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The Northern Association of Community Councils



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- Northern Healthy foods Initiative
- Northern Harvest Forum
- Kip Thompson
- “Under the Porcupine”

Summer 2011

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Whispering Pines is a quarterly publication of The Northern Association of Community Councils, which provides an essential means of communication between isolated communities and regions.

Whispering Pines has been serving as an information tool of northern communities since the early 1970's.

We encourage community council members to submit comments, suggestions, articles and ideas to the editor.

When submitting letters and articles please include the author's name, address and telephone number.

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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 Communities 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.



REMINDER

Does your community have a welcome sign?
NACC is collecting photos of Community Welcome Signs for our 41st AGM.

If your community has a welcome sign that you would like to share, please send a copy to the NACC office:

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“Recycle Everywhere” Program Comes To Manitoba’s First Nations Communities

By Jason Cook

Canadian Beverage Container Recycling Association (CBCRA) in conjunction with Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba (MMSM) is supporting 23 Northern Manitoba Municipalities and First Nation communities by sponsoring northern community clean-up programs.

CBCRA in cooperation with MMSM provide support to community clean up initiatives through the provision of recycling containers, collection bags, gloves, highly visible “Recycle Everywhere” T-shirts as well as honorariums to current and newly implemented community clean-up programs. These initiatives help to promote and encourage recyclable material and waste recovery within the participating communities. The intent of this program is to increase the implementation of community clean-ups and to bring awareness to on-going beverage container recycling programs.

By supporting partnerships within Manitoban communities “Recycle Everywhere” is about changing people’s behaviours by bringing education and awareness to Manitoban’s surrounding the benefits of recycling. “Recycle Everywhere” makes it easy to recycle by placing beverage container recycling bins in convenient public spaces throughout Manitoba. Manitoban’s can expect to see “Recycle Everywhere” beverage container recycle bins in communities, at summer events, concerts, public buildings, convenience stores, gas stations, restaurants, schools, parks and on streetscapes. Beverage containers include: Aluminum, Glass, plastic (PET #1, HDPR #2), gable top (juice box), and aseptic (milk cartons).

CBCRA is a not-for-profit organization whose mandate is to meet the Government of Manitoba’s goal of recycling 75% of all beverage containers purchased within Manitoba. Beverage industry led, the CBCRA and its partners are committed to responsible environmental stewardship. This program will succeed through a broader understanding of how one community can impact change and how collectively we can “Recycle Everywhere”.

For more information on these Manitoba programs please contact:

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Forest Fires

Every year, Manitoba averages 544 forest fires, many of which threaten homes, businesses and farm lands. As of June 9, 2011, there were a total of 47 forest fires reported throughout Manitoba this year alone, 44 of which were by human cause.

Wherever residential, industrial, or agricultural developments are located within or near wildland settings with natural vegetation they are at risk from wildfire. Like storms, avalanches and floods, fire is a powerful force of change in nature. Manitoba forests attract and support many species of wildlife and birds. What makes them so attractive, however, also makes them hazardous. While vegetation is an amenity for residents, it is a source of fuel for a fire.

Prevention and control of forest fires poses challenges that require communities to take a collective responsibility for the problem, and that we develop new attitudes towards fire. All members of the community need to cooperate to implement productive approaches that resolve and/or prevent forest fire problems.

Fuel management initiatives can help reduce the danger of devastating wildfire losses. To assist home and business owners in fire prevention and protection check out some of the following Websites:

<http://www.partnersinprotection.ab.ca>

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/fire/Prevention/HomeOwnersManual.pdf>

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/fire/Prevention/Wildfire%20Evaluation%20Brochure.pdf>

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Are you interested in developing a community website?

The NACC office has information on grants and more for communities interested in developing a website!

Please contact the NACC office for more information at **1-888-947-6222**, or visit our new website at **www.naccmanitoba.com**.

