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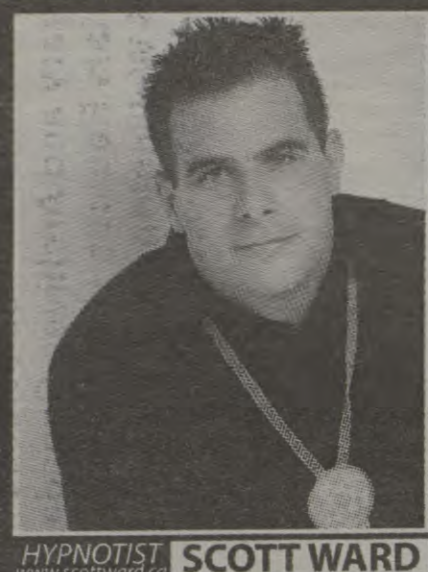
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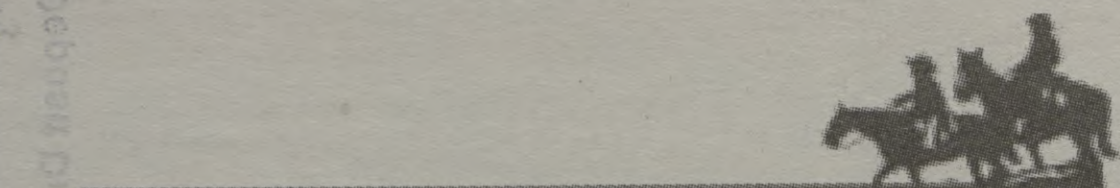
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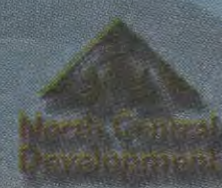
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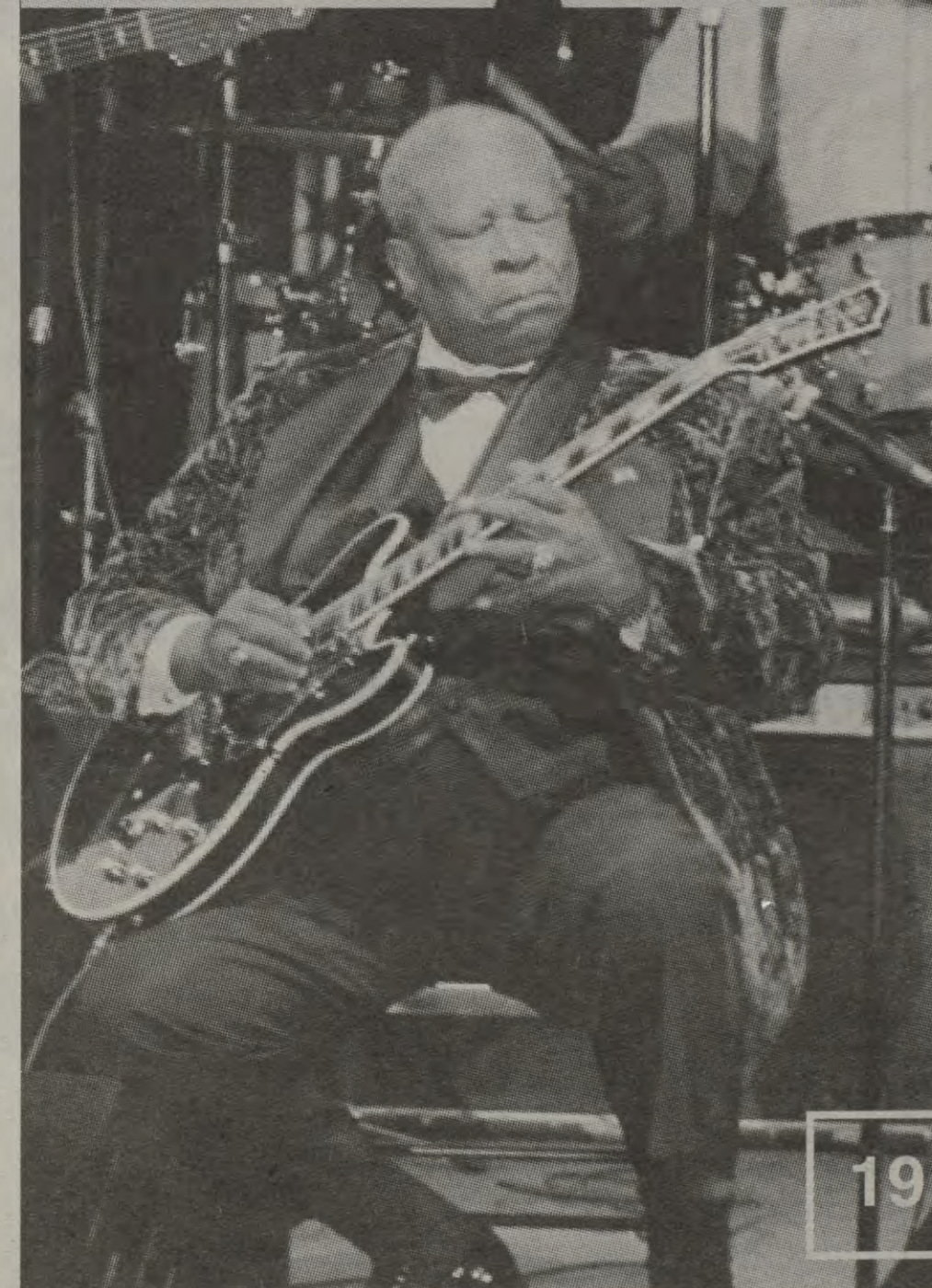
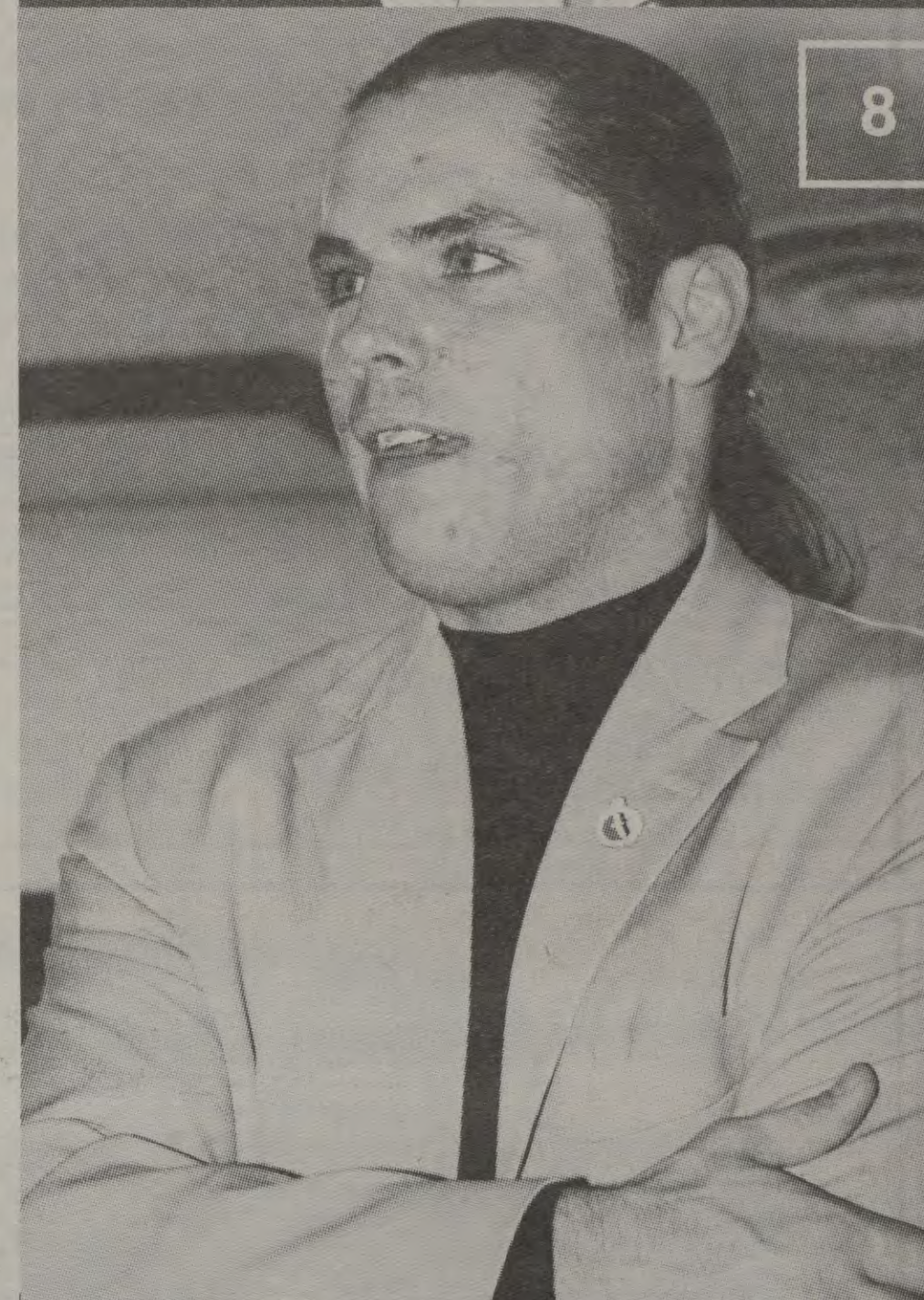
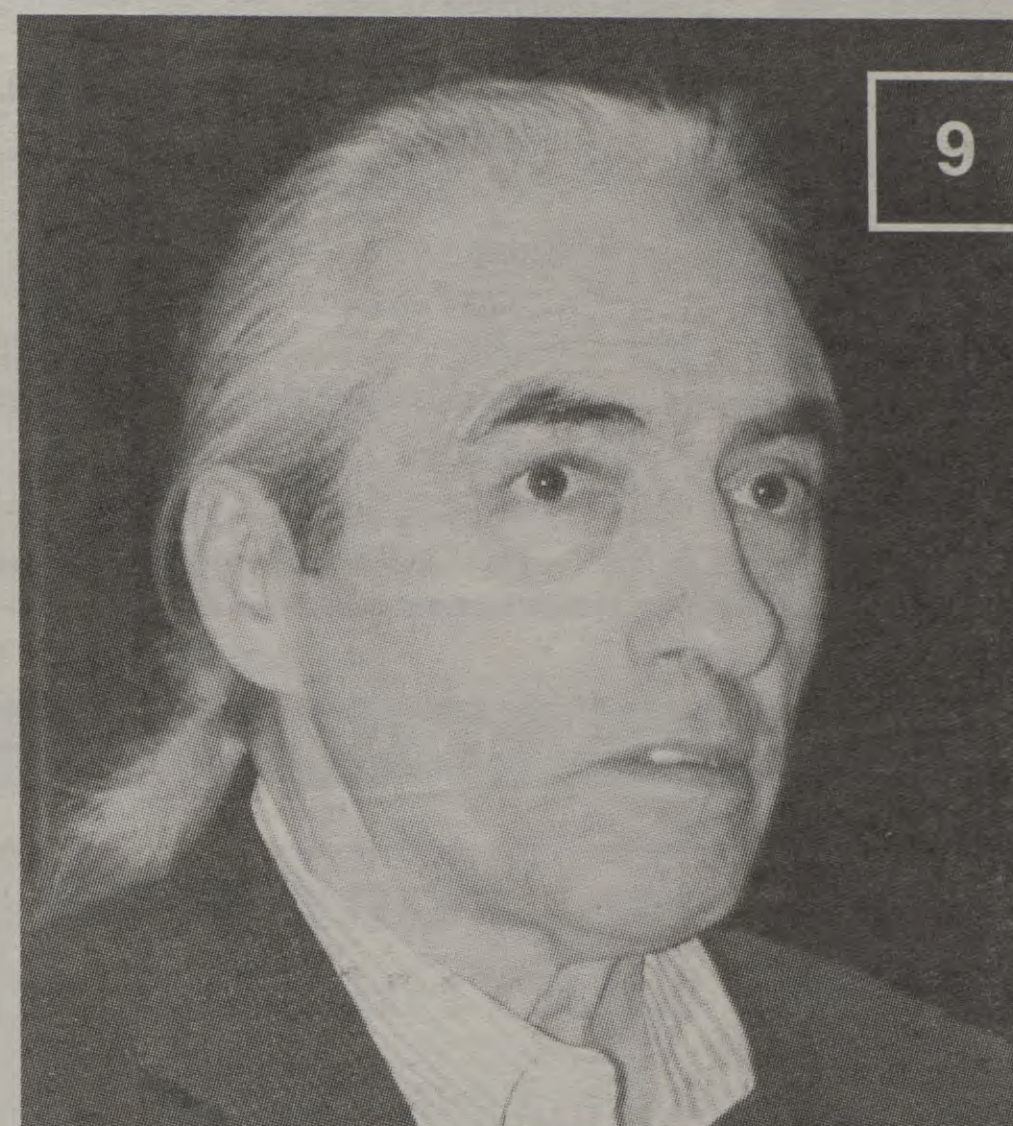
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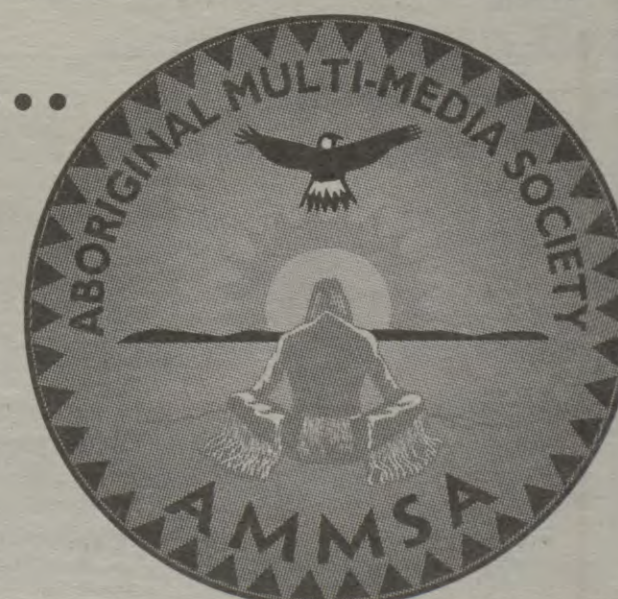
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George Manuel left his mark on the local, regional, national and international stages. His political career began over a community dispute with health benefits, but when then prime minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau introduced the White Paper, a plan that would see First Nations people assimilated into the mainstream, Manuel jumped into the fray on the national stage. He lead the chiefs of B.C. and then the country's national brotherhood of chiefs in a fight to protect Aboriginal rights.



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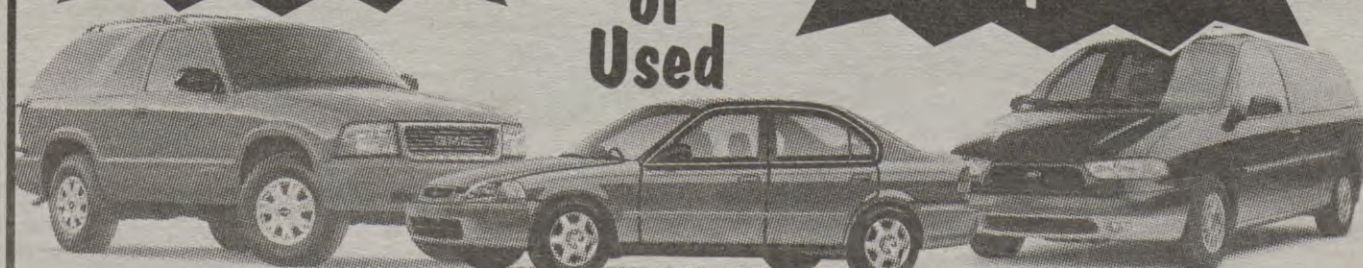
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Crucial days are passing without any action on initiatives of huge importance to First Nations people across Canada. Anger and worry are increasing, so is frustration on the ground. So one has to ask: Is the Stephen Harper government wreaking a little political revenge on one Phillip Fontaine?

Two "historic" agreements that will be the barometer of the Fontaine administration's success over the last three years—the plan to compensate residential school survivors and the 10-year Kelowna agreement, a \$5 billion plan to battle poverty on reserve—are going nowhere. Those agreements were the fruit of a very close partnership between the Assembly of First Nations and the dearly departed Liberal government headed by former prime minister Paul Martin. But so far, under the Conservative Party of Canada government, those two breakthrough developments have turned out to be neither "agreements" nor "historic."

We're told that something's up. Ottawa insiders know that political support is always a game of give and take or scratch and itch. When Team Martin closed the deal on its palace putsch of long-serving Liberal leader (and three-term prime minister) Jean Chretien, things got bloody. Liberals had to take sides, knowing they'd pay for any misplaced loyalties. Former Indian Affairs minister Robert Nault was seen as a Chretien guy. He had ticked off the chiefs with his First Nations governance act. He had to go and go he did.

And that was part of a deal, Ottawa sources say. If Fontaine praised the Liberals and asked tough questions of the Conservative Party and subtly helped Martin hold onto power, the reward would come in the form of a couple of historic accomplishments that would, in turn, secure Fontaine's re-election, and even his place in history. That's what was going on right in plain view: there is absolutely no question about it in the minds of those who ply their trade under the Peace Tower gargoyles.

So Nault was thrown over the side and suddenly Martin was saying the most enlightened sounding things about "Indian policy" that anybody had ever heard anywhere. It was almost as if he'd been briefed on what to say by somebody on the national chief's own staff.

Things appeared to be moving forward with unprecedented haste. The deal to compensate residential school survivors was hammered out months earlier than expected, just in time for the beginning of the federal election campaign. The fall of the Martin minority government was delayed a few days for the Kelowna first ministers' meeting, which saw hopes raised as they never were before.

But the wrong team won the election and that deal now lies in tatters. Now, according to the unwritten rules of the Ottawa game, Mr. Fontaine must pay for backing the wrong horse. Unfortunately, so must Aboriginal peoples.

Without the residential school compensation or the Kelowna billions to show to the chiefs in Vancouver this summer, Fontaine's re-election is no longer inevitable. Although no serious contender has yet emerged, anger is building and there are those who will seek to exploit it. That could mean trouble for the national chief.

The big question is whether or not it is moral for the new federal government to take out its partisan anger on Fontaine and, by extension, on the lives of people who would have benefited from the Kelowna and the residential schools accords. We say it is not.

As to the lesser questions of whether Team Fontaine made a horrible miscalculation in putting themselves, and others, into this predicament and should therefore be held accountable for their actions, that will be up to the chiefs—and the chiefs only—this July.

But for Stephen Harper's government to use the anger generated by dashed hopes against someone seen as a political enemy is cruel and murderously irresponsible. God would not bless a Canada that did something like that. Death by politics is still death. And too many people will die too soon in tragic, supposedly un-Canadian circumstances, if all the talk about addressing the poverty gap and improving the quality of life for Aboriginal people turns out to be a bureaucratic fiction.

The game supposedly has changed in Ottawa. Phil Fontaine's unique talents as a politician and deal-maker, and they are considerable, have gotten us to this point. If the Conservative government is going to back down from what looked like the beginning of the end of Canada's shameful, racist, colonial past, it needs a better reason than political retribution.

—Windspeaker

Marketing the Native agenda

Dear Editor:

I know that it will not be easy in selling the vision of a national Aboriginal agenda. Coming up with a slogan† may be just as hard, but you can think† about this slogan: Our prosperity is your prosperity.

Thomas Musko

What does he mean?

Dear Editor:

Does "open federalism," as Mr. Harper calls it, mean the weakening of federal authority and its ability to respond to national issues such as finance and social universality, or does it mean more participation of the provinces in decision making on the national level? I would agree with the latter, and fight vehemently the former.

I tend to believe that Mr. Harper et al, based upon past comments and the strong "reform" base of the membership of the Conservative Party, that the goal is 10 autonomous states, basically, a watering down to the lowest denominator of federal powers versus provincial. Give all the provinces what Quebec demands, and, voila, we have national unity. But at what cost both economically and socially?

Chris Schnurr
Windsor, Ont.

A good idea, but...

Dear Editor:

I am a Native inmate in northern Ontario doing a provincial sentence at Algoma Treatment and Remand Centre. On the treatment side of this institution, they built a sweatlodge in a concrete court, which is a great idea, however this lodge has no sacred fire pit to heat the grandfathers. They use propane above the ground. As an Aboriginal, I find this practice sacrilegious. I can't believe someone with knowledge of our traditional ceremonies would even consider this practice.

—Melvin Pine

Windspeaker should send reporters to witness CAP voting

Dear Editor:

The Assembly of First Nations is always under intense scrutiny for its national leadership convention where the national chief is elected. It's transparent for all to see.

How about giving equal treatment to some of the other so-called Aboriginal political organizations by covering their electoral conventions to see if they're above board? Congress of Aboriginal Peoples keeps saying that they have a national electoral process to vote for its national chief. Next time they vote for their national chief, send a reporter to cover it. Report on who are the voting delegates from coast to coast.

The most galling part of their mantra is they keep saying that they represent the treaty status Indians living off reserve in Canada. If so, when was the national convention by treaty/status living off reserve to give their legal/political rights to the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples? Who are all the treaty status Indians and how many in Halifax, Moncton, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Thunder Bay, Winnipeg, Regina, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Calgary, Prince George, Vancouver, Victoria and Prince Rupert that convened in each of these cities and gave their approval to send voting delegates to participate?

Congress of Aboriginal People should and must have a public accounting of the following: membership; voters' registry; and an audited expense spread sheet of its national voting convention.

The Congress of Aboriginal Peoples has no business hi-jacking the legal/political rights of treaty status Indians living in the cities of this country. The Congress of Aboriginal Peoples is a Metis organization.

—E. One Moon

[rants and raves]

More control from the PMO

Dear Editor:

The Chief of Defence staff and other military officers have been added to those being "PMOed," in other words subjected to their public utterances being screened by the Prime Minister's Office.

Known factors that may have contributed to this latest concentration of control may include any or all of the following.

1. General Hillier has publicly stated the pressing need for new equipment "in the very near future and actually by September would be quite good." This is in contradiction to the reality of procurement having been put on hold.

2. The attribution of policy direction to Hillier's "vision of the future" as having been the origin of Harper's directions of "winding up smaller deployment operations around the world to help focus the military's limited resources and manpower on larger missions such as Afghanistan."

3. Forestalling public consideration from within the military over the wisdom of abandoning small peacekeeping commitments at a time when Defence Minister Gordon O'Connor stated (assumedly with PMO approval) that "we will be greatly challenged to take on any substantial commitment anywhere else offshore."

4. The option of large scale missions other than Afghanistan has been removed.

5. Avoidance of public discussion on either procurement or operations would divert attention from the governments five priorities.

Whatever the rationale on the part of the Prime Minister it cannot be considered reasonable that the military be "PMOed" with it taking "about four weeks for speaking notes to be edited and approved."

Yours truly,
Joe Hueglin

Another point of view

Dear Editor:

The Canadian government has set our treaties with the Crown aside and ignores them. Moreover, the Canadian government is using their military and the RCMP with guns to kill the elderly, women and children on the reserves, poisoning our First Nations' living environment, the water ways with their industrial waste and using other strong armed intimidation.

There is plenty of proof of how we as the first peoples have been physically, psychologically and spiritually tortured and maimed or killed by the Canadian government and their racist "Indian" policies, which were put in place and institutionalized and was done so as to get rid of the First Nation peoples. All we have to do is point to the common experience of the First Nation peoples, who were forcibly confined to "Indian" residential schools, and Indian reservations. Moreover, the reservations are littered with disease, contaminated water and government rationed high carbohydrate foodstuffs, along with the forced sterilization of women by the Canadian government to keep the birth rate down. Also, putting the majority of our young men in their prisons on trumped-up charges is another way of keeping the birth rate to the Canadian INAC's minimum quota. In that way, they don't have "to fund" so many "Indians."

Yet we are still here to remind the government that no matter what racist "Indian" policies they put in place, as in trying to get rid of the First Nation peoples, we are still here and we will continue to be here for time immemorial, long after the Canadian government has done themselves in by their own greedy political warring agenda.

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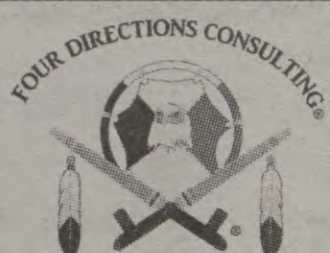


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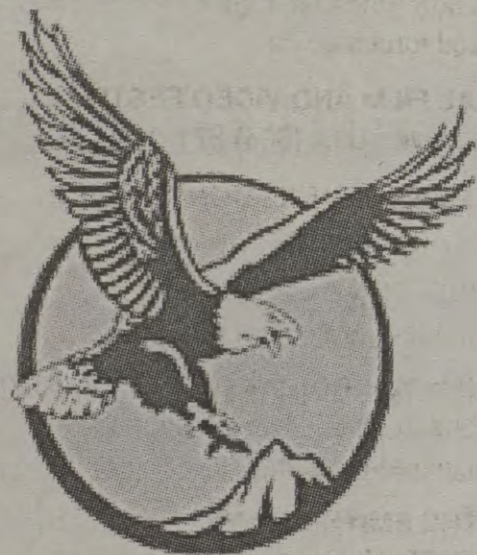
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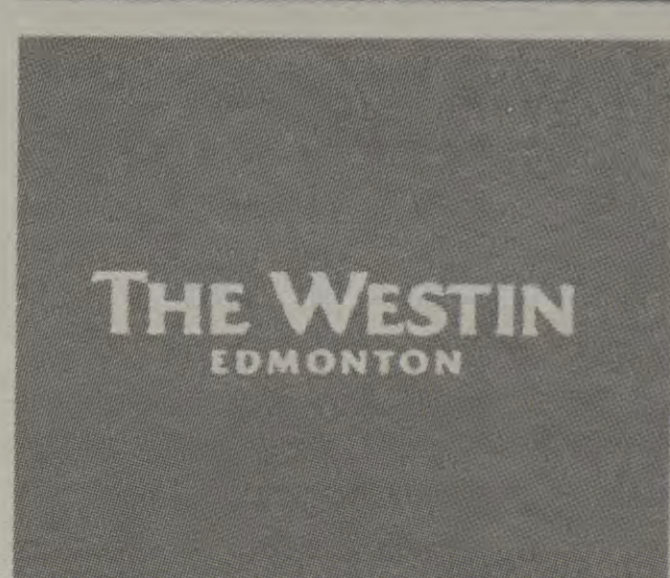
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CAP board unhappy with former leader

By Paul Barnsley
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

At a time when things were going smoothly for the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples (CAP), the organization decided that a leadership change was required.

For many in Ottawa and beyond, the decision was a real mystery.

Dwight Dorey was almost a year into his third three-year term as national chief of CAP. Having endorsed the Conservative Party of Canada during the federal election campaign, he and his organization were nicely poised to capitalize on that decision as Prime Minister Stephen Harper's government took power after almost 13 years of Liberal rule. Because of that endorsement, and as funding negotiations are completed over the next several months, CAP could find itself breathing the same rarified air as the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), currently Canada's best-funded national Aboriginal political organization.

But on Feb. 23, exactly one month after the election, Dorey abruptly resigned. Instantly, CAP's political opponents fueled the rumor mill. As a group that claims among its constituency people that other Aboriginal organizations also claim to represent, CAP is not particularly well liked at the headquarters of the AFN and the Metis National Council (MNC).

In announcing his decision to step down following a meeting of the CAP board of directors in Ottawa, Dorey's statement provided no clue to those trying to determine what was going on behind the scenes.

"I have been immersed in Aboriginal politics for nearly 30 years. In that time, I have seen much occur and have done my utmost to move the cause forward for off-reserve and non-status Indians and Metis in Canada. Under Prime Minister Harper, we have a government in place that is prepared to acknowledge and accommodate the needs of the 'Forgotten People.' In making our declaration for Mr. Harper and his team in the recent election campaign, I believe that my job is now done," he said.

Dorey then passed the torch of leadership on to 31-year-old Patrick Brazeau. *Windspeaker* met the new CAP leader at a public meeting at the Edmonton Friendship Centre gymnasium on April 5. He was in town as part of a five-stop tour of the province to look for an Alberta affiliate for his organization. Dorey had removed the previous Alberta CAP affiliate a couple of years before and no replacement had been found. CAP also lacks an affiliate in Saskatchewan.

The current affiliates are the Labrador Metis Nation, the Federation of Newfoundland Indians, the Native Council of Prince Edward Island, the Native

Council of Nova Scotia, the New Brunswick Aboriginal Peoples Council, the Native Alliance of Quebec, the Ontario Metis Aboriginal Association, the Aboriginal Council of Manitoba, the United Native Nations (BC) and the CAP National Youth Committee.

In both Alberta and Saskatchewan there have been past problems with regional affiliates. Brazeau admitted that the former Alberta group had problems with accountability.

"Our board has seen the problem and we're trying to tackle that. Ever since Dwight stepped down specifically we've reconstituted our finance committee to ensure proper transparency and accountability," he said. "There's always some problems in every organization, but we took the steps in February to start dealing with them."

What Brazeau didn't explicitly say was that Dorey left in February and had had seven years to make the changes necessary to ensure accountability, changes that were left to make after his departure.

Was it fair to say that the organization changed direction after Dorey left?

"That's fair to say," Brazeau replied. Were some of the board members dissatisfied with Dorey's leadership?

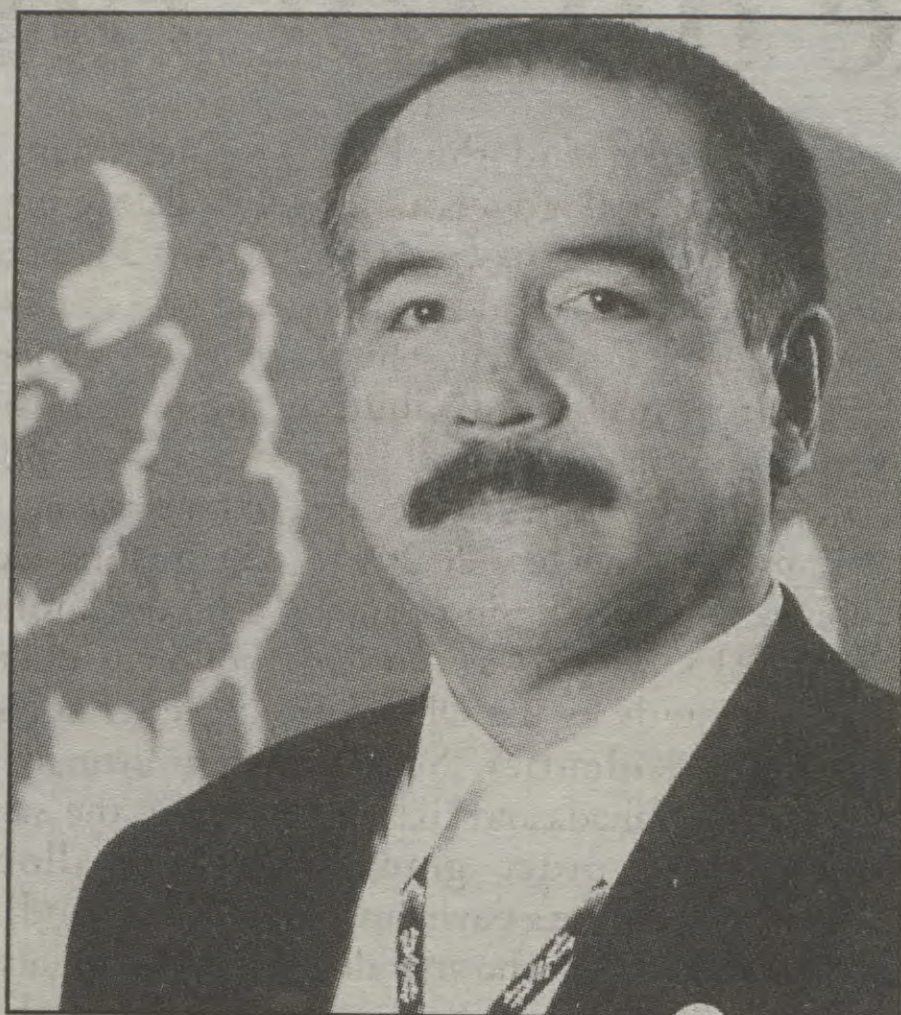
"That's fair to say," he replied, dealing directly with one of the rumors that had been circulating around Ottawa.

"There were no financial problems," Brazeau assured. "There were some, perhaps, political direction issues within the board. Some of the board members weren't necessarily pleased with some of the direction. But in the end, he just thought he had done his work and it was time to move on."

Other CAP sources said Dorey angered certain members of the board by endorsing the Conservatives and that may have led to his performance being viewed critically.

Brazeau said CAP was in the process of getting a group in Saskatchewan to affiliate and was hopeful that Alberta would also soon join the fold.

"We've been in communication with several groups who might be interested. We actually received an affiliation request two



Dwight Dorey, former CAP chief

weeks ago [in Saskatchewan] and we're in discussions," he said.

The Edmonton meeting was attended by about 25 people, most of whom are involved in urban service delivery organizations. Brazeau let them know that they were welcome to form a group that could benefit from joining CAP.

He made no secret of the fact that his organization feels it's in a very good position with the federal government. He pointed out the Liberals didn't respond when CAP sent out letters during the election campaign asking about their position on a variety of issues.

But, he added, the Conservative Party "went out of their way encompassing and doing some real, tangible things for Aboriginal people off reserve and also recognizing the non-status population. And that's the first time in Canadian history whereby a mainstream Canadian political party has specifically addressed the issue of off reserve Aboriginal people."

While AFN National Chief Phil Fontaine was always a highly visible guest at public events when the Liberals were in

power, Brazeau noted that he was noticeably absent at the Conservatives' biggest public event since the election.

