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QUOTABLE QUOTE

'Each goose, in turn, assumes the difficult position at the front. Each offers its strength and determination for the benefit of the flock and they reach their destination safe, protected and unified. People got to learn to be just like that. Too many these days just out for themselves,' an Old One told Wagamese.

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Off-reserve Indians shouldn't be forgotten

By Rocky Woodward
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

The president of the Native Council of Canada (Alberta) Doris Ronnenburg said off-reserve Aboriginal peoples must not be ignored during the constitution talks.

She said Canadians don't understand that most Aboriginal people in Canada do not live on reserves, "and we must have our own place in the Constitution," said Ronnenburg.

Ronnenburg said the current federal government policy only applies to on-reserve Indians registered under the Indian Act.

"There is a very real danger the application of constitutional rights might fall into the same trap," she said.

Because of concern that many Native people may be 'forgotten' Ronnenburg said, off-reserve Aboriginal peoples in the prairie regions are planning a First Peoples forum to guarantee their participation in upcoming constitutional talks.

A national Constitutional Review Commission has been appointed by the Native Council of Canada in Ottawa to facilitate a series of six regional forums to be held across the country in December and January.

"The purpose of these meetings is to review the current Canada package of the federal government, and to help design the constitutional position the Native Council of Canada will bring to the next first minister's conference on the Constitution," Ronnenburg commented.

Ronnenburg said she hoped the new process would result in a more equitable access for off-reserve Aboriginal peoples, including Indian people who recently acquired status under the



Rocky Woodward

Const. Dana Donald spent nine months of tough training to become an Edmonton City Police officer but he said every minute was worth it. The former Edmonton Eskimo football hopeful graduated from city police training Nov. 8. Donald is stationed at Londonderry Police Station in Edmonton's east end.

Indian Act through Bill C-31, "to Aboriginal and treaty rights, including lands and benefits," she said.

Ronnenburg added that the prairie provincial governments will have an important role to play. "We expect to establish an on-going consultative process with the provincial governments on all of these issues. It's going to take seven provinces with 50 per cent of the population of Canada to make this thing work," Ronnenburg said.

She said Native people across the country have a lot of goals in common with provincial governments and other Canadians — including the survival of Canada.

Past chief of the Wabasca Bigstone Band, William Beaver, and an active Treaty 8 leader for many years, will act as prairie commissioner on the constitutional review panel.

Ronnenburg said the commission has four goals "to assist all Aboriginal peoples in Canada."

Their goals are to participate in constitutional reform, to have consent to constitutional change, to secure Aboriginal and treaty rights for off-reserve Aboriginal people and to secure the rights of northern Aboriginal peoples.

"The commission is most concerned that Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people alike come to understand the importance of the constitutional reform process in establishing the rightful place of Aboriginal people in Canada," Ronnenburg said.

Athabasca River: Fast becoming sewage line to the north

By Tony Mercredi
Windspeaker Contributor

FORT CHIPEWYAN, ALTA.

For the second year in a row residents of Fort Chipewyan, 800 km north of Edmonton, have been forced to cope with an environmental and ecological crisis of enormous proportions.

Late last August, health authorities informed people at Fort Chipewyan that their water is not fit for consumption. Costly public measures to ensure drink-

able water available to the residents, were immediately put into effect by community leaders after they received the bad news.

A majority of residents think it is just to coincidental that the crisis occurred, like last year, a week after the City of Fort McMurray dumped a million and a half gallons of sewage into the Athabasca River. The river flows into Lake Athabasca near Fort Chipewyan.

Others believe that pesticides running off the farms near the town of Athabasca compounds

an obviously worsening environmental disaster. Many are of the opinion that pollution of the Athabasca River is caused, to a great extent, by the giant tar sands groups near Fort McKay.

These serious environmental issues are being raised by Fort Chipewyan community leaders who are strongly demanding answers and action by both levels of government.

Fort Chipewyan Cree Band Chief, Archie Waquan, angrily said that it doesn't take a scientist to know that the Fort Chipewyan crisis has been

brought about by outside factors.

"I will be demanding answers from the federal and provincial governments on this ecological disaster," he said.

"Our people demand to know where the federal government stands on this problem. This crisis has happened for two years, the pollution of the area is obviously worsening and I intend to make sure it's dealt with and

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Native lawyer is now a provincial court judge

By Jerry Ward
Windspeaker contributor

HIGH PRAIRIE, ALTA.

Hobbema lawyer Thomas Goodson has become Alberta's first Aboriginal member of the judiciary to the Provincial Court of Alberta, Nov. 1.

Goodson's appointment to the bench came five days after The Law Society of Alberta dismissed two complaints against him. The complaints were made by two city businessmen regarding Goodson's conduct in a failed city hotel deal.

Law Society President Phyllis Smith said the panel's decision concluded "all outstanding matters" between Goodson and the Law Society.

"There can be no appeal. There's nothing more to be done," Smith told *Windspeaker*.

Alberta's Attorney General Ken Rostad said he remains pleased with Goodson's ap-

pointment.

Rostad said Goodson's appointment is in keeping with the concerns raised in the Cawsey Report, which drew attention to the need for individuals within the judicial system to have a sound knowledge of aboriginal culture.

"I believe that as an aboriginal, Judge Goodson will be sensitive to aboriginal culture and able to take into account cultural and economic factors when aboriginal people appear before him.

"His qualifications are excellent and I am confident that he will bring insight and sensitivity to the court and to judiciary as a whole," said Rostad.

Goodson said he feels comfortable with the step up to the bench.

"When you've spent as much time in provincial courts as I have, you can't help but learn a lot. I feel good about my appointment," Goodson said.

Goodson is a 45-year-old, Sas-

katchewan-born lawyer, and a former partner of Wetaskiwin Progressive Conservative MP Willie Littlechild.

In 1972, Goodson graduated from the University of Saskatchewan, where he had been awarded the Louis Riel Scholarship and the Chase Memorial Scholarship. He attended the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Saskatoon for one year, prior to pursuing a degree in law at the University of Alberta.

Goodson was admitted to the Alberta bar in 1979, articulated with Philip G. Lister and founded his

own law firm in 1979. In 1980, he formed a partnership with Littlechild and since 1982, Goodson practiced primarily in the area of criminology and civil litigation with his own firm.

Goodson will work as a provincial court judge at High Prairie, Alberta and area.

Lesser Slave Lake MLA Pearl Calahasen said she is also pleased with Goodson's appointment.

"I think it's great having someone come here who can probably relate to the area. I hope

he's fair and treats people equally and with dignity," said the Tory representative.

Alberta Chief Judge Ed Wachowich said the position Goodson is filling was created when a request was made last spring for an additional judge in the Peace River region, to cut down on some of the back log in area courts.

"High Prairie is a good place to start with a Native judge, with the number of Natives in the system. It's a step in the right direction," said Wachowich from his Edmonton office.

Byelection chance missed for Native trustee

By Carol Picard
Carmore Leader

The majority of students at the Exshaw School are Stoney Indians but the entire school board is non-Native.

Attempts to have Native representation on the board are tied up in negotiations begun more than three years ago.

And stalled negotiations between the Stoney tribe, the Exshaw School District and the federal Department of Indian Affairs will mean another school board made up entirely of non-Natives when byelection is held later this month.

Indian students make up two-thirds of the enrolment at the Exshaw School, but there has never been a Native representative on the school board.

An October 15 byelection, the second in a year for the three-member board, will be contested by Richard E. Craig, Gerald Egger, Stella McIntyre and Dennis Antonio Moro. The winner will set for a one-year term until the next regularly scheduled election in October, 1992.

The byelection was called after the June resignation of Helmut Faupel. In October, 1990 three

Exshaw residents contested the seat won by Wayne Hoffman in another byelection.

Burman Henry, superintendent of the Exshaw School District, said discussions with the Stoney tribe on having its members either appoint or elect a representative to the board are tied up with parallel discussions on a new tuition agreement with Indian Affairs.

The tuition funds have historically been paid directly to the school board, but now the Stoney tribe would like to administer those funds itself.

Henry said there have been four meetings since 1989 between himself, Chief John Snow of the Goodstoney Band, one of the three bands making up the Stoney Tribe, several members of the Tribal Education Authority and an official from Indian Affairs.

He added that even though "just about everything in the new tuition agreement has been settled," there has not been a meeting since August, 1990.

But Danny Josue, a member of the Stoney Tribal Education Authority said the two sides "are not close to getting this thing settled," and there has only been one meeting held so far.

"Because we did not settle on

the number of representatives the negotiations did not go any further."

Josue said the band is firm on wanting two band members on the school board because "logically your representatives should be pro-rated to what the population of the school is."

There are 112 students from Morley attending the Exshaw School, out of a total student population of 170.

Henry said the school division is willing to begin with one member from the band.

