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Looking Back, Moving Forward

The 35th Annual NACC conference is scheduled from August 30-31, & Sept 1, 2005 it will take place at the Ramada Marlborough Hotel at 331 Smith Street in downtown Winnipeg.

This year's conference theme is "*Bridging the Past with Youth for the Future*" During the conference we will be celebrating our 35th Anniversary as an organization and a Meet and Greet will be scheduled for the evening of Tuesday, August 30, 2005. The social evening is scheduled for Wednesday, August 31, 2005.

Then on Tuesday, August 30, 2005 Aboriginal & Northern Affairs will be hosting an informational session with the delegates, administrators and clerks to discuss any concerns they may have.

NACC plenary meeting will take place on Wednesday, August 31 in the morning and then the regional meetings will take place in the afternoon. The Main Assembly will take place all day on Thursday, September 1, 2005.

Included at the Annual General Conference will be a two day training session for the administrators/clerks August 31 & September 1, 2005.

Please send in your resolutions as soon as possible.

We look forward to seeing some new faces along with the community members and we will follow up on the conference activities in the next issue of the

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Whispering Pines in September. If interested in attending or finding out information please call the office @ 6222.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

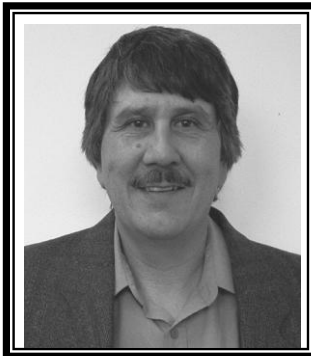
Reg Meade ~ President's Report



As President of NACC I would like to send greetings to all communities. I now sit on the Committee for the Aboriginal Council of Manitoba, and continue to sit on Canada/Manitoba Infrastructure Program committee. As part of the ongoing housing shortages I have been working with the Affordable Housing Initiative through Manitoba Housing & Renewal Corporation on new housing projects for NACC communities; I was in Thompson for the Midwifery Conference and attended the Diabetes Conference put on by Northern and Aboriginal Population Health & Wellness Institute (NAPHWI). As your representative I was invited to attend a Stakeholders meeting with Armand Barbeau of Aboriginal & Northern Affairs regarding Economic Development in the communities. I attended the grand re-opening in Portage La Prairie for the new Manitoba Food Processors Association. The Manitoba Food Processors Association (MFPA) is a non-profit, industry-run organization that promotes Manitoba Made food products to local markets and international markets. Both the Eastern Chairperson and I are part of the newly formed Inlands Commercial Fishing Association. I have continued the dialogue with the Ministers towards resolution of the continuing challenges of our membership. As this year will be our 35th Annual AGM I look forward to having an opportunity to having a chance to catch up with all delegates.

EXECUTIVE REPORT'S

Helgi Einarsson ~ Eastern Region Chairperson



Earlier, Canada Manitoba Infrastructure released information on the new application and improvements to the program. Don't forget the deadline for applications is June 15th. Since our last edition of Whispering Pines I have been working as part of the Lake Winnipeg Stewardship Board with community consultations. We have received some positive feedback from community members through this process. On May 31st there was a C4 Climate Change Conference in Winnipeg where some good information was provided for communities. If you are interested in receiving a copy of funding available in Canada for projects pertaining to environmental issues please contact our office at the toll free number 1-888-947-6222 for our staff to mail a copy to your community council. I have also become a member of the new Inland Fishers Association as one of the representatives of the Eastern side of the province. I look forward to seeing you all at the 35th Annual General Meeting this year August 30th thru September 1st.

EXECUTIVE REPORT'S continued:

Anne Lacquette ~ Western Region Chairperson



We had our Western Regional Meeting in Dauphin February 22-25, 2005 and it was well attended. I would like to thank all Mayors and Councillors for the reports they made at our regional meetings. I had a meeting in Crane River with Mayor Alfred Morrisseau and his council. It was well attended. Donna Forbes represented the Minister of Health, Andre Remillard the Chief Executive Officer from Parklands Regional Health Authority and community members from Crane River also attended. Topic was having a Personal Care Home in Crane River.

Our Frontier Fiddlers preformed in Brandon at the Rural Forum on April 30. I had made a request to Rosann Wowchuk Deputy Premier of Manitoba to have the Frontier Fiddlers perform. Our conference is just around the corner I would like to encourage councils to send in their resolutions and their membership fees.

