

Summer 2008

***NACC 38th Annual General Meeting
& Community Support Forum***



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Highlights

President Reg Meade and the Northern Association of Community Councils Board of Directors are pleased to announce the dates and location for the AGM August 19, 20, & 21, 2008 at the Marlborough Hotel in the City of Winnipeg. On day 1 the opening ceremonies convenes at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 19, 2008.

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Opening Ceremonies Program:

Opening Prayer
Welcoming Remarks from Dignitaries
The Honourable Oscar Lathlin, Minister of Aboriginal & Northern Affairs
Introduction of the NACC Board of Directors
Opening Remarks
Aboriginal & Northern Affairs Information Sessions

Day 2 Plenary Meeting convenes: 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 20, 2008

Continental Breakfast & Registration
Opening Prayer
Opening Remarks Reg Meade
Election of Chairperson
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes ~ from the 37 AGM ~ August 2007
President's Annual Report ~ Reg Meade
Auditor's Report 2007/2008
Appointment of Auditors for 2008 ~ 2009



Appointment of Resolutions Committee
Appointment of Electoral Office
Call for Nominations for President

*You can register now on line at <http://nacc.cimnet.ca>
Please send in your resolutions as soon as possible.*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Reg Meade ~ President



This spring has been a busy one, as I have been called upon to attend and speak at a number of engagements over the last few months. I would like to congratulate the Capital Approval Board Members, Dennis Buck (Northern Region) and Alfred Morrisseau (Western Region). The Capital Approval Board nominations and elections for the Eastern Region will take place at the NACC AGM & Community Support Forum in August.

I had the opportunity to attend the MRIF announcements in Wabowden and in The Pas. At which time I met with Minister Lathlin to discuss issues concerning NACC communities.

NACC has been invited to sit on a Joint Selection Committee whose purpose will be to try to find some solutions to the housing concerns. Vision Quest was informative and it was nice to see many of the communities represented. During the Vision Quest, I had the opportunity to meet with Aboriginal & Northern Affairs staff regarding communities' concerns. The Manitoba Commercial Inland Fishers Federation held a conference in Gimli which I attended and give an address.

As I also had the opportunity to meet with Pat Lachance of the Public Health Agency of Canada regarding funding for the NHFI program Health and healthy living are important issues to the communities. The Northern Manitoba Round Table met in The Pas to discuss setting up a meeting with the Minister of Health regarding health issues in the north including delivery of services. .

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy summer and I look forward to seeing everyone at the AGM in August.

EXECUTIVE REPORT'S

Helgi Einarsson ~ Eastern Region Chairperson



It's Whispering Pines reporting time once again. Hopefully we will once again have a good fishing season. Some of things that I attended were the protest at the Legislative Building where about 60 fishers showed up from Grand Rapids, Dauphin River, Jackhead and Berens River. I also attended the Training Session for Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation on their new policy of only allowing 42 weights of medium and large size pickerel at full price and half price after that. I attended the Kidney Foundation dinner and a Breakfast with Premier Gary Doer which both took place at the Marlborough Hotel. I also attended a meeting at Grand Rapids with Fishers and Minister Wowchuk. The highlights of the meeting were 500 kg fishing status quota for North Basin fisher including Norway House & Channel.

- Set-up of a North Basin Co-Management Committee
- Quota revenues to be cleared by the Co-Management Committee.

With this year being an election year for President and Chairpersons we hope to have a good turnout at the conference in August. With that I will end my report and I hope everyone has a great fishing season, great weather for farming and hopefully we'll see you all at the conference.

EXECUTIVE REPORT'S continued:

Anne Lacquette ~ Western Region Chairperson



Summer is fast approaching and the threat of West Nile Virus is high so please take the necessary precautions. Mosquitoes are most active during dawn and dusk, be diligent in dumping any standing water from toys or lawn furniture in your yard. Also, wear insect repellent as much as possible.

Thank you to the Community Councils who have paid their NACC memberships for 2008. For a united voice is a strong voice.

Our AGM is fast approaching and I encourage all communities to send their resolutions to the NACC office as soon as possible.

Congratulations to Tara and Bridgette Lacquette of Mallard on making the Team Canada Under 18 hockey team.

If you have any questions, please contact the NACC office at 1-888-947-6222 or myself at 204-628-3275. Have a safe and happy summer!!