"We said one. It might have been desirable to have two, but we wanted to show the community first.

"Eventually I could see that Exshaw would be ready for two representatives from Morley."

"Having a Native representative can lead to greater parental involvement, it's a great communication bridge," he said.

Fred Jobin, a communications spokesman for the Department of Indian Affairs, declined to comment on the specifics of the negotiations but said they were "active".

Dave Tiwana, the Indian Affairs official actually involved in the negotiations, declined to comment.

Kawacatoose settles 73-year-old land claim

KAWACATOOSE, SASK.—The Kawacatoose Indian Band 100 km north of Regina have accepted a land claim settlement from the federal government for over \$3-million, Nov. 5.

The payment is to compensate the band for the loss of reserve land surrendered in 1918 and sold by the federal government to the Soldier Settlement Board, one year later. The band claimed that Ottawa sold the land without their approval and had not been properly compensated for the land at the time of the sale.

Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Tom Siddon said, "The ability of Indian people and the federal government to sit down and negotiate fair settlement is a key part of building a new relationship."

Ottawa accepted Kawacatoose land claim for negotiation on the basis that, although the sale of the land was legal, the compensation the band received was less than fair market value at the time of the sale.

During a special ceremony, Associate Deputy Minister of Indian Affairs, Don Goodleaf presented a \$3,020,000 cheque to Kawacatoose chief, Richard Poorman.

"This agreement is gratifying. The settlement will give us the means to purchase the land we lost," said Poorman. "We will also undertake economic development that will benefit the band."

Athabasca River: becoming sewage line to the north

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does not occur again."

Waquan said any person with common sense cannot help but seriously wonder if something is being covered up.

"The truth is not being told and answers must be forthcoming now. My people want the truth and to see something done immediately. The federal government has been promising action but it is long overdue. The area is becoming an ecological nightmare," Waquan said.

In August, health authorities in Fort McMurray blamed the crisis on the back flow of the Peace River. But Fort Chipewyan residents scoff at the suggestion. They say the natural event of the Peace river back flow has occurred annually for years beyond recorded history without ever creating a crisis of the nature Fort Chipewyan now faces. Community elders support this by saying historically the people have always enjoyed good waters.

The elders say they have noticed a staggering decline in wildlife and in the quality of water over the last few years. They say their observations are backed by scientific studies done

over recent years.

Chief Pat Marcel of the Athabasca Chipewyan Band, raised the spectre to frightening proportions.

"If this pollution by far away places is impacting here, what about the effects on the communities further north along the McKenzie (McKenzie River, NWT)," questions Marcel.

Chief executive officer for the Cree band, Simon Waquan expanded on the grim situation by adding, "Our tourism industry has dropped off drastically, the health of our people is at high risk, and everyone here has been affected economically by the crisis," Waquan said.

"Somebody is going to be held accountable for the financial losses, the hardships and inconveniences we are forced to suffer. It is tragic that pollution and negligence of people far from here has caused this crisis at a place the government supposedly recognizes as having a delicate and sensitive ecology."

The elders say it's ironic that Fort Chipewyan is right next to Wood Buffalo National Park, whose mandate is the preservation of the historic quality of wildlife and ecology, upon which the, aboriginal people of the region have traditionally

depended on for survival for years and have used wisely.

"Who is going to pay for the damage, the cost of cleaning up the pollution and ensuring it is never repeated. Someone has to be held responsible," said Waquan.

According to Alberta Environment officials, the issue has "nothing to do with any activities upstream on the Athabasca, releases from Fort McMurray, or tar sands or other man-related operations."

Assistant Deputy Minister of the Environmental Protection Services branch Ken Smith said, "Unfortunately, when lake turbidities (suspended clay, silt, and other particulate matter) increases, the communities treatment system is unable to provide adequate removal of turbidity. Suspended particles in the water might be able to shield natural bacteria and other organisms from the action of the disinfectant treatment." Smith added that local authorities are working to improve the treatment system.

"I know the health of Mother Earth is not good. I also know it is because the environment and development are in conflict. Lake Athabasca and the McKenzie Delta is quickly being

turned into nothing more than a giant sewage lagoon by the people to the south and outside of this immediate area," said chief Waquan.

Fort Chipewyan elders eloquently and sadly summed it up by saying, "Mother Earth, like our natural mothers who sacrificed their bodies to give us life, has given of herself, the land to live on, the air to breathe, the water to drink, the forests for shelter and fire, and the birds, animals and fish for survival.

"We can now see that Mother Earth is tired. Her heart is weak. She simply does not have the vitality of life we knew in our

youth."

One thing is for certain. The communities of Fort Chipewyan are united and firmly resolved in their drive to get answers and action by the federal government.

They are also committed to holding someone accountable for the damage and losses caused by the crisis and pollution of their waters, in and around Fort Chipewyan.

(Tony Mercedi is the Band Manager for the Athabasca Chipewyan Band near Fort Chipewyan. His article, in full, appeared in the *Environment Network News*, a bimonthly publication of the Alberta Environment Network).

DID YOU KNOW...

that if you can't stop your alcoholic parent from drinking, you can talk to someone you trust about the problem like a teacher, Scout leader or sports coach. There is also a group called Alateen for kids who have alcoholic parents. Alateen has meetings like a club and the kids share tips on how to make life easier.

November 17 - 23 is National Addictions Awareness Week.

For more information on activities during this week, please see the Community Events Calendar on page 6.

News

Lonefighters will tour major cities in Canada

By Rocky Woodward
Windspeaker Staff Writer

CALGARY

Lonefighters Society leader Milton Born With A Tooth has decided to tour key cities in Canada to bring attention to water diversions he says threatens the environment and the existence of mankind.

Born With A Tooth, Kanehsatake's, Ellen Gabriel and James Bay activist Larry House

plan to visit cities in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba during a 'Uniting the Rivers' tour.

Prince Albert, Edmonton, Regina, Winnipeg, Calgary and Lethbridge are some of the cities on their list.

"We'll be talking about water in general and how these diversions are destroying the natural habitat of the land," said Born With A Tooth.

In 1990, Born With A Tooth led his Lonefighters in protest against the construction of the Oldman River Dam in southern Alberta.

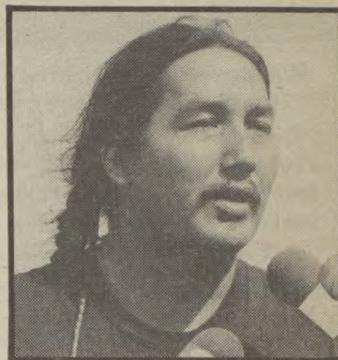
A two day conflict erupted when RCMP and a tactical squad moved in on Lonefighters who were protecting a diversion they made to put the Oldman River back on its original course. The stand-off ended with the arrest of Born With A Tooth who now faces an 18 month jail term if an appeal he made is overcome.

Born With A Tooth is also calling for environmental groups to unite across the country.

"But it seems neither side wants to get together. It's a

touchy situation and one reason we wanted this tour. To show the importance of uniting and to make it clear where Aboriginals, concerned about the environment, stand," he said. "We must unite our positions."

In the past, Born With A Tooth, has referred to a "Red Book" report. He said it shows the dams being built in Canada are pointing "our waters" directly towards the United States. He said if water is diverted to the states, it will cause Canadian lands to suffer drastically.



Milton Born With A Tooth

File Photo

Employment service opens at Athabasca

ATHABASCA

A two-year pilot project to provide one-stop access to a wide range of training and employment and support services, officially opened in Athabasca, Oct. 25.

The Athabasca Community Employment Services objective will be to increase the rate and quality of labor force participation of social assistance recipients.

MLA for Athabasca-Lac la Biche, Mike Cardinal said the opening of the new office represents the type of success that three levels of government and a community can have when working together.

"The service that the pilot project will provide to people will help foster independence rather than continuing the current cycle of dependence on welfare," Cardinal said.

"It's important that we begin to identify new ways of preparing our workforce for the challenges of the coming decade," said

Norm Weiss, Minister of Alberta Career Development and Employment. "This combined service delivery approach will provide valuable and relevant services to employers, individuals and organizations."

Alberta Career Development and Employment, Alberta Family and Social Services, Canada Employment Centres, and the Athabasca Regional Economic Development Association, are the participating partners in this joint adventure.

Other initiatives of the pilot project are: to decrease turn around time for the re-entry into employment for social assistance and unemployment insurance recipients, to increase the quality of advice and assistance to Albertans in functioning in the labor market, and to increase the match between the knowledge and skills of the workforce and the demands of the labor market.

Minister of Alberta Family and Social Services John Oldring said

the project is another example of providing the tools necessary for people to help themselves.

"In building strong community systems of support, and providing job skills necessary to re-enter the work-force, we can encourage the independence of those individuals who are currently on social assistance," Oldring said.

