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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

They tell me I've been a curious guy since I was a toddler.

I know all kids are inquisitive by nature and want to know how everything works, why it works and just how many questions can they ask in a row before the nearest adult stuffs a sock in their mouth to shut them up.

I was no different, the kind of a boy who just had to find out what happens if you try and swing a full grown dog by the tail. I had to know if the water in deepest puddle on the way to school was higher than the tops of my rubber boots. I had to find out for myself how far my bike would go if I rode with no hands.

To say the least, before I ever got to journalism school, I had conducted dozens of experimental reports and collected a number of dog bites, soaking wet socks and bent handlebars.

In spite of what may amount to opening a whole new can of worms, I'm launching another investigative experiment. I want to have you send me some letters to editor.

Since assuming the editorship of New Breed at the beginning of the year, I have tried to instill a sense of ownership among our readers. After all, the magazine is a community newspaper for the Metis community. And since our community is so large, so diverse and so spread out, I'm looking for your input on issues you feel are important but may not get any media attention by any other means.

If you have a special cause, a pet peeve or praise for someone or something who deserves a pat on the back, a letter to the editor is a great way to do this. The best part is the service is free.

However, there are a few guidelines to follow. Letters should be brief, a typewrit-

ten page or two in length and they must be legible whether written by hand or on a typewriter or computer. Letters which are going to get us sued; that is, contain libel, or racist or profane material have no place in this magazine, but I doubt any of our readers would submit that sort of junk.

Apart from these guidelines, I open up the floor for submissions from our readers. New Breed could provide you an excellent forum to address other local members, affiliates, governments, politicians or even yours truly.

You need not worry that what you say is not important enough—believe me, most of what you write will be feelings shared by other readers and if you take the time to write it all down, people will take the time to read what you have to say. They might not always agree, but they will know what you think.

In order to make sure all our readers feel they have a sense of ownership, I think it's very important you take the initiative.

Remember, this magazine now goes coast to coast to coast in Canada and is read by not only Metis in Saskatchewan but finds its way into homes, businesses, government offices, university campuses and public libraries. It is your window on the world and an excellent forum to remind both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people just what you think needs doing or saying. Even if you think the editor is out to lunch!

So think about this new feature, sit down with pen and pad and let me know how you feel.

After all, this magazine doesn't belong to me or the staff or the MSS, it is yours and I invite you to take part by sending letters to the editor and I thank you in advance.

THE FACE OF BATTLE OF BATOCHÉ

By Jeff Campbell

They crouched in rifle pits damp and cold, living on scanty food rations and little sleep facing fire from weapons from repeating rifles to cannons and Gatling guns. They were the Metis defenders of Batoché.

Ed Bruce, a member of the MSS Batoché local, has been guiding people around the Batoché National Historic Site and telling the story of the people caught up in the historic battle for over 30 years.

Bruce has done exhaustive research on the community and the four days it was caught in the midst of a battle between 800 militia men and about 300 Metis defenders.



Ed Bruce calls Batoché "one heck of a fight."

Single shots, volleys and bursts of fire from the Gatling machine gun erupted throughout the battle as the spooked attackers and defenders felt out each other's defences.

Bruce said none of those fighting had an easy time of it, tensions ran high with gunfire breaking out at various parts of the lines with no apparent pattern over the

four days of fighting from May 9 to 12, 1885.

"It was a heck of a battle," Bruce said.

Both commanders, Gabriel Dumont and General Frederick Middleton, were apprehensive about the other side attacking their positions in force and both were worried about what the other might try.

The Canadian militia had 800 troops on hand, ceasing weapons from repeating rifles to cannons and a Gatling gun.

The Metis facing them were carrying muzzle loaders, shotguns of every description, and precious few .44 calibre repeating rifles.

They were dogged by a lack of ammunition and took to firing broken pieces of nails, pebbles, or whatever they could find. Since the Metis depended on these same weapons for hunting and survival, they made very short work of them, something the militia found out to their cost.

Neither side could move a large mass of men because as soon as anyone raised their heads, snipers would open up.

Both sides had to sleep on the ground and the cold spring nights meant many fighters on either side caught colds or pneumonia from sleeping on the damp ground, Bruce explained.

Adding to the confusion, some of the buildings in the area were set alight.

Even with the advantages the militia had in terms of numbers and equipment, Bruce said the Metis had the crucial advantages of knowing the battlefield intimately and fighting on their home turf.

"What was important for the Metis was to hold on to their land," said Bruce.



Batoché's Acting Supervisor Irene LeGat and her staff are looking forward to an estimated 37,000 visitors this summer.

Bruce explained the choice to stand and fight was made by Louis Riel. His military commander, Gabriel Dumont, had argued for a hit and run guerilla campaign against the militia but Riel overruled his general. Dumont had already crippled the river steamer Northcote on the first day of the battle, a great symbolic victory for the Metis. The men who fought under Dumont had absolute faith in him and his ability, said Bruce, because they all knew Dumont had never lost a battle.

These factors allowed the defenders to dig their rifle pits so they were virtually invisible and place them so they could run in between their positions without exposing themselves to enemy fire.

Middleton and his men were constantly frustrated by not knowing where the Metis were, let alone estimate how many men with rifles were facing them, said Bruce. Fighting right next to their homes and farms inspired the Metis as well.

Backing up the fighting men were some

of the women and children who remained near Batoche to the north of the ferry. The women made ammunition and cooked whatever they could for the men in the front lines and children aided the defenders any way they could. Other women and children were scattered as far as Bellvue about 12 kilometres to the east.

Even with getting the help from their wives and families, the militia, with more men, better weapons and more ammunition was just too strong for the defenders of Batoche.

The days of sporadic fighting came to an end with a two pronged attack on the Metis positions by Middleton's men, breaking the Metis lines by the church and rushing the village site and capturing the buildings there.

The Metis who survived fled in fear of their lives, except Louis Riel who surrendered May 15. Gabriel Dumont left for the United States and exile.

Ed Bruce said many of the Metis of the area ended up leaving as living with the memories of the fighting was too hard on them. They had other problems too with the land scrip issued them and difficulty making the transition into farming yet there were still 74 families registered as members of the Batoche parish in 1924, said Bruce.