“Under the Porcupine”

Celebration of Music and Dance

July 6th – 9th

Barrows is home to a music camp they call “Under the Porcupine.” Alongside the Porcupine Mountains there will be the sound of music as musician, young and old alike, gather to play and to learn about the music. Some excellent teachers come to this camp, so it's a great opportunity for everyone to meet and be taught by some of the renowned musicians in the country. To name a few of the musicians attending:

Clint Dutiamé – Nine time recipient of MB Instrumentalist of the year.

Donna Turk – Artistic Director of the Bow Valley Fiddlers from Calgary.

JJ Guy – to hear JJ play is to witness a tune come alive

Shamma Sabir – Recognized as one of the best fiddlers in Canada

Daniel Kolacuk – one of the best stand-up bass players in the country.

Patti Lamoureux – Often referred to as one the smoothest fiddle players in North America.

One of the instructors - Matthew Contios - who hails from Grand Rapids and is a product of the Frontier Fiddle Program, was first taught by Blaine Klippenstien; a person responsible for the fiddle program and starting the UTP music camp which has become one of the major fiddle events in the province and is held annually in the second week of July.

People come from far and near to enjoy the music and the atmosphere this event creates.

For more information or registrations, contact; Brenda Gaudry at 204-545-6215 or e-mail gaubl@mts.net

Did You Know?

NACC has a new website!
You can visit our new site at:
www.NACCManitoba.com

FireSpirit

FireSpirit is an First Nation-owned company working to build human resources and provide employment services to Aboriginal and northern communities. FireSpirit will help fulfill Manitoba's mandates in human resources and economic development with an initial focus on delivering technology and services to support Manitoba Hydro and Floodway projects, FireSpirit is a joint venture business owned by Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak (MKO) and Protegra.

FireSpirit Services

Job Coaching Services for Communities

In collaboration with community-based resources, develop and execute personal development plans with individual job seekers. Our job coaches prepare job seekers for employment, and increase the effectiveness of training - the right skills at the right time - to secure and sustain jobs.

Employer Services

Comprehensive recruiting services assist employers in hiring Aboriginal employees and executing their Aboriginal workforce strategy.

Job Referral Services

Provide current and accurate profiles of upcoming job opportunities and available job seekers.

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Kip Thompson

NACC would like to Congratulate Kip Thompson on his retirement!

Now 84 (May 2nd, 2011), Kip Thompson spent the last 20 years of his life owning and operating a successful business, Silsby Lake Lodge and Outposts, located in Northern Manitoba, that he has now retired from.

As a brakeman for CNR, Kip's first experience of the North began December 15, 1945—he was just 18—when his job brought him to Churchill, Manitoba.

Kip Thompson and his wife and best friend, Mickey Emily Grace, spent a portion of their lives in Ilford, Manitoba raising their six sons. As written in a letter to NACC, *"Mickey and I raised six sons in Ilford. No water, no sewer, no power. A one room school and one teacher. Housing was sad. Health in almost every community was nil. Things have changed."* During this time Kip Thompson not only enjoyed the bush, and hauled freight (including gas, diesel and lumber), but he was also involved with community work.

As a well known person who was very outspoken, and possessed strong leadership skills, Kip Thompson contributed to both his community and neighboring Northern remote communities in many ways.

While all his achievements are too many to list, as both a leader and supporter, here are just a few highlights that Kip Thompson has contributed to:

- He was successful in establishing NACC as a corporation during his time as the first President of NACC. As he quoted, "Through this vehicle we can ensure the proper development of the remote areas of the North..."
- Called for the establishment of a 2.5 million dollar economic fund. This fund was to provide funding for community projects and create employment opportunities.
- He became the first chairman of the Remote Housing Board, which was the central objective of NACC—to activate a housing program that would serve to replace substandard housing.
- The Community Economic Development Fund was established to provide loans to individuals and communities for economic development.
- Northern Communications Inc. was first suggested became reality by the likes of Don McIvor, former Mayor of Wabowden, and Ernie Scott of Cross Lake.
- The Cooperative Promotion Board was established to provide loans that would promote the formation of cooperatives (Co-ops).
- He helped advocate against the Garrison Diversion of North Dakota, where there was concern that the water would bring new species that destroy the white fish in Lake Winnipeg. He also helped advocate to have a winter road built from Clear Water Lake to Cormorant—which went on for three years.

