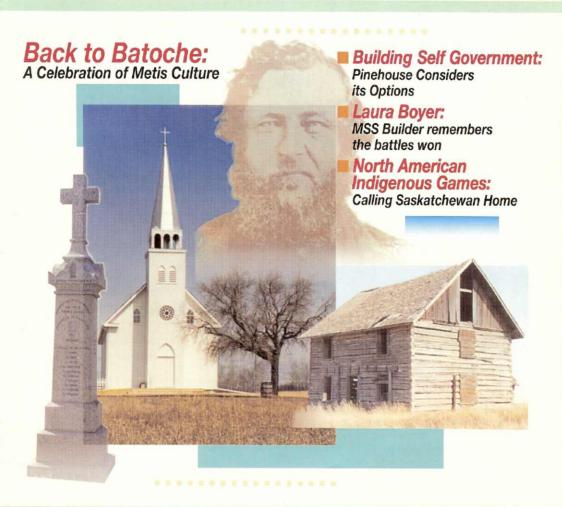
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etis National Council President Gerald Morin says not only is Prime Minister Kim Campbell aware of the Metis, she will most likely have a very constructive relationship with the Metis.

"We've always had a good relationship with the federal government and we hope we'll still have a constructive relationship now," said Morin

Morin said his Ontario cabinet minister, Ron Swain, went to the Tory convention in Ottawa in June to meet with Campbell.

"He (Swain) indicated to me that she is familiar with all the Metis issues because she had been the Metis interlocutor," said Morin. He added since Campbell is succeeding former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, there is a good deal of continuity with Campbell's cabinet.

There remains some unfinished business to deal with between the Metis

# CAMPBELL AWARE AND SYMPATHETIC TO METIS SAYS MORIN

National Council and the federal government.

Morin said in spite of meetings with former Metis interlocutor Joe Clark, there is still no budget in place for the Metis interlocutor's office. Morin said he would like to see the budget in place but such an arrangement may be some time in the making.

With the next federal election coming up this year, Morin any projects undertaken with the Campbell government will have to be dealt with quickly. He said the government may just be an interim government, so he is uncertain just how much Metis business can be dealt with in the

remainder of the Conservatives term before the election.

Whether or not the Conservatives win another term, Morin said the MNC is prepared to deal with whoever forms the next federal government.

As a move aimed at making its work more efficient, the Metis National Council offices have moved from Saskatoon to Ottawa.

"We did this to move effectively lobby the federal government and deal with land claims, self-government and programming," Morin said.

"We wanted to be close where the MPs are and where the central media is. All the other national native organizations are headquartered in Ottawa too," he added.

In the interim, the MNC has been using Chief Administrative Officer Marc Leclair's offices, said Morin, but MNC is now looking for a more permanent home and three or four staff members.

# BATTLEFORD MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY OPENS

What combines education, employment, administration and calls North Battleford home? The new MSS office complex which opened officially on June 17.

The offices are located at 10214 11 Avenue in North Battleford. The centre contains offices for the Metis Society, Gabriel Dumont Institute, Metis Pathways Secretariat, the school liason worker, the Metis Employment Program and the Metis Addictions Council. The offices and classrooms occupy sections of both floors of the building.

Attending the opening were a packed house of visitors along with a host of dignitaries including Metis Senator Lawrence Martel, Western Region 1A Director Albert Delaire, Len Taylor, MP and North Battleford Mayor Barrie Conkin along with other MSS and civic officials.

Delaire said the opening will mark a new beginning for Metis in the region, adding to their lifestyle through improved training and employment opportunities,

building self-esteem and cultural development.

MACSI representative Ray Laliberte said the office training facilities will open many doors for the students who take classes there.

"This building will be a springboard to bring students into the economy, into management and into employment."

Mayor Conkin said Metis people in



MP Len Taylor and North Battleford Mayor Barrie Conkin and MSS Treasurer Philip Chartier declare the building open

North Battleford could take pride in their new facility and the achievements they had made recently.

"Metis people have always been good citizens in this community. They have had an uphill battle to attain status and recognition and finally that has come about," said Conkin.

# SELF-DETERMINATION THROUGH SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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By Norman Hansen

Pierre Chartier of Buffalo Narrows, aged 68, owns a small contracting business in Northern Saskatchewan supplying two saw mills with rough logs to be cut into lumber. Mr. Chartier operates a powersaw to fall and limb (cut off the branches) trees and his 11-year-old son Randy operates a small skidder to drag the fallen and limbed trees to the two mills.

