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- **Métis traditional resource users from North-West Saskatchewan. Photos courtesy MWSMC.**

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- **Logs from Double P Logging, a company owned by Alex Maurice of Beauval, Saskatchewan, a Métis Businessman, Area Director for Northern Region III and MNS Minister of Justice and Associate MNS Minister for Economic Development.**

- **Firefighter returning from work at the end of the day.**

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Rose and Ric Richardson

Keewatin Junction Station - All Aboard!

Article by Yvonne Vizina; Photos by Kathy Hodgson-Smith

On May 18, 2002 Rose and Ric Richardson opened The Keewatin Junction Station in Green Lake, Saskatchewan. Those who live in, and travel to, north west Saskatchewan have seen the beautiful old train station sitting quietly vacant on the side of the road. It is certain that no one has passed it by without imagining what they would do with it if they had the chance. It is the kind of building that fires the imagination. Rose and Ric Richardson made that dream a reality.

Rose Richardson remembers feeling that kindred spirit with the building since she was a child. At that time, the Station was a fixture in Meadow Lake. She explained that even as a school girl, she always felt that the building belonged to her. She recalls waiting for the train to come in each day, listening for the whistle that just seemed to call out to her.

She remembers when the trains eventually stopped coming, the conductors no longer stayed in the Station, and sometimes others made the Station their home. Worried that something might happen to the old Station, Rose would ask those staying in the Station if they could be sure not to smoke in it...in case a fire might start. Rose smiled as she recalled that those people understood how she felt, and seemed to take a little more care with the building because of it.

When she was older, Rose tried to buy the Station, but was told it was not for sale. Eventually, it did come up for sale. That was ten years ago, and Rose was ready. She put in a bid and got her Station. Moving the building from Meadow Lake was no small challenge or expense. But to Rose, it was well worth it.



Rose and Ric Richardson

Once the Station was in Green Lake, it sat for a while undeveloped. Vandals began to damage it, so Rose and Ric had to take action to ensure its safety. This meant such things as installing special plexiglass windows. When renovations began, Rose and Ric wanted to make it something really special.

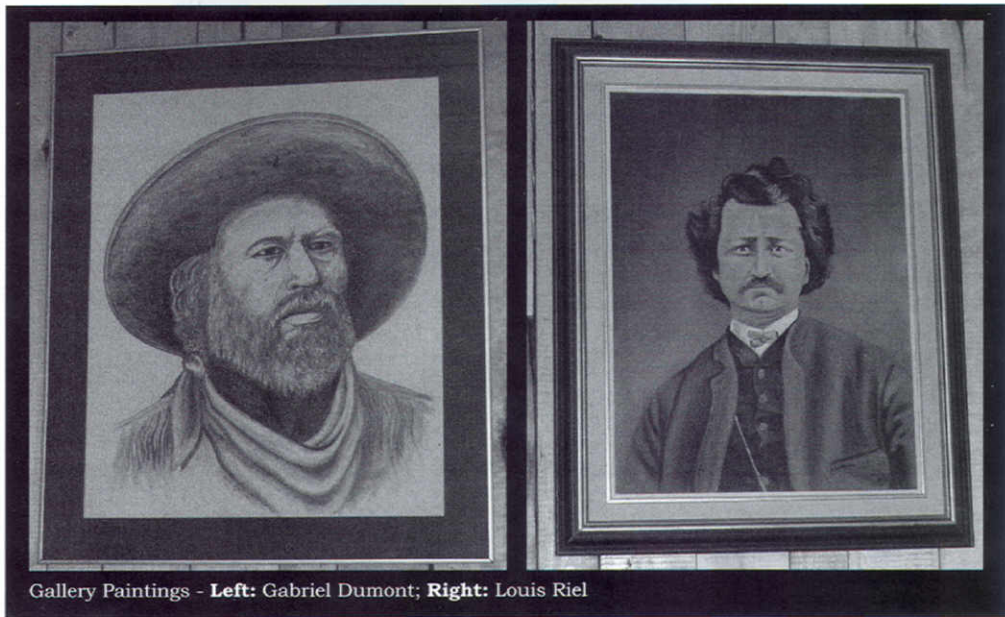
All the lumber was custom cut in Dore Lake out of pine and poplar wood. The natural finish on the walls and ceiling wood, along with large windows provides a bright pleasant interior. The door and window frames have been reconstructed in the original style of the Station. Rose explained that stripping the hard wood floors for refinishing was very difficult. After trying several commercial products which weren't working, Rose decided to try using lye. It worked like a charm. Rose is proud of the fact that all the contractors hired to work on the Station were Métis. Antique tools and artwork decorate the rooms on the main floor. The upstairs area will be developed into an artist's workshop and office. An RV court is scheduled for development, as well as a teepee village and medicine walks in the area.



Inside the Keewatin Junction Station



Rose and Ric Richardson



Gallery Paintings - **Left:** Gabriel Dumont; **Right:** Louis Riel

The Keewatin Junction Station offers a delicious Pastry Bar and Coffee Shop to tempt customers, as well as hot soups and chili. The varied menu offers regular and gourmet coffees, espresso, tea, soup, bannock, cake, tarts, donuts, ricanno, sandwiches and cold soft drinks. Rose says she knows almost all her customers, and spends a bit of time visiting with them when they come in.

"This building has so much history. I feel connected."

The Keewatin Junction Station is a really unique place to visit. Rose reflected on its history and importance to the area saying, "Meadow Lake was a farming community. During war time, people said their good-byes and had their pictures taken outside the Station before leaving to go to war. Also,

many Métis people were moved here from Lestock by train. We should always remember that. This building has so much history. I feel connected."

Rose is a proud Métis woman born and raised in Meadow Lake, and now living in Green Lake. She worked hard at getting a Bachelor of Education Degree, and graduated with Distinction in 1985 from the Saskatchewan Urban Native Teachers Education Program (SUNTEP). In May 2002, Rose and Ric Richardson hosted the Keewatin Junction Station Grand Opening and feast. Everyone was invited to attend the open house, and indeed, there was a full house. Special guests included Minister Buckley Belanger. An artist's tent was set up for a show, but high winds forced a change in plans. Instead, musicians brought in their instruments, and a great dance was had in the gallery.

You can read more about the Keewatin Junction Station at <http://culturalnative.com>.

Tom Gerard

P.A. Bannock Stop Plus

Article and Photos by Tejay Gardiner

Tom and Linda Gerard of Prince Albert are the owners of the Prince Albert Bannock Stop Plus restaurant which celebrated its two-year anniversary on May 3, 2002. They provide services in four areas including catering, take-out, meals and baking. Previous to the Bannock restaurant, Tom worked as a consultant and admits that neither himself or his wife knew how to make bannock before starting their business! However, Tom had always wanted to start his own business and he began thinking of different business ventures and settled on the

idea of baking and selling bannock along with other traditional Métis dishes. In the beginning there were many challenges to overcome.

Tom points out that the biggest challenge to starting a business, especially in food services, is all the government regulations, including financial and health regulations which tacked on many unexpected costs. Even after a successful two years in the business Tom and Linda continue to face challenges, for example, trying to maintain their customer base while

at the same time trying to increase it. Also, being a small and independent business they are forced to compete against the larger franchise restaurants, forcing them to continually improve the quality of their food as well as their service. When asked what is the worst part about the job Tom confessed that staffing is a big stress, mainly because it is tough to find people who are willing to do the job to the best of their ability. He says that too many people want to do the least amount of work that they can get away with. Also, since there is a high turnover of staff much of his job is devoted to training new staff, which he claims can become extremely monotonous. Tom also adds that dealing with suppliers can be a hassle at



times, especially when they receive wrong orders or too much of a product. The best part of his job is that he is allowed to continue to set his own business goals and develop his own strategies to carry them out. He also sees the Bannock Stop Plus as a "tribute to Aboriginal Peoples" and encourages all Aboriginal entrepreneurs to "stand up and be counted".

"Do not be afraid to make mistakes..."

Tom's Métis ancestry has impacted his business not only through the meals he provides but also by "bringing cultures together". When I first walked into the restaurant I did not see only Aboriginal customers but also Non-Aboriginal customers; the Bannock Stop Plus is a definite cultural mingling spot. Tom's idea of a role model is anyone who has committed themself to an idea or vision, and follow through with their vision even when faced with obstacles. Tom used his parents as examples of such people and told me a story of how at 72 years of age his father decided to build himself a cabin and set himself to the task despite his age and the commitment that such a task would require. When asked what it takes to run a successful business, Tom listed off three things:

- Motivation/Commitment, because you will always face obstacles and you must be committed to work through them.
- Enthusiasm, Tom states that you need to be able to find a balance between what you want in a business and what the customer wants.
- Finally, a successful business needs a person who is persistent. Keep moving forward he says, always learning and developing.

Along with this recipe for success Tom offers some great advice for up and coming Métis entrepreneurs. He warns that there are going to be a lot of 'unknowns' but he asks that you do not be afraid to make mistakes and keep moving forward! Tom has asked that I mention that he is looking into franchising, either Nationally or Internationally, and that if anyone is interested they should contact him.



Top: View of Restaurant

Bottom: Serving Customers

Cory McDougall and Dean Fetch

Quiznos Subs

Cory McDougall and Dean Fetch are the entrepreneurs who brought Quiznos subs to Saskatoon. Both Cory and Dean are Commerce graduates from the University of Saskatchewan and met while working together at SNEDCO. In February of 1999 they decided to enter into a business venture together and began brainstorming ideas. Since neither of them had any formal entrepreneurial experience they decided that it would be wise to enter into a franchise which could offer them guidance. They settled on franchising Quiznos in Saskatoon and received support from the MNS Clarence Campeau Development Fund and Aboriginal Business Canada.

"If you get the opportunity to sit with someone in the industry... take it."

Although they both witnessed the trial and error of other entrepreneurs through their work at SNEDCO, Cory and Dean admit that they had no idea of the amount of work that was required in setting up a business. Each had to make many sacrifices, including their personal lives, in the first and most crucial phase of their business. However, because they were involved with a franchise they always had contacts that could guide them in the process, which they felt was very necessary. Even after being in business for a little over three years they still face day-to-day challenges. They used the example of staffing as a challenge since it is difficult to "retain good people who believe in what you are doing" said Cory. They are also forced to



Article by Tejay Gardiner, Photo by Kathy Hodgson-Smith

make tough decisions at times, and find it challenging to deal with the different issues of each staff member in order to keep the system running smoothly.

