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Gabriel Dumont Institute of Native Studies and Applied Research

12TH ANNUAL CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

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## *Greetings from the Conference Co-ordinator*

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Welcome to the 12th Annual Gabriel Dumont Institute Cultural and Education Conference.

As the Conference Co-ordinator, I would like to express my appreciation and gratitude to all who have contributed to the on-going success of this conference:

- . to the staff for their time and energy
- . to the Gabriel Dumont Institute Board for their direction
- . to the student volunteers who have willingly shared their time and expertise in various areas
- . and to you, the participants, for your continuous support and participation.

This year's conference theme "Steps in Time" conveys the role of young and old in Metis culture and I'm confident you'll find that our Conference has something to offer everyone.

On behalf of the Conference Planning Committee, I sincerely hope your participation will be both personally fulfilling and rewarding and that you enjoy your visit with us!



Erma Taylor  
Conference Co-ordinator

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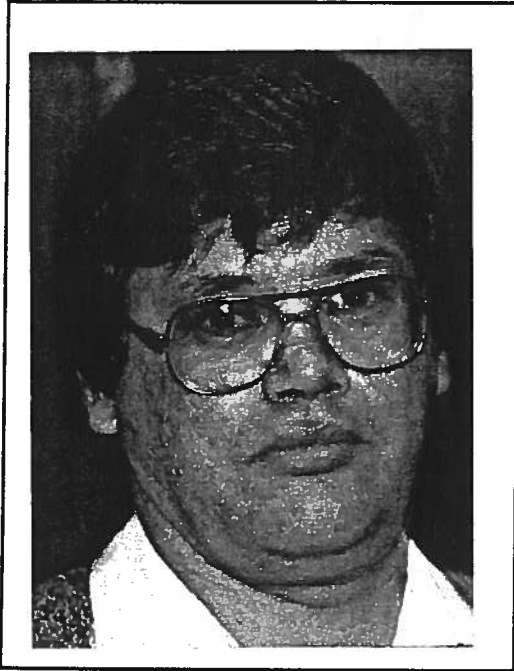
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## *Greetings From the Gabriel Dumont Institute Board*

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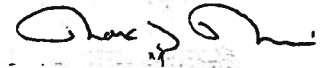
Max Morin, Chairperson

The Gabriel Dumont Institute Board of Governors wishes to extend a warm welcome to all the delegates attending this year's Conference.

Our Metis culture and identity are important priorities for the future of our youth. We must take this time to reflect on the past, discuss the present and plan for the future of our Metis cultural identity.

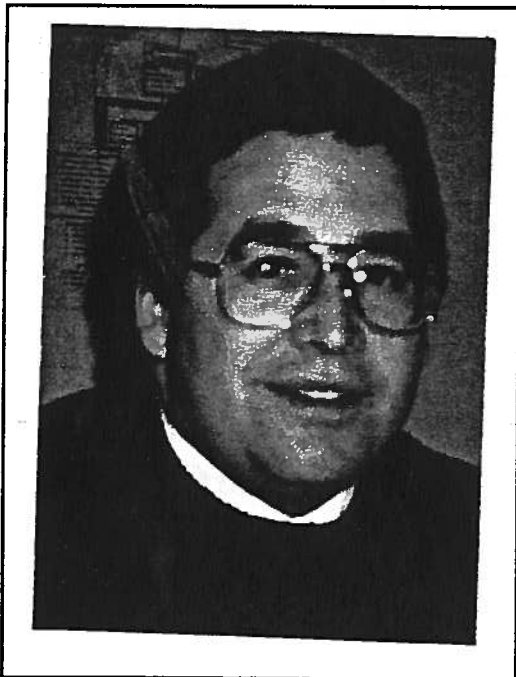
I hope you enjoy your time together.

Max Morin  
Chairperson



## *Greetings From the Executive Director*

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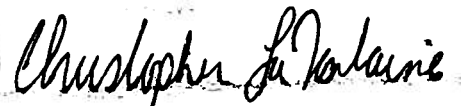
Chris LaFontaine, Executive Director

I am pleased to welcome one and all to this, our 12th Annual Cultural and Education Conference.

