

# WHISPERING PINES

*Northern Association of Community Councils Inc.*

Spring, 2016



***We've Moved!***

**Please update your records:**

**NORTHERN ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS INC.**  
**2-565 ROSEBERRY STREET**  
**WINNIPEG, MB R3H 0T3**

***We've Moved!***

**Please update your records:**

**NORTHERN ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS INC.**  
**2-565 ROSEBERRY STREET**  
**WINNIPEG, MB R3H 0T3**

***We've Moved!***

**Please update your records:**

**NORTHERN ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS INC.**  
**2-565 ROSEBERRY STREET**  
**WINNIPEG, MB R3H 0T3**

## FEATURES

# FEATURES

---

Executive Reports.....	4
Census 2016.....	6
46th Annual General Meeting & Tradeshow Information.....	7
Community Events.....	10
2016 Elections.....	12
Funding Opportunities.....	13
NHFI Grow North.....	14



## NACC Staff

**Mallory Fleming:** Executive Director  
nacc@mymts.net

**Maxine Lam:** NHFI Project Coordinator  
nhfinacc@mymts.net

**Tymara-Lee Mikolajek:** Executive Assistant  
naccadmin@mymts.net

**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.

**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.

**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.

## ON THE COVER

One of our existing beekeeping families helping train our new beekeepers (Meadow Portage, 201



**Reg Meade;** President (Wabowden)  
**Helgi Einarsson;** Eastern Chairperson (Dauphin River)  
**Glen Flett;** Northern Chairperson (Norway House)  
**Ken Spence;** Western Chairperson (Spence Lake)

**Eric Olson;** Eastern Vice-Chairperson (Homebrook)  
**Frances McIvor;** Northern Vice-Chairperson (Wabowden)  
**Larry Chartrand;** Western Vice-Chairperson (Waterhen)  
**Barbara Marcyniuk;** Eastern Secretary/Treasurer (Dallas Red/Rose)  
**Freda Parenteau;** Northern Secretary/Treasurer (Cormorant)  
**Harold Fleming;** Western Secretary/Treasurer (Meadow Portage)

For contact information please visit our website: [www.naccmanitoba.com](http://www.naccmanitoba.com)

NACC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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.

For information about NACC’s NHFI projects, please stay tuned for our bi-annual newsletter titled **“Growing Communities”** or visit the NHFI page on our website.



Whispering Pines

The Whispering Pines is a publication produced by the Northern Association of Community Councils, which provides an essential means of communication between isolated communities and regions. The Whispering Pines has been serving as an Information tool for Northern communities since the early 1970’s. Letters may be edited and represent the opinions of their authors. They do not reflect the opinions of NACC or its staff.

Thank you for your continued support!

Executive Board of Directors **REPORTS**

**REG MEADE, PRESIDENT**



Hello Whispering Pines readers,

We are almost over the winter season, and I hope the fishing season was good to those who participated. With the spring season upon us, I hope the communities that are vulnerable to flooding have success in keeping your community safe and dry.

Things have been busy at the NACC office with the recent move and the preparation of the 46th Annual General Meeting and Tradeshow. It was encouraging to see both the North and North Central ANA regional meetings well attended from all communities. We look forward to working with ANA to determine more valuable presentations for the upcoming AGM in August.

Have a Happy Easter!

**HELGI EINARSSON, EASTERN CHAIRPERSON**



Hello everyone,  
Well now that we have all the holidays out of the way!  
Hope everyone had a good Christmas, New Years, Valentine's Day and Family Day! Winter is almost done. Hopefully we will have an excellent spring with no flooding in any vulnerable areas.

While this time of year is hectic with fishing, meetings and travel. Weather has been up and down but we work around it!  
The Provincial election is coming up soon, I would encourage everyone to get out and vote. Every vote can make a difference.  
The North Central Region of ANA (Eastern and Western NACC regions) just held their regional meeting in Winnipeg. It was well attended and ANA had some interesting topics on the agenda that the delegates can take back to their communities and implement into their policies for safer workplace sfor their employees.

As you have probably heard, our office has had to move. We are now located at 2-565 Roseberry St. Which is not too far from where it was, just west on the corner of St. Matthews and Roseberry.

To all the teachers and students who have spring break coming up, I hope you have a safe and enjoyable holiday!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next NACC conference in August.

Happy Spring!

Executive Board of Directors **REPORTS** continued...