Frances McIvor ~ Northern Region Chairperson



Greetings! The last few months have been busy with family and also with the Boards I represent. Many exciting projects are still on the go, such as the NACC Northern Healthy Foods Initiative and Safer Community Project. I have attended meetings for NACC, Bayline Regional Round Table and North Central Development. At the Vision Quest Conference, I had the opportunity to meet with many of the Northern delegates. Everyone seems to be very busy. Keep up the great work you are all doing!!

In May, I visited the community of Nelson House. Although I did not get the chance to see any community members, I did attend a "Hug In" at the Health and Wellness Centre. The presentation was well put together. I also had the opportunity to speak with some of the youth who were all having a great time.

I will continue to work hard on resolving the concerns and issues. If you would like more information on the projects we are working on please call the NACC office.

I'm looking forward to meeting everyone at the NACC Conference in August. Congratulations to the Graduates of 2008.

Government Update

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL MINING CONFERENCE WRAPS UP IN WINNIPEG Creation of the Crown-Aboriginal Consultation Unit Announced

Mining opportunities and best practices for Aboriginal communities were among the outcomes of the recently-completed Learning Together – An Aboriginal Approach to Mining Relationships Conference in Winnipeg.

Science, Technology, Energy and Mines Minister Jim Rondeau today congratulated conference organizers and committed to developing further initiatives to improve relations with First Nations communities.

“Manitoba was proud to host the third annual national conference,” said Rondeau. “Our government is committed to continuing to develop opportunities for First Nations and Aboriginal communities to learn more about the mining and exploration business in Manitoba.”

The two-day conference, supported by Manitoba Aboriginal and Northern Affairs and Manitoba Science, Technology, Energy and Mines, involved more than 180 registrants from across Canada including the Osoyoos First Nation in British Columbia and the Naskapi Nation of Kawawachikamach, Quebec, who spoke to their economic development experiences related to mining. Representatives from 12 Manitoba First Nations as well as 25 Métis youth also actively participated in the gathering.

In related initiatives, the provincial government also announced the creation of the Crown-Aboriginal Consultation Unit. “As part of the Government of

Manitoba’s constitutional duty to consult with Aboriginal peoples in Manitoba, I am honoured to officially announce the creation and establishment of our new Crown-Aboriginal Consultation Unit,” said Aboriginal and Northern Affairs Minister Oscar Lathlin. “The unit is a critical component in Manitoba’s relationship with First Nations and Métis communities. We believe this unit will further the process of reconciliation and understanding between the Crown, as represented by Manitoba and Aboriginal communities.”

The mandate and role of the Crown-Aboriginal Consultation Unit is to facilitate Crown-Aboriginal consultations for the provincial government on proposed large-scale projects, as well as developing an overall government strategy on Crown-Aboriginal consultations and providing education and training on consultation policy and guidelines to government departments and First Nations and Métis communities. The unit is contained in the Department of Aboriginal and Northern Affairs and works with other departments on Crown consultation issues.

Lathlin noted the Government of Manitoba recognizes it has a duty to consult with Aboriginal communities when any proposed provincial law, regulation, decision or action may affect any constitutional right of that community.

Executive Director

Hello, my name is Raquel Koenig and I am very happy to announce that I have recently joined the Northern Association of Community Councils. I am currently acting in the position of Executive Director as Tracey has accepted a position with another organization. I had the pleasure of meeting Tracey and working with her for a short period of time. I would like to wish Tracey all the best in her future endeavors.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and give a little background information. I graduated from the University of Manitoba in May with a Bachelor of Arts, Major in Native Studies. I pursued a Native Studies degree because I want a better future for Aboriginal people. As a graduate of the Native Studies program I am well rounded in historical and contemporary issues affecting Aboriginal people and I believe I can make a difference in promoting greater awareness and understanding of the Aboriginal situation in Canada.

Prior to my studies I worked as a Legal Assistant in the area of Corporate Law for a medium sized law firm in Thunder Bay, Ontario. I am originally from Thunder Bay but I moved to Winnipeg in 2005 with my husband. This summer I will be celebrating my 8th wedding anniversary. Some of my interest are camping, hiking, and running. I participated in the Manitoba Marathon this year in the Relay category. It was a wonderful experience and I am hoping to run the half marathon next year!

Since I started with the NACC, I have been busy with the preparations for our upcoming AGM and Community Support Forum. I am looking forward to meeting you all and learning more about your communities.