Today the memory of the battle and the people of Batoche lives on in the interpretive centre of the National Historic Site as well as in the restored church and rectory of St. Antoine de Padoue, the cemetery and village along with battle installations on the grounds of the site.



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Saying he was well pleased with the sentence given him, Ivan Morin left Queen's Bench Court in Saskatoon following the historic first ever urban sentencing circle in Canada.

"I feel really good," Morin said as he was loaded into an RCMP van to begin his sentence.

Ivan Morin's sentence came from a sentencing circle made up of members of his family, the Metis community, police,

Milliken, who sat at the top of a giant circle of chairs in the crowded courtroom, said he decided to try to sentencing circle based on the Queen versus Moses case in the Yukon where a similar circle was used.

"A sentencing circle is appropriate if the community is interested in helping Ivan change his lifestyle so he can live in this community without breaking the law," Milliken explained at the opening of the circle.

MORIN SAYS SENTENCE WAS JUST

By Jeff Campbell

his robbery victim and representatives of other agencies and Saskatoon citizens.

The circle members took nine hours to reach a consensus, but decided Morin should serve 18 months in a correctional facility with another 12 months probation and a possible extra six months probation if he is unable to find a job during his probation time.

Additional provisions call for Morin to refrain from the use of alcohol during his sentence plus serve 40 hours volunteer time at the service station he helped rob and 100 hours community service time on behalf of Deanna Bryson, who he choked during the robbery at Super Save Gas, 302 Avenue H South.

Morin, 33, was convicted of armed robbery with violence last February 5 in connection with a robbery of a Saskatoon gas bar which occurred May 17, 1992.

Morin and his lawyer, Carney Hewes, convinced Justice J.D. Milliken to try a sentencing circle, a traditional form for dispensing justice, to arrive at a sentence for Morin.

Milliken took part in the circle on April 15 but reserved the right to over ride the sentence delivered by the 20 members of the circle.

"The community is involved because they can best decide how to protect the community. Over the long term the community will help the victim and the



Ivan Morin (centre) says he feels his sentencing circle treated him fairly.

accused has the opportunity to show a change in lifestyle," said Milliken.

Presentations to the circle were often dramatic and seldom more emotional than Ivan Morin's address when he broke down sobbing several times going over the events of the robbery as well as his feelings before and after the event.

Morin said due to his intoxicated state during the actual robbery, he remembers little of what happened during the holdup.

"I sort of remember what happened

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between me and Deanna, I know I attempted to choke her and she spoke to me," he said.

The full extent of what happened during the robbery didn't begin to sink in for Morin until he woke up in a jail cell the next day.

"I remember thinking of my family and feeling sad I had let them down. I remember sitting in the cell and crying. I've spent so much time since trying to correct the wrong I had done, then to find out I had hurt someone again," Morin said before breaking down.

He apologized several times to his victim, Deanna Bryson, who he had choked during the holdup.

Morin said he knew he was guilty but the shame he felt was something different all together.

"I was guilty but shame is different. Shame is the feeling you're no good and can do no good," said Morin.

Morin's lawyer, Carney Hewes, explained to the circle members that Morin had been a victim of physical and sexual abuse in foster homes and later became an alcoholic.

No one made Morin drink, Hewes said, but he was still capable of change.

If Morin's sentence were left up to a judge, Hewes said he would expect his client to serve between 14 months and two years.

Crown prosecutor Mary Matchett had called for a jail sentence of between six and eight years given Morin's 34 criminal convictions between 1975 and 1992.

Joyce Morin, Ivan's sister was in tears making her presentation and said locking her brother up wouldn't do much good.

"Ivan is a good guy and I don't think it would do a lot of good having him spending years in jail," she said.

Nora Ritchie, president of MSS Local 11 said more time in prison wasn't the answer. She said she saw a big change beginning in Morin.

"Ivan, I feel, has had found himself. He's had the the chips knocked off his

shoulders. I will support Ivan as much as I can with whatever I can do. I give this man a lot of credit. I know this man has got a lot of strength."

Robert Doucette, an MSS local president who knows Morin told the circle Morin was a victim of the crushing poverty most Metis have to wrestle with.

"Incarcerating Ivan for six to eight years is not going to help. Money will be better used in some sort of alternate program. I can't see putting him behind bars and locking him up. A lot of Metis people are victims of the economy. That why Metis turn to crime, it's just a means to live," Doucette said.

In spite of all the support he received from the Metis community, not all Metis gave Morin a ringing vote of confidence.

Saskatoon Police Service Constable Ernie Loutit said he felt Ivan Morin should be held accountable alone for his actions.

"I feel as Metis people we should have no blanket blame for what he's done. He has had a chance to prove himself as a role model and he's squandered it."

Gerry Morin, a Metis lawyer who has spent 21 years as a probation officer and attorney, said nothing about the case was cut and dried.

"We're taking a calculated risk with Ivan Morin. What is Ivan Morin going to do?" he asked.

Morin's victim, university student Deanna Bryson, said she didn't hate Morin and didn't appear looking for revenge.

"I did not come here out of vindictiveness and I have no anger towards you. I came here to challenge you in your actions."

Bryson said what she and the rest of the community wanted was a commitment from Morin to break his cycle of crime.

"I need a commitment from you to better yourself. It can't come from anyone else here," Bryson said.

Bryson said she wasn't prepared to suggest a sentence for Morin but didn't want any victims to suffer because of Morin's actions.

MSS members packed a meeting hall in Prince Albert April 8 looking for answers to shortcomings in economic development programs and called for reforms.

Along with the group of about 100 people at the meeting were representatives of SNEDCO, Industry Science and Technology Canada, Farm Credit Corporation, Farm Credit Corporation, Sask. Agriculture and Food, and the Federal Business Development Bank along with Ray Funk, MP.

Even with the number of representatives of economic development programs on hand, many among the crowd were frustrated with how slow the programs function and how little cash is available for Metis entrepreneurs and farmers trying to expand operations or begin new ventures.

"You guys all talk about getting down to the grass roots, but you only talk to our elected leaders. Until you start talking directly to us, you're not going to get anywhere," said Perry Vermette, a business owner from Prince Albert.

Vermette said action, not more meetings, were what Metis entrepreneurs were looking for.

"We're just spinning our wheels, we're not getting anywhere with these meetings," Vermette added.

Western Area II Director Edwin Pelletier organized the meeting and said he hoped the agency representatives on hand were taking notes to bring back to their political leaders.