Kip Thompson has contributed to his community and Northern Manitoba as Mayor of Ilford, President of NACC and many other boards he sat on with goals and aspirations to improve the quality of Northern living. NACC thanks him for his dedication and hard work!

"My Heart and Mind are with the People of Remote Communities"

~Kip Thompson, May 06, 2011

FORMER NACC PRESIDENTS

1970-1974

C.D. "Kip" Thompson of
Ilford, MB: Northern Region

1974-1978

Delphis Flammand
Camperville, MB: Western
Region

1978-1982

Bill Bennett
Matheson Island, MB: Eastern
Region

1982-1990

Ed Campbell
Norway House, MB: Northern
Region

1990-1992

Ron Richard
Camperville, MB: Western
Region

1992-1996

Eric Kennedy
Long Body Creek, MB: Eastern
Region

1996-2002

Joseph "Sonny" Klyne
Camperville, MB: Western
Region

2002-Present

Reg Meade
Wabowden, MB: Northern
Region

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NACC 41ST AGM AND TRADESHOW

August 16th-18th, 2011

**Canad Inns, Polo Park
1405 St Matthews Avenue
Winnipeg, Manitoba**

For NACC Attendees

Regional Meetings.

Workshops for CAO's.

Community relevant presentations and speakers.

Evening of Entertainment.

Tradeshow

This year's Tradeshow will be featuring the **NEW** Passport Incentive Draw!

For more details regarding the NACC 41st Tradeshow, please contact the NACC office.

You can also print off a Tradeshow registration form on our website at www.NACCManitoba.com

NACC's Annual General Meeting & Tradeshow

Available Contract Work

The Northern Association of Community Councils is seeking to fill the following positions for the 41st AGM and Tradeshow:

Band Tender

For a social on the evening of August 17th, 2011 from 8:00pm to 1:00am

DJ Tender

For a social on the evening of August 17th, 2011 from 8:00pm to 1:00am.

Please contact the NACC office directly at 1-(888)-947-6222, or email nacc@mts.net for more information.



Building and Strengthening Food Opportunities

October 19th & 20th, 2011
The Pas, Manitoba



What's Going on at the Forum

Composting: Simple and Cost Efficient Ideas

Growing Fruits and Berries: Planting, Harvesting, Preserving

Seed Selection: What Works Best for your Garden

Container Gardening: Extending the Growing Season

Food Preservation: Freezing & Canning

Healthy Cooking Demo: Nutritious Recipes using Local Food

Tours: To sites of interest around The Pas area

School Gardening: Inspiring our Youth to Grow Healthy



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Northern Healthy Foods Initiative

Hello Whispering Pines readers,

I would first like to introduce myself: I am Kaeleen Tapp, the new Project Coordinator for the Northern Healthy Foods Initiative (NHFI). I have been with NACC for just over a year now as the Administrative Assistant, and am very excited to continue with the organization in this new role.

I know that Amy Yonda left me some big shoes to fill, and I am confident that with your help we will be able to continue what she started as well as grow on it.

Hopefully by the time this reaches you, you will have been able to plant your seeds and are waiting just as eagerly as I am for them to sprout! With the flooding this year I believe that raised bed gardens will become more prominent in your communities – we had many questions about them on our trips this Spring, as well as receiving many great ideas from community members experienced with gardening.

While I was not available for many of the community trips, I was able to visit a couple communities in June, and was thrilled by the turnouts and enthusiasm I saw in the communities! I felt very welcomed, and am planning to make visits to the rest of our communities by Fall so that I may meet everyone and see what progress has been made.