I would also like to thank the Board of Directors for giving me this amazing opportunity and I look forward to working with you all and getting to know

you all better.

Editor's Corner

At NACC the staff have been very busy with the planning of the 38th Annual General Meeting & Community Support Forum. This year we have changed agenda a bit to include a Community Support Forum which allows hands on approach to the service providers. The Tradeshow participants will provide workshops for the Youth Advisory Council, Youth Delegation and CAO/Clerks to attend different sessions.

The AGM will be held in partnership with Aboriginal & Northern Affairs. The Council CAO/Clerks will be invited again and they are asked to attend the Aboriginal & Northern Affairs day and the NACC plenary portions of the meetings.

The Meet & Greet will be held this year in Churchill's Dining Room on the main floor of the hotel on Tuesday, August the 19th.

The registrations for the Youth, Delegates and CAO/Clerks for the Annual General Meeting & Community Support Forum are available online on NACC website: <http://nacc.cimnet.ca>.

This year there will be Elections for the President and Chairperson for the three regions and the Northern Secretary/Treasurer position on the Board of Directors.

Please call our toll free number 1-888-947-6222 if you require any further information. I look forward to seeing you all at our 38th AGM.

Until then I hope that you all have a great summer!

Kathy Frisk, Editor Whispering Pines

Northern Healthy Foods Initiative

I would like to take this opportunity to re-introduce myself, Kelly McAuley as the new Northern Healthy Foods Initiative Project Coordinator. I look forward to going on my first visit to the communities and having the opportunity to meet everyone. My goal is to continue to ensure positive development within the communities, particularly related to Northern Healthy Foods Initiatives and Food Security. Please feel free to contact myself at the NACC office with any questions or comments.

Have a safe and happy summer!

Kelly McAuley, Northern Healthy Foods Initiative Project Coordinator

MOVING TO WINNIPEG FOR HIGH SCHOOL??

Restoring the Sacred is Program for you!!!!
Restoring the Sacred is a student/buddy mentorship program that supports High School students from rural & remote communities in their transition to the 'big city'.

Restoring the Sacred is designed to nurture the spirit belonging, mastery, independence and generosity in all participants.

The program operates throughout the academic school year and does continuous enrolment. If you are interested in enhancing your skills around leadership development, life skills training, and youth empowerment, we would like to hear from you.

For more information please contact:

Lindsay Hourie, Coach/Facilitator

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ABOUT UNDER THE UMBRELLA TREE

UNDER THE UMBRELLA TREE features the endearing puppet characters Iggy the Iguana, Jacob Blue Jay, Gloria Gopher and their real live friend. The show uses humour to teach children lessons about life and to enjoy the process of learning about themselves and the world. These imaginative stories captivate children young and old with charming characters and fun adventures.

UNDER THE UMBRELLA TREE, which aired on CBC, YTV, Canal Famille, and The Disney Channel, has been nominated for two Gemini Awards (Best Children's Program or Series) and is the winner of the USA Citation of Excellence, the Children's Broadcast Institute Achievement Award, ACTRA Best Children's Program, and The Prix Anik Award CBC.

Please contact: **Zoltan Varadi, DVD Promotions**

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CAPITAL APPROVAL BOARD

Western Region Representative ~ Alfred

Morrisseau Alternate ~ Louis Genaille

Northern Region Representative ~ Dennis

Buck Alternative ~ Nick Benyk Eastern will be

electing a representative at the NACC Regional

Meeting in August.

Please join us in welcoming these

representatives in their new roles.

Did you know?

All 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.

NACC Board of Directors



Executive members

President ~ Reg Meade

Helgi Einarsson ~ Eastern Chairperson

Frances McIvor ~ Northern Chairperson

Anne Lacquette ~ Western Chairperson

Board of Directors

Chandler McLeod ~ Eastern Vice-Chairperson

Glen Flett ~ Northern Vice-Chairperson

Larry Chartrand ~ Western Vice-Chairperson

Barbara Marcyniuk ~ Eastern Sec. /Treasurer

Vacant ~ Northern Sec. /Treasurer

Harold Fleming ~ Western Sec. /Treasurer

May 29, 2008

Canadian Human Rights Commission Applauds Passage of C-21 Through Commons

OTTAWA, ONTARIO--(Marketwire - May 29, 2008) - Aboriginal people in Canada are one step closer to full access to Canada's human rights system, according to the Canadian Human Rights Commission (CHRC).

