

## FALL 2007



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## NACC 37<sup>th</sup> AGM & Tradeshow

*NACC 37<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting & Tradeshow* took place from **August 21-23, 2007** at the Marlborough Hotel 331 Smith Street in the Skyview Ballrooms. NACC would like to send out special thank you to Mayor Edward Wilson of Island Lake Community Council for his opening Prayer.

In partnership with Manitoba Aboriginal & Northern Affairs who hosted their day at the NACC conference on **Tuesday, August 21 with Opening Remarks for the new Executive Director, Freda Albert and Welcoming Remarks from the Minister of Aboriginal & Northern Affairs the Honourable Oscar Lathlin** thank you for those words of encouragement. The delegates, administrators and clerks they were provided an overview of the new election regulations, presented by Director Jeff Gordon. Presentations on Green Manitoba Recycling, Incident Command Review by the Office of the Fire Commissioner, Community Years of Service, and MB Red Cross, along with training discussion for CAO and PWE workers.

On day one of the *Plenary* it took place on **Wednesday, August 22** at 9 am. with the Regional Meetings taken place in the afternoon where they heard a presentation from Manitoba Health and Delegates worked on their resolutions from the three regions. On the second day of the *Plenary* that took place all day on **Thursday, August 23** starting at 9 am. with many presentations from the NHFI, Volunteer Manitoba, Indian & Residential Schools, Triple P and Resolutions to the assembly and a housing presentation.

During the conference we celebrated our *Open House* on **Tuesday, August 21** with a tour of the NACC office located in the Marlborough Hotel and the entertainment in Eton Hall where we showcased the Why Knott Band and Little Tappers from Fisher River First Nation from 7:00 to 9:30 pm. The *Social* was on **Wednesday, August 22** yes during the week with the Whiskey Creek Band from Barrows Manitoba. Thank you to all entertainers great job!

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**



### **Reg Meade ~ President's Report**

First I would like to thank all delegates, elders and administrators/clerks for their participation in this year's 37<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting & Tradeshow. With your support and persistence it provided a chance for northerners to get together and network. I would like to thank all Ministers and special guests for taking time out to attend this year's events and also without all our sponsors, Aboriginal & Northern Affairs staff, Presenters, Exhibitors this meeting wouldn't have been such a success.

As your President I will continue to support your concerns and speak with the

Provincial Ministers to address our membership's issues/challenges that have been identified at this year's AGM.

I look forward to hearing from all NACC communities on challenges that need to be addressed in the next coming year.

## **EXECUTIVE REPORT'S**

### **Helgi Einarsson ~ Eastern Region Chairperson**



I hope everyone had an enjoyable conference and you gained some knowledge and information to take back to your communities. I would like to thank all that attended and look forward to seeing you at the next meeting. We are now into September, the kids are back in school, commercial fishing has started on Lake Winnipeg and the farmers are hard at it in the fields.

If anyone has questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact the office or me directly at 659-5214 we'd be more than happy to hear from you.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving everyone.  
Till next time...play safe!

## **EXECUTIVE REPORT'S**

### **Anne Lacquette ~ Western Region Chairperson**



I hope that everyone had an enjoyable and safe summer.

I would like to thank all Mayors, Councillors, Administrators and Clerks that attended the recent NACC Conference. I hope that everyone in attendance found the Conference informative and productive.

The Western Region elected a new alternate for the Capital Board. Congratulations to Franklin Campbell of Mallard on this recent election. I would also like to thank Ken Spence of Spence Lake for the excellent job that he is doing as the Western Region's representative.

I would like to thank all the Ministers and other guest speakers who took the time to be present at the Conference. A special thank you goes out to David Chartrand President of the Manitoba Metis Federation, for being in attendance.

I look forward to working with the Councils in the coming year. I would ask that all Community Councils from our region please contact me directly on any concerns they may have. I can be reached through my home telephone (204) 628-3275; the fax numbers is (204) 628-3441.

Meegwetch!

### **Frances McIvor ~ Northern Region Chairperson**



Another AGM has come and gone. I hope every one had the opportunity to speak with the Ministers and guests that had attended and were able to get information they were seeking. We will continue to speak on your behalf and hopefully our resolutions will be strongly adhered to. We will continue to work with the appropriate offices on the housing issues I think that if we all have a safe and warm home environment to go to all our life styles and attitudes will improve, it starts in the home. It was wonderful to meet with everyone again. I would like to thank ANA for their part in our conference. Thanks to all the trade show participants. There was a lot of great information to take back to share with our communities.