Your interest and participation throughout the past eleven years has made us grow strong together on the issues surrounding education.

This year our theme is "Steps in Time: Education Through the Generations." Cultural identity and education must go hand in hand for the development of our young people. We must build a strong, culturally-aware, self-sufficient youth, confident in their skills and knowledge in their identity, to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

Come together and share your knowledge, hopes and dreams for our leaders of tomorrow.



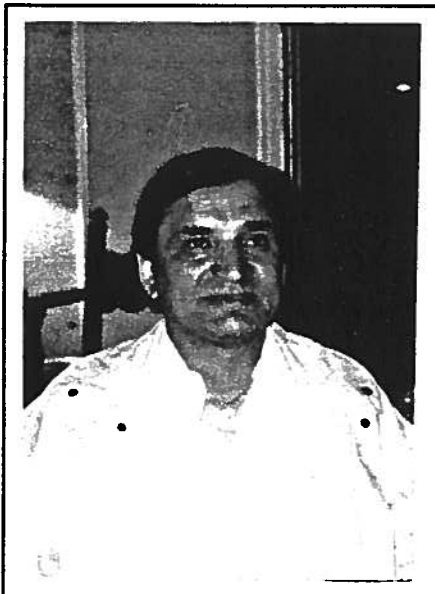
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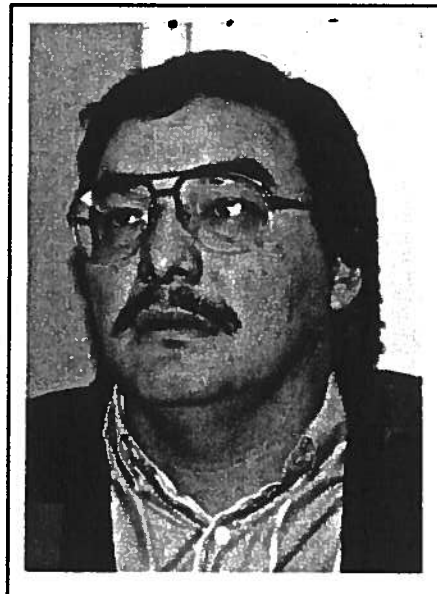
On behalf of the Metis Society of Saskatchewan, we welcome you to the 12th Annual Cultural and Education Conference of our educational affiliate organization, the Gabriel Dumont Institute.

This year's theme "Steps in Time: Education Through the Generations" reinforces the idea that the responsibility for educating our youth about our culture and heritage has been entrusted to each generation to pass on.

Once again, welcome and enjoy this year's Conference.



*Jim Durocher, President*



*Gerald Morin, Secretary*



*Phillip Chartier, Treasurer*

# METIS NATIONAL COUNCIL



LOUIS RIEL



GABRIEL DUMONT

It gives me great pleasure to extend greetings to the delegates of the 12th Annual Gabriel Dumont Institute Cultural Conference on behalf of the Metis National Council (MNC).

The Cultural Conference provides an opportunity for Metis people to come together and learn about our history, culture and identity.

Enjoy the Conference and celebrate our history!

Yvon Dumont  
Spokesperson  
Metis National Council

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**Greetings from the Premier of Saskatchewan  
12th Annual Cultural and Education Conference  
January 30 - February 1, 1992**

On behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan, I extend my warmest greetings to the participants in the 12th Annual Cultural and Education Conference of the Gabriel Dumont Institute.

I am delighted that this Conference will give Metis people from across the province the opportunity to experience the warm hospitality and graceful beauty of Saskatoon, our "City of Bridges".

During this Conference Metis people, from the very young to the traditional elders, will have the opportunity to blend their thoughts and experiences to forge new inroads in education and cross-cultural awareness.

Congratulations to the organizers and volunteers, and to the staff of the Gabriel Dumont Institute who have worked so hard to make this Conference a reality.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roy Romanow".