"Yesterday, I was at the speech from the throne and I was the only Aboriginal leader there. Phil Fontaine, [MNC leader] Clem Chartier were nowhere to be seen. I was asked if I was happy with the speech and I answered that I was happy because back in January the Congress received its own throne speech," Brazeau said.

While CAP received a very detailed seven-page list of policy statements and commitments from Harper, Brazeau told the gathering that the AFN got only a two-page letter.

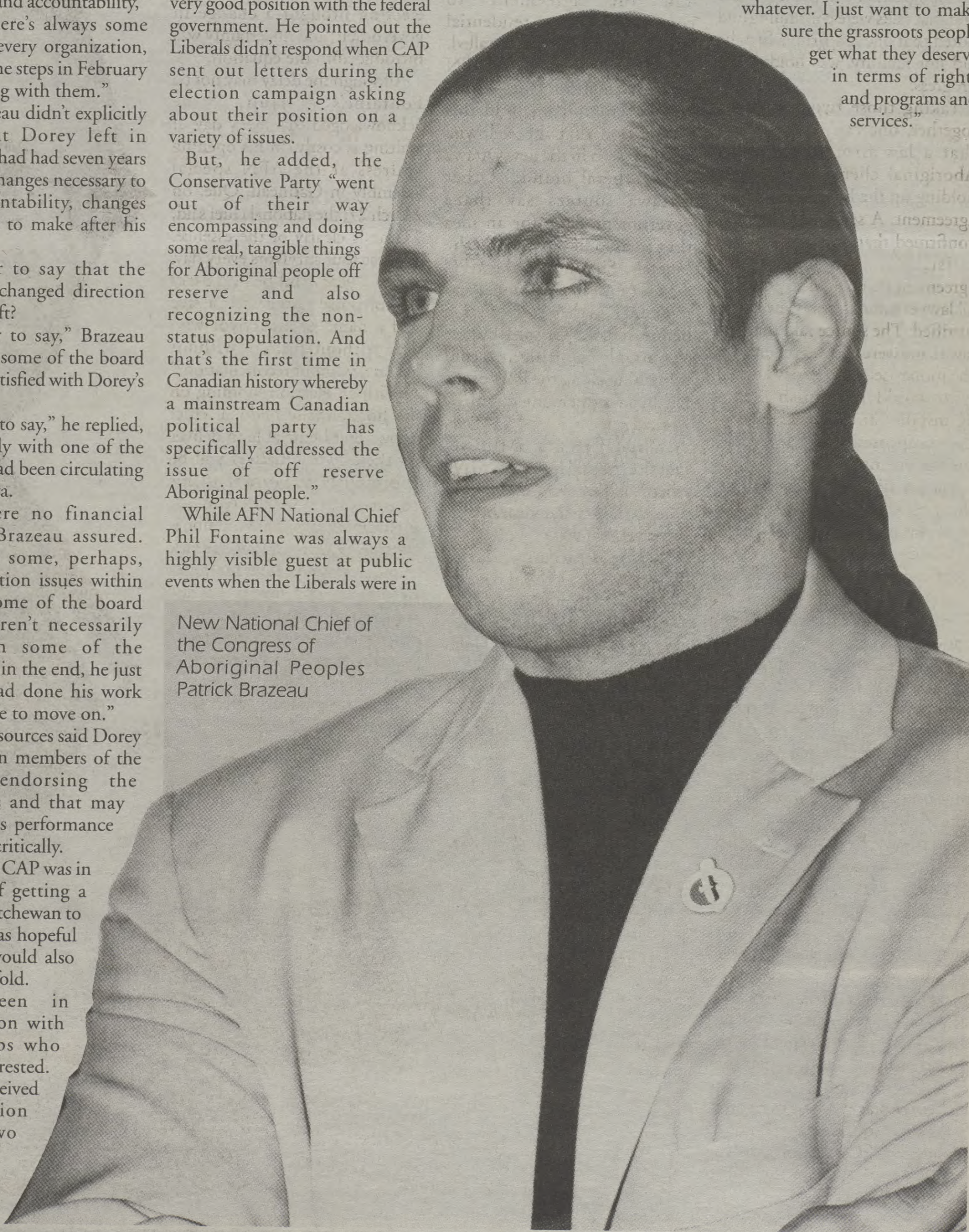
But what is CAP? During the public meeting, Brazeau explained the structure of his organization.

"Our members are provincial organizations. We don't have direct membership. We can't claim, per se, to directly represent people. The provincial organizations, they directly represent the people," he said. "We say

sometimes we represent 800,000 people, but we don't directly represent 800,000 people. We get phone calls occasionally from people who say, 'You don't represent me.' The answer to that is, 'How do you want to become involved?' There are avenues out there in the provinces where people can get involved and it's their individual choice."

He suggested that tolerating division amongst Aboriginal groups is not the best way to go. He said he believed Indigenous nations should be reconstituted and all Indigenous people, regardless of residence or status, should be included.

"We have to speak with one voice. Strength comes in numbers and that's how we can make a difference. There's a lot of infighting happening between the Congress and the Assembly of First Nations on the question of representation. I don't care about representation. I just care about the needs of people," he said. "I'm not a politician. I consider myself a spokesperson for the people. I don't care if I stay in this business two years or five years or whatever. I just want to make sure the grassroots people get what they deserve in terms of rights and programs and services."



New National Chief of the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples
Patrick Brazeau

PM says hold up is 'on the Aboriginal side'

Chief could take hit for raising hopes

By Paul Barnsley
Windspeaker Staff Writer

WINNIPEG

Comments by Prime Minister Stephen Harper on April 19 simultaneously raised the hopes and added to the concerns of residential school survivors who have been waiting for word that the residential school compensation package negotiated between the former Liberal government and the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) last year would go ahead.

At a press conference in Winnipeg, Harper said his cabinet had approved the compensation deal but one party 'on the Aboriginal side' was holding up the its completion.

Harper's remarks add some context to comments made on April 10 by Indian Affairs Minister Jim Prentice. Prentice confirmed that the early payments would not be made until all parties signed off on the agreement-in-principle. He said that talks were continuing and noted that one law firm, a firm he did not identify, was holding up progress.

Taking those two comments together, one can safely deduce that a law firm representing Aboriginal clients is the party holding up the finalization of the agreement. A senior AFN source confirmed that one law firm was resisting a provision of the agreement that would require that all lawyer billings be reviewed and justified. The source said that two law firms were getting the bulk of the money set aside to pay lawyers who would relinquish claims against the Crown in exchange for the compensation offered under the agreement.

Harper said he would not reveal the name of the holdout party "for legal reasons."

Windspeaker called the two largest law firms involved. Alan Farrer of Thomson Rogers in Toronto, the firm handling the national class action lawsuit, said he was heartened to hear that cabinet had signed off on the agreement. He said he did not know which party was holding things up. A call to the Merchant Law Group, the Regina law firm that perhaps has the most clients signed up, was not returned.

Stephane Rondeau, a senior communications officer with the Prime Minister's Office, confirmed that one party was holding up the finalization of the deal. He was not able to verify whether or not the early payments promised to elderly survivors would go ahead in advance of the agreement being accepted by the courts, something that may not happen for months even if the current obstacle can be overcome.

As the Conservative Party of Canada (CPC) settles into the routines of governing, two potentially historic



Stephen Harper

accomplishments of National Chief Phil Fontaine and his Assembly of First Nations' executive board are conspicuously not moving forward.

The commitment to work towards ending poverty in First Nation communities, as made by the former federal government and provincial premiers at the first ministers meeting in Kelowna in November 2005, and the agreement to compensate Indian residential school survivors, are both stalled. On March 28 Rick Simon, AFN regional chief for Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, told this publication that the Kelowna accord is seen in the new Ottawa as "a Liberal brand." Other Ottawa sources say that's government slang for an idea that's associated with the Liberals. Simon said the CPC may want to make changes and re-brand it as their own creation before it goes forward but he remained confident that something along the lines of the Kelowna agreement could be worked out.

Indian Affairs Minister Prentice has said he wants "to put wheels on Kelowna" and that he accepts the general ideas behind the arrangement.

The AFN executive may be hopeful, but as the days pass without any firm announcement, First Nation citizens are getting increasingly nervous — and angry.

Prior to the federal election that saw the Liberals unseated for the first time since 1993, the

national chief and the Paul Martin Liberal government promised that early payments of \$8,000 would be made to sick and elderly residential school survivors. The Liberal cabinet passed an order-in-council that created the authorities to allocate that money on Dec. 2, 2005. cabinet issued order-in-council 2005-2313, which was sent to Cabinet jointly by the Office of Indian Residential School Resolution Canada and Treasury Board. The order granted "authority to make a payment of \$8,000 to students who attended an Indian residential school and were 65 years of age on or before May 30, 2005."

Before the Jan. 23 election, in early December, Fontaine said the cheques would begin arriving soon.

"There will be an early payment to the elderly, meaning in this case 65 and over, in a matter of weeks," Fontaine told *Windspeaker*.

That statement was reported in our January 2006 issue. But the election brought a change in government and uncertainty was introduced to the equation.

Although the delay may not be Fontaine's fault, he acknowledged that every day of waiting is costly. In his opening address at the AFN special assembly in Gatineau, Que. on March 27, the national chief said, "Time is clearly of the essence. We lose four survivors every day, 1,500 a year. And behind every one of those numbers is a face and a name of a survivor who dies without justice, without healing, without reconciliation."

With an election looming on the horizon, the national chief knows that being able to deliver on these two initiatives will be enormously important to his chances for re-election. A preliminary sign that Fontaine is starting to worry about the lack of progress was evident moments before his comments on the residential school agreement when the national chief fired a warning shot across the new government's bow.

"I hope you are all aware of the letter written by

former finance minister Ralph Goodale to the prime minister on March 22. He states that his 2005 economic and fiscal update, issued Nov. 14, provided enough 'fiscal room' to provide the needed financing for the Kelowna commitments and that by Nov. 24 the announcements were made and the money was booked," Fontaine told the chiefs. "In fact, the letter notes that the Kelowna commitments were handled in exactly the same way as a \$755 million allocation in special federal funding for grain and oilseed producers. What is notable is that the Conservative government has proceeded with that \$755 million commitment. Clearly, the Kelowna commitments can proceed as well. Clearly, where there is a political will there is a political way."

Should the residential school accord be finalized, it will have to be approved by courts in seven different jurisdictions, which are

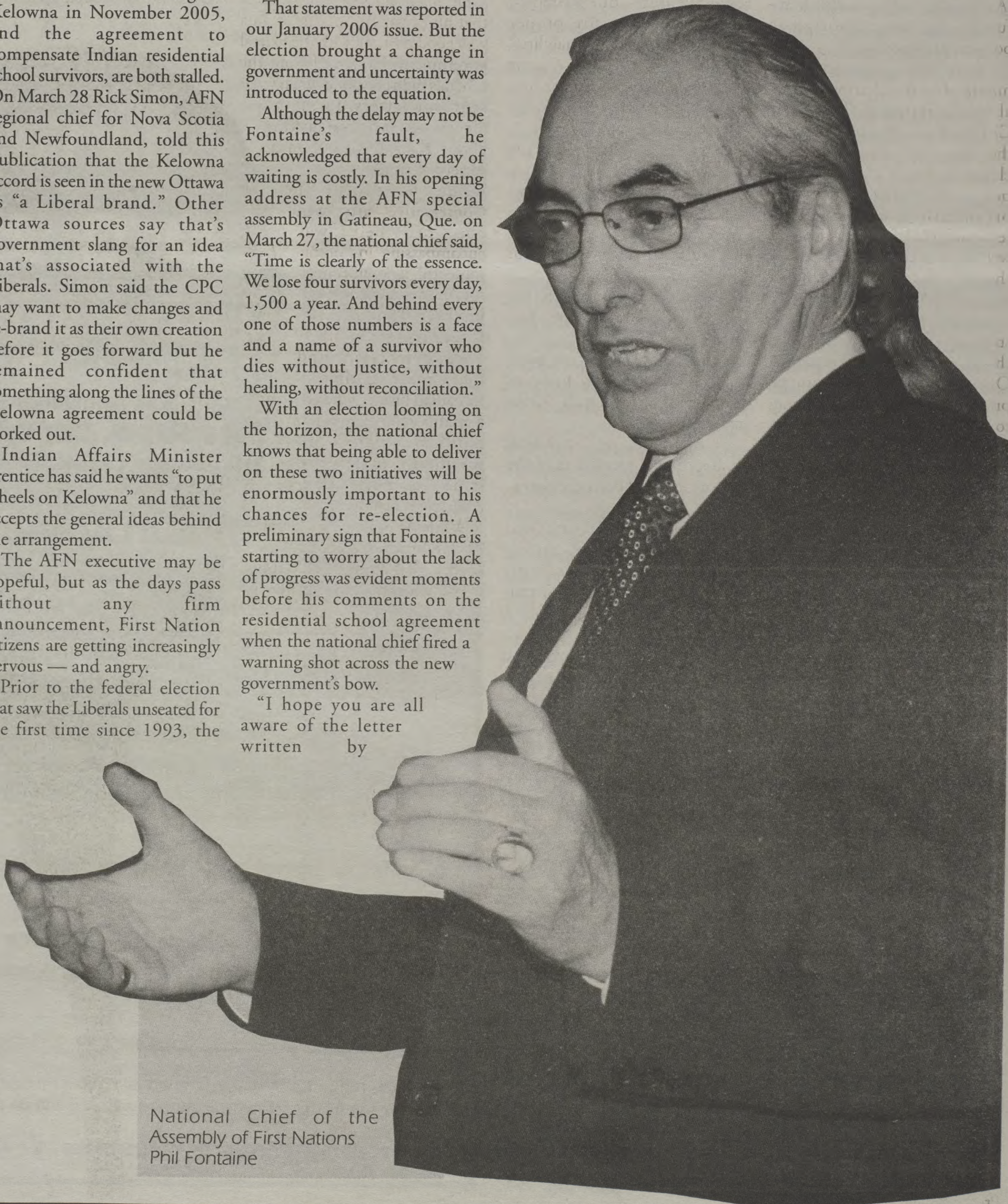
monitoring 21 class actions. As many as 15,000 individual claims for compensation would have to be set aside before the negotiated process could proceed.

"We're not surprised that it's taken so long. We're just getting a bit anxious," Fontaine said.

As are First Nation people across the land.

On April 4, Governor General Michaëlle Jean informed the country in the throne speech that opened the first session of this 39th Parliament that Canada will apologize to, and compensate, the Chinese-Canadians who were forced to pay a head tax when they immigrated to Canada. The tax was a form of racial discrimination because immigrants from European countries did not pay it. But First Nation citizens watched in shocked disbelief as no mention of any follow-up on residential school compensation was made.

(see Compensation page 15.)



National Chief of the
Assembly of First Nations
Phil Fontaine

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Chiefs criticize accountability legislation

By Paul Barnsley
Windspeaker Staff Writer

OTTAWA

While accountability specialists in Canada's capital city focused on the limitations of the Conservative Party of Canada's recently announced accountability legislation, First Nation leaders launched several strikes immediately after the act was tabled on April 11, saying it goes too far and in the wrong direction.

The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Chief Phil Fontaine and several other chiefs took aim at the section of C-2, the Federal Accountability Act (FAA), that proposes to allow greater federal government access to First Nation governments' affairs.

"Generally, the enhancements to federal government oversight and accountability announced today are positive steps forward and are worthy of our support," he said in a prepared statement released after the act was tabled. "We have no criticism of the steps taken regarding election financing, conflict of interest, lobbying, government appointments, the budget process, procurement, polling and advertising, protection for whistleblowers, or internal audit capacity within departments."

But Fontaine said the section that would allow greater access to First Nations' information is a "significant flaw in the legislation."

The Treasury Board action plan released with the 170-page proposed FAA "will give the auditor general authority to inquire, at his or her discretion, into the use of funds that individuals, institutions, and companies receive under a funding agreement with any federal department, agency or Crown corporation."

Fontaine said the AFN had "no objection whatsoever to this expansion of the auditor general's mandate."

But the national chief said the AFN did have a problem with a government statement that this enhanced authority "would not extend to transfers or transfer payments to other governments or international organizations, or to recipients that have received, in total, less than \$1 million over any five consecutive fiscal years. Other governments and international organizations, including foreign governments, provinces, local, regional, and municipal governments, and self-governing First Nations will therefore be exempted from these audits."

Fontaine said that singled out

the vast majority of First Nations and was disrespectful and unfair.

"Given that only about two per cent of First Nations have full self-government agreements, this section of the legislation has the effect of singling out almost all First Nation governments. Provincial and municipal governments that receive cash transfers from the government of Canada will not be subject to the same scrutiny from the auditor general under the proposed legislation," he said. "And there is no justification given in any of the documentation presented by the government of Canada as to why the majority of First Nation governments would be singled out for the application of this aspect of the legislation. If the government of Canada is truly committed to recognizing First Nations rights in accordance with Canada's Constitution and maintaining the government-to-government relationships we have worked so hard to build, they will ensure this double standard is not included in the final version of the legislation."

Saying that the AFN has already been working with the auditor general to improve accountability processes and has proposed the creation of a First Nations' auditor general and ombudsperson, Fontaine said the Conservative approach was "a step in the wrong direction for First Nations."

In Ottawa, during the AFN special assembly on renewal, before C-2 was made public, Fontaine told *Windspeaker* that if it turned out to be true that municipal and provincial governments were exempt from increased scrutiny while First Nation governments were not, it could lead to lawsuits alleging a violation of the charter's equal treatment provisions or based on Section 35 protection of Aboriginal rights.

Roseau River Chief Terrance Nelson nominated Fontaine for national chief back in 2003. He is known for taking hard-nosed stands and has occasionally caused the national chief some embarrassment. But Nelson said he "is backing the Harper government's call for accountability" but "it should work both ways."

"As Indigenous people we should demand accountability from governments on resource management. With oil now being \$63 a barrel, up from \$10 a barrel in 1999, it is time Indigenous people demand an accounting from the immigrants on how they use the money they receive from oil and other resources," he said.

(see Accountability page 13.)

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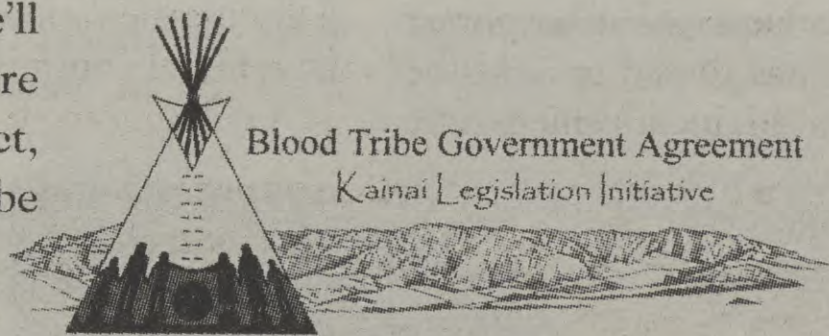
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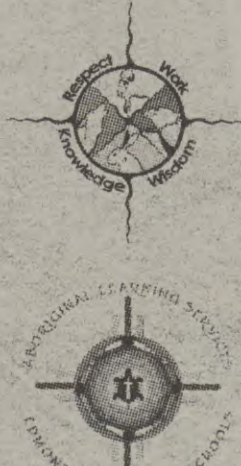


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Low turnout to discuss \$2.3 million report

By Paul Barnsley
Windspeaker Staff Writer

GATINEAU, Que.

Money was tight leading up to the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) special assembly, held beginning March 27 in Gatineau, Que. The chiefs were convened so they could consider the organization's renewal commission report.

How tight were dollars? Well, the turnout was low because it was the final week of the government's fiscal year. With last year's government funding mostly spent and this year's funding not yet in hand, many chiefs simply could not afford to attend. There were at most 100 chiefs or proxies and fewer than 50 observers present at the meeting scheduled for three days, a turnout so low that the AFN called it quits at 6:00 p.m. on Day 2.

Several chiefs told *Windspeaker* the AFN was forced to hold the meeting at this inconvenient time

because the approximately \$200,000 set aside under the renewal commission agreement for a special assembly had to be spent before the end of the fiscal year (March 31). If it wasn't spent by then it would have had to be returned to the department of Indian Affairs, they said.

For two days the cavernous banquet hall sat mostly empty. Proceedings started at 10:20 on the morning of March 27 and about 1:25 p.m. on Day 2. The afternoon of the first day, after a two-hour lunch break, and the morning of the second day were set aside for regional caucus meetings and breakout sessions with AFN staff to discuss the various elements of the renewal commission report.

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PAUL BARNSELEY

ROOM TO SPARE: The special meeting of chiefs on the topic of renewal for the Assembly of First Nations was poorly attended. Chiefs told *Windspeaker* that many of their cohorts could not be on hand for discussions because the meeting was held at the end of one budget year, and before the new budget funds had flowed to communities.

from the start of the meeting was an analysis of the report done for the AFN's Quebec region. Quebec chiefs, led by Regional Chief Ghislain Picard, have not been in step with the national chief and the rest of the national executive on a number of matters.

They refused to endorse the process that led to the first ministers' meeting in Kelowna, for example.

The Quebec analysis concluded that the renewal commission report strengthens the national chief and risks weakening chiefs and regions' powers. It also helps implement the federal agenda, which Quebec determines is a relationship based on individuals, not nations.

Making note of the fact that renewal co-chair Joe Miskokomon is very close to current the national chief and was head of his transition team after the election, the Quebec analysis suggests it "creates doubt" about the claim that the commission is arm's-length from the national chief and the AFN executive.

The report also recommends that Picard write a letter to the national chief demanding that the process slow down so more studies can be made of the recommendations.

The Quebec caucus was not alone in that sentiment.

During the breakout session on the afternoon of Day 1, which dealt with the proposal the AFN institute universal voting for national chief, it became apparent the chiefs were not ready to let that happen in the immediate future—if ever.

Chief Bryan LaForme of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation (Ontario), along with a member of his council, began the assault, saying band members would feel they could go over the heads of their local council to the national organization if they were allowed to vote for national chief.

Union of Ontario Indians Grand Chief John Beaucage echoed those sentiments at the time, as did chiefs from Alberta. Later, during a phone interview, Beaucage expanded on his concerns.

"One of the things that we really, really have to consider very much is that when we start moving into First Nations governance, self-government across the board, that we have very distinct constitutions set

up," he said. "That there's a constitution set up at the local level that might fit in to a constitution at a provincial level that would fit in to a constitution at a national level. Until that is set up we really cannot have universal elections for a national chief or a regional chief because it would upset the balance of how things work at the community level."

As a former chief, he said he could see that any transition to universal voting would have to be handled with care.

"I was a community level chief for eight years and I know pretty well how things work at the community level and not everybody is in tune with what the chief and council want to do. By and large there's a majority that voted chief and council in and they set a mandate one way or another and they go ahead with their mandate. But not everybody's going to buy into it," he said. "So if I voted for the chief and I voted for a regional chief and a national chief and didn't like how my chief was working I would phone the national chief and say, 'I don't like the way things are going here and I think you'd better change it.' And that can't be done under the current situation. As a grand chief, and Angus Toulouse as a regional chief or Phil Fontaine as a national chief, you can't step in and start micro-managing in a community."

While one member of the Ontario caucus told this publication that there were doubts about whether the AFN executive backed the renewal commission recommendations, Beaucage said that was not the way he interpreted things.

"That might be going a little bit too far," he said. "I think that the renewal commission is basically returning our thoughts back to us. It went out and got ideas from across the country. So I can't say that they're off base. Some of these things are going to have to start slipping into place, but I think it's going to have to be a bit of an evolutionary process"

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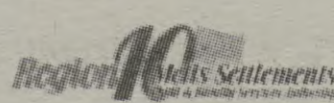
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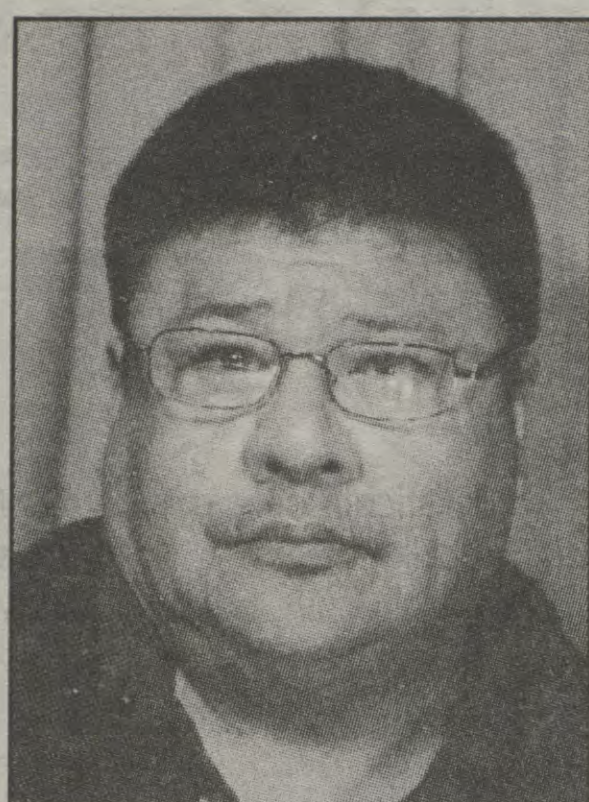
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Grassroots candidate wants to unseat Fontaine

By Paul Barnsley
Windspeaker Staff Writer

ORILLIA, Ont.



Joe Nolan

Joe Nolan wants to be the next national chief of the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), so he can make the national organization more directly accountable to First Nations grassroots people.

The 51-year-old Garden River (Ontario) First Nation citizen announced his candidacy in early April. At the moment, he and incumbent Phil Fontaine are the only declared candidates.

"Yeah, I'll give it a shot; probably won't win, but I've got to be optimistic," Nolan told *Windspeaker* when contacted by phone in Orillia, Ont. "I just want to give the First Nations people a voice that right now they don't have because the chiefs are calling the shots."

He noted that the chiefs in assembly in Gatineau, Que. chose to go slowly on the AFN renewal commission's recommendation that all First Nation citizens be allowed to vote for national chief. Once again, only the chiefs will vote for national chief when the election is held this summer. Nolan said he believes the whole renewal process was "a sham."

"Phil doesn't want the universal vote. If they had the universal vote, I'd win. But it's not going to be the universal vote. It's going to be the chiefs voting in July. Hopefully, if I can turn around these chiefs to have some sort of a conscience, I might win. You never know," he said.

The election is scheduled for July 12, the middle day of the AFN's three-day 27th annual general assembly, which this time around will be held at the scenic Vancouver Convention and Exhibition Centre. The three-week-long period of time when candidates must formally file their nomination papers doesn't even start until May 17, but Nolan is already out there looking for media exposure and seeking political support.

He admits that he is saying all the wrong things if he expects to get much support from the chiefs, but he intends to shake up AFN politics as much as possible with his campaign. Despite taking that approach, he said he is confident he'll be able to get the required signatures of 15 chiefs on his nomination form.

"I don't think I'll have a problem at all. I'm talking to the chiefs from Manitoulin Island in Ontario and on the north shore between Sault Ste. Marie and Sudbury. I'm also talking to people in New Brunswick and in

Manitoba and some people in British Columbia. I'll get 15 no problem, but it's hard to do because I'm just me. I'm on a shoestring budget," he said.

He readily admits his biggest problem will be finding the money that will be needed to mount a national campaign. The AFN charter puts a spending limit of \$35,000 on candidates. Critics wonder just how closely that limit is supervised, given that candidates submit their campaign spending lists to the AFN's chief electoral officer the day before the vote and, so far, no candidate has ever been chastised for over-spending. In previous AFN elections, the spending figures have not been released to the press or public.

Nolan said the federal system, where losing parties get so much money per vote and that money is used to cover operating costs, should have some sort of equivalent in First Nations politics. Without funding for opposition parties or candidates, the incumbency factor is unfair and stifles the debate, he said.

"Phil's got the whole organization behind him. He's got a lot of money, a lot of contacts. I know. I worked there. But it's not real what they're doing. They're neglecting the youth; they're neglecting a lot of people," Nolan said.

Nolan, who has a degree in political science from Laurentian University, is the older brother of former NHL player and coach of the year Ted Nolan. He recently completed an employment contract at the AFN. He said that what he saw there helped him make up his mind to run. He's never been elected to any office, but he has some experience in government and administration.

"I worked for about 12 years with INAC [Indian and Northern Affairs]. I was a planner, a fiscal planner, in Sudbury and Toronto. I was a band manager for my reserve for about a year in Garden River First Nation near Sault Ste. Marie. I was the tribal director up in the

Yukon for about a year with Burwash Landing and Old Crow. After that I went to work for Phil for two years. I was a liaison officer. I just finished there in July. They didn't renew my contract," he said. "I worked there for two years and they paid me well. But I felt like taking a bath or a shower every day after I left there. It's so dirty, so filthy. It's not clean. They're hurting the average Native person. Why can't our people have a decent home, decent drinking water and a decent education?"

Ground level issues are being ignored while First Nation leaders spend their time dealing with governance issues and building bureaucratic institutions, he said.

"The youth are still hurting. A lot of Native people are still getting incarcerated. Residential school people still haven't got any money. 'It's coming ... in the mail.' What I see is that the AFN is not real. They don't represent the people they're supposed to represent," he said.

And Nolan said he doesn't believe the chiefs when they say they believe in accountability.

"Stephen Harper wants accountability. He didn't pinpoint AFN, but he said he wants accountability for all politicians,

anybody who takes federal money. They're saying they represent First Nations people. They don't. They represent 620 chiefs," he said.

Nolan has been in touch with a man who is said to have the new prime ministers' ear, a man who is despised by Aboriginal leaders across the country.

"You know Tom Flanagan? I'm e-mailing him. He's got my seven-point plan. I think Harper will mess Phil up. They're in big trouble," he said.

Since he has little money and is intent on angering all the people or groups that usually support candidates for national chief, Nolan is reaching out to grassroots people and organizations.

"I do want to make it public that I will go out to speak. I'll speak at universities or anywhere they want me to speak, provided they'll just give me airfare and a hotel room. I don't want money," he said.

Nolan's seven-point platform:

1) Implement universal voting by creating an Internet voting system for all eligible First Nations members (both on and off reserve). He will also create a special elections committee to

govern all aspects of this Web-based voting system. This elections committee will consist of First Nation members who hold positions in Canada such as bank chief executive officers, law enforcement officials, university professors, etc.

2) Create a new National Indian Brotherhood act for the purposes of holding the AFN and First Nation chiefs and councils accountable to their membership and government funding agencies.

3) Negotiate the transfer of non-dangerous First Nation inmates to the custody and care of First Nation rehabilitation and correctional institutions.

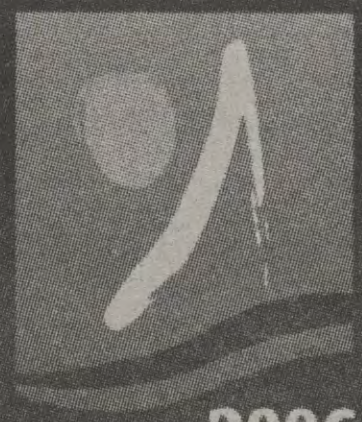
4) Implement various programs and services to work with First Nation youth (education, culture and sports, etc.).

5) Dismantle the department of Indian Affairs and replace it with sovereign Indigenous governing structures.

6) Relocate the AFN's Ottawa office to a First Nation community, to be owned by the First Nations people. The location will be determined based on a universal vote.

7) Develop young Native professionals in the administration and governing structures of the new AFN.

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Scholarship programs support and encourage Aboriginal students

By Cheryl Petten
Windspeaker Staff Writer
TORONTO

Statistically, the employment future looks bright for Canada's Aboriginal youth, but only if they have the skills and training they need to succeed.

A large percentage of the country's current workforce is from the Baby Boom generation. As more and more of these employees near retirement age, employers are increasingly looking to the large and growing population of Aboriginal youth to replace them, and have begun to create programs designed to help ensure these future employees are up for the challenge.

One such employer is CHUM Television, which through its music station MuchMusic is providing an annual scholarship for Aboriginal youth enrolled in post-secondary studies relating to broadcast media.

MuchMusic has teamed up with the Aboriginal Youth Network to offer the MuchMusic Aboriginal Youth Scholarship, which this year will be worth \$5,000, an increase from the \$3,000 given out in the previous two years the scholarship has been awarded. Eligibility for the scholarship has also been expanded this year, with applications accepted from Aboriginal Canadians under the age of 29, rather than the previous age cut-off of 25.

"We're hoping that will help students who maybe didn't go into school right after high school, who maybe took a bit of time off," explained Jenna Wong, who handles public relations for MuchMusic.

The scholarship is only in its third year, but the response to the call out for applications has been positive, with more people applying each year, Wong said.

"It's been really good. We've been really happy. We've gotten people from all over the country, which is the goal because it's a national scholarship. And we've gotten just really different people, like people interested in all areas of broadcasting."

Wong had some basic tips to share with students applying for the MuchMusic Aboriginal Youth Scholarship, or any other scholarship, that can help improve their chances of success.

"I think the first piece of advice I'd give to anyone is to read the application form very carefully. Just make sure you read the whole thing and that you understand the instructions because you might be disqualifying yourself for some silly reason. Like if it says 'maximum three pages' and you attach 40 pages, that's not going to make the judges happy. I know for our scholarship, it's open to

anyone going into first or second year post-secondary education and we had a lot of high school students apply. So it's just something like that."

Making sure everything you submit is clear, organized, legible and free of spelling mistakes are also basic things to work on when putting your application together, Wong said. "You have to remember that it might be one of 100 applications that the judges look at, so you want to make sure it's organized well. You want to make sure everything's clear, that people aren't looking for information, that it's all right there ... put yourself in the position of the judge and think about what you would want to receive. This is your chance to say why should I get \$5,000 so what would you as a judge be impressed by?"