As the new NHFI Project Coordinator, I would love to hear from everyone regarding what **YOU** want to see in your communities. Along with basic gardening and raised beds, the NHFI also promotes and assists with:

Composting

Indigenous gardens

Wild Meat Preservation

Fish smoking and canning

Canning (to ensure that you can make year round use of those vegetables and berries you are gardening)

Berry Production

Poultry Production

Goat Production

As well as many other things!

We are also always looking for new ideas and new concepts to introduce to communities – if there is anything that you would like to see brought in to your community, please contact me either at the NACC office or by email (nhfinacc@mts.net) and let me know!

I look forward to hearing from you!

Kaeleen Tapp

Smart Snacking



You can enjoy snacks as part of your day. If you make wise choices, snacks can keep you energized and provide important nutrients. Young children especially benefit from snacks as they have small stomachs and may have trouble eating all of the foods they need at meal time.

- Look for snacks that count towards your recommended number of Food Guide Servings. The best choices are foods from the four food groups in Canada's Food Guide.
- Include nutritious snacks when planning your meals and add them to your grocery list. What you keep in your cupboards is what you'll snack on!
- Take nutritious snacks from home to eat at school, at work, or to eat on the go. This helps reduce your temptation to buy less nutritious snacks.
- Avoid snacks that may be high in calories, fat, sugar or salt (sodium). This includes buttered popcorn, cakes, candies, chips, chocolate, cookies, doughnuts, French fries, granola bars, ice cream, pastries and sugary beverages such as fruit flavoured drinks, soft drinks, sports drinks and energy drinks. These foods can add extra calories to your day.

Snacks to Grab and Go:

- Fresh fruit or individually packed containers of cut-up fruit.
- Raw vegetables including carrots, peppers, zucchini, cherry or grape tomatoes.
- Baby carrots and whole wheat pita triangles with hummus.
- Pumpernickel bagel with peanut butter and banana.
- Fresh, frozen or canned fruit with low fat yogurt or in a smoothie.
- Sweet red, yellow or green peppers and bread sticks with salad dressing or low fat dip.
- Whole wheat tortilla wrap made with salmon or tuna and salad dressing, onions, celery and green peppers.
- English muffin with melted cheese and apple slices.
- Dry mixed cereal and a container of milk.
- Dark green leafy salad with orange sections and almonds.
- Nuts, pumpkin or sunflower seeds.
- Plain popcorn.
- Popsicles made with 100% fruit juice or yogurt.
- Water, milk, fortified soy beverage or 100% fruit juice.



Source: *Health Canada—Canada Food Guide*

Tips for Better Grant Applications

1. **Understand your own goals** before looking for grants; make sure there is a fit between what you or your organization wants to accomplish and what the grant program will support.
2. **Set aside plenty of time.** Don't underestimate how much time it takes to write a competitive application.
3. **Assemble a team to help.** Don't try to do the whole thing on your own. Get people to track down estimates, talk to grantmakers, collect applications, etc.
4. **Contact grantmakers,** before you write your proposal, to be sure you clearly understand the grant program guidelines. Follow the guidelines to the letter.
5. **Check out** your target agency's recent awards. Narrow down your list of possible grant agencies to the most promising prospects. The best way to do that is to see what they have supported in the past. (*Specific to grants with Culture Heritage and Tourism*)
6. **Talk to those who got funded** and ask for advice if you can. Find out who gave grants in your region similar to your planned application.
7. **Show that you have a significant need** or problem in your proposal. Don't assume that the grant reviewers understand your project or its importance to you or your community.
8. **The first paragraph** of your proposal is the single most important part. If the grant reviewer has a good idea of the direction of your proposal from reading the abstract, it creates an important first impression.
9. **Good proposals are easy to understand.** If you are short and to the point, and you've answered the key questions, your grant will be viewed as comprehensible and fundable.
10. **Have a reasonable and detailed budget.** Do your homework on costs. Your budget must closely match the described activities.
11. **Be realistic.** It is better to limit your application to fewer, more attainable goals, than to promise more than you can deliver.
12. **Describe both the broad goals and measurable objectives** of your project. Detail the activities that will accomplish the program's goals and objectives.
13. **Proofread!** Spelling and grammar errors do not convey a positive image.
14. **Having partners helps.** Other groups or agencies that share your need and will financially contribute to the project make the application stronger. If another group will benefit from the project, a letter of endorsement will help the application.
15. **Have a "nitpicker" review your application.** The more critical the reader and the more the application is "nitpicked," the better. Don't get your feelings hurt. This is your chance to fix unclear or contradictory areas.
16. **Follow-up with the grantmaker** about the outcome of your proposal, after it is submitted. Even if it is turned down, ask for feedback about your proposal's strengths and weaknesses for the next time.