"The federal government is pleased to play a role in this project which, consistent with our labor force development strategy, brings together different levels of government and community partners to find ways to better serve the people of the Athabasca community," said Bernard Valcourt, Minister of Employment and Immigra-

tion Canada.

Funded by Employment and Immigration Canada, Alberta Family and Social Services, and Alberta Career Development and Employment, the pilot has the potential to serve as a model for other locations within the province.

Athabasca is 160 km north of Edmonton.

AFN steps up support for Lubicon

By Jeff Morrow
Windspeaker Contributor

OTTAWA

Canada's top Native leader has stepped up support of the Lubicon Lake Indian Band despite assurances by the federal and provincial governments to reconcile the half-century-old land claim dispute.

And he wants the public to renew their oath of support.

Assembly of First Nations Grand Chief Ovide Mercredi says Daishowa Canada's 40,000 sq. km forestry agreement near Peace River also threatens the band's chances for a territorial claim.

He has issued a plea for "fair-minded Canadians" to mass a non-violent protest to stop clear-cut logging of the 10,000 sq. km tract of land claimed by the band until agreement is concluded.

"The Lubicon people have told me they will do whatever is necessary to prevent this destruction. As national chief I support their firm stand," he says. "The Lubicon Lake First Nation need the support of all Canadians."

Mercredi says the forestry agreement includes land inhabited and used by the Lubicon for hunting.

Last month federal Indian Affairs Minister Tom Siddon announced he will consider re-summing negotiations with Lubicon Chief Bernard Ominayak in an effort to end a three-year-old deadlock over a \$45 million compensation deal for the band.

And earlier this month, Alberta Solicitor General Dick Fowler said the provincial government is standing by the 1988 Grimshaw Agreement which offers the Lubicon band a large tract of disputed land, pending federal approval.

Both levels of government have made efforts to undermine the beleaguered northern Alberta band by splitting their ranks and selling off parcels of their disputed land, Mercredi charges.

"I wonder what the Lubicon have done to receive such treatment," he says. "The Lubicon themselves are convinced clear cutting will be a death blow to their First Nation."

In a press release issued from his Ottawa office Mercredi urged Canadians to step up their support to protect the Lubicon's from extinction.

"I hesitate to use words like 'attempted genocide' but I do ask fair-minded people to consider what the governments of

Canada and Alberta have done to this embattled First Nation," Mercredi said.

Lubicon negotiator Fred Lennarson said the government's commitments to end its dispute with the band are not to be taken seriously. And Mercredi's declarations attest to it.

The public shouldn't be taken in either, Lennarson said, claiming that the band is not prepared to put their protests on ice while Siddon makes up his mind to resume talks.

"The issue is still hot as the Son of a Gun," he said. "We've put a lot of pressure on them (government) and they're starting to move a little bit. But we haven't made any progress yet."

Lennarson said Daishowa could get itchy fingers too. "If they decide to go in (to log in Lubicon territory) we're right back at it — but we're not about to let Daishowa off the hook," Lennarson said.

Lennarson insisted that the Lubicon Indians have not reduced their demands despite the creation two years ago of the Woodland Cree settlement at Cadotte Lake. The Woodland Cree, he says, are part of a government ploy to cut down the number of Lubicon Indians and minimize their rights.

NATION IN BRIEF

Poverty-hunger cannot be ignored says Native leader

ALBERTA — Newly elected vice-president to the Assembly of First Nations, Jerome Morin said Native community issues such as poverty and hunger cannot be ignored during constitutional talks. Morin said the social problems Native people face every day go hand-in-hand with talks on the constitution. He said poverty is a reality on reserves that must be addressed by Native leaders. Morin stressed that it's very important for leaders to get involved in the bigger picture of where Native people fit into Canada. Morin replaces Lawrence Courtoreille as vice-president to AFN. Courtoreille completed his term in August. Morin represents Treaty 6-7-8 areas as the AFN vice-president to Alberta.

Police injured, cruisers damaged on Akwesasne Reserve

AKWESASNE, QUE. In a 90 minute rampage on the Akwesasne reserve, teenagers hurled rocks and Molotov cocktails at Quebec provincial police damaging seven police cruisers and injuring two officers before it ended. During the rock and egg throwing, police dressed in riot gear, shields and sticks went outside to protect their police station. The melee ended when leaders of the community persuaded the youth to leave. About 30 teenagers carrying flags of the Mohawk Warrior Society took part in the incident. The two officers were only slightly injured. No arrests were made.

Protests will continue to drop Indian nicknames

MINNESOTA — North American Natives are still upset over the World Series and say they won't stop pushing for Indian nicknames to be dropped by professional teams. American Indian Movement leader Clyde Bellecourt said the issue will not die just because the World Series is over. Indian people demonstrated when the Atlanta Braves baseball club were in the Twin Cities in a series that went seven games. The Minnesota Twins won the world title.

Grand Chief says Ottawa using wedge to split Natives

OTTAWA — Prime Minister Brian Mulroney rejected the demands of the Assembly of First Nations for the inherent right to self-government during a meeting with Metis from the western provinces. He called the AFN position unreasonable and "out of step" with the Aboriginal community. Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, Philip Fontaine suggested immediately after the meeting between the Metis and Prime Minister that Ottawa is trying to drive a wedge between the Canadian Native leadership by convincing Metis to accept less than an iron-clad guarantee of inherent right to self-government.

Sam Bull calls for change

By Ralph Leckie
Windspeaker Contributor

EDMONTON

Assembly of First Nations constitutional panel member Sam Bull said for too long Native people have come under white laws and that it's time for change.

"Our chiefs and councils, as far as the white man is concerned, don't have any power or authority," Bull told a group of treaty 6 chiefs during a meeting in Edmonton, Oct. 26.

He said he hopes the constitutional talks will help change that sort of 'stereotyping' by non-Natives.

"The Supreme Court of Canada has said over and over again that we are extensions of Indian Affairs. That's where the white laws have taken us. Is that in fact what Indian people want? questioned Bull.

Bull is part of the nine member Circle on the Constitution panel set up by the AFN to visit

Native communities across the country for their input into constitutional change. He stressed the panel works alone and away from the AFN.

"The First Nations circle was set up by Indian people for Indian people to hear the voices of Indian people in terms of their relationship to Canada."

Meetings to hear Native views on constitutional reform are scheduled for Alberta in early 1992.

Bull said the panel realizes that Indian people have been pushed into a corner to come up with recommendations on very short notice, "but it's important," he said.

"We want to tell Canadians we do have rights. Native people have maintained those rights — the government hasn't. Treaty rights are written," Bull said.

The panel will be in Alberta for six weeks but a location and time schedule has not yet been set by the panel. Bull said Native people in Alberta will be told where the meetings will be held through the media and their Native organizations.

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It's time for straight talk

It's about time we had some straight talk on the environment. These days it seems everytime an environmental issue arises, government explanations fall on deaf ears. The public cries "We don't believe you!" And then the arguments start. It can get messy.

This month's somebody-done-somebody-wrong environmental battle comes from Fort Chipewyan, where there have been problems with the drinking water.

Back in August health and environment officials told the northern community their local water supply was not clean enough to drink. The official reason: back flow from the Peace River may have overloaded Fort Chipewyan's water treatment system with dirt and silt. This, in turn, may have allowed harmful organisms and bacteria to sneak into the drinking water supply.

On the surface, the explanation sounds reasonable. But it does not wash with the people of Fort Chipewyan.

According to band manager Tony Mercredi, many of the community's residents believe their problem originated downstream in the city of Fort McMurray. One week before Fort Chipewyan's water warning, Fort McMurray dumped 1.5 million gallons of sewage into the Athabasca River. The city's garbage would have flowed past Fort Chipewyan on its course through the Peace-Athabasca delta into the N.W.T.'s Slave-Mackenzie river system.

Other Fort Chipewyan residents, Mercredi says, blame pesticide runoff from downstream farms and pollution from the nearby tarsands plants at Fort McKay.

So, the problem of Fort Chipewyan's water supply starts to look murky. Did the Peace River play out some nasty, natural trick? Or should the blame lie with downstream development. Who knows.

There is a problem in Fort Chipewyan that goes beyond the immediate water quality issue. It's called a credibility gap. People do not believe the explanations of health and environment officials when community problems arise.

And why should they. Fort Chipewyan has suffered environmental setbacks in the past from downstream industrial development. The government's actions during the Alberta-Pacific pulp mill debate also suggests it puts economic concerns ahead of environmental questions.

On the other hand, the officials may be right about Fort Chipewyan's water supply problems. But what good is being right when no one trusts you or believes you.