Along with the two persons employed through Pierre's operation, the mills, which are owned by Dennis Shatilla and Leon Morin also of Buffalo Narrows, employ at least six people. Total people employed number eight. Although eight jobs might not seem like a lot, Pierre Chartier suggests the area could easily support at least ten more operations. Each operation could employ eight people.

In addition to direct employment, there would be spin-off jobs created in transport of produced lumber, the supply and maintenance of related tools and equipment and income benefits to the area by people employed in the industry. Further, residents of the area would benefit by having access to lumber by at least half of the cost of what it would otherwise cost to import such lumber from outside locations.

Along with direct benefits to the area and its residents, the provincial government would benefit from such development by not having to provide social assistance to all those who would be employed in this industry.

Small scale operations such as the one which employs Pierre Chartier and his son are viable over an indefinite period because they harvest timber in a sustainable manner. Unlike the large mill operations at Prince Albert, Meadow Lake and elsewhere which clear cut timber areas in order



Loggers Randy and Pierre Chartier of Buffalo Narrows with author Norman Hansen



Clear cutting

# CONTINUED DEPENDENCY THROUGH NON-SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

to meet their required quotas, small operations cut selectively.

Because they, more than anyone else, have to live with the devastating results of clear cutting, Northerners prefer selective harvesting of timber.

Where large mill harvesting clears given areas of all standing timber, small mill harvesting only take out a very small portion of standing timber. This means the use of small mill operations would allow Northerners to harvest any given area many times while having a minimal long-term impact on the area.

The attached photos provide clear evidence of the environmental impacts of large versus small mill harvesting. Along with having a permanent and long-term impact upon harvested areas, large mill timber harvesting's economic benefit to the area is minimal and short term. Contractors supplying lumber to large mills clear a given timber area in a short period of time following which there is no further economic benefit to the area and its residents. Harvested areas are rendered entirely useless and jobs are finished.

Norman Hansen is Area Representative of Northern Region II, Metis Society of Saskatchewan.

# PINEHOUSE RESIDENTS SEEK TO BUILD ON COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

Residents of Pinehouse Lake in Northern Saskatchewan may seek to build their self-government model on the foundations of an alcohol addiction treatment programs.

About five years ago, they initiated and got many people in the primarily Metis community thinking about ways to improve their lives without a lot of outside help.

Pinehouse resident Glen McCallum said he thinks a model for self-government

might spring from communitygenerated projects like the Recovery Lake Program for recovering alcoholics he helped start five years ago.

"We decided to go on our own and then come up with some kind of plan for the community and a group of people to deal with it instead of going out of town. That's where we started the Recovery Lake Program."

The program lasted two and one half years, getting people involved and asking

questions. McCallum said 150 people from Pinehouse used the program and it got him and his fellow organizers meeting with federal and provincial agencies which deal with Metis people and their concerns and problems.

"It's just a way of making a difference in the community. Instead of individual way of thinking it's a group thing, a community thing, with everybody thinking in the same direction and everybody hopefully responds in the same way and everybody lives happily ever after. We'll never reach that goal but at least we're trying."

McCallum said he learned some agen-

cies from the south take a superficial interest in Pinehouse.

"I've always thought about outside agencies dropping by and finding a bandaid solution to our problems and then they're on their way."

McCallum recalls six years ago, a joint federal provincial review panel looked at the Recovery Lake Program and the mobile treatment centre.

"Recovery Lake took a back seat to the mobile treatment. The two and a half years



Pinchouse Pride: Northern Lights Dancers step through a liveley jig at the LCA hall during the affiliates forum

we did work with the Recovery Lake Program, we made a big impact on the community and for the outsiders to say mobile recovery made a big impact on the community is pathetic because it only stayed here for seven days and then came back five years after to evaluate. What is there to evaluate?"

In spite of the attempts to find a quick fix for Northern social problems he has seen before, McCallum said he senses a whole new spirit taking over planning with government non-government agencies alike.

"Government has spent a lot of funds

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to accomplish its goals in Northern Saskatchewan but it hasn't. They are finally starting to realize that people themselves have to try and deal with things for themselves in addressing problems or finding solutions. That's what we're doing as a community and that's our goal - to find solutions to our own problems."