In closing I would like to thank the ladies in Crane River that provided the lunch. Also Aboriginal & Northern Affairs for their financial support for the regional meetings and the information they provided.

Hope to see you all at the 35th Annual General Meeting in August. Please feel free to call me at (204) 628-3275 or fax (204) 628-3441. Thank you & have a nice summer and use a lot of mosquito repellent when you're outside.

Frances McIvor ~ Northern Region Chairperson



Greetings! The last few months have been busy, with family and also the boards I represent. Many exciting projects are on the go, like the NACC Northern Healthy Foods Initiative and the Building Consensus Towards Safer NACC Communities. I have attended meetings for NACC, Bayline Regional Round Table, North Central Development, attended the conferences; Focus North, Rural Forum and Vision Quest. I was involved with many of my community events. Great information has been passed on to me and I hope to continue to represent the community's interests.

On May 26th & 27th I visited the communities of Pelican Rapids, Dawson Bay, Cormorant and Moose Lake. While in these communities I had the opportunity to speak with some of the Mayors and Councillors about their issues and concerns in their community. I also stopped at the Overflowing River to chat with Darlene Parker and had a delicious lunch so if you drive near Overflow do stop for a meal it was excellent.

I will continue to work hard to resolving concerns and issues. You can call the NACC office if you would like more information on the projects we are working on. I'm looking forward to meeting everyone at our 35th NACC Conference.

Government Update

CONFERENCE TO HELP COMMUNITIES FIND TOOLS, FUNDING TO CREATE CLIMATE CHANGE SOLUTIONS

Manitoba communities can benefit from the resources and funding programs available to them through the Climate Change Community Challenge and other sources at a unique one-day workshop May 31 in Winnipeg, Energy, Science and Technology Minister Dave Chomiak announced today.

"Over half of all greenhouse gas emissions directly or indirectly come from communities, so there is enormous potential to reduce greenhouse gas emission locally," said Chomiak. "By developing solutions in our local communities, we can all benefit from a cleaner and greener environment."

"The Government of Canada is pleased to be a partner with the Government of Manitoba in its efforts to help its citizens make their communities more sustainable," said federal Environment Minister Stéphane Dion. "Through a co-operative effort of the One-Tonne Challenge and Manitoba's C4 program, the citizens of Manitoba are being encouraged to take simple, cost-effective actions to fight climate change and help Canada implement its new climate change plan, Moving Forward on Climate Change: A Plan for Honouring our Kyoto Commitment."

"Communities want and need to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions, but may not know there are resources and funding out there that can help them," said Ron Bell, president, Association of Manitoba Municipalities. "As well as providing information, the conference will give municipalities the chance to work together and exchange ideas."

The conference will include keynote speakers, panel discussions and information about funding, tools and resources to help communities address the issue of climate change.

Guest speakers will include Glenn Murray, chair of the National Round Table on Environment and Economy, which advises the Prime Minister's Office on climate change strategies for the future; Clifford Maynes of Green Communities Canada, a national organization that provides advice and assistance to communities on environmental initiatives; and Bob Argue of Eco Perth, an award-winning community-based organization that has been working with residents, businesses and municipalities in dozens of action projects on climate change.

Registration for the conference at 945-3674 or <http://www.gov.mb.ca/est/climatechange>.

Chomiak said the conference is just one example of provincial leadership on climate change and commitment to the Kyoto Protocol. He said Manitoba:

- was the first provincial jurisdiction to partner with the federal government's One Tonne Challenge to create the Climate Change Community Challenge, supporting local activities to reduce greenhouse gases;
- was the first province to take the lead on geothermal installations, doubling targets and now training 54 per cent of Canada's installers;

- was the first in Canada to assist in the development of an advanced technology hybrid fuel-cell bus prototype;
- signed a formal memorandum of understanding with Canada to partner on key climate change priorities including renewable energy development, energy efficiency, greenhouse gas emission reductions and carbon sequestration in agriculture and forestry, public education and awareness, research and development, impacts and adaptation;
- doubled targets for energy efficiency, building on the province's first place national ranking;
- is a partner in cold weather testing of the H2-ICE (hydrogen hybrid internal combustion engine) bus, owned by SunLine Transit Agency;
- is a supporter of the development of Manitoba's first wind farm near St. Leon; and
- passed legislation to mandate the use of ethanol blends in gasoline by 2007.