Roy Romanow  
Premier




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HENRY DAYDAY

I am very pleased to welcome all delegates to Saskatoon for the Gabriel Dumont Institute Annual Conference. This year's gathering represents the 12th Annual Cultural and Education Conference -- an indication of the interest and commitment of the Institute for carrying out its mandate. On behalf of the citizens of Saskatoon, I am pleased to acknowledge your past success and wish you continued success for the future.

Your Conference theme -- "Steps In Time: Education Through the Generations" -- will offer an opportunity for reflection and renewed awareness of Metis culture. In addition, I hope you will find many opportunities to meet new friends and renew old acquaintances. I know that, once again, Conference organizers have worked hard to ensure informative, enjoyable sessions.

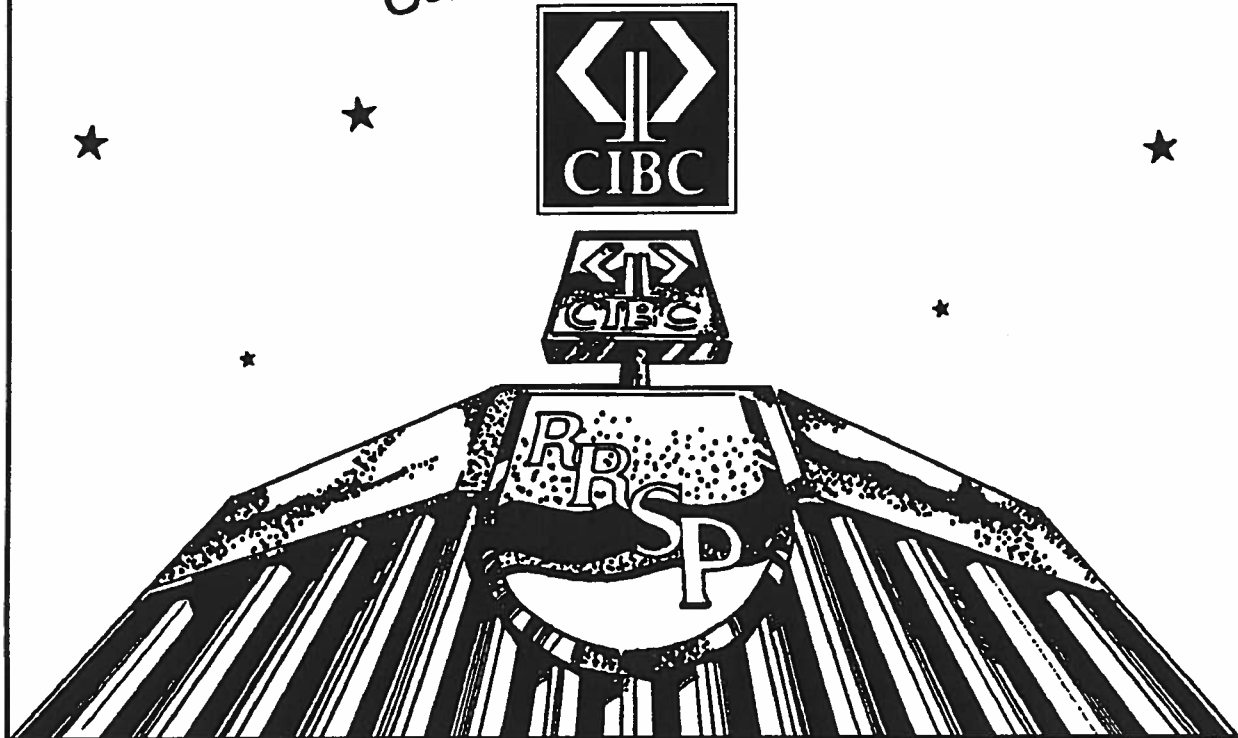
Best wishes for a successful Conference. I extend an invitation to all delegates to enjoy and partake of Saskatoon's many and varied amenities. To those of you visiting Saskatoon, I hope you will return with fond memories and that you will visit us again soon!