The Commission was commenting on the passage of Bill C-21 in the House of Commons.

"This is a milestone piece of legislation," said CHRC Chief Commissioner Jennifer Lynch, Q.C., "How appropriate that this historic step forward by Parliament is being taken now, as today is the National Day of Action."

The legislation would close a 30-year gap, which limited human rights protection on matters relating to the Indian Act. Once passed in the Senate, the Bill would repeal section 67 of the Canadian Human Rights Act. The Commission has urgently recommended repeal in its two reports, "A Matter of Rights" and "Still A Matter Of Rights."

Repeal of this section is just a first step. The real work for the Commission and for First Nations - building effective human rights protection - is just beginning. The Commission anticipates close collaboration with First Nations organizations to build a human rights system that reflects and respects Aboriginal peoples' cultures and traditional laws.

Ms. Lynch applauded the cooperation shown by Parliamentarians in working to reach a consensus on the legislation.

Community News

Events Calendar

Whispering Pines Newsletter

The next issue of Whispering Pines will be published in the fall of 2008. Articles for September's issue should be submitted by August 15th. Articles submitted from the Communities are placed in the Whispering Pines free of charge! So please send your articles today. Thanks!

Meadow Portage and Spence Lake Community

Four Provinces, Three Drainages and Two Centuries of History. All for one Big event Join us for a Paddle into the 19th Century. Go to the website to follow the 2008 David Thompson Brigade with live satellite tracking or see the latest You Tube Video.

Website: <http://www.2008thompsonbrigade>

The Communities of Meadow Portage and Spence Lake are preparing to host a barbeque and social outdoor evening for the David Thompson Brigade. This event is to recognize the anniversaries of some of Thompson greatest achievements. The 2008 David Thompson Brigade will be one of these significant events. This portage which passed through our communities in 1808 will be re-enacted by this brigade on June 3, 2008. The event itself will feature at least 9 replica voyageur north canoes (holding 10 people in each), paddled by voyageurs dressed period specific, that will depart from Rocky Mountain House Alberta, on May 10, 2008 and will arrive on July 19, 2008 , at Fort William Thunder Bay, Ontario.

ATTENTION: Delegates, Youth Delegates and CAO's/Clerks you can register online for

NACC's 38th Annual General Meeting & Community Support Forum @ NACC Website: <http://nacc.cimnet.ca>

For those who do not have Internet access the registration forms have been mailed to your Council.



Silent Auction | Door Prize

For more information please contact:

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Costs of the Community Support Forum Booth is \$200.00 and you can submit an application on line.

Booths are free to the Community Councils

NACC would like to thank our sponsors in advance of the AGM & Community Support Forum.

Community Support Forum APPLICATION



NACC 38th AGM & Community Support Forum 2008

Theme: “*Opportunities in Every Challenge*”

Times & Dates: Tuesday August 19, 8:30 am. – 4:30 pm.

Wednesday August 20, 8:30 am. - 1:30 pm.

Location: The Marlborough Hall 8th Floor adjacent to the Skyview Ballroom 331 Smith Street, Wpg, MB

Contact person: _____

Bill to: _____

Mailing address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email address: _____

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

COST \$200.00

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Set-up times will be on Monday evening from 6:00 pm. till 7:30 pm.

Please contact: Raquel Koenig, Executive Director

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Would you like to donate to the Silent Auction? _____ Yes _____ No

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

NORTHERN ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS

There are three levels of Corporate Sponsorship with the Northern Association of Community Councils (NACC) included below is the benefits of your sponsorship of the Annual General Meeting & Community Support Forum.

Gold Sponsor: Fee for the sum of \$3500.00 with Sponsorship acknowledgement at the Annual General Meeting, sponsorship acknowledgement and thank you on NACC website, advertisement of sponsor in Whispering Pines Newsletter, inclusion in conference program, NACC banner displayed at the AGM, two complimentary tickets for Social, one Tradeshow Booth at the Community Support Forum, and insert into Conference Delegate Bag.

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If you have any questions, please contact Raquel Koenig, Executive Director at (204) 947-2227, or email: nacc@mts.net.