Despite the various challenges that Cory and Dean face they are able to succeed because they are willing to put in the time, be patient and maintain perspective. Since it was Cory and Dean who brought the first Quiznos chain to Saskatoon both find satisfaction in knowing that they have "created and developed something" and they also get a lot of satisfaction in "watching it grow". They also receive satisfaction through meeting good people and having customers truly appreciate their products. When I asked Cory and Dean how their Métis heritage has impacted their business they replied that it has "opened some doors". Not only in terms of funding but also through their experience at SNEDCO where they were able to learn a lot about business, which to them as future entrepreneurs was invaluable. They also feel that they are helping to develop management and other employment skills in the Métis community since over fifty percent of their employees are Métis because of their ties to the community. For up and coming entrepreneurs Dean and Cory advise that "if you get the opportunity to sit with someone in the industry and gain knowledge and experience, take it" because it should prove to be a valuable experience.



Rod and Colleen Parenteau, Parenteau Gourmet Foods

Article and Photo by Tejay Gardiner

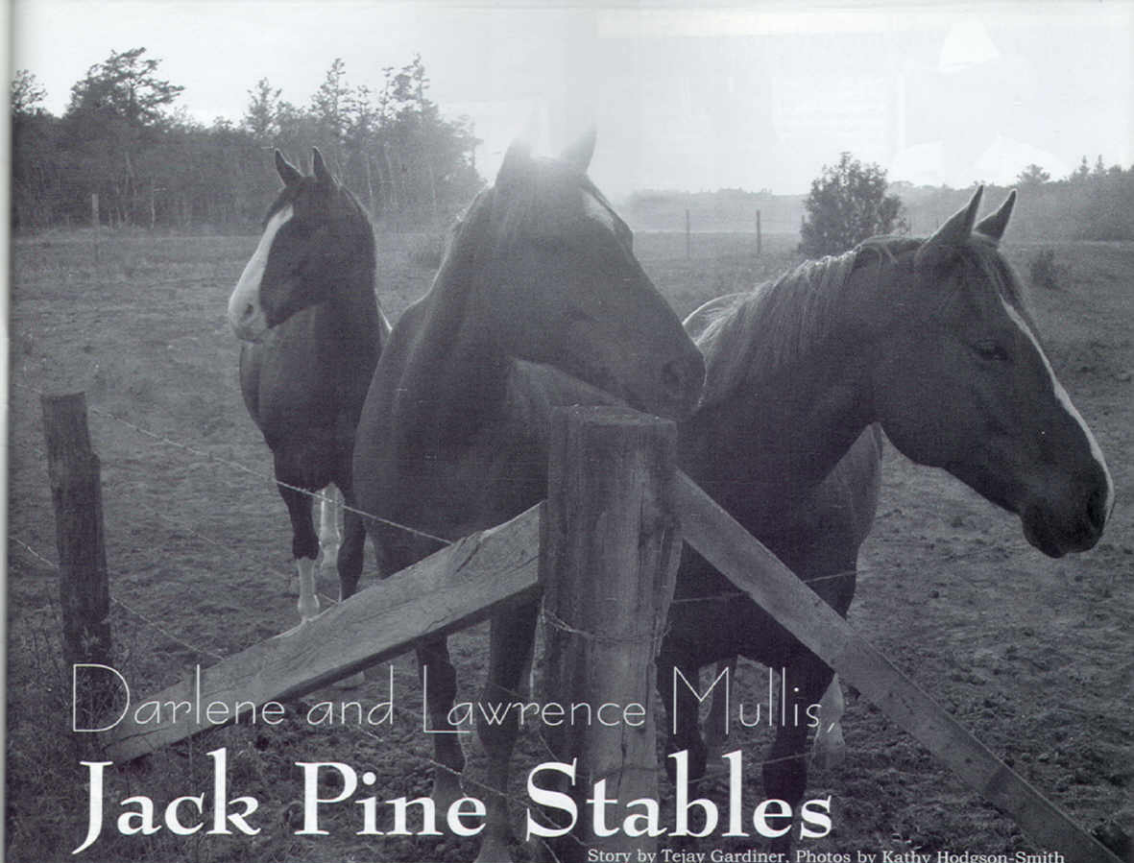
When Rod and Colleen Parenteau purchased their farm near Langham Saskatchewan in 1987, they were unaware of the potential that their few hectares of blueberries would offer them. In 1992 the Parenteaus tapped into their blueberry resources and began a Gourmet Foods business, with the help of MNS SaskNative Development Corporation. Their original product was Gourmet Blueberry Chocolates, however they have since ventured into other areas such as berry jams, herbal teas, flavored honeys, Prairie Wheat Brittle, and most recently Alcohol-Free Champagne. Their products can be found in gift shops across Western Canada, and also in Bay stores all across Canada.

*“Be dedicated to your
business and enjoy your job!”*

When they first started out both Colleen and Rod had “day jobs” and would come home and put in many more hours making chocolate and picking berries in their orchard. Also, neither had any experience in

producing or selling chocolate, and they did not have a mentor who could guide them in their experiences, which also created many challenges. One such challenge is that buyers tend to assume that Parenteau Gourmet Foods is a big company and will place huge orders, which the Parenteaus find overwhelming at times when they are expected to meet these demands. Another challenge for Rod and Colleen is dealing with international suppliers. They order their chocolate from Belgium, so they have learned to always keep a good supply on hand so that if there is a mix-up with the supplier they are always able to meet customer demand. There are perks to owning your own business however, as Rod points out “there is a lot more freedom in decision making”, and you are free to be as innovative as you want when developing new products.

Due to their lack of business experience, Rod and Colleen had to learn many business lessons the hard way and have some valuable advice for future entrepreneurs. “Do a lot of homework before you settle on a business idea” says Rodney, and once you make a decision “be dedicated to your business and enjoy your job”. Rodney also encourages first time business people to “focus on the local market” and do not try to do big things before you test the waters.



Darlene and Lawrence Mullis, Jack Pine Stables

Story by Tejay Gardiner, Photos by Kathy Hodgson-Smith

Jack Pine Stables is a business built on "friendship and trust" according to the owners, Lawrence and Darlene Mullis. The couple receives much support from surrounding neighbors who offer to help out at the stables when the Mullis' find their lives turned hectic with tourists and school groups. They have also made partnerships with other Duck Lake tourist attraction sites such as the Duck Lake Museum and SNOcruise Snowmobile tours and rentals. Such partnerships allow Darlene and Lawrence to offer their guests a variety of outdoor activities besides the trail rides, Tipi village, and historical experience that Jack Pine Stables has to offer.

Both Darlene and Lawrence have an obvious respect and love of nature, which evolved into a business that celebrates both eco-tourism and western Aboriginal culture.

Many agencies supported their idea including the Clarence Campeau Development Fund, Aboriginal Business Canada, Saskatchewan Environment, as well as the Town of Duck Lake.

Darlene identified that one of the biggest challenges that she has been faced with in the business is learning how to be a "business person". Learning how to be a manager is tough she said because it is not really in her nature to be the 'boss'. However, those who are employees of Darlene and Lawrence I am sure feel lucky to have such down-to-earth employers. The best part of their job is that it allows them to meet all types of people from many different places. For example, they have had guests from Germany and Holland and these international guests often become friends of the Mullis family and their neighbors. The worst part of



Left: Lawrence and Darlene Mullis

Above: Sign for Jack Pine Stables

Below: Jack Pine Stables Guest Ranch House



their job, which took a while to think of, is that it can become overwhelming at times, especially if they have put too much on their plate. However, their publicity keeps rising; just recently Darlene and Lawrence were invited to the Tourism Association of Canada Trade Show in Halifax which has put Jack Pine Stables not only on the national map but also the international map!

“...a good sense of
humour is key”

To what do the Mullis' owe their success? Darlene points out that they have had an incredible group of supporters who are always offering a helpful hand. Market management and a good sense of humor are also key. Their advice for up and coming Métis entrepreneurs is that 'location' is very

important for any business; you need to have something to offer. They also emphasize honesty to help establish good and trustworthy business relations.



Kathy Palidwar and Family Northern Greens Resort and Conference Centre

Article by Yvonne Vizina

After spending 10 years working as a teacher and social worker, Kathy Palidwar decided to make a radical career change! Following her entrepreneurial spirit, she made the leap into the hotel business. The Northern Greens Resort & Conference Centre in Nipawin, Saskatchewan became a reality and a jewel in Saskatchewan's tourism crown because of the hard work of the entire Palidwar family.

The Northern Greens is one of the finest all-season resorts in this province, with year round recreational and spa packages. Amidst towering pines, this northern recreational paradise is set on the edge of the town of Nipawin in east central Saskatchewan. Respecting people's appreciation for natural settings, the hotel is furnished and accented with pine wood. From the moment you enter the building, there is a sense of relaxation and tranquillity with the cool summer air and the smell of pine. The Northern Greens is a 4-Star quality resort.

The resort has 42 guest rooms, conference and banquet facilities, the adjacent Evergreen Championship 18 hole Golf

Course and Curling Club. There is plenty of activity around the Northern Greens including corporate golf tournaments, curling bonspiels, international walleye competitions, conventions, weddings and many other special functions. For snowmobiling enthusiasts, the hotel has easy access to the TransCanada Snowmobile Trail too. For anyone who has not yet visited Nipawin, it is certainly worth planning a get-away to!

Northern Greens is situated in one of the most interesting locations in Canada with the famous prairie-scapes to the south and the thick wild lake-filled Canadian forests to the north. Saskatchewan has over 100,000 lakes with the world class Tobin Lake just minutes away boasting some of the biggest walleye in North America. We are fortunate to have such treasures right in our own backyards!

Kathy Palidwar is also the President of Métis Local 134 in Nipawin and we are very proud of her and her family's accomplishments. Northern Greens can be contacted at (306) 862-2686 or 1-866-862-2686. Check out the website at www.northerngreens.sk.ca

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Stanley and Albertine Vermette P.A. Building Movers

Article by Tejay Gardiner;
Photos courtesy the Vermettes
and Tejay Gardiner

In 1960, Stanley and Albertine Vermette of Prince Albert Saskatchewan borrowed \$900 dollars from the bank, bought themselves a one ton truck and established their business "The Prince Albert Building Movers", a business they maintained for 36 years before selling.

For a time they made do with their old equipment for more than ten years until they were called to move a building for Rod and Rose Bishop in Green Lake Saskatchewan. At that time Stanley was still working with a manual jack system and was unable to lift the building. When Rod asked Stan why he didn't use hydraulic jacks, Stan replied that he could not afford such modern equipment. Luckily both Rod and Rose were board members of MNS and informed the Vermettes of funding opportunities for their business. Stan and Albertine were approved for funding and were required to contribute \$1500 dollars, which they would need to borrow from the bank. With their funding secured, the P.A. Building Movers were able to purchase



hydraulic jacks and a new truck that enabled them to do twice the amount of work in half the time. Also, since they were "modernizing" their business, they also received funding to train their staff on the new equipment. However, there were specifications set out. Stanley and Albertine were required to hire all Metis employees, which they had already done on their own, and allow MNS to conduct an 'inspection' in four years time to make sure that all the specifications were being fulfilled. Since all of MNS's expectations were being satisfied and the P.A Building Movers had proven themselves as successful business people, MNS dropped the repayment condition.