One solution Pinehouse Lake residents are looking at more and more seriously these days is self-government as a way of finding an even more efficient method of administering social programs and social services. McCallum believes convincing all Pinehouse people about the desirability of self-government is only a matter of getting them better informed on what the concept really means.

"They're not shying away from it (selfgovernment) and they're not scared of it. It's just a matter of letting them know what route to take and what direction we have to be going."

McCallum said some of the most valuable assistance he sees these days comes from the Metis Society. "What gives me an extra push in this work is the new direction the Metis Society has taken in saying that we will recognize communities that take their own initiatives to make things happen towards self-government. They're saying we'll help you, lets do something here. That gives me a good feeling about it.

It's a nice feeling to know the outside people are starting to listen. We always hear about self-government and here we are trying to do something for our community but always the outside wants to tell us how to go about it. You people listening and hopefully coming on side, and really addressing the issues, we can go a long ways from here. It makes me feel good to see that happening."

McCallum said now self-government is developing, the partners in any arrangements must meet in order to work out specific details and responsibilities.

"It has come forward that we understand each other, it's just a matter of dealing with the details," said McCallum.

# BILATERAL AGREEMENT IN PLACE

The Metis Society of Saskatchewan and the provincial government have a new partnership in place.

MSS President Gerald Morin and Premier Roy Romanow signed the Bilateral Agreement on June 24 in Saskatoon.

The Agreement, designed to augment the Tripartite Agreement signed in February with the MSS, federal government and provincial government, arranges a series of meetings between Morin and Romanow and the Provincial Metis Council and provincial council.

The meetings will address topics of

concern ranging from economic development, education, health and justice.

Morin said Metis people in their communities will be the biggest beneficiaries of the signing.

"This Agreement, along with the Tripartite process already in place, will allow us to enter into negotiations on a substantive issues which will make a difference at the community level. It is time to roll up our sleeves enter into serious discussions and make a difference for Metis people in our communities," he said.

Morin also hopes to work on a provincial Metis Act as a means of achieving selfgovernment. He said the Agreement paves the way for practical self-government in Metis communities.

Romanow said the signing will mean the province will review the programs and services it offers to make them more responsive to Metis needs.

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#### A BUNCH OF HOT AIR AND RHETORIC

Dear Editor,

Tansi, and congratulations on the revitalization of a very important communication tool for the Metis people, namely the New Breed Magazine. I was excited and encouraged to see the New Breed arrive at my office with a request for a subscription, but that the format of the magazine has a fresh and professional layout.

However, while I'm happy to see the magazine in circulation again, I want to make a few observations about the content of the magazine.

As most of you will agree, Metis people have always had a passion for politics, especially our own political structure and how it has evolved over the last hundred years. These days, an increasing number of our people are becoming better educated and more aware of how, not only our own political system works, but the mainstream political structures as well. Thus, our

people's communications needs have changed too.

That is why I was somewhat saddened and angry when I read the story "Morin calls for series of post-accord changes".

In the article Mr. Morin talks about how busy the Charlottetown Accord kept him and the other MSS executives, and the need to inform local Batoche members in order to hear their concerns and answer their questions. So, what concerns did members have and how did Mr. Morin answer their questions? Were members happy with his performance at the constitutional table? Did they agree with his statement that "everything that Louis Riel and Gabriel Dumont struggled for was in the Charlottetown Accord"? How does he propose to move the MSS from a non-profit corporation status to a Metis government structure?

All this article amounted to was a bunch of political hot air and rhetoric with no substance on which Metis readers can judge the MSS executive or be properly informed for that matter.

The magazine must be free to inform readers by asking tough questions of the leadership, or giving a full and balanced report on what happens at local meetings from a grassroots perspective.

I'm not saying our politicians shouldn't have their say, but simply allowing them to make statements without telling readers whether members booed or applauded, doesn't serve what I believe is the true purpose of this magazine.

Judging by some of the writing in the magazine, I would suspect we some capable journalists on the New Breed staff. Why not show the Metis people your "stuff"?

If this is the "peoples" magazine, and the Society wants to sell as many subscriptions as possible, what better way than to do a membership drive. The magazine should be informing people as to where they can renew or buy a membership and where and when local meetings are being held. I'll agree with one statement Mr. Morin made in the magazine. "It's clear from the Charlottetown Accord negotiations that we've got to take the bull by the horns and get things rolling by ourselves."

The only way to do this is by strength in numbers. We need a larger, more cohesive membership.