We would like to introduce some of your representatives on our NACC Board of Directors

**PRESIDENT
REG MEADE**

Reg Meade has been an active voice on council, in the North, and in NACC for many years. Born in The Pas he has lived his life in the North. Reg has worked as a fisherman, trapper, miner, public works foreman, and contractor all his life and has seen many changes in the communities, the infrastructure and services. Reg's experiences in the North have given him an awareness and understanding of the unique situations faced by Northerners.

Starting with Municipal politics with a seat on council, involved with NACC as Northern Chairperson and at present as Mayor of Wabowden and President of NACC, Reg has always advocated at the grassroots level. Reg currently enjoys his role in helping northern communities' access resources, services and development through the following:

Nelson River Co-Management Sturgeon Board
 President, Bayline Regional Round Table
 Board of Directors, NAPWHI
 Committee Member, Powley Implementation Committee
 Canada/Manitoba Infrastructure MRIF
 Committee Member, Aboriginal Council of Manitoba
 President, new Inland Commercial Fishermen Association

In recent times Reg was instrumental towards the New Health Centre in Wabowden; he continues to work towards funding for training Water Plant Operators in community settings; and provides his strong negotiation skill for Food

Security support for resources to Bayline communities and has taken on the challenges to advocate on behalf of the commercial fishing industry concerning the new Fishing Regulations that are detrimental to commercial fishermen that were implemented from DFO/Transport Canada.

**WESTERN REGION
CHAIRPERSON
ANNE LACQUETTE**

Anne Lacquette has been a resident of Mallard for 42 years; she formally grew up in the community Ebb and Flow First Nation. Along with her husband Norman whom she has been married to for 42 year where they raised their seven children who now have families of their own.

Anne has been very active in her community; she has been on the Local School Committee for 19 years and on the Mallard Council for a total of 10 years. Her portfolio as council member was Deputy Mayor; and was recently elected to Council as the Mayor; she also serves on the Frontier School Division as a Board Member for 6 years her portfolio as a board member is in finances. She is the Chairperson of the Western Region of NACC for going on 2 1/2 years, Board member of the Parkland Regional Health Authority and RDC as a committee member for 1 year.

Anne is dedicated in working together with other council members/staff in the improvement of our communities for the benefit of all the residents.

**EASTERN REGION
CHAIRPERSON
HELGI EINARSSON**

Born and raised in Dauphin River, Helgi received his high school education in Teulon, Manitoba. Helgi has been a commercial fisherman all his life. His family started, owns and operates Dauphin River Fisheries in which he purchases fish from all the commercial fishermen in the area; as the Lakeside agent for Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation. He also owns and operates Einarsson Guide Services, fishing and hunting lodge, which offer guided trips, cabin rentals, as well as boat rentals.

Helgi has been involved in community level politics for many years, first as a council member, and as Mayor's of his community since 1988. He has held an executive position on the board of Northern Association of Community Councils since 1984 as Eastern Region Chairperson and NACC Vice President.

Helgi sits on many different boards such as the Manitoba Lodges and Outfitters Association, Natural Resources Committee and the Lake Winnipeg Stewardship Board , to name a few.

Helgi has been married to his wife and partner Dale for thirty three years; they have five children and six grandchildren.

NORTHERN HEALTHY FOODS INITIATIVE

Through The Whispering Pines quarterly newsletter I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, Jessica Paley as the newest employee at Northern Association for Community Councils. It gives me great honour to announce my position as the Northern Healthy Foods Initiative Project Coordinator. My goal is to research and explore all avenues to ensure positive physical, social and economic development within the communities, particularly related to the matters of Food Security and Northern Healthy Foods Initiative. Please feel free to contact myself at the NACC office 1-888-947-6222, with any questions, concerns or comments regarding these matters.

**NORTHERN REGION
CHAIRPERSON
FRANCES MCIVOR**

Frances McIvor represents her community of Wabowden as Deputy Mayor. For many years she has volunteered in her community on many various committees. She has worked in the Mel Johnson School as a Teachers Assistant, Librarian and a Substitute Teacher. Frances sits on the board for North Central Development, and also a board member for the Bayline Regional Round Table. She now is the Northern Chair person for the Northern Association of Community Councils. Frances enjoys representing the communities. When ever she has the opportunity to meet Mayors, Councillors and Community Members either in Wabowden or any community she represents she likes to take the opportunity to speak with them.