Once you have all your i's dotted and your t's crossed on your application, there's one last step you should take before you send it off, Wong said. "Show it to someone else and get some honest feedback."

The application process for the MuchMusic scholarship is a little different from most scholarships because, when it comes to the amount of creativity that an applicant can put into their submission, the sky is the limit. The application form says the scholarship will be awarded to "the individual who best demonstrates skill, talent, excellence and enthusiasm in pursuing a future in the broadcast industry" in hopes of soliciting really creative applications from the people applying, Wong said.

"We didn't want to limit it to a letter or something like that. We wanted to really leave it open for applicants to come up with whatever creative ways of applying and showing us that they have those four things, whichever way they wanted. So people have been really creative," she said.

"We've done other things like this, like our VJ search and the temp contest and stuff where we just really encouraged creativity. So when we developed the scholarship we wanted to stay in keeping with that, in that spirit. And you know, the scholarship is for youth interested in the broadcast industry, right? We didn't want to make it boring. We wanted to make it fun for them to apply."

The deadline for applications for the MuchMusic Aboriginal Youth Scholarship is Nov. 30, 2006.

For more information on the scholarship, visit the MuchMusic web site at www.muchmusic.com/proudtosupport/aboriginalyouthscholarship.

The following list of scholarships and bursaries has been compiled by Windspeaker with the kind assistance of participating companies, schools and foundations. For a complete and up-to-date listing of Aboriginal scholarships and bursaries please check our online listings located at: www.ammsa.com.

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Number: 2

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For more information contact:
Aboriginal Nurses Association of Canada
56 Sparks Street, Suite 502

Ottawa, ON K1P 5A9
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Fax: (613) 724-4718
Website: www.anac.on.ca

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Canadian Merit Scholarship Foundation (CMSF)
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Toronto, ON M5E 1J3
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Website www.cmsf.ca

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Deadline: June 15
Each year Xerox Canada offers \$3,000 scholarships to eight (8) Aboriginal students pursuing post-secondary education in Information Technology. Each scholarship is for a maximum of four (4) years for university programs or three (3) years for community college programs, pending year-over-year program re-enrollment.
For more info. fax (416) 733-6811
or write: Contributions Administrator, Corporate Affairs, Xerox Canada Ltd.
5650 Yonge Street, 10th Floor
Toronto, Ontario M2M 4G7

Investing in the future growth of Aboriginal Youth - Canadian National

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For more info. contact your band office, friendship centre or college of your choice
Web Site: www.cn.ca
Canadian National Native Educational Awards Program
935 de la Gauchetière Street West
Montreal, Quebec H3B 2M9

CN Scholarship For Women

Deadline: July 25
One scholarship of \$500 available to women registered in programs of non-traditional trades. Qualifying programs include Welding, Machine Shop, Heavy Equipment Mechanic, Industrial Electronics Technician/Technology, Mechanical Engineering Technology and CAD/CAM Engineering Technology. Applicants must be accepted into fall semester in specified program of non-traditional trade. Application is required by July 25; forms are available through Student Services and Registrars offices.
Web Site: www.cn.ca
Canadian National Educational Awards Program
935 de la Gauchetière Street West
Montreal, Quebec H3B 2M9

Educational Awards Program - Husky Oil

Deadline: May 31
Up to 7 Aboriginal students are selected each year.
Awards of up to \$3,000 per year will be granted to cover a portion of tuition, books, or living expenses.
Aboriginal people (Inuit, Metis, Status and Non Status Indians) who meet the following qualifications: * Canadian citizen * in need of financial assistance * demonstrate serious interest in furthering their educational and career development Preference will be given to applicants whose residence is located on or near one of Husky's exploration, development or operation sites. Individuals pursuing academic post-secondary studies at a university, community college or technical institute are eligible to apply.
Diversity and Aboriginal Affairs
Husky Oil Operations Limited
P.O. Box 6525, Station D
Calgary, Alberta T2P 3G7
Phone: (403) 298-6780

RBC Royal Bank Aboriginal Student Awards
Please see our ad - page 9

Deadline: January 31
Five (5) awards of up to \$4,000/ year for four (4) years at university or two years at college. Status Indian, Non-Status Indian, Inuit or Metis are eligible to apply. You must be a permanent resident/citizen of Canada.
For an application and brochure, write to:
RBC Royal Bank
Aboriginal Student Awards Program
330 Front Street West
10th Floor
Toronto, ON M5V 3B7
Fax: 416-348-6455

Legal Studies for Aboriginal People Program

Deadline: March 31 for Pre-Law Programs.
The Department of Justice funds Metis and non-status Indians who wish to attend law school. Through the Legal Studies for Aboriginal People Program, the Department offers scholarships for the three-year law program and scholarships for a pre-law orientation course.
Value: Tuition fees, textbooks, living expenses, award based on financial need.
For more information:
Phone: (613) 957-9643
Web site: <http://canada.justice.gc.ca>

Polaris - Northern Star Program

This awards program recognizes the creative and innovative environmental actions by youth who have had an impact within their communities.
Young people up to 25 years of age may be nominated for an award. Completed forms are due by March 31 of each year.
For more information and a nomination form, call the Action 21 National Office toll free at: 1 800 668-6767

Department of Justice Canada Entrance Scholarships for Aboriginal Students

The Department of Justice Canada has made available three-year scholarships to Metis and non-status Indian students who wish to attend law school. Each year, ten or more pre-law scholarships will be made available to Metis and non-status Indians, to cover the cost of attending a summer orientation program offered by the Native Law Centre, University of Saskatchewan, in Saskatoon and a summer French language pre-law orientation program at the University of Ottawa.
In September, ten or more three-year law school scholarships will be made available to Metis and non-status applicants to defray their living costs, textbooks, tuition fees, and other costs. The Department of Justice Canada is accepting applications for the summer pre-law program until 1 April, and applications for the law school scholarships until 1 June. Students interested in both programs must forward two separate applications.
For further information and application forms, contact:
Program Assistant,
Legal Studies for Aboriginal People Program,
Department of Justice Canada,
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H8
(Similar financial assistance is available from Indian and Northern Affairs for registered Indian and Inuit students.

Department of Indian Affairs or your Local Band Education Authority

Funding for status Indian students is available from the Department of Indian Affairs or your Local Band Education Authority. Legal Studies are generally considered separate from other undergraduate programs and therefore full funding will be available for the three years of legal studies.

Metis, Inuit and non-status Indians may apply to the Department of Justice. The funding covers tuition, books and living expenses and is renewable for the two further years of law school. The funding also covers the Saskatchewan Summer program.
For more information on whether you qualify and the applicable deadlines for funding, contact:

**Program Administrator
Legal Studies for Aboriginal Peoples Program
Department of Justice Canada
Ottawa, Ontario R1A 0H8
Phone: (613) 957-9583**

Sears Canada Inc. Scholarship:

Deadline June 1
Ten scholarships of \$1,000 are available to children of Sears employees. Applications are available from and submitted to:
Canadian Awards Program,
International ... Canadian Programs Division,
Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada,
Suite 600, 350 Albert Street,
Ottawa, Ontario K1R 1B1

Chevron Canada Resources
Deadline: January 31

Number of scholarships varies, value up to \$5,000 (Available to students of Aboriginal heritage interested in undertaking a period of study in public administration and/or community affairs involving drug/alcohol education and rehabilitation. Special consideration given to residents of Northwest territories and other areas of concern.

Apply to:
Canadian Universities for Northern Studies
#201, 130 Albert Street,
Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5G4
Phone: (613) 238-3525

TD Bank and First Nations Bank of Canada Aboriginal Education Awards

Deadline: March 31
Value: Five awards of \$1,000 each Recipients will also receive consideration for summer employment and full-time employment once education is complete.

Criteria:
Applicants must be of Aboriginal ancestry (Status, Non-Status, Inuit, Metis); full time student at recognized Canadian post secondary institution pursuing a program relevant to a career in banking such as business, economics, computer science, math and sciences; in need of financial assistance to further educational goals.
Apply to: Award Coordinator
Toronto Dominion Centre
201 Portage Avenue
P.O. Box 7700
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 3E7
Phone: (204) 988-2800

KPMG's Aboriginal Client Services Group Awards Program

Value: Five student awards of \$1,500 CDN

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Eligibility: A Canadian citizen; A Status Indian, non-status Indian, Inuit, Innu or Metis; A full-time student who is currently enrolled in, or has been accepted to, a university or a community college; Pursuing studies of Business, Economics, Political Science, Law or First Nation Financial Administration

Deadline: May 19, 2006 for the 2006/07 academic year.

Complete the appropriate forms and return to:

KPMG Student Awards Co-ordinator
KPMG
Marland Centre
20 Erb Street West
Waterloo, Ontario N2L 1T2
For more information please contact Luann Jones-Foster, at (506) 856-6477.

Indigenous Scholarship Program - Holiday Inn Vancouver Downtown
Please see our ad - page 11

Value: \$2,000

Conceived and established in 2003 by Holiday Inn Vancouver Downtown, the Indigenous Scholarship Program sets aside program funds for every room night spent at the hotel by a member of Canada's Aboriginal Community.

Each year, the hotel will award at least one scholarship to First Nation youth that are pursuing a post-secondary education. Open to all Aboriginal students, the Indigenous Scholarship Program considers a number of criteria in awarding scholarships including financial situation, academic achievement, community involvement and career aspirations. The Indigenous Scholarship Program is managed by Holiday Inn Vancouver Downtown with recommendations from an Executive Education Committee and input from an Advisory Board made up of representatives from Canada's Aboriginal Community.

Eligibility: Any Aboriginal student currently enrolled at or, accepted to a post secondary institution.

Application:
Application form and eligibility criteria for the Indigenous Scholarship Program can be obtained by calling the Holiday Inn Vancouver Downtown at 1-800-663-9131.

MuchMusic Aboriginal Youth Scholarship
Please see our ad - page 5



First Class, First Nations Aboriginal Scholarships

Undergraduate and graduate studies.

Casino Rama Aboriginal Scholarships are awarded in spring and applications are received in fall.

- * Full-time students must be of First Nation status and must be in second year of their post-secondary studies or higher in an accredited college or university.
- * Academic achievement on transcripts must meet minimum A to B percentile averages.
- * Person must be a native resident of Ontario.
- * Judging of applications includes consideration of student volunteered community service.

Casino Rama encourages motivated students to contact the Corporate Affairs Department to receive more information and be added to its scholarship mailing list.

Corporate Affairs Department
Casino Rama RR# 6, Box 178, Rama, Ontario L0K 1L0
Phone 705-329-5256 or email: lawsons@casinorama.com

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First Nations and Aboriginal Counselling Degree

Our vision is to provide a holistic foundation of Aboriginal and Western knowledge and skills necessary to enact practices and policies that will contribute to an Indigenous healing movement.

This program has been developed as a direct result of lobbying by Manitoba Aboriginal Education Counsellors Association, Manitoba Indian Education Association and is supported by the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs.

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Graduates
Our graduates have found employment with Wellness Centres, Educational settings, Child and Family Services, Health & Justice initiatives and in private practice. Some are completing their Master's Degrees.

In accordance with Canadian Immigration Regulations, this advertisement is directed primarily to Canadian citizens and permanent residents. Both women and men are encouraged to apply.

For an admissions package contact:

Murray Kerr,
Director of
Admissions
Brandon University
270 18th Street
Brandon MB
R7A 6A9

First Nations and
Aboriginal Counselling
Degree Program

Phone:
(204) 571-8532

Email:
knight@brandonu.ca

Website:
www.brandonu.ca/academic/fnac



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Deadline: November 30, 2006

Application form, scholarship criteria and other details at: www.muchmusic.com/mays

Burlington Resources Aboriginal Awards Program

The Aboriginal Awards Program has been developed to provide financial assistance to Aboriginal students pursuing high school upgrading and post-secondary education. Award amounts are designated according to the educational level you are pursuing:

Secondary School/Academic Upgrading \$1,000 (College or Technical Institute \$2,000 (University \$3,000)

The award amounts are granted on an annual basis with students being required to re-apply each year for continued funding. Awards may be used to cover portions of tuition, books or living expenses.

Eligibility: You may apply to the Burlington Resources Aboriginal Awards Program if you meet the following criteria: 1. You are of Aboriginal ancestry 2. You are a Canadian citizen 3. You are enrolled in an eligible program, on a full-time basis 4. You demonstrate promising academic qualifications 5. You require financial assistance to pursue your education

Application process: Please send your completed application along with your proof of acceptance and most recent transcripts to the following address:

Please send your completed application along with your proof of acceptance and most recent transcripts to the following address no later than June 30th:

Diversified Staffing Services

Attention: Burlington Resources Aboriginal Awards Program

100, 805 - 5th Avenue SW

Calgary, AB T2P 0N6

Telephone: (403) 237-5577

Toll Free: (877) 271-7720

Fax: (403) 266-3386

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2005 Toyota Earth Day Scholarship Program Cultivating Tomorrow's Environmental Leaders

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For applications and more information please visit: www.earthday.ca/scholarship

The Canadian Nurses Foundation

Value: varies

Deadline: April 16

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The criteria and application forms are presently on our website www.canadiannursesfoundation.com

We would appreciate your promoting these scholarships on your web site.

Canadian Nurses Foundation

50 Driveway

Ottawa, Ontario K2P 1E2

Toll Free: 1-800-361-8404

Fax: (613) 237-3520
email: info@cnursesfdn.ca
www.canadiannursesfoundation.com

The Weather Network — Pelmorex Inc.

Value: One award of \$500.00

Deadline: May 30

The Weather Network educational incentive award is to create interest among Aboriginal peoples in the Canadian Broadcasting industry. Eligibility: A status or non-status Aboriginal full time student who demonstrates financial need. The applicant is enrolling in a Third or Fourth year Canadian Journalism or Radio and Television Arts program at a recognized College or University and has received passing marks (60% or better) in their previous year of study. Applicants are committed students with proven leadership ability, and enthusiasm for their chosen career path.

If no students entering are eligible, the award may go to an Aboriginal student in another reputable program specifically, Business Administration, Meteorology, Computer Science, Graphic Design or Engineering Technology.

Requirement: Resume, official transcript from most recent year of study, successful interview with Pelmorex and good references.

Information: Pelmorex Inc.

Human Resources

1 Robert Speck Parkway Suite 1600

Mississauga, Ontario L4Z 4B3

Phone: 905-566-9511 ext. 270

Fax: 905-566-9696

Millennium Excellence Awards

Value: Local award winners will receive a one-time \$4,000 award.

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Eligibility: The excellence awards recognize, support, and encourage talented Canadians who make positive and significant contributions to the betterment of communities across the country, who demonstrate the capacity for leadership, and are committed to the pursuit of academic excellence and innovation. Only individuals who intend to enter a college or university undergraduate program for the first time may apply.

For application information, visit www.aimhigh.ca, or contact:

Millennium Excellence Award Program
Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation
1000 Sherbrooke Street West, Suite 800
Montreal, Quebec H3A 3R2

Millennium Bursaries

Value: Between \$1,500 and \$4,500, depending on the students' province or territory of residence and level of financial need.

Eligibility: To qualify for a millennium bursary, a student must: (a) be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident, (b) be studying in an undergraduate program at a Canadian post-secondary institution, both of which must be recognized by the Canada Student Loans Program or the student's provincial/territorial student financial assistance program, (c) successfully qualify for assistance from his/her province/territory of residence, and (d) have already completed 60 per cent of a year of post-secondary education.

Students have their level of financial need assessed by their province/territory of residence. Those who demonstrate the highest level of need and meet the Foundation's eligibility criteria qualify for a millennium bursary, which is paid either to the student or directly to the student's loan provider to reduce his/her student loan debt.

Duration: Awarded annually

Application Deadline: Students must successfully apply for provincial/territorial financial assistance.

Contact information: www.aimhigh.ca or Millennium Bursary Program
Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation
1000 Sherbrooke Street West, Suite 800
Montreal, Quebec H3A 3R2

Alliance Pipeline Aboriginal Student Awards Program

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Number: One

Value: Cost of tuition, books and supplies to a maximum of \$4,000 per academic year.

Deadline: April 30

Eligibility: Aboriginal students who are residents of Saskatchewan, Alberta or British Columbia; enrolled in, or have applied to a technical school, college or university, in a program relevant to the oil and gas industry; relevant programs include: mechanical engineering technology, instrumentation engineering technology, electrical engineering technology, power engineering, mechanical engineering or business administration.

Coordinator, Aboriginal Student Awards Program

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June 01, 2006

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September 30, 2006

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September 30, 2006

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Third priority: Aboriginal students attending a public post-secondary educational institution in Alberta and enrolled in a certificate, diploma or degree program in business or commerce.

To receive an application, please contact your local Alberta high school, post-secondary institution, or:
MacEwan Foundation
P.O. Box 1796 Edmonton, AB T5J 2P2
ph. 780.497.5063 Fax 780.497.4656

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: June 15, 2006

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Aboriginal Scholarship & Bursary Guide

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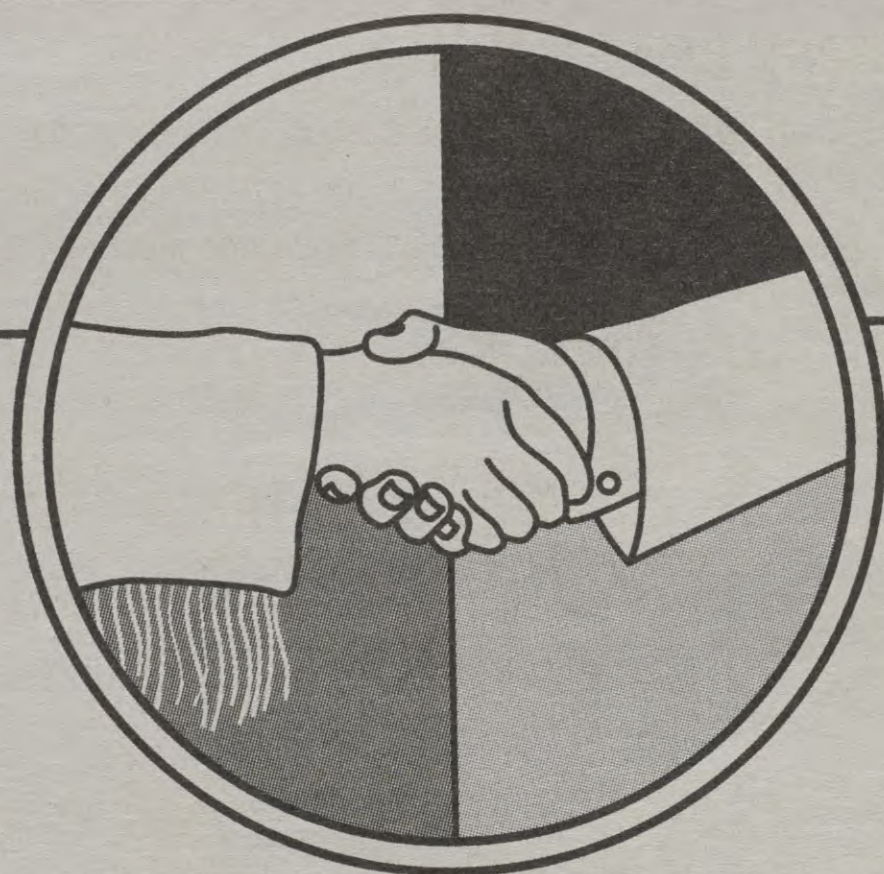


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Imperial Oil Aboriginal Scholarships Awards Program

Value: \$3,500 (maximum for college) and \$4,500 (maximum for university)
The awards are designed to cover tuition, textbooks, supplies and other compulsory fees.

Deadline: June 15 of each year
Imperial Oil Resources offers four individual education awards each year to any person of Aboriginal ancestry entering post-secondary studies. The purpose of the awards program is to encourage people of Aboriginal ancestry to pursue undergraduate post-secondary educational studies in disciplines relevant to the petroleum industry. Applicants must reside in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Northwest Territories or the Yukon for at least one year immediately prior to applying for the award.

Application form, full program guidelines and eligibility details can be obtained by calling Imperial Oil Community and Aboriginal Affairs at 780-639-5194.

Jennifer Robinson Memorial Scholarship - Arctic Institute of North America

Value: One scholarship of \$5,000.
The Jennifer Robinson Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a graduate student in northern biology who best exemplifies the qualities of scholarship that the late Jennifer Robinson brought to her studies at the Institute's Kluane Lake Research Station.

Eligibility: Applicants must submit: a brief description of the proposed research (two to three pages), including a clear hypothesis, relevance, title and statement of the purpose of the research, the area and type of study, the methodology and plan for evaluation of findings. A collaborative relationship or work should be briefly identified; three academic reference letters; a complete curriculum vitae with transcripts; and a list of current sources and amounts of research funding, including scholarships, grants and bursaries.

The scholarship committee looks for evidence of northern relevance, and a commitment to field-oriented research.

Deadline: January 7
Executive Director
Arctic Institute of North America
University of Calgary
Calgary, Alberta T2N 1N4
Phone: (403) 220-7515
Fax: (403) 282-4609

Jim Bourque Scholarship - Arctic Institute of North America

Value: One scholarship of \$1,000.
The Jim Bourque Scholarship is awarded to a Canadian Aboriginal student who intends to take, or is enrolled in, post-secondary training in education, environmental, traditional knowledge or telecommunications. The scholarship is open to mature students and matriculating students alike.

Eligibility: Each applicant must submit, in 500 words or less, a description of his or her intended program of study and the reasons for the choice of program. In addition, applicants must: include a copy of their most recent high school or college/university transcript; a signed letter of recommendation from a community leader (e.g., Town or Band Council, Chamber of Commerce, Metis Local, etc.); a statement of financial need, indicating funding already received or expected; and proof of enrollment in, or application to a post-secondary institution.

Deadline: July 15
Executive Director
Arctic Institute of North America
University of Calgary
Calgary, Alberta T2N 1N4
Phone: (403) 220-7515
Fax: (403) 282-4609

Lorraine Allison Scholarship - Arctic Institute of North America

Value: One scholarship of \$2,000.
Eligibility: The Lorraine Allison Scholarship is open to any student enrolled at a Canadian university in a program of graduate study related to northern issues, whose application best addresses academic excellence, a demonstrated commitment to northern research, and a desire for research results to be beneficial to northerners, especially Native northerners. Candidates in biological science fields are preferred, but social science topics are also be considered. Scholars from Yukon, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut are encouraged to apply.

Each application must contain: a two-page description of the northern studies program and relevant projects being undertaken; three letters of reference from the applicants' current or past professors; a complete curriculum vitae with academic transcripts; and a list of all current sources of research funding.
Deadline: January 7
Executive Director

Arctic Institute of North America
University of Calgary
Calgary, Alberta T2N 1N4
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Fax: (403) 282-4609

Etungat Inuit History Award - Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies

Value: One award of \$500.

An award is given for the best history essay written by an Inuk student. The selected topic will be derived from an Elder's story that focuses on an important event, a unique individual, unusual circumstances, traditions or any subject that will advance our knowledge of Inuit history and distinctive culture.

Eligibility: Applicants must be Inuk students currently enrolled at any Canadian university.

Deadline: January 31
Awards Program
Canadian Northern Studies Trust
Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies
405 -17 York Street
Ottawa, Ontario K1N 9J6
Phone: (613) 562-0515
Fax: (613) 562-0533

James W. Bourque Studentship in Northern Geography - Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies

Value: One scholarship of \$10,000.

Eligibility: The James W. Bourque Studentship is awarded for research on subjects relating to northern geographical research. While applications are normally from students in geography departments, careful consideration is given to students in related fields. In making its decision, the Management Committee is guided by academic record, potential for development, and the applicant's interest in, and commitment to, advancing the knowledge and appreciation of the geography of northern regions. If you apply to the James W. Bourque Studentship in Northern Geography and to the Studentship in Northern Studies only one set of official university transcripts and reference letters is necessary.

Deadline: January 31
Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies
17 York Street, Suite 405
Ottawa, Ontario K1N 9J6
Phone: (613) 562-0515
Fax: (613) 562-0533

Association of First Nations Women Scholarship

Value: Two awards: one in the fall, and one in the spring.

Scholarships are awarded twice a year. The successful applicants are presented with their awards at the Blanche MacDonald Memorial Dinner and the Native Indian Teacher Education Program Graduation Dinner.

Eligibility: Applicants must: be of First Nation ancestry; be registered as full-time students at a post-secondary institution; and include with their application proof of registration at a post-secondary institution, a copy of their transcript(s), a professional reference, a personal reference, and a support letter from a major Aboriginal organization.

Deadline: Open
Association of First Nations Women
#1 -245 East Broadway
Vancouver, B.C. V5T 1W4
Fax: (604) 872-1845

General Motors Excellence Through Diversity Award

Eligibility: Applicants must: be members of a designated equity group; be full-time students; outline career goals; and accept employment with General Motors for the summer.

Deadline: February 15

General Motors of Canada
c/o Career Placement Officer
4th Floor University Centre
University of Manitoba
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3T 2N2
Phone: (204) 474-8880

Intelligent Sensing For Innovative Structures (ISIS) Canada Research Scholarship for Aboriginal People in Engineering

Value: One scholarship of \$5,000 per year.
Intelligent Sensing for Innovative Structures (ISIS Canada) is a Network of Centres of Excellence funded by the federal and provincial governments, the university communities and the private sector. The mandate of ISIS Canada is to develop a new generation of sophisticated civil engineering structures for the 21st century.

Eligibility: In order to be eligible, applicants must be graduates in engineering or applied sciences at a Canadian university or be currently enrolled in a degree program, and must be registered in, or intending to proceed to, graduate study in engineering or applied sciences. The scholarship is awarded for a 12-month period and may be renewed for a second year at the discretion of the awarding committee.

Deadline: March 31

Dr.S.H.Rizkalla,P.Eng.,
President ISIS Canada
227 Engineering Building
University of Manitoba
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3T 5V6
Phone: (204) 474-850

Intelligent Sensing For Innovative Structures (ISIS) Canada - Research Scholarship for Women and Aboriginal People

Value: One scholarship of up to \$5,000.
Eligibility: Applicants must: be women or be of Aboriginal ancestry; be engineering graduates or currently enrolled in a degree and intending to pursue graduate studies; be seeking solutions to the deterioration of steel reinforced concrete; and be in third year civil engineering or above.
Deadline: March 31
Intelligent Sensing for Innovative Structures Room 227 Engineering Blvd.
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Winnipeg, Manitoba R3T 2N2
Phone: (204) 474-8880

Magna For Canada Scholarship Fund

Value: Various scholarships of \$5,000 to \$10,000.
Eligibility: Applicants must: be full-time students; and submit a proposal (maximum 2,500 words) on "If I was Prime Minister of Canada, I would do the following to improve living standards and unite the country."
Deadline: May 15
Magna for Canada Scholarship Fund
36 Apple Creek Blvd
Markham, Ontario L3R 4Y4

National Union Scholarship for Aboriginal Canadians

Value: One scholarship of \$1,000.
Eligibility: The award is open to all Aboriginal Canadian students who plan to enter the first year of a public post-secondary education institution full-time, and who are children of, or foster children of, a National Union member. The award is given to the writer of the best 750-1000 word essay on "The importance of quality public services in enhancing the quality of life of Aboriginal Canadians."
Deadline: June 30
Scholarships
National Union of Public and General Employees
15 Auriga Drive
Nepean, Ontario K2E 1B7
Phone: (613) 228-9800
Fax: (613) 228-9801

National Union Scholarship for Visible Minorities

Value: One of \$1,000.
Eligibility: The award is open to all visible minority students who plan to enter the first year of a public post-secondary educational institution full-time, and who are the children, or foster children, of a National Union member. The award will be given to the writer of the best 750-1000 word essay on "The importance of quality public services in enhancing the quality of life of visible minorities."
Deadline: June 30
Scholarships
National Union of Public and General Employees
15 Auriga Drive
Nepean, Ontario K2E 1B7
Phone: (613) 228-9800
Fax: (613) 228-9801

Public Service Commission of Canada Personnel Psychology Sponsorship Program

Value: One award of \$15,000 per year, plus an opportunity, upon graduation, for employment with the Personnel Psychology Centre in Ottawa.
The Personnel Psychology Centre of the Public Service Commission of Canada is offering sponsorship and recruitment programs to candidates studying in industrial/organizational psychology.
Eligibility: This program is open only to members of designated under-represented groups: Aboriginal people (Status or Non-Status Indian, Métis or Inuit); persons with disabilities; and members of visible minority groups. Applicants must hold an Honours Bachelor's degree in Psychology by June and be eligible for admission to a Master's or Doctoral program in industrial/organizational psychology at a Canadian university. Candidates must have maintained a minimum "B" (average (or its equivalent) during their previous years of university studies. A knowledge of English or French is essential. Preference is given to Canadian citizens.
Deadline: February 15
Canadian Awards Program
International Canadian Program Division
Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada

350 Albert Street, Suite 600
Ottawa, Ontario K1R 1B1
Phone: (613) 563-1236
Fax: (613) 563-9745

National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation (NAAF)
Please see our ad — page 5

Deadlines:
Fine Arts:
Two deadlines annually on March 31 and September 30
Aboriginal Health Careers:
One deadline annually on May 1
Post-Secondary Education Awards:
One deadline annually on June 1

Shell Canada Aboriginal Scholarship Program (NAAF)
Preference will be given to studies in business, science and engineering.
CIBC Achievers (NAAF)
Fields of study are unlimited.
TransCanada Pipelines Leadership Awards (NAAF)

With these awards, TransCanada Pipelines is helping Aboriginal students prepare themselves to play leading roles in the fields of engineering, business and commerce, law, science and technology, environment and communications.
BP Canada Aboriginal Young Achievers Scholarship (NAAF)
Priority for these scholarships may be given to students who are pursuing careers in business, engineering, environmental studies and physical sciences.

Great-West Life Business Education Scholarship (NAAF)
This scholarship was created to help Aboriginal students from across Canada to succeed in the areas of business and entrepreneurship.

TD Bank Financial Group Scholarships (NAAF)
Through its support of the scholarship program, TD Bank Financial Group is helping to make it easier for Aboriginal students to realize their educational goals.

UGG Agricultural Scholarships (NAAF)
UGG is pleased to provide scholarships to encourage Aboriginal students from the Prairie Provinces to pursue careers in fields related to agriculture.

The CN Aboriginal Scholarships (NAAF)
These scholarships provide funding assistance to Aboriginal students from across Canada who are engaged in studies that will prepare them for careers in the transportation industry such as engineering, business, computer science, communications and technical studies.

Suncor Energy Foundation "Shared Achievements" Aboriginal Scholarships (NAAF)

These scholarships were created to assist Aboriginal students who are pursuing post-secondary education in business, teaching and science, particularly engineering, earth sciences, natural resource management, environmental studies and computer science. Preference will be given to students from Central and Northern Alberta, Northeastern and Southwestern British Columbia and the North West Territories.

3M Canada Aboriginal Health Education Awards (NAAF)
With these awards, 3M Canada is making a positive contribution to the lives of Aboriginal students who are pursuing careers in fields related to health care.

Sun Life Financial Careers in Health Awards (NAAF)
With these awards, Sun Life Financial is providing increased opportunities for Aboriginal students to receive training and education for careers in health care.

Weyerhaeuser Aboriginal Scholarship (NAAF)
Weyerhaeuser is pleased to offer scholarship assistance to Aboriginal students who are pursuing careers in business and science.

Contact individual schools for application forms.

For more information contact:
National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation
Suite 33A, 70 Yorkville Avenue
Toronto, Ontario M5R 1B9
Toll free: 1-800-329-9780
Phone: (416) 926-0775
Fax: (416) 926-7554

Aboriginal Health Careers Program Scholarship - NAAF

Deadline: May 1
Provides support for students who are pursuing accredited health studies leading to employment in the health professions and who have demonstrated the potential for academic success.
Eligible fields of study: medicine, nursing, dentistry, biology, chemistry, physiotherapy, pharmacy, clinical psychology, laboratory research and technology and any other health field in which a study of the hard sciences is a pre-requisite.

Aboriginal Veterans' Scholarship Trust - Canada - NAAF

For students engaged in fields of study that support and contribute to Aboriginal self-governance and economic self-reliance.

Business, Sciences and General Education Program - NAAF

Value: Varies from \$1,000 to \$8,000
Eligibility: Aboriginal ancestry (Status, Non-Status, Métis, Inuit) attending a Canadian Community College (CEGEP) or university (first year or returning students); registered in programs such as business, health sciences, new and advanced technologies (not limited to these). Priority is given to students enrolled in business and sciences.
Deadline: June 1

Diane Fowler Leblanc Aboriginal Social Work Scholarship - NAAF

Value: The amount of each scholarship is based on the individual needs of each candidate (tuition, course materials, living expenses, daycare, travel) up to a maximum of \$10,000 per year for three or four years, depending on the institution's course requirements.
Eligibility: The scholarship is open to all Aboriginal people, including Métis, Inuit, and Status and Non-Status Indians, interested in studying at the Bachelor of Social Work level at a recognized educational institution in Canada.
Deadline: Unknown

The Alberta Museology Internship - NAAF

Value: Varies.
Two four month internships at the Provincial Museum of Alberta for Aboriginal students pursuing a career in ethnology, natural history or Canadian history.

Arts Scholarship Program - NAAF

Deadline: March 31.
Value: Based on Budget needs. All areas related to the visual, performing, media, graphic and literary arts. Award decision based on merit of project, quality of writing and financial need. Art work samples will need to be sent with application.