What are we waiting for? Darcy McKenzie Regina

# LAURA BOYER: PERENNIAL ADVOCATE'S WORK CONTINUES

By Jeff Campbell

fter years of fighting to improve the housing, education and social services available to Metis in the Meadow Lake area, elder Laura Boyer had her moment in the sun in May.

Boyer was honoured with a Canada 125 medal, a plaque from the Metis Women of Saskatchewan and roses from Local #31, an MSS local where she had once served as president.

"It has been worthwhile and I'm kind of touched by all this," Boyer said moments after the surprise presentation ceremonies on May 17 in Meadow Lake. She was presented with her gifts in a surprise afternoon ceremony surrounded by family, friends and neighbors.

Boyer said her involvement with Metis politics began when she was just a child.

"My Dad bought me a Metis Society card and said, "My girl, some day the Metis Society will be a big thing."

So began a lifetime of work on behalf of Metis in her area and all over Saskatchewan.

Born in Redberry Lake 75 years ago, Boyer moved to Meadow Lake as a kid, spent 20 years in Green Lake and returned to her childhood home in the 1960s.

When Boyer got really busy in the early 1960s, Metis people had to contend with many obstacles to getting ahead.

"Housing especially was very poor at that time and we had to go all the way to Saskatoon to try and talk to CMHC (Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation). When we would go in the front door, they would go out the back door," she remembered with a laugh.

A second visit saw Boyer and company using ambush tactics, entering the office from two doors at once, trapping the officials they needed to meet with and getting them working on improving housing in Meadow Lake.

Ample proof that Boyer's unconventional style actually worked is provided that the room she was interviewed in is part of the Cyprian Meadow Senior's Apartments, a building built to deal with a shortage in quality senior's housing.

Boyer's list of accomplishments is impressive and includes a term as local president, and setting up classes in Meadow Lake's old hospital wing for everything from ceramics to cooking to hairdressing.

Boyer was instrumental in starting up a million dollar alcohol treatment centre which also housed the homeless. She got Meadow Lake's Legal Aid program rolling and started the Friendship Centre.

Boyer said the secret of convincing government people to lend a hand is actually very simple.

"I was able to get to the right people. I didn't go to the government joe boys, I always went right to the top."

Trying to raise a family plus a full time job as a social advocate and politician at the same time came with a cost, as Boyer remembers.

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#### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE ON THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT

On behalf of the members of the Metis Society of Saskatchewan amd the Provincial Metis Council, I bring you greetings on the occasion of the signing of the Bilateral Process Agreement. The new Bilateral Process Agreement is a historic landmark for Metis people in Saskatchewan. We are building on the spirit of partnership and co-operation embodied in the Tripartite Agreement signed earlier this year. With the signing of the Bilateral Agreement, Metis people have a formal process to work with the provincial government to develop practical self-government arrangements. Metis people in our communities around the province will notice a difference as we develop the systems for Metis to deliver services to our people in areas such as justice, social services and health. The Agreement provides for regular meetings between myself and Premier Romanow as well as, meetings between the Provincial Cabinet and our Metis Society executive and Provincial Metis Council to work out ways to address the issues we have in common. This agreement is a sign that the Government of Saskatchewan is ready and willing to deal with Metis concerns.

We, the Metis Society of Saskatchewan, along with members of the Provincial Government, Are excited about the dawning of this new era and look forward to moving forward together in building Metis self-government in Saskatchewan.

Gerald Morin, President Metis Society of Saskatchewan

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BACK TO BATOCHE '93 Tansi!

On behalf of the members of the Metis Society of Saskatchewan, the Executive and the Provincial Metis Council, it gives me great pleasure to extend a warm welcome to everyone attending *Back to Batoche '93*. This event is a celebration of our culture and provides great incentive for our people to visit the homeland for renewal of spirit and friendship.

Our thanks to the organizing committee for a job well done.

Best wishes to all for success in the competitions and good fun in all your activities.

We look forward to meeting and talking with many of you and wish you all a safe return home.

Gerald Morin, President The Metis Society of Saskatchewan The Metis Nation of Alberta wishes everyone a SAFE "Back to Batache Days in 1993".

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# METIS HEALTH TRANSITION TEAM COMES UP WITH / PLANS ALTERNATE

In spite of huge cuts to the Saskatchewan Health system announced this spring Metis people will still have a say in health care reforms which effect them.

Metis Health Care Transition Team chairman Ray Laliberte said the funding crunch for Saskatchewan health care programs did effect his team effots.