“A good education is the biggest thing.”

Although the Prince Albert Building Movers was always a successful business and still thrives today under the ownership of Alan, Pat and Darlene Dreaver, the success did not come without its challenges. The management and administration aspects of the business were challenging to both Albertine and Stan since neither had formal

education in these areas. "A good education is the biggest thing," they said because keeping accurate records in payroll and bills is important for "accountability". There were also times when staffing was a problem, "not everyone is always interested in working" said Stan. Stan and Albertine on the other hand always remained dedicated to their work, and both put in many long days. Their work was never finished, even after a full days work Stan would set out to fix their trucks and other equipment.

There was also the challenge of proving their professional abilities as Aboriginal peoples since not everyone holds a fair perception of Aboriginal people. They told me a humorous story of how they were called out to Christopher Lake to move a cabin and when Stan went to ask the owner if this was the right cabin she replied, "they had hired professional movers". Stan laughed and said that he was "the professional mover!"

Stan and Albertine have made not only their business but the Vermette name well known around the Province. They still have former clients from years ago come and greet them in various places around town. How does one go about achieving such status? Their advice is "Go to work! Work hard to look after your business and make a good name for yourselves".

Congratulations Jack and Albertine on 36 years of hard work and success!!!



A Report from the Clarence Campeau Development Fund

Article by Roland Duplessis

The Clarence Campeau Development Fund has experienced significant growth since its inception in 1997. Up until September of 2001, the fund received its money through the Associated Entities Fund. In September of 2001, an amendment to the Saskatchewan Gaming Act allowed the Fund to be removed from the Associated Entities Fund and it is now recognized as a Crown Agency through legislation. The effect of this is that the Fund is now subject to an annual Audit by the Provincial Auditor and is allowed to invest surplus funds in accordance with the Trustees Act.

An independent Management Board manages the Fund. There are five Métis voting members on the CCDF board: 1. Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Minister; 2. Urban; 3. South; 4. North; and 5. Member At-Large. There are two Government of Saskatchewan representatives as well as representatives from two MNS Affiliates that sit as Ex-officio on the Board.

The Fund has produced some very respectable statistics over the past 4 years with approximately 238 proposals approved for

support from the Fund, totaling an expenditure of almost \$5 million dollars. This supports has helped leverage over \$14 million dollars into the Saskatchewan economy in less than four years for Métis Business Development. This funding has helped create or maintain 500 jobs in the province. We remain fully accountable with a professional annual report prepared each year including the results of the Audited Financial Statements.

I would once again like to thank the Board for their commitment and effort over the past year. It was certainly a year of considerable change that provided new challenges for the Fund. The strategic planning meetings scheduled for September should result in a new and exciting direction for CCDF and for the Métis business community in Saskatchewan. I would also like to acknowledge the hard work and loyalty of the staff who are really the ones that get the job done on a daily basis. Their positive contribution is much appreciated and the results are a clear measurement of their efforts.

We look optimistically toward the future.

CCDF Programs

Equity Contribution

This program is to assist Métis businesses and communities by providing equity contributions. Equity contributions will improve the viability of projects by enhancing the applicants ability to leverage financing from other institutions and agencies.

Purpose:

- The purchase or start-up of a new business
- The purchase of an existing business
- Business expansion
- After care services including accounting and marketing costs
- Business planning and feasibility studies (up to 75% of the costs to a maximum of \$10,000, non-repayable)

Guidelines:

- The maximum contribution is 35% of the project cost, except in the case of business plans and feasibility studies. The contribution is repayable.
- The applicant must contribute a minimum of 5% of the project. Higher risk projects will require larger equity injections by the applicant.
- The applicant's equity may be in the form of cash, machinery, equipment, real estate, or other unencumbered assets. The assets are to be valued at fair market value rather than cost, replacement, insured or book value.
- Sweat equity may be considered.
- Business projects must demonstrate a cash flow that will support repayment of the contribution.
- The applicant must provide a business plan.

Development of Management and Marketing Skills

This program is designed to enhance Métis participation in economic development and business activities by providing assistance for management and marketing skills.

- ▶ The Fund may finance training to improve the management and marketing skills of Métis persons who are operating or are applying to operate a business venture or other project;
- ▶ Financing may be for the purpose of assisting Métis persons upgrade their skills to successfully manage a business or to provide management counselling;
- ▶ Training may be through contracts with Métis businesses, joint venture partners, or other businesses that undertake to train Métis persons in business management;
- ▶ The maximum contribution is 50% of eligible training costs. Funding under this program is not repayable.

Guidelines:

- ▶ Applicants must demonstrate that other parties/organizations will be providing financial assistance;
- ▶ A detailed training plan with evaluation procedures must be provided with the application;
- ▶ Applicants must demonstrate that they have approached Métis Employment and Training and other funding agencies;
- ▶ Training must be accredited;
- ▶ CCDF will fund only direct course costs, tuition and books;
- ▶ Successful completion of the training is required for full disbursement of funding.

Community Development and Research

The research and development program objective is to assist Métis communities, Métis development corporations, other existing Métis institutions investigate and identify economic and business development opportunities.

Assistance is available for development and/or research in the following areas:

- ▶ Economic development and business opportunities
- ▶ Feasibility studies

- ▶ Market studies
- ▶ Business planning

The maximum contribution is 75% of the costs to a maximum of \$10,000. The contribution is not repayable.

Commercial projects under this program will be considered for assistance of up to 50% of the costs, to a maximum of \$100,000. All or a portion of the contribution may be repayable at the discretion of the Board of Directors of CCDF. Such factors as identified need, cash flow, job creation, and competition with existing private sector business will be taken into consideration.

Joint Venture Projects

This program encourages Métis entrepreneurs to enter into mutually advantageous business arrangements with non-Métis businesses. Métis businesses are encouraged to form joint ventures with First Nations and non-Aboriginal firms that create employment and/or profits for the Métis partner.

The CCDF maximum contribution will be established on a case by case basis for this program. The contribution will be repayable.

General Guidelines for all projects

- ▶ A single project or enterprise is subject to the lesser of 10% of the unallocated portion of the fund or \$100,000.
 - ▶ Projects which are not eligible:
 - ▶ Refinancing and non-arms length transactions (some exceptions apply);
 - ▶ Payment of dividends;
 - ▶ Pre-committed project costs;
 - ▶ Farmland or real estate for rental income;
 - ▶ Cultural activities;
 - ▶ Social programs;
 - ▶ Political bodies for political process.

All applicants will be required to enter into a contractual agreement with CCDF.

These programs are under review and are subject to change.

SaskNative Economic Development Corporation

Métis Nation - Saskatchewan

Programs and Activity Report, February 28, 2002

In Saskatchewan, Métis are increasingly entering the world of business and generating wealth for themselves and their communities. Business is being used as a key to returning the tradition of pride and self-sufficiency to the people. New business ventures are being launched in many different areas.

SNEDCO'S MANDATE

The SaskNative Economic Development Corporation, or SNEDCO, is a Saskatchewan Métis-owned lending institution created to finance the start-up, purchase and/or expansion of viable Métis-controlled small businesses based in Saskatchewan.

SNEDCO was capitalized in 1987 with a five million dollar capital base through the Native Economic Development Program and is licensed as a Class "B" Loans Corporation. From 1991 to 1994, SNEDCO received \$890,000 in additional capital from Aboriginal Business Canada for the Supplementary Equity Program.

Since its beginnings in the fall of 1987, SNEDCO has had tremendous impact in the Métis community. It has disbursed 951 loans totalling \$20.2 million for 522 Métis-owned businesses in Saskatchewan. These businesses created or maintained employment for approximately 1532 Métis people within Saskatchewan.

SNEDCO has serviced clients from a wide range of areas including forestry, general service and retail, transportation, tourism and agriculture.

In order to be eligible for consideration for SNEDCO services, an applicant must be an individual of Métis ancestry or a corporation or other approved entity, controlled or owned by Métis. Depending on the type of service requested, other criteria may also apply.

SNEDCO PROGRAMS

SNEDCO services are delivered on the basis of prudent and sound business principles. This is necessary to protect the integrity of SNEDCO's capital base and to ensure the continued delivery of its services. Since resources are limited, SNEDCO programs are often used to lever financial assistance from other public and private sources.

SNEDCO has designed three programs for the Métis business community.

Supplementary Equity Loans Program

The Supplementary Equity Loans Program is new to SNEDCO since January 1992. It provides equity loans to increase the viability of new and existing businesses. These loans can be used to improve access to the Aboriginal Business Canada Program and other public and private financing programs and institutions.

Through the Supplementary Equity Loans Program, SNEDCO may participate in a business by linking loan repayments to business performance and by providing business support services to help the venture succeed. Loans can be for amounts up to a maximum of \$40,000 per applicant. The maximum term for repayment is 5 years.



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Small Business Loans Program

The Small Business Loans Program provides a variety of small business loans to finance the start-up, purchase and/or expansion of Métis-owned small businesses.

Types of loans available include direct capital loans, shared capital loans, working capital loans and bridge financing. The current maximum loan amount is \$100,000 per applicant; however, SNEDCO can often find additional loan capital for larger business projects through connections with syndicated loan partners.

Business Advisory Services Program

The Business Advisory Services Program is also new to SNEDCO since February 1992. This program provides general business information and consulting services and also offers business development workshops for Métis interested in starting or purchasing a business.

The Business Advisory Service has established a resource centre in SNEDCO's Saskatoon office to answer inquiries regarding a wide range of business topics including sources of financing, business management, marketing and business operations.

The consulting services provided by the Business Advisory Service include assistance with the preparation of business and financing plans, advice on business management and turnaround strategies, and assistance in the completion of grant or loan applications.

Currently Aboriginal Business Canada supports this essential service.

ACTIVITY REPORT

Small Business Loans Program and Supplementary Equity Loans Program (Fall 1987 to February 28, 2002)

Since the fall of 1987, the Small Business Loans Program and the Supplementary Equity Loan Program have received 1,751 applications for loans totalling \$55,363,055.

	Number	Amount
Applications received	1,751	\$55,363,055
Loans Disbursed	951	\$20,216,566
Loans Outstanding	142	\$3,694,904
Loans Committed (Approx)	1	\$11,186

Business Advisory Service Program (February 1992 to February 28, 2002)

Since the Business Advisory Service opened its doors in February 1992, it has received 3001 inquiries, mostly from Métis people wanting information about getting into business for the first time. Thousands of hours of consulting and counselling services have been provided. Many of the inquiries have led to the completion of business plans or financing proposals and many other are currently underway.