Beside the boards she sits on she also is enjoys working for her husband and brother in-law's business. She is the book keeper for Nelson River Logging Ltd. Frances has resided in Wabowden for 35 years she has been married now for 34 years and has two daughters and 4 grand children.

Tribute to Shawna Budd

On Saturday April 20th a former employee Shawna Budd left us at the age of 31. All of us remember the warm, cheerful person who worked for NACC as the Community Resource Liaison.

Shawna's deep chuckle, contagious laughter and sense of humour helped to put others at ease in sometimes difficult situations.

Memories of Shawna will remain with all of us like my snapshots to be taken out and viewed from time to time with love and laughter. I believe this is the manner in which she would truly want us to remember her.

Submitted by: Barbara Marcyniuk

BAYLINE REGIONAL ROUNDTABLE

Bayline Regional Roundtable has purchased roto-tillers and garden tools for the Bayline communities with funding from Northern Food Security Partnership Initiative. President Reg Meade suggested that we purchase a roto-tiller for each of the communities. The purpose of this is to provide each community with ways and means of growing food and achieving food self-sufficiency. In addition, Canadian Tire, the equipment supplier is donating seeds and fertilizer to get things growing as well Gary Dy of VIA rail will be shipping the equipment to the bayline communities. Community Food Security Champions will be receiving the roto-tillers within the next two weeks.



Food Security Community Champions are Tony Genaille, Cormorant; Michael Bittern, Thicket Portage; Marion Whitmarsh, Wabowden; Angeline Flett, Pikwitonei; Betsy Kennedy, Ilford/War Lake are shown with Bayline Community Animator, Diana DeLaronde-Colombe.

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Bev Desarlais, MP Churchill, presents Diana DeLaronde-Colombe, Animator of the Bayline Regional Roundtable with Canada pins and souvenirs to take to Brazil. Diana received a scholarship from Ryerson University to attend a course “CFNY400 Selected Topics in Food Security: Urban Food Security Policy and Programs – The Case of Belo Horizonte, Brazil” being offered by Ryerson University in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. She will be leaving June 3 and returning June 12. They were particularly interested in having Diana in the course because of the work that the Bayline Regional Roundtable is doing in promoting food security and agriculture in Northern Manitoba. Bon voyage, Diana!



Submitted by Mallard Community Council:
The Mallard Kids Club Bingo is having a 1st Annual Mud Bogging event on July 2, 2005 and is requesting sponsorship or donations for trophies, cash prizes for each tire class. Bleachers and pit have to be repaired as well Mud Bogging has become a popular event in Manitoba it's for all ages to see. There are close to 40 mud bogging trucks, kids club have one as well that attends where ever hosted, so please consider our request. The event is going to be announced on NCI Radio Station as well as 730 CKDM Dauphin. Please call Frank Catcheway @ (204) 628-3209 for more information Syles Gabriel or Rhonda Gabriel @ (204) 628-3512. Thank you Mallard Kids Club Bingo License #4159.

Under the Porcupine
Celebration of Music and Dance
Barrows, MB July 20th – 23rd

Did you know?

What years did NACC hold their first & second Annual General Conference?

Answer on page 11

Community News

Submitted by: Camperville Community Council

Youth Centre to open Doors May 9th

Camperville now has a youth centre. The youth centre will offer a safe environment for youth looking for a place to meet friends and have fun. And because we need to make the centre safe, there will have to be rules that will have to be followed. The rules will be simple and easy to remember.

The centre was scheduled to open Monday May 9th with a grand opening celebration. Youth had been involved in the setting up of the centre were busy painting, menu planning, inviting guests and informing the community. For info on how you can help volunteer at the centre call the recreation department at (204) 524-2212.

This summer, July 20th -24th, the small town of Barrows is going to a happening place to be. The community is going to holding a 4 day fiddle, guitar, dance festival / workshops called *Under the Porcupine*. There will be workshops throughout the day and concerts in the evening with a big Saturday night finale social.