**GLEN FLETT , NORTHERN CHAIRPERSON**



Spring is on its way, hope you all enjoyed the mild winter.

I see quite a few logging trucks on #6 and #39 highways, I assume the logging business is on a bit of a come back.

NACC is doing the best to address the resolutions from the 2015 AGM, to help improve the quality of life in our communities.

Thank you to all the councillors and mayors for your dedication and time to improve your communities.

To all the 2016 graduates “ Shoot for your dreams” the future is in your hands.

I offer my blessings to those who have lost loved ones over the past year.

Happy Easter & good health to all,  
Ekosi

**KEN SPENCE, WESTERN CHAIRPERSON**



Hi everyone,

Things have been pretty slow at our council office, as we get closer to the Provincial Election.

I had numerous phone calls from our M.L.A office regarding our attempts to try and obtain cell phone service to some of our communities. I am confident I will have a lot more to report after the election.

I attended the Aboriginal and Northern Affairs Regionals in Winnipeg in late February, 2016. The conference was well attended by our communities.

The NACC office was moved to a new location at 2-565 Roseberry Street, Winnipeg MB R3H 0T3 in late January. Our staff of Mallory, Maxine and Tymara did an awesome job in relocating.

Hope everyone had a good winter as it was one of our warmer ones.

I wish everyone a happy Easter!



# CENSUS 2016

## It Benefits Us All



### Tuesday, May 10, 2016 is National Census Day

It is vital that each resident in communities associated with the Northern Association of Community Councils (NACC), other northern communities and elsewhere in the province is counted in the 2016 Census. Everyone residing in Manitoba on Census Day needs to be included in the Census, even people who aren't citizens of Canada.

The information collected by the Census and its companion, the Long-Form, gives us a snapshot of individual Manitoba communities. This community picture is extremely important in guiding the decisions provincial and federal governments make about funding, planning and policies for our communities. Local community leadership, businesses and other agencies also use this information to help respond to needs of communities and the marketplace.

Every person missed means community projects may not receive as much support as they should. Funding opportunities will be lost that could affect education, health and social programs, and infrastructure renewal projects. Funding for these important programs is tied to population numbers so it is important that you and each of your household members are included.

Taking part in the 2016 Census is easier than it has ever been before. The forms are shorter, available in English, French and other languages. Your household can complete the form online or on paper. The confidentiality of your responses to the Census is protected by law. You can be assured that your household's Census information will not be shared with anyone!

The Manitoba Bureau of Statistics (MBS) will again be actively promoting the importance of participating in the Census. MBS wants all Manitobans to understand that the Census is more than just a simple head count. Full participation is worth more than just bragging rights. Each person ultimately missed would cost the province \$46,000 in Federal transfer payments over the next five years. Your community would also lose direct payments from a community undercount.

What makes a single person worth \$46,000? Population numbers based on census figures determine how many of our tax dollars will flow back to Manitoba in the form of transfer payments between now and the next census in 2021. The Census also determines how the province distributes gas taxes to Manitoba cities, towns and municipalities. One can certainly see why full participation is in the community's interests. Visit <http://www.census.gc.ca> to learn more today!

**Make sure YOU count on Census Day!**

***46th Annual General Meeting & Tradeshow***  
***Sponsorship Opportunities Available Now***  
**AUGUST 16TH—AUGUST 18TH, 2016**

**PLATINUM SPONSOR \$3,500.00**

- \* Announcement at the AGM of sponsorship
- \* Acknowledgement in the AGM program
- \* Appreciation of sponsorship in the Whispering Pines Newsletter and on the NACC website; including a link to your organization’s website
- \* Reserved spot in the Tradeshow
- \* Signage of logo on the NACC banner displayed at the AGM
- \* Display of promotional material at the AGM
- \* Recognition as sponsor of the NACC evening of entertainment
- \* Commemorative plaque recognizing contribution

**GOLD SPONSOR \$2,000.00**

- \* Announcement at the AGM of sponsorship
- \* Acknowledgement in the AGM program
- \* Appreciation of sponsorship in the Whispering Pines Newsletter and on the NACC website; including a link to your organization’s website
- \* Reserved spot in the Tradeshow
- \* Signage of logo on the NACC banner displayed at the AGM
- \* Display of promotional material at the AGM
- \* Recognition as sponsor of The Master of Ceremonies