Inquiries	3001
Business Plans / Financial Proposals	719
Workshops Delivered	52
Total Project Financing	\$30,816,132

Nipawin Métis Local #134 Les Voyageur Textiles

Article by Yvonne Vizina. Photo by Kathy Hodgson-Smith

Margaret Harrison, with Nipawin Métis Local 134 has been busy as a bee putting plans together for a new project called Les Voyageur Textiles. The new venture will be working to secure sewing contracts for industrial products such as tree planting bags, pollination bags, laundry bags, and pretty much anything else handled by a sewing machine and a good pair of hands. The group working with Margaret to get this project off the ground is enthusiastic and looking forward to bringing new opportunities to their community. Eventually, Les Voyageur Textiles will move into the manufacture of clothing as well. While the project is still in the developmental stages, it is sure to be "sew" successful!!



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Joey LaPlante Sound Studio

Article by Tejay Gardiner

Twenty-one year old Joey LaPlante has recently realized his dream of opening his own sound-recording studio. At this time Joey works out of his home in Saskatoon but is busy looking for office space in order to set up a more professional operation.

*"...don't stop until you get to
where you want to be."*

Although he has only been in operation for a short time (since last September), he has already worked with some major Canadian Hip Hop groups, such as OS12. Most recently he has worked on a compilation CD with Vancouver's Motions, also a Hip Hop group who are in the process of negotiating a deal with Dreamworks. Joey has worked mostly with Hip Hop groups but says that he is inspired by all kinds of music and is willing to work with anyone who has talent.

Opening his own sound studio is something that Joey has always wanted to do and his opportunity came last September when he received funding from the MNS Clarence Campeau Development Fund and Aboriginal Business Canada. His long term goal is to become successful enough to make recording his "day job" and be able to work internationally, Joey says that making this happen will depend on "good timing". The challenges that Joey

foresees are "getting my stuff out there" and "breaking through the seal". However, the advice that he follows and gives to other entrepreneurs is "work hard and don't stop until you get where you want to be".

We would like to wish you all the best in your future endeavors Joey!



Do What Other People Don't: The Story of a Métis Entrepreneur

Ken Schaffer

Story and Photo by Kathy Hodgson-Smith

My first introduction to Ken Schaffer was turning on my television to SCN television channel seven in the evening and tuning into Metcom, the rare moment on Canadian television where the discussion is on the positive and proper situation of Métis history, culture, people and issues. I remember especially his series on Métis definition, or should I say, how Métis people define themselves as a distinct Nation, different from other Aboriginal peoples in Canada. Ken was interviewing Métis leaders and Elders from across the Métis homeland on the subject, sitting in the shade of the large poplar tree in front of the church at Batoche. I thought to myself how glad I was for his work, for persevering in an area which is so obviously absent.

Ken Schaffer started his career in television in Vancouver, taking a professional course in film and video, in 1983, with specific ambitions for acting. During his studies, he came to know many major producers, then teachers, now involved in Walt Disney and other

productions. His first major role in television started in 1989 when he successfully auditioned for a position as 'host' on Regina Today, a production of Cable Regina. Completing his hundredth show with Regina Today, he became involved in daily news programming with the Regina Report. While finding opportunities for employment and learning, Ken Schaffer felt that the Métis were being left behind in all sectors: employment; education; health; etc. Thus came the idea



Pat and Ken Schaffer

for Métis Communications.

Métis Communications aimed for live television and good news stories, with a special passion to counteract the negative publicity and coverage that mainstream media promotes. He approached several agencies with his idea and finally found the support he needed from Sherry West Morland of SCN to begin his Métis-specific television series. He copyrighted his idea with the Canadian Intellectual Property Office and began the exciting but hard work of carrying out his dream of Métis-specific programming. The first Métis-specific television series in the world.

Ken Schaffer's two sons are his apprentices and are actively involved in camerawork and other tools of the trade of television production. They are totally bilingual, a basic principle, he believes, of Métis culture across the homeland - being able to understand and accommodate different lifestyles. He says his sons live the new lifestyle of the Métis youth: healthy, drug and alcohol free, visionary. It is as if they have more to look forward to in the world - being proud of their Métis ancestry and the history of the struggles. It is time for a change, Schaffer says. When the pressure was on for Ken, his sons were there to stand behind him, to carry on the work. Ken's wife Pat is also an active part of his business and his life. It is a family affair - business is a family affair.

What are the attributes of a successful business person? Aggressive. Creative. Determined. Stubborn. Visionary. Passionate. Hopeful. Ken says: "You have to develop and create all the time. Business is not just opening up a hot dog stand. It is about looking around you at what is not there and going for the opportunities. No matter what, you can't quit. Not every day has a paycheck and you have to learn to live with that. You have to believe in what you want and keep at it. It will happen. You have to try things out." For him, television offers a good honest career where you own the product at the end. "That's who I am. I produce television and I can sell that around the world. I do what other people don't and I

make my living at it. Entrepreneurship is about taking the opportunity, recognizing it and taking it. Make your future happen. Learn how to make it happen. Mentorship - learn from others, but most of all learn from life, learn from everybody around you every day. What you

*"...believe in what you want
and keep at it."*

learn one day is what you use in the future."

Ken Schaffer is on to bigger and better things now. Can you imagine a Walt Disney story about a brave, strong, cute and cuddly white buffalo who glows in the dark and brings Santa around to all the kids at Christmas time: A Métis Christmas Story? Or how about this? Starting a Métis Michif Television Channel that is part of the regular cable channel packages sold in cities around the world. Metcom was spurred on by the need to share Métis life with others. In 1998, Metcom was picked up by Aboriginal Peoples Television Network (APTN).

When I asked Ken what the future held, he talked about finishing up the Metcom series of one-hour shows, starting a variety show series and a series of Christmas specials and last but not least, getting his Métis Michif Channel off the ground. The Métis Channel will require hundreds of hours of Métis productions and content, a hotbed of opportunity for any Métis entrepreneurs out there just looking for a future and a place to showcase their products, to tell their stories and to promote the great wisdom and knowledge of our Métis people. Ken Schaffer and Metcom can be contacted through their website at www.metcom.ca or by calling their office in Regina at 1-306-543-4906. Go where no man has gone before? How about where Métis have gone before and have opened the door.



John Lagimodiere: From a Long Line of Entrepreneurs

Article and Photos by Tejay Gardiner

The Lagimodiere family is one of Canada's historic families, with a long and rich history of struggle, survival, success and pride - the kind of history that we cherish in this country. The family recounts stories of French, Scottish and Métis lineages, including shared bloodlines with our beloved hero and martyr, Louis Riel Jr and his parents, Louis Riel Sr and Julie Lagimodiere. Jean Baptiste Lagimodiere married Marie Ann Gaboury in 1806, bringing out of the union eight children, one of which was Julie, who married Louis Riel Sr. The marriage between Louis and Julie Riel created eleven children, one of which was Louis Riel, Jr. A second child born to Jean Baptiste and Marie Ann Lagimodiere was namesake Jean Baptiste who married Marie Harrison, giving birth to Elzear. From Elzear to Alexis to Denis to

this John Lagimodiere (and on to Riel, the first child born to this John Lagimodiere and Dierdra Ness).

John Lagimodiere, born here in Saskatoon, has come to be known for his work as editor, producer and sole owner of Eagle Feather News, the monthly newspaper devoted entirely to Aboriginal news in Saskatchewan, publishing his first issue in 1998, reporting on the front cover the victory of Clem Chartier as President of the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan. The walls of his office are adorned with many front covers framed and displayed, a reminder of the great pride and commitment that John feels toward his work, an ethic that anyone who has worked with him will recount. John turns his energy as media on those he describes as unlikely to get attention

in mainstream media but who contribute to and work for the increased quality of life for Aboriginal people. It is all part of his desire for greater awareness among the Saskatchewan public and increased opportunities to learn from one another, focusing on the positive images and efforts, leaving the "carnage in the woods" sensationalism to others.

"...seek out strength by working with the Elders and the words of the old people."

"I love my job", he tells. "I meet interesting people every day. Interesting people phone me. People call me with interesting happenings. It is a rush every day." Working to undo and reeducate the public through Eagle Feather is just part of his life; he conducts educational workshops on Aboriginal history and culture for public and private institutions through his Aboriginal Consulting Services company, recounting his own life story and the denial of Métis ancestry in his family as a result of racism and ignorance. "It's the fire in my belly", he recounts, remembering the high school educational counselor that tested him and told him he held all the attributes of a Marching Band Leader. When he said he wanted to work with youth at risk, he was directed quickly to other opportunities which didn't require university

education. John Lagimodiere graduated from the University of Saskatchewan College of Arts with a Bachelors Degree in Sociology and went on to work for Social Services with at risk kids, a profession he held until beginning his consulting and editorial/publishing work.

As an entrepreneur, John says: "It's all about what you want to do with your life. You've got to follow the path that unfolds for you, work hard and do everything to your best ability. Always put your best foot forward. If I had to give advice I would say that you need to be strong to be an entrepreneur and to be strong you need to seek out strength by working with the Elders and the words of the old people. Learn the history of your people, your family, your culture. Secondly, I say that you need to do your best all the time and if you make a mistake with a client, try to do it better the next time. Work with that client until you find a solution. If you say you are going to do something, do it. Follow through. Be professional. And finally, have a good business plan. Every successful business needs a plan for the future."



Andrea Menard: Métis Actress and Singer

Article by Tejay Gardiner

Originally from Flin Flon Manitoba, Andrea Menard has succeeded as both a professional singer and actress. Although she moved between prairie provinces as a child, Andrea now claims Saskatoon as 'home'. Andrea says that she was always interested in the entertainment industry, however, she was never told that she could do it professionally. So she decided that the next best thing would be to study drama at the University of Saskatchewan and become a drama teacher. It was here that Andrea became aware of her opportunity to become a professional actress and singer. She decided to drop her studies at the university to put all her focus on achieving a successful career in entertainment, which Andrea realized would not be easy. Although not everyone supported her decision, Andrea said that she had a lot of close friends who encouraged her to "follow her heart" and

pursue her dream. To help maintain perspective she says that she celebrated all of the small victories and refrained from letting herself become discouraged by what some people would perceive as failures. She was also willing to be patient, which is key in the entertainment business, and was able to maintain a long-term vision on where she wanted to be.

"...be patient, there will be places for you... until then, create your own!"