"We want you to sit down and for you to hear us and to take that back to your government. We're telling you what we want," he said.

Pelletier said the only problem he saw with Metis farmers is that they don't ask

ANGRY ENTREPRENEURS LOOKING FOR REFORMS

By Jeff Campbell



SNEDCO'S Lyle Bolen says political changes are needed.



Metis entrepreneurs called for more grass roots involvement.

enough of their support programs.

"The problem with us Metis is that if we feed our families, we're happy. We don't have to fly to Florida for a vacation."

SNEDCO representative Lyle Bolen spent the afternoon meeting on the hot seat for what many in the audience saw as shortcomings in his corporation.

Bolen called for cooperation between MSS members and SNEDCO employees to help force political changes to SNEDCO policy.

"The political process has to change. Even if we changed all the employees what would you have? The same rules and policies. The only way to change is to work together. I think sometimes the expectations placed on them is out of reality with what SNEDCO employees can do."

In addition to giving vent to frustration with SNEDCO programs, federal programs also came under fire for letting some entrepreneurs down.

Stan Jenkins, who raises horses applied for a grant and had it approved over two

years ago.

"They phoned me back and said grant went through and I've not seen any money yet. It never did come to a head and I never heard a thing. I waited two and a half years and still nothing happened so I said I'd scrap it," said Jenkins.

Brian Mahoney, Development Officer with the Aboriginal Economic Programs, Industry Science and Technology Canada said while his program offers financing for development, money is only given to ventures likely to make money after extensive planning has taken place.

"We're only interested in assisting with viable businesses to make a profit, to pay wages, and return on the investment for both the operator and the federal government."

Mahoney added assistance is subject to conditions and is available for 30 to 40 per cent of capital costs with special financial arrangements available funding up to 60 per cent of capital costs.

Retired storekeeper Charlie Pocha was on hand gathering information for mem-

bers of the Lily Plain MSS local. He remembers when more money was available and says less cash is just a reflection of the economic times.

"Help has definitely gotten less, money wise. They used to give 100 per cent financing, not just 40 per cent. But I can understand that money is a lot tighter right now, so maybe things will change when the economy improves," said Pocha.

"We have to use the resources that are out there and you have to expect business to go up and down. You just have to stick your neck out and do it," he concluded.

Lyle Bolen said Metis entrepreneurs will just have to put up with red tape but remember government agencies are there to help them.

"As much as the system creates red tape and for all the agencies trying to help the Metis, it is working for some people. The rules are out there and it's a game of learning to play by the rules and you can achieve things," Bolen concluded.



Are you a Metis veteran?

Are you the wife or child of a Metis veteran?

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AFN CHIEF CALLS FOR YOUTH ACTION



AFN Chief Ovide Mercredi had plenty of fans in Prince Albert on April 28.

Assembly of First Nations Chief Ovide Mercredi says Aboriginal young people should get involved in political life as a way to build their self-esteem and heal themselves.

"Young people have to be part of our efforts to improve our social and economic conditions in our communities. All of us have the capacity to change things. Young people and students have the capacity to bring about reforms as well," He explained.

"I'm sure that when you begin to set up these councils, your chiefs and councillors will welcome your participation. They will welcome it with open arms because they want the young people to succeed and they want the young people to have the opportunities available to other Canadian youth," said Mercredi.

A recent visit to several reserves in Northern Ontario showed Mercredi some young people may be down, but they are not out.

"The young people want to be involved with others and in their communities and in their governments. They feel their words are not heard at the present time. They are thinking about organizing student coun-

cils which is something I strongly recommend for the young people here when they go back to their communities," said Mercredi.

"Like this event here, it's very important because it brings people together and it creates a community spirit and it makes people feel good. Also you come here with your achievements and you leave here with more confidence. This is very important to your self-esteem."

Mercredi was speaking to an audience of young Aboriginal artists at the Prince Albert Tribal Council sponsored Second Annual Fine Arts Festival held in Prince Albert from April 26 to April 30.

Mercredi spoke to a gym packed full of Division 1 and 2 students who had come from Prince Albert all the way up to Fond du Lac and Black Lake.

Mercredi urged the students to try and learn more about their past as a way to heal themselves.

"We, the people of my generation, know very little about our past and very little about our culture. The sad fact is young people know even less. We are moving even further away more and more from

the traditional life that our people used to have, a life on the land. That is what I think is missing from our fullness of individuals and who we are as Indian people."

Mercredi said Aboriginal people need more control of the education system.

"We have to change the schools to make them part of our culture and part of our society. That means learning our languages in the school system and learning about culture in the school system but also having within our communities an opportunity for the young people to work with the elders on a day to day basis," he explained.

"This will bring about a sense of self-worth in our young people and they know who they are and they feel connected to

the land and they feel accepted in their lives," said Mercredi.

He said individuals will have to believe in themselves and be strong when they leave their reserves and have to integrate into white society, which amounts to a new civilization.

Young people must not only talk about their society, said Mercredi, they must live it.

He challenged young people to help one another, to work with their parents and leaders and to show respect and deal with the problems they face.

Festival coordinator Joanne Badger said



With over 600 students taking part, there was plenty to see at the Prince Albert Tribal Council's Fine Arts Festival

there were about 300 Division 1 and 2 students and 300 to 400 students visiting the Prince Albert Indian Student Education Centre from all parts of Northern Saskatchewan during the four day festival.



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METIS YOUTH HOPE FOR MORE PARTICIPATION

By Jeff Campbell

Beginning a brand new organization is never easy, but it is a task the MSS Metis Youth Committee are not only dealing with, they are looking for more involvement with other facets of MSS work.

The seven members of the Metis Youth Committee are looking for two more members to be appointed soon and looking forward to the day Metis youth delegates begin sitting on sub-committees dealing with issues like health, justice and social services in a hands-on basis says committee chairperson Delbert Majore.

Once all the members in place, the nine representatives will be given a specific area depending on who is available and who is appropriate for the various areas, Majore explained.

The committee will be modelled on the Provincial Metis Council and will focus on providing committee members with a view from young people.

"We want to provide a youth perspective to be ensured by the boards and affiliates."

Majore said not only will the youth committee represent the voice of young people, it is a great way to build up a talent pool for possible Metis leaders of tomorrow.