Source: http://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/grants/grant_tips.html

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TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME THRESHOLDS - Income qualifications are based on how many people live in your home and the total income (before deductions) of the household.

Household size	Community Size (population)		
	< 30,000	30,000 to 99,999	500,000 +
1 person	\$22,161	\$24,219	\$28,296
2 persons	\$27,588	\$30,150	\$35,228
3 persons	\$33,915	\$37,065	\$43,308
4 persons	\$41,179	\$45,004	\$52,581
5 persons	\$46,704	\$51,041	\$59,638
6 persons	\$52,675	\$57,568	\$67,260
7 or more persons	\$58,645	\$64,093	\$74,884

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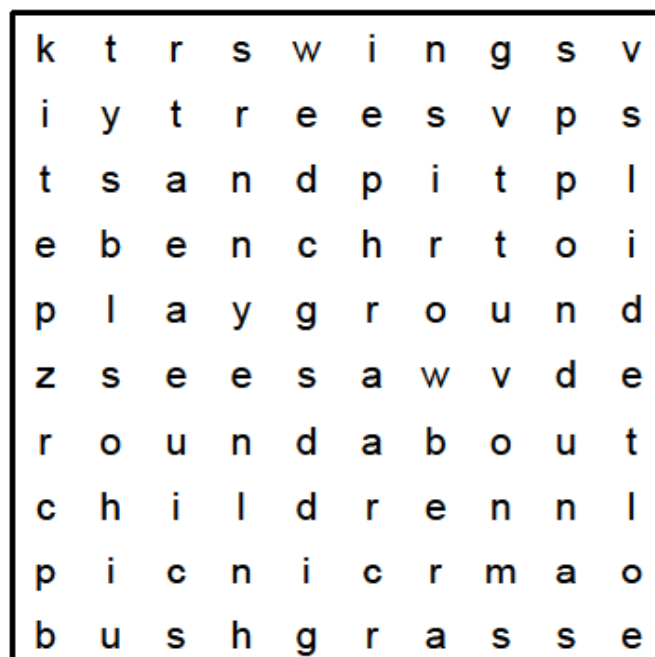
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Family Section

Going to the Park



playground

trees

bush

grass

picnic

kite

sandpit

pond

bench

swings

slide

roundabout

children

seesaw

Strawberry-Rhubarb Slushies

Ingredients:

- 3 cups (750 mL) chopped fresh or frozen rhubarb
- 1 cup (250 mL) sugar
- 2 pkgs (425 g) frozen strawberries in light syrup, slightly thawed
- 2 cans (600 mL) lemon-lime carbonated beverage
- 1 bottle (2 L) lemon-lime carbonated beverage, chilled
- Sliced fresh strawberries, if desired

Method:

- Heat rhubarb and sugar to boiling in 3-quart saucepan over medium heat, stirring occasionally. Cook 8 to 10 minutes, stirring occasionally, until rhubarb is very tender. Stir in strawberries.
- Spoon half of the strawberry mixture into blender. Cover and blend on high speed until smooth. Pour into large nonmetal container. Cover and blend remaining strawberry mixture; add to container. Stir in 2 cans of carbonated beverage. Freeze at 2 hours until frozen and slushy.