Well it's back to school and vacations are almost over. I hope every one had a great summer. I know I did! My two daughters and their family spent some time with us and we had a great time with our Grand children.

Take care and Good Luck to the fall hunters.

## *Government Update*

August 22, 2007

### **PROVINCE CLOSING THE GAP IN NORTHERN COMMUNITIES: LATHLIN**

Aboriginal and Northern Affairs Minister Oscar Lathlin has acknowledged Northern Association of Community Councils (NACC) communities for the major progress that has occurred over the past eight years.

“I am encouraged by progress over the last few years as we look at the increased training, the growing number of communities becoming incorporated, the expansion and improvements to the Community Constable program, the new water-treatment plants and other major capital improvements in NACC communities,” Lathlin said today at the 37<sup>th</sup> annual conference of the NACC. “During this period, more than 20 communities have seen new or upgraded water-treatment plants or lagoons.”

Over the last several years, more than \$50 million has been spent on capital projects in NACC communities and, for this fiscal year, the capital budget will be over \$9.6 million, roughly triple what was spent in 1999.

Lathlin noted that the theme of the conference, Partnering with Neighbouring Communities for a Healthier and Safe Environment, complements his department’s priorities and healthy community initiatives that are currently underway including:

Northern Links Recreation & Wellness Program;

Lighthouses;

Moving Around Manitoba; poultry-raising projects in two remote Bayline communities;

a revolving micro-loan fund to allow low-income families to purchase chest freezers to store wild game and bulk food purchases: and

with assistance from Manitoba Agriculture and Food and Rural Initiative’s Covering New Ground program, gardening projects and school greenhouses in the four NACC Grow North communities of Brochet, South Indian Lake/O-Pipon-Na-Piwin, Leaf Rapids and Lynn Lake.

“I commend the leadership of these communities; their investments in promoting nutritious food will have substantial long-term rewards for their communities,” said Healthy Living Minister Kerri Irvin-Ross. “Programs like Breakfast for Learning and food-buying projects on the east side of Lake Winnipeg complement the Healthy Foods Initiative. By working together toward a common goal of healthier eating and more active lifestyles, we can help make a difference in the health and well-being of the residents in these communities.”

Last fall, the government committed to expanding the northern foods project from the initial 15 communities and is committed to further expansion.

The three-day conference which wraps-up in Winnipeg features workshops on Aboriginal Health, Northern

Housing, the Northern Healthy Foods Initiative, Healthy Living, Red Cross services in the north, recycling and new technology. In addition, NACC had a Tradeshow exhibits and representatives from the Cross Lake Army Cadet Corps.

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## SCHOLARSHIP

### Two Manitoba students receive 2007

#### RBC Aboriginal Scholarships

**WINNIPEG, June 12, 2007** — Two students from Manitoba are among a total of eight from across Canada to be awarded Aboriginal student awards from RBC this year.

Gary McIvor, a Treaty Indian from Wabowden, and Tara Williamson from the Opaskwayak Cree Nation are both winners of the 13th annual *RBC Aboriginal Student Awards* program. Each will receive \$4,000 annually for education expenses for a maximum of four years at university or two years at college.

"Investing in the bright future of these individuals is an investment in the future of their communities," said Katherine Morrisseau-Sinclair, manager, Aboriginal Markets. "Both Gary and Tara have demonstrated a capacity for leadership, community involvement and creativity that RBC is proud to recognize."

Mr. McIvor is a father of two and a first year nursing student at University College of the North, where he is currently the student association council president and a member of the Ininiwi Kiskinwamakewin Centre student advisory committee. In addition to a full course load, he works as an emergency on-call worker at Wabowden Community Health Centre and as an emergency medical responder with Wabowden Fire and Ambulance.