"There's been a lot of work go on at the Metis Society level over the past 15 years and a lot of the people doing that work got involved as young people. We need to be allowed the opportunity to grow as people and the opportunity to lead."

Majore, aged 24, says he and fellow committee members are looking at helping the political leadership and aren't planning trying to oust anyone.

"With anything new people have some anxiety over it, especially if they were

anti-establishment in their youth had a turbulent time then. I don't believe this youth committee is like that," said Majore, who has been involved with the Metis Society since 1988.

He said political involvement is just one facet of the work he hopes the committee will accomplish.

"My first concern is youth development first. If we have strong individuals, we can have a strong committee too," said Majore.

In building the committee, a number of roadblocks have yet to be overcome. The committee was established in October 1992 at the Metis Youth Development Conference in Saskatoon.

Since then, lack of funding has meant members can only meet via telephone meaning most decisions are done on an executive level without being able to consult everybody else, said Majore.

He has also called for development of a youth leadership program, an MSS youth directorate, establishment of communications protocol between the youth committee and youth directorate and a part-time staff person to give committee members administrative and technical assistance.

A motion of support for Majore's proposals was passed by the Provincial Metis Council on March 12 along with a message of support for the Youth Working Committee.

Majore said he's pleased with the progress made to date, but would one day like to see a national Metis Youth organization in place, an idea he is looking to pursue at an upcoming Metis Youth Conference in Calgary.

Saskatchewan's Metis are making their voices and their concerns heard by the Royal Commission on Aboriginal People (RCAP) says RCAP co-chair George Erasmus.

"We've heard a lot of concerns from Metis people. They're concerned with the way the Metis Accord should be dealt with as a non-constitutional matter. We also heard from Metis women who told us there are not enough resources for what they are seeking to do."

Erasmus said a lack of resources is one of the most crucial problems facing Metis people in Saskatchewan in fields like land and resources, education, health. There is also a consistent theme running through the organization of those fields, he said.

"They felt they wanted programs run directly by Metis, delivered to Metis by Metis rather than through umbrella organizations."

Metis also told the commissioners they would like to be included under Section 91.24 of the Constitution Act, saying the section should be modified to include Metis people.

Changes to the Indian Act have been a major part of the requests presenters had asked for under the second round of RCAP hearings.

"A lot of presentations from Aboriginal people say we need to return to the past, that the Indian Act needs either a complete change or to be thrown out," said Erasmus.

The results of these hearings have been condensed into the newest report the commissioners have released in a report entitled "Focusing the Dialogue".

The hearings for round two began just after last year's constitutional referendum on October 27 and lasted until December 10. Hearings were held in Saskatoon on October 27 and 28 and North Battleford on October 29, Ile-a-la-Croix on December 8 and La Loche December 10.

Commission officials noticed certain ideas emerging time and again in the dis-

METIS CONCERNS HEARD BY RCAP

By Jeff Campbell

ussions they held during this period.

The "four touchstones for change" the commissioners identified are a new relationship between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people, self-determination, self sufficiency and healing.

The Commissioners were told in order to overcome a history of conflict and domination the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities need to establish equality, respect and reconciliation with one another. In order to mend the relationship methods such as public education, cross-cultural training, anti-racist education and policies, legislated changes, and reformulation of the relations of power between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people.

Self-government, one of the routes toward self-determination was also explored by people meeting with the commissioners. Possible methods of achieving self-government include constitutional amendments, extension of the treaty and land claims process, federal or provincial legislation and government to government arrangements. Erasmus said a number of various self-government models have been presented to him from a return to the clan system to more accountable leadership. Perspectives on self-determination vary greatly depending on presenters who represented interests as diverse as First Nations, Metis, Inuit, reserve residents, urban dwellers and men and women.

Many different models of self-sufficiency were presented during round two of the commission hearings, most of them

revolved around three themes, access to and control of land and resources, strengthening the traditional economy and access to the modern economy.

The healing touchstone highlights the need for physical, emotional

and spiritual healing for Aboriginal people to overcome years of abuse individuals have endured along with intentional and unintentional assaults on Aboriginal communities and cultures. "Healing involves dealing with all the pain from the colonial past," said Erasmus. Aboriginal communities still face the harsh realities of poor health and living standards, family violence and instability, high rates of crime and imprisonment, substance abuse and suicide. Good health does not only mean an absence of disease, it also means the provision of health and social services.

Erasmus said while many different ideas have been looked at already, the commission still needs public input.

"I would encourage people to get out and make presentations in the next round. We've not come up with all the models yet, but we have come up with enough to service the needs of the commission," he said. He also stressed the RCAP needs to hear more from non-Aboriginal people.

"Looking at the future, Aboriginal people must have a more powerful influence, so for non-Aboriginal people, there are going to have to be some changes that take place."

The next round of RCAP hearings begins May 3 in the Montreal area and wraps up on June 30 in Ottawa.

Saskatchewan stops during the third round include hearings to be held in Regina and Saskatoon from May 10 to 14.



The Gabriel Dumont Institute requires an illustrator for a children's book entitled AMetis Wedding.

The story is intended to give the reader insight into traditional Metis customs of the Red River settlement.

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MNC LEADERS SATISFIED WITH RCAP REPORT

The Metis National Council welcomed the Royal Commission's second round discussion paper as a helpful document for focussing future dialogue. The document focusses on four touchstones that the commission suggests can contribute positive change.

The touchstones call for a new relationship between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples, self-determination in Canada through self-government, economic self-sufficiency and personal and

collective healings for Aboriginal individuals and communities.

Gerald Morin, President of the Metis National Council said "the document addresses the types of issues Metis are interested in, and should provide for productive discussions as the Royal Commission enters the stretch run of its public consultations."

When pressed on the Metis Nation's support of the document, Gerald Thom, President of the Metis Nation of Alberta and Minister responsible for the Royal Commission said, "While we have had our differences with the Royal Commission in the past, the signing of the Metis Nation-RCAP Memo of Understanding and the text of the new discussion paper fairly represents Metis issues and leaves the door open to further dialogue."

Sheila Genaille, President of the Metis National Council of Women and Minister of Culture and Status of Women responded to criticism that the document doesn't go far enough by indicating "Given the fact that our own detailed submissions have not been submitted to the Royal Commission and the fact that the Royal Commission has yet to receive the results of its own research program, it is somewhat premature to criticize the Commission."

