeholders. Helgi and I attended the Small Communities Fund meeting that took place in Winnipeg in June, and we look forward to seeing the work commence in the successful communities.

We have been busy in the office planning the next AGM & Tradeshow, which will take place in Winnipeg on August 18-20, at the Canad Inn Polo Park. It marks 45 years of the Northern Association of Community Councils, and we look forward to celebrating the success with many community members. The office has recently been through some staff changes, and I would like to welcome Maxine Lam to the position of the NHFI Project Coordinator for the NACC. She will have the opportunity to meet all of the NACC NHFI communities at the AGM, and will follow up with workshops in the communities in September.

The NACC Board of Directors and Staff wish to send regrets to the community of Pelican Rapids, as well as family and friends, on the recently passing of long time councillor Jane Leask. She will be in our thoughts during the 45th AGM & Tradeshow, and it was a pleasure working with her for so many years.

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



HELGI EINARSSON; Eastern Chairperson

Hello again, I hope everyone is enjoying their summer so far. We have had a real mixture of weather with hot and dry days, thunderstorms and even tornado sightings! It won't be long before winter returns so enjoy the summer while you can!

The 45th AGM & Tradeshow is just around the corner so please make sure the office has all of the delegate information, resolutions from councils, and whatever else is needed to make it a success and run smoothly.

This season commercial fishers were out on the lake, but fishing was not the best and the season ended early. We are still seeing lots of debris and silt from the use of the emergency channel and it is now affecting most of Lake Winnipeg. The water levels on Lake Manitoba and Lake St. Martin are finally beginning to drop, but the channel is still being used.

On July 18th I attended the Teulon Residential School Fundraising dinner at the Canad Inn Polo Park. It was held to raise money to appeal their court case as they were dropped from the original Residential Schools case. It was well attended with 169 people and they are planning another fundraiser when there is access by winter roads so more people can participate. Many sent their regrets because it is just too expensive to fly out from the north.

I look forward to seeing everyone at another successful AGM & Tradeshow!



GLEN FLETT; Northern Chairperson

Hello!

I would like to start by congratulating all of the 2015 Grads in our communities, you have completed one step in fulfilling your dreams, the reality is most of our community members need to leave their communities to further their education and if you have a dream, pursue it!

We have had housing reps at our regional meetings and hopefully all concerns will be addressed. Thank you to all Mayors, Councillors, and CAO's for their time and effort in their respective communities to help it succeed.

I would like to thank our NACC staff for their dedication and hard work throughout the year preparing for the 45th AGM & Tradeshow.

I look forward to seeing everyone in August!



KEN SPENCE; Western Chairperson

Hi Everyone!

Hope you are all enjoying your summer activities. The NACC office is currently very busy planning our AGM & Tradeshow.

We are looking forward to seeing representation from all of our communities. There were two meetings with Manitoba Housing in July, one in Mallard and one in Duck Bay. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the one in Mallard, but Vice-Chairperson, Larry Chartrand attended on behalf of NACC.

I attended the meeting in Duck Bay with members of the Duck Bay Community Council and from Manitoba Housing. I found that the meeting was well ran and very informative. The community has plenty of legitimate concerns. The meeting ended with both parties agreeing to proceed in a new direction, which hopefully will remedy some of the housing concerns in the community.

Have a wonderful summer, and see you at the AGM in August!

IS SOMETHING MISSING?

Is there something you would like to see in the Whispering Pines we did not include? We take suggestions! Feel free to contact the office with article ideas, letters, or upcoming events that you would like to advertise. We can even do classified advertisements!



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The healthy fundraiser helps promote healthy eating by supporting school and daycare nutrition policies. All produce used in the fundraiser is locally grown by Manitoba farmers, ensuring the quality of vegetables is fresh and locally produced. The fundraiser helps support community food banks throughout Manitoba. Participating fundraisers have the option of donating produce directly to the Manitoba Association of Food Banks with delivery included by Farm to School Manitoba.