Petro Canada Education Awards for Native Students - NAAF

Deadline: June 15
Five education awards of up to \$5,000 are available to native students of Canadian or Inuit ancestry entering or enrolled in post-secondary programs where studies can be applied in an industrial setting in the oil and gas industry. Selection is based on financial need, academic performance and potential, appropriateness of studies to industry, and future aspirations.

Foundation for the Advancement of Aboriginal Youth (FAAY)

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Foundation for the Advancement of Aboriginal Youth (FAAY)

Corporate sponsors who support FAAY will award over \$200,000 in scholarships and bursaries to Aboriginals (Status, Non-Status, Métis and Inuit).
To qualify for a bursary, students must be between the ages of 13 to 18 and be enrolled Grade 9 and up in high school. Students may re-apply each year.
To qualify for a scholarship, students must be enrolled in a Canadian university, college or technical institute. There is no age restriction for post-secondary students.
Scholarships and bursaries are awarded on a national basis and are based on specific criteria, including contributions to the community, academic performance, career goals plus leadership and role model qualities.

Great-West Life "Funding Futures" Scholarship Program - FAAY

Six (6) scholarships of \$2500 each
For Aboriginal students enrolled in business, arts or science programs at a Canadian college, university or technical institute.

Eurest Support Services Worldwide "Achieving Our Common Future" Scholarship and Bursary Program - FAAY

Six (6) scholarships of \$2500 each
For Aboriginal students enrolled in studies for the food service and hospitality at any accredited Canadian college or university.
One (1) bursary of \$750
For a Aboriginal high school students aged 13 to 18 enrolled in Grade 9 and up.

GE Foundation "Bright Futures" Scholarship Program - FAAY

Ten (10) scholarships of \$2500 each
For Aboriginal students enrolled in engineering or business program at a Canadian college, university or technical institute.

TD Bank Financial Group "Aboriginal Youth" Scholarship Program - FAAY

Six (6) scholarships of \$2000 each
For Aboriginal students enrolled in an accredited Canadian college or university.

Davis + Henderson "Aboriginal Youth" Scholarship and Bursary Program - FAAY

Five (5) scholarships of \$2500 each
For Aboriginal students enrolled in a Canadian college, university or technical institute.
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For Aboriginal high school students aged 13 to 18 enrolled in Grade 9 and up.

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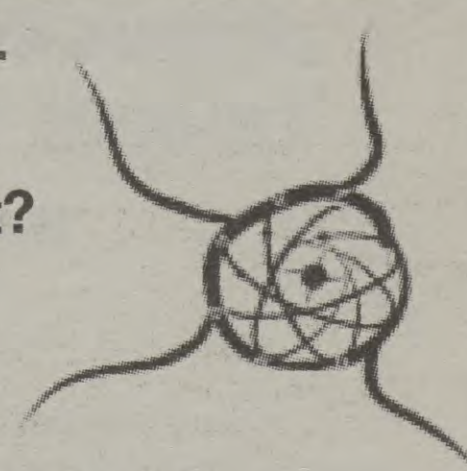
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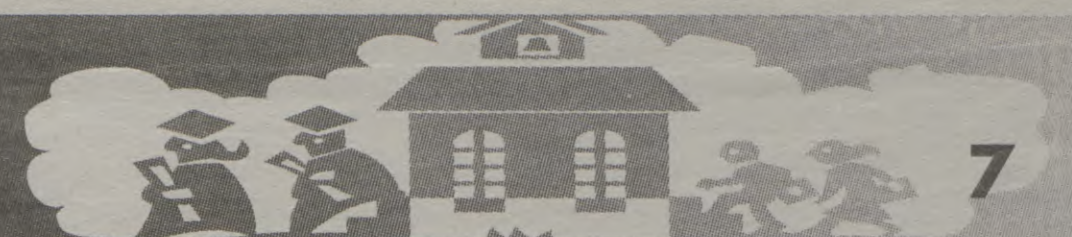
If you are Métis, residing in Alberta, and need financial help to pursue your education or training, a Belcourt Brosseau Métis Award may be able to help. In 2005, 88 Métis students across Alberta received awards between \$1,000 and \$9,000. Funding can help with tuition, books, and other education related costs for programs at Alberta universities, colleges and technical institutes.

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Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada
(306) 966-8678 / MBA@commerce.usask.ca

BMO Financial Group "Canadian Aboriginal Youth" Bursary Program - FAAY
Twenty One (21) bursaries of \$750 each
For Aboriginal high school students aged 13 to 18 and enrolled in Grade 9 and up.

Business Development Bank of Canada "Aboriginal Youth" Scholarship Program - FAAY
Six (6) scholarships of \$2000 each
For Aboriginal youth enrolled in a business or commerce program at a Canadian college or university.

Scotiabank "Futures in Business" Scholarship Program - FAAY
Ten (10) scholarships of \$2500 each
For Aboriginal students enrolled in business or commerce program at a Canadian college or university.

Husky Energy "Fueling the Future" Scholarship and Bursary Program - FAAY
Three (3) scholarships of \$2500 each
Aboriginal students primarily residing in Alberta but not exclusively and are enrolled in a Canadian college, university or technical institute.
Six (6) bursaries of \$750 each
For Aboriginal high school students aged 13 to 18 enrolled in Grade 9 and up.

Hudson's Bay Company "Aboriginal Futures" Scholarship and Bursary Program - FAAY
Four (4) scholarships of \$2500 each
For Aboriginal students enrolled in a Canadian college, university or technical institute.
Eight (8) bursaries of \$750 each
For Aboriginal high school students aged 13 to 18 enrolled in Grade 9 and up.

CHIP Hospitality "Leaders in Tourism" Scholarship Program - FAAY
Six (6) scholarships of \$2000 each
Available to Canadian Aboriginal students enrolled in studies focusing on the hospitality industry at any accredited post-secondary educational institution in Canada.

Atuqtuarvik Corporation "Atii" Scholarship and bursary Program - FAAY
Four (4) scholarships of \$2500 per year for post-secondary students and
Eight (8) bursaries of \$750 per year for secondary students
Directed to students enrolled as beneficiaries under the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement. Scholarship students are to be enrolled in any program of studies at any accredited educational institution in Canada and bursary students are to be enrolled in Nunavut High Schools.

Sodexo "Sodexo's Future Stars" Scholarship Program - FAAY
Six (6) scholarships of \$2000 each
For Aboriginal students enrolled in programs in food services dietetics or hospitality at any accredited post-secondary educational institution in Canada. Among the scholarships, Sodexo will be giving consideration to Canada's North as their Remote Business Segment plays a major role within the organization.
Sodexo, the wholly owned North American subsidiary of Sodexo Alliance, is the leading provider of food and facilities management in the U.S. and Canada, with \$4.7 billion in annual sales. Sodexo offers a variety of innovative outsourcing solutions, including food service, housekeeping, grounds keeping, plant operations and maintenance, asset and materials management, and laundry services to corporations, health care facilities, schools, universities and colleges, and remote sites. With Canadian Headquarters in Burlington, Ontario, the company has 111,000 employees at 5,000 locations across the U.S. and Canada.

Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business (CCAB) "Northern Lights" Bursary Program - FAAY

In appreciation of the role Premier Paul Okalik played in making CCAB's first Circle for 2015 annual gala dinner such a success, we committed a portion of the proceed of the dinner to help Nunavut students. The recipients are chosen in cooperation with the Nunavut Department of Education.
Five (5) bursaries of \$1000 each
For Aboriginal high school students enrolled in Nunavut high schools aged 12 or 18 enrolled in Grade 9 and up.

Closing date for submitting applications is mid October
Results and awards are given mid-December.
Applications are available at www.ccab.com
For further information contact:
FAAY c/o Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business
204A St. George Street
Coach House, Main Floor
Toronto, ON M5R 2N5
Phone: 416-961-8663 ext. 227
Fax: 416-961-3995
E-mail: faayinfo@ccab.com

The Canadian Aboriginal Science and

Technology Society CASTS Scholarship Programs

Deadline June 15

CASTS scholarships are awarded to post-secondary graduate and undergraduate students for leadership and academic achievement. Awards are made possible by individuals who wish to support the advancement of Canadian Aboriginal people. Recipients cannot receive more than one scholarship per year. Students who are members of CASTS will be given first priority, however, all students are encouraged to apply and submit application by June 15 of each year.

*** CASTS Scholarship**

This scholarship is made available to students pursuing academic programs in the sciences, engineering, health-related fields, natural resources and math and science secondary education. Programs of study may be two to four years or longer.

*** Chief Crowfoot Professional Health Careers Scholarship**

Administered for the Deb C. Crowfoot Professional Corporation, this scholarship is made available to four students pursuing professional health careers. The four scholarships are to be awarded in the following manner:

1. must be a member of the Siksika Nation or one of parents must be a Siksika Nation member;
 2. must be a member of Saddle Lake First Nation or one of parents must be a Saddle Lake First Nation member;
 3. must be a member of the Ermineskin, Samson, Louis Bull or Montana First Nations or one of parents must be a member of the four bands;
 4. must be a professional Health Careers student of Canadian Aboriginal Descent.
- Note: Professional health career programs are those that require four or more years of university training.

*** Duval House Communication Careers Scholarship**

This scholarship is offered to students entering fields related to communications such as journalism, graphic design, television and radio arts.

*** Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists Scholarship**

Students pursuing academic programs in the earth sciences are eligible for this scholarship. The program of study must be at least two years in length and the student must have completed the first year of their studies.

CASTS Scholarship Committee

Treaty 7 Tribal Council
310-6940 Fisher Road, S.E.,
Calgary, Alberta T2H 0W3
Phone: (403) 258-1775
Fax: (403) 258-1811
E-mail: casts@mail1.treaty7.org

British Columbia

Aboriginal Graduate Scholarship in Economics - University of Victoria

Application deadlines:

Graduate Students - January 30.

Undergraduate Students - May 30

Terms of Reference: A scholarship of \$1,000 is awarded to an Aboriginal Graduate student entering the Department of Economics. If there is no eligible graduate student then the scholarship will be awarded to an Aboriginal undergraduate student entering the Department of Economics (that is the undergraduate student has declared Economics as their Major, or Honours, programme).

Applications can be requested from the Department in person, by telephone (250) 721-8532 or email: jnixon@uvic.ca.

First Citizens Fund - Student Bursary Program

Objective: To provide financial assistance to eligible Aboriginal students enrolled in post-secondary education programs.

Number: Varies

Value: Maximum \$2,000 per year (Students receiving assistance from their Band or Tribal Council are eligible for a maximum of \$700 per academic year.)

Criteria: Bursaries are available to assist Aboriginal post-secondary students that are normally a resident of BC and are attending a recognized university or college on a full-time basis.

Applicants for the bursary program must be registered in a minimum two-year academic program and must maintain an average of C+ or 2.5 GPA.

Bursary levels are determined by the financial needs of each student but the maximum bursary students can receive is \$2,000 per academic year, and this is paid only after the receipt of official transcripts.

The BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres (BCAFC), under contract with the Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services, currently administers the

Student Bursary Program.
BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres
200 - 506 Fort Street
Victoria, BC V8W 1E6
Phone: 250 388-5522
Fax: 250 388-5502
Toll Free: 1-800-990-2432

£,ni EtiE Tahltan Scholarship

Value: \$300.00

The £,ni EtiE Tahltan Scholarship was established by Louise Framst (Books as a keel' for those who contributed to the Tahltan Cookbook (series) and to acknowledge the collective knowledge of the Tahltan (people) which makes up the heart of this cookbook series).

The scholarship is to go to a student of Tahltan descent who has demonstrated achievement in all areas: academics, athletics, art and citizenship in home and community.

Note: More than one scholarship may be given out in a year.

To qualify, a student must be of Tahltan descent and enrol in a post-secondary program.

Fill out the Stikine Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards Form and attach a document which: (a) Traces Tahltan ancestry (b) Includes an essay of 500 words or less, discussing the meaning of (£,ni EtiE and how it applies to themselves, stressing all-round personal (development). Considerations:

The successful candidate(s) writes a letter of appreciation, indicating personal achievement and a photograph, which will become part of a permanent record.

Send to: Louise Framst,
Box 52, Cecil Lake, BC VOC 1G0.

The successful candidate(s) sends a copy of registration in courses or institution to:

Stikine Scholarship Committee,
School District #87 (Stikine),
Box 190, Dease Lake, BC VOC 1L0
Phone: (250) 771-4440

Chief Joe Mathias BC Aboriginal Scholarship

Eligible applicants are members of a BC First Nation who are in financial need and demonstrate merit with respect to accessing post-secondary education including:

- * Courses of study towards a degree, or a certificate or diploma, at an eligible post-secondary education institution; or
- * Post-graduate studies in an eligible post-secondary educational institution.

Information:

Chief Joe Mathias BC Aboriginal Scholarship
c/o Deloitte ... Touche
P.O. Box 49279, Four Bentall Centre
2100 - 1055 Dunsmuir Street
Vancouver, BC V7X 1P4

Coast Ferries (1937 - 1997) Scholarship - Vancouver Community College.

Value: One award \$1,500 annually credit toward tuition fees.

Eligibility: Available to students in the outer Mid-Coast communities of Bella Bella (Waglisia), Klemtu, Shearwater, Ocean Falls, Rivers Inlet/Oweekeno, Dawson's Landing (Rivers Inlet) and Kingcome Inlet.

Not available to students who permanently reside in Bella Coola. Must have supporting letter from their local First Nations Council and/or School District #49. Selection to be made

by VCC

Application:
To the Dean of Student Service
Vancouver Community College
250 West Pender Street
Vancouver, British Columbia V6B 1S9

Information:

Development Officer
Vancouver Community College Foundation
1155 East Broadway
PO Box 24620 Stn. "F"
Vancouver, British Columbia V5N 5T9
Phone: (604) 871-7148

Hughes Aircraft of Canada Native / Indian Scholarship - Simon Fraser University

To a Native undergraduate student at Simon Fraser University.

Value: One award of \$750

Eligibility: Native undergraduate student. High academic standing. Preference given to students majoring in: Engineering science; Computing science; Mathematics; Physics (. Business administration. Full-time student at Simon Fraser University.

Deadline: The end of the second week of classes in a given semester.

Information:

Financial Assistance
3017 Academic Quadrangle
Simon Fraser University
Burnaby, British Columbia V5A 1S6
Phone: (604) 291-3892
Fax: (604)291-4722

Raytheon System's Canada Ltd. Scholarship for Native Students - Simon Fraser University

One award valued at \$750

A Native undergraduate student with high academic standing at Simon Fraser University. Preference will be given to students majoring in Engineering Science, Computing Science, Mathematics, Physics or Business Administration.

Apply to:
Simon Fraser University,
Student Services and Registrar
Burnaby, British Columbia
Tel: (604) 291-4356

Robert Allison Bursary for Non-Status Indians - Okanagan University College

Description: Enables deserving students to begin or continue attendance at Okanagan University College.

Value: The annual income from a bequest may be divided or awarded to a single applicant at the discretion of the selection committee. (Eligibility: Native descent Applicant's circumstances make it necessary to be self-supporting. Available to students at any College Centre.

Duration: N/A.

Deadline: May 31 of each year

Information: Financial Awards Office
Okanagan University College
1000 K.L.O. Road
Kelowna, British Columbia V1Y 4X8
Phone: (250) 862-5419
Fax: (250) 862-5466

Vicki Hitchen Memorial Scholarship - Okanagan University College

If you are a member of the Adams Lake Indian

Band, Neskonlith Indian Band, Little Shuswap Indian Band, Spallumcheen Indian Band or Okanagan Indian Band and if you are planning to continue University or College education next year, you may wish to apply for the Vicki Hitchen Memorial Scholarship.

This is a \$1,000 scholarship* available to an Aboriginal Canadian currently attending OUC. Applications are available from the Financial Awards Office, or at any OUC campus office. *Amount may vary slightly depending upon interest actually earned by the endowment fund.

Information:

Financial Awards Office
Okanagan University College
1000 K.L.O. Road
Kelowna, British Columbia V1Y 4X8
Phone: (250) 862-5419
Fax: (250) 862-5466

Interior Aboriginal Endowment Fund Award - Okanagan University College

The Interior Aboriginal Endowment Fund Award has been established by the (Interior Aboriginal Business Services Society to provide annual awards for Aboriginal students. Recipients will be permanent residents of B.C. and will be enrolled full-time in any year of a degree, diploma or certificate program at any centre of OUC. Selection of the award recipient will be based on a combination of academic achievement and financial need, with emphasis on financial need.

Information:

Financial Awards Office
Okanagan University College
1000 K.L.O. Road
Kelowna, British Columbia V1Y 4X8
Phone: (250) 862-5419
Fax: (250) 862-5466

McCarthy Tetrault Annual Scholarship - UNBC

One (1) valued at \$750 (Available to full-time First Nations student enrolled in Northern Advancement Program. Recipient must be resident of northern British Columbia as defined by UNBC Act.

For information on all UNBC Scholarships please contact:
Linda Roa, UNBC Financial Aid Office
3333 University Way,
Prince George, BC V2N 4Z9

Bank of Montreal Aboriginal Scholarship - UNBC

One (1) valued at \$1,500 (Available to full-time First Nations student enrolled in Northern Advancement Program. Recipient must be resident of northern British Columbia as defined by UNBC Act. (Must have completed at least 60 credit hours towards Bachelor of Commerce degree.

For information on all UNBC Scholarships please contact:
UNBC Financial Aid Office
3333 University Way,
Prince George, BC V2N 4Z9

Canfor Corporation Scholarships - UNBC

Three(3) valued at \$3,000 (Must have completed at least 60 credit hours towards Natural Resources and Environmental Studies program. Preference to dependent relatives of Canfor employees or to First Nations students.

For information on all UNBC Scholarships please contact:

UNBC Financial Aid Office
3333 University Way,
Prince George, BC V2N 4Z9

BC Hydro Aboriginal Scholarship Program

To encourage and financially assist Aboriginal people to pursue post-secondary education in disciplines relevant to BC Hydro and, where possible, to provide recipients with work experience.

Value: Eight scholarships of \$1,000 each.

Eligibility: Status Indian, Non-Status Indian, Inuit or Métis. Has successfully completed the first year of a full time post-secondary program in a discipline relevant to a broad range of BC Hydro careers.

Good academic standing (preferably 75% grade point average) in addition to good written communications skills. (Balanced lifestyle (i.e., fitness, community involvement, hobbies and interests). (Supported by a British Columbia First Nation or Native organization.

Deadline: Mid-January

Information:

Outreach Programs

BC Hydro

16th Floor, 333 Dunsmuir St.
Vancouver, B.C. V6B 5R3
Phone: (604) 623-3994
Fax: (604) 623-3614

Mungo Martin Memorial Awards - British Columbia

To assist people of Native descent to further their education, vocational training, skills and competence. These awards are not only open to those who wish to further their general education and skills, but are available to those who seek to do creative work to further the artistic heritage of the Native peoples in their paintings, carving, music, dance, folklore or language. (Value: Normally from \$100 to \$500.†(Number of awards and award amounts depend on the funds available. (Eligibility: Aboriginal ancestry. (Living in British Columbia at the time of application. (Preference will be given to young people. (Must be a student at an accredited university or college. (Must complete application form, provide two references and supply an official copy of transcripts.

Duration: Recipients may apply for further award in a subsequent year.

Deadline: May be received at any time for consideration at periodic meetings of the Board.

Information: Lucy Galloway
P.O. Box 883

Qualicum Beach, British Columbia V9K 1T2
Phone: (250) 752-8785
Fax: (250) 752-3076

Weyerhaeuser Canada BC Division Education Awards

Value: Two awards valued at \$2000 each.

Eligibility: Aboriginals, women, visible minorities persons with disabilities. Enrolled in University program relevant to a career at Weyerhaeuser.

Deadline: June 30

Diversity Education Awards Program
Weyerhaeuser Canada Ltd.
P.O. Box 800
Kamloops, BC V2C 5M7

ALBERTA

Alberta Apprenticeship Scholarship Program
Number: 165
Value: \$1000

Alberta industry is in desperate need of skilled tradespeople.

Funding for the Scholarship program was raised through an industry and (government fund-matching campaign. Industry, with support from the Alberta (Apprenticeship and Industry Training (AIT) Board, raised a grand total of (\$1.3 million and Alberta Learning committed to match the double of (industry's contributions up to \$1 million.

The first Alberta Apprentice Scholarships will be awarded in Fall 2002. (Complete criteria and applications will be available later this spring at (www.tradesecrets.org and at local Alberta Apprenticeship Industry Training (offices.

Information:

Fairview College
Financial Services Department
Toll free 1-888-999-7882, ext.654
E-mail: sbough@fairviewcollege.com

The Belcourt Brosseau Metis Awards

If you are a Metis residing in Alberta and need financial help to pursue your education or upgrade your skills, a Belcourt Brosseau MÈtis Award can help you take the next step. It will give you the opportunity to continue your education by covering a portion of your tuition costs.

Deadline: May 15 of each year.

We are now accepting applications throughout the year from students entering the trades. Applicants are advised to apply early.

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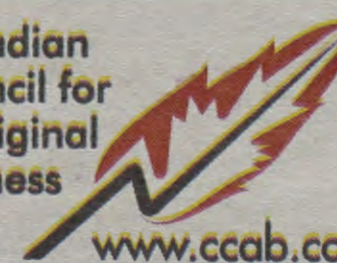
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More gaming money to flow to First Nations

By LAURA STEVENS
Birchbark Writer

TORONTO

First Nations across Ontario will be seeing more money flowing into their coffers in the future, thanks to an agreement on the sharing of gaming revenues signed with the provincial government.

On March 29, the Ontario First Nations Limited Partnership (OFNLP) and Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty signed a First Nations Gaming and Revenue Sharing Agreement-in-Principle (AIP), which sets the stage for development of formal business agreements between the province and First Nation members of the OFNLP, an organization created in 2000 to distribute revenue from Casino Rama to First Nations in Ontario and to represent First Nations in dealings concerning the casino. It's expected those agreements will be ratified by the end of the year.

Currently the only provincial gaming money that goes directly to Ontario First Nations comes from Casino Rama, located on reserve land of the Chippewas of Mmijikaning First Nation. Under the new agreement, that arrangement will remain in place until 2011, when the current Casino Rama Revenue Agreement expires. Until then, the province will top up the gaming revenue received by First Nations to a tune of \$155 million over the next five years. In 2011 the Casino Rama agreement will be replaced by an arrangement that will see Ontario First Nations sharing 1.6 per cent of the total gross revenue from all provincial gaming.

Once the formal business agreements are in place the OFNLP will put an end to its lawsuit against the province aimed at recovering the 20 per cent of Casino Rama revenues Ontario has been collecting since the casino opened its doors in 1996. The organization has been fighting the province's collection of the WinTax since 1998.

"This is a significant step forward," Ontario Regional Chief Angus Toulouse said of the agreement. "First Nations will view this as a measure by the provincial government to

recognize First Nations rights to benefits from a major revenue source. Indeed, sharing is an important principle of the relationship, as is negotiation versus litigation."

Negotiations that lead to the agreement in principle began in January 2005, with former Ontario premier David Peterson tagged as the lead negotiator for the province.

Peterson said that, given the scope and complexity of the issues to be resolved, the negotiations were concluded quite quickly.

"Some of these negotiations drag on forever," said Peterson. "We moved it along very quickly because people wanted to solve this. People were well motivated. There's some really smart people doing this and they didn't fool around."

Peterson was referring to the OFNLP negotiating team—Gord Peters, Joe Miskokomon, Linda Commandant, Don Morrison, Mike Mitchell, Ernest Sutherland and George Kakeway.

"The leadership of the First Nations were fabulous and they're tough and they got a really good deal for their community," Peterson said.

"It's a beginning of a brand new relationship. The First Nations are now going to participate in all gambling revenue. It's going to be a lot of money flowing into the various bands and communities and it's already started. We've already written one cheque for \$30 million, which is distributed to all of the communities," he said. "It's a long term foundation of stable funding for communities."

"Our government is committed to building opportunity and this agreement-in-principle is an important step forward in meeting the needs of First Nations communities. It provides the foundation for a stronger partnership with First Nations as we work together to invest in their communities in a number of areas such as the education, skills and health of First Nations peoples," said McGuinty. "The increased revenue will allow First Nations to make key investments to build a brighter future for their communities and a stronger Ontario for all."



SUSAN MAGILL

A group of young people from the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan community learned how to create their own hand drums during a workshop held at the Makwa Community Centre on March 11 and 12 as part of the community's after school program. Pictured, eight-year-old Katrina Knox sorks on a drum while teacher Suzanne Lemke puts the finishing touches on a drum stick.

Community says goodbye to Suzanne Rochon-Burnett

Suzanne Rochon-Burnett, a Metis broadcaster and businesswoman who's passion for her work and her people earned her both awards and respect, died in Welland on April 2 at the age of 71.

Rochon-Burnett was born on March 10, 1935 in Ste. Adele near Montreal. She began her broadcast career in Quebec as host and producer of a daily women's radio program, then expanded into print journalism. She eventually moved to Ontario where she developed the popular radio program *Chanson a la Francaise* and also worked for the CBC. In 1997 she became the first Aboriginal woman to be granted an FM radio broadcasting license by the Canadian Radio-television and

Telecommunications Commission.

Rochon-Burnett was the founding vice-chair of the Metis Nation of Ontario and was president and founder of Kakekalanicks Inc. a Native art consulting firm that helped launch the careers of many Aboriginal artists. She sat on the boards of a number of organizations including TV Ontario, the Ontario Arts Council and the Canadian Council of the Arts.

In 1987 Rochon-Burnett was presented with an eagle feather in recognition of her efforts to save a totem pole carved by Squamish carver Chief Mathias Joe and in 2001 she received a Meritorious Service Award in recognition of her contributions

to Native Friendship Centres in Ontario. In 2002 she was inducted into the Order of Canada and received an honorary doctorate of letters from Brock University.

In 2004 she received that National Aboriginal Achievement Award in the media and communications category.

Rochon-Burnett was named to the Order of Ontario, received the Governor General's Medal, the YWCA's Women of Distinction Award and the Royal Bank Initiative of the Year Award.

Earlier this year she became the first woman inducted into the Aboriginal Business Hall of Fame by the Canadian Council of Aboriginal Business.

Waddilove named NAHO national role model

Jodie-Lynn Waddilove from the Munsee-Delaware Nation has been selected as one of 12 National Aboriginal Health Organization (NAHO) national Aboriginal role models for 2006.

Waddilove, 29, is an Anishnabe (Ojibway) and Lenni Lenape (Delaware) lawyer who has worked with a number of legal and political organizations including the RCMP, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Environment Canada, the

London Police Service and the Parliament of Canada. Most recently she has served as assistant commission counsel on the Ipperwash inquiry looking into the events surrounding the death of Dudley George in the provincial park during a 1995 protest.

Her academic achievements, community involvement and leadership abilities earned Waddilove a number of awards during her time as a student. She

was recipient of the Indigenous Bar Association's first Ronald Peigan Scholarship, the Harvey Bell Q.C. Memorial Scholarship, Casino Rama's Awards for Excellence scholarship, the Sam Odjick Scholarship, Butterworth's Law Prize and a scholarship from the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation.

A jingle dress dancer who has been dancing since she was two, Waddilove honors and values

her First Nation culture. By her example she encourages Aboriginal youth to pursue their educational goals, to make good life decisions and to be proud of their culture.

Waddilove and the other 11 NAHO role models were announced and honored during a gala held in Ottawa on March 20. Throughout the year the role models will travel across the country to share their stories with other Aboriginal youth.



Jodie-Lynn Waddilove

More money to go to First Nation libraries

Libraries in First Nation, northern, rural and Francophone communities will be getting a share of \$15 million in new funding to help them promote literacy and lifelong learning among the people they serve.

Public and First Nations libraries in northern Ontario will get \$1 million of the funding to improve the services they provide. Public libraries serving communities with populations of less than 20,000 will also benefit from the funding, announced by Ontario Minister of Culture Caroline Di Cocco on April 7. Each of these libraries is scheduled to receive a one-time payment of \$10,500. With close to 550 libraries in this category, the payments will add up to almost \$6 million.

Another \$8 million of the funding will go to the Ontario

Digital Library to help it provide digital information to public, school, college and university libraries across the province. The Federation of Ontario Public Libraries will also receive funding from the province—\$200,000 to be used to conduct research and market the literacy achievements of Ontario's libraries.

"First Nations libraries provide a culturally-sensitive learning environment that respects Aboriginal languages and traditions," said David Ramsey, minister responsible for Aboriginal Affairs. "The new library initiatives—whether it's support for family literacy or better access to Internet resources—will make a huge difference in the quality of life in Ontario's First Nations communities."



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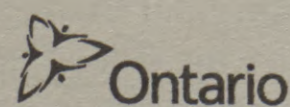
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Tabobondung receives U of T President's Award

By LAURA STEVENS
Birchbark Writer

TORONTO

A sense of pride washed over Rebeka Tabobondung as she accepted one of this year's President's Award for Outstanding Native Students of the Year during ceremonies at the First Nations House (FNH) at the University of Toronto in early March.

"I feel very honored to get this award and very thankful," said 30-year old Tabobondung, a member of the Wausauksing First Nation of Parry Island.

Tabobondung is currently on maternity leave from her studies at the university, caring for her son who was born in October 2005, but in September she plans to return to the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education of the University of Toronto where she is enrolled in sociology and equity studies.

Recipients of the President's Award for Outstanding Native

Students of the Year are selected on the basis of their academic achievement and previous or intended future contributions to the Native community.

Tabobondung's community involvement has consisted of a number of leadership and voluntarily roles. She's the coordinator of the U of T's women's centre and is a past president of the Native Students' Association. Tabobondung was also one of the co-founders of the Coalition in Support of Indigenous Sovereignty, an organization established in 2004 to create a better understanding of what Indigenous sovereignty means to First Nations and to support efforts to achieve it.

"I think balancing school and community work is hard but it definitely is worthwhile," Tabobondung said.

One of the most rewarding and possibly the most challenging voluntary projects Tabobondung has taken on in

her time at the university was helping to plan the first powwow held at the university in 2001. "To have it come full circle and see the community dancing and brought together in celebration at U of T in that space is really rewarding," she said.

Tabobondung is also making a name for herself as a filmmaker. She has co-directed and produced a documentary called *Original Summit: Journey to the Sacred Uprising*, which was screened at the ImagineNATIVE Film and Media Arts Festival in Toronto. The film looks at Indigenous people and globalization, focusing on the Free Trade Area of the Americas summit held in Quebec City in April 2001.

"This documentary shows that globalization is in fact not a new phenomenon and it is a continuation of colonization," Tabobondung said. She wants people within the anti-globalization movement to look

deeper and to see that the globalization taking place has a large history and that Indigenous people have a lot of experience to offer in terms of resisting it, "because we've been resisting it for the last 500 years."

Tabobondung said she definitely plans to continue with film-making. "I see it as a form of contemporary storytelling and I want to document our stories to share them using our own language."

Along with David Shillington and Adrian Kahgee from Maaiingan Productions—a collective of Aboriginal artists, designers and researchers working in the media arts cofounded by Tabobondung and Kahgee in 2001—Tabobondung is working on a short dramatic production tentatively called *The Fourth Shadow*. The film hasn't gone into production yet because work has just been completed on the research and writing stage but Tabobondung

said it will be out in the near future.

"It's kind of a horror movie. It is the story of Sasquatch from an Indigenous perspective," she said.

Tabobondung praised the FNH at the U of T for the support and services it provides to Aboriginal students.

Since 1992, FNH has offered a number of cultural services and programs to students, including academic counselling, an Elder-in-residence program, bursaries and scholarships, and cultural events.

"I think that it's very powerful that the First Nations House exists for students because without the support of the people at the FNH, I think my experience at U of T would've been very different," she said.

Tabobondung also gives thanks to her community. "Without their support I wouldn't have had the chance to go to university."

Award provides opportunities for archeology student

By CHERYL PETTEN
Birchbark Writer

TORONTO

Michael White was "ecstatic" when he found out he would be one of this year's recipients of the University of Toronto President's Award for Outstanding Native Students of the Year, handed out each year to two Aboriginal students who have demonstrated excellence through their academic achievements and contributions to the Aboriginal community.

The honor came with a monetary award that the U of T archeology student put to good use—it allowed him to accept a 10-week internship at the Smithsonian Institute's National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C.

"It was really good," White

said of the experience. "The one place where the Americans have really got us beat is awareness of cultural affiliation and integration of Indigenous cultures and the archeological record, anthropology and museum studies ... There's really a spirit of partnership down there."

While that same approach may be missing on this side of the border, White is hoping to be part of the movement that changes that situation.

"Within our own traditional communities there's a well-deserved mistrust of anthropological research. This is the interplay with anthropologists and Indians—they show up, do their research and leave and don't really leave any viable mark on the communities in which they

study. There's a huge economic disparity between reserve life and the lives of these people that are studying us and that's got to change. So I saw an opportunity for myself to sort of help that process along, getting a clear place for our voice," he said.

"Who controls the past controls the future. Who controls the present controls the past," he said, quoting from George Orwell's *1984*. "I really think that has a lot to do with us because our past has been controlled through Indian Affairs, through residential schools, and now through the marketing of the past through anthropology and historians and museums," he said.

What he'd like to see is to see more of the past controlled by Aboriginal people, he said, "Having our own museums and

representing our own past instead of having a white middle class male presenting our histories for us. Because their ideologies will pervade the versions of history that they tell."

White is set to complete his masters degree in September 2007, then he expects he'll either begin working toward earning his PhD, or will try to find employment in some aspect of archeology. As an Aboriginal archeologist, he sees a number of possible avenues open to him.

"There's a lot of places it can go," he said. "It's really an emerging field, Indigenous perspectives in archeology."

One of the options he's considering is starting up his own cultural resource management firm, focusing on protection and management of

Aboriginal cultural resources. And he'd like to give local Aboriginal youth a chance to work on archeological projects taking place in their communities.