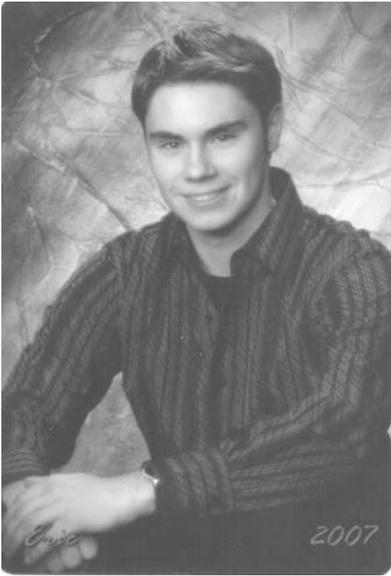
Ms. Williamson has a Bachelor of Social Work from the University of Manitoba and is currently enrolled in the concurrent Law - Master's of Arts program at the University of Victoria. She is actively involved in supporting and serving the Aboriginal community and volunteers at a number of organizations, including the Aboriginal Student Centre, the Native Women's Transition Centre, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, and the University of Whispering Pines

Victoria Faculty of Law's Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Camp.

The RBC Aboriginal Student Awards Program is offered to students currently enrolled in post-secondary studies. Recipients who are interested in pursuing careers in the financial services industry are also considered for summer and post-graduate employment opportunities with RBC. Selections are made by an independent committee of academics from the aboriginal community, and are based on personal and academic achievements as well as individual financial need. To date, RBC has awarded 69 scholarships totaling \$834,000 to Aboriginal students in Canada.

RBC has a long-standing relationship with Canada's Aboriginal Peoples and in 2006 donated over \$950,000 to support Aboriginal causes. In addition to the *Aboriginal Student Awards Program*, RBC also supports the Historica Foundation's heritage programs for Aboriginal students and donated funds to the Dominion Institute to support its Aboriginal Youth Writing Challenge.

## **SCHOLARSHIP**



### **Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation Millennium Excellence Award**

#### **Provincial Laureate Profile Eric Wasylenko**

**Eric is a Métis student at Springfield Collegiate in Dugald, Manitoba. He is one of 9 laureates in Manitoba to receive a Provincial Excellence Award from the Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation. He will receive a cash award of \$4,000, towards the cost of studies at any Canadian university or college this fall, renewable to a maximum of \$16,000.**

#### **Accomplishments**

Eric and his fellow students at Springfield asked a simple question: why don't we have an athletic facility to support our many local sports teams? The group of 25 students developed a 17-page business plan outlining their vision for a multi-purpose soccer and rugby field surrounded by an eight-lane asphalt track.

They identified possible sources of revenue and conducted some basic research about potential costs to build the facility (estimated at anywhere between \$300,000 and \$500,000). Eric has given presentations to numerous groups, including parent councils, the rural municipality of Springfield and the school board. Media coverage has also helped spread enthusiasm for this ambitious project.

The first fundraising event associated with the Field of Visions project was a semi-formal dinner that raised \$6,500 in net profit. Eric is dedicated to seeing this project through to completion, and he hopes that the facility will be built for the 2008-2009 school year.

He's also involved in the student leadership and athletic life of his school, serving as a peer tutor, peer support group member, and holding executive positions on student council and SCI's Aboriginal awareness group, Gakina Awiya Biindigeg, and playing on the cross-country, curling and rugby teams.

Eric intends to pursue a career in management or accounting. He has enrolled in the Bachelor of Commerce Program at the University of Manitoba.

**The President Reg Meade, the Board of Director's and Staff of  
NACC would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving**



# Editor's Corner

The NACC Board and staff have all been very busy in the past few months organizing, executing the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting & Tradeshow.

Another NACC Conference has come and gone thanks to the efforts of everyone involved it was quite the achievement. This years Conference was very dynamic, educational and enjoyable. Regarding the bill backs for the communities, I encourage the Community Councils to send in your invoices as soon as possible so that the Executive can approve them for payment at their next Executive Directors Meeting.

Summer has come and gone and students are starting a new school year, I would like to send to those returning back to school my best wishes because education is very important I support a belief in life long learning.

I wanted to extend my congratulations to the newsiest Board Member of NACC Chandler McLeod of Seymourville who was elected at the 37<sup>th</sup> AGM. It's with great sadness to see Greg Wood depart the Board of Directors he was one of NACC's youngest board members and was greatly appreciated. Best wishes to Greg in his future endeavors.