  
**Henry Dayday**  
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## *Child Care Services*

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**TIMES:** Friday, January 31, 1992 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday, February 1, 1992 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Saskatoon Inn, Rooms 719 and 722

**AGES:** Infants to 12 years

**RATES:** \$1.00 per hour per child or \$5.00 per day per child

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**CHILD CARE SERVICES WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED WHILE YOU ATTEND  
THE BANQUET ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, FROM 6:00 TO 10:00 P.M.  
PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE WITH THE CHILD CARE WORKERS ON  
FRIDAY IF YOU WILL REQUIRE THIS SERVICE.**

# Conference Agenda

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## THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 1992

- 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.    **Registration**  
5:00 p.m.            **Displays Open (Regina and Red Deer Rooms)**  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.    **Workshops**

**1. Aboriginal Influence on Early Learning (Manitoba Room)**

Facilitator: Ingrid Gallagher

Presentors: Irma Fuentealba, Mary Delanghe, Anne Luke and Pat Totton

Two experienced Early Childhood Educators and Curriculum Consultant for teen parenting classes will present issues and positive strategies for learning and interaction with young Aboriginal children.

**2. Educational Cross Cultural Awareness (Wig and Pen Room)**

Facilitator: Maureen Johns

Presentors: Marion Cocarell and Calvin Racette

This workshop will highlight the importance of cross cultural awareness on the educational progress of Aboriginal students.

**7:00 - 10:30 p.m. (Main Ballroom)**

Fiddling, jigging and square dancing competitions.

Entry fees will be charged and cash prizes awarded to winners.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 1992

8:00 - 11:00 a.m.    **Registration**

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.    **Veterans Display (Room 230)**  
**Youth Activities (Ages 8-15) (Old Bowling Green and Jolly Friar Rooms)**  
**Day Care available (Rooms 719 and 722)**  
**Displays continue (Regina and Red Deer Rooms)**

9:00 - 10:30 a.m.    **Main Ballroom**

Opening Prayer by Elder

Greetings and Opening Remarks from:

the Province of Saskatchewan; the City of Saskatoon; the Gabriel Dumont Institute; the Metis Society of Saskatchewan; and the Metis National Council.

9:00 a.m. - Noon      **Metis Veterans Meeting (Manitoba Room)**

11:00 a.m. - Noon    **Main Ballroom**

**Toward a Metis Constitution: "Self-Government Through Education"**

Facilitators: Albert Robillard and Noble Shanks

This workshop is sponsored by the MSS and will address the role of education in the plan of the Metis people of Saskatchewan to implement self-government. The session will also provide background papers for the Saturday morning workshop on "Metis Self-Government and the Canadian Constitution".

Noon - 1:30 p.m.      **Lunch Provided (Main Ballroom)**

**Metis Fashion Show (Main Ballroom)**

**SUNTEP Theatre Performance: The Loon's Necklace (Room TBA)**

# Conference Agenda

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## 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Workshops

1. **Aboriginal Influence on Early Learning** (same as Thursday).
  2. **Educational Cross Cultural Awareness** (same as Thursday).
  3. **Community School Program (Courtyard Room)**  
"Where do we go from here?"  
Facilitator: Dr. James McNinch  
Presentors: Armand Dorion, Rae Pelletier, Richard Kotowich, Harvey Welch and Fay Ahdemar  
A panel consisting of parents, teachers, a principal and a community school co-ordinator will share their points of view on this timely question.
  4. **Oral History Workshop (Saskatoon Room)**  
Facilitator: Dr. Cathy Littlejohn  
Presentors: Keith Goulet, Gary LaPlante and Tom Roberts  
This workshop will explore ways that communities and individuals can research Aboriginal history and culture through oral history interviews.
  5. **Employment Experience of Gabriel Dumont Institute Graduates (Brass Lantern Room)**  
Facilitator: Janet Kurtz  
Presentors: Joanne Pelletier, Jennifer McLean, Joe Rivard and Joan Piegan  
The Gabriel Dumont Institute tries to "make a difference" in the lives of its students. Graduates of the Institute will present their impressions of how the Institute prepared them for employment.
- 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Gabriel Dumont Student Association Meeting (Manitoba Room)
- 6:30 p.m. Banquet/Awards - Keynote Speakers: Dr. Colin MacColl, a Metis from Ile a la Crosse, who is presently completing his surgical residency with the University of Alberta, Foothills Hospital, Calgary; and Keith Goulet, MLA, Cumberland House.
- 9:30 p.m. Dry Dance with the Lawrence Joseph Band