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National Drowning Prevention Week

National Drowning Prevention week occurred between: July 19th to July 25th, 2015

- * While water-related fatalities occur year-round in Canada, the largest number of fatalities occur during the warmer months, especially in the summer. In 2008 to 2012 (68%) of drownings occurred between May and September, peaking in July and August, and over half of those drownings occurred on the weekend (Friday-Sunday).
- * AGE & GENDER: The average age of drowning victims in Canada between 2008-2012 were found to be young adults (20-34) and seniors (65 or older). The vast majority of drowning victims continued to be male, of the 2,392 people who drowned between 2008-2012, 1,968 were male. Never the less in 2012, 106 of drowning victims were female.
- * PURPOSE OF ACTIVITY: Recreational activities continued to account for majority of Canadian drownings. In 2008-2012, 1,477 people drowned while involved in a recreational activities in, on or near water. Of these deaths, 381 occurred while people were "swimming" which was the most common recreational activity.

Alberta	28
British Columbia	62
Manitoba	15
Newfoundland & Labrador	14
Northwest Territories	1
Nova Scotia	12
Nunavut	7
Ontario	86
Prince Edward Island	1
Quebec	52
Saskatchewan	22
Yukon	2
Total	308

← Number of Preventable Water-Related Deaths in Canada, 2014

COMMON RISK FACTORS

- * Not wearing a PFD/Life Jacket
- * Supervision absent/ or being alone
- * In, on or near water after dark
- * Alcohol consumption

Please visit: www.mbsafewaters.ca for more information.

COMMUNITY FUNDING OPPORTUNITY



Forest Enhancement Program



Eligible Costs

You may request support for:

- Tree stock (seedlings to larger nursery stock) – must be of high quality and hardy to the area where it is planted;
- Site preparation
- Planting of trees and 1 year of maintenance;
- Trees and any large tree-form shrubs (mature height 3 metres).

Ideal candidates for this program are non-profit organizations that have:

- A volunteer component
- A proper planting plan
- An educational component



TO APPLY:

Manitoba Hydro
Forest Enhancement Program
PO BOX 7950 STN MAIN
Winnipeg, MB R3C 0J1.
Phone 204-480-5900
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[https://www.hydro.mb.ca/
environment/forest_enhancement/
index.shtml](https://www.hydro.mb.ca/environment/forest_enhancement/index.shtml)

COMMUNITY EVENTS NEAR YOU

2015 National Treaty 1-11 Gathering of Nations

“Spirit of the Elders”

Cross Lake, MB
August 17th - 21st, 2015

OPASQUIA (THE PAS)

Fall Fair and Culture Days

September 26th, 2015
Phone: 204-623-6771

Smokey’s Fire Rodeo

Cross Lake, MB

September 18th, 2015
For more information call (204) 676-2465

NORWAY HOUSE

YORK BOAT DAYS

July 31st - August 9th, 2015

- ◆ Voyageur Canoe Races
- ◆ Cultural events
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BAYLINE REGIONAL ROUND TABLE

A Northern Healthy Foods Initiative Partner



The Grow North Conference 2015, held at the Mel Johnson School in Wabowden, hosted by Mel Johnson School, Bayline Regional Round Table, MAFRD, Food Matters, and NHFI. Attended by 282 participants.

June, consisting of Fish Filleting, Traditional Medicines, Traditional Dance and Drumming, Food Safety, Trapping, Gardening/ Green housing, Substance Abuse, Poultry, Traditional Food Cooking, and TeePee Teachings along with erecting the TeePee.

Workshops were held throughout the two day event in



45th Annual General Meeting & Tradeshow

“Enhancing Opportunities”



The NACC is looking forward to another packed agenda for the upcoming 45th AGM & Tradeshow—some of the presentations included will be

- A review with a question and answer period from Employment Standards
- An overview of past workshops and special projects in the NACC NHFI communities
- A review of non-compliance issues by Manitoba Aboriginal and Northern Affairs
- A presentation of available opportunities within the University College of the North
- Community Administrative Officer training
- A presentation on the Northern Employment Strategy by Vale Inc.