I will continue to work on behalf of the communities, and please feel free to call me at the NACC office with any questions or concerns that you may have. Article for the Whispering Pines from the Community Councils are placed free of charge so please send your articles, events advertisements etc... we will be happy to include them in our next issue in December.

Until next time, I hope everyone enjoyed their summer and wish everyone a happy autumn while it lasts!!

**Kathy Frisk, Whispering Pines Editor**

# HR Administrator

## Brief Summary Report on the Conference

It is with great pleasure that I extend my thank you to all invited Dignitaries, Guest Speakers, Mayors, Councillors, Community Administrative Officers, Elders, Youth, Staff of the Northern Association of Community Councils, Aboriginal and Northern Affairs, sponsors, entertainment performers, volunteers, and tradeshow exhibitors for participating and making the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting & Tradeshow a successful event.

I am honored to be able to meet the Northern communities of NACC and I look forward to be able to work together in creating a safe and healthier environment for future generations.

All My Relations,  
Kimberley McCorrister

## **SILENT AUCTION DRAW WINNERS**

Jim Chornoby, Ilford

Mona Ladouceur, Matheson Island

Sessie Jonasson, Wabowden

Mickey Price, Volunteer

Ethel McKay, Easterville

Darlene Beck, Cross Lake

Barb Macyniuk, Dallas/Red Rose

Jeff Gordon, ANA

Martha Chartrand, Pikwitonei

Melvin Whiteway, Matheson Island

Shirley Kalynuik, AMM

Door Prize draw was won by Bob Bull, Aghaming and Harvey Wastasecoot, Island Lakes

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# Northern Harvest Forum

**Northerners Growing Food for Northerners**

**October 16-17th Thompson**

St Joseph Hall, 340 Juniper Drive off Cree Road

**Workshops: Tuesday and Wednesday 9:00 - 4:00 pm**

- Food Processing and Preserving
- Chicken Production
- Community Gardening
- Fish Workshop
- Traditional Foods
- Bulk Buying and Freezer Purchase
- School Nutrition
- Getting your community involved

**World Food Day Dinner: Tuesday 6:30 pm**

Manitoba Food Charter Signing Ceremony & Golden Carrot Awards

## **Event Supporters:**

- Bayline Regional Roundtable Inc.
- Four Arrows Regional Health Authority
- Government of Manitoba – Northern Healthy Foods Initiative
- Heifer International
- Manitoba Food Charter Inc.
- Northern Association of Community Councils, Inc.
- Public Health Agency of Canada
- Rural Secretariat, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

*The Northern Harvest Forum; Towards Food-Sufficiency for the North October 16<sup>th</sup> ~ 17<sup>th</sup> in Thompson, Manitoba.*

Hands-on workshops feature northern food production including raising chickens in the north, northern gardening, food preservation, mobilization and strategic planning for communities.

There will also be an opportunity to view displays in the educational trade and booth area.

The Manitoba Food Charter Inc. in cooperation with the multi-departmental Northern Healthy Foods Initiative of the Province of Manitoba, the Northern Association of Community Councils, the Bayline Regional Roundtable Inc., Four Arrows Health Authority, and Heifer International are planning this educational and networking food security forum.

This event will be a chance to showcase existing northern food security projects and develop new skills as northerners grow good food for northerners in Manitoba.

**Please call 1-800-731-2638 for more information or a registration package.**



## Manitoba Food Charter had their official signing at the NACC 37th Annual General Meeting & Tradeshow

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schedule and would like to Premier, Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Funders, MFC signatories, and Golden Carrot nominees and award winners.

The Manitoba Food Charter cordially invites you to attend a *World Food Day Breakfast and Golden Carrot Awards* on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The Awards are a celebration honouring Manitoba's Own Community Food Champions. Formal invitations will follow however we are aware of your busy ensure a spot on your calendar. Invited guests include the

October 16<sup>th</sup> is World Food Day. We could think of no better date to present six individuals and/or organizations the Golden Carrot Award for their efforts in promoting food security in their community. The breakfast will not only celebrate these accomplishments, but also the foods of Manitoba. Breakfast and events will occur from 7:30 to 9:30 am with media in attendance. This breakfast is part of a consortium of events promoting World Food Day and the Right to Food. Please see our website <http://www.manitobafoodsecurity.ca> for a "Menu of Options". Please forward questions to (204)943-0822 and [info@mbfoodcharter.ca](mailto:info@mbfoodcharter.ca) or call the NACC office 1-888-947-6222.