Andrea claims that when she first began her acting career, her Métis heritage "opened many doors" for her. The reason being is that at that time there were many emerging Aboriginal playwrights but very few Aboriginal actors. The most challenging aspect of Andrea's profession has shown its face recently, she says that up until recently she has always maintained a relatively balanced schedule. However, her career has taken a major leap and she finds herself a little overwhelmed and is faced with the difficulty of trying to balance her family, friends, career, and spirit.

It is obvious to me that Andrea is loving what she does, and she says that the most satisfying part of what she does is to be able to "touch peoples lives", and be a role model for other young Métis women. Andrea's role models include Maria Campbell because she is a successful artist and a "balanced community person" as

well as Angie Tysseland since she too had the courage to express herself as an artist for a living. When I asked Andrea what her proudest achievement has been she replied "the Velvet Devil", which is a one-woman play written by Andrea herself. The Velvet Devil has marked many milestones for Andrea as an actress and singer. For one, it is the first play that Andrea has written, which also included co-writing the music for the play. The play has also been aired on CBC radio, and will be shown at the National Arts Centre in Ottawa this fall. Furthermore, a CD of the play's music has been recorded in Montreal and should be released in the fall. Andrea's advice for up and coming Métis entertainers is "to be patient; there will be places for you and until then create your own!"

To view a list of Andrea's television, film, theatre and music credits visit her website at www.andreamenard.com.



News Flash: 1901 Census Data Now Online

Article by Kathy Hodgson-Smith

Are you a genealogy buff? Do you use internet to do your research? Well the news flash is that the 1901 Census Data is now on line at www.archives.ca and there is no cost to access it. This database contains "digitized images of the original census returns, which record age, nationality, religion, profession, income, education etc for every resident of Canada on March 31, 1901". You cannot search by name but can do searches by geographic area. You click on ArchiviaNet on this website and then select the Census of Canada 1901 option. Then you search the database. Remember Saskatchewan didn't exist as a province in 1901 so the records of communities in existence prior to 1905 can be found by searching "the Territories." Then you type in the community you are looking for.

Remember that not every community will be listed so you may have to try a few surrounding communities until you get the right one. Each page of the census documents is placed on the web like a photograph and you can print them out or just view them up close on the web.

While you are visiting the National Archives of Canada web site and searching ArchiviaNet, you will notice that you can search Métis Scrip Records, too. It is important to remember that the spelling of names varies from historical document to historical document and that the database records them as they are written in the documents. Try lots of spellings when you are doing keyword searches through the Métis scrip records. There are old photos available on this site also. Remember: www.archives.ca

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A Prelude to a Film. Celebrating Métis and First Nations Cultures

Article and Photos by Kathy Hodgson-Smith

On Saturday, June 1st, 2002, returning home from Toronto by plane, I got in my jeep and drove the Louis Riel Trail north from Saskatoon to Duck Lake at supper time, turning off the highway and connecting to the 3rd Meridian. I drove about 10 kilometers north to the entrance to the Jackpine Stables homestead turnoff. The sun was still high in the sky, the air filled with a smoky haze from nearby forest fires. I saw the Stables sign and made my way up the driveway through the sandy roads and the sparse pine and poplar stands, sprinkled with the familiar yellow cowslips of my childhood that grow along the roads and ditches of this area, to the home of Darlene and Lawrence Mullis where I had been invited to share in a meal and display of Métis heritage. A film crew

from Montreal were visiting to record this warm event and to share with the visitors the musical talents of Normand Guilbeault, the composer of the Musical Plea Riel. Horses grazed in nearby trees, unconcerned with the noise of the truck, lifting their heads to greet us and then returned to their feasting. The Métis flag flew proudly at the house. I was already glad I had made the journey.

Many familiar faces were seated at the picnic tables and the musicians had set up a stage in one of the three teepees, tarps flipped out to let in the rays of yellow sun that shone through the trees. The Red River jig made my feet feel light as I made my way down the sandy lane, through the fences toward the guesthouse and campfire area. Children played football and swung on the



swing built by the trees. I scanned the crowd, noticing Ora Madden, one of our Métis Veterans and long time residents of MacDowall and area. I recalled him as a younger man, still older to me, when he was a Resource Officer. I remembered his brown uniform and his warm smile, which he showed me again when I went to greet him. He lost his wife this year and was joined today by his daughter Mona, now Mona Rudyck, Métis Local president from Duck Lake, and her husband Peter, who holds a seat on the Provincial Métis Council, and his sister in law. Beyond him, I saw Ernest Fleury, who I had visited last summer about this time in his home in Duck Lake where he made beautiful wooden sculptures and display pieces of horses and wagons. He was joined shortly by his wife of many years, Rose Fleury, nee Gariepy, wearing her beautiful smile and sideways grin, displaying her pride in her Métis heritage, welcoming everyone to this special day. It was a special day for Rose as she ended a long journey, accompanying the film crew from Montreal to Winnipeg to Batoche and Fish Creek, as they filmed a French language documentary on the life of Louis Riel and the Métis, a film capturing in part in visuals what Normand Guilbeault has captured in his music on the two-CD collection which he has shared with me.

There were many more in attendance, including Métis Nation - Saskatchewan President Clem Chartier and MLA for Cumberland, Keith Goulet, who brought greetings and opening remarks for those in attendance and the film crew who took in his story and his welcome. Supper was served, without any of the summertime flies that usually accompany an outdoor meal, courtesy I guess of the late warm weather. We ate magnificently, hot buffalo stew cooked in an outside cook stove, deer sausage, fried and baked bannock, crushed choke cherries (Le Grein), salad, saskatoon berry tarts, cake, whipped cream and saskatoon berry sauce, and lots of juicy watermelon. Where a bonfire would

naturally follow, a fire ban was honoured, and we all sat around where the bonfire would be and enjoyed the reels, waltzes and jigs offered by our musicians - fiddle, accordion, guitar and bass.

The evening came soon and it was time to return to the city. I took a leisurely stroll to the edge of the field where we were soon joined by the horses that nudged us warmly and flashed their long lashes and nodded their chins. Even they were friendly and invited us to come back some day and take a ride where the crickets sang and the morning dove cooed its quiet song. I thought about the many hours of work that went into this evening and felt grateful for this quiet reprieve from the city. I guess that is what the Jackpine Stables is all about a change of pace, days spent out of doors, and a good nights sleep after a hot delicious meal. I recommend it for everyone. I wonder whether I will be in a documentary now, which I guess I will as the filming took place throughout the evening. I think it is the pink sunset, the morning dove and the whipped cream and saskatoon berry sauce that I will remember the most, overshadowed only, of course, by the warm welcome and great hospitality of our hosts, Lawrence and Darlene Mullis.

Check out the website and at least find one day to check this one out. Find out more at www.jackpinestables.com or by calling Lawrence or Darlene at Duck Lake at 1-306-467-4576.

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Northern Project Presents at NITA Conference

Article by Yvonne Vizina

The Northern Project participated in the Aboriginal Energy & Resource Development Conference "Business Agreements for Profit" March 27 - 28, 2002 in Vancouver, British Columbia. Hosted by the Native Investment and Trade Association, the conference was designed to bring industry and Aboriginal stakeholders together for a series of informative presentations.

The conference was co-chaired by Mr. David Tuccaro, President - Neegan Development Corporation, Fort McMurray, AB and Mr. Roy Fox, President, Indian Resources Council of Canada, Tsuu T'ina, AB. There were twenty-six

presenters over the course of two days, offering a variety of information ranging from the highly scientific and technical to grassroots positions on the oil and gas industry.

Industry presenters included Jim Carter, President and CEO, Syncrude Canada Ltd., Neil Camarta, CEO, Albian Sands Energy Inc., Pierre Alvarez, President, Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers, Calgary, Bob Cunes, Manager, Negotiations and Subsurface Land, Indian Oil and Gas Canada, Daniel Begley, Director, Northern Affairs, Alaska Highway Pipeline Project, Foothills Pipe Lines Limited, and others.

Information on Aboriginal interests were provided by John Paul Murdoch, Grand Council for the Crees (Eeyou Istchee), Audrey Poitras, President, Metis Nation of Alberta, MNC Minister of Economic Development, Grand Chief Ed Schultz, Council of Yukon First Nations, Chief Jim Boucher, Fort McKay First Nation, and others.

Other notable presenters included Hugo Llorens, U.S. Consul General and Hon. Gordon Campbell, Premier of British Columbia. The



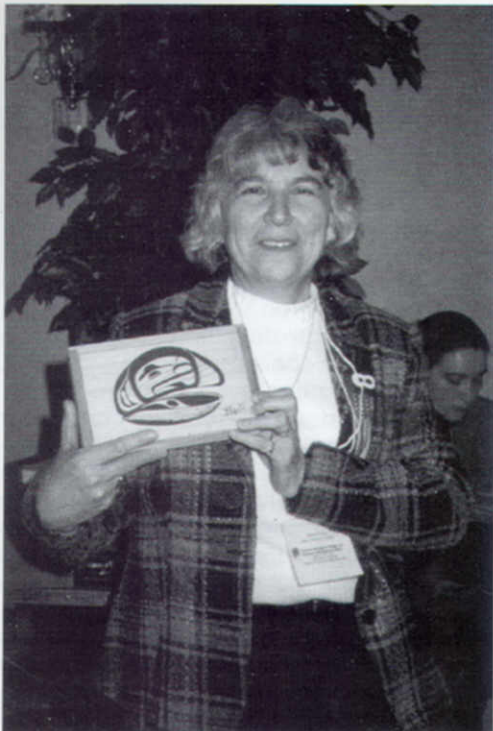
Aboriginal Energy and Resource Management Conference

Premier of British Columbia gave a luncheon speech to conference participants.

The Northern Project was invited to give a presentation on the second day of the conference. This was a good opportunity for Yvonne Vizina, Northern Project Coordinator to showcase activity of the Metis in north west Saskatchewan regarding opportunities in the Alberta oil sands industry. The presentation began with an overview of the Tripartite Process between the MNS / Government of Canada / Government of Saskatchewan and the resulting Northern Project. Information was provided on the Northern Project's short term and long term oil sands planning underway in Education / Training / Employment, Communication, Economic Development, Transportation, Housing, Capacity Building, and Municipal Services. It was noted that the resulting research document is intended to facilitate community action in each of these sectors. As well, it was explained, the research would be provided to the Northern Neighbours - A Partnership for Jobs initiative, another multi-party working group focussing on the Alberta oil sands

industry. The Northern Project's presentation was concluded with an emphasis that our work is conducted to stimulate the economy in north west Saskatchewan and assist in the improvement of Metis people's standard of living. The presentation was well received.