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1992

- 8:30 a.m. Displays and Youth Activities continue.  
Day Care available.  
Veterans Display continues.
- 9:00 a.m. - Noon **Main Ballroom**  
**"Metis Self-Government and the Canadian Constitution"**  
Facilitators: Noble Shanks and Albert Robillard  
This is a plenary session sponsored by the MSS. The general work plan of this session is to shape a response of the Metis people of Saskatchewan to the federal government's paper, *Proposals: Shaping Canada's Future Together*.
- Noon - 1:00 p.m. Lunch Provided
- 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Gabriel Dumont Institute Annual Meeting

## *Plenary Sessions*

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### *Self-Government: The Metis Agenda*

**Friday, January 31, 1992**

**11:00 a.m. - Noon "Toward a Metis Constitution: Self-Government Through Education"**

This workshop is sponsored by the Metis Society of Saskatchewan and will address the role of education in the plan of the Metis people of Saskatchewan to implement self-government. This session will also provide background papers for the Saturday morning workshop on "Metis Self-Government and the Canadian Constitution."

**Saturday, February 1, 1992**

**9:00 a.m. - Noon "Metis Self-Government and the Canadian Constitution"**

This is a plenary session sponsored by the Metis Society of Saskatchewan. The general workplan of this session is to shape a response of the Metis people of Saskatchewan to the federal government's paper, *Proposals: Shaping Canada's Future Together*.

Facilitators: Albert Robillard and Noble Shanks

## *Banquet Speakers*

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### **Dr. Colin MacColl Calgary, Alberta**

Born in Guelph, Ontario, of Metis heritage and raised in Northern Saskatchewan, Colin attended the University of Saskatchewan for one year before deciding on a career in Medicine. Then, through commitment and hard work, he graduated with distinction in 1987. He practiced for one year before deciding to specialize in Surgery. He is presently the Chief Resident for General Surgery at the Calgary Foothills Hospital. He plans to further his specialization in either Pediatric Surgery or Colon and Rectal Surgery.

Dr. MacColl's hopes for the future include returning to Saskatchewan to practice in an area with a high Aboriginal population, both in the community and in his practice.

### **Keith Goulet, MLA Cumberland House, Saskatchewan**

Mr. Goulet, a Metis, born and raised in Cumberland House, is a fluent speaker and writer of Cree. His knowledge of his language has been beneficial throughout his distinguished career.

Keith achieved his Bachelor of Education degree, then went on to receive a Masters of Education in Curriculum. His thesis was an oral history of the Sandy Bay Cree.

He has been a teacher, consultant, and an administrator. Keith has worked with both NORTEP and the Gabriel Dumont Institute.

Mr. Goulet is currently a Member of the Legislative Assembly for Cumberland Constituency.

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# *Annual Meeting*

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**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1992  
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1:00 - 4:00 P.M.**

## **AGENDA**

Opening Prayer

Call to Order

Appointment of Recording Secretary

Adoption of Agenda

Adoption of Minutes of Annual Meeting: February 2, 1991

Business Arising From the Minutes

Chairperson's Report

- Gabriel Dumont Institute
- SUNTEP Review Committee

Treasurer's Report

- Adoption of Audited Financial Statements
- Appointment of Auditors for 1992-93 Fiscal Year