The team had asked for core funding of \$1.5 million for his team but the government nixed the plan. The same funding crunch has spelled the end for 52 Saskatchewan health care facilities.

"We had to lower our expectations somewhat so we came up with a fee for service arrangement. This kept our foot in the door and one day we'll walk right into health care," Laliberte said in a June 29 interview.

For now, the fee for service arrangement is being applied to a pilot project in the Prince Albert health care district. Under the pilot project, Laliberte said there are a number of Metis specific needs including language interpretation, long term care for Metis seniors and mobile health clinics reaching communities in the North.

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#### By Jeff Campbell

If the services offered prove effective, Laliberte said, the Transition Team will look at offering the same services for hospitals and acute care facilities throughout Saskatchewan pending approval by the Saskatchewan health department.

Instead of offering the Metis health team core funding, the Saskatchewan government instead will be paying the team on a fee for service basis.

While not as lucrative as the core funding arrangement, Laliberte said the transition team will keep Saskatchewan Metis full partners in the transition process underway in health.

Laliberte said Metis people won't end up owning their own hosptials or having Metis people attended to by only Metis doctors, but they will still have considerable input into the structure of Saskatchewan's health care system for the 21st century.

"Initially we were outside the system looking in, but now we support the wellness model Saskatchewan Health has come up with, but we want to identify areas which might be neglected by the health systems and to be part of health care solutions,".

Some special areas of concern for Metis and the health care transition team include addictions treatment and general health concerns like tubercolosis immunization.

"We want to identify where gaps were in the health care plan and put a safety net under those gaps," Laliberte explained.

He added the best part about the new arrangement with the provincial health department is that the Metis Health Care Transition Team can further the goal of Metis self-government.

The Metis Health Care Transition Team, a nine member group began its work in January developing a new strategy for Saskatchewan Health to deal with problems Metis people have with the present health care system. The transition team works to promote district health boards, identifying health problems, and developing a Metis health strategy responsive to Metis needs.

"There is a real spirit of cooperation in the implementation, a real partnership," Laliberte said.



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## BATOCHE EVENT SCHEDULE

Before you plan your summer vacation this year, don't forget to check the Back to Batoche '93 calendar of events first.

Back To Batoche is scheduled for July 23-25 this year. The weekend's fun gets underway at 5:30 on Friday, July 23 with a children's weiner roast.

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

Slow pitch teams begin day two bright and early on July 24 with action on the diamonds underway at 9 a.m.

Softballs won't be the only flying objects on the grounds, the horeshoes

will be pitched beginning the tournament at 10 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



The Bilateral Process Agreement signed on June 24, 1993 in Saskatoon is truly an event of historic significance and a continuation of my government's commitment to Metis people. For the first time, a formal process has been established for Metis people and the Government of Saskatchewan to jointly seek constructive solutions to Metis concerns at the local, regional and provincial levels.

This Bilateral Agreement complements the Tripartite Process Framework Agreement signed earlier this year involving the Metis Society of Saskatchewan, the Provincial government and Canada.

A partnership has been forged through both agreements to address the needs and aspirations of Metis people in Saskatchewan.



Saskatchewan Indian and Metis Affairs Secretariat

Robert W. Mitchell

Minister Responsible for Indian and Metis Affairs

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"I cried lots of times because I really elt sorry for a lot of our people. Maybe I ot my way by crying, I don't know but whatever worked, we got housing in Meadow Lake."

Boyer, who calls herself "kind of etired" still serves on the board of the detis Women of Saskatchewan. She says he lot of Metis women could still stand a of of improvements.

"I'd like to see Metis Women going trong, we could do a lot because we still teed some political power and we need a good person who can help them do that."

There are still many projects to be tackled by a new generation of Metis leaders, says Boyer.

"Welfare is still a problem, but not as bad as it was and we hardly have any bad houses in Meadow Lake anymore."

Boyer's work drew much praise from her old friends and colleagues.

"She still has pretty broad shoulders and she never turns anybody away. She's like the Rock of Gibraltar, we still lean on her," said Theresa Tourand, a member of the Metis Women of Saskatchewan and old friend of Boyer.