"It gives them a sense of history that we haven't really embraced in the past," he said. "From my experience, I don't really see that historical pride ... looking at archeological evidence and embracing that as our own."

White was quick to share the credit for his success at the U of T with First Nations House, a gathering place for Aboriginal students at the university that houses the Office of Aboriginal Student Services and the Native Students' Association.

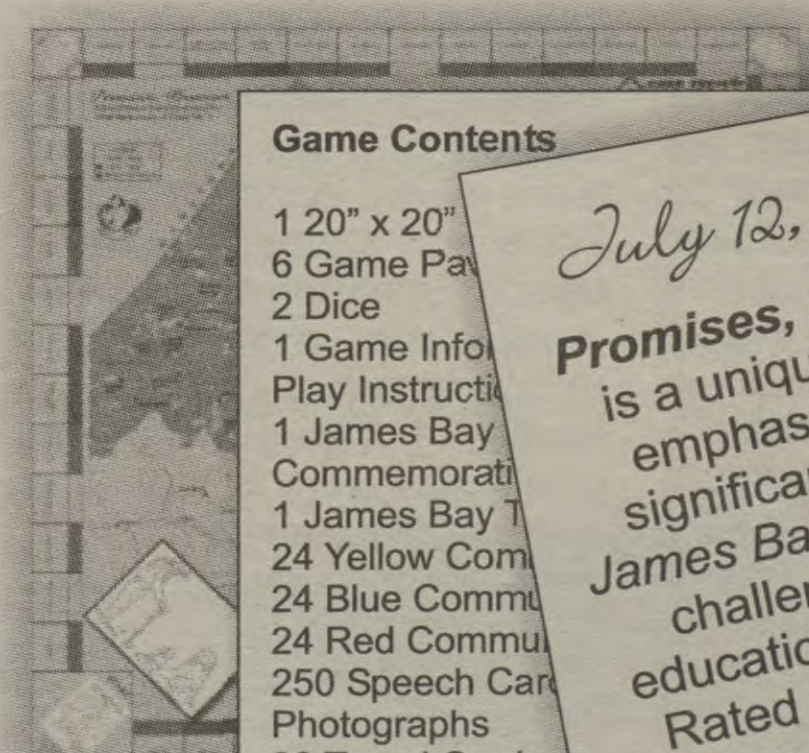
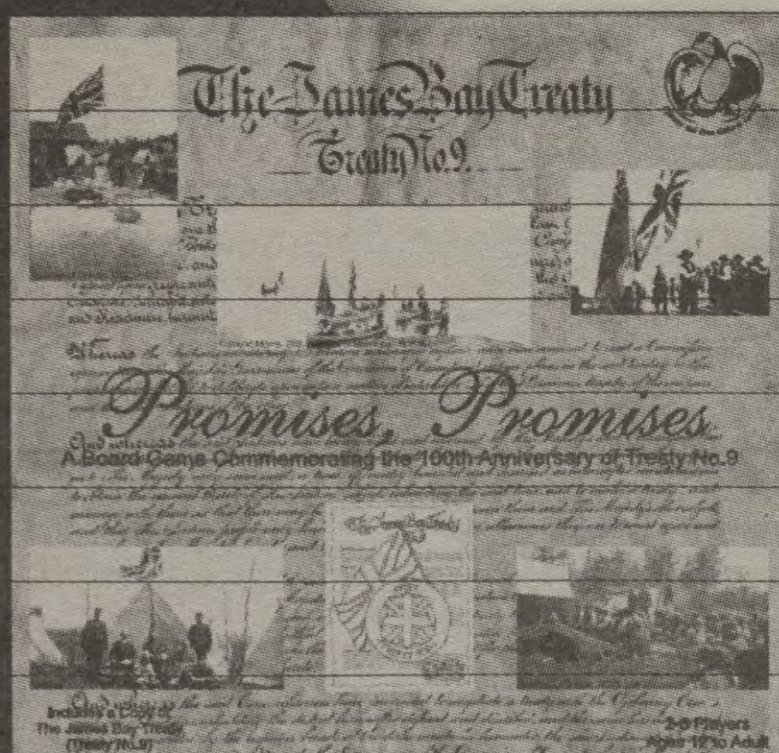
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Since it first opened its doors in 1996, Casino Rama has been working to give back to the Aboriginal community. Through its Community Wellness Program, the organization has sponsored numerous community-based projects, from First Nations language projects to powwows to women's shelters. Each year, between 300 and 500 community groups from across the region benefit from the program.

For the past eight years, a portion of the money allocated by Casino Rama to its Community Wellness Program has gone to support Aboriginal post-secondary students through the Casino Rama Awards for Excellence. Twenty-three students from across Ontario were selected to receive Awards for Excellence this year, with a total of \$50,000 in award money given out.

"Casino Rama's Awards for Excellence program was established to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of Ontario First Nations students enrolled in post-secondary studies," said Sherry Lawson, Director of Corporate Affairs and Public Relations for Casino Rama. "There are many First Nations students studying in colleges and universities who do not have enough financial support. As a business leader in First Nations communities, Casino Rama wanted to be a small part of helping some of those students graduate."

In order to be considered for a Casino Rama Award for Excellence, a student must be a permanent resident of Ontario and must be enrolled full-time in at least their second year of studies in a program at an accredited college or university. They must also have outstanding post-secondary marks and must have demonstrated their involvement in the community.

"We are looking for volunteerism, for work that is done by the students to improve the lives of their communities—everything from educational or sporting events organizational work to working as a dog walker at the local animal shelter to being a helper to the visiting Elders at the local

friendship centre to being a powwow dancer to running women's circles to helping with monthly birthday parties for the disabled," Lawson said.

"What we are looking for are the 'best of the best.' Even though there are all these hurdles, how do these applicants not just survive, but thrive? How are they able to

disabilities. She also writes for community newspapers and is currently researching the Algonquin land claim and self-government process.

Gehl was one of six graduate students selected to receive Awards for Excellence in the amount of \$3,500. Other recipients were Christy Bressette, a member of the

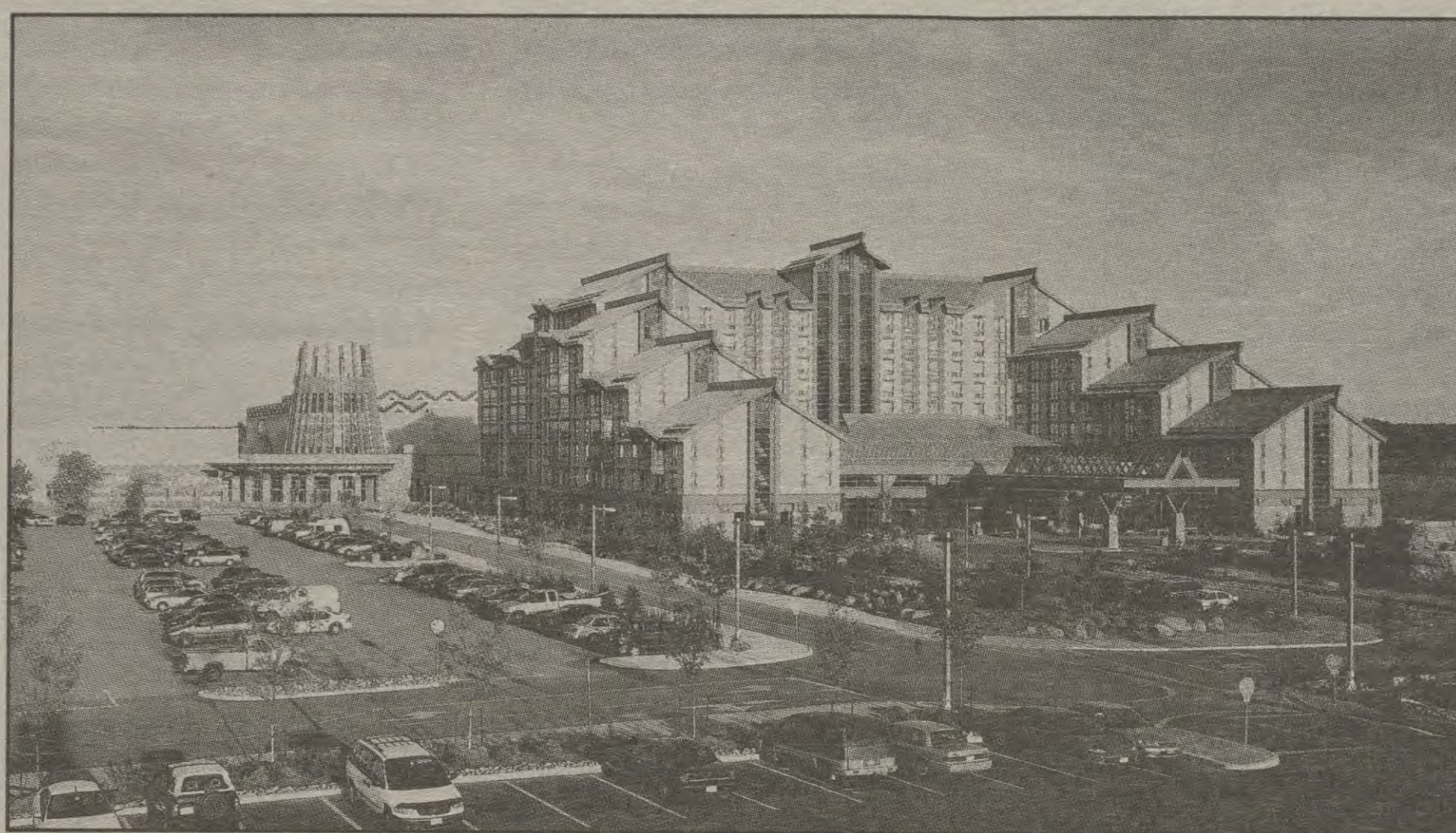
Nation enrolled in the Aboriginal education program at the University of Toronto.

An additional six graduate students were selected to receive Awards for Excellence of \$2,500 each—Kathleen Chevalier, a Metis student in the law program at the University of Windsor; Deborah Danard, a member of Rainy River First

member of Lower Mohawk who is studying law at the University of Ottawa.

Awards of \$1,500 each were given out to six undergraduate students—Cheryllee Bourgeois, a Metis student studying midwifery at Ryerson University; Todd Fox, a member of Wikwemikong who is in the policing program at Algonquin College; Garry Gustafson, a member of Whitesand First Nation who is in the human resources/business administration program at Confederation College; Tammy Sault, a member of the Mississaugas of the New Credit who is in the bachelor of education program at York University; Juanita Star, a member of Pic River who is in the public relations program at Cambrian College; and Kayla Wilkins, a Metis student in the biology program at York University.

Another five undergraduate students were chosen to receive awards of \$1,000 each—Keesic Douglas, a member of the Chippewas of Mnjikaning who is in the photography studies program at the Ontario College of Art and Design; Blake Eshkakogan, a member of Sagamok Anishnawbek, who is in the second year of the heavy equipment program at Sault College; Kathleen Imbert, a member of Wikwemikong who is in the Native studies program at Laurentian University; Melissa Rogers, a member of M'Chigeeng First Nation who is in the Native community and social development program at Georgian College; and Donna Simpson, from Serpent River First Nation, who is in the Native human services program at Laurentian University.



Casino Rama, Ontario's only commercial First Nations gaming facility, is supporting the Aboriginal leaders of tomorrow through its Awards for Excellence scholarship program

juggle education, family, community and other commitments and still have outstanding marks and find a way to volunteer in whatever way will improve their community?" she said.

"These students rise above the rest. They are truly the ones we will read about in the future."

One of this year's "best of the best" is Lynn Gehl, who is in her second year of the Indigenous Studies PhD program at Trent University and who received an award of \$3,500. This is the third time Gehl has been chosen to be an Awards for Excellence recipient. She received her first award as an undergraduate student and was selected again at the masters level.

The primary reason Gehl applied to Casino Rama's awards program was a financial one, she said.

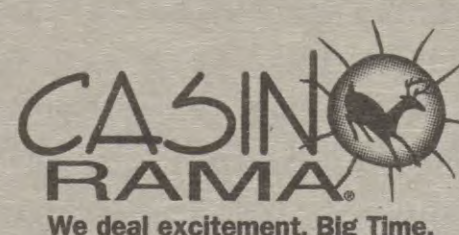
"And I also like the idea that Indigenous organizations are supporting me," Gehl said. "Because then they're interested in who I am as a scholar and they'll be interested in what work I've produced. And it's validating and affirming in terms of my identity because I'm a non-status Algonquin person. So having Aboriginal or Indigenous organizations recognize the work I've done in terms of my grades and community work is validating and affirming, much more so than if it was a non-Indigenous organization."

That community work has included a Charter challenge she launched two decades ago regarding the continued discrimination against Aboriginal women in the Indian Act.

Gehl, who herself has a visual disability, also works to raise awareness about Aboriginal people and

Kettle and Stoney Point First Nation who is studying for her PhD in education at the University of Western Ontario; Louis Hill, a member of Batchewana First Nation who is studying for his PhD in social work at Wilfrid Laurier University; William Kingfisher, a member of the Chippewas of Mnjikaning who is completing his PhD in Indigenous studies at Trent University; Stephen Pizzale, who is studying medicine at the University of Ottawa; and Renee Shilling, a member of Rainy River First

Nation who is in the University of Toronto's PhD program in Aboriginal and Indigenous studies in education; Brent Debassige, a member of M'Chigeeng First Nation who is studying for his PhD in education at York University; Christine Goulais from Nipissing First Nation who is studying for her masters in social work at the University of Toronto; Gail Lafleur of Nipissing First Nation who is completing her PhD in education at Brock University; and Scott Robertson, a



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Background: These scholarships were named in memory of Jason Lang, a 17 year old high school student who was killed in a school shooting. They are designed to reward the outstanding academic achievement of Alberta post-secondary students who are continuing into their second year of an undergraduate program.

Eligibility: Nominees must be residents of Alberta who continuing in the second year of a full-time program. Students must be attending an Alberta institution.

They also must have completed one year of an undergraduate post-secondary program that is at least two years in length.

The nominee must have been enrolled in at least 80 per cent of a full course load in their first year (and have earned a grade point average of at least 80 per cent.

Selection: Students will be nominated by the Awards Office of the Alberta institution where they completed their first year. The nominee must take at least 60 per cent of a full course load in their second year of the same program. Students are not allowed to receive the Jason Lang Scholarship and the Louise McKinney Scholarship for the same period of study. Post-secondary institutions may establish additional requirements for their nominees.

Award: Scholarships are valued at \$1,000 each.

Deadline is August 1.

Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund (AHSF)
9th Floor, 9940-106 Street
Box 28000 Station Main
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 4R4
Phone (780) 427-8640
In Alberta, but outside Edmonton
dial 310-0000

AlPac Aboriginal Education Partnership Program

Award: Varies. A strong mentorship is an integral part of the program.

Deadline: May 30.

Eligibility: Aboriginal person residing in Alberta-Pacific Forest Management Area for at least one year pursuing post-secondary studies leading to a recognized degree certificate or diploma. Must possess suitable attitude and be willing to participate in a partnership.

Contact 1-800-661-5210

Theodore R. Campbell Scholarship

Deadline is June 1.

This scholarship was created to reward the accomplishments of an aboriginal student from Blue Quills First Nations College. The scholarship was established by the family of Ted R. Campbell through the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund Endowment Program.

Eligibility:

Applicants must be Alberta residents who have completed the first year of an Education degree (university transfer) at Blue Quills First Nations College. Applicants must have completed a minimum of 24 credits with passing marks in all courses. The applicant must be continuing in the Education program.

Selection: Blue Quills will determine the qualifying applicant based on their 1st year grade point average.

Award: Each year 1 scholarship of \$1,500 will be awarded.

Application forms are available from the Research and Planning Office at Blue Quills College

OR

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Box 28000 Station Main
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 4R4
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Robert C. Carson Memorial Bursary

Deadline: Students should contact the financial aid office of their institution.

Value: \$500

Number Available: Five

Eligibility: Awarded to Aboriginal students without sponsorship enrolled full-time in their second year of the Law Enforcement, Criminal Justice Diploma or Faculty of Law programs at Lethbridge Community College, Mount Royal College, Grant MacEwan Community College, University of Calgary or University of Alberta. Applicants must have been a resident of Alberta for a minimum for three years prior to applying. **Application forms are available from the institution's Student Awards Office.**

Sylvia Schulze Memorial Bursary for Alex Taylor School

Offered through Grant MacEwan Community College, Edmonton to female student who attended Alex Taylor School in central Edmonton, with priority given to an Aboriginal student.

For more information contact:

Executive Director

Grant MacEwan Community College Foundation
Edmonton, Alberta
Phone: (780) 497-5545

TransCanada Aboriginal Awards Program

TransCanada's Aboriginal Awards Program is designed to encourage and assist Aboriginal people (status and non-status Indians, Metis and Inuit) to obtain undergraduate post-secondary education.

Closing Date: May 15

Value: Annually, seven (7) college awards of \$3,500 each per year for students attending certain Alberta colleges.

Eligibility: Aboriginal ancestry; provide proof of acceptance into one of seven colleges listed; maintain full course load in chosen program; possess promising academic qualifications; require financial support.

Eligible Schools:

Grande Prairie Regional College; Grant MacEwan Community College; Lakeland College; Mount Royal College; Northern Alberta Institute of Technology; Olds College; Southern Alberta Institute of Technology.

For more information contact:

College Awards:

Human Resources,

TransCanada

450 - 1st Street, S.W.

Box 1000, Station M

Calgary, Alberta T2P 5H1

Phone: (403) 920-2894

Fax: (403) 920-2370

TransCanada will continue to support students on a national basis through its partnership with the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation

For information and application:

National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation

Suite 33A, 70 Yorkville Avenue

Toronto, Ontario M5R 1B9

Toll free: 1-800-329-9780

Phone: (416) 926-0775

Fax: (416) 926-7554

NAIT Aboriginal Student Club

Value: \$800

Number: 1

Eligibility: Available to students of Aboriginal Heritage who are enrolled in the second year

of the Forest Technology program. (Conditions: Awarded on the basis of academic achievement.

Applications: Apply on the NAIT application for scholarships AFTER August 1

Deadline: September 30th

Office of the Registrar

Student Awards and Financial Aid

The Northern Alberta Institute of Technology

Suite 1000, 11762-106 Street N.W.

Edmonton, Alberta T5G 3H1

Synchrude Aboriginal and Women Education Awards Program

Deadline: June 30 (Two awards of \$2000.00 each for Aboriginal people attending post secondary educational institutions in programs related to the oil sands industry (i.e. engineering, computer science, technologists etc.)

Two awards of \$2000.00 each for Aboriginal people attending post secondary educational institutions pursuing studies in the Finance/Accounting/Business disciplines.

Two awards of \$2000.00 each for women attending post secondary institutions pursuing a degree in Science & Technology.

Eligibility: Aboriginal peoples (Indian, Inuit ... Metis) (Women pursuing studies in science ... technology

You must: have lived in Alberta for at least one year immediately prior to applying for the award, or formerly long-term residents; meet the academic requirements for the program of study; maintain a full course work load leading to a recognized degree or diploma; provide proof of acceptance into accredited colleges or universities within Canada (must be provided before awards are received)

A selection committee, comprised of Synchrude employees and community members will evaluate applications and its decision will be final. Criteria to be used in selecting award recipients are: financial need, academic performance and potential, and appropriateness of the discipline of studies to Synchrude.

Synchrude Canada Ltd. will notify all applicants, in writing, of the results no later than mid-August.

How to apply: (Application forms are available from the address listed below. Please send your completed application form along with the required transcripts and proof of acceptance to the address outlined below.† (Please note that if proof of acceptance and/or transcripts are not available at that time, then it must be produced prior to receiving the award.

For further information regarding this award program contact Lana Agecutay at Phone: (780) 790-6356

E-mail: agecutay.lana@synchrude.com

Synchrude Aboriginal/Women

Education Awards Program

P.O. Bag 4023, M.D. 1200,

Fort McMurray, Alberta T9H 3L5

Northern Alberta Development Council

Deadline: May 15

Are you interested in living and working in northern Alberta? If so, consider applying for one of the 125 NADC Bursaries offered each year to Alberta students. Bursaries are offered to students in a wide range of programs including education, technical programs, health, business and social services. Bursaries are valued at \$3,000. Upon graduation, recipients live and work for one year within the Northern Alberta Development Council boundary. Applicants must be Alberta residents based on Students Finance regulations. Applicants must also be within two years of completing their program. Students receive a maximum of two bursaries.

Northern Alberta Development Council Postal Bag 900-14

Peace River, Alberta T8S 1T4

780-624-6545

Toll-free first dial 310-0000

Email: nadc.bursary@gov.ab.ca

Alberta Scholarship Programs

9th Floor, 9940 - 106 Street

Edmonton, Alberta T5J 4R4

(780) 427-8640

Toll free first dial 310-0000

Email: scholarships@gov.ab.ca

Grant MacEwan College Foundation - Alberta

Deadline for application June 15 for following academic year

Aboriginal business Leadership Award

Four (4) awards of \$1,500 each

Executive Director

Grant MacEwan Community College

Foundation

Edmonton, Alberta

Phone: (780) 497-5545

Imperial Oil Cold Lake Aboriginal Education Awards Program - Alberta

Deadline: June 30 of each year.

Imperial Oil's Cold Lake operation offers a one-time educational award of \$1,000 to individuals of local native ancestry. The award is designed to assist a student in his/her first or second year of post-secondary education towards a career in the petroleum industry.

Approved programs range from business studies to technical fields and applicants must be a registered member of a qualifying Treaty, MÈtis Settlement or Association within the Cold Lake area.

Application form, full program guidelines and eligibility details can be obtained by calling Imperial Oil Community and Aboriginal Affairs at 780-639-5194.

Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation - Alberta's Future Leaders Program

For young people of Alberta's indigenous communities

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Contact: Karla Moir (780) 422-7110

Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation,
Edmonton, Alberta

The Grant MacEwan Young Writer's Scholarship

Introduction: Applications are now being accepted for the Grant MacEwan Young Writer's Scholarship. This award was created by the government of Alberta to honour the life and contributions of the late Dr. Grant MacEwan. Dr. MacEwan served as both the Mayor of Calgary and Alberta's Lieutenant Governor. (He was widely known and wrote more than fifty books on subjects including nature, folklore, agriculture, politics, environment, literature, history and the people of Alberta. (Scholarships of \$2,500 each are awarded annually to four young Alberta writers who create a literary work reflecting Alberta and/or Dr. MacEwan's interests.

Submit to:

Alberta Community Development

901 Standard Life Centre

10405 Jasper Ave

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Aboriginal Scholarship & Bursary Guide

Annual Windspeaker Insert — May 2006

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Deadlines: February 15 and September 15.

Purpose: To assist the professional/creative development of individuals by enabling them to conduct projects in the area of art production, training/career development, marketing/travel and research related to any arts discipline. Eligible applicants must be resident Alberta artists planning to undertake projects in the arts. Eligible activities include projects in any discipline that supports the creative development of the individual artist. **Amount of assistance:** Up to 100% of project expenses to a maximum of \$20,000. This is a juried program (i.e., applications are assessed by a panel of jurors).

Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund
Students Finance Board
6th Floor, Sterling Place
9940 - 106 Street,
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2V1
Phone: (780) 427-8640

Alberta College of Art and Design

Artstream is an upgrading program for those who demonstrate artistic ability but who do not meet Alberta College of Art ... Design's academic and/or English proficiency requirements. Grant money is available covering living expenses, tuition and supplies if you are eligible. **Contact:** (403) 284-7600 or 1-800-251-8290

Aboriginal Health Bursary Program - Alberta

Apply by May 15

Partnership program with Alberta Health and Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund. Designed to provide funding for Aboriginal students in Alberta to pursue post-secondary education in a health field. Awards valued up to \$12,000 for college/technical programs or \$13,000 for university programs.

Up to 20 awards will be available annually. Applicants must be Indian, Inuit or Metis and have been a resident of Alberta for 3 years. Must be enrolled or will be enrolled in a health field at the college, technical institute or university level and demonstrate financial need.

Have maintained full-time enrollment (60% of a full course load) and passing marks in all courses in their previous year of study if they are entering their second or subsequent year. **Contact:** Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund, 6th Floor, 9940 - 106 Street, Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2V1. Phone: (780) 427-8640

Alberta Energy Company Limited Native Scholarship Award

Value: Five (5) \$3,500 scholarships each year. (Must be accepted into the oil and gas industry at an accredited technical (school, college or university). (Candidates must have resided in Northwest Territories, British Columbia, (Alberta or other areas where AEC has an operation interest).

Applications are available by contacting: Alberta Energy Company Ltd. 3900 - 421 - 7 Ave S.W. Calgary, Alberta T2P 4K9. Fax: (403) 266-8212

Weyerhaeuser Canada Scholarships - Alberta

Each year, Weyerhaeuser Canada offers scholarships to young men and women from the Peace Country and Grande Cache, Alberta who are furthering their education in Commerce, Engineering, and Forestry. Twelve awards of \$1,000 each are awarded

to nine high school graduates and three first-year college graduates enrolled at a university, college or technical institute in Alberta. Of the nine awards to high school students, one will be offered to a student of Native ancestry (Metis, Indian, Inuit).

High School Awards: Deadline July 15
Peace Wapiti School Board #33,
8611A-103 Street
Grande Prairie, Alberta T8V 4C5
College Awards: Deadline April 15
Awards Advisory Committee,
Grande Prairie Regional College
10726-106 Avenue,
Grande Prairie, Alberta T8V 4C4

Alberta Law Foundation Scholarship - University of Lethbridge:

Deadline May 31

One annual award of \$5,000 is available to an Aboriginal student entering first year at the Faculty of Law on the basis of academic standing. The award is renewable in the sum of \$3,500 per year for a further two years subject to the recipient maintaining a satisfactory academic standing. No additional documentation is required to apply. Your application to the Faculty automatically is considered as an application for the Law Foundation Scholarship.

Undergraduate Awards for Native American Students

Bobby-Jo Stannard stanrj@hg.uleth.ca
There are several Undergraduate scholarship opportunities for students of Native American descent at the University of Lethbridge (for example; Peigan Nation Scholarship, Lubov Alexandra de Grandmaison Scholarship - Native American Studies, Lubov Alexandra de Grandmaison Scholarship - Fine Arts). The terms of reference for these scholarships can be found in the back of the UoL Calendar. **Applications for the UoL Undergraduate Awards are available at the Financial Aid and Student Awards Office (SU047).**

Native Foundation Trust Bursary - Grande Prairie Native Friendship Centre

For high school students entering an arts, science or business program at a recognized educational institute.

Amount: The number and amount of bursaries vary from year to year.
Eligibility: Must have attended a recognized educational facility within Grande Prairie and area. Academic standing. Financial need.
Deadline: October of each year.
Information: Executive Director
Grande Prairie Friendship Centre
10507 98th Avenue
Grande Prairie, Alberta T8V 4L1
Phone: (780) 532-5722
Fax: (780) 539-5121

Senator James Gladstone Memorial Scholarship - Alberta Indian Investment Corp.

To recognize excellence and achievement by a Treaty Indian and to encourage and assist Treaty Indians in the pursuit of post-secondary education in the area of business, finance or economics.

Amount: Maximum of \$750 for students enrolled in colleges and technical institutions. Maximum of \$1,000 for students enrolled in universities.

Eligibility: Treaty Indian and resident of Alberta. Enrolled full time at a college, university or technical school in one of the following programs:

1. Commerce 2. Business 3. Administration 4. Accounting 5. Small business. Personal and academic objectives, particularly

as they relate to Aboriginal economic and business development in Canada.

Application Deadline: Varies

Information:
General Manager,
Alberta Indian Investment Corporation
P.O. Box 577
Winterburn, Alberta T0E 2N0
Phone: (780) 470-3600
Fax: (780) 470-3605

Aboriginal Business Leadership Awards

Amount: Minimum of 4 @ \$1,500 each annually

Deadline: June 15

Conditions: Self-employed Aboriginal students and 2nd or mature Aboriginal students who are attending a public post-secondary educational institution in Alberta and enrolled in a program leading to a certificate, diploma, or degree in a business or commerce

SASKATCHEWAN

Jake Mike Memorial Scholarship Fund

Established by the children of the late Jacob G. Mike to assist students from any of the Saskatchewan First Nations who are pursuing a Degree or Diploma (minimum 2 years in length) from a post-secondary institution in Saskatchewan, and who are in their 1st year of studies.

Number of Scholarships: (4) at \$500 each

Deadline date: June 30th, 2006

Scholarship selection date: July 15th, 2006

Eligibility: Enrolled in their post-secondary program of choice beginning Fall 2005, and have successfully completed their first year of full-time studies ending Spring 2006. Must be a member of a Saskatchewan First Nation. **For application forms and/or more information:**

Jake Mike Memorial Scholarship
c/o 234 Fisher Crescent
Saskatoon SK S7L 5C9
Email: distant.thunder1@hotmail.com
Selected applicants will be contacted first via telephone and then by mail. (A copy of proof of status, i.e. Treaty card, will be required prior to disbursement.

Morley Wood Memorial Scholarship for Aboriginal Female Students - University of Regina

To promote entry or advancement in a chosen program of studies at the University of Regina, the University of Saskatchewan or other post-secondary institutions in Saskatchewan with recognized professional standing.

Value: Two scholarships of \$600 each.

Eligibility: The contribution made by the individual in promoting Aboriginal women, financial need and academic standing are taken into consideration as follows: (1. The applicant's contribution in promoting Aboriginal women will be assessed. The Scholarship's Review committee will look specifically at the (individual's contribution in community-based or regional Aboriginal projects (or programs which support the literacy, awareness or development of the (economic independence of Aboriginal women. Information on the (applicant's contribution in promoting Aboriginal women must be provided (with the application. (2. The program of studies being followed must enhance the professional skills (of the applicant to promote further development in the Aboriginal community, specifically for Aboriginal women. (3. Financial need. (4. A minimum weighted average of 70%. **Duration:** Annual.

Deadline: July 31 each year
University of Regina, Student Awards ...
Financial Aid
University of Saskatchewan
First Nations University of Canada
Gabriel Dumont Institute of Native Studies ...
Applied Research
Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science ...
Technology (SIAST)
Saskatchewan regional and community colleges with recognized professional standing.

FSIN Senator Hilliard McNab CM Memorial Foundation and Scholarship Fund

Application deadline: Postmarked no later than July 31.

The Senator Hilliard McNab Foundation and Scholarship Fund was established after the death of Senator McNab, in commemoration in education and in young people. (Senator McNab was born on the Gordon Reserve in 1916, married the former Doris Anderson and raised his family on the Reserve. He served as Chief for over twelve years, and after reaching the age of retirement, served as Councillor. He was a (founding member of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations, a charter member of the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission, was instrumental in achieving the legislation that permitted Indian people to represent their bands on (Provincial School Division Boards. He was awarded the Order of Canada for his work in all these areas and for the respect he won from politicians of all philosophies. (1. If you are entering third year or higher in University or comparable post-secondary program, and are registered as a treaty Indian with a Saskatchewan First Nation you may be eligible. You are eligible to win only once in undergraduate years; only twice in post-secondary studies. (2. Deadline is July 31 of each year. (3. Complete transcript of post-secondary marks must accompany the letter of application. (4. Letter of application should include the name of your band, your number, a brief biography and some of your interests and activities. (5. A list of the subjects you are registering for in your next semester and confirmation of your intention to continue should be included.

Mail your completed application to:
FSIN Senator Hilliard McNab CM
Memorial Foundation and Scholarship Fund c/o Mrs. Irene Walter
Box 385
Punnichy, SK S0A 3C0
If more information is required contact
Helen McNab at 835-2770
or Mrs. Walter at 835-2285

SaskPower Diversity Awards Program

Award description: There are two awards categories:

Entrance: up to seven awards will be presented in each academic year for students entering first-year studies. (Continuing: up to eight awards will be presented in each academic year for students entering second-year studies and beyond.

ward value is \$1,500

Application deadline: No later than September 30.

Awards are presented on a one-time only basis and recipients may only receive one SaskPower post-secondary award during their studies.

Eligibility: To be eligible for a SaskPower Diversity Award, a student must:

* Be from one of the four designated/targeted groups as defined by Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission. *Be enrolled in a full-time certificate, diploma or degree program at an accredited post-secondary institution in Saskatchewan with preference given to programs related to the electrical industry which may include, but are not limited to, engineering,

trades, technology and business programs. ((* Be a Saskatchewan resident. (You are considered a Saskatchewan resident if any one of the following is true: you have always lived in Saskatchewan; you or your spouse filed a Saskatchewan income tax return for the last tax year; or, your parents filed a Saskatchewan tax return for the last tax year.)

Definitions of Diversity Groups: Eligible students must be from one of the four designated/targeted groups as defined by Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission. Summaries of these are:

* **Aboriginal people** (For equity purposes, Aboriginal people are those who identify themselves as First Nations, Metis or Inuit.)

Criteria for Selection: Award applicants will be evaluated based on:

Academic achievement; Leadership qualities; and Balanced lifestyle (i.e. community involvement, participation in extra-curricular activities).

Although students are eligible to apply for the SaskPower Diversity Awards Program and the SaskPower Scholarship Program, the same student cannot receive both awards.

Incomplete applications will NOT be considered.

Application forms available on-line at www.saskpower.com/awards

SaskEnergy Aboriginal Scholarships

In support of Saskatchewan Aboriginal youth, SaskEnergy provides 14 post-secondary scholarships each year.

Students must attend Saskatchewan Indian federated College (SIFC), Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies (SIIT), Gabriel Dumont Institute and Dumont Technical Institute.