Gerald Thom explained "the Metis Nation is not interested in rushed conclusions, and ill thought out policy recommendations. It is far more important to enter into creative dialogue than unhelpful criticism," he said.

FOUNDATIONS LAID FOR IMPROVED NATIONAL HOUSING NETWORK

Representatives of Metis housing authorities met in Saskatoon in April to lay the groundwork for a new Metis National Housing Advisory

The strategy was developed as a way to lobby governments with a unified voice, to communicate more effectively and as a way to exchange ideas about housing initiatives.

Robert Mercredi, MSS area director, chaired the meeting and said a national authority was just what hard pressed provincial housing corporations needed.

"We were looking for some sort of mechanism so this is just excellent," Mercredi said after the various delegations declared their support for the national authority.

Mercredi said the workshop had been called after the appointment of Ron Swain of Manitoba as national Metis housing minister in Regina March 29.

"We want to address some of our national housing issues and this session is meant to be a more technical than political

forum," Mercredi explained.

He said provincial housing authorities have already been working closely together but with all the developments in Metis self-government as of late, the provincial officials all wanted to be working in the same directions on projects which concerned them all.

Delegates from Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia backed the idea.

"We have to focus on the national scene. I'm getting frustrated because we can't get a change of policy," said Leon McAuley, executive director of Saskatchewan's Provincial Metis Housing Corporation (PMHC).

PMHC staff have to deal with a 65 per cent drop in generated revenue over the past two years due the provincial government taking over projects which used to generate revenue for PMHC.

Alberta delegates said they were con-

cerned that unless the provincial Metis organizations banded together, CMHC might pick them off one by one.

Ron Rivard of the Metis National Council said he not only agreed with the delegates' comments, he would need their help in putting together the authority.

"We will have to rely on the expertise coming out the provinces. We will need your assistance in preparation and budgeting and we will need your support to argue our case. We've got all that basic experience around this table and we can use it."

Rivard said an issue paper describing the state of Metis housing in each province would be needed after interviewing the key Metis people and key government officials.

"I want to provide some ammunition for our politicians so they can go pound-ing on some doors," said Rivard.

"I think we've got a mighty voice here," McAuley concluded.

BLAKENEY QUITS RCAP

RCAP commissioner Allan Blakeney called it quits April 2 citing a lack of focus for the commission's second report.

The former Saskatchewan premier said vague principles were not what was needed by RCAP, instead Blakeney called for tough arguments and specific proposals for solving Native problems.

No specific solutions had been offered in the report after the RCAP's second round, it did identify a number of key principles to be focused on when hearings begin again in May.

Blakeney's resignation was the end to an ongoing dispute between Blakeney and fellow commissioners as to what direction the commission should take.

"The emphasis should be on what the solutions may be and how we can hammer them out with Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal," said Blakeney.

His resignation came the same day RCAP co-chair George Erasmus unveiled the second round report.

Erasmus and fellow co-chair Rene Dussault stood behind the direction of the commission in spite of Blakeney's decision to quit.

"We remain convinced, however, that the commission has taken the only effective approach. We must take a holistic approach. We must paint the big picture and show governments how all areas of our mandate are inter-related," said a release from the co-commissioners.

Blakeney said after nearly two years on the commission, he wasn't seeing suggestions for change.

Blakeney wasn't the only person critical of the second round RCAP report.

A lack of concrete action is also frustrating Assembly of First Nations chief Ovide Mercredi.

"We have always been concerned that the royal commission would provide governments with the means simply to study

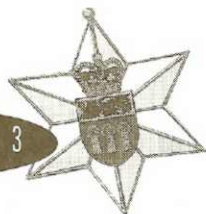
our problems and excuse them from taking any concrete action. That is exactly what is happening," said Mercredi.

The third round of RCAP hearings begin again in the Montreal area in May, with hearings scheduled later in the month scheduled for Regina and Saskatoon.

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Even if her escort was a little shy, Wanda Chaboyer (above), a graduate of GDI's Diploma in Administration program was delighted to collect her diploma on April 30 in Cumberland House.

Sharing the spotlight with Wanda Chaboyer were fellow grads Laura Chaboyer, Bob Cheechoo, Elaine Deschambeault, Jason Deschambeault, Alice Duisson, Raymond Duisson, Theresa Duisson, Carole Fosseneuve, Marcel Fosseneuve, Peter Fosseneuve, Lisa Goulet, Kimberly Laliberty, Wilma McKay, Bernadette McKenzie.

Pierre Dorion, Harold Favel, Frank Laliberte and Rose Young earned a Certificate in Administration.

Congratulations and good luck to all the grads!

MSS RESTRUCTURING COMMITTEE UPDATE

By Ray Jones

The Metis Society of Saskatchewan restructuring committee was established last fall to look at restructuring within the MSS organization.

The members of this committee include: MSS president Gerald Morin, GDI executive director Isabelle Impey, Northern region II area director Norman Hansen, Western region I area director Guy Bouvier and Western region III area director Bruce Flamont. Bev Laliberte from the Metis Women, John Boucher from the Metis Elders senate and Georgina Jolibois from the Metis youth are also members on the committee.

The tentative time frame for restructuring was determined by the committee to evolve over a five year time period during which several restructuring phases will be implemented. The first step in phase 1 was the self-government conference held this past March 17, 18 and 19 in Saskatoon. This conference was an opportunity to share some ideas on how Metis self-government should work.

An information package is currently being put together that will present the outcome of the conference. This kit will be available to the membership.

The next step in phase 1 will be area workshops in each of the 12 regions. These workshops will include more Metis people in the restructuring consultation process. These workshops will conclude by the end of June. The membership is asked to contact their area director for the date and location in their area.

After the area workshops, an all presi-

dents meeting will be held in Batoche in July. Among other things, this meeting will keep the local presidents informed of what the people are saying with respect to Metis self-government, and the restructuring that is needed within the MSS organization to achieve it. The Batoche meeting will also set the date for the annual assembly in the fall.

At the annual assembly, the restructuring committee will seek to implement phase 1. Phase 2 will begin once phase 1 is adopted.

- ways of dealing with panel recommendations on the specific surface lease for the McArthur River underground exploration program.