This is going to be a premier event with some of Western Canada's finest musicians conducting the workshops. We have Freddie Pellitier teaching guitar, Donna Turk from Calgary leading the fiddling with help from JJ Guy, Joey Adamoski and Daniel Kulak. Richard Ducharme will be leading the dance instruction. This will be 4 solid days of music in the beautiful Porcupine Mountains.

If you are musician, or if you always wanted to be a musician, this is an event that you will want to seriously consider attending. Registration will cover instruction, meals and accommodation. Vacancies are filling up fast so you may want to register soon. For more information contact: Brenda at (545 6215) or Council Office (545 6275).



**Submitted
by: Barrows**



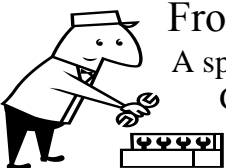
Submitted by: Matheson Island Community Council
MATHESON ISLAND BOAT POKER DERBY & DUCK RACE

Matheson Island Harbour
Saturday, July 23rd, 2005
Derby 1:00 pm-4:00 pm
Duck Race 4:30 pm

Derby Prizes:
(Entry fee: \$3.00/per hand)
1st Place 25% payout of entries
2nd Place 15% payout of entries
3rd Place 10% payout of entries

Duck Race Prizes:
(Entry fee: \$2.00/per duck)
1st Place 25% payout of entries
2nd Place 15% payout of entries
3rd Place 10% payout of entries
Notice To Members & Invited Guests
Social Evening at Community Hall
Live Band "Yours Truly"
8:00 pm-1:00 a.m. Admission: \$10.00

For more info: on derby, social or accommodations call Mona.
Social Tickets available from: Mona 276-2150/276-2053, Debbie 276-2226
Wanda 276-2117, Bernice 276-2195



From Jacqui's Pit

A special hello to all our hard working Mayors, Councilors, Administrators and Clerks in the NACC Community Councils. This year we are celebrating our 35th anniversary and if it wasn't for the efforts of all we would not have seen the success stories that have come out over the years. This year there will be an election taking place for your Regional Chairperson and the President's office. We anticipate a good turnout of delegates this year to participate in all the exciting activities. As coordinator of the AGM I am still looking for pictures that would provide some pictorial history of our 35 years as an organization. Please send them to our office identifying what or who the picture is of and the name and address we will return them too after the AGM. If you should have any questions please feel free to contact me at our toll free number 1-888-947-6222. NACC staff and myself would be pleased to assist you.

We have now launched the Northern Healthy Foods Initiative and we have a project coordinator in place to assist communities. We are pleased that Jessica Paley has joined our staff for this important initiative. She can be contacted through our toll free number to answer your questions or as a resource person for your community.

We presently have Laurel Gardiner working with Whispering Pines

communities on our "Building Consensus for Safer NACC Communities Initiative". She will be contacting a few of our communities to discuss this important project and answer any questions you may have. We welcome Laurel's expertise and experience as a northerner to this project.

On a sad note, the Board of Directors, Management and Staff would like to extend our sympathies to the family of Shawna Budd on her untimely passing. She will be remembered as a gentle spirit and a cheerful lady who brought a smile to everyone she interacted with.

I look forward to seeing some old friends at this year's AGM and meeting some new faces.

Keep safe.

Jacqui

ASSiStant Editors Corner

Well summer is here, and it sure is nice to be warm again. The office has been quite busy as of late; we have been very busy preparing for Conference at the Ramada-Marlborough Hotel. We will have the Meet & Greet at the conference on August 30 hope to see you there.

I attended Vision Quest 2005 along with meetings concerning Food Security, and Crime Prevention Programs in the Communities, while at the same time preparing for the upcoming conference.

Being the Community Resource person has been a good experience so far, hopefully by the time

conference time rolls around I'll be able to greet everyone and welcome you to the conference personally.

If you would like any information on the conferences I have attended or there is any way I can assist you please feel free to call me anytime I enjoy hearing from everyone. I'll see you all at the conference.