Value: Varies from \$1000 to \$5,000

Eligibility: Aboriginal; Saskatchewan resident; Saskatchewan high school graduate; achieve 80% average in grades 11 and 12; demonstrate financial need; register full-time for the fall or winter semesters.

Phone: (306) 777-9079

Contact each institution for application forms.

City of Regina - Henry Baker Scholarships

The City of Regina offers six scholarships to students at the University of Regina including one at SIFC in Regina

Value: 2 @ \$1000 and 4 @ \$2,000

Eligibility: Varies

Deadline: August 1st

Information:

Phone: (306) 777-7800

Application form: www.cityregina.com

Return completed application to:

City of Regina

Public Affairs Division

City Hall, 14 th Floor

P. O. Box 1790

Regina, Saskatchewan S4P 3C8

Fraser Scholarship - Moose Jaw School Division

To encourage an Aboriginal student from Moose Jaw Public School Division to pursue studies at a recognized post-secondary institution.

Value: Approximately \$400

Eligibility: Native ancestry ; Graduated from Moose Jaw Public School Division. (Entering first year at a recognized post-secondary institution.

Duration: Annual

Deadline: June 1 each year

Information:

Moose Jaw Public School Division

1075 9th Avenue NW

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Award based on highest average marks and then based on experience in the field of additions. In the event of two or more students having similar marks the scholarship will be awarded based on experience.

No student may receive this scholarship two years consecutively.

**Apply to: Executive Director
New Dawn Valley Centre
Box 400
Fort Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan S0G 1S0**

Cameco Northern Scholarship:

Deadline June 30

Scholarships of up to \$4,000 for university degree programs, up to \$3,600 for technical training at a recognized technical institute is available. Eligible individuals must have resided in the Northern Administration District of Saskatchewan for five (5) years immediately prior to application. Special consideration will be given to applicants pursuing careers related to some aspect of the mining industry.†

**Application forms are available from individual schools or Cameco's Northern Affairs office:
Cameco Northern Affairs,
P.O. Box 1049,
LaRonge, Saskatchewan S0J 1L0**

Cameco Scholarship

Deadline June 30

Several scholarships of \$1,000 are provided annually to selected dependent children of regular Cameco employees, in recognition of the superior academic performance.

**Manager, Compensation and Benefits,
Human Resources and Administration
Division,
Cameco Corporation,
2121 11th Street West,
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7M 1J3**

SaskTel Scholarships

Every year, SaskTel awards eleven scholarships of \$3,000 to students attending post-secondary institutions in Saskatchewan who are studying in a field directly related to telecommunications.

Eligibility:

* be a Saskatchewan resident (* be enrolled or about to enroll in full-time studies (minimum 8 months) at a post-secondary education institution in Saskatchewan. (* be taking a degree, diploma or certificate program directly related to telecommunications. This would include but not be limited to electrical, electronic, or telecommunications engineering, computer sciences, accounting and business administration. (* have achieved a minimum average of 75% in your most recent education standing.

SaskTel specifically encourages Aboriginal peoples, persons with disabilities, visible minorities (non-Caucasians), and women interested in non-traditional careers to apply. Applications are available at most post secondary institutes in Saskatchewan, including Saskatchewan universities, SIAT campuses, and SaskTel Community Relations, 11th floor, 2121 Saskatchewan Drive, Regina.

Deadline: September 1st.

Please note that Scholarship applications are not retained past the award year.

SaskTel and Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies (SIIT) Scholarships

The Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies (SIIT) and Saskatchewan Telecommunications (SaskTel) has jointly established six scholarships valued at \$1,500 to encourage Aboriginal students to pursue post-secondary education in fields directly related to the telecommunications industry. The scholarships are contingent upon recipients proceeding to or participating in a full-time two-year diploma program related to careers in the telecommunications industry, and are payable only when the recipient is in actual attendance.

Eligibility:

Entrance Scholarship: (Open to students who have successfully completed High School requirements or the Adult Secondary Education program. The student must: (1) Have completed at least two years in a high school in Saskatchewan and attained complete secondary level standing, or have completed at least two semesters in the ASE (Adult Secondary Education) program. (* Apply and be accepted into a discipline identified as relevant to the telecommunications industry. Preference is for electronics and computers; however, business administration, accounting and marketing will also be considered (* Achieve a minimum 75% average in classes taken

Continuing Scholarship: (Open to students who successfully complete the first year of study of a two year diploma program. The student must:

* Be a full-time student taking a full course load, and be enrolled in a discipline identified as relevant to the telecommunications industry. Preference is for electronics and computers; however, business administration, accounting and marketing will also be considered (* Achieve a minimum 75% average on first semester and second semester marks

Deadline for scholarship applications is November 1st of each year.

Please note that Scholarship applications are not retained past the award year.

Cogema Resources Inc. Scholarships:

Deadline: June 28

Eight (8) \$3,500 University and

Four (4) \$3,000 Technical

Available annually to Northern Saskatchewan residents for courses of study of future benefit to the north.

Information and application forms:

Manager, Northern Affairs

Cogema Resources Inc.

P.O. Box 900,

La Ronge, Saskatchewan S0J 1L0

Phone: (306) 425-6880

Fax: (306) 425-6886

Margaret M. Aikenhead Scholarship in Nursing:

An annual \$500 award presented to a former resident and grade XII graduate, within the last seven years, from the Melfort Union Hospital Administrative area. As well, the successful completion of at least the 1st year and enrolled in at least the 2nd year of the Diploma Nursing program or enrolled in the 4th, or 5th of the Degree Program in a recognized School of Nursing. Further information and application forms available by contacting:

**Executive Director,
Melfort Union Hospital,
Box 1480,
Melfort, Saskatchewan S0E 1A0**

Northern Spirit Scholarship Program

Deadline: June 30

Ten (10) \$2,500 institute/university scholarships are available to permanent residents of Northern Saskatchewan applying or enrolled in a full-time program. Applicants must have a "B" academic average in most recent year completed and be enrolled in a program of benefit to Northern development. **Applications submitted by June 30**

**Northern Spirit Scholarship Program,
Northern Enterprise Fund Inc.
Box 220,
Beauval, Saskatchewan S0M 0G0**

Email: nefi@sasktel.net

Toll Free: 1-800-864-3022

Phone: (306) 288-2258 (Fax: 288-4667)

Napoleon Lafontaine Scholarship Trust:

To encourage Saskatchewan Indian people to pursue full-time education training in fields related to the economic development of Aboriginal peoples. The economic studies must contribute to: Entrepreneurial skills; Administrative and management skills in both the private and public sectors; Financial analysis; Communication skills; Organization and leadership; Human resource development training.

Eligible academic disciplines include: Business administration; Commerce; Economics; Marketing; Personnel management; Retail management; Office administration; Law; Accountancy; Political economy.

Entrance Scholarships

Value: Up to \$300 for each eight-month period of full-time studies. The number of scholarships and amount depend on the number of applicants in relation to the funds available. **Eligibility:** Metis or Non-Status Indian. Has resided in Saskatchewan for at least five years.

Enrolled in, or about to enroll in a diploma or certificate program from a recognized Canadian public or Aboriginal educational institution. The program must be at least eight months of full-time studies in an area related to economic development. Students who have not completed high school may apply if they have fulfilled the entrance requirements of the institution where they will be studying. Committed to working in an Aboriginal work environment on successful completion of his or her studies. Demonstrate a commitment to the needs of Aboriginal peoples. Achieve a B average in the most recent months of full-time studies, over a period of (12 consecutive months.

Duration: Annual.

Application Deadline: October 1 and May 1 each year.

Information:

**Napoleon Lafontaine Scholarship Fund
Room 210 College West Building
University of Regina
3737 Wescana Parkway
Regina, Saskatchewan S4S 0A2
Phone: (306) 347-4100
Fax: (306) 565-0809**

Gabriel Dumont Graduation Scholarships

Value: Up to \$200 for each year of full-time studies to a maximum of \$1,000 for any one recipient.

Eligibility: Metis or Non-Status Indian; Has resided in Saskatchewan for at least five years.; Completed a diploma, certificate or degree program at the Gabriel Dumont Institute which required a minimum of eight months of full-time study; Enrolled in a public or Aboriginal education institution in Canada providing a recognized diploma, certificate or degree program. Nominated by Institute staff based on academic achievement, contribution to the student body and commitment to Aboriginal peoples. Achieve a B average in the most recent months of full-time studies. Application not required.

Information:

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3737 Wescana Parkway
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Graduate Scholarships

Value: Up to \$2,000 for each award period, granted on the basis of 12 consecutive months of full-time studies.

The number of scholarships and the amount are determined by the number of applicants in relation to the available funds.

Eligibility: Metis or Non-Status Indian.

Has resided in Saskatchewan for at least five years.

Engaged in any graduate degree program at the masters or doctoral level or accepted into a masters or doctoral program at a recognized Canadian university. The major research project or thesis must relate to the economic development of Aboriginal peoples. Committed to working in an Aboriginal work environment on successful completion of studies.

Demonstrate a commitment to the needs of Aboriginal peoples. Achieve a B average in the most recent months of full-time studies, over a period of 12 consecutive months.

Duration: Annual. Masters applicants may receive two consecutive or non-consecutive awards. Doctoral applicants may receive three consecutive or non-consecutive awards. **Deadline:** October 1 and May 1 each year.

Information:

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Loan Remission Scholarships

Value: Not to exceed 50% of the outstanding loan balance to a maximum of \$3,000. Will not be paid before the date on which interest on the outstanding loan becomes payable.

Eligibility: Metis or Non-Status Indian.

Has resided in Saskatchewan for at least five years.

Has an outstanding loan balance through the Canada Student Loan Program and/or Saskatchewan Student Loan Program after the receipt of any other loan remission awards available to the applicant through the governments of Canada and Saskatchewan. **Deadline:** October 1 and May 1 each year.

Information:

**Napoleon Lafontaine Scholarship Fund
Room 210 College West Building
University of Regina
3737 Wescana Parkway
Regina, Saskatchewan S4S 0A2
Phone: (306) 347-4100
Fax: (306) 565-0809**

Special Scholarships

Value: Varies depending on whether funds designated for other scholarships have been used or unanticipated revenues received.

Eligibility: Metis or Non-Status Indian.

Has resided in Saskatchewan for at least five years.

Enrolled in a public or Aboriginal educational institution in Canada providing a recognized diploma, certificate or degree program. Committed to the needs of Aboriginal people. Achieve a B average in the most recent eight months of full-time studies, over a period of 12 consecutive months.

Duration: N/A.

Application Deadline: Recipients may not be required to submit an application.

Information:

**Napoleon Lafontaine Scholarship Fund
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Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation Post Secondary Scholarships

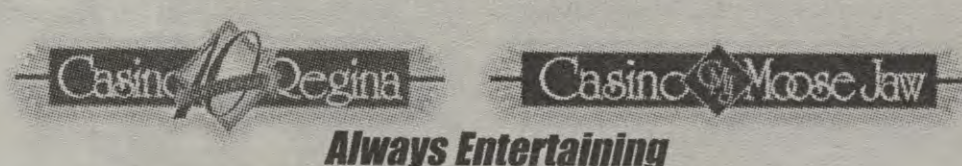
Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation offers six \$1,000 and eight \$500 scholarships each year to Saskatchewan post-secondary students pursuing careers in business administration, hospitality management, electronics or computer technology, and communications. New in 2006, the Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation will be providing a Community Leadership Award to a deserving student worth \$2,500.

Our scholarship program reflects our commitment to equity, cultural diversity and education.

Deadline for applications is May 31.

Scholarship applications are available at CasinoRegina.com or CasinoMooseJaw.com

For more information, please contact (306) 787-9318.



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In keeping with our commitment to provide educational support to the Aboriginal community, TransAlta will present four educational awards (two college and two university) in 2006 to Aboriginal (status, non-status, Métis and Inuit) students who meet the necessary qualifications.

To be eligible, you must meet the following criteria:

- You must be of Aboriginal ancestry
- You must have lived in Alberta for at least one year immediately prior to applying for the award
- You need financial support to pursue your education
- You possess promising academic qualifications (record of academic excellence)
- You must provide proof of enrollment to one of the ten colleges or four universities listed
- You maintain the required course load in your chosen program

Applications must be completed and returned by June 14, 2006. Your transcripts, which include all diploma exams written in June, must be received by July 14, 2006. A letter of acceptance and proof of enrollment from the educational institution is also required to complete the application.

For further information and application forms, please contact:

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Aboriginal Scholarship & Bursary Guide

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Undergraduate Scholarships

Value: Up to \$500 for each eight-month period of full-time studies. Number of scholarships and amount determined by the number of applicants in relation to the funds available. An individual may receive up to three consecutive or non-consecutive undergraduate scholarship awards.

Eligibility: Metis or Non-Status Indian; Has resided in Saskatchewan for at least five years; Completed a minimum of one academic year of full-time studies at a recognized Canadian public or Aboriginal educational institution. The program must be at least eight months of full-time studies in an area related to economic development. Committed to the needs of Aboriginal peoples. Committed to working in an Aboriginal work environment on successful

completion of studies. Achieve a B average in the most recent eight months of full-time studies, over a period of 12 consecutive months.

Duration: Annual
Deadline: October 1 and May 1 each year.
Information:
Napoleon Lafontaine Scholarship Fund
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University of Regina
3737 Wescana Parkway
Regina, Saskatchewan S4S 0A2
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Delta Catalytic Scholarship
Deadline: June 30 (One (1) \$2,000 University and Two (2) \$1,000 Technical are available annually to Northern Saskatchewan residents willing to return to Northern Saskatchewan to practice or work.

Send transcripts to Cogema Resources Inc. Must be a program of benefit to the north.
Manager, Northern Affairs
Cogema Resources Inc.
P.O. Box 900
La Ronge SK S0J 1L0

Bill Hanson Bursary/Scholarship Program

Sponsored by: Treeline Association of I.A.N.E.
Eligibility: Aboriginal ancestry student enrolled in post-secondary or Adult Basic Education who has indicated a preference in commerce, bookkeeping, receptionist/secretarial, clerical accounting, business administration, accounting, or data entry
Value: Two at \$150
Criteria: Have demonstrated proficiency in academics, involvement with extra-curricular activities and community volunteer

organizations, leadership qualities, proven dedication and perseverance in overcoming educational barriers, intent on continuing studies at a recognized university or technical institute for the next academic year.
Deadline: May
Applications available from:
Vicki Drieger
Royal Bank
1135 Central Avenue
Prince Albert, SK
Fax: (306) 953-5766

Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation Post-secondary Scholarships

Eligibility: Saskatchewan resident who is enrolled or about to be enrolled in full-time studies at a post-secondary education institute in Saskatchewan and must be taking a program related to the following: recreational and leisure studies; business administration; hospitality management; electronics and computer technologies; or communications.
Value: Six (6) \$1000 scholarships for university degree programs; Eight \$500 scholarships for certificate/diploma programs
Criteria: Selection criteria includes: education and career focus; academic standing; commitments to work, education, family and community; and financial need.
Deadline Date: May 31
Applications submitted to:
Saskatchewan Gaming
Scholarship Committee 3rd Floor,
1880 Saskatchewan Drive
Regina, Saskatchewan S4P 0B2

Donald R. Simmons Memorial Scholarship

Eligibility: Indian or Metis ancestry
Value: Two \$500 awards
Criteria: Enrolled in first year of approved institution, Grade 12 graduate; General Proficiency Award applicants excluded
Deadline Date: October 15
Applications submitted to: Saskatchewan Education, Training and Employment
Student Financial Assistance Unit
Ground Floor, East Wing,
Walter Scott Building
305 Albert Street
Regina, Saskatchewan S4P 3V7
(Phone: (306) 787-6419)

Gabriel Dumont Award

To assist Aboriginal students enrolled at the Kelsey Institute in furthering their education. One award is designated to each of the following divisions: Adult Basic Education (ABE); Industrial Engineering; Health, Science and Community Services
Value: Three awards of \$250 each
Eligibility: Aboriginal student enrolled in a full-time, on-campus program at Kelsey Campus. Academic achievement. Involvement in student life activities. (Participation in and contribution to the community.
Duration: Annual.
Deadline: May 31 each year for ABE.

February 28 each year for Industrial Engineering and Health, Science and Community Services.

Information:
Director, Student Awards
SIAS Kelsey Institute
P.O. Box 1520
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7K 3R5
Phone: (306) 933-8351
Fax: (306) 933-6490

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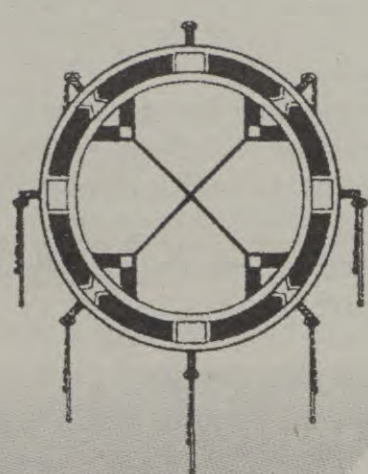
Louis Riel Scholarships at Brandon University
Are awarded to entering or returning students of Brandon University who are Manitoba residents of M&T status and who demonstrate strong academic potential. As part of their application, applicants must provide a letter stating they are either members of the Manitoba M&T Federation or are eligible for membership in the Manitoba M&T Federation. Applicants who are offered a scholarship must register as full-time students at Brandon University. Students may appeal to defer taking up the award for up to 12 months upon written request to the Scholarship Committee. Students may apply and be considered for this award more than once. Scholarship holders must achieve satisfactory academic progress at Brandon University. A minimum cumulative g.p.a. of 2.5 (letter grade C+) is required to receive the award. Funds from these scholarships are disbursed in two installments, the first half normally in September and the second half in January. Retention of the second installment is conditional upon the recipient's maintenance of a satisfactory academic performance (C+ cumulative average).
Value: Up to 6 awards per year, value \$1500 each.

For more information or copies of application forms, please contact:
Ms Janet Omstead Wood
Senate Awards Office
Brandon University
270 - 18th Street
Brandon, MB R7A 6A9
Phone: (204) 727-9737
Fax: (204) 727-4072
Email: wood@brandonu.ca

Business Council of Manitoba Aboriginal Education Awards

Deadline: March 15
Value: Each award is up to a maximum of \$3,000 for university students or \$1,500 for college students.
The Business Council Awards are available to anyone of Aboriginal ancestry who is pursuing post-secondary education in Manitoba. You must maintain a full course load (60%), need financial assistance and be interested in working with one of the Business Council's member companies. The awards are to assist with the cost of tuition, books and supplies. For more information please contact the financial awards office at any of Manitoba's public post-secondary institutions.

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION PROGRAM



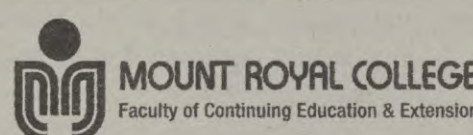
The Aboriginal Education Program offers a College Preparation Program (UCEP) at Mount Royal College.

- It is designed for students wishing to gain access to a post-secondary program and provides core pre-requisites in English, Languages (Blackfoot and Cree), Math, Social Studies and Sciences.
- Cultural materials and activities are an integral part of the program and post-secondary classes are included in the second and third levels of study.
- The AEP is recognized for funding through the Alberta Student Finance Board.

Weekly Information Sessions are being held beginning in February and throughout April for the Fall 2006 semester (September - December). The deadline for application is May 15.

For more information, please call 403-440-6285 or visit our website.

mtroyal.ca/aborigenaleducation



Are you looking for extra money for University? The University of Regina has a variety of scholarships, bursaries, and awards for Aboriginal students. Here are just a few:

Dr. Lloyd Barber Scholarships: Deadline June 1
- Computer Package

CIC Aboriginal Bursary: Deadline July 1
- \$2,500 per semester

Aboriginal Kinesiology and Health Studies Award: Deadline Sept 30
- \$600.00 Award

Faculty of Business Administration Aboriginal Student Award: Deadline Sept 1
- \$200.00 Award

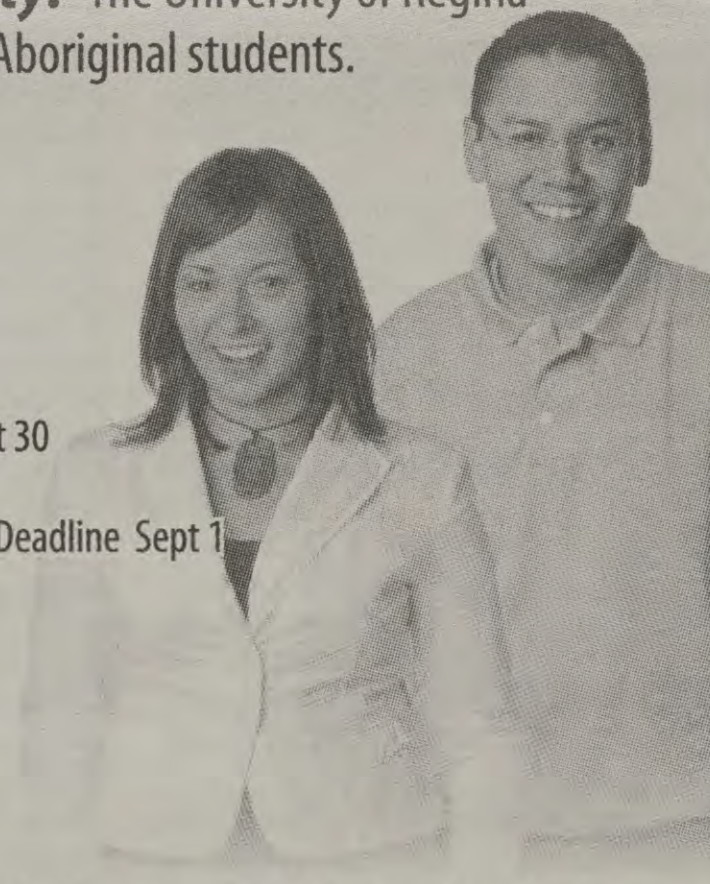
Teal Lowery Scholarship: Deadline Sept 15
- \$3,000 scholarship

SaskWater Scholarship: Deadline Sept 30
- \$3,000 scholarship



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This is your chance to apply and receive money based on need, academics, or community service. For more information on any of these awards, and to view the complete list, check out the U of R website www.uregina.ca/awards/. Also feel free to contact Scholarships & Financial Aid (306) 585-5556.



EN'OWKIN CENTRE

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For more information, contact the
STUDENT SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR, Anna Lizotte:
Ph. (250) 493.7181, Fax. (250) 493.5302,
or by Email. alizotte@vip.net

*EN'OWKIN CENTRE OFFERS A SCHOLARSHIP SUBSIDY TO OFFSET LIVING COSTS OF STUDENTS IN FULL TIME COURSES IN THE National Aboriginal Professional Artist Training Program (NAPAT). En'owkin also has five other programs of study that you can check out on our web site!

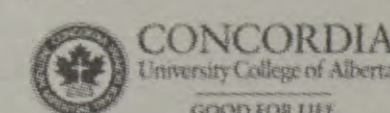
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Aboriginal Business Education Program (ABEP) - University of Manitoba

Part of the Faculty of Management's support for acquisition of business skills among Aboriginal people.

A variety of bursaries and scholarships are offered for students attending or planning to attend the University of Manitoba.

Application:
Financial Aid and Awards
University of Manitoba
Suite 422, University Centre Building
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Louis Riel Institute - Bursary ... Scholarships - Manitoba

Deadline: Due dates vary, check with university directly

All Métis students planning to attend one of the four (4) provincial universities in Manitoba are eligible to apply for an award.

Bursaries are awarded primarily on the basis of economic need. (Scholarships are awarded primarily on the basis of academic merit.† (The value ... number of each award varies at each university and is best obtained directly from the University.

Application:
Louis Riel Institute
103-150 Henry Avenue
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Sokoloff Family Bursary - University of Manitoba

Deadline: June 30

One (1) \$700 to \$1,000 annually available for Aboriginal students at the University of Manitoba. One Student shall be selected by the Director of Financial Aid and Awards.

Application:
Financial Aid and Awards
University of Manitoba
Suite 422, University Centre Building
Winnipeg, Manitoba

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MTS is an Employment Equity employer and values a diverse workforce. Consideration will be given to all eligible applicants: men, women, visible minorities, aboriginal people, and people with disabilities.

Application forms are available online or from your school guidance counsellor.

Please be sure to include with your application: (1. Transcript of your marks. (2. Proof of acceptance into eligible post-secondary program of study. (3. Resume. (4. Responses to all four (4) short answer questions.

Application Forms:
Pursue Your Calling - Printable Application Form (PDF)

Contact the MTS Community Relations Department.

Phone, write or e-mail us at:

Pursue Your Calling Scholarship Program
c/o MTS Community Relations Department
P.O. Box 6666,
MP18C 333 Main Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 3V6
Phone: (204) 941-8341
E-mail: community.relations@mts.ca

Abraham McPherson Memorial Scholarship Award

Award provided by Manitoba Aboriginal Education Counselling Association Inc. to Aboriginal students pursuing post-secondary education in the counselling field.

Value: Four scholarships annually \$250 each
Eligibility: Aboriginal ancestry (Status, Non-Status, Inuit, Métis); Manitoba resident, high school graduate with overall 70% average in graduating.

Procedure: Applicants are available from the Student Services Centre Awards Office, from any Tribal Council, Band Education Authority in Manitoba.

Deadline: May 31
Manitoba Aboriginal Education Counselling Association Inc.
305-352 Donald Street.
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 2H8
Phone: (204) 947-0421

Manitoba Hydro's Awards Bursaries and Scholarships

Employment Equity Bursary

Deadline: October 1

Value: 11 bursaries of \$1,500 awarded plus summer employment

Eligibility Criteria: Member of an Employment Equity Designated Group*; Entering first year of studies at a Manitoba University studying: Engineering, Computer Science or Commerce OR Entering first year of studies at a Manitoba College studying: Civil, Computer, Electrical or Electronic Engineering Technologies; Academic history

Application Process: Pick up an application from your educational institution's awards office or visit our website at www.hydro.mb.ca.

*Employment Equity Designated Group members include women, Aboriginal peoples, members of visible minority groups, and persons with disabilities.

For a definition of these groups please visit our website at www.hydro.mb.ca.

Trio Award

Deadline: December 1

Value: 1 award of \$200 awarded to a student in Senior 2; 1 award of \$300 awarded to a student in Senior 3; 1 award of \$500 awarded to a student in Senior 4 Potential opportunity for summer employment or full-time employment in one of Manitoba Hydro's Trades Training Programs

Eligibility Criteria: Aboriginal ancestry; High school student in Senior 2 to Senior 4; Academic performance or demonstrated

improvement in:

Mathematics (pre-calculus or applied) 20S, 30S, and 40S (Science 20F (Physics 30S and 40S (English 20F, 30S, and 40S

Application Process:

Pick up an application from your guidance counselor or visit our website at www.hydro.mb.ca.

Northern Student Award

Deadline: December 1

Value: 3 awards of \$300 awarded to Junior High or High school students living north of the 53rd parallel. Potential opportunity for summer employment or full-time employment in one of Manitoba Hydro's Trades Training Programs*

Eligibility Criteria: Aboriginal ancestry; Living north of the 53rd parallel; Nominated by a teacher as an outstanding student based on academic performance, personal achievements and/or other accomplishments

Application Process: Pick up an application from your guidance counselor or visit our website at www.hydro.mb.ca.

*Manitoba Hydro provides a range of technical and trades related training programs which include indentured apprenticeships, non-indentured apprenticeships, and post-journeyman development. Please visit our web site at www.hydro.mb.ca for further information.

Mathematics Award

Deadline: May 15

Value: 1 award of \$200 granted to a student in Senior 1

Eligibility Criteria: Aboriginal ancestry; Highest provincial achievement in the Pascal Math competition

Application Process: Math teachers or competition coordinators will forward the name of their most successful student who is willing to self-declare as being of Aboriginal Ancestry. Pick-up a nomination/application from your guidance counselor or visit our website at www.hydro.mb.ca.

For more information about the Pascal Math competition, visit their website at <http://cemc.uwaterloo.ca>

Science Fair Award

Deadline: May 15

Value: 1 award of \$200 granted to a student in Junior High or High school

Eligibility Criteria: Aboriginal ancestry; High achievement in a Science Fair competition

Application Process: Science teachers or coordinators will nominate Aboriginal Science Fair participants. Science Fair judges will provide feedback on the nomination/application form on students' submissions for consideration in selecting award recipient. Pick-up a nomination/application from your guidance counselor or visit our website at www.hydro.mb.ca.

First Year Information Technology Bursary

Deadline: October 1

Value: 2 bursaries of \$1500 awarded plus potential opportunity for summer employment

Eligibility Criteria: Aboriginal ancestry; Accepted into the University of Manitoba, University of Winnipeg or Brandon University studying: Computer Sciences or University One Computer Science curriculum OR Accepted into Red River College or Keewatin Community College studying: Computer Analyst/ Programmer or Computer Systems Technology; Academic performance

Application Process: (Pick up an application from your educational institution's awards office

or visit our website at www.hydro.mb.ca.

Second Year to Final Year Information Technology Bursary

Deadline: October 1

Value: 2 bursaries of \$2500 awarded* Potential opportunity for summer employment available to recipients returning to full time studies in the fall. Potential opportunity for full-time employment in the Information Technology Training Program for students in their final year.

Eligibility Criteria: Aboriginal ancestry; Students in second year to final year at the University of Manitoba, University of Winnipeg or Brandon University studying: Computer Sciences OR Students in second year to final year at Red River College or Keewatin Community College studying: Computer Analyst/ Programmer or Computer Systems Technology; Academic performance

Application Process: Pick up an application from your educational institution's awards office or visit our website at www.hydro.mb.ca.

Second Year to Final Year Engineering Technology Bursary

Deadline: October 1

Value: 6 bursaries of \$1500 awarded

* Potential opportunity for summer employment available to recipients returning to full time studies in the fall * Potential opportunity for full-time employment in a Manitoba Hydro in-house Trades Training Program for students in their final year

Eligibility Criteria: Aboriginal ancestry; Students in second year to final year at Red River College, Keewatin Community College or Assiniboine Community College studying: Electronic, Electrical, Computer, or Communications Engineering Technologies; Academic performance

Application Process: Pick up an application from your educational institution's awards office or visit our website at www.hydro.mb.ca.

Certificate Program Award

Deadline: December 1 for July to December programs and July 2 for January to July programs.

Value: 2 awards of \$500 awarded plus potential opportunity for term or full time employment.

Eligibility Criteria: Aboriginal ancestry; Enrolled in one of the following programs: Administrative Assistant, Human Resources Assistant, Network Support, or Contact Centre Representative at a recognized Educational Institution in Manitoba; Academic performance

Application Process: Pick up an application from your educational institution's awards office or visit our website at www.hydro.mb.ca.

Submit completed application to:
Community Relations Advisor,
Employment Equity Department,
Manitoba Hydro,
P.O. Box 815,
Winnipeg, MB, R3C 2P4

First Year Engineering Bursary

Deadline: October 1

Value: 6 bursaries of \$1,500 awarded plus potential opportunity for summer employment

Eligibility Criteria: Aboriginal ancestry; Accepted into first-year Engineering, ENGAP, or taking engineering curriculum in University One at the University of Manitoba; Academic performance

Application Process: Pick up an application from your educational institution's awards office or visit our website at www.hydro.mb.ca.

Second Year to Final Year Engineering Bursary

Deadline: October 1

Value: 3 bursaries of \$2,500 awarded

* Potential opportunity for summer employment available to recipients returning to full time studies in the fall.

* Potential opportunity for full-time employment in the Engineer-In-Training Program for students in their final year.

Eligibility Criteria:

Aboriginal Ancestry; Engineering or ENGAP students at the University of Manitoba in second year to final year, studying (in order of preference): electrical, civil & mechanical, other engineering disciplines; Academic Performance

Application Process:

Pick up an application from your educational institution's awards office or visit our website at www.hydro.mb.ca.

First Year Management Bursary

Deadline: October 1

Value: 3 bursaries of \$1500 awarded

Potential opportunity for summer employment

Eligibility Criteria: Aboriginal ancestry; Accepted into first-year Management or ABEP at the University of Manitoba; Academic performance

Application Process: Pick up an application from your educational institution's awards office or visit our website at www.hydro.mb.ca.

Second Year to Final Year Management Bursary

Deadline: October 1

Value: 3 bursaries of \$2500 awarded

Potential opportunity for summer employment available to recipients returning to full time studies in the fall.

Potential opportunity for full-time employment in the Commerce Career Development Program for students in their final year.

Eligibility Criteria: Aboriginal ancestry; Management or ABEP students at the University of Manitoba in second year to final year, majoring in Human Resources, Finance, Accounting, or Marketing.† (* Academic performance

Application Process: (Pick up an application from your educational institution's awards office or visit our website at www.hydro.mb.ca.

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2006 Ontario Crafts Council Awards, Scholarships ... Supply Grants

The Ontario Crafts Council Awards and Scholarships program is open to Student and Craft Professional members of the Ontario Crafts Council. This year approximately \$15,000 is available. All craft disciplines are considered. Awards, scholarships and supply grants will be presented at the Crafts Council's Annual General Meeting in June.

Deadline: Monday, April 17, 5:00 pm.

The Council is delighted to offer two new awards: (Craft Curatorial Award sponsored by Jean Johnson C.M. and†James McPherson Woodworking Award.

Also the supply grants have been significantly increased for this year and the Tommie Vaughan-Jones Award was increased to \$1000.

Also new this year - images are now being accepted in digital format but we request that all your images be in the one format - either all slides or all digital.

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Dennis Cromarty Memorial Fund

Value: Varies

Eligibility: Member of Nishnawbe-Aski First Nation, attending post-secondary institution, completed 1 year. Commitment to improving quality of life for Native people, independence through education.