All sponsors have the opportunity to include promotional item for insertion into the delegate's bags. Please take this opportunity to support the Northern Association of Community Councils. Your sponsorship will be greatly appreciated to the Northern Affairs communities of Manitoba.

NACC's 38th AGM & Community Support Forum
Theme 2008: *"Opportunities in Every Challenge"*

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About Frontiers Foundation (Manitoba)

With start-up assistance and blessing of the Canadian Council of Churches, Rev. Charles Catto, founded Operation Beaver in 1964 to assist northern Aboriginal communities to address their urgent housing needs. In 1968 Operation Beaver incorporated as Frontiers Foundation, a registered Canadian Charity. Since 1964, they have built or renovated over 2350 homes and public buildings in First Nation and off-reserve northern communities. Frontiers Foundation works with communities to use whatever resources they have. These resources include the forest around them, the salvageable frames and foundations of dilapidated housing stock and the local people. Youth, potential home owners, fine options, local labourers and trades people, social recipients, have all assisted in Frontiers projects. Many of Frontiers projects involve timber harvesting and sawmilling. Although Frontiers builds mostly frame houses, they have also taught log building construction which has resulted in beautiful homes, trap lines, cabins, and public buildings.

This year, four government departments contributed grant money to establish Frontiers Foundation in Manitoba, to begin projects in Summer 2008. Frontiers Manitoba staff are: Brian Monkman, Projects Manager, (367-9591); Nora Ross (223-9136) of Berens River is our National Board Rep and Provincial Chairperson, Martin Strauss (489-4537) is our Finance person and Laurel Gardiner of Thompson (778-7126) is the Coordinator. Office Ph: (204) 926-8129 Fax: (204) 488-1174 Email: laurelgardiner@shaw.ca

Website: www.frontiersfoundation.ca

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CHILDREN'S PAGE

Egg in a Boat

Originally submitted by Vicki and modified by Kaboose.com

This sunny-side-up skillet breakfast is sure to brighten your kids' day. A slice of bread with a hole in the middle is browned in a skillet and an egg is dropped into the center and cooked to perfection.

Ingredients

"1/2 tablespoon butter

"1 slice white or brown bread

"1 egg

Cooking Instructions

1. Butter both sides of bread. Cut a circular hole in the center of the slice of bread, about 2-1/2 inches in diameter.

2. Heat a frying pan or griddle on medium-high heat. When the frying pan is hot, place the bread into the pan and let it brown for one minute. Flip the toast over and let the other side brown for one minute.

3. Break the egg into the hole in the bread. Cook for 2 minutes, or until the egg is cooked to the consistency you prefer.

Nutrition Facts

Servings per Recipe: 1

Amount Per Serving

"calories: 192cal

"total fat: 11.7g

"cholesterol: 228mg

"sodium: 256mg

"carbohydrates: 13g

"fiber: 0.6g

"protein: 8.4g

HISTORIC DAY FOR SURVIVORS FORMER RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL

WITNESS PM'S FORMAL APOLOGY

June 10, 2008

OTTAWA --Harper will apologize to the more than 80,000 aboriginal Canadians 8,700 from Manitoba who are living survivors of residential schools. More than 150,000 aboriginal children were forced into the schools, which started up in the late 1800s and were made compulsory in the 1920s. Fifteen schools operated in Manitoba. The last school in Manitoba closed in 1980. The schools were run by mostly the Catholic and Anglican churches on behalf of the federal government in an attempt to assimilate native children into mainstream Canadian culture. Students were banned from speaking their own language or practising cultural traditions. Thousands of students also reported physical and sexual abuse. When they tried to speak Cree they were beaten with a ruler or hit with a strap. More than 100 aboriginal leaders and residential school survivors are expected in the House of Commons for the apology, including 104-year-old Marguerite Wabano, the oldest known survivor. More than a dozen are travelling from Manitoba. The apology comes in addition to a cash settlement reached with survivors that saw former students paid \$10,000 for their first year of residence and another \$3,000 for every additional year. Over 92,000 applications have been received by the federal government for the Common Experience Payment, and 65,350 payments have been made, totaling \$1.34 billion. Almost 20 per cent of the applications have been rejected because of missing records, or because people attended as day students. The government is reviewing more than 10,000 of the rejected files. This month, the federal government also launched a Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which will spend five years documenting the stories of survivors, former teachers and others to prepare a report, make recommendations to the government and establish an archival centre to make a permanent written record of the schools.