Wiens said the comprehensive discussions would address human resource development, environmental and worker protection, compensation for directly affected resource users, as well as revenue sharing. "The joint panel gave us more than just environmental guidance on one mine site," Wien said. "The report recognizes

the role of local communities in dealing with the impact of mining."

The McArthur River exploration project will provide technical information on the ore body at the site but does not involve mining of the ore. Future mining at McArthur River, and at a number of other proposed locations in the north, is currently under separate study by the joint panel.

The McArthur River site is about 300 kilometers north of La Ronge.

Environment Minister Approves Exploration Project at McArthur River

Environment and Public Safety Minister Berny Wiens has approved an underground exploration project at Cameco's McArthur River site. The approval of the exploration work was recommended Jan. 15 by the joint federal-provincial panel which is studying the future of several proposed uranium mines.

"Based on this recommendation the project is being given the green light," Wiens said. "After studying the issue and holding public consultations the joint panel told us the project's environmental safeguards are fundamentally sound.

Wiens also said Community Services Minister Carol Carson will soon initiate consultation with northern residents and communities regarding:

- a timetable and process for discussing northern policy issues related to uranium mining including revenue sharing and the standard provisions in surface leases; and

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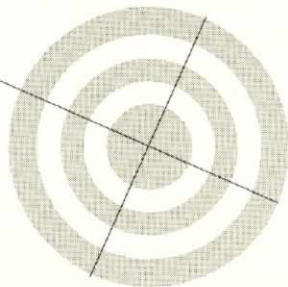
The MSS sponsored Western Canadian Aboriginal Curling Championships not only packed the house at Saskatoon's Hub City Curling Club on the Easter weekend, the bonspiel was a showcase for some of the top Aboriginal curlers in the country. Top of the heap in the men's division were the Art Sanderson rink from James Smith Reserve with the Michelle Harding rink from La Ronge taking top honors in the women's division. Congratulations to all curlers and see back at the Hub next April.



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MENDEL ART GALLERY PRESENTS BILLBOARD EXHIBITION IN DOWNTOWN SASKATOON



An art exhibition entitled *The Post-Colonial-Landscape* will be presented by the Mendel Art Gallery in downtown Saskatoon this summer on the billboard standing at the corner of First Avenue North and 22nd Street East. This is the first time the Mendel has presented an art exhibition in a public outdoor setting and the four parts of this show will all deal with the representation of land and its uses within a colonial state, from both Native and non-Native points-of-view.

The four parts of this exhibition include separate presentations by four artists throughout the summer at the one location. The artists include Edward Poitras of Regina whose work *1885* will be featured from May 31 to June 28; Grant McConnell of Saskatoon with *Partly Cleared, Partly Cultivated*, from June 29 to July 26; Jamelie Hassan of London, Ontario, with *Linkage* from July 27 to August 23; and Kay WalkingStick of Ithaca, New York, whose work will be on view from August 24 to September 20. Guest curator for this billboard exhibition is Joyce Whitebeard Reed of Saskatoon.

In commenting on this presentation of art in a public place, Mendel Art Gallery curator Bruce Grenville pointed out that this type of exhibition gives the Gallery an unusual opportunity to examine issues relative both to this community and contemporary art.

"This particular site and these exhibitions by local, regional, national and international artists give us a unique chance to engage a wider audience in our programming because issues surrounding Native

land claims and the return of Native lands within Saskatchewan are of fundamental interest to all people in this province."

"In Saskatchewan there are fundamental and highly visible differences between the use of the land by Native peoples throughout history, its recent use by European settlers and its current uses in our post-industrial society. The artists in this exhibition are united by their interests in a history of colonization and the cultural identity which that colonization has engendered."

Support for this billboard presentation has been assisted by the Saskatchewan Arts Board.

TEACHER LAUNCHED FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH

A new foundation for studying effective teaching methods and learning has been founded in Saskatchewan. The new Dr. Stirling McDowell Foundation for Research Into Teaching was unveiled in Saskatoon in April, with \$600,000 of the planned endowment of \$5 million already secured.

Foundation President Fred Herron said the goal of the organization is to investigate teaching and learning in new ways, build up the present body of knowledge of excellence in teaching and then share the results of their research with everyone looking to improve education for children.

"This is one of the most exciting ventures Saskatchewan educators have ever undertaken, and it promises to have a major impact in the classroom," said Herron.

Herron said research will focus exclusively on teaching and learning in kindergarten to Grade 12 classrooms and teachers will play a large part in directing and conducting research.

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The weekend's fun gets underway at 5:30 on Friday, July 23 with a children's weiner roast.

Back to Batoche opening ceremonies kick off at 6 p.m. with the slow pitch tournament and bingo underway at 7 p.m. The first of the weekend's dances begins at 9 p.m. and wraps up the first day's activities.

Slow pitch teams begin day two bright and early on July 24 with action on the diamonds underway at 9 a.m. Softballs won't be the only flying objects on the grounds, the horeshoes will be pitched

beginning the tournament at 10 a.m.

If you are not up to the athletic events, Saturday offers a host of other things to do. Cultural competitions begin at noon with competitions in jigging, fiddling and square dancing. Bingo also begins at noon.

Chuckwagon and chariot races get underway at 1 p.m. with children's activities kicking off at the same time.

Come and see some champion bannock bakers plying their craft beginning at 2 p.m.

Finding the toughest visitors to the grounds will begin with the first round of eliminations in the tug-o-war competition beginning at 5 p.m. Just after the the tug-o-war is the Buckskin Parade, a display of traditional Metis dress.

After parade participants strut their stuff, an amateur Native talent show is tentatively planned for 7 p.m. followed by at Saturday night dance at 9 p.m.

Sunday begins with memorial mass to remember the Metis dead of 1885 which gets underway in the main tent at 10 a.m. Following the memorial service, a procession to the mass grave site in Batoche Cemetery begins at 11 a.m.

The final day of athletic activities gets underway again at 9 a.m. with the beginning of slow pitch games and children's activities begin one hour later.

The sporting action gets serious on Sunday afternoon with finals scheduled in all events.

Horseshoe finals get underway at 1 p.m. and the chuckwagon and chariot races roll at 1:30. The toughest of the tough tug-o-war teams face off for the finals at 4 p.m. to end Back to Batoche Days '93.