The Alberta government must find a way to improve their credibility when environmental concerns arise. Maybe they should work more closely with members of the community during environmental monitoring and testing. Maybe community representatives could be on hand in the labs when environmental tests are carried out. That way government scientists can address community concerns directly. People would be assured all the angles have been covered. They might even get the whole truth.

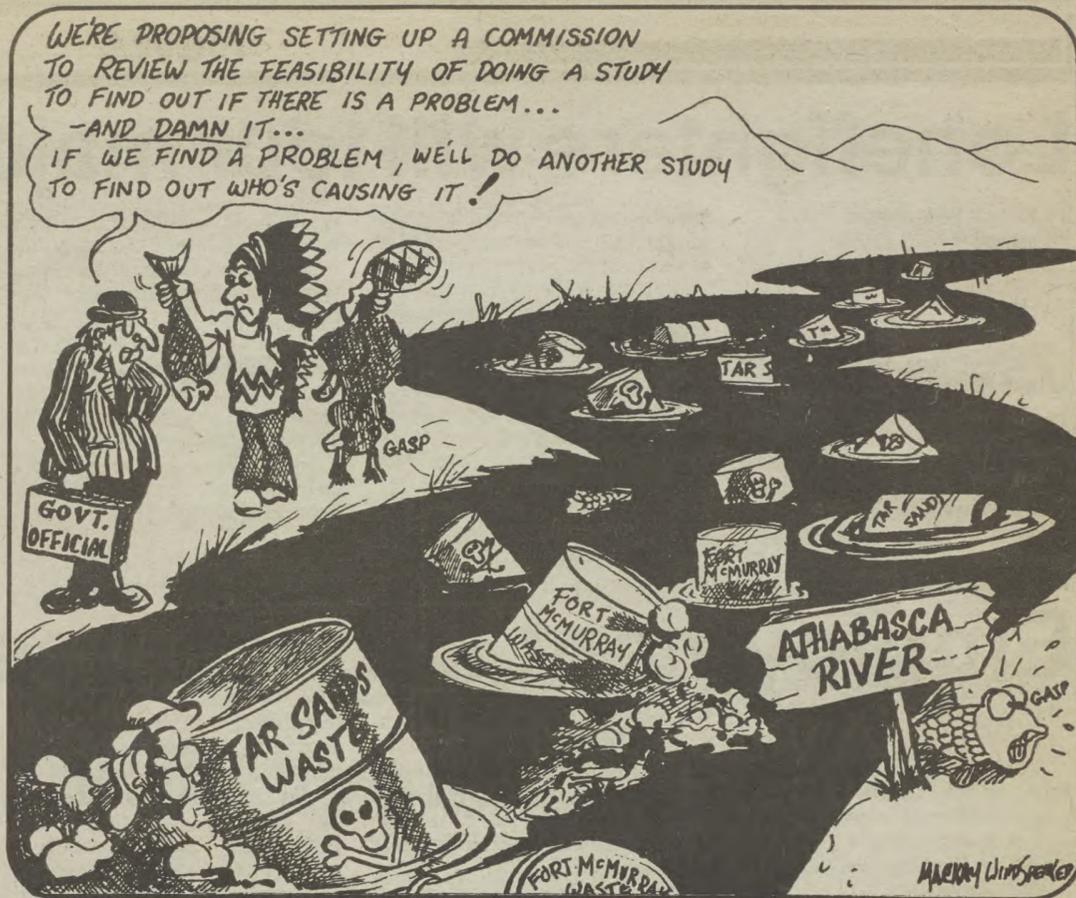
Fort Chipewyan chief Archie Waquan says he doesn't believe his people are being told the truth about their water supply. He wonders if there has been a cover up surrounding Chip's latest "ecological disaster."

Those sound like fighting words. And Alberta's health and environment officials should be taking whatever steps are necessary to avoid a squirmish.

After all, what's to gain. A little back-and-forth. Maybe some name-calling. A few bumps and bruises.

And will it do anything to improve the security of our environment? Not likely.

Yeah. It's time for some straight talk.



Isolation is no solution

Against the sky are geese. In their honk and clamor this morning there is the indisputable foreboding of winter. Somewhere in their primordial sense of survival is a message for aboriginal leadership discontented with the constitutional reshuffling process.

It springs from an October morning much like this one. There was a thin whisper of fog across an expanse of prairie pond as the Old One and I took a morning stroll. Suddenly a raucous chorus of geese erupted into flight.

We watched them as they disappeared into the far horizon. As the echo of their voices died away, I could see him in that familiar half-squint and grin that always preceded the passing on of something vital. As we sat on the shore of that pond he began talking.

"Lot like people, geese," he said. "Only, maybe people should look more. Lots to learn from birds like that."

He told me that there was a good reason for the famous flying-V of southbound geese. He told me that once the birds decided it was time to migrate, one particularly strong or eager gander would assume the lead position.

As they took flight, the rest of the flock assumed the familiar formation.

The honk and clamor of the geese was evidence of their celebration in journeying together; their joy in the knowledge that they were together in the process of survival and their jubilation in the sharing of a chal-

lenge.

But if you look real close, said the Old One, there's always a few flying in the bottom end of the V. It's never a perfect formation.

That's because the leader at the point of the V is actually creating a semi-vacuum through the beating of his wings. The goose immediately behind benefits from having to do less work because of the thinner air, and so on right down the line. After many miles the lead goose tires and drops back to where the flying is easier. As the flock travels, the small, the weak and the ill rest with the tired leaders.

Each goose, in turn, assumes the difficult position at the front. Each offers its strength and determination for the benefit of the flock and they reach their destination safe, protected and unified.

"People got to learn to be just like that," the Old One said. "Too many these days just out for themselves."

As Canada wrestles with its constitution over the next five months, the voice of the Assembly of First Nations will not be heard. They've elected to boycott the proceedings unless their demands are met. Rather than negotiate, the assembly apparently believes its voice will resonate more deeply through its absence.

Never before in Canada's history has there been a document so open to the aspirations of Natives. Never before has a government publicly shown any sign of recognizing self-government or thrown the door open to its definition. Not since 1987, when the final first ministers' talks ended, have Native people been sought as participants.

Granted, five months is not a long time, but when it's all you

have it's best to participate fully and openly. By its vehement renunciation of the proposals, the assembly may well destroy the wide ranging support for Native issues gleaned over the last two years. When that support dwindles, a bonafide political opportunity disappears as well.

Native people — and the assembly in particular — were given a golden opportunity to present their concerns to the government and the nation. A refined, rational and responsible position, presented in a restrained manner would go a long way towards offsetting the paranoia inherent in the self-government issue. By panning the moment, much was lost.

They had the opportunity to take the lead position. They had the opportunity to use their strength to point the way to a truly democratic, constitutional reformation and a stronger Canada.

The journey towards an equitable, representational, national document might have been a common one, but with the silencing of one vital voice, that opportunity is lost.

When the issue is inclusion, isolation seems a dubious means.

Like the geese, who know that survival is a group thing, Native leadership needs to come to terms with the repercussions of its choice.

If not, the long, cold, political winter that's surely coming will find them ice-bound, unable to fly.

The sad thing is, it's not just the strong who suffer and die but the small, weak, ill and hopeful as well.

Eagle feathers: to the aboriginal people across the country who aren't afraid to disagree with their leaders.



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Your Opinion

Windspeaker should change advertising policies

Dear Editor:

There are so many distortions, half-truths and misrepresentations contained in the back page "Advertising Feature" entitled "Peaceful Use of Nuclear Power a Gift" (Sept. 27) that I feel I must respond.

To get to the truth of the matter of nuclear energy - the so-called "peaceful atom" - one must examine the Native communities downstream of the uranium mines as portrayed in the powerful National Film Board film - Uranium.

I was one of the aboriginal panelists invited to debate this issue in Edmonton and Calgary on several occasions. Without a doubt, the audiences in all cases were much more sophisticated today, than ever before, and the

majority were not impressed with the pro-nuclear energy stance. The public today realizes the interconnectedness of all life forms and understands that one cannot separate nuclear energy from nuclear waste nor the mining of uranium itself. As Dr. Jim Harding, head of Uranium Inquiries Project and Prairie Justice Research Centre, University of Regina states, "the public has become more and more aware of the limits renewable, costly mega-projects rather than committing itself to finding some more sustainable, ecologically-friendly alternatives."

While the nuclear industry promotes the use of nuclear power, we must also examine the effects that uranium mining has on the lives of aboriginal people. The largest uranium mine on the con-

tinental is in northern Saskatchewan, land of the Cree and Chippewa Nations. In a recent presentation at the Green Plan Plenary in Ottawa, chief Ed Benoanie explained, "I am a Dene from northern Saskatchewan. We live off the land. Out of 95 households, only two have running water; the rest depend upon the lake which has a habit of spilling radioactive materials into the water. There are no serious efforts by government to protect our environment from the effects of this mine (Rabbit Lake mine). We have received no benefits from the millions of dollars of profits from this mine, but we have to live with the severe damage that has been done to our local economy and our way of life." In terms of economic benefits, unemployment and social problems

are worse today in northern Saskatchewan than they were before uranium mining expanded.