- For each serving, stir together 1/2 cup frozen mixture and 1/2 cup chilled carbonated beverage in tall glass until slushy. Garnish with strawberry slices.

Tip : This whole recipe can be served as a slushy punch. Spoon the slush mixture into a large punch bowl, then stir in the carbonated beverage. This is handy if you are serving a large number of people all at once.

Tip : This is a perfect do-ahead recipe because it makes a big batch and can be kept in the freezer for several weeks. Scoop out just the amount you need at one time.

Summer Fun!

The long hot days of summer have finally arrived so it's time to turn off the TV and head outside to play. Keep the kids entertained with these seven fun outdoor games and activities.

Knock 'em over with backyard bowling. Find household items that will tumble over easily, such as empty cereal boxes, empty soda cans and small stuffed toys and align them in a row like bowling pins, suggests Warner. Then, using a smaller ball for older kids and a bigger ball for the young ones, have the children roll the ball. They score a point for each object they knock down.

Play Kick the Can. A variation on Hide and Seek, this game works best with at least three kids. One person is designated "it" and will guard the "can" (an empty coffee can or ball) which is set in an open space. While the other players hide, the "it" counts to 20 (or higher) and then tries to find and tag the other players. If captured, players must go to "jail". Any player who hasn't been caught can run in and kick the can, setting all of the captured players free. If the "it" finds everyone, he wins the game.

Create an outdoor canvas. Hang an old sheet on a clothesline or tape paper to a fence for your budding artist to paint on. Encourage them to try painting with different kinds of brushes. Try dipping grass into paint and swishing it on paper, then try painting with a leaf or a twig. The kids can also try painting rocks and creating little people or bugs with them.

Host a mini-Olympics. Get the kids competing in running and wheelbarrow races, obstacle courses, water balloon tosses and jumping competitions, suggests Hall. Finish off the fun with a mini-Olympic awards ceremony to honour all of the athletes. Buy medals at the local dollar store or make your own with construction paper, coloured pencils and string.

Source: www.kaboose.com

Thompson to host Provincial Conference—*Discover a Northern Adventure!*

Community Futures North Central Development (CFNCD) is pleased to partner with Community Futures Greenstone and Community Futures Cedar Lake to present the 2011 Community Futures Conference September 20th—22nd, 2011 in Thompson, MB.

The Annual Conference is a gathering of staff and board from Community Futures offices across the province. Each year the group gathers to explore economic development, and this year will have a northern and Aboriginal focus. The event will be open to anyone involved in economic development to attend.

The conference will include keynote addresses by Peter C. Newman, the legendary journalist and best-selling author and Frank O'Dea, and extremely successful Canadian entrepreneur whose story of rags to riches is sure to inspire. CFNCD Manager Tim Johnston is pleased to be hosting the event in the north—"We are excited for our peers to come and EXPERIENCE the north, learn the history and see first-hand our economic success."

Then conference plays on the *Discover a Northern Adventure!* Theme by offering genuine adventures to participants who partake in the industry and tourism related mobile sessions. A gala evening and welcome reception are also being planned. The theme will help to tie the entire north central region of Manitoba in to the conference. CFNCD Chairperson Glenn Flett noted "The conference committee has some unique ideas that incorporate all of our north central communities, I'm excited to showcase my own community at the banquet."

CFNCD is a community economic development corporation that serves the north central region of Manitoba. CFNCD receives direction from a volunteer board of directors. For each of the 17 communities in the region, one board member is appointed by local government. Community Futures is supported by the Government of Canada through Western Economic Diversification Canada.

President's Report

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Reg Meade—President



Well summer is officially here, and the AGM is right around the corner. In the office, we've been busy with preparing for the AGM and we look forward to the ANA/NACC collaboration.