I hope that you all have a great season and to every father out there, **Happy Father's Day!!!**
Until then take care everyone.
Kathy, CRAA

Events Calendar

Edith Thickfoot a longtime resident of Dallas/Red Rose. Celebrated her 104 birthday on May 15, 2005 at Peguis Personal Care Home.



has declared 2005, the *Year of the Veteran*. Throughout the year, Canadians will celebrate, honour, remember, and teach our youth about the contributions and sacrifices of our veterans. Please join us in celebrating our Aboriginal Veterans during National

Aboriginal Day celebrations on June 21st. For more information on the Year of the Veteran please visit: <http://www.vac-acc.gc.ca>

2005 - Year of the Veteran
The Government of Canada

Folklorama 2005

Canada's Cultural Celebration runs

July 31-August 13, 2005

Metis Pavilion is scheduled from July 31-August 6, 2005 at the Indian & Metis Friendship Centre
45 Robinson Street Winnipeg.

**ATTENTION: Delegates, Administrators/Clerks you can register online for NACC's
35th Annual General Meeting & Tradeshow**

August 30th to September 1st, 2005

Web site: <http://nacc.cimnet.ca>

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**If you don't have access to the internet we will be sending out the information in the
mail shortly.**

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**Costs of the Tradeshow Booth are Free to community Councils and you can apply on
line.**

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publication of NACC, 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.**

**Your comments are greatly
appreciated. The next issue is
scheduled to be set out in
September.**

Did you know?

Community Council meetings are open to the public.

Mayor and Council invite community members to sit in the meeting to watch and observe or to join in the discussions of the various issues. Call your council office for their next scheduled meeting.

Happy Canada Day

Answers to did you know?

NACC held their first and second Annual General Conference in 1971.

It was at the 1971 conference in Winnipeg that NACC decided to incorporate as a legal organization. The Board of Director would be charged with drafting a constitution, to later be presented to the membership

for approval, at the next NACC conference, that was held in August 1971.

Matheson Island History Books (\$50) and Cookbooks (\$15) are still available from:
Matheson Island Community Council
General Delivery
Matheson Island, MB ROC 2A0

If you would like to order by mail, call Mona at 276-2150 and arrangements will be made, with the shipping costs being paid by the purchaser.

Mark your calendars for the next Winter Fishing Derby at Matheson Island. February 25, 2006.

MANITOBA AND THE CANADA MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION PARTNER TO ENCOURAGE ABORIGINAL ACCESS TO POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

Winnipeg, March 7, 2005 – The Manitoba government and the Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation have signed a six-year, \$3-million memorandum of understanding to support a pilot project that will provide information about how communities and schools can better work with Aboriginal students to prepare them for post-secondary education.

Education, Citizenship and Youth Minister Peter Bjornson, Advanced Education and Training Minister Diane McGifford and Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer Norman Riddell signed the memorandum in Winnipeg today with the support of the Reg Alcock, President of the Treasury Board.

"Among the major goals of the Aboriginal Education Action Plan our government announced last year are increasing high school graduation rates and increasing access to post-secondary education for Aboriginal students," said Bjornson. "This is a significant research and development project that will help identify ways to make this happen. Improving our research in this area is another significant part of the action plan."

Beginning in the fall, the new project, called Making Education Work, will offer academic, counselling and community supports to Aboriginal students in six secondary schools, including three First Nations schools: Cross Lake, Lord Selkirk Regional Secondary, Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Resource Centre in Norway House, Peguis Central, R.D. Parker Collegiate in Thompson and Swan Valley Regional Secondary School.

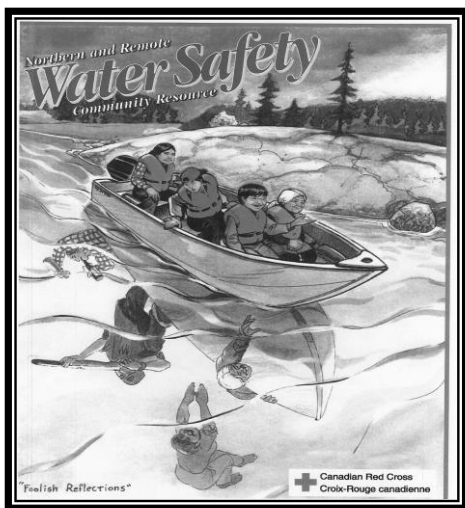
"Many Aboriginal students do not continue their education beyond high school," said Riddell. "By funding this project, we can contribute to the development of knowledge that will benefit Aboriginal communities and education policymakers in the years ahead, and that will help the Foundation in its commitment to improve access to post-secondary education." Making Education Work will be funded by a \$2 million contribution from the Foundation and a \$1 million contribution from the province.