Deadline: November 1

Dennis Cromarty Memorial Fund

P.O. Box 252 Station F

Thunder Bay, Ontario P7C 4V8

Phone: (807) 623-5397

Fax: (807) 622-8271

Ontario Hydro John Wesley Beaver Awards

The John Wesley Beaver educational award is equal to one year's college or university tuition, made available to one male and one female person of Aboriginal descent, enrolled in targeted post-secondary programs and selected by the Ontario Hydro Native Circle. Based on academic achievement and financial need.

Deadline: June 30 of each year.

For more information:

Phone: (416) 592-6748

Fax: (416) 592-4190

Awards are available to Ontario residents.

Sam Odjick Scholarship - University of Ottawa

To further the interests of Aboriginal peoples in Canada by assisting Aboriginal law students who have demonstrated commitment toward the advancement of law as it relates to Aboriginal peoples.

Value: \$1,000

Eligibility: Preference given to Aboriginal students. Full-time study in the LL.B or LL.M program at the University of Ottawa. Financial need. Good academic performance. Experience with Canadian Aboriginal groups.

Information:

Education Equity Office

University of Ottawa

Faculty of Law, Common Law Section

57 Louis Pasteur Street

P.O. Box 450, Postal Station A

Ottawa, Ontario K1N 6N5

Phone: (613) 562-5800, ext.3290

Fax: (613) 562-5124

Alma Mater Society Native Student Awards - Queen's University

Established by the Alma Mater Society for Native students entering Queen's. If no entering students are eligible, the awards could go to upper-year Native students.

Value: Two awards of \$1,000 each

Eligibility: Native student entering Queen's. Academic standing. Financial need.

Deadline: April 30 of each year.

Information:

Student Awards Office

Victoria School Building

Queen's University

Kingston, Ontario K7L 3N6

Phone: (613) 533-2216

Fax: (613) 533-6409

Inuit Bursary - Queen's University

Value: One award of \$100

Eligibility: Inuit student at Queen's. Financial need.

Duration: Annual

Deadline: December 1 each year.

Information:

Student Awards Office

Victoria School Building

Queen's University

Kingston, Ontario K7L 3N6

Phone: (613) 533-2216

Fax: (613) 533-6409

Ontario Graduate Scholarship Program

There are approximately 1,300 Scholarships awarded for academic excellence at the graduate level of study at Ontario Universities. The value of awards are \$3,953 per academic term.

For more information contact:

The Graduate Studies Office

Ontario Universities or

For more information contact:

The Ministry of Education and Training Student Affairs

PO Box 4500

189 Red River Road, 4th Floor

Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 6G9

Phone: (807)343-7257 or 1-800-465-3957

The Aird Scholarship

Scholarships are intended to help students with physical disabilities study in the first year of a full-time program at a recognized Ontario postsecondary institution. Scholarships are granted each year to 2 applicants who best demonstrate outstanding achievement, motivation and initiative. Value of awards is \$2,500.00 each.

For more information contact:

The Ministry of Education and Training Student Affairs

PO Box 4500

189 Red River Road, 4th Floor

Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 6G9

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Suncor Inc. Bursary Fund

Suncor Inc. offers bursaries annually to students in Chemical or Mechanical Engineering which, in support of employment equity, will be awarded to women, Aboriginal (Native) Canadians, persons with disabilities and visible minorities. Interested students should apply on the University of Waterloo general bursary application and attach a letter indicating their eligibility for assistance from this source.

The Indigenous Education Network (IEN) - University of Toronto

Deadline: January 15th for the following September term.

The IEN is a self determining organization founded within OISE/UT in 1989 by Aboriginal students. It provides an Aboriginal presence at OISE/UT, and a forum for discussion on issues relating to Aboriginal education and research. Aboriginal Scholarships

As an Aboriginal student (including Métis, Inuit, and Native) you are eligible to apply for the Aboriginal Scholarship of \$11,500. Application forms are available by contacting the Financial Awards officer (Margaret Brennan) in the Graduate Studies office at: **Phone: (416) 923-6641 ext. 2650**

Other Sources of Financial Support - University of Toronto

Deadline: Jan. 15th for the following September term.

Aboriginal students are encouraged to apply for Graduate Assistant positions at OISE/UT. These are part-time paid work positions generating approximately \$8,000. per year. Application forms come with first-time enrollment packages or by contacting Margaret Brennan in Graduate Studies at OISE/UT. (416) 978-6641 ext. 2650.

There are other scholarships, bursaries, and awards you may be eligible to receive.

For further information:

Phone: (416) 923-6641 ext. 2286 Fax: (416)

926-4749

E-mail: ien@oise.utoronto.ca

The Indigenous Education Network

Rm. 7-191 7th Floor 252 Bloor Street West

Toronto, Ontario

Northern Bursary Program

Deadline: June 1

This provincial program offers various levels of financial assistance to post-secondary students pursuing careers in psychology, social work, and speech-language pathology, who are interested in working in Northern Ontario. Native students are particularly encouraged to apply.

Every student who receives a bursary must work in an area of the province designated by the Ministry of Community and Social Services as an underserved area.

Applications are available from:

Ministry of Community and Social Services, Second Floor, 473 Queen Street East, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, P6A 1Z5.

Phone: (705) 253-2001.

Simple-Gooder Bursary - Laurentian University

To an Aboriginal student enrolled in any year of any program at Laurentian University.

Value: One award of \$300

Eligibility: Aboriginal student. Must have completed at least one full year of full-time studies at Laurentian University. Financial need.

Information:

Student Awards Office

Laurentian University

2 Ramsey Lake Road

Sudbury, Ontario P3E 2C6

Phone: (705) 673-6578

Fax: (705) 675-4865

Randy Anderson Memorial Award - Georgian College

Presented to a Native student in second year at the School of Design and Visual Arts who shows promise and demonstrates the determination to succeed.

Value: \$200

Duration: One time only

Deadline: Application not required.

Information: Awards Officer

Georgian College

One Georgian Drive

Barrie, Ontario L4M 3X9

Phone: (705) 728-1951, ext.1214

Fax: (705) 722-5158

Janet Stinson Memorial Award - Georgian College

Presented to a deserving Aboriginal student who wishes to pursue studies, in the program of his or her choice, at the Barrie Campus of Georgian College.

Amount: \$250

Eligibility: Aboriginal student

Duration: One time only

Deadline: Application not required.

Information:

Awards Officer

Georgian College

One Georgian Drive

Barrie, Ontario L4M 3X9

Phone: (705) 728-1951, ext.1214

Fax: (705) 722-5158

New VR Award - Georgian College

Presented to a student beginning his or her second year in advertising at the Barrie Campus of Georgian College.

Value: \$250

Eligibility: To be a member of one of the following groups: Aboriginal people, women,

visible minorities or disabled persons. Excellent standing during the first and second semesters of the first year of study. Hold a secondary school diploma.

Duration: One time only.

Deadline: Application not required.

Information:

Awards Officer

Georgian College

One Georgian Drive

Barrie, Ontario L4M 3X9

Phone: (705) 728-1951, ext.1214

Fax: (705) 722-5158

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First Nations & Indigenous Black Students Entrance Scholarship - Dalhousie University

Value: Ten renewable entrance scholarships valued at \$12,000 each (\$3,000/year).

Eligibility: Open to First Nations and indigenous Black residents of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick or Prince Edward Island who are entering Dalhousie direct from high school as well as those who have attended another post-secondary institution. To be eligible, high school applicants will normally have an admission average of 80% or higher and students with previous post-secondary work a cumulative average of 3.0 (B) or higher.

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of a student's financial need and academic standing. Applications are available on our web site: www.registrar.dal.ca/forms/FNIBSES.pdf

Deadline: March 15

Information:

Awards Office

Dalhousie University

Halifax NS B3H 4H6

Phone: 902-494-1432

Email: Awards@Dal.ca

Transition Year Program - Dalhousie University

The Transition Year Program (TYP) is a one-year program designed for First Nations students who wish to enter university but who may not yet meet standard entrance requirements. The TYP was established to redress the historic educational disadvantage experienced by members of Aboriginal communities.

Amount: Non-Status and Metis students accepted into the program may qualify to receive a tuition waiver and bursary funding to attend Dalhousie's Transition Year Program. If the qualifying year is completed in good standing, continued financial assistance will become available.

Eligibility: Non-Status or Metis. Status students attending the program are funded through the Confederacy of Mainland Micmac, the Department of Indian Affairs or by individual band councils. Although enrollment is limited to ensure that each student receives considerable personal attention, highly motivated First Nations students of all ages and educational backgrounds are encouraged to apply. (Applicants who are 23 or older are especially encouraged to apply.)

Duration: Annual

Deadline: March 15 each year.

Information: Transition Year Program

Dalhousie University

1459 LeMarchant Street

Halifax, Nova Scotia B3H 3J5

Tel: (902) 494-3730

Morris Saffron Award - Dalhousie University

For a Status or Non-Status Aboriginal graduate of the Dalhousie University Transition Year Program.

Amount: One award of approximately \$100

Eligibility: An Aboriginal graduate of the Transition Year Program who is recommended for acceptance in the first-year level at Dalhousie University or another university.

Duration: Annual.

Information: Director

Transition Year Program

Dalhousie University

1459 LeMarchant Street

Halifax, Nova Scotia B3H 3J5

Phone: (902) 494-3730

Hydro-Quebec Programme de Prix D'Excellence pour les Etudiants Autochtones

Value: Four prizes of \$1,000 for students engaged in CEGEP- (level studies; two awards of \$2,000 to students engaged in university-level studies.

This program rewards the educational efforts and success of Aboriginal students, and reflects Hydro-Quebec's concern for them. Through this program, Hydro-Quebec hopes to persuade other young Aboriginals to continue post-secondary studies.

Eligibility: Applicants must: be of Aboriginal ancestry; live in Quebec; completed at least one year of full-time studies in a CEGEP (DEC) or university (bachelor's degree) program; and be registered in a full-time program at a CEGEP or university in Quebec for the following fall.

Deadline: June - CEGEP awards;

March - university awards

Information:

Hydro-Quebec

75, boul. Rene Levesque oues 18 Ètage

Montreal, Quebec H2Z 1A4

Phone: (514)289-2211 ext.4290

James A. Martin Awards - St. Francis Xavier University

Value: Varies.

Eligibility: Applicants are students showing leadership, dedication and commitment by working for peace and the welfare of their neighbours. Preference is given to First Nation students at St. Francis Xavier. The award is tenable at St. Francis Xavier for full-time study for the academic year.

Deadline: April 15

Information: Financial Aid Office

St. Francis Xavier University

P.O.Box 5000

Antigonish, Nova Scotia B2G 2W5

Phone: (902)867-2374

Bank of Montreal Aboriginal Business Administration Student Scholarship - University College of Cape Breton

Value: One scholarship of \$2,500.

Eligibility: To be eligible, the applicant must: be of Aboriginal ancestry; be a current University College of Cape Breton student; demonstrate academic merit in the area of accounting and finance with a minimum grade point average of 75%, with no failures; carry a full course load according to the requirements of the program; and demonstrate financial need.

Deadline: April 8

Information: University College of Cape Breton

P.O.Box 5300

Sydney, Nova Scotia B1P 6L2

Phone: (902) 539-5300

Dr. Carrie Best Scholarship - University of King's College

Value: \$12,000 award tenable over a 4 year period with \$3,000 being awarded each year. Students who are seeking admission to an undergraduate programme in arts, science or journalism at the University of King's College are eligible for to be considered for this award.

Eligibility: Open to Aboriginal Canadians and

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African-Canadians only, the award is tenable for four years based on satisfactory academic performance. Final selection is based on interviews of leading candidates.

Information:
Office of the Registrar
University of King's College
6350 Coburg Road
Halifax, Nova Scotia B3H 2A1
Phone: (902) 422-1271
E-mail: admissions@ukings.ns.ca
Fax: (902) 562-0119

The ATV/CTV Media and Alumni Media Awards - University of King's College

Deadline: February 15
Value: \$6,000 each

Available to students who are applying for admission to our one year Bachelor of Journalism programme. Applicants may request consideration for an ATV/CTV Scholarship or the Alumni Media award by completing the appropriate section of the Bachelor of Journalism admissions application form. No further application form is required.

Information:
Office of the Registrar
University of King's College
6350 Coburg Road
Halifax, Nova Scotia B3H 2A1
Phone: (902) 422-1271
E-mail: admissions@ukings.ns.ca
Fax: (902) 562-0119

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Dogrib Treaty 11 Scholarship Committee

Value: \$1,000 for completion of the 1st year of a program - 10 awards available
\$1,000 for completion of the 2nd year of a program - 10 awards available
\$1,000 for completion of the 3rd year or higher of a program - 10 awards available
\$3,000 for college students - 10 awards available
\$5,000 for university students - 8 awards available
Eligibility: (1) Must be of Dogrib ancestry.
(2) Must submit a copy of official letter of acceptance into college, university or technical school. ADULT BASIC EDUCATION (ABE)

PROGRAMS DO NOT QUALIFY. (3) Must provide official transcript of grades from last year of study. This could be high school transcripts, GED marks, or transcripts from a post-secondary institution. Report cards or marks taken off the Internet are not acceptable. (4) Must provide a personal letter describing personal career aspirations and academic program presently enrolled in or are entering into. (5) Must provide two reference / support letters. (6) Must complete application in full. **Important Notes:** Scholarships are awarded strictly to those with the highest grade point averages in each category. Scholarships for high school students are also available. **Deadline Date: July 15th of each year.**

For an application form or for more information, please contact:
Post Secondary Student Support Coordinator
Dogrib Treaty 11 Scholarship Committee
c/o CJBRHS
Bag #1
Rae-Edzo, NT X0E-0Y0
Phone: 867-371-3815
Fax: 867-371-3813
Email: morvenm@dogrib.net

Sahtu Renewable Resources Board

Value: depends on which year of post-secondary study the student will be in while holding the scholarship.

First Year \$2000
Second Year \$2500
Third ... Fourth Year \$3500
Graduate (MSc/PhD) \$5000

The Sahtu Renewable Resources Board (SRRB) was established as part of the Sahtu Dene and Metis Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement, 1993. The SRRB serves as the main instrument of wildlife and forestry management for the Sahtu Settlement Area. The SRRB has established a scholarship/bursary program for students pursuing post-secondary education in a field related to the SRRB's mandate.

Eligibility: Pursuing a college diploma or university degree or minimum 2-year certificate program in renewable resources or a related field (biology, forestry, or environmental science); priority to a Sahtu Dene or Metis enrolled under the land claim or to a NWT resident who has completed the last 2 years of their high school education in the Sahtu Settlement Area; Have a 70% (b-average) or higher in the last year of full-time study;

Minimum 2-year program of study ; Demonstrate financial need; Must be a full-time student during tenure of the scholarship; Must maintain a full course load during the tenure of the scholarship; Evidence of student's involvement in the community; Statement of future goals

Deadline Date: None

Information:

To obtain an application form, contact:
Sahtu Renewable Resources Board
P.O. Box 134
Tulita, N.W.T. X0E 0K0
Phone: (867) 588-4040
Fax: (867) 588-3324
E-Mail: director@srrb.nt.ca

Canada Post Bursaries

Value: Varies.

These bursaries were established by the Canada Post Corporation to encourage promising northern Aboriginal students enrolled in diploma programs in Management Studies at Aurora College (Western Arctic) with campuses in Yellowknife, Inuvik, and Fort Smith; and Nunavut Arctic College (Eastern Arctic) with campuses in Iqaluit, Rankin Inlet and Cambridge Bay. These bursaries are administered and presented by the colleges on behalf of Canada Post Corporation.

Eligibility: Applicants must: be of N.W.T. Aboriginal ancestry; be enrolled in the second year of study at one of the above-mentioned colleges; and demonstrate excellence in the first year of study. To apply, students must submit a brief biography and an official transcript from their first year of study along with references.

Information: Aurora College Head Office
P.O. Box 1290
For Smith, N.W.T. X0E 0P0
Phone: (867) 872-7012 or
Nunavut Arctic College
P.O. Box 160
Iqaluit, N.W.T. X0A 0H0
Phone: (867) 979-4111

Department of Municipal and community affairs, Government of the Northwest Territories Igal Roth Memorial Community Planning Scholarship

Value: Three scholarships of \$1,000.
The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs, Government of the Northwest

Territories, is offering assistance to northerners who wish to pursue a career in community planning. These scholarships are to assist qualifying students obtain post-secondary education in planning for potential employment in the Northwest Territories.

Eligibility: To be eligible for this scholarship, applicants must: have resided in the N.W.T. for at least two years; be attending an approved undergraduate university or college planning program; and show proof of acceptance into an approved planning program as a full-time student prior to commencement of classes.

Information:

Igal Roth Memorial Scholarship
Community Planning Division
Department of Municipal and Community Affairs
Government of the Northwest Territories
Yellowknife, N.W.T. X1A 2L9

Nunavut Implementation Training Committee Nunavut Beneficiaries Scholarships

Value: The award for each student in a full-time program will (be allocated as follows: 1. Full-time degree program away from home \$2,400 per year 2. Full-time diploma away from home \$1,500 per year 3. Full-time degree or diploma program at home \$1,000 per year As an integral part of implementing the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement and building Nunavut, several Inuit organizations initiated a scholarship program to encourage Land Claims beneficiaries to pursue advanced education in selected fields related to business, management, resource management, community development, culture and the social sciences. The allocation of the scholarships is done on a regional basis based upon the proportion of the beneficiaries and contributions received. If the region does not allocate all seats in that region, unused seats are allocated by the Nunavut Implementation Training Committee on the regional needs basis.

Eligibility: To be eligible for these scholarships, applicants must meet the following criteria: be enrolled as a beneficiary in the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement; be enrolled in or accepted by a recognized, full-time, accredited university or college degree or certificate program of at least two years duration; be considered a full-time student in a chosen program; maintain a full course load for the program; have

maintained an overall average of 65% in the previous year of academic studies undertaken; and maintain an overall average of 75% while receiving the scholarship.

Deadline: August 1; December 1

Information:

Nunavut Implementation Training Committee
P.O. Box 469
Rankin Inlet, Nunavut X0C 0G0
Phone: (867) 645-2888
Fax: (867) 645-3878

Skookum Jim Trust Fund Education Bursary - Yukon College

Value: Four bursaries of \$500.

Eligibility: Four bursaries are awarded based on financial need as well as good standing. A signature from one of the Admissions staff is required to confirm your standing.

Applicants must: be students of Yukon Aboriginal ancestry; be enrolled as full or part-time students; be enrolled in a developmental studies or pre-employment training/trades; and include a breakdown of personal budget with completed application.

Deadline: February 28

Information: Registrar's Office
Yukon College
500 College Drive
Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 5K4
Phone: (867) 668-8710

Chief George Kodakin (Behcho) Environment Scholarship

Award: 2 awards at \$500 each

Eligibility: Student of Dene descent entering or continuing post-secondary education in science, environment or resource management field. Based on satisfactory academic performance, school and community involvement, and financial need.

Information:

Phone: (867) 873-4081

This Scholarship Guide only lists the portion of the funding programs now available to Aboriginal people that we could squeeze into 16 pages. There are many more listings that, unfortunately, we did not have room to include in this year's Guide. Please go to our web site to get a comprehensive list: www.ammsa.com/ammsabursary.html



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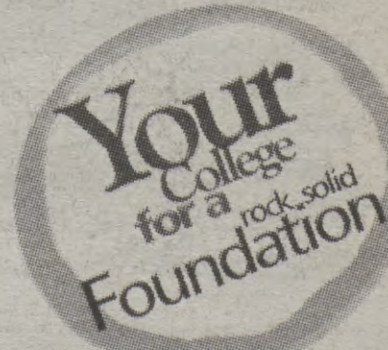
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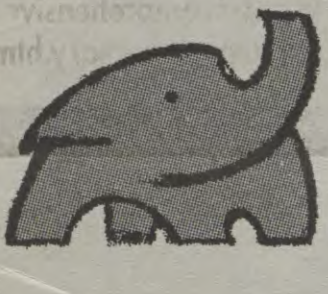
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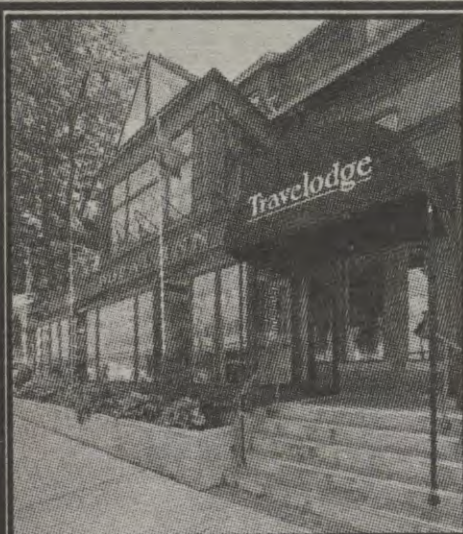


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Inuit education a priority

By Paul Barnsley
Windspeaker Staff Writer

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Only a bilingual education system that allows Inuit people to become proficient in both English and Inuktitut can make it possible for Canada to keep a commitment it made in 1993 in the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement.

So says federal mediator Thomas R. Berger in his report submitted March 1 to Indian Affairs Minister Jim Prentice. It's the final portion of the report that Berger was commissioned to write after studying ways to help Canada and the Nunavut Tunngavik Inc., the group that manages the land claim agreement, to break the impasse they had come to in trying to negotiate the renewal of the land claims agreement. The renewal should have come into effect in 2003 but fights over funding brought things to a halt. The interim report was submitted on Aug. 31, 2005.

After travelling throughout the

north and conducting interviews in Nunavut and Ottawa, Berger found that one section of the agreement, Article 23, required a special treatment in a separate report.

Article 23 is a promise that Inuit people will have a representative share of Nunavut public service jobs. Nunavut's population is close to 30,000. Eighty-five per cent are Inuit. Under Article 23 the Inuit ought to have 85 per cent of the positions in the public service. But only 45 per cent of the employees of the government of Nunavut are Inuit.

"This figure was more or less achieved early on, as Inuit took up mainly lower level positions in government, and has not been improved upon for the simple reason that only a few Inuit are qualified for the executive, management and professional positions that make up the middle and upper echelons of the public service," Berger wrote. "The result is that, although most of the elected members of the Government of Nunavut are Inuit, the great majority of the

higher level positions in the public service are held by non-Inuit; in fact, these latter constitute a large part of the 15 per cent of residents of Nunavut who are not Inuit.

Only 25 per cent of Inuit children graduate from high school, Berger found. That means few Inuit people go on to acquire the advanced skills required for senior bureaucratic positions.

Inuit is the first language for 75 per cent of Inuit people but the language of government in Nunavut is English.

"Article 23 therefore raises the question: What has to be done to qualify the Inuit for employment in all occupational groupings and grade levels in their own government?" Berger asked.

"There will have to be major changes in the education system in order to vastly increase the number of Inuit high school graduates; in my view a new approach is required, a comprehensive program of bilingual education."

He dismissed arguments by federal officials that it's not Canada's problem.

(see Final page 15.)

Accountability concerns

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"The minister of Indian Affairs is elected in Calgary and Calgary is awash in oil money. Canadians gleefully rub their hands when talking about the potential 1.4 trillion barrels of oil in the tar sands," Terrance Nelson said. "The problem is that the treaties, which gave the immigrants access to the lands and resources, only gave them access to the top six inches of lands, 'only enough to ensure the depth of a plough.' It may be time for the Indigenous people to get tough. To borrow a phrase from the Conservatives, 'It is time for some tough love' for the immigrants, who have had a free ride on the wealth of the Indigenous people."

That kind of talk brings to mind the rhetoric employed in the fight against former Indian Affairs minister Robert Nault's First Nations Governance act (FNGA) which was abandoned by former prime minister Paul Martin after the chiefs launched a major campaign against it.

Union of Ontario Indians Grand Chief John Beaucage was asked if something resembling the all-out fight against the FNGA would soon break out.

"I think it might be a little too soon to ask that because the AFN has already had a proposal to have our own auditor general to do the work in communities. Now whether or not this particular issue can be worked in with the Accountability act, we aren't sure. But what we're saying is that we don't want the federal auditor general coming in. There's already enough people coming in. But if we had our own process within the self-government framework,

that may work. But for them to come in and be looking over our shoulder every time we turn around would be completely paternalistic and big brother-ish. We don't want that."

But grassroots activists say over and over again that any claims that First Nations are truly accountable to their members are just not true. Alan Isfeld, a Waywayseecappo First Nation (Manitoba) citizen who lives in Winnipeg, obtained copies of policies developed very recently by his chief and council. He faxed those policies, complete with revisions he was suggesting, to this publication. Over and over, the chief and council reserved all discretion unto themselves and sought to keep information out of the hands of the membership.

Waywayseecappo found itself in the middle of a scandal last fall that sparked an ongoing police investigation when band member Margaret Clearsky noticed a deficit in the band's video lottery terminal account while looking through the band's audit at the band office. As a band employee, she was looking for additional funding for a project she was working on. She said at the time that the audit can not be copied or removed from the band office. That is a practice common to many First Nation governments.

The "Band Council Policy Manual approved and in effect as of Feb. 8, 2006 by [Waywayseecappo] chief and council ... to be presented to the people through a review and ratification process," was criticized severely by Isfeld. He pointed out that since it had been declared

approved and in effect by the council, it seemed pointless to ask the people to ratify it after the fact.

Section 3 of the policy covers a "Code of Conduct."

"All information regarding band council business shall be classified as confidential and shall not be released at any time to anyone without the consent of the majority of the band council," one sub-section states.

Isfeld changed that to read "All information regarding band council business shall be classified as band business and shall not be released without the consent of the majority of the band membership."

Over and over, Isfeld questioned sections where the chief and council had written their policy to allow for closed meetings and non-disclosure of its own activities.

He said he got involved in criticizing his council's policy to protect his own rights.

"If I ever move back home as a First Nation member I would be very concerned that I would be moving into a situation where I would be surrendering complete control over my life," he said.

He said his main concern with the way the policies are written is that they are "too paternalistic."

"The claim of government paternalism is used by the First Nation leadership at all phases of negotiations with outside governments," he said. "At the same time, chiefs and councils have picked up on the paternalistic practices and those paternalistic practices are the major contributors to holding our people back from self-government."

Renewal process could take years, said chief

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"We're not going to see it all happen this year but maybe in the process of three to four years these things will start fitting into place in an organized fashion. But if we want to change everything, change all the rules very quickly, I don't think it's going to work," said John Beaucage.

As the second day came to a close and the decision was made to push forward with business and bring things to an early conclusion, resolution 11/2006 was brought to the floor. It was moved by Ochiichagwe'babigo'ining First Nation (Ontario) Chief Allan Luby and Grand Chief Doug Kelly, attending as proxy for the Sumas First Nation in British Columbia. Both are seen as strong supporters of the national chief. The resolution proposed to establish a "regional representative political committee" to create a process for debating and eventually deciding on the changes proposed in the renewal report.

But earlier that day, Oneida of

the Thames (Ontario) Chief Randall Phillips stood to speak for a group of Ontario chiefs known as the Iroquois Caucus. He served notice that, while his group acknowledged the efforts of the renewal commission, they would "continue on our own path."

Six Nations of the Grand River (Ontario) Chief Dave General backed up that statement saying the Iroquois chiefs, representing communities in southern Ontario and along the St. Lawrence River into Quebec, were attempting to re-establish their traditional governance roots.

"Nationhood, nation building is on our minds," he said, adding that the Iroquois Caucus wanted to ensure that any "reincarnation of the AFN is inclusive of our wishes as Iroquoian people."

Phillips and General were central to the debate on the resolution later that day.

Each proposed an amendment to the resolution that tended to add more regional input to any renewal decision making and ensure that the national executive

did not have exclusive power to direct things from Ottawa.

A work plan that will lay out how the renewal process will continue is scheduled to be tabled at the annual general assembly in Vancouver in July. But the main focus of attention at that meeting will be the election for national chief. Any parts of the renewal proposals that the chiefs do not welcome could become bargaining chips in the backroom dealing for political support.

If too much of the commission's report is bargained away, the \$2.3 million expended on the process could eventually be seen as wasted.

Accountability has become a buzzword in Ottawa recently. The federal government introducing the Federal Accountability act on April 11 and, knowing it was coming and would soon become an issue, the national chief has said repeatedly that First Nations welcome accountability. So *Windspeaker* demanded copies of the contribution agreement that covered funding for the AFN renewal process from both the

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AFN and the department of Indian Affairs (INAC).

Neither provided a copy of the actual contribution agreement. AFN disclosed some financial information. INAC provided nothing.

The AFN documentation shows that in the fiscal year 2005-2006 alone INAC provided \$600,000 for renewal. While individual salaries for the co-chairs and staff and per diems for the commission members were not revealed, one line shows that "salaries" for the year equalled \$139,111. Travel expenses

totalled \$82,500. Consultants were paid \$120,594. Expenses, including \$200,000 for "advertising, promo & publications," used up the rest of the money.

The documents also showed that AFN was facing an April 28 deadline for providing a "final activity/progress report," including a report on the special assembly, and a "final revenue and expenditure report."

That suggests the renewal commission's work is done and the matter now lies completely in the hands of the chiefs.

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In fact, the throne speech was notable for how Aboriginal issues were not mentioned.

Congress of Aboriginal Peoples leader Patrick Brazeau was asked if he was concerned. He backed the Conservatives during the election campaign and is staying loyal to the new government, but he acknowledged that it did not look good to mention the Chinese and leave out Aboriginal residential school survivors.

"Even though at one point we congratulated the AFN for being able to negotiate the [residential school] package, unfortunately we weren't consulted on the package and some of the issues and the dollars attached. I don't want to make this a political issue but optics-wise it was a little bit surprising not to hear anything mentioned in regards to that issue," he said.

Grassroots people have a variety of perspectives on the goings on in Ottawa.

Lillian Shirt, a 66-year-old survivor of the Blue Quills school in Alberta, lives in Edmonton. She told *Windspeaker* she had heard of cases where survivors borrowed money in the belief they would soon be receiving those \$8,000 cheques. Hopes were raised and these people could find themselves facing financial difficulty if the money doesn't arrive soon.

"There's a lot of people hanging in there through prayer that they'll be able to provide something to their children or now their grandchildren," she said.

Graham Courtourelle is a residential school survivor from the Tallcree First Nation in northern Alberta. He's angry and frustrated that things are not happening as fast as he was led to believe they would.

He notes that non-Native victims of institutional abuse have their claims dealt with far more quickly and with less apparent reluctance.

His brother-in-law is of Japanese heritage. Then prime minister Brian Mulroney issued an apology on the floor of the House of Commons to Japanese Canadians who were interned in camps and, in many cases, were stripped of their property during the Second World War simply because of their race. Each of the internees also received a \$21,000 compensation package.

"And he said to me, why didn't you guys get anything," he said. "I told him the big problem is that we're Indians."

When the residential school agreement was announced, Phil Fontaine said separate talks were being held about a government apology for the residential school system.

Dave Dennis, vice-president of British Columbia's United Native

Nations, attended the AFN meeting in Charlottetown in July, 2004 as a proxy. At the time he was working for the Nuu-Chah-Nulth tribal council and was directed to push the national chief to seek an apology. The national chief could have pressed Paul Martin for that apology before the election was called, but he didn't, Dennis said.

"There could have been a deal struck at any time to secure an apology in the House of

Commons. The opportunity was there but it hasn't happened," he said. "From what I've seen in all of this whole epic of residential schools was the need for survivors to hear people be accountable for what they've done. And by giving cheques in the mail, that doesn't seem like justice to me and it doesn't sound like justice to a lot of people."

He blamed the government and the AFN for raising hopes

prematurely.

"Both sides need to be pointed at for their political maneuvering. My belief is that this is a major campaign piece for the next [AFN] election, which is on the political horizon here in B.C. In B.C., residential schools have been huge. It's very much a part of our political dynamic right now that being strong and delivering on residential schools is important for elections, quite simply."

Final report delivered by Berger

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"Canada, represented by Indian Affairs, has in the past adopted the position that it has no further obligations under Article 23, that by conducting a labor market survey and developing plans for Inuit employment and pre-employment training, it has done all that it specifically agreed to do under Article 23," he wrote.

"It is true that Article 23 does not say anything about the schools, about education. It is quite apparent, however, that Article 23, which deals with employment, cannot be discussed intelligently without discussing education. The schools are supposed to equip students with the skills to obtain employment. But in Nunavut they have not produced an adequate pool of qualified Inuit. The schools are

failing. They are not producing graduates truly competent in Inuktitut; moreover, the Inuit of Nunavut have the lowest rate of literacy in English in the country."

In the current education system, children are educated in Inuktitut up to Grade 4. Then the language of instruction switches to English.

"In Grade 4, they are starting over, and they find themselves behind. Their comprehension is imperfect; it slips and as it does they fall further behind. By the time they reach Grade 8, Grade 9 and Grade 10, they are failing (not all of them, to be sure, but most of them)," he wrote.

"This is damaging to their confidence, to their faith in themselves. For them, there has been not only an institutional

rejection of their language and culture, but also a demonstration of their personal incapacity.

"In Nunavut this reinforces the colonial message of inferiority. The Inuit student mentally withdraws, then leaves altogether. The drop-out rate is linked to Nunavut's unhappy incidence of crime, drugs and family violence."

A study shows that Inuit lose about \$72 million per year by not having full employment under Section 23. Berger also estimated that tens of millions of dollars could be saved each year if Inuit people filled the jobs because it would be cheaper to recruit them and they would stay longer. He argued that those numbers justify expending the money needed to address the problem.

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Tourney record just out of reach

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SUDBURY

Organizers are raving about how events transpired as the Little NHL Tournament made its return to Sudbury.

This year's event, held March 12 to 16, marked the 35th year the youth tournament (NHL stands for Native Hockey League) has been staged.