In recent news, NACC has joined the Thompson Economic Diversification Working Group (TEDWG). Nearly six months ago Vale announced their decision in closing down its smelter and refinery, in Thompson, by the end of 2015. On May 18th, 2010 the City of Thompson and Vale announced the formation of the TEDWG. The group will be chaired by the city, and will include representatives from local businesses, aboriginal communities and organizations, provincial and federal governments, and United Steelworkers Local 6166.

The purpose of TEDWG is to identify opportunities, in terms of creating jobs, to keep Thompson's economy thriving for years to come. TEDWG also takes a broader perspective by including the importance of Northern communities in respect to their relationship to Thompson. Plans are in place to include key players that are linked to this initiative of economic development; as the more we broaden our partnerships the greater we increase our success for Northern Manitoba. NACC is grateful to be a part of this group; as this will increase our partnerships and create awareness for the communities of Northern Manitoba.

During the TEDWG project, community feedback will serve an important role. There will be many ways for community members to contribute to this initiative. However, for the meantime, to get the ball rolling, a website will be developed to provide more information and gather your opinions.

I have also been very busy with meetings and appearances. Some of these include: the Federal Fisheries regarding endangered species; a sneak view of the new UCN campus in Thompson; the Northern Health Conference held in Thompson; a meeting with Honourable Steve Ashton regarding highways; The Chamber of Commerce in Thompson; the Burntwood Regional Health conference; and a Urban Aboriginal Strategy meeting.

I look forward to seeing you all at the 41st AGM!!

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Executive Reports

Helgi Einarsson—Eastern Region Chairperson

Hello again. I hope everyone has a good Easter and Spring so far. I know the people who are flooding around Lake Manitoba, Lake St. Martin and Dauphin River are not having a very good spring. Most of the cottage around Lake Manitoba are all flooded out. Along Lake St Martin, the first nations of Fairfield, Little Saskatchewan and Lake St Martin are evacuated and to all the bigger communities around the province. Dauphin River First Nation has been 1/2 evacuated. The community of Dauphin River is 1/2 voluntarily evacuated because of highway 513 being under 3 feet of water for about 30 miles. The community and First Nations are now going in and out by boat as the only means of transportation. The commercial fishers are not able to fish because of there being no means of getting their fish to market.

Even with all the flooding I have been able to attend all the meetings with NACC and Provincial and Federal departments regarding flooding.

The conference is fast approaching, and I hope to see everyone there. I would also like to commend and encourage all those Delegates who are considering running in the NACC elections to do so.

Have a good summer and hoping for less rain and fewer mosquitoes.



Frances McIvor—Northern Region Chairperson

Since the last Whispering Pines edition, we are still being affected by the mighty waters. The Northern Region sends thoughts and prayers to all the affected communities, families and friends.

We now have a majority government and we will have to continue to work hard with our MLA, Nikki Ashton and the province to complete our projects. Projects such as new water and sewer plants, upgrades to infrastructure, housing and health issues.

Our upcoming AGM is a time to share successes and issues with neighboring communities, and I hope to see you all there. Congratulations to all the graduates of 2010/11...the more you learn the more you know. Good luck in your future endeavors.



Anne Lacquette—Western Region Chairperson

NACC will be hosting the Northern Harvest Forum 2011 on October 19th and 20th, 2011 in The Pas.

Our next AGM on August 16th-18th, 2011 at Canad Inns Polo Park is quickly approaching and I would like to remind all Councils to submit their resolutions as soon as possible. If you have any concerns they can also be sent at this time.

We are expecting flooding throughout our region. Many of our councils are busy assisting the home owners and businesses with their flood fights. Most of our communities have an Emergency Plan that is put into affect for these situations. It is a valuable tool to help respond to crisis situations. If you require any help that NACC may be able to assist you with you can contact our office by our toll free number.

If you would like me to attend one of your council meetings, please send me a letter of invitation.



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