***46th Annual General Meeting & Tradeshow***  
***Sponsorship Opportunities Available Now***  
**AUGUST 16TH—AUGUST 18TH, 2016**

**SILVER SPONSOR \$1,500.00**

- \* Announcement at the AGM of sponsorship
- \* Acknowledgement in the AGM program
- \* Appreciation of sponsorship in the Whispering Pines Newsletter and on the NACC website; including a link to your organization’s website
- \* Reserved spot in the Tradeshow
- \* Signage of logo on the NACC banner displayed at the AGM
- \* Display of promotional material at the AGM

**BRONZE SPONSOR \$500.00**

- \* Announcement at the AGM of sponsorship
- \* Acknowledgement in the AGM program
- \* Appreciation of sponsorship in the Whispering Pines Newsletter and on the NACC website ( including a link to your organization’s website)
- \* Reserved spot in the Tradeshow

For more information regarding sponsorships  
please contact the NACC office directly.

***Northern Association of Community Councils***  
***46th Annual General Meeting and Tradeshow***

Will be held at The Canad Inns Polo Park, August 16th—August 18th, 2016

**TRADESHOW**

**Register from May 2nd - July 29th, 2016**

For a registration form, please contact the NACC Office

- NO FEE tradeshow booths for not for profit organizations (limited space)
- \$100.00 per table for all other businesses and organizations

**SOCIAL EVENING**

**More information to follow in our Summer edition of the  
Whispering Pines!**

The social evening will be held on Wednesday, August 17th at 9pm

**Live Entertainment  
Late Lunch**

**SILENT AUCTION**



**Donations**

If your community or business would like to donate to our silent auction please let us know! All donators will be acknowledged during the AGM, as well as in our Winter Edition of the Whispering Pines.

Please give us a brief description of the item you will be donating so that we can include it in our list.

All money raised will help pay for a portion of the Annual General Meeting.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### ***Bill Bannock Classic Ice Fishing Derby (The Pas)***

**April 9, 2016**

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO CHARITY

The Bill Bannock Fishing Derby is one of the largest in Manitoba.  
**First prize is \$25,000 cash & if you catch the tagged fish,  
Lonesome Mary, you instantly win \$25,000.**

Bill Bannock is also teaming up with The Flinty Ice Fishing Derby this year  
and were offering combination prizes  
for contestants who purchase tickets for both events.  
Tickets can be bought through Flinty Fish Derby website.

Location: Clearwater Lake (Across from The Pas Airport)

For more information: [\*\*www.billbannock.com\*\*](http://www.billbannock.com)

### **27th Annual CHTM Trade Show (Thompson)**

**May 6-8, 2016**

Exhibitors from a wide range of services and products such as: furniture,  
cookware, footwear, beverages, food, information booths for communities  
tourism, candles, sports, vehicles , sports gear, hot tubs, sunrooms, satellite  
television and much, much more!

This trade show means one thing, FUN! You will find tons of great deals  
and many different forms of entertainment at this year's CHTM Trade  
Show. Vendors from all across Canada will be in town showing off their  
goods for purchase.

The Thompson Regional Community Centre will be full of  
action all weekend long so don't be the only one to miss out.

For more information call CHTM  
at 204-778-7361

← **COMMUNITY EVENTS CONTINUED** →

***Thompson Nickel Days (Thompson)***

**June 21, 2016**

THE CELEBRATION BEGINS AT 1:00 PM

**FREE TO ALL!**

Celebrating a day of culture, traditions and communities.  
A tipi, tents and platforms are set up at the celebration site to take place outdoors. Beginning with a community BBQ and greetings from the original signatories of the Thompson Aboriginal Accord.

Afternoon and evening celebrations include: a pow-wow demonstration, live performances, select shows midway rides, jigging demonstrations, square dancing demonstrations, youth talent contest and the Nickle Days dance, featuring The Sheepdogs!

For more information, visit <http://www.nickeldays.ca/>

***CAREERS NORTH TOURS 2016***

**NORTHERN MANITOBA SECTOR COUNCIL**

Many exciting and rewarding careers are available with mining, forestry and hydro-electric generation sectors. The objective of these tours is to raise awareness of regional career opportunities among northern students of secondary and post secondary school levels through counseling.