TRADESHOW

Tuesday, August 18th

Times:
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Wednesday, August 19th

Times:
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Thursday, August 20th

Time:
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
“Your Last Words Simulator”

Registered Tradeshow Booths

Communities Economic Development Fund
Cleanflow Utility Supply Co.
Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba
Community Futures Manitoba

A Port in The Storm
Used Oil Recycling
Canadian Blood Services
Northern Healthy Foods Initiative

Canadian Diabetes Association
Bayline Regional Round Table
Manitoba Health, Healthy Living and Seniors
Manitoba Mineral Resources

Tradeshow Passport Initiative: Receive a STAMP from every booth and get entered to win a prize!

Upcoming NACC Board of Director Positions

*Northern Vice Chair
Northern Secretary/ Treasurer*

*Eastern Vice Chair
Eastern Secretary/ Treasurer*

*Western Vice Chair
Western Secretary/Treasurer*

The term listed for each position above is 3 years.

**You must be a registered delegate and have all necessary forms completed and sent to the NACC office in order to participate in nominations and elections.
Please contact the NACC office directly with any questions.**

NACC has invited the following to the
2015 Annual General Meeting & Tradeshow:

Mayor Brian Bowman
Mayor of Winnipeg
The Honourable Greg Selinger
Premier
Honourable Kerri Irvin-Ross
Minister of Family Services
Honourable Eric Robinson
Minister of Aboriginal and Northern Affairs
Honourable Steve Ashton
Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation
Honourable Dave Chomiak
Minister of Mineral Resources
Honourable Gord Mackintosh
Minister of Justice and Attorney General
Honourable Drew Caldwell
Minister of Municipal Government
Honourable Ron Lemieux
Minister of Tourism, Culture, Heritage, Sport and
Consumer Protection
Honourable Flor Marcelino
Minister of Multiculturalism and Literacy
Honourable Kevin Chief
Minister of Jobs and the Economy
Honourable Ron Kostyshyn
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development
Honourable Sharon Blady
Minister of Health
Honourable Erna Braun
Minister of Labor and Immigration
Honourable James Allum
Minister of Education and Advanced Learning
Honourable Greg Dewar
Minister of Finance
Honourable Deanne Crothers
Minister of Healthy Living and Seniors
Honourable Melanie Wight
Minister of Children and Youth Opportunities
Honourable Thomas Nevakshonoff
Minister of Conservation and Water Stewardship
Honourable Mohinder Saran
Minister of Housing and Community Development
Rana Bokhari
Manitoba Liberal Party
Brian Pallister
Leader of the Opposition
Grand Chief Derek Nepinak
Grand Chief The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs
Niki Ashton
Churchill member of parliament
Robert Wavery
Deputy Minister Manitoba Aboriginal and Northern
Affairs
John DeFresco
General Regional Director
Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development
Helga Bryant
CEO Northern Health Region
Ron Van Denakker
Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority
Penny Gilson
Prairie Mountain Health
Grand Chief David Harper
Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak
James Bezan
Constituency Officer
Mayor Dennis Fenske
Mayor of Thompson
Reg Klassan
Chief Superintendent of Frontier School Division
Amanda Lathlin
MLA for the Pas
Konrad Jonasson
University College of the North
David Chartrand
President of Manitoba Metis Federation



Entertainment Evening!

Wednesday August 19th, 2015 @ 9:00pm

“Nelson Little”

\$5.00 a ticket (Delegates & CAO's no charge)



NACC AGM & Tradeshow — Silent Auction

Each year, the NACC collects silent auction prizes and raises money to help cover the costs of delegates travel, meals and accommodations.

This year, the NACC also has a Grand Prize that will be raffled off— be sure to buy your tickets for a chance to win a 50” RCA TV!