Executive Director's Report

Gabriel Dumont Institute Student Association Report

Gabriel Dumont Institute Mandate

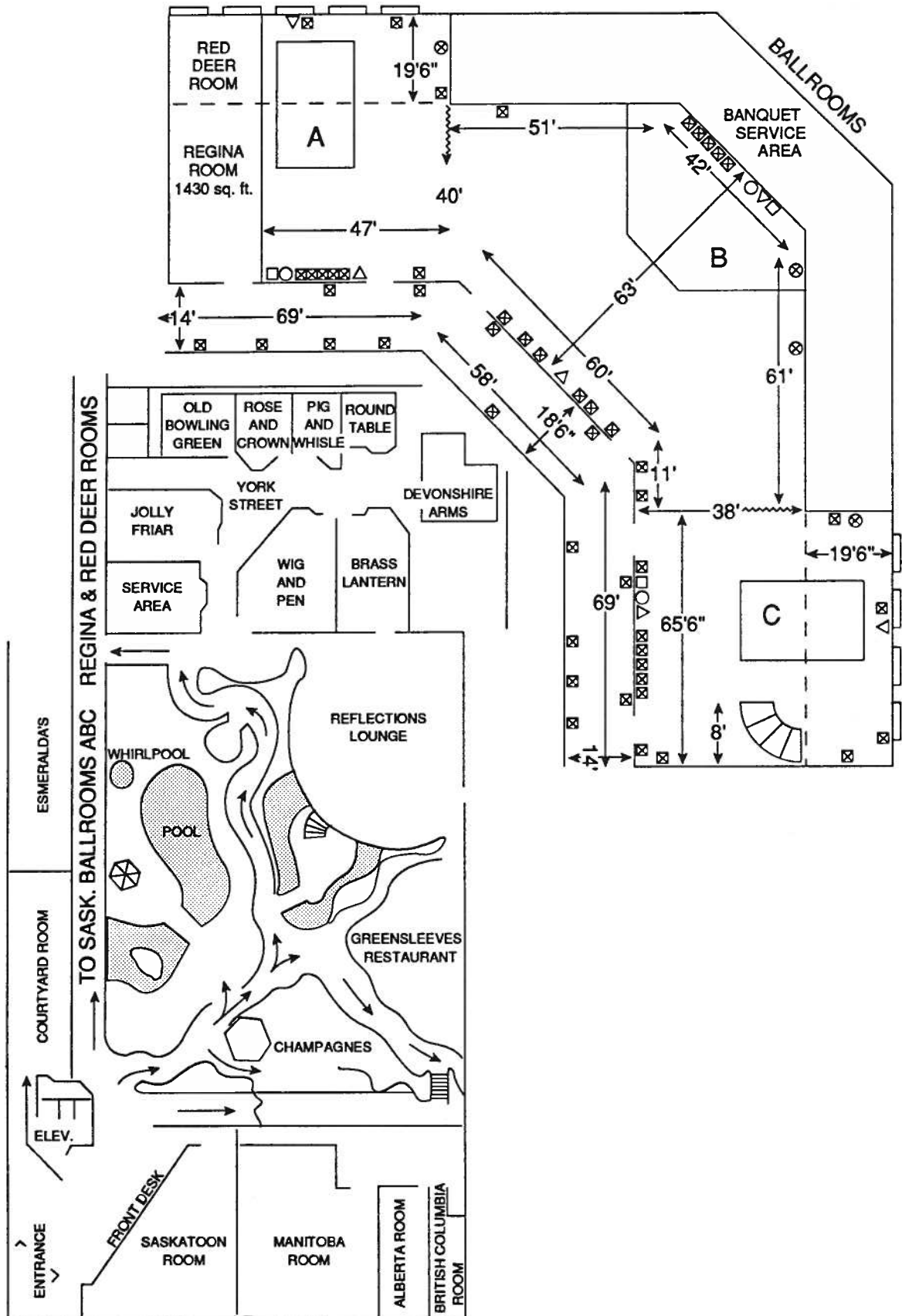
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Resolutions

Other Business

Adjournment

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