On behalf of the Manitoba Food Charter Steering Committee I welcome you to this exciting and appetizing event. Please R.S.V.P. by September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007 to Kreesta Doucette Coordinator, Manitoba Food Charter Congratulations to all community members for taking interest in improving their health! Many people have gone back to gardening and growing their own food, from chickens to grapes! This is a healthier and cheaper way to improve health and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

There are many benefits to improving your diet. Now that it is harvest season it is not too late to make a conscious effort in picking vegetables, whether, fresh, frozen or preserved. It is also important to motivate our youth into healthy living habits, from exercise to healthy eating.

Research supports that people involved with their family and community are more likely to be healthy. Meaningful relationships aid with:

- Coping with stress
- Problem Solving
- Greater Sense of control over ones life
- Maintaining healthy living practices

Poor physical health can lead to behaviors and practices that affect an entire family and/or community:

- Higher susceptibility to unemployment and overall lower community economy
- Lower self-esteem
- Poorer health practices (i.e. smoking)
- More susceptible to mood swing
- Poorer health is related to unemployment

If you or your community has any ideas or proposals to implement a project that is related to Gro North or

Healthy Foods please contact me at your earliest convenience and we can see about growing food for a healthy future in your community!

Jessica Paley, Project Coordinator

1-888-947-6222 Email: nhfi05@mts.net

## **TRADESHOW PARTICIPANTS**

Aboriginal & Northern Affairs

Aboriginal Business Services Network

AFOA Manitoba

Amik.ca

Assiniboine Community College

Bayline Regional Roundtable/Manitoba

Food Charter

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Pequis Home Hardware

RCMP

Red River College

Residential School Service Canada

Residential Tenancies Branch

Tribal Wi-Chi-Way-Win Capital Corp.

University College of the North

University of Manitoba

University of Winnipeg

*NACC WOULD LIKE TO APOLOGIZE TO ANY SPONSORS, TRADESHOW OR SILENT AUCTION SPONSORS THAT WE MAY HAVE MISSED.*

**Whispering Pines** The next issue of Whispering Pines will be published in the winter of 2007. Articles for December's issue should be submitted by November 15<sup>th</sup>. Articles submitted from the Communities are placed in the Whispering Pines free of charge! So please send your articles today.

**Grapes Gown in Berens River Gerald Kemps Garden picture taken August 11, 2007.**



## A STORY OF HOPE

For the past eight years I have been fighting a winning battle with myself. I am an Aboriginal woman, a single mom, a high school graduate, a college graduate (times two), a daughter, a sister, an aunt, the list goes on. I am also a person who struggles with compulsive coping behaviors, some people refer to these as addictions.

Compulsive coping behaviors are tools that people use to disconnect and escape from everyday problems or at times extreme hardships. They are as follows but not limited to using alcohol, drugs, gambling, sex, food, internet, work, or whatever your poison may be. Rather than dealing with our problems head on, we will focus our attention on these things to avoid what we need to deal with to move forward. Too many times a loss is involved and those around us are piled in with everything else we are trying to disconnect from. Sadly most often it is our children, who would never be able to understand this complex behavior, who only know we aren't giving them the attention, love and consideration they deserve. Did they ask for us to be their parents or did we take it upon ourselves to bring them into this big scary world? Why do we keep doing these things if it only makes us unhappy? Aren't they more important? Don't we love them more? The questions must be unending.

I was a person with no hope; I was this person that did this to her child. **I was the center of my world.** Not my poor innocent beautiful child. It took a lot of self pity (when no one came to rescue me I finally figured it out), losses, and frustration before I finally realized no matter what bad things had happened in my life (name it, it's been done) it wasn't her fault. She did not deserve to suffer. I brought a child into this world; I could no longer be the center of my world. I was not more important than everyone; if I did owe someone something that would be my daughter.

I am a strong supporter of asking for help, I tried every way to do it alone and trust me there is no way to get stronger, healthier and more educated without help. By education I mean educated about **ourselves**. Who are we? Where do we come from? What did we learn? What do we want to unlearn? What do we do to cope? Is this healthy? What is my pattern? Who can help me get better, what works for me? What is my choice to merely exist or actually live?