The problems experienced by aboriginal people is not just confined to Canadian borders. The next largest mine is in the territory of the Navajo Nation in the southwestern area of the continent. This is one of two mines which provide the primary material that fuels the nuclear industry. Much of the waste from the nuclear power plants used to be "recycled" in nuclear weapons, but what are we going to do with all the weapons presently being de-commissioned? As Dr. Harding explains, "it is worth remembering that until there is general and complete nuclear disarmament, Canadian uranium will likely remain in existing nuclear weapons stockpiles from the uranium exports which up until the mid-1960's all went into weapons production."

Testing of nuclear weapons and delivery systems have been taking place since the 1950's in the Western Shoshone territory in Nevada. Storage of nuclear waste in places such as the Hanford nuclear reservation affects the Yakima, Nez Perce and other Nations as well. The Yucca Mountain storage site is designed to handle the increasing volumes of radioactive waste and is again

located in the western Shoshone territory and will be built immediately next to the Nevada test site. The nuclear industry also proclaims with assurance that nuclear waste can be safely stored for 10,000 years. This gives you an idea of how dangerous the waste actually is to all life forms. And I would further state that no one can speak of safely storing anything for 10,000 years-what about earth-quakes, human error, etc.

In the advertising feature, the comparison of the discovery of the smallpox vaccine by Edward Jenner being attacked in much the same way that nuclear technology has "ridicule heaped upon it" is so embarrassingly ridiculous, I won't even comment on it.

In closing, I would recommend that the editorial board of the *Windspeaker* re-examine their advertising policy to ensure that industries which produce materials so detrimental to the health of human beings, animals and Mother Earth are not given space to promote their industry. I would also recommend that the issue of uranium mining and the nuclear industry from an aboriginal perspective be featured in a future issue of *Windspeaker*. I thank you for allowing me to respond.

Lorraine Sinclair
Executive Director
Mother Earth Healing Society

A.E.C.B. must be ashamed

Dear Editor:

Regarding the advertising feature article "Peaceful use of nuclear power a gift", September 27th issue.

The Atomic Energy Control Board must have a lot of money to place a full page advertisement in the *Windspeaker*. It must also be ashamed of what they are doing because the ad never

states that it is the Atomic Energy Control Board (A.E.C.B.). When they developed this article for publication, I'm sure they didn't expect people to read it—they would just see the headlines and the cartoon of the little animals holding their placards. Words such as 'felicitious coincidence, similiar amonalties, disparagement, obstructionism, immulogy, demoralized, adversaries, calumny, vilified, gro-

tesque, vehicular, eradication, providential' are not used in everyday language.

These words seem to me to be a cover-up of what is really going on—that A.E.C.B. Atomic Energy Control Board is spending a lot of taxpayers money trying to sell us a load of crap—how's that for plain English?

Muriel Stanley Venne

Ominayak thanks Reimer

Dear Mayor Reimer:

Thank you for your October 8th letter regarding the evolving situation between Daishowa and the City of Edmonton — which arrived only today. Thank you also for your concern and your support.

We've been closely monitoring the obviously orchestrated resource company reaction to your call for Daishowa to stay out of the unceded Lubicon territory until there's a settlement of Lubicon land rights and agreement achieved on environmentally responsible forest management. Our conclusion is that your unequivocal position has given the people of Edmonton a clear choice and that they've responded by supporting you over those Edmonton city Aldermen who, working with certain vested interest resource company representatives, advocate the selling off of valuable natural resources at bargain base-

ment prices without regard for the human or environmental consequences.

We all know that the only real concern of these vested interest resource companies is profit and that any claims they might make about concern over Edmonton economic development are directed primarily at ensuring their own ability to make money — not the common good. Ensuring the common good is supposedly the responsibility of publicly elected officials. However the debate over Daishowa's proposed clear-cutting of the unceded Lubicon territory makes clear that many members of the current Edmonton City Council are unfortunately unable to distinguish their important public responsibilities from the vested interests of their business friends and associates. In fact the debate over Daishowa's proposed clear-cutting of the unceded Lubicon territory makes it practically impossible

to tell the difference between many members of the current Edmonton City Council and their business friends and associates.

At the end of your letter you suggest that we might want to make our thoughts known to such Aldermen. We do and we will. We'll be communicating our thoughts indirectly through our many friends in the Edmonton area whom we'll be encouraging to replace these Aldermen with people who have more concern for the public interest and are less easily manipulated by self-serving special interests.

Thank you again for your concern and support.

Sincerely,
Bernard Ominayak, Chief
Lubicon Lake Indian Nation

Acute care needed for Albertans

Dear Editor:

The news that Alberta Health has stopped providing payment for Albertans seeking treatment for drug abuse at U.S. hospital facilities is a move the Alberta Liberal Opposition can only support if it is subsequent to an inpatient based treatment facility being established in the province.

We have been adamantly opposed to the government practice forcing individuals requiring hospital based treatment, to travel to the United States because of the lack of similar treatment facilities in our province. We have repeatedly urged the government to listen to the professionals working in the field and establish an acute care treatment facility here in Alberta. We believe the savings will be great to individuals, families and taxpayers.

Albertans from many walks of life spoke to the Cherry Commission on Family Life and Drug

Abuse about the need for this type of facility and more importantly, their commitment to an Alberta program.

Although the Department of Health has apparently discontinued coverage in the U.S., it remains to be seen if the government will take the needed extra step and establish an Alberta facility. It is well known that Alberta has the necessary skills and space, all that is lacking is the political will to ensure that Albertans are not denied access to treatment by this sudden cut in coverage.

I urge the minister not to neglect the professional expertise we have in the province and to consult immediately with the care givers and consumers as to the best means provide the needed treatment within Alberta.

Yours truly,

Bettie Hewes, MLA
Health Critic, Liberal Opposition

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What's Happening?

Windspeaker has really gone loonie



Droppin' In By Rocky Woodward

As of December 6th, a "buck" will buy you a copy of *Windspeaker*. But that's the way it goes in these troubled times.

Windspeaker has been making its rounds around Alberta and recently into the communities of British Columbia, Manitoba and Droppin' In's travelling grounds—Saskatchewan—since 1983.

For the last two years our existence to serve you, our readers, has been based only on advertisement sales. It's a dog-eat-dog world out there and the times they are a changing.

As the years roll by your paper continues to become better, expand and continues to be the leading Native newspaper across the country. Of course some people may disagree, but then, what would we do without healthy opposition? (It wouldn't be fun anymore).

So, just as Alberta supports the Edmonton Journal and the Edmonton Sun, *Windspeaker* is counting on you to support your voice to the nation.

EDMONTON: And the winners of the Peace Hills Trust annual art contest for 1991 are, Carl Fontaine, Kenneth J. Louis and Garry Oker. Congratulations.

Carl, originally from Edmonton won first place with his entry entitled "The Great Chief Poundmaker." He won \$2,000.

Second place "Vision of Hope" went to Kenneth from Hobbema, \$1,000. Third place was "BattleGround" by Dawson Creek, B.C. artist Garry Oker. \$500.

DROPPIN' IN: Did you know that Edmonton City Police Recruitment Officer Jim White once played hockey for the Edmonton Oilers? It's true, honest!

In 1969, during training camp



Droppin In's ex-boss, Diane Meili

Molly Chisaakay

Darcy Rota (Edmonton Oilers/Vancouver Canucks) took a slap shot and broke Jim's hockey stick. "On the first day of training camp," Jim laughs.

OK! So the Oilers weren't an NHL franchise yet! So what! Right Jim.

PEACE RIVER: Dianne Meili's book, *Those Who Know* (a profile of Alberta's Native Elders) is out!

Dianne, I read some of the stories, well written. And I'm sure the elders you profiled will

agree, along with anyone else who reads the book.

Dianne's book is now available at bookstores.

METIS NATION: Invites you to their Proud to be Metis, the Metis National Anthem official release and luncheon at the Saxony Inn, November 12 at 1 p.m. Something to celebrate.

I have something to celebrate also. The hockey team my son (T.J.) plays defence for, the Knights of Columbus Colts, Midget AA, are now 7-3 after

they lost their first three games. Not bad for a league with 18 teams from across Alberta. I guess the Metis Nation and I—have something to celebrate. **REMEMBRANCE DAY:** We salute all the Aboriginal heroes who fought and died so we could remain free. I know Lyle Donald was very busy planning Aboriginal war veterans functions and we will run some of them next edition.