There will be four tours available as follows:

- Tour 1: Thurs, April 28th, 2016  
Vale (Thompson)
- Tour 2: Thurs, May 5th, 2016  
Tolko (The Pas)
- Tour 3: Fri, May 6th, 2016  
Hudson Bay & Mining Academy  
(Flin Flon)
- Tour 4: June TBA  
Manitoba Hydro (Thompson)

To register or for more  
information, please contact:

**Michelle Pruder**

*Tour Series Registrar*

**Phone:** 204-677-4124

OR **Email:**

[michellep@skillscanada.com](mailto:michellep@skillscanada.com)

We would be honored by your attendance!

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS Friday, April 8th, 2016**

# ELECTIONS MANITOBA

The Provincial Election is on *Tuesday, April 19th, 2016*  
*DON'T FORGET TO VOTE*

*Voting stations are open from 7:00am to 8:00pm on election day.*

**CAN I VOTE IF MY NAME IS NOT ON THE VOTERS LIST?**

- \* Yes, if you are an eligible voter, you can still vote. Bring a Government-issued photo ID or two other documents with your name to bring to the voting place and sign an oath.  
  
If your name is on the voters list, you do not require identification

**DON'T KNOW WHERE TO VOTE?**

**Call their toll free line and speak  
to your returning officer at 1-866-628-6837**

**OR**

Elections Manitoba has an easy to use  
**VOTER INFORMATION SEARCH** on their website.

The voter information search allows you to find out:

- \* Your election division
- \* Where to vote on election day
- \* Where you can vote in advance

**Just by the name of your community!**

## ***Community Opportunities***

Below is a list of funding opportunities your community may be interested in. For additional information be sure to check out their websites.

### **Northern Water Smart Program**

- Provides water smart programs at **NO COST** to interested communities
- Swim to survive swimming lessons or emergency first aid, CPR level A & AED



**To register contact the Water Smart Coordinator for more details!**

Life Saving Society Manitoba: **204-956-2124**

<http://lifesaving.mb.ca/water-smart/northern/>

### **Child Nutrition Council of Manitoba**

- For Manitoba school breakfast and snack programs

**Application deadline April 15th, 2016**

<http://childnutritioncouncil.com/>



### **Manitoba Hydro– Forest Enhancement Program**

- Community and school tree planting projects promote appreciation and understanding of the role and importance of trees and sustainable forest management in communities, agricultural areas and forested areas of Manitoba

**Next application period: July 1st, annually**

[ForestEnhancementProgram@hydro.mb.ca](mailto:ForestEnhancementProgram@hydro.mb.ca)



N  
H  
F  
I  
  
G  
R  
O  
W  
  
N  
O  
R  
T  
H

*This year NACC is planning to hosting three Grow North Conferences for our communities. Below you will find the tentative dates and topics for each conference. Please visit our website or call our office to determine which conference your community is invited to attend and for registration information.*

**Dauphin, MB**

**Saturday, May 14th**

- \* How to Building a Greenhouse
- \* Learn to Winter Gardens and Trees
- \* Making Traditional Home Remedies with Herbs and Plants

**Sunday, May 15th**

- \* Food Safety Handlers Course



**Matheson Island, MB**

**Saturday, June 4th**

- \* Learn to Winter Gardens and Trees
- \* Making Traditional Home Remedies with Herbs and Plants
- \* Ways to Dehydrate Foods
- \* Basics of Bee Keeping



# NHFI GROW NORTH CONTINUED

## Dawson Bay, MB

**Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**

- \* How to Building a Greenhouse
- \* Learn About Tapping Syrups for Trees
- \* Making Traditional Home Remedies with Herbs and Plants



We have moved!



a port in  
the storm

### A place to call *home*.

A Port in the Storm is a safe haven for rural and northern adults requiring medical care in Winnipeg.

We focus on affordability so families can focus on health. With a supportive environment and caring staff, we put the needs of families first.

Please visit our website at [aportinthestorm.ca](http://aportinthestorm.ca) for more information.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

101-311 Alexander Avenue  
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3A 0M9  
p: 204.231.0720 f: 204.594.6435  
e: [admin@aportinthestorm.ca](mailto:admin@aportinthestorm.ca)

**Northern Association of  
Community Councils Inc.**

**2-565 Roseberry Street  
Winnipeg, MB R3H 0T3  
Phone: 204-947-2227  
Toll Free: 1-888-947-6222  
Fax: 204-947-9446  
Email: [nacc@mymts.net](mailto:nacc@mymts.net)**