As in years past, five basic rules apply to visitors to the Back To Batoche grounds. No alcohol or firearms are allowed, no unauthorized vehicles are allowed in the tenting area, grounds speed limit is eight kilometres per hour and no vehicles are allowed in the activity area except service vehicles.

STURGEON LAKE SLOW PITCH TOURNAMENT

The Sturgeon Lake Sports Council will kick off its first annual Co-Ed Slo Pitch Tournament on the Victoria Day long weekend.

Tournament organizer Mel Parenteau says the funds raised during the tournament will be used by Sturgeon Lake Sports Council for its upcoming Aboriginal Role Models Hockey School in Lloydminster in July.

Parenteau said the school, which lasts from July 3 to 8 and July 9 to 14, will attract about 250 students and teachers like the Calgary Flames' Theoren Fleury, Richard Pilon from the New York Islanders and WHL stars Louis Dumont and Norm Maracle.

The Sports Council also backs youth projects like fastball and soccer leagues in Prince Albert.

The Prince Albert Downtown Lions Ball Park will be the scene of the action.

Prizes (based on 30 team entries) are \$4000 plus trophy for first place, \$2000 plus trophy for second place, \$1000 with a trophy for third place, and a cash prize of \$500 for the fourth place team.

Teams must consist of seven men and three women.

For those more interested in watching the action than taking part, admission to the grounds for the tournament is \$4 per day for adults and \$3 per day for students. Children 12 and under pay \$1 and elders get in free of charge.

Camping is available nearby at Whispering Pine and Nisbett Camp Grounds.

MEADOW LAKE SLOW PITCH TOURNAMENT

Meadow Lake Lions Park will be the scene of the fourth annual Co-Ed Recreation Slow Pitch Tournament on May 29 and 30.

Prize money, subject to full entries, is \$2500 plus a trophy for first place, \$1500 plus trophy for second place, \$1000 plus trophy for third, and \$700 plus trophy for the fourth place team.

The tournament is sponsored by Metis Society Local #31.

All players and coaches must pay daily admission or \$4 for adults, \$2 for children aged 12 and under with free admission for pre-schoolers and seniors.

Concessions will be available on the park grounds.

A dine and dance is planned for the Meadow Lake Civic Centre on Saturday May 29 with music by the Lawrence Joseph Band. First and second places for jiggling will be up for grabs at the dance. Tickets are \$10 per person and available at the door.

Teams must consist of seven men and three women at all times and the first 24 teams a certified cheque or money order for \$250 will be entered in the tournament. Entry fees are non-refundable. Entry fees should be mailed to Metis Society Local #31, P.O. Box 2646, Meadow Lake, Sask. S0M 1V0. Entry deadline for teams is May 27 at 5 p.m.

More information on the tournament can be obtained by calling either James, Dwayne or Bill at 236-4869, 236-3122, or 236-3098.



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FAMILY FUN DAY PLANNING BEGINS

Families looking for a weekend getaway with a difference might want to consider MSS Wood Mountain Local #152 Family Fun Days scheduled for July 16-18.

Local president Eric Thomson said the second annual event has plenty to offer.

The Fun Day takes place at Skunk Butte Trails Campground, south east of Wood Mountain. There are a few sites with a power hook up in the private campground and no charge for the use of the site for Fund days, Thomson said.

There is plenty of room for recreational vehicles and tents too, along with a concession booth on the site, he added.

Throughout the weekend, emphasis will be on activities for the family.

There will be horseshoes, kids games, tug of war, and free wagon rides. Arrangements may also be made for visitors who want to get in a bit of horseback riding too, said Thomson.

"Everybody is welcome, from the people right in the area to whoever wants to come. It's just a really good time to come together and enjoy the weekend," Thomson said.

For more information on Family Fun Days, call Eric Thomson at 476-2540 or Harold Thomson at 476-2596.

FBDB COMPLETES BAND ADMINISTRATION/ MANAGEMENT SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAMS IN SASKATCHEWAN

The Saskatoon branch of the Federal Business Development Bank (FBDB) recently completed three 80 hour Band Administration/Management Skills Training Programs in Saskatchewan. The programs were held in the communities of North Battleford, Jackfish Lake and Spiritwood and involved chiefs, councillors and band administrative staff from 11 bands. All three of the programs were partially funded by the Canada Employment Center in North Battleford.

The program was designed to provide financial stability to the community, assist the chief, council and band administrative staff in acquiring financial and management skills, establish human resource policies and to facilitate the delivery of quality service to the community.

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CEO of Native Business Council to Propose Changes in Federal Legislation

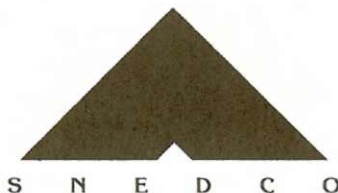
Patrick Lavelle, CEO of the Canadian Council for Native Business, spoke to a group of Saskatoon business people on May 5. Lavelle was expected to propose changes in federal legislation to further land claims, economic self-sufficiency, and self-government for Aboriginal people.

"In some parts of Canada, the Aboriginal population is greater than the Canadian norm. The working population of Winnipeg will soon be Aboriginal dominated, and there could be a day in the

not too distant future when Aboriginals will be the vast majority in Saskatchewan," said Lavelle.

"What many Canadians don't realize is that there are tremendous opportunities in working with Aboriginal people. When we improve the standard of living, productivity, health and outlook of Aboriginal Canadians, we will be increasing the output of the country as a whole."

Among the CCNB's proposals are the establishment of an Aboriginal development bank; a simultaneous overhaul of the Indian Act; establishment of a non-government commission to advise on the priority settlement of land claims; reformation of the tax act to encourage cross-cultural joint ventures; a quick turnover of land resource royalties due to Aboriginal; and quotas of federal contracts to be awarded to viable Indian business.



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METIS FAMILY AND COMMUNITY JUSTICE SERVICES OF SASKATCHEWAN INTERIM REPORT TENTATIVE FIVE YEAR STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Seeking to address the problem of a high numbers of Aboriginal prisoners in Saskatchewan jails, the Metis Family and Community Justice Services (MFCJS), Inc. has released its interim report along with a five year plan.

According to the report, up to 68 per cent of prisoners incarcerated in Saskatchewan's provincial and federal jails are Aboriginal origin.

The report says the trend could get even worse unless addressed promptly.