A key element of the project involves partnering with Aboriginal community organizations in program development, implementation, research and evaluation phases. The project will strengthen parent and community involvement in education and enhance career development services. It will be rigorously evaluated to determine if it had the desired effect, and if it would be worth replicating in the future.

"Involving tutors, mentors, role models and Elders in the education system will hopefully help students to complete high school and continue on to a successful experience in post-secondary education," said McGifford. "Aboriginal Manitobans will form a significant percentage of the workforce in coming years, and it is essential that they have access to education and training programs that will lead to work in various professions and skilled trades."

"Making Education Work underlines the commitment the Foundation and the Province of Manitoba have made toward improving access to post-secondary education for Aboriginal Peoples," said Alcock. "Since its creation in 1998, the Government of Canada is pleased to see the Foundation working together with its provincial partners to help Canadians benefit from higher education."

The Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation is a private, independent organization created by an act of parliament in 1998. It encourages Canadian students to strive for excellence and pursue their post-secondary studies. The foundation distributes \$285 million in bursaries and scholarships each year throughout Canada. Since its inception, it has awarded more than \$1.5 billion in the form of over 500,000 bursaries to Canadian post-secondary students.



Every year, leisure activities such as boating or swimming turn fatal for hundreds of Canadians. While all Canadians should be concerned about safety in and around water, one group is particularly affected: the drowning rate among Aboriginal peoples is almost 10 times higher than the average Canadian. Many

of these deaths could be avoided by taking basic precautions and following rules of safety. The key to safer water-related activities is education, and the Red Cross Northern and Remote Water Safety Community Resource may be the key that fits. Designed to facilitate and promote safer habits in and around the water, the Resource is aimed towards an Aboriginal audience: it was distributed to First Nations and northern communities in Manitoba last year. The resource has been well-received and is now in demand across Canada.

The guide was created to promote water safety awareness in First Nations communities. PFD usage, how to create a safe waterfront, snowmobile safety, and surviving emergencies in water are only some of the topics covered in the resource. The guide is user-friendly and contains clear illustrations and practical examples to help people understand how to make recreational or commercial activities on water safer and more enjoyable. “We needed to develop a resource that related to their lives and lifestyles,” said Candice Carson, Injury Prevention Coordinator “Using real-life examples to illustrate how and why water safety plays a role in their lives goes a long way in delivering that message.”

Primarily, the guide is intended to stimulate community discussions on the issues of water safety and first aid. “The resource is there to encourage interest in water safety,” said Carson. “It only takes one person (from the community) to champion the effort and promote safer habits around water to make the necessary changes.” Carson hopes that the guide encourages people to seek more advanced water safety training.

For more information on the Northern and Remote Water Safety
Whispering Pines

Community Resource or Red Cross programs and services, please contact the Candice Carson at the Canadian Red Cross (toll free) 1-866-685-4250 or (204) 982-6737.



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website: <http://food.cimnet.ca>

Do you eat? Then you might be interested in a new initiative that is gaining roots and wings throughout all of Manitoba. On March 14th, over 40 individuals including northern and Aboriginal people, rural and urban farmers, politicians, community gardeners, fishers, civil servants, activists, academics, neighbourhood residents, clergy and local food retailers, high school students, politicians, and seniors got together to talk about food and begin working on a Manitoba Food Charter.

But we are doing more than just talking. Together, we are creating a statement on what we believe our food system should look like. Called a Food Charter, this statement is a public-owned, simple document that reflects local priorities and brings together a diversity of voices. Food charters are documents that identify priorities and guidelines for action around food security. The World Food Summit defined that “*food security exists when all people, at all times, have physical and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food to meet their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life*” (1996).

A food Charter, usually one-page document, will allow us to put Manitoba wheels under Canada’s commitment at the World Food Summit (1996) to achieve sustainable food security for all. The reason for a Manitoba-wide food charter is that
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our food system, from producing and harvesting, processing, purchasing, and eating food includes people from the entire province. A charter will guide and inform agriculture, food and rural development education and strategic planning provide a common focus for non-profit groups and government departments working to promote food security and community development, and guide policy development at municipal and provincial levels. In addition a provincial food charter will increase awareness and understanding of urban, rural, and northern food and livelihood issues. In short, a Manitoba Food Charter becomes a valuable tool to focus community efforts towards achieving good food for all.