The conference was a great learning experience in understanding the complexities of the oil sand development and how it can benefit Aboriginal people. Grand Chief Ed Shultz gave an inspiring speech, which included comments regarding the Kyoto Agreement. He commented that it is important for Canada to sign the Agreement and work toward protecting the mother earth, rather than simply focussing on making money. The energy and resource development across Canada means many things to many people. For the Metis of north west Saskatchewan, it can mean new employment opportunities, new educational opportunities, and an enhanced north western economy. With the potential for an all-season road linking north west Saskatchewan to north east Alberta, it will be critical for our north west residents to prepare for changes within the region. For more information regarding the oil sands planning work contact Mr. Norman Hansen, Co-Chair, Northern Neighbours - A Partnership for Jobs (306) 235-4740, Mr. Doug Gailley, Co-Chair, Northern Neighbours - A Partnership for Jobs (306) 822-2032, or Mr. Gerry Strochein, Project Manager, Northern Neighbours - A Partnership for Jobs (306) 763-4646.



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Northern Project 2002-2003

Article and Photo by Yvonne Vizina

The Northern Project has continued its work through the year, mandated by the Metis Nation - Saskatchewan, the North West Saskatchewan Metis Council and the North West Saskatchewan Municipalities Association to collaborate on issues of regional governance and the devolution of programs and services within north west Saskatchewan.

This initiative has always had tremendous challenges to overcome since its original development in 1996. Building good working relationships among leaders mandated to achieve different ends is difficult. At one time, a Protocol Agreement was developed by north west leaders outlining common areas of interest. The Protocol Agreement was intended to be the tool with which collaborative work could be done. Unfortunately, as time progressed, it became apparent that political, jurisdictional and financial issues were too great to overcome within the existing activities. Over the past year, the Northern Project began to make operational changes. Responding to north west resident comments, the NP began to take on a greater role in initiating practical projects on a regional scale. It was felt that north west residents needed to see tangible results of benefit to north west communities.

In the spirit of

this, the Northern Project worked to finance a planning project regarding opportunities in the Alberta oil sands. This took several months, but resulted in a comprehensive plan which is available to north west leaders in printed or digital form. The plan provides information on the oil sands, as well as strategies for community involvement and action. It is hoped that north west residents and leaders will make effective use of the plan.

While the Northern Project was working on its oil sands plan during 2001, the Northern Neighbours group of Saskatchewan stakeholders became active. Within only a few short months, the group has gathered together and formulated plans for northern Saskatchewan participation in the Alberta oil sands opportunities. The group is co-chaired by Mr. Norman Hansen, MNS Minister of



Northern Project Meets in Buffalo Narrows at the Lakeview Complex

Environment and Natural Resources, and Mr. Doug Gaily, Administrator for the Northern Village of La Loche. The Northern Project has been a regular participant since the group's inception. The Northern Neighbours is mandated to forge relations with industry officials in Alberta to increase north west residents chances of employment there.

The Northern Project also continued to assist the North West Saskatchewan Metis Council to develop administratively, which included registering its non-profit status with Saskatchewan Justice. This has been very beneficial, as regional projects can now be administered directly by the NWSMC.

The Traditional Land Use and Occupancy Mapping Project: Phase II is one such project. The NWSMC is the administrative body which governs the project's staff and finances. The implementation of the Traditional Land Use initiative has created a convergence of traditional and technological knowledge. It is always exciting to see how successful we can be with a lot of creativity and a lot of hard work. The TLU is an initiative that every resident in north west Saskatchewan should be proud of. It is already being talked about across the country, and soon, will be talked about across the world. The TLU has been selected to be showcased later this summer in Johannesburg, South Africa at the Earth Summit. While these, and other, projects have been worked on by the Northern Project, another initiative was well underway. During the summer of 2001, University of Saskatchewan student Raquel Digness worked with the Northern Project on governance development research. Ms. Digness enjoyed the experience, and participated in the Political Studies 203.3 course offered in the fall. This course is offered as part of the Work Experience Internship Program hosted by the University of Saskatchewan. The Northern Project partnered with the U of S to take on a total of 10 students (Metis, First Nations and non-Aboriginal) from September 2001 to April

2002. The students spent time learning about the Metis people and governance issues of north west Saskatchewan. In return, the students worked on research papers for the Northern Project. The students enjoyed their experiences, but commented that little published information was available on north west Saskatchewan. Presentations from President Clem Chartier, and Treasurer Allan Morin were extremely helpful to the students, graduate students and faculty in attendance. The U of S has expressed a keen interest in maintaining the relationship. The participating leaders and staff have made this a productive year for the Northern Project. Although it has been a slow process to get where we are now, building on the work carried out over the past few years is important. Budgetary and staffing limitations have certainly impeded progress, and the Northern Project wish list is long. However, the Metis people of north west Saskatchewan have persevered and must continue to do so in the future.

The Northern Project has seen new changes for 2002-2003. Municipal participation under the Protocol Agreement will continue on a volunteer basis only, which is, perhaps, a more effective method of partnering. A work plan for 2002-2003 has been accepted by the Metis Nation - Saskatchewan's Tripartite Management Committee. The NWSMC will continue to seek resources to build capacity and employ local people within the organization to carry out regional scale projects.

As many of you know, I am no longer working in north west Saskatchewan. However, I would like to say how much I have enjoyed my time there, the people I have met, and how much I appreciate the beauty and openness of the land and water. I shall miss having fresh fish and walks in the trees. Thanks to Norm Hansen and Alex Maurice for your time and support in the work of the Northern Project. I hope everyone has a great summer! See you at Palmbere Days!

METIS NATION - SASKATCHEWAN



Environment and Natural Resources Métis Nation - Saskatchewan

As Minister of Environment and Natural Resources for the Metis Nation - Saskatchewan, I have been asked to carry forward a legacy of ensuring Metis people have a voice in decisions made concerning our environment and natural resources. This is no small challenge. Metis people want to be heard. Metis people want to determine how best to manage our precious lands and resources. We are working hard to make sure that this becomes a reality.

Since I have taken over this portfolio, work has continued under the 1995 Renewable Resources & Environment Management Partnership Agreement between the Metis Nation - Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan Environment. This year has brought some staffing changes. Ms. Yvonne Vizina is our new Researcher / Coordinator for MNS Environment and Natural Resources. We developed a new

work plan for 2002-2003 and are continuing developmental work on other initiatives begun last year. One of the

initiatives we have been working on is a Memorandum of Understanding with Saskatchewan Environment concerning north west Saskatchewan.

The MOU is still being developed and carefully considered. Working through initiatives that concern policy setting within our Nation and within government takes a great deal of time. We must always be careful that the decisions we make, and the actions we take, will have a positive result for our future generations as well as ourselves today.

I welcome you to stay in touch with the Metis Nation - Saskatchewan regarding issues related to Environment and Natural Resources. As Minister, your concerns or inquiries are important to me.

Sincerely, Norman Hansen.



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Métis Nation Participates in United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Backgrounder and photos by Kathy Hodgson-Smith

The United Nations began taking an active interest in Indigenous issues in the early 1970s with the appointment of Martinez Cobo as a Special Rapporteur. Based on his work and the subsequent report, the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) a United Nations body decided to establish a Working Group on Indigenous Populations (WGIP). The mandate of the WGIP was to examine and develop standards for the treatment by States/Countries of Indigenous peoples. As well, the WGIP was given a mandate to develop a draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. The first session of the WGIP took place in the



The Métis Delegation to the United Nations

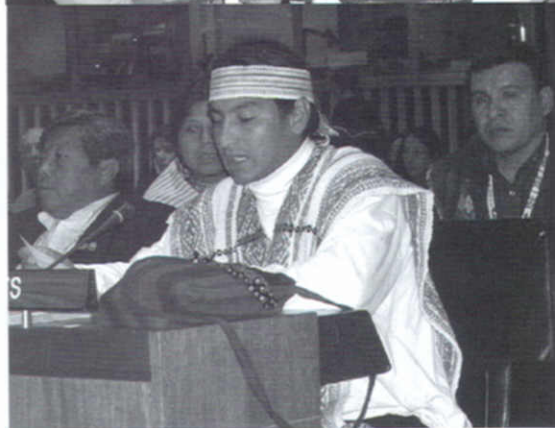
Back Row: Shirley Johnson, Denise Thomas, Harley Desjarlais, Tony Belcourt
Second Row: Clem Chartier, Audrey Poitras, Wayne Lorde, Gerald Morin, Paul Chartrand
Third Row: Rosemarie McPherson, David Chartrand, Claire Riddle, Will Goodon
Front: Kathy Hodgson-Smith Missing: Wenda Watteyne, Katelyn Gillis and Jason Madden

summer of 1982 and has met annually since then. More information can be found on the United Nations website at www.un.org.

Part of the discussions within the work of the WGIP revolved around the fact that Indigenous peoples must have a greater role or prominence within the United Nations system. Each year since 1982, the WGIP made its reports to the Sub-Commission on the Protection of Minorities and the Prevention of Discrimination. The Sub-Commission in turn made its reports to the Human Rights Commission. The Human Rights Commission then made its reports to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

As the voice of Indigenous peoples became stronger, the U.N. system began to respond accordingly. First there was the International Year of Indigenous Peoples in 1992, then the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People which began in 1995. As well, the Economic and Social Council in 1998 added Indigenous Issues as a permanent agenda item in the annual meetings of the Commission on Human Rights.

The work of the Indigenous peoples at both the community / national level resulted



Top: Clem Chartier and Oren Lyons, Onondaga Nation
Bottom: Sebastiao Haji Manchineri, The Amazon

in a proposal to establish a permanent forum focusing on Indigenous issues which was officially introduced at the World Conference on Human Rights held in Vienna in 1993. After that point in time, and as part of the objectives of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People, work began towards achieving the permanent forum. The first workshop to address this matter was held in 1995 at Copenhagen, Denmark, with a second workshop in Santiago, Chile in 1997. Subsequently, the Secretary General of the U.N. supported the creation of the permanent forum, and an ad hoc committee of the Commission on Human Rights met in February 1999 in Geneva,



Saoudata Aboubacrine, West Africa, Representing Young Indigenous Women

Switzerland to develop the proposal for the forum. This was followed up by a second session of the group the following year which finalized the proposal. That proposal was then submitted to the Commission on Human Rights which at its fifty-sixth session in 2000 decided to recommend to the ECOSOC that a permanent forum on Indigenous issues be set up. The ECOSOC on July 28, 2000 by resolution established the Permanent Forum.

Mandate of the Permanent Forum

The primary purpose of the Permanent Forum is to serve as an advisory body to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), with a mandate to discuss Indigenous issues relating to economic and social development, culture, the environment, education, health and human rights.

According to the mandate, the Permanent Forum is to:

1. Provide expert advice and recommendations on Indigenous issues to the Council, as well as to programmes, funds and agencies of the U.N. through the Council;
2. Raise awareness and promote the integration and coordination of activities relating to Indigenous issues within the U.N. system; and
3. Prepare and disseminate information on Indigenous issues.