Though Sudbury frequently plays host to the event, it has moved around to other northern Ontario towns in recent years. This marked the first time since 2003 that it was staged in the Nickel City.

A total of 120 clubs from across Ontario had registered for the tournament, but, for various reasons, there were three squads that were last-minute withdrawals.

"We would have had (the tournament record) if all 120 teams had come," said Franklin Paibomsai, the chief of the Whitefish River First Nation, who served as an executive member of the tournament committee.

Paibomsai recalled there was a tournament high of either 117 or 118 participating squads a few years ago.

That's a far cry from the just 17 teams that competed at the inaugural Little NHL Tournament back in 1971.

At this year's event, clubs were divided into eight different divisions. A total of 248 matches were held at seven different Sudbury area rinks.

All of the A-championship finals were at the Sudbury Arena, home of the Ontario Hockey League's Sudbury Wolves.

"That gave the kids, especially

the younger ones, something to shoot for," Paibomsai said.

The event is classified as a house league level tournament. But some teams do have rep players – all the way up to the highest calibre AAA level – on their rosters.

"It's nice to have a healthy competition," Paibomsai said. "But that competition should build your character."

A highlight for Paibomsai was when he heard about a seven-year-old player who was named as the most valuable player of the game in a championship match.

But that player then went into the opposing (and losing) team's dressing room following the game and presented the MVP award to that club's goalie.

"That's what it's all about," Paibomsai said. "What we need is about 500 more of that boy. That kid really embodies the spirit of the tournament."

Clubs representing Wikwemikong ended up as the A champions in three divisions. Wikwemikong clubs won the junior girls, tyke and atom groupings.

Other A champs were Garden River (novice); Six Nations (pee wee); Chimnissing (bantam) and Curve Lake (midget).

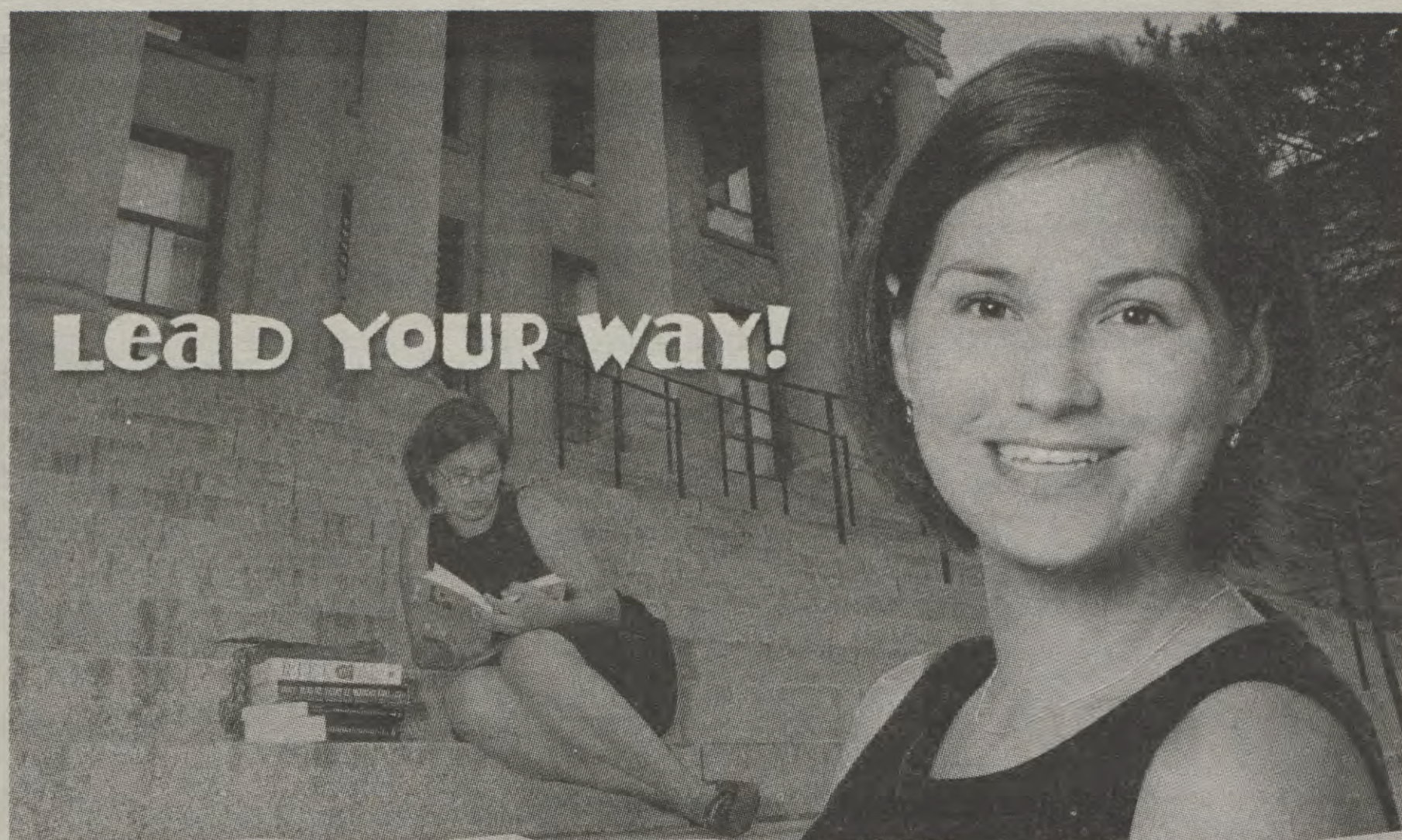
Also, a squad dubbed A.O.K. captured the senior girls' A division.

In order to enable as many participants as possible to take home either a trophy, plaque or medal, organizers had as many as eight championship games in some divisions.

"There was so many amazing games that we had," Paibomsai said. "I saw some amazing hockey. And we had just a wonderful time."

The executive of the Little NHL Tournament played host to this year's event.

The 2007 tournament will also be in Sudbury. The Ojibway Cultural Foundation will play host to the event.



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Napoleon was awarded the Telefilm-APTN award for best Aboriginal production at the Banff Television Festival in 2002 for a children's TV show. Although he has been busy in the studio with the recording of another CD to be released in 2007, Napoleon tours regularly as a performer, workshop facilitator, speaker and emcee.

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Priscilla Morin	Already Gone	Single Releases
Tamara Podemski	Meegwetch	Tamara
Crystal Shawanda	Maybe Someday	Cutting Room Floor
Don Constant	Northern Lights	Two Mending Hearts
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Donna Kay/Little Island Cree	Round, Round, Round	The Journey
Dominique Reynolds	The Rifle	Coming Home
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Andrea Menard	My Laughing Fool	Simple Step
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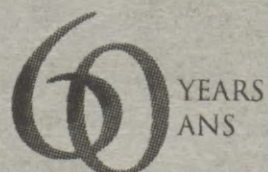
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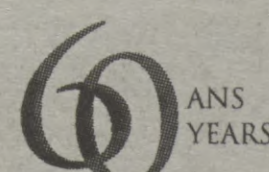
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The year of Dances With Wolves—The sequel

It's no secret that movies tend to be produced in cycles. No industry feeds on itself better than the film industry. Certain years have certain themes. Remember the year of *Armageddon* and *Deep Impact* when earth-destroying comets were box office boffo? And *Dante's Peak* and *Volcano* gave geological pimples a certain cache in Hollywood within months of each other?

To me as both an avid movie watcher and a member of Canada's First Nations community, this habit of movies with identical themes trying to one-up each other reached a level of ridiculousness a few years back when two different studios produced films about Christopher Columbus discovering the Americas. Again, speaking as a First Nation person, living through the discovery the one time was traumatic enough



THE URBANE INDIAN

Drew Hayden Taylor

for most of us. Witnessing it two more times was just downright sadistic.

Judging by the Academy Award nominations, it seems last year's gay and trans-gendered stories were what got everybody all hot and bothered. Witness the success of *Brokeback Mountain* and *TransAmerica*. Nothing like gay cowboys and a cross-dressing man to make an artistic statement, though most of us in the Native community have had our suspicions about Tonto and the Lone Ranger for a long time.

Sometime when I'm in a good mood, I'll tell you what Kemosabe really means.

But this year it seems like it's our turn once again. In the early 1990s, Native people were "in." *Dances With Wolves*, *Pocahontas* and *Last of the Mohicans* made us cinematically very popular. Fashionably, Indians were the new black. Then we went away for a while. But now we're back, with a vengeance.

There was Terrence Malerick's *The New World* and Mel Gibson's *Apocalypto*. I've seen *The New*

World starring Colin Farrell, and it sort of reminded me of some dates I've had: overly long, dull and occasionally pretty. There's no love story quite like a thirty-something sailor sweeping a 13-year-old girl off her feet. And on a more domestic and Indigenous-friendly level, I've heard rumors floating about that the *Dead Dog Cafe's* Tom King is out there peddling a movie script he adapted from his hit novel *Green Grass, Running Water*. Also, the mystical wind is telling me there's talk floating about of Sherman Alexie's fabulous novel *Indian Killer* becoming a movie, with some solid Canadian participation. I have so many starving Native actor friends, with all this potential work, they can stop going through my garbage.

Just in the last year or so, CBC has certainly been pumping out movies-of-the-week, also known

as MOWs. Not that long ago, I remember sitting down in front of the TV with my bowl of popcorn to watch that movie about Shania Twain. I knew almost all the Native actors in that film. I owe most of them some money.

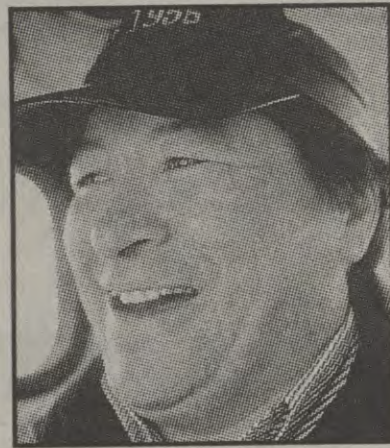
But back to my original point, I also watched *Cowboys and Indians*, the movie about the police shooting of J.J. Harper. And just awhile or so ago, I watched *One Dead Indian* about the shooting of Dudley George by the police. Remember what I said about movies with a popular theme being produced quite close together?

Who knew cops killing Indians would become hot? If this keeps up, it won't be long before the Sunday night movie is the dramatization of Neil Stonechild's little run in with the Saskatoon Police.

Introducing the science of Qallunology

Before explaining Qallunology, let us first briefly touch upon a respectable branch of academia called Eskimology: the study, by others, of Inuit traditions, customs, and languages. Anthropologists the world over have earned eminent reputations, and compiled huge volumes of works from their studies of how Inuit live in all corners of the Arctic. Numerous universities and museums around the world possess great collections of Inuit artifacts and stories.

To put it bluntly, Inuit have been studied to death. There is nothing in Inuit life that has not been examined, analyzed or documented. Some scholars of Eskimology have attained enough knowledge in their specialty of the science to dare to be on the threshold of "out-Eskimo-ing the Eskimos." Eskimologists gather every two years at events called Inuit Studies Conferences in



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different cities all over the world to talk shop about their respective knowledge and acquired expertise.

Reflecting on this subject one day, I recalled the times when the few Qallunaat (white men) we encountered lived in warm wooden houses, while we lived in igloos. They seemed to lack no material thing. Their food was delicious, all their women were beautiful, and even their garbage was good! As a boy, I had an innocent ambition to be like the Qallunaat. The measure of my success would be when my garbage equaled theirs.

In my youth, I lived among the Qallunaat for seven years in their land. During that time, my discoveries of their peculiarities sparked my interest in what could be called Qallunology. This is the study of Qallunaat ways in such fashion as Inuit ways have been the subject of Eskimology. The operative curiosity in Qallunology may not be scholarly in an academic sense, but is no less informative.

Nobody has an academic degree in this discipline. None can yet be referred to as "that eminent Qallunologist." But, many Inuit

who have been exposed to Qallunaat-dom through deep immersion in their world could write some credible discourses on the subject. Having coined the term "Qallunology", I might rightly claim to be a Qallunologist. But, such a claim would have to be backed up with a body of academic work, eventually sufficient to organize the first Qallunaat Studies Conference.

There's much to cover in this richly exploitable subject. Qallunaat names are a translator's delight: Noseworthy, Goodenough, Middlemiss, Sexsmith. Some names have no obvious translation, but sound like they have character: McCorkindale, Vandervoort, Hotchkiss. Their custom of abbreviating first names doesn't seem to follow a standard formula. Robert can be Rob, Robbie, Bob, Bobby or Bert.

Charles is Charlie, but can be

Chuck. What sleight of hand makes a Henry a Hank? And how does Richard become a Dick, if not a Rich or a Rick?

Their language contains scores of weirdnesses. For example, they will never use a Q without it being followed by a U. By this rule, the science of Qallunology would have to be spelled Quallunology, which is nonsensical. If you're making your debut, don't ever say de-BUTT. If you score a coup-de-grace, make sure you pronounce it KOO-de-GRAAH.

We know Qallunaat, of course, by the way they eat; with a fork and a dull knife known by Inuit as *nuvrittuq* (without point). There is a whole etiquette to eating too cumbersome to describe in detail. If you have the misfortune to burp, belch or fart during a meal, you have to be civil and say, "Excuse me!" in a sincere enough demeanor to the other diners.

(see Study of page 21.)

Civil disobedience comes with consequences

Dear Tuma:

My First Nation hasn't had a meeting in over a year now. They aren't accountable to us members in any way, shape or form. Our chief and council are elected by Customary Election Regulation. I want to know how I can shut down the band office and make them accountable. I read it on the news all the time about First Nation members shutting down band offices, therefore I want to know the right way about going about this.

Militant Indian

Dear Militant:

There are a number of ways in which to make your point. I am reminded of an old phrase "the squeaky wheel gets the grease." What you hope to accomplish will depend on how squeaky you want to get.

Accountability of all of our



PRO BONO Tuma Young

politicians has been a simmering issue, not just for all of our nations, but for everyone. In particular, First Nation folks have been demanding and receiving more accountability from their politicians. The problem is not with accountability, but to whom. Many, if not all, bands have to file annual financial audits, program reports and numerous other statements and narratives with various governmental departments. The Assembly of First Nations estimates that, on average, each

band sends three reports each week to the government.

You need to find out what your custom elections regulations say. Look at the provisions regarding how information is supposed to be given to the band members. Read up on the provisions regarding public attendance at band council meetings and read carefully to see if there are any requirements for a general band meeting. If there are, remind the chief and councillors about these provisions.

What manner you choose to

"remind" them really depends on how effective you think it is. Sometimes this means writing letters, making verbal presentations, petitions, public protests and, in some cases, civil disobedience such as sit-ins or shutting down the band office. If accountability is your goal, will shutting down the band office, delaying or closing essential departments such as welfare, health or education achieve this accountability? Plus you have to consider the personal consequences of taking such drastic steps, such as possible criminal sanctions, civil lawsuits and potential damage to your reputation.

There is a time and place for civil disobedience; think of Viola Desmond of Nova Scotia who refused to sit in the black section of the racially segregated theatre in New Glasgow, or the Mi'kmaq

of Listuguj who took over a bridge to protest the department of Fisheries and Oceans raiding their reserve.

What about your traditions? Your culture? Your nation's way of doing things? If your band is governed by custom, what is your custom in handling disputes amongst yourselves? What are your customs in ensuring that your leaders are accountable to your people? This may be another way to achieve your goal of accountability.

Part of your question also deals with general band meetings and you need to look at your custom regulations to find out whether the band is supposed to have them. For non-custom bands, there is no requirement in the Indian Act or the Indian Band Council Procedures Regulations to hold a general band meeting. (see Custom codes page 21.)

Music legend inspires young artist

By Colleen Toulouse
Windspeaker Contributor

PETERBOROUGH, Ont.

Opening for blues legend B.B. King was something musician Brock Stonefish never dreamed possible. It was only until it happened on March 11 at a sold-out show at the Mohican North Star Casino and Bingo in Wisconsin that he believed in it all.

"I can't even put it into words how I felt opening for B.B. King," said Stonefish, 21, "It's bigger than anything I could imagine. He is one of my musical influences."

It was an incredible opportunity for Stonefish of the Delaware First Nation in Ontario. King is considered one of music's most influential guitarists. Stonefish, who has been playing the guitar for 10 years, got the poster advertising him as the opening act signed by King and it now hangs in his living room.

"B.B. King said, and made it clear to me, that this was the first



Blues legend B.B. King and opening act Brock Stonefish

time he signed a poster that wasn't his."

But he'll always remember what King said to him after the show.

"He said I was going to have an interesting career. He told me 'God bless,' and I was going to have a long career ahead of me. It is more than I can ever expect. I have a lot more drive now to succeed in my music."

King recently celebrated his 80th

birthday by bringing musicians, including Eric Clapton, Elton John and Sheryl Crow, together for a new album of duets. King recently won his 14th Grammy Award, making it his ninth time winning in the Best Traditional Blues Album category.

Stonefish first learned that there was a possibility that he would open for King when his brother Bruce called him in January at



ready. He also had his parents, two brothers, his best friend, and a few community members in the audience.

"On stage, I was thinking 'Don't mess up. Don't choke,'" said Stonefish.

Shortly after Stonefish performed, King took the stage and played. Stonefish was on a natural high.

"Blues music relaxes me and it is easy listening. It has a lot of feeling, similar to Native music. Not too many styles of music can produce that much feeling in it," said Stonefish.

Some audience members approached Stonefish and said they connected to his song about being a Native person moving from the reserve to the city.

"They never heard a song like it before. It's about making a variety of friends along the way. [Also] making fun of stereotypes people have of Native people," he said. "When I was 12, I moved from my reserve to a city. I learned to overcome the stereotypes." Stonefish now lives in Peterborough.

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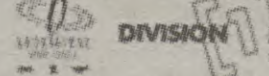
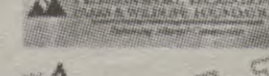
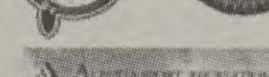
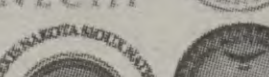
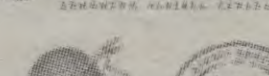
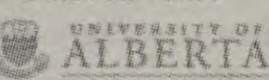
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Aboriginal media lab to be used to challenge stereotypes

M. Morning Star Doherty
Windspeaker Contributor

VANCOUVER

When internationally acclaimed Aboriginal film-maker Loretta Todd launched the Aboriginal Media Lab (AML) on Feb. 22, she screened a 1930s Hollywood movie called *The Silent Enemy*, a film that gives a fictionalized account of traditional life in Northern Canada. It featured an all-Aboriginal cast.

The film was accompanied by contemporary live fusion Native music, composed and performed by Russell Wallace & Friends and was presented at the new Vancouver International Film Centre & VanCity Theatre in Vancouver.

"The Aboriginal Media Lab is a forum to promote the complexity of Aboriginal people by promoting and encouraging Aboriginal media arts that renew, reframe and assert our history, our present and our future," said Todd. "The first aim of the

Media Lab is to ensure Aboriginal history is accurately and innovatively reflected in the media in order to counter persistent misunderstandings about Aboriginal societies. We want to improve the quality and quantity of Aboriginal media arts and challenge the stereotypes and historical inaccuracies so often portrayed in the predominately non-Native media, even today.

"Using an old film to launch the Aboriginal Media Lab allowed us to speak back to a cultural artifact from Hollywood, intervening with contemporary Native music, that both comments on the stereotypes and responds to the dramatic elements of the story. The long-term vision of the Aboriginal Media Lab is to become an actual media laboratory, a place for experimentation and the practical application of technology in the lives of Aboriginal people and communities," concluded Todd.

The Aboriginal Media Arts Lab is a place where film-makers, artists, community people, academics and educators will gather to create Aboriginal ideas,

research methodologies and technological applications to communicate Aboriginal history.

Conceived of by Todd, the Media Lab is intended as a place of exchange and investigation in order to enhance the quality and quantity of Aboriginal media on Aboriginal history.

Among the objectives of the Aboriginal Media Lab is the goal to undertake research that will make a positive difference in media production and broadcasting, re: Aboriginal history, storytelling and aesthetics. The lab is designed to create the opportunity for Aboriginal academics and Aboriginal producers and broadcasters to build relationships and collaborate.

To-date, the lab has received support from the Media Arts Division of the Canada Council, and will soon officially launch a three-year program, funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC). This program will enable research and a series of future think tanks or idea circles.

The Aboriginal Media Lab, an independent organization, has formed strategic partnerships with technological and media issues leaders comprising of the Chief Dan George Centre, Simon Fraser University and the First Nations Studies Department at UBC.

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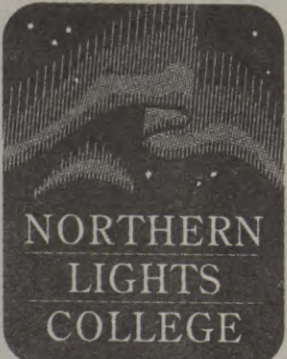
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March 31st, 2006

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Executive and Board of the Indigenous Physicians Association of Canada, I would like to welcome you to our website (www.ipac-amc.org), launched March 31/06. This website provides us with a means of connecting with our fellow Aboriginal physicians, residents and medical students across the country; discussing Aboriginal health issues; promoting Aboriginal health and wellness; and connecting with our various communities. Also through this site, First Nations, Inuit and Métis physicians, residents and medical students can inquire about and engage in mentorship across the country - and, indeed, the world. We are now also able to share information about events and resources important to Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal practitioners and learners alike.

A strong focus of the site is to encourage Aboriginal people to pursue a career in medicine. This will be accomplished through the information and tools contained on this site: profiles of current Aboriginal medical students, the means to engage a mentor to assist with premedical preparation, and a mini-portal with links to information about resources, scholarships/bursaries, and each medical school in Canada. The latter will ideally include admissions requirements, program information, and specific initiatives to engage and sustain First Nations, Inuit and Métis students such as Aboriginal access measures, support initiatives, and campus-wide and community Indigenous activities.

I encourage you to visit our website and to provide us with suggestions. We encourage any feedback that will foster an environment of collegial support and learning for all involved in Aboriginal health.

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[careers & training] Stonefish/King

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This whole musical experience has made Brock Stonefish more positive about himself and the things he can accomplish.

"Before all of this, I was writing songs and performing at open mikes. I was getting impatient and forgetting about my music. I was too deep into the partying life. Without the BB King experience, I could easily fall back into that," he said. "Now, I can see what I can do and I don't need that anymore. I know what I want."

A week later, Stonefish went to Winnipeg for an Aboriginal

recording artist residency hosted by the Aboriginal Music Program of the Manitoba Audio Recording Industry Association. The one-week residency is for emerging to mid-career Aboriginal recording artist, and includes workshops in songwriting, recording, marketing, image, performance, touring and business.

"In Winnipeg, I played with Billy Joe Green, a Canadian Juno nominee," Stonefish said. "In two weeks, I was playing on the same stage with a Grammy winner and then an Aboriginal music award winner. I can't believe it."

Custom codes

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I would state to have a general band meeting you need to have the majority of the councillors request to have one. Adequate notice of the meeting must be given and a quorum of the councillors must be present at the meeting.

One thing to note about general band meetings is that it is not a duly conveyed band

council meeting and any motions made by the public are not binding on the council, but rather can be taken into consideration by the council at a duly conveyed council meeting.

Sometimes, "the pen is mightier than the sword" or maybe we can say "the eagle feather is stronger than the arrow."

Tuma

Study of Qallunaat

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Having visitors over (having company), is mostly attached to some ritual of activity, such as a bridge game. If alcohol is served to guests, it's amazingly incidental, and not the main item of attention. Nobody gets drunk, but there's a lot of talking! Then, there seems to be an obligation to talk even more at the door before guests leave. Guest and hosts lingering forever at the entrance to talk volumes about nothing in particular is one of the surest trademarks of being in Qallunaat-dom.

Their samenesses and distinctnesses can be utterly baffling. An Irishman from Northern Ireland looks exactly the same as one from the South. Why is there such savage conflict

among same-looking civilized people? Some rate their own calling.

The French are called *Ouigouit* by Inuit, but this label could have gone either way if the first of their arrivals had kept saying "*Non-non*" instead.

My original fascination points about Qallunaat were transformed over time. Their food is, after all, not all delicious, and becomes quite dreary after a while, for it's mostly squeezed of all blood. Not all of their women are beautiful. And, nowadays, our garbage is just as good as theirs, an indicator that, we have, in many ways, become "Qallunatized".

Any way you look at it, Qallunology is an intriguing study subject!

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Chief made his mark on Canada and on the international stage

By Cheryl Petten

Over the years, Canada has seen many Aboriginal leaders who have made a difference at the local, regional or national level, but few, if any, have made as marked an impact at all three levels, as well as on the international stage, as George Manuel.

Manuel was born on Feb. 21, 1921, a member of the Shuswap Nation of the Neskonalith Indian Band in British Columbia. He attended Kamloops Indian Residential School until he contracted tuberculosis at the age of 12 and was sent to a TB hospital located on the Stalo reserve near Chilliwack.

He later worked a number of jobs, from bus boy to logger, before launching into politics, a career path that would dominate the rest of his life. But throughout his political career, he kept his sights trained on his goal: to unite Indigenous people in their attempts to see Aboriginal rights realized.

He first became involved in politics in 1951 when amendments to the Indian Act resulted in the people of his community being denied access to health services.

In 1959 he was elected president of the North American Indian Brotherhood of B.C. and was elected as chief of the Neskonalith band the following year, serving in the position until 1966.

From 1965 to 1968 he was a community development officer for the department of Indian Affairs, working in Cowichan territory near Duncan on Vancouver Island. During his time there he worked to raise awareness of the problems faced by the Cowichan people.

When then prime minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau released the White Paper calling for the assimilation of Indian people, Manuel spoke out strongly against the government policy, and soon he was

in a position to lead other Native people in their fight against the federal plan.

After leaving his position with Indian Affairs, Manuel joined with the Indian Association of Alberta where he worked side by side with another legendary political leader, Harold Cardinal, who urged Manuel to run for the position of national chief of the fledgling National Indian Brotherhood, forerunner to today's Assembly of First Nations. He served as president of the National Indian Brotherhood from 1970 to 1976.

From 1971 to 1976 he also served as a non-governmental advisor to a delegation of Members of Parliament, making trips to New Zealand, Sweden, Greenland, Denmark and Norway, looking at relationships between governments and Indigenous people. He saw the similarities of worldview and circumstance shared by all the Indigenous people he encountered, and recognized that all Indigenous people could and should work together to fight for recognition of their rights.

During a visit to Tanzania, Manuel met with that country's president, Julius Nyerere, who told him the Indigenous people of Canada would have to be organized and united before they could achieve their goals and that once Indigenous people come into their own, that would be the Fourth World. Manuel began working toward creation of that Fourth World, a unification of Indigenous people from around the world to work toward a common cause. In 1974, *Fourth World: An Indian Reality*, a book Manuel co-wrote with Michael Posluns, was published, in which he wrote about the struggle to have the rights of Indigenous people recognized.

That unified front became a reality in 1975 with the creation of

the World Council of Indigenous Peoples, born out of a conference held in Port Alberni, B.C. that attracted delegates from 24 countries. Manuel became the organization's first president, a position he held until 1981. In that role, he travelled the world over, meeting with Indigenous leaders and people. During this time he also worked to see the Universal Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous People become a reality. The World Council of Indigenous Peoples adopted the declaration in 1977, starting a ripple effect that would see the United Nations take up the cause and begin drafting its own declaration a decade later.

From 1979 to 1981, Manuel served as president of the Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs (UBCIC). During this time he developed the Aboriginal Rights Position Paper and worked to see Aboriginal rights addressed during constitutional negotiations. As part of those efforts, Manuel organized the Indian Constitutional Express.

In November 1980, two trainloads of First Nation people left Vancouver heading for Ottawa where constitutional negotiations were underway. Along the route, the trains stopped to gather more passengers and to make presentations about the need to ensure a new Canadian Constitution didn't strip away Aboriginal rights. While one delegation ended its voyage in Ottawa, another went on to New York City to present its case to the United Nations. A separate delegation travelled through Europe, gathering support for the cause. In the end Manuel's efforts were successful. When the new Canadian Constitution was finalized in 1982, Aboriginal rights were guaranteed.

In 1981 Manuel became the first permanent grand chief of the UBCIC and in 1984, he joined with Dr. Rudolph Ryser, a

member of the Cowlitz Tribe of Washington State, to create the Center for World Indigenous Studies, a non-profit research and education organization designed to foster co-operation between Indigenous nations.

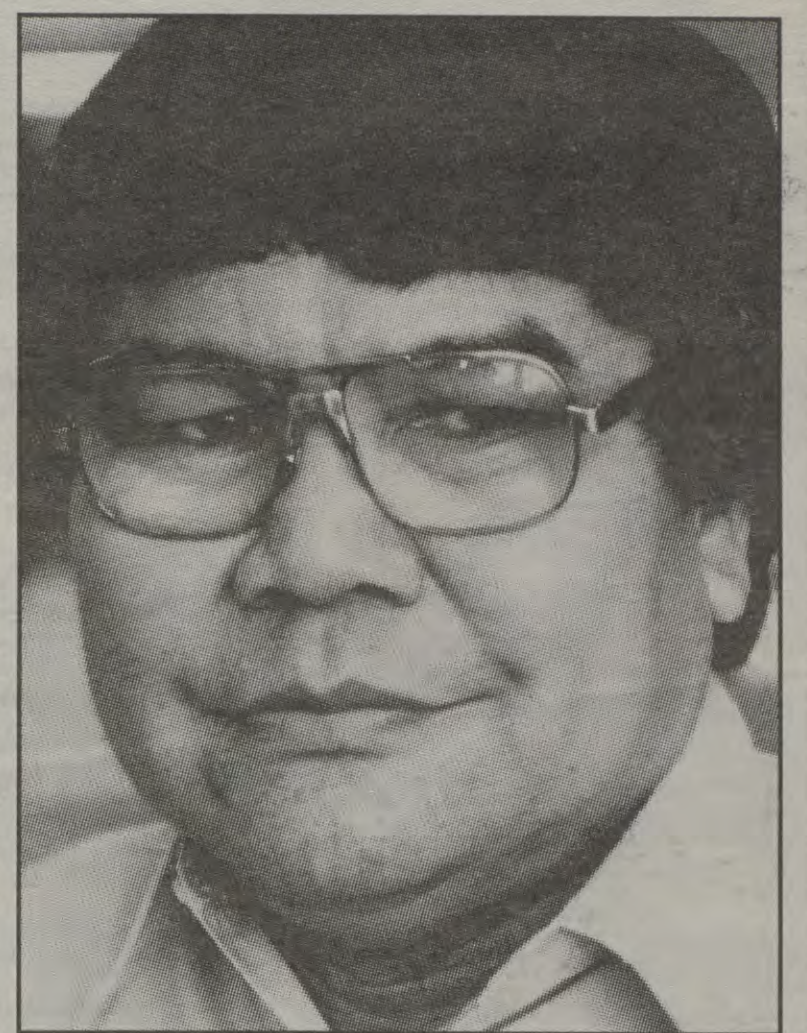
Manuel's further involvement in politics was limited by health problems. He suffered a number of heart attacks and was forced to scale back his work, but continued to offer advice to other Aboriginal political leaders.

His efforts to fight for the rights of Indigenous people around the world earned him many honors, including an honorary degree from the University of British Columbia in 1983 and an appointment to the Order of Canada in 1986.

Manuel died on Nov. 15, 1989. Although almost 17 years have come and gone since his passing, his efforts on behalf of Indigenous people worldwide continues to provide inspiration to those that follow in his footsteps.

Two of his six children—the late Robert Manuel and Arthur Manuel—followed their father into politics, both serving as chiefs of the Neskonalith band as their father had, and both representing their people at the provincial and national levels.

The Center for World Indigenous Studies has honored Manuel's memory on their Web site, which features the Chief George Manuel Memorial Library and the Fourth World Documentation Archive, a digitized collection of resources documenting the ongoing struggles



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George Manuel's political career began when health benefits on reserve were threatened, but his ire was raised when Canada introduced the White Paper.

of Indigenous people around the world to have their rights recognized.

In 1993, the George Manuel Institute was established by the Neskonalith band, offering an adult education program, a First Nations business administration program, a university and college entrance program and an alternate high school.

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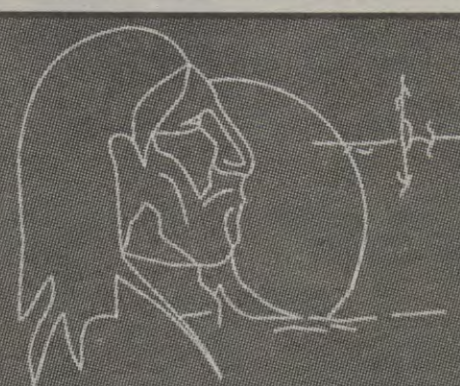
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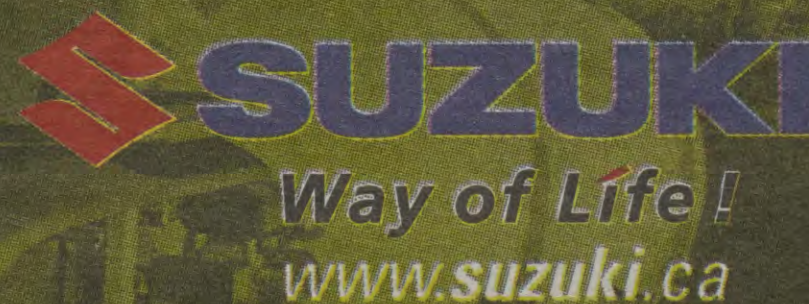
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