A very special salute to Vic Letendre, Henry Bedard, Bill Woodward, Vic L'Hirondelle, and the many, many more brave men and women, present and past for their tremendous contribution—putting their lives on the line to keep us safe and free.

BIGSTONE BAND: Droppin' In's friend, Allen Beaver just called to say he's back from the New York Marathon which was run Nov. 3.

Back and tired. I'll probably stay in bed for a week, I'm so soar," moaned Allen. "It was a great experience."

Allen joined 25,800 other marathon runners for the 26 km run.

That's all folks!

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To Our Readers . . .

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FISHING LAKE ADDICTIONS AWARENESS WEEK; Nov. 17-23, daily at 9:00 a.m.; Band Hall, Kylemore, Sask.
AADAC DISPLAY; Nov. 17;

West Edm. Mall, Edmonton, AB.
3RD ANNUAL "WALK SOBER/JOIN THE CIRCLE RALLY"; Nov. 18, 12:45 p.m.; Sir Winston Churchill Square and Provincial Legislature; Edmonton.

MEMORIAL SERVICE; Nov. 19, 7 p.m.; to commemorate those who lost their lives to alcohol or drugs; Poundmaker/Nechi Institute, St. Albert, AB.

INNER-CITY YOUTH DRAMA ASSOC.; Nov. 20; a play about alcohol & drugs; Poundmaker/Nechi Inst., St. Albert, AB.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING; Nov. 21, 8 p.m.; Poundmaker/Nechi Inst., AB.
POUNDMAKER/NECHI OPEN HOUSE; Nov. 22, 1 - 4

p.m.; St. Albert, AB.
SOBER DANCE; Nov. 22, 8 p.m.; all ages; George & Jana's Deli and Dance (10105 - 153 St.), Edmonton, AB.

ROUND DANCE FOR ALCOHOL ADDICTIONS WEEK; Nov. 23, 8 p.m. - 3 a.m.; Poundmaker/Nechi Lodge; St. Albert, AB.

SOBER DANCE; Nov. 23; Battlefords Indian Health Centre; North Battleford, SK.

SOUP & BANNOCK; Every Friday, noon - 1 p.m.; Slave Lake Native Friendship Centre; AB.

BINGO; Every Tuesday; Doors open 6:30 p.m., calling at 7:15 p.m.; Slave Lake Native Friendship Centre, AB.

LUNCHBOX MATINEES; Every Wednesday, 12:05 p.m.; Nov. 13—Edge of Ice; Nov. 20—Winter Driving; Keep your Cool; Colin Low Cinema, Canada Place, 120, 9700 Jasper Ave.; Edmonton, AB.

CANADIAN FINALS RODEO; Nov. 13-17; Edmonton Northlands, AB.

ALBERTA NATIVE ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW & SALE; Nov. 14-17; Chateau Louis Conference Centre; Edm., AB.
THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE FOR NATIVE CANADIANS; Nov. 17 - 22; The Banff Centre for Management; Banff, AB.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING FOR THE CHARLES CAMSELL HOSPITAL; Nov. 19, 7:30 p.m., 12804 - 114 Ave.; everyone welcome; Edmonton, AB.

FESTIVAL OF TREES; Nov. 21-24; Edmonton Convention Centre; Edmonton, AB.

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Arts & Entertainment

Dianne Meili launches her book on Alberta elders

By Marilyn Dumont

Author Dianne Meili walked up to a store clerk at Audrey's Books in Edmonton and requested a copy of 'Those Who Know: Profiles of Alberta's Native Elders' saying "She hadn't seen it yet."

Meili wrote the book and she was on hand to autograph copies for people during its launching at the bookstore.

In a special ceremony Driftpile elder Rose Auger blessed the book with sweetgrass.

"It was important for me that Rose be here because of her spirituality and because she was the first elder to be interviewed for the book," said Meili.

Meili spent 18 months travelling throughout Alberta to meet and talk with Native elders. In interviews and reconstructions, Meili captured memories of a past almost and soon to be forgotten as the elders in 'Those Who Know' continue lives that preserve in whole or in part the ways of their ancestors.

The 31 profiles in Meili's book are about people who have lived every kind of life: on the trapline, in the army, in a camp on the move, in jail, in residential schools and on the reserve.

Meili said it was during her time as editor for *Windspeaker* that she became aware of the need for a book to chronicle the thoughts and experiences of Alberta's elders.

"So that the words of the elders would always be there to grab onto," said the great-granddaughter of well-known Cree elder, Victoria Callihoo.

Attending the ceremony were Meili's parents Marie and Don Meili and her husband Rick Moyse.

Also attending was Sylvia Vance, the book's editor and board member of NeWest Press, publishers of "Those Who Know."

"I would hope people would read the book with an open mind and heart," commented Meili.

The book is now available at bookstores.



Signing autographs...Diane Meili

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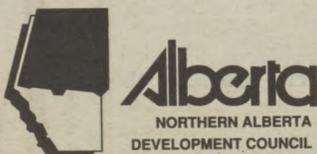
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The Northern Alberta Development Council holds regular public meetings throughout Northern Alberta, giving everyone the opportunity to present briefs on matters of concern and general information.

The Council consists of ten members and is chaired by Bob Elliott, MLA for Grande Prairie.

Groups or individuals interested in making submissions at this meeting may contact Council member Pearl Calahasen at High Prairie at 523-3171 or the Northern Development Branch in Peace River at 624-6274 for assistance.



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Again this year our community is proud to be participants to celebrate the
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The Edmonton 'Join the Circle' Planning Committee invites you to participate in the 3rd Annual Kick-Off Event for
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Pumpkins! Ghosts! Monsters!



Ralph Leckie

Rita Harmat (Raggedy Anne) and Curtis Gibson (Werewolf) at St. Rose School



Cliff Stebbings

Windspeaker staff Rocky Woodward (l), Tina Wood (middle) and Joanne Gallien (r) have some goulsh fun on Halloween



Rocky Woodward

(L to R) students Kelly Poowen, Jason Bellegarde and Loretta Key.



Ralph Leckie

Dovercourt School knight prepared to do battle with Halloween monsters

By Rocky Woodward
Windspeaker Staff Writer

Halloween — it's that time of year when witches, ghosts, vampires and a search of treats, under a dark sky, apples, Halloween cake, if you can find it.

Children from all walks of life come to us who stay home to fill Halloween costumes on your face to see cute little Cinderellas, or boys as ninjas jumping on doors and demanding candy.

One little Native boy went to school. *Windspeaker* ventured out to see some of the schools in Edmonton. At Dovercourt Elementary school, Halloween monsters were there, in all their glory.

The two elementary schools went through the spooky (pumpkin) corridors of each school. After individual classrooms to scare the new dance only teenagers with D.J. music.

Teachers looked just as scary in the school gymnasium.

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- 1 monthly meeting the last Wednesday of the month
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Rocky Woodward

(l to r) Back Row: Yolanda Cardinal, April LaRose, Tricia Desjarlais, Lisa Beemer, Chrystal Starr. Bottom Row: Bill Cardinal, Krisandra Jones, Filicia Dumont.



Rocky Woodward

Little monsters parade at Prince Charles School.

Woodward
er Staff Writer

...n — it's that time of year when strange little creatures, goblins, ghosts, vampires and werewolves patrol the neighborhoods in treats, under a darkened moon. Remember this... "Halloween Halloween cake, if you don't give me any, your toilet will shake!" from all walks of life enjoy Halloween. Even adults. For those of y home to fill Halloween bags with candy, doesn't it put a smile nce to see cute little girls dressed as, rabbits, pumpkins and s, or boys as ninja warriors, cowboys and small monsters, knock- ers and demanding "trick or treat!" e Native boy went to, a door and hollered, "Trick or Treaty!" er ventured out and into the foggy Halloween eve to visit with e schools in Edmonton— Ben Calf Robe Jr. High, St. Rose Jr. High, t Elementary school and Prince Charles Elementary school. The vere there, in all their scariness! lementary schools showed off their fantastic costumes parading e spooky (pumpkins, witches and ghost drawings on the walls) f each school. After the parades, the students went back to their classrooms to scare up a storm! (party). And at Ben Calf Robe, a only teenagers will understand (Hip Hop) cruised in a large circle nster took a turn in the circle dancing to strobe light effects and ooked just as scary in their costumes. St. Rose also held a dance ol gymnasium. n sure brings out the monster in all of us. Just take a look at all the plied by students. As you see, even *Windspeaker* has its vamp- pumpkins and scary ghouls...I mean girls. See you next year when s full and your 'Mummy' allows you out to "Trick or Treat" once



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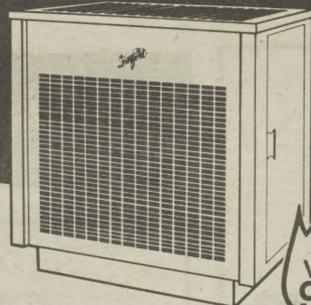
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Saskatoon

Native soldiers graduate from Exercise Bold Eagle II



Saskatchewan Lieutenant Governor Sylvia Fedoruk inspects troops during military parade

By Leonne Beebe
Windspeaker Contributor

SASKATOON, SASK.