I have fought long and so, so very hard. Many times doors were shut in my face, sometimes I sabotaged things myself - but I could never lie down and die, literally. I want to live for me, but most of all for my daughter who wants to be like me. Her love is unconditional, she does not take she gives, and she deserves my love, attention, energy and focus. Please remember this next time you have the urge to disconnect from your reality, it's hard but it is possible. And be gentle and go easy on yourself we will never be perfect. No one is. **There is life after all the strife, and it is so worth it.**

**Melissa D. Cook**

## POWER UP YOUR CAREER WITH MANITOBA HYDRO

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  - Career Development Programs: Engineer-in-Training, Commerce, Information Technology
- Aboriginal Pre-Placement Programs:
  - Electrical, Mechanical and Line Trades

For more information about educational support, employment and training opportunities at Manitoba Hydro, check out our web site at [www.hydro.mb.ca](http://www.hydro.mb.ca) or call us at 477-7282 or toll free 1-800-565-5200.



## Events Calendar

Please mark your calendars, "Matheson Island Fishing Derby 2008 will be held March 8, 2008." More information will be available in the next issue of the Whispering Pines.

***"Those who live for one another learn that love is the bond of perfect unity."***

--Fools Crow, LAKOTA

To serve each other, to respect each other, to trust each other, to honor each other, to love each other, to cooperate with each other, to care for each other, to forgive one another, to focus on peoples' good, to laugh with one another, to learn from one another; to pray for each other - these are all acts of love. These values and actions will connect us to one another in the Unseen World. Nature is a good example of how we should get along with one another. Watch nature. She is our teacher. Nature lives to give to one another. The insects give to the birds who give to the four legged who give to the two legged. The Creator made all things perfect.

*Oh Great Spirit, let me serve the people today. Let me see that it is better to give than it is to receive. Be with me today.*

### **EMPLOYMENT POSTING**

Assistant to the Executive

Northern Association of Community Councils is accepting resumes for the position of Assistant to the Executive

- Reporting directly to the Executive of the Board
- Wages will depend on experience and qualifications
- Communicate with the Provincial and Federal Governments and NACC community reps.
- Experience with Proposal Writing
- Excellent Computer Skills
- Knowledge in Provincial and Federal funding agreements
- Experience with Conference Planning
- Leadership Skills
- Be able to travel and must have a valid class 5 driver license
- Must include with resume a recent Criminal Records Check

**Closing Date: October 15, 2007 - 4:00 pm**

### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

Northern Association of Community Councils is seeking a highly motivated professional with excellent interpersonal, communication and organizational skills to provide overall assistant to the NACC Communities.

Strong Interpersonal skills and the ability to work as a team member in a challenging work place.

Be able to multi task and work effectively under narrow time limitations.

Demonstrated strong written and oral communication skills.

Excellent organizational and planning skills.

Knowledge of the socio-economic situation of the NACC communities.

Applications must clearly describe how the candidate meets the stated qualifications of the position and send resume to:

Northern Association of Community Councils

750-331 Smith Street Winnipeg MB R3B 2G9

Website: <http://nacc.cimnet.ca> Email: [nacc@mts.net](mailto:nacc@mts.net)

***The Board of Director would like to thank the staff members Kimberley McCorrister, Kathy Frisk, Jessica Paley and Jennifer Scherban all their hard work at the conference. Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) for volunteering at the Conference and they are as follows: Amanda Lathlin, Ryan DeLaRonde and Lester Constant.***

Congratulations to the 2007 Spirit of the Earth Award recipients. These organizations and individuals will be formally recognized at an Awards ceremony on National Aboriginal Day, June 21st in The Pas, Manitoba. Manitoba Hydro is proud to announce the 2007 Spirit of the Earth Award recipients. In this, the fifth year of the Spirit of the Earth Awards, 10 awards will be presented to Manitoba organizations or individuals who have made a significant contribution to our environment.

The Spirit of the Earth Awards promote environmental awareness while recognizing the culture and history of Aboriginal people. The annual Awards program publicly recognizes environmental activity planned by Aboriginal people, or non-Aboriginal people working in partnership with Aboriginal communities.

A Spirit of the Earth Awards Advisory Panel has selected 10 submissions that best meet the evaluation criteria.