MCFJS statistics show 40 per cent of Saskatchewan Metis are under 15 while only eight per cent are over 55. Other studies show Aboriginal Canadians suffer from the highest unemployment rates, lowest academic achievement rates, and poorest housing of any group in the country.

Aboriginal communities have the highest rates of suicide and substance abuse and all the factors point to a large number of people with major economic and social disadvantages.

Without the creation of appropriate educational and employment opportunities, a high percentage of Metis youth will continue to have contact with the justice system unless something is done to change the conditions of social disadvantages and poverty they must combat. To help Metis, especially Metis youth break the cycle of crime and incarceration, the MFCJS was formed.

The MCFJS was formed by the Metis Society of Saskatchewan and will develop

a comprehensive five year plan in the fields of justice and social development within the context of self-government initiatives. The MCFJS will work closely with other MSS affiliates to address justice and social conditions of concern to Metis people. The five year plan will be executed in three phases.

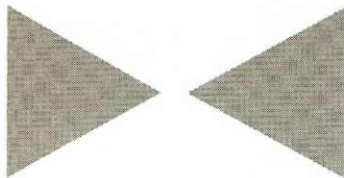
In the first phase, the Metis communities of Saskatchewan will be involved in the planning and policy development decisions of a MCFJS pilot project.

There also needs to be discussion and negotiations with the Government of Saskatchewan and other relevant agencies and an ongoing communications with the MSS and identification and prioritization of relevant programs in Metis communities.

The MSS has identified several issues under the social services umbrella which have to be addressed over the next five years. The issues include child and youth welfare services, counselling services, financial services, family services, healing services, adoption services, elderly care services, and emergency and preventive services.

Justice services issues identified by the MSS include Metis tribunal courts, policing services, corrections services, preventive or alternative probation services, law making process, courtworker program, fine option program, or court interpreter program.

Development and Metis Child and



Justice and Social System in a way that is meaningful to both traditional and contemporary needs. Other goals include developing legislation related to Metis Justice and Social areas to be eventually controlled by MJSC, design and implement policy and operations guidelines for MFCJS, negotiate funding for the MCFJS, Metis Justice Council, and regional delivery agencies, develop accountability procedures pertaining to the delivery of services

and appoint an executive director of the MFCJS.

In the third and final stage, the MFCJS, in partnership with government agencies, will apply appropriate evaluation procedures for assessing the corporation's activities. An evaluation committee will be set up shortly to design an evaluation guideline and format to be used in the overall evaluation of activities. This committee will meet on a regular basis to review progress of the projects.

Youth Welfare Services and court related issues are identified as priorities for the new fiscal year.

The second phase of the MFCJS is the developmental phase in which the emphasis will be placed on hiring suitable candidates to achieve the specific goals. Policy development and initiation of a limited number of pilot projects of both provincial and regional scope. The MCFJS work during this phase will result in provincial policy development pertaining to justice and social issues of Metis people, structure and mandate of the governing body, service delivery structure and operating policy manual, communications mechanisms and coordination and administrative procedures and negotiating guidelines.

In phase two of the five year plan, the MSS will establish an eleven member provincial government body, the Metis Justice and Social Council (MJSC). Metis locals in each region of the province will be given an opportunity to submit names of candidates with final membership made by Regional Directors based on the qualifications and recommendations of Metis local plus membership will include representation from both levels of government.

The MJSC Board of Governors shall meet a minimum of six times per year to address and carry out the mandate. The MJSC goals are to provide a provincial administrative body empowered to design, deliver, distribute and evaluate the Metis

APPOINTMENT

Cameco Corporation is pleased to announce the appointment of MR. BERNARD M. MICHEL as Chairman of the Board of Directors.



Mr. Michel is also President and Chief Executive Officer of the corporation. He succeeds Mr. William A. Gatenby, who announced his retirement as Chairman on April 27 at the annual meeting of shareholders. Mr. Gatenby had been Cameco's Chairman since the corporation was created in 1988.

Mr. Michel is a graduate of France's Ecole Polytechnique with 26 years experience in Saskatchewan's mining industry — 16 in the uranium sector. Mr. Michel came to Cameco in October

1988, as Senior Vice-President responsible for operations. He was named Chief Operating Officer in January 1990, President in October 1990 and Chief Executive Officer in September 1991.

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WINSTON WUTTUNEE: A NATIVE ENTERTAINER

By Florence Leigh

Winston Wuttunee is a native entertainer who is originally from the Red Pheasant Reserve and now resides in Turner Valley, Alberta. He entertained Friday, March 12 at the Holiday Inn in Saskatoon. His heartfelt music and endless supply of jokes brought smiles to many faces.

He has already toured throughout the Northwest Territories, Europe, the Middle East, Canada and the U.S. Winston has been touring since 1973.

Winston's sons Erik and Stephan were also in attendance. Erik now does some touring of his own, he travels with environmental workshops from New Brunswick to Kenora.

The crowd at the Holiday Inn performance was made up mostly of childcare workers, students, Inter-Varsity City Centre, Inner City Ministry, a council of the United Churches from the area. A Social Justice program that works with supporting people on low incomes and addresses issues that effect them. Participants of different agencies particularly Maggie's Day Care sponsored the program. Also in attendance were MLA Pat Atkinson and Judith Martins.

One of the goals of Maggie's Day Care is to make the public aware of issues of teen parents and to provide them a chance to share their experiences.

Irma Fuentealba, the ex-director of Maggie's Day Care has been in the daycare field for 15 years. Educated at the University of Chile and a real humanitarian, she noted that our daycare systems are changing for the better. In Chile they have a high regard for children.



Wuttunee (right) seen here with P.A. Tribal Council's Joanne Badger and Ovide Mercredi



Winston Wuttunee on stage

"Young people are very important, they are the base for the future," she said.

The daycare is a support system to both parent and child and Maggie's shares a close interaction with parents. Part of the decision-making process is given to the parents. Babies from six weeks right up to two and a half years old attend the daycare and parents are encouraged to spend quality time in the daycare. The atmosphere is very home-like. Maggie's provides monthly suppers and breakfasts two days a week for parents.

The crunch is coming as federal funding will run out by August so Maggie's Day Care will need community support and donations are tax deductible. Irma Fuentealba said if we can help 10 out of 50 then we are serving the people well and I know this won't be forgotten.

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