The pride and tradition of military customs and Indian culture were interwoven into a graduation ceremony for 52 Saskatchewan Indian students who completed six weeks of military and cultural awareness training, during Exercise Bold Eagle II.

Exercise Bold Eagle II was held at the Militia Training Centre (MTC) at Durham, about 30 km from Saskatoon.

The graduation was a dream come true for Grand Chief Ernie Crowe who dreamed of seeing his young people in Canadian Army uniforms "acting as peace-keepers" ever since he fought in the Second World War.

Crowe is a member of the Saskatchewan Indian Veterans' Association (SIVA).

Saskatchewan Lieutenant Governor Sylvia Fedoruk, Brigadier General Clifford Walker, Commander of Prairie Militia Area, and Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nation (FSIN) Chief Roland Crowe, inspected the soldiers.

The top graduates were Private E.E. Arcand from Beady's Band and Private L.J. Weins from Saskatchewan Urban Centre.

During the ceremony, SIVA members held the eagle staffs and stood on parade while Native singers and drummers performed traditional songs. Special Native awards were given out during the reception.

An overwhelming interest for the summer program was evident in the 255 initial applications received for the 67 positions available. Applicants were screened for the necessary military requirements and they completed full military medicals, written exams and documentation criteria.

The aim of the training program was to assist Indian students in acquiring and developing self-discipline, self-confidence, self-respect, mutual respect for team-work, and adjustment to the non-Native environment through participation in a basic military training program.

The program was designed to meet the program objectives of preparing Indian students mentally and physically to complete the basic military training courses and of building and enhancing self-esteem by integrating Indian culture with military training.

The training was composed of two courses. Basic Military Training (BMT) consisted of skill training in drill, weapons handling, navigation, fieldcraft, general military knowledge and first aid. The Basic Trades Training (BTT) for infantry soldiers added training in field tactics, night and day patrolling, fighting in built-up areas, live fire exercises and a three-day field exercise.

The cultural awareness training was composed of a series of lectures, cultural camp, and actual participation in the Prince Albert Powwow. The camp was organized by the Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre and held at Moose Woods Reserve, near Durham.

Native elders and instructors representing various bands in Saskatchewan offered their wisdom and experience in areas of cultural values, spiritual principals, sweat lodge ceremonies, women's role in society, and women's relationship to Mother Earth.

During the Prince Albert powwow two platoons of soldiers participated in the grand entrance ceremony. Three soldiers were chosen to represent the Bold Eagle II soldiers, by carrying the flags.

Of the 67 recruits, 41 males and 11 female soldiers graduated from the training program, and 32 have enlisted with militia units they trained with in Exercise Bold Eagle II — the Royal Regina Rifles and the North Saskatchewan Regiment in Saskatoon and Prince Albert.

Three other graduates have applied to the RCMP, four have applied to the Regular Force and 38 have returned to school.

Jointly sponsored by FSIN, SIVA and the Canadian Forces, Exercise Bold Eagle II has proven itself — the result of the Saskatchewan First Nations people and military working closely together and supporting each other for mutual benefit of each other and Canada.

(Lonne Beebe is a 2nd Lieutenant in the Canadian Army with the Assistant Public Affairs Office, Saskatchewan District).

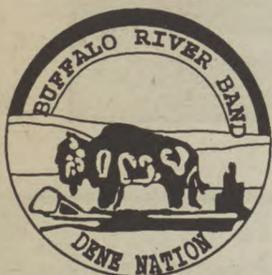
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That reminds me. I remember I was so broke one time just before Christmas, I made a list (and checked it 432 times) asking Santa Claus for food, while me and my hungry ugly dogs, glared at each other, thinking how pretty each of us would look in a hot pot of water.

Dogs. I love my ugly dogs but they don't love me (sounds like the start of a good song). They are ugly and mean. Yesterday I took them to the vet for their temper shots and the vet-erinarian asked, "So you're still alive, I see?"

The four of them sat there giggling. Did you ever see four dogs giggle? They giggled, and on top of it they're real ugly!

You know how the vet gives them their temper shots? She uses an automatic machine gun — from a distance — that shoots the needles into them, and they like it!

I'd take them to Saskatchewan with me and leave them on the streets of Saskatoon, but the last time I tried that, they stole my truck, my wallet and partied all the way home. When I got back, they giggled and I hate them. This is all true, honest!

They love my son Cory because he's beginning to look like them. He grew up with them, and now when they sit together, I don't know which one is Cory!

I had a friend over the other day. "Nice dogs," he said, but he was petting Cory!

The other day, my neighbor came over screaming, "Keep your damn dogs out of my yard," he hollered. I looked over his fence and it was Cory! And he was giggling! Honest!

SASKATOON: The pride of Saskatchewan, 52 First Nations students were honored in a special ceremony after graduating from six weeks of military and cultural awareness training at Militia Training Centre, Dundurn, Sask.

Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations, Chief Roland Crowe, congratulated the soldiers during the graduation ceremony.

The Native soldiers completed their training in what was called, **Exercise Bold Eagle II.**

Out of 49 male and 18 female recruits that started the training, 41 males and 11 females finished Bold Eagle II. And that's fantastic!

Border Crossing congratulates all the graduates!

BEARDY'S RESERVE: Is a hop, skip and jump away from Duck Lake. Last September, I had the opportunity to listen and meet members of the Willow Cree Nation traditional dancers and drummers during a performance they did at the University of Saskatoon.



Cpl. Kevin Parle

Chief Roland Crowe

They were impressive!
Willow Cree Elder Frank Eyahpaise is sitting on the chair. Frank is a powwow dancer and is also in charge of the Eagle Staff.

I went to see Frank at his house during a later trip, but FRANK! You weren't at home! My loss.

BORDER CROSSING: Knows where the former executive director of the Prince Albert Indian and Metis Friendship Centre is.

My friend Eugene Arcand was bitten by the political bullet.

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Edmonton

St. Patrick school round dance a success

By Carla Tilden
Windspeaker Contributor

EDMONTON

A blessing from Edmonton Native elder Vera Martin kicked off an evening of powwow dancing and a feast at the St. Patrick Elementary school's second annual round dance.

Parents, teachers and students joined together for a fun time, while learning a bit about Native culture. Sponsored by the Native Awareness Parents group, the round dance is one of a number of programs initiated by the group to improve the school's climate and to meet special needs of Native students.

"The powwow helps non-Native students to understand and learn to respect cultural differences. It definitely helps students get along better with each other," commented parent group member, Marlene Willier.

About 35 percent of the students enrolled at St. Patrick's are

of Native origin. The student population is about 300.

Last year parents, and school staff decided to form the parents group because of a growing problem with students missing school and other social problems they faced.

Willier blamed some of the problems on prejudices towards Native students and their lack of self-esteem. She says Native awareness day has drastically changed all that.

"Prejudices aimed at Native students only happens because non-Native students have no understanding of Native culture. Our Native awareness day has changed students' attitudes very much. It's opened their eyes. There's a big difference in the school today. More respect towards Native students is definitely there now," says Willier.

She says with the involvement of parents and the annual powwow, Native students are starting to come out of their shells, "They're growing and gaining more self-esteem,"

smiles the mother of six children, three of them enrolled at St. Patrick's.

Willier hopes more parents will get involved with the parents group. And she says they are hoping to put into place a Native program at St. Patrick's, similar to the programs now at Ben Calf Robe and Prince Charles school.

"We're looking at their programs. Hopefully, we'll have a Native program in place in the near future," Willier says.

During the round dance many of the parents were non-Native and Willier says, "they thought all the powwow dancing, the drum groups were fantastic. There was even Italian people enjoying Native culture," she smiles.

St. Patrick school counsellor, Ellory Santarossa, believes the parents group is a big reason for the students' success story.

"Parents have said their children are doing a lot better in school as a result of parent involvement through the group.

Since the round dance we've had more parents wanting to join the group. It's great," said Santarossa.



Ralph Leckie

St. Patrick School students enjoyed round dance

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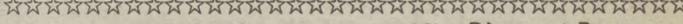
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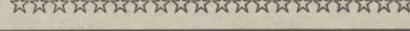
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EDMONTON

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The important event is held during National Addictions Awareness Week (November 17-23) to promote awareness of substance abuse while celebrating addictions-free lifestyles.

It will start with a reading of the national addictions awareness week and drug awareness week proclamation by Edmonton Police Chief Doug McNally. After the reading the walk will begin, led by Native drummers and dancers from Churchill Square to the Legislature grounds.