The 2007 Spirit of the Earth recipients are:

- 1. Spirit Way Inc., Thompson** - Boreal Forest Project
- 2. Maple Leaf School, Winnipeg** - Wilderness, Environment and Aboriginal Art program
- 3. Painted Stone Paddling Inc., Norway House** - Canoe Quest
- 4. Cross Lake Fire & Rescue Team** - Community/environmental projects
- 5. Northwest Manitoba Community Futures Development Corp.**  
- Resource Management Guidelines
- 6. Treewise** - Elm tree debarking program developed by Treewise owner, Dave Lutes, Winnipeg
- 7. Skownan First Nation Vision Seekers in partnership with West Region Child and Family Services** - Let's Work Together program
- 8. Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre** - Windy Hill Learning and Wellness Centre
- 9. Pikwitonei School** - Garden project
- 10. Bob Smith** - Cross Lake Cadet Club

NACC would like to send out a special thank you to Jackson for his performance at the NACC 37<sup>th</sup> AGM & Tradeshow during the lunch hour.

Jackson Beardy III, 13, is from Wasagamack First Nation in the Island Lake region of Northern Manitoba, Canada and is the son of proud parents Byron and Delores. The hoop dance is an ancient healing dance from the American Southwest, where a dancer uses hoops to imitate nature and life forms. It is said that the dancers, when making a shape or design, get energy from the shape as it passes through their body. The hoop dancer will make shapes of an eagle or a turtle or from nature. Hoop dancers also use the hoops to tell a story about creation or their life experiences.

**NACC would like to personally thank the following contributors:**

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Horners Meats  
Manitoba Conservation  
Manitoba Museum  
MB Hydro  
Manitoba Theatre Centre  
Matheson Island Community Council  
McDonald Restaurants  
Meagan Peasgood, Avon  
Montanas Cookhouse & Saloon  
National Aboriginal Diabetes Association  
Northern Healthy Foods Initiative  
NACC staff members: Kimberley  
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and Jennifer Scherban  
National Aboriginal Diabetes Association  
Office of Fire Commissioner  
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Peace Hills Trust  
Shannon's Irish Pub  
Sunpeak Foods  
Tribal Wi-Chi-Way-Win Capital Corp.  
The Candy Bar

The Downtown Biz  
The Royal Crown Revolving Restaurant  
Urso's Wine  
Winnipeg Airports Authority  
Mariaggi's Theme Suite Hotels



**END HUNGER**

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## **NACC Summer Student**

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NACC agreed to have me involved this summer as the Administrative Assistant. I would like to take this time to thank the Board of Directors, Staff and the MMF-LMB for making my position with the organization possible. This was my 5<sup>th</sup> Conference that I have been involved in, the 37<sup>th</sup> AGM was a great learning experience I had a blast.

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Thank you, Jennifer Scherban

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## **Keeping the Fires Burning 2007**

A gala celebration and ceremony that took place at the Winnipeg Convention Centre Thursday, June 14th, 2007, where nine exemplary Aboriginal women were honoured for their lifetime achievements.

For 500 years our grandmothers have kept the fires burning. They were the warriors who kept our stories alive, our languages spoken, our connections to Mother Earth strong and our spirits brave. Now it is our time to keep the fires burning.

**The Moose Lake Community Council and NACC were very excited to nominate Betsy Buck for the Keeping the Fires Burning Awards Dinner through Ka Ni Kanichihk.**

Betsy Buck best know as “Granny Buck” of Moose Lake. She is originally from South Indian Lake, MB. She was born December 3, 1924. Betsy married Louis George Buck in 1947 of South Indian Lake. They had 17 children 10 boys and 7 girls, 54 Grandchildren and 56 Great Grandchildren.

Her hobbies are quilting, handcrafts, cooking, beadwork, star blankets, house keeping and carpentry work.

Betsy practiced Midwifery for 18 year and delivered her last baby 9 years ago along with the delivery of her own baby. She still works at the nursing station as an escort for Midwifery. To this date has delivered 106 babies including her own.

Betsy also worked on the trap line for many years and has trained many youth in cultural camps how to work a trap line and become successful.

Betsy also was a councillor for the Moose Lake Community Council and she said that she really enjoyed working with the Moose Lake Council.

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