The forum is mandated to meet once a year for ten working days, and must submit an annual report to ECOSOC on its activities and the recommendations it is proposing for the Council's action or approval. The report is also to be distributed to all relevant U.N. organs, funds, programmes and agencies as a way to furthering the dialogue with respect to Indigenous issues within the U.N. system.

The Forum is composed of 16 experts, 8 Indigenous experts and 8 state-nominated experts who are then appointed formally by the Chairperson of the Economic and Social

Council. In attendance at the inaugural meeting were: Willie Littlechild (Rapporteur); Zinaida Strogalschikova (Vice Chairperson); Njuma Ekundanayo; Yuri A. Baitchenko; Furtunato Turpo Choquehuanca (Vice Chairperson); Parshuram Tamang; Ida Nicolaisen; Ole Henrik Magga (Chairperson); Antonio Jacanamijoy (Vice-Chairperson); Marcos Matias Alonso; Otilla Lux De Coti; Wayne Lord; Yuji Iwasawa; Ayitegan Kouevi; and Mililani Trask.



Aborigine Man from Australia, playing the Didgeridoo

President Gerald Morin's Speech to The Inaugural Meeting of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

UN Headquarters, New York

May 16, 2002

Tansi. Mr. Chairperson, members of the Permanent Forum, representatives of member states and agencies, brothers and sisters.

My name is Gerald Morin, and I am speaking on behalf of the Métis National Council (MNC). The MNC represents the Métis Nation in Canada. I am the president of the MNC.

I first wish to thank the Haudenosaunee and other Indigenous peoples and nations for the warm hospitality and spiritual guidance.

Allow me to begin by congratulating the members of the Permanent Forum on their appointments and elections, and to congratulate the Chairman, the Vice-chairs and the Rapporteur on their appointments.

I should explain that the Métis Nation is a small Indigenous nation in Canada. Although we recently acquired express constitutional recognition as one of the Aboriginal Peoples of Canada whose rights are protected from governmental action, our rights continue to be ignored by the government. It has always been difficult for us to get proper recognition, ever since our political leader, Louis Riel, was hanged for treason in the last military encounter that our ancestors had against the Canadians who intruded into our homeland in the west.

But I am not here today to complain about Canada and its Aboriginal Policy, but rather to express, in the most favourable and emphatic terms, our support for the Permanent Forum on Indigenous peoples.

I agree most enthusiastically with the description of Madam Daes, who said at the opening statements that the Permanent Forum signifies a shift from talk to action in the sphere of United Nations involvement in Indigenous issues. The Permanent Forum has a unique role to



AFN National Chief Matthew CoonCome, and National Métis President Gerald Morin

perform. It has a great opportunity that must be seized for the benefit of all our Indigenous brothers and sisters around the earth. The Permanent Forum has an operational mandate, to coordinate and evaluate the technical and financial assistance provided by United Nations agencies to governments and to

Indigenous communities.

This unique role complements the work of the two working groups and that of the special rapporteur, who are properly concerned with debates on rights and with complaints against specific member states. One of the issues the Permanent Forum might consider is the role of its members in attending the meetings of these and other bodies which concern themselves with debates on Indigenous rights and policy.

We support you in the daunting challenges that you now face. We expect that you will be faced with a veritable blizzard of issues all begging for your attention. In making up your minds about performing your mandate, we propose that you might focus on trying to make effective changes where they can be made, and perhaps selecting a small number of countries at least at the beginning, to allow experience and budgets to increase with time.

We cannot emphasize enough the need for an effective, Indigenous staffed secretariat

in New York, where the practical mandate of the Permanent Forum can most effectively be carried out. Mr. Belcourt, in his presentation Tuesday, encouraged contributions to establish the Secretariat, and we trust that Indigenous organizations and governments will follow suit.

You must provide yourselves with an operational capacity in the very short term, and we are happy to support you any way that we can in doing so. We also believe that an inter-sessional capacity is needed.

Perhaps the Vice-Chairs could carry on the important work of the forum between sessions, including holding meetings with governments and Indigenous people's representatives.

In conclusion, the Métis National Council offers you its humble congratulations and warmest expressions of support as you face a future that is filled with promise.

Marsi.

New Breed Magazine is produced as a result of the commitment and contribution of many volunteers. In the development of this special economic development and entrepreneurs issue, New Breed Magazine was fortunate for the contribution of four people specifically, Yvonne Vizina, Tejay Gardiner, Lori Nixon and Brenda Smith. Yvonne Vizina has been employed by the Métis Nation Saskatchewan for several years in various positions and has continued to support the magazine through the submission of many articles and photographs. Lori Nixon, continues to provide graphics services to New Breed Magazine, making the stories and photos beautiful in her layout. As well, Lori has downloaded several issues on the web on our website (www.newbreedmagazine.com). Lori works at home where she is busy raising her baby girl, Rebecca. And last but not least, New Breed Magazine would like to thank Brenda Smith for her ongoing administrative and moral support, helping with the distribution of the magazine, taking phone messages, providing transcription services and a pleasant and competent first voice for New Breed over the phone. Brenda Smith is a receptionist for the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan at head office.

For this special issue, with the contribution of the Privy Council Office and Minister Ralph Goodale, New Breed Magazine was able to employ a summer student, Tejay Gardiner, a Métis woman in her fourth year in International Studies at the University of Saskatchewan, to undertake and write up interviews with various Métis business people across the province, as well as take photographs. A special thank you for their most excellent contributions. Last but not least, I would like to share a special thank you to Kent Vermette for his time commitment to the magazine. His support with layout and mailout and computers is greatly appreciated. I can always count on him to help out when I cannot manage to get there.



Laviolette Trial Adjourned

Article by Kathy Hodgson-Smith

The Laviolette trial which was to have been heard in June 2002, has been adjourned to October 21 - November 1, 2002. The trial will take place at the provincial courthouse in Meadow Lake.

Mr. Laviolette was charged at Green Lake, Saskatchewan in April 2001 for fishing in a closed season. Two Treaty Indian companions fishing with Mr. Laviolette were not charged. Also not charged was a Métis man who was a resident of Green Lake. Mr. Laviolette resides in Meadow Lake.

Youth Logo Contest

Make a lasting contribution; the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Youth Council needs a new logo!

- Finished Dimension: 3 X 5 inches
- Use no more than 5 colours, four of which must be Blue, Red, White and Black
- Include the wording "Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Youth Council"

Send Entries To:

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Prince Albert, Saskatchewan
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C/O Tristan Zachow
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Submission Deadline: September 30, 2002



SASKNATIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

SNEDCO, is a Saskatchewan Métis-owned lending institution created to finance the start-up, purchase and/or expansion of viable Métis-controlled small businesses based in Saskatchewan.

From the fall of 1987 to February 28, 2002, SNEDCO has disbursed 951 loans totalling \$20.2 million for over 522 Métis-owned businesses in Saskatchewan. These businesses created or maintained employment for approximately 1532 Métis people within Saskatchewan

In order to be eligible for consideration for SNEDCO services, an applicant must be an individual of Métis ancestry or a corporation or other approved entity, controlled or owned by Métis. Depending on the type of service requested, other criteria may also apply.

SNEDCO provides the following programs for the Métis Business Community:

- ▲ Business Loans
- ▲ Business Plans and Advice

Please Contact:

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Gabriel Dumont Institute Holds General Assembly at Batoche

Article by Kathy Hodgson-Smith

On Saturday, June 22, 2002 the Gabriel Dumont Institute held its General Assembly. Mr. Dale McAuley, Minister of Education for the Métis Nation Saskatchewan and Chairman of the GDI Board gave a wide-ranging report to those Métis assembled at Batoche for the purpose of carrying out the work of the Institute.

Minister McAuley's report provided the delegates with information in three key areas: an overview of the Institute, its affiliated departments and the programs and services offered; an outline of the strategic directions and challenges faced by each area of the Institute in its mandate to further Métis education; and some of the work that has been undertaken by the Board, management and staff in addressing some of the challenges in order to meet the mandate of the Institute. Minister McAuley's report was well received.

The Institute's financial report was also made, and accepted by the delegates with the auditors appointed for another year.

The main order of business however was the debate on and adoption of amendments to the by-laws of GDI. The most noteworthy amendment witnessed the change in the composition of the GDI Management Board to thirteen directors, composed of one representative from each of the 12 MNS Regions, along with the MNS Minister of Education who automatically sits as Chairperson of the Management Board.

The representatives from the Regions will be based on the submission of resumes indicating the qualifications of the potential representatives, who will then be presented by the Minister to the Provincial Métis Council for ratification. This new structure will be put in place in the near future.



Top: Dale McAuley, Calvin Racette, and Geordy McAffrey

Centre: Maureen Bandis, Unkown Auditor, Calvin Racette, Dale McAuley and Michelle Harding

Bottom: Delegates



Métis National Council
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PRESS RELEASE

Métis Veterans Excluded by Canada

Métis National Council Demands Action and Assistance for Métis Veterans

June 27, 2002, Winnipeg, Manitoba The Métis National Council called on the federal government to treat Métis Veterans with respect and fairness in light of last week's announcement. Last Friday, the Government of Canada announced a compensation package for Aboriginal Veterans. However, Métis Veterans were specifically excluded in this program that is not geared for Aboriginal Veterans but rather for First Nations Veterans.

"We call on Canada to treat our Métis Veterans with the respect they have earned."

David Chartrand is the MNC Minister responsible for Métis Veterans and he was very worried that Métis Veterans were being ignored by the government. "Our Métis Veterans believed in our country and fought for the ideals and freedoms we enjoy today," said Chartrand. "I find it unbelievable that our veterans, who lost their friends and many who are disabled from the battles, are left out of the process. Canada must recognize it has a duty to the Métis Nation and this must begin with the Métis Veterans."

Gerald Morin, MNC President, was equally perturbed by the development, when he was informed prior to meetings in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. "When our Métis Veterans went to war, they were

young men eager to contribute and protect democracy and the future of our country," said Morin. "Now, they are being told that they are not a people and that they will not be recognized. We cannot let this go by and the MNC assures Métis Veterans that we will fight to protect your rights, too.

Chartrand continued by saying that "we are sure that our Members of Parliament who enjoy their pensions after six years of service would not deny Métis Veterans who gave years of their lives in war, who gave the use of their limbs or others who gave their lives. We call on Canada to treat our Métis Veterans with the respect they have earned. We call on the Minister to meet with us and with our veterans to work out a positive solution."

Chartrand said that he intends to put an action plan in place to meet with Aboriginal veterans associations and seek all avenues, including legal, political or international forums.