Outside the Provincial Parliament building, participants will form a circle symbolizing life and community strength to celebrate success in the fight against addictions. The keynote address will be made by Assembly of First Nations Grand Chief Ovide Mercredi. Other speakers are, Alberta female Native athlete of the year, Joline Bull and Solicitor General, Dick Fowler.

The Nechi mascot, Sober Bear will be there to take part in the festivities. Sober Bear and friends will entertain children and give out balloons.

The Legislature pedway will feature displays by various agencies, including the Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission, Alberta Indian Health Care Commission, People Against Impaired Driving, Checkstop and Nechi Institute/Poundmaker's Lodge. Light refreshments will be served at the pedway, following the rally.

Edmonton planning committee chair, Louise Mayo said this year's theme is focused on youth. Their theme is "drug free — way to be."

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Focus on Native Business

Entrepreneurs live by—'never say can't'

Wally Janvier remembers the wise words of his Grade 8 art teacher in Cold Lake almost twenty years ago: "Never," she insisted, "say can't." They are words that Wally now lives by as he juggles a busy schedule that includes working for the Indian Association of Alberta and running a specialty printing and advertising business with his wife, Cyndy.

"That teacher really had an impact on me," he remembers. "I tried to work hard in class and tried to achieve."

Wally and Cyndy's business, Janvier Advertising (located in Winterburn), design and print posters, stationery and business cards for a range of clients including major corporations and First Nations. Pens engraved with company or community logos, promotional buttons and pins, annual reports and brochures are also produced by the Janviers.

"I've always wanted the opportunity to create and express ideas," says Wally.

He's especially fascinated by the process of helping his clients express their message with originality and flair. Sometimes it's a poster for an organization concerned about the environment. Other times, it's a calendar that displays the artistic talents of a Native community that wants to highlight the skills of its people.



Cyndy and Wally Janvier

It involves a lot of hard work and long hours including meetings with customers, talking to suppliers and making sure deadlines are met.

"There's a lot of responsibility," says Wally. "Things don't happen by themselves. You have to ask if people want your services. No one is going to throw business in your lap."

Time is a big factor in the Janviers' lives. Wally spends his days at the IAA as the organization's special projects director. He works with the IAA executive and board keeping on top of government policy. Cyndy is currently taking courses in fashion design at NAIT and is very much involved in personal development.

The challenge of juggling a busy schedule and keeping a business afloat seems to appeal to Wally. It's part of a personal determination to face life's challenges which he learned while growing up on the Cold Lake reserve in northeast Alberta.

"My parents gave me the leeway to learn and experience new things," he recalls. "They taught me to go out and explore what's over the hill."

Like many people of his generation, Wally's father was a farmer, fisherman and hunter. The elder Janvier used to work for 50 cents a day cutting and hauling logs, often for 12 or more hours a day. His son absorbed the values of a trapper.

"When you're a trapper," says Wally, "you have to use your

imagination to fix things. I learned to make things out of what you had."

In many ways, the lesson of facing challenges head-on learned from parents and teachers have stayed with Wally. After working for the Cold Lake band's heavy construction company in the early 1980s, he went to the University of Alberta to study business and politics. In 1985, he started with the IAA and four years later, Janvier Advertising was launched.

But this is not just the story of one couple or one person trying to make it in the business world. When Wally talks about the production of brochures or posters for Native communities, he also speaks of efforts to utilize Native artists who can draw on their culture to provide the necessary graphic designs. In this way, a community may promote their own people and individuals may gain public exposure.

"I like to help people to communicate," says Wally.

And he is eager to pass on a message of his own: set high goals in life and do what you can to meet them. And when faced with something you can't do, find someone who knows how and use their skills. Says Wally: "You will run into road blocks but we must learn to go under, over and around them."

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Mystique fashion models are bound for Italy

By Rocky Woodward
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

In January, three lucky ladies will be travelling to Italy to model thanks to Edmonton's 'Modelling Mystique Incorporated'.

Metis, Lorraine LaFontaine, Fawn Pettifer and Plamondon's, Nicole Contrant are scheduled to fly, via Canadian Airlines, to Milano, Italy, to meet with officials from Milano Flash, an Italian modelling agency.

Their hearts are racing. It could mean the big times for the Alberta models. Mystique owner, Theresa Ducharme-Hein, says it's all up to them now.

"The international look is a Native look. Brazilian is really in and the models fit that look. They'll market themselves," Ducharme said.

Ducharme said the ladies were noticed by international Italian talent scouts who were "in town" on business. Ducharme used her contact influence to have the models seen by the scouts.

As a one time fashion model herself, Ducharme has travelled extensively — she knows the business and it's helped Mystique gain recognition in the fashion world. Already she has contracts for fashion performances in Japan and India.

"We need the ladies to be positive. And we would like to see them come back and be role models for their communities. They're opening doors for others to feel they can do it," com-



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(L to R) Fawn Pettifer, Nicole Contrant, Lorraine Lafontaine
ments Ducharme. Island in Manitoba. "I have mixed feelings about Italy. I'm Fawn (20) is from Manitoulin

nervous because I don't know the country and, I'll be leaving my son behind," smiles the model of seven years who wants to someday own her own night club.

Nicole (16) is French and has modelled sports-wear on ITV, CFRN and at West Edmonton Mall. "I'm excited, but a bit scared. It's a big world out there. But it's a great opportunity" Nicole said, while adding she still dreams of being a teacher.

Lorraine (16) is from Fort McMurray. She said she started modelling because her mother wanted to improve her self-esteem. "Since I was a child I loved

modelling. I'm really excited, but I'll miss my family," said Lorraine, who aims to be a social worker and "work with children."

And how does Ducharme feel about her models landing work with one of Italy's leading modelling agencies?

"I want them to go to Italy, get rich and take me to Paris," smiled the Metis fashion designer originally from Winnipeg.

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Barking dogs, parking complaints part of policeman's job

By Rocky Woodward
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

The first arrest Constable Dana Donald made, almost escaped from him in the Edmonton City Police garage. He laughs about it now, but he said it was sort of embarrassing since he was a rookie (new recruit) at the time.

Donald has gone through some rigorous training for the past nine months and it's paid off. On November 8 he graduated from the Edmonton City Police Training Academy.

But what makes a bank worker want to be a cop?

"I've never had a job before where I wanted to go to work. I'm excited about being a city policeman," Donald said.

While he was working for the Toronto Dominion Bank, Donald was still looking at other careers. His parents wanted him to enter university. He did, and soon after he joined the University of Alberta Golden Bears football club. In 1985, he was drafted

by the Edmonton Eskimos.

But his football career didn't pan out. "Don't call me, I'll call you, was the response I got," he laughs. "Still, it was a great experience."

During his spare time Donald remains an avid sports fan. Hockey and football are his greatest pastimes. About a year ago, during a friendly football game, Donald was motivated by his friends to join the police profession.

"A few friends I play football with are members of the city police. They said the job's for me."

Donald has Cree blood in him, however, he admits he was born and raised in an urban atmosphere and much of his Native knowledge is lost.

"My grandmother is a Ward. My father is Metis, originally from the Cooking Lake area. During my training we had Native elders talk to us about Native customs, rituals, and cultural activities.

"I find most Native people on the streets are mis-guided, mis-focused between their culture



Const. Dana Donald and Jim White

Rocky Woodward

and main stream society. It's important we understand that, as city police officers," commented Donald.

Donald says he's learned a lot from his peers while patrolling the streets during his nine month training. "A lot of practical

stuff."

He remembers his first nine months with the police department as demanding.

"Eight and nine hour days learning federal and provincial law, first aid, municipal by-laws, public speaking, awareness of agencies, how to deal with social problems, suicide prevention, learning how to deal with a lot of different situations, including life and death situations," Donald explained. "It was a grueling nine months."

Donald is stationed at the Londonderry police station. During his first few weeks he'll be teamed up with a partner until he's cleared to work alone. Some nights he will work alone.

"I'll handle barking dogs and parking complaints," he laughs.

Donald also graduated from the first Community Based Policing (CBP) class for, on the spot problem solving.

City Police Recruitment Officer, Jim White, uses an example to explain the new program.

"For instance. There was a guy who would play drums on a mail box near a local lounge early in the morning. Residents in the neighborhood complained. Sometimes we'd have five officers sent there. It was a waste of good time. How did we solve the problem? We moved the mail box. One officer can make a decision, like moving the mailbox. it saved time, less manpower and money.

"We receive a lot of complaints and these officers are now trained to deal with them immediately," said White. He adds a number of CBP mini-police stations will be set up across the city in the near future.

"We want to deal with the problem on the spot and solve it. It's what we've been trained to do," added Donald.

If you are interested in a career with the Edmonton City Police, call Jim White at 421-3470.



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