This document would put Manitoba at the cutting edge of the food security movement in Canada. Groups in several municipalities have pioneered this approach to regaining a sense of food sovereignty but only Manitoba and British Columbia are working to create province-wide coalitions with concrete Charters.

Once a final draft of the Manitoba Food Charter exists (April 2006) it will strengthen and shorten the linkages between Manitoba producers and Manitoba tables, helping to ensure that Manitoba farmers can maintain their livelihoods. The charter will guide and inform agriculture, food and rural development education and strategic planning provide a common focus for non-profit groups and government departments working to promote food security and community development, and guide policy development at municipal and provincial levels. In addition a provincial food charter will

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We have submitted a proposal for funding to assist us in this work and in the coming months we hope to be holding a series of workshops to refine the Manitoba Food Charter. We welcome your input in this process. We are flexible and will make every effort to accommodate your needs as we arrange these face-to-face meetings.

We are building a data-base of interested participants. If you would like more information or are interested in participating email us at [**mbfoodcharter@yahoo.ca**](mailto:mbfoodcharter@yahoo.ca) and become part of the Manitoba Food Charter. You can also call us at 204-774-3703 to leave a message and we will return your call promptly and assume the expense of a long-distance conversation.

THANK YOU!

The Helen Betty Osborne Memorial Foundation was established by an act of the Manitoba Legislature in December 2000 to honour and celebrate the legacy of Helen Betty Osborne, whose life tragically ended in 1971.

In tribute to Osborne's goal of becoming a teacher, the Foundation collects donations and provides

financial assistance to Aboriginal youth enrolled in post-secondary studies in Manitoba.

As part of their fundraising efforts, the Gala Evening Celebration is an annual event that enables the foundation to help Aboriginal youth achieve their dreams.

Thank you to Minister Diane McGifford for demonstrating leadership and commitment on the generous contribution of endowment funds to the Foundation.

Thank you also to Dr. Lloyd Axworthy for his insightful, edifying and profound Keynote Address.

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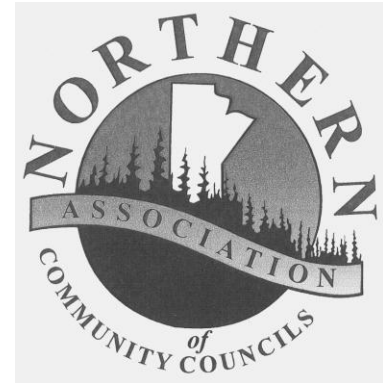
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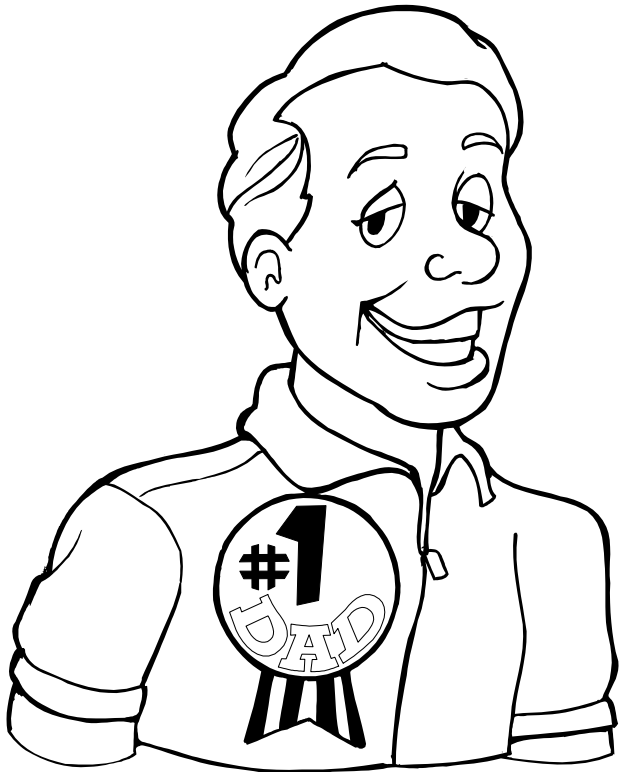
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