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A Letter of Thanks to
Northwestern Métis Training & Employment Inc,
Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Western Region 1,
Meadow Lake from a SUNTEP PA Graduate.
Reprinted with Permission.



May 2002

Dear Mavis (Taylor, Manager),

I will only have one minute to say all my thanks you's and I won't be able to do you justice for what you have done for me, so I will tell you now.

If not for you, I would not be graduating with a Bachelor of Education degree. Being a teacher was not even a thought in my mind until you presented me with the opportunity to receive training as a teacher associate. You opened a door for me that has forever changed my life's journey. You set me on a path that is exciting, challenging, and most of all, fulfilling. I love children and I love teaching them, and I would not have discovered this without you and the opportunity you have offered me.

You may not know this, but at the time we met, I was just beginning to recover emotionally, spiritually, and mentally, from my daughter's death. Taking university courses was extremely hard on my intellect because I had forgotten so much and I had to train my mind to stay focused. Despite the struggles, I made it. I went the distance. I began to dance the dance of life again. And you are a big part of the reason that I can do that again.

So, from a grateful heart, I thank you with all my heart. Thank you for the financial support and for keeping your word to see me through this until the end. I believe I have done you, our Métis Nation, and myself proud by graduating with Great Distinction from the University of Saskatchewan with a Bachelor of Education degree.

Sincerely yours,

Sylvia Cervais



SUNTEP Graduates Seventeen Women

Article and Photos by Kathy Hodgson-Smith

On Friday, May 24, 2002, in Prince Albert, the Saskatchewan Urban Native Teacher Education Program graduated seventeen Aboriginal women into the teaching profession. As always, the graduation ceremonies were very well attended, with family, friends, leadership and colleagues gathering to celebrate the amazing accomplishment of completing a four-year university degree. This year's graduates were all female and the tears of joy were shed in thanks for all the support and the many contributions of those around them. Michael Relland and Bente Huntley

hosted the event on behalf of the staff. The theme of this year's graduation was: Going the Distance. Many Special Guests brought greetings including Dale McAuley, Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Minister of Education and Chairperson of the Gabriel Dumont Institute Board who congratulated them for going the distance and urged them to set new sights and continue on to Masters and PhD levels of education. The Métis Nation needs professional people. Wendy Swenson spoke on behalf of the Gabriel Dumont Institute Board and explained how refreshing it is when new ideas enter the professional

workplace through new employees. Their contribution will be very important, she said, closing with the remark that professional people built the Titanic and an amateur built the Ark. Greetings were given also by Collette Robertson, on behalf of Saskatchewan Learning; Trevor Gamble, on behalf of the University of Saskatchewan College of Education; Lee Atkinson, on behalf of the City of Prince Albert; Jim Mireau, on behalf of SaskRivers School Division; and the SUNTEP SRC Rep.

Each year, a Métis woman, Trish Watier, SaskEnergy, presents a star blanket made by her mother, to a deserving graduate, nominated and selected by the graduating class. Her mother was in attendance to watch the ceremony.

This year's graduates are: Kim Baird; Kelly Buchanana; Sharon Burns; Alvina Charles; Joanne Fitch; Joann Gaudry; Sylvia Gervais; Kelsa Henry; Donna McAuley; Traci McDougall; Celina Moostoos; Carla Omani; Diane Peekeekoot; Kathy Roberts; Shauna St. Amand; Dianne Turner; and Marti White.



First Nations Child Care Graduation

May 25, 2002

Buffalo Narrows, Saskatchewan

Photos by Bev Laliberte and Norman Hansen

Patricia Alexander Makwa Sahgaiehan F.N.
Pauline Aubichon Buffalo Narrows, Sk.
Mary Burnouf Beauval, Sk.
Betty Buckley Buffalo Narrows, Sk.
Sarah Bouvier Canoe Lake F.N.
Jeanette Catarat Buffalo River Dene Nation
Angel Chartier Buffalo Narrows, Sk.
Verna Chartier Buffalo Narrows, Sk.
Barbara Crookedneck Island Lake F.N.
Sandra Desjarlais Buffalo Narrows, Sk.
Theresa Iron Canoe Lake F.N.
Verna McCallum Buffalo Narrows, Sk.
Doris Sylvestre Buffalo River Dene Nation



Métis National Council is looking for Métis Owned Businesses

Are you a Métis Entrepreneur? Have you established a business and want it to be promoted nationally? If so contact the Métis National Council and ask about www.metisbusiness.com. **Basic Listing of your business on this site will be free of charge.**

Background:

Two years ago the Métis National Council (MNC) started a website for Métis Entrepreneurs www.metisbusiness.com, this site promotes Métis business across the homeland for **no fee**. The MNC website itself has received about 800 thousand visits in the past 6 months, averaging about 10-12 minutes each, and this year we are planning on nationally advertising the website with various avenues of media, so the number of visits will increase. To date we have about 20 business featured on the website, but we need more!!! If you know of, or own a Métis business please give us a call and let us know.

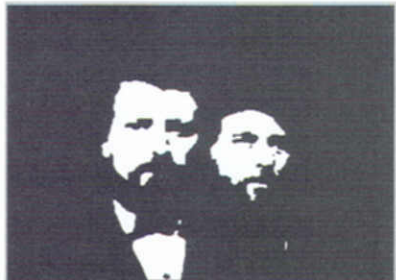
Requirements:

Please submit the following information:

1. Name, address, phone number etc. of business
2. Owner's name
3. Type of business

For more information please contact.

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THE MÉTIS NATIONAL COUNCIL
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Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Youth Council

Thank you to our Leaders...

Article by Jennifer Brown,
Photo by Kathy Hodgson-Smith

The Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Youth Council would like to first take this opportunity to thank MN-S Minister of Youth Mr. Ralph Kennedy for his continued dedication to the Métis Youth Movement, both within the province and abroad. It is important to note how vital his past, current and future support is as it relates to the development of the youth portfolio and provincial youth council.

President Clem Chartier has also been a great source of knowledge and strength for the provincial youth council; and as we as youth grow into tomorrow's

leaders, our ambition is to continue the strong presence and advocacy for Métis rights as he has and continues to do.

Calvin Coolidge said: "All growth depends upon activity. There is no development physically or intellectually without effort, and effort means work." Minister Allan Morin has challenged the provincial youth council to grow; intellectually, spiritually, culturally and physically. It is his effort and belief in the work that the provincial youth council is doing that has allowed for us to grow. His support via the Métis Youth Perspective is an act so great that we can not express our deepest gratitude in words.

As Chair of the MN-SYC I have been afforded the honour to be among our great leaders a number of times. Vice President Docken, Secretary Ross, Mr. Rudyck, Mr. Pelletier, Mr. Rivard, Mr. Hansen, Mr. Delaire, Mr. McAuley, Mr. Maurice, Mr. Folk, Mr. Bouvier, Mr. Charney, and the ladies of the PMC, Mrs. Johnson and President Gagnon; all are leaders, and individuals who have greatness within them. It is their radiance that continues to shine at the provincial youth table. We the members of the MN-SYC look forward to establishing more efficient working relationships not only with yourselves, but with the youth of your region.

We also would like to thank the MN-S Senate. Senators Ritchie and Boucher, your support and patience is greatly appreciated; for without it we would have not the pride that we carry with us daily. It is a pleasure to be able to model our behavior after the shining example you provide us.

Lest we not forget the staff, for without you, as well, we would be lost: Wilf Blondeau, Sandra Wilton, Barry Pelletier, Cheryl Gervais, Keith Henry, Roger Parent, Gabe Lafond, Mavis Taylor and Brenda Smith and the numerous others who have been so gracious to provide us, both as individuals and a group, guidance, advice and support. We thank you.

Tristan Zachow, for whom we owe a special thanks and recognition. Three years ago he was brought into the world of the Métis Youth Movement, and everyday we are thankful that he was. In his capacity as both the Métis Youth Perspective Tripartite Resource Development Officer and the UMAC Resource Officer, he has gone far beyond the call of duty. His long hours, hard work and the tremendous dedication he puts forth to see us strive to our greatest potential, is not unnoticed, we appreciate all you have to offer us in wisdom, strength and creativity.

And last but not least Ms. Kathy Hodgson-Smith. Your talent, kindness, beauty and youth presence is admirable. Thank you for all your hard work on the development and the production of *New Breed*. It is your very soul that is shown in its greatness.

Yours Very Sincerely,

The Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Youth Council

Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Youth Council

Youth Report



Article by Jennifer Brown,
Photo by Kathy Hodgson-Smith

The Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Youth Council is now going to begin to focus on the area of Economic Development within the Métis Youth Perspective, so as to begin to achieve practical results. In the past this has been an area that was largely overlooked. At the 5th National Métis Youth Conference in Vancouver, British Columbia Tristan Zachow delighted the youth present with a presentation on Métis Youth and our Participation in the Economy. It was from this success that has inspired the MN-SYC to run a similar workshop at the future Provincial Youth Conference. This workshop will educate Métis youth on how they can participate in the economy, who to contact in the beginning, and information that shows ground work and development. Until such time where the MN-SYC has a better understanding of Economic Development and begin to expand on the work within our Provincial Youth Portfolio responsibilities, then the MN-SYC will better be able to assist in the understanding for all Métis youth.

3"x5" logo for the provincial youth council. It is the hope of the Council that to provide this opportunity will allow for the youth of the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan to help develop the council, and will also help with the involvement and youth ownership of the MN-SYC.

The logo should be limited to the following colours: Blue, Red, White and Black. Additional colours will be considered however it is requested that they not exceed five colours in total and four of them are the colours already noted. The only wording required is "Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Youth Council". The deadline for submissions is September 30, 2002. Submissions can be sent to the following:

MN-SYC Logo Contest C/O Jennifer Brown 1363 -12th Street West Prince Albert, Saskatchewan S6V E6S	or	MN-SYC Logo Contest C/O Tristan Zachow 219 Robin Crescent Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7L 6M8
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If any of the membership of the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan would like to request a copy of the youth report submitted by the MN-SYC at the recent general assembly please contact either Jennifer Brown or Tristan Zachow.

New Breed Wishes to Thank Minister Ralph Goodale for his Support and Encouragement



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Leaders at Back to Batoche



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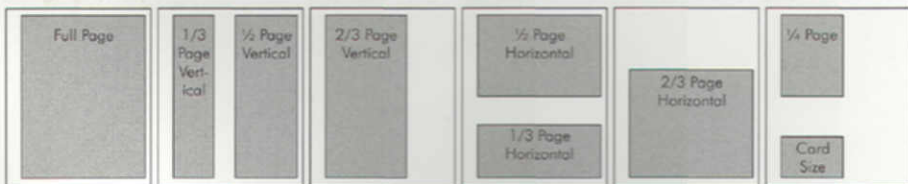
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