If any communities or businesses would like to donate a prize towards the silent auction, please contact our office in advance to arrange pick up.

We appreciate the support of the communities and businesses and look forward to hosting another successful Annual General Meeting and Tradeshow!

GRAND PRIZE

50” RCA TV!



\$2.00 a ticket or

\$5.00 for 3 tickets



FAREWELL: STAFF CHANGE

Hello everyone!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the communities and community members that I have worked with over the past few months as the NHFI Coordinator. I enjoyed coming out to experience your communities by hosting workshops and getting to meet all the community members interested in our program! I have made the difficult decision to leave my position with NACC and I will no longer be the Coordinator for the Northern Healthy Foods Initiative. My replacement, Maxine, will do wonders with the project and I look forward to hearing about the successes to come with the program and with the communities.



Miranda Crowe at her canning workshop in Camperville, during her fall visits

Thank you again for the opportunity to visit and work in your communities.

- *Miranda Crowe*



SPRING WISH LIST DELIVERED

This spring was the first year that NACC provided a Seed Order and Wish List to individual families in our communities. The wish list offered a variety of different gardening seeds and plants that community members could request for their home or community garden. With great effort, NACC tried really hard to ensure that every member who submitted a wish list received items

that they requested. We received over 200 wish lists back from members in 19 of our communities. We are proud to share that this year we were able to provide members of our communities with 605 trees, \$1,700 worth of onion and potatoes, and 4650 packets of seeds.

If you have any pictures and stories about the trees and plants that NACC helped you with in

past years, we would love to hear from you.

For more information about our next wish list stay tune to our Fall Growing Communities newsletters, and the NACC website.





Guest Speaker: Patti Eilers Presenting on Food Dehydration



Participants taking the Food Handler's Course



Guest Speaker: Bruce McLean Presenting on Bee Keeping

GROW NORTH CONFERENCE: DAUPHIN

This year's Grow North Conference was a success. The conference was a two day event held at the Legion in Dauphin, Manitoba. We had members from ten different communities join us for the event and three speakers who presented on a variety of topics. The first day started off with a workshop on food dehydration, where participants learned about different food dehydration methods, the types of food to dehydrate and the benefits of dehydration. The second workshop was an overview of soil. Participants were engaged in discussions on topics including: different types of soil, composting, and soil testing.

The afternoon session was presented by a local bee keeper, Bruce McLean who has been really involved with our Bee Keeping Project at NACC. He taught participants about the equipment needed for bee keeping, bee keeping sustainability and the benefits of bee keeping. Participants were really interested in this topic and had many questions for Bruce. By the end of the workshop, we had members from four different communities expressing interest in the bee keeping. The final session of the day was on pest deterrent presented by our very own Miranda Crowe. Miranda shared different recipes on organic pest deterrents and talked about ways to repel unwanted garden pests and methods to attract beneficial pests. At the end

of this workshop some participants shared their experience and trouble with gardening pests while others offered advice and solutions.

The second day of the conference was a full day food handler's course taught by Patti Eilers. Twenty participants had the chance to learn about safe food handling practices and by the end of the day, they all wrote their food handler's test. NACC is very happy to have been able to offer the Food Handler's Course to members in our community as we understand the importance of it.

The staff at NACC would like to extend a great THANK YOU to our guest speakers Patti Eilers from MAFRD and Bruce McLean from Western Sky Apiaries for their help with the conference. As well as, we would like to thank Temptation Catering and Concessions for providing us with delicious meals during the conference. Most importantly, I would like to thank those who came out to the conference and I look forward to seeing you again during my fall visits.

- Maxine Lam



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Mission Statement

The purpose of NACC is to be a meaningful and effective advocacy group.

To improve the quality of life in Northern Association Community by having positive, proactive meetings with Ministers and Cabinet on issues affecting our communities and to

inform and involve community councils and residents in our progress.

We believe that all communities are unique and that their needs and interests should be recognized.