Congratulations

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### WORLD WIDE SUPPORT SOUGHT FOR UN DECLARATION

The draft UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples is scheduled to be completed this year and submitted to the chain of UN human rights bodies for approval over the next year and a half. The Declaration will be an historic statement of internationally recognized human rights of Indian nations and tribes and other Indigenous peoples. It is based upon years of study and the recognition that thousands of Indigenous cultures and communities are in danger of being destroyed forever

unless steps are taken to protect their basic rights. If adopted by the member nations of the UN, the Declaration will become an important instrument for protecting the cultures, communities, religions and other basic rights and resources of Indian and Native tribes and nations throughout the world.

#### What is the Declaration?

The Declaration is a statement, intended for adoption by the General Assembly of the United Nations, that sets out the basic human rights of Indigenous peoples. The draft Declaration is being prepared by the UN Working Group on Indigenous Populations with the participation of American Indians and hundreds of other Indigenous people from all over

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the world, including representatives of the Sami people of Scandinavia, of the Maori of New Zealand and the Aboriginal peoples of Australia, to mention just a few.

The draft Declaration sets out the minimum standards or basic rights that must be respected for all Indigenous peoples in all countries. It now has 39 operative paragraphs stating a wide range of rights, including rights that apply to Indigenous individuals.

Some of the most important rights in the draft Declaration are group rights. One of the most important of these rights is the collective right to exist as "distinct peoples". Another is the right to have tribal or Indigenous institutions of government: Indigenous peoples have the right to decide upon the structures of their autonomous institutions, to select the membership of such institutions according to their own procedures, and to determine the membership of the Indigenous peoples for these purposes.

Another of these group rights is the right to self-determination. The Declaration states in part, "Indigenous peoples have the right of self-determination, in accordance with international law by virtue of which they may freely determine their political status and institutions and freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development."

There are also strong provisions for Indigenous peoples' right to own, control and use land and for recovering land that has been wrongfully taken away. There are many provisions covering protection of the environment, protection of cultural property, protection of protection of cultural and religious rights, the right to adequate financial and technical assistance to pursue development, treaty rights and border crossing rights.

Other provisions protect the rights of individuals to be free from discrimination, to participate in the political, social and cultural life of the country and other basic human rights. Indigenous individuals would enjoy all the human rights enjoyed

by others. Adoption of the draft Declaration would be an extremely important first step toward assuring all countries respect these rights.

## What is the status of the Declaration?

The UN Working Group on Indigenous Populations plans to complete work on the Declaration at its meeting July 19 to 30 and to submit the draft to the UN Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. Major changes in the present draft by the Working Group are not expected, but there will be further refinement and perhaps simplification of the draft.

The Sub-Commission will consider the draft during the month of August and

decide whether to recommend the draft to the UN Human Rights Commission would consider its draft at its annual session in February and March of 1994. If the Commission approves the draft, it will be forwarded to the Economic and Social Council and, if approved, it will then be considered by the General Assembly. It is hoped that each step of the approval process will be taken by consensus. After all, the value of the Declaration will depend on the fact that it is accepted and approved by all or virtually all countries.

# Does the Declaration have the support of Indigenous peoples?

Yes. The draft Declaration has the overwhelming support of indigenous peoples Continued on page 20

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# JUDGE UPHOLDS RECOMMENDATIONS BUT APPEAL PENDING

By Jeff Campbell

The recommendations brought forward by the first urban sentencing circle in Canada have been upheld by a Court of Queen's Bench judge but the Crown is appealing the case.

Judge J. D. Milliken sentenced Ivan Morin, the subject of the circle, to 18 months in a correctional institute followed by a years' probation during which time he must seek treatment for alcoholism and drug abuse, serve 100 hours community service time, and 40 hours with the owner of the gas station he robbed. Morin must also refrain from using alcohol or drugs and live in an approved residence during his probation time.

Crown Prosecutor Mary Matchett had asked for a sentence of between seven and nine years for Morin after he was convicted of robbing a Saskatoon gas bar and assaulting a clerk on May 11, 1992. His accomplice was sentenced to three years for his part in the robbery.

In passing sentence on 34-year-old Morin, Milliken said the involvement of the community was crucial not only in the sentencing circle but also in Morin's attempt to change his ways.

"I'm satisfied he wants to change his lifestyle but he can't do it on his own. The commitment we have seen from the Metis Society locals shows they will help. The gamble with an alternate sentence is that Morin may not change his lifestyle but



Ivan Morin's sentencing circle results are being appealed

Morin has said he will," Milliken told the court on June 15.

Milliken said he was grateful for the help of all members of the sentencing circle.

"I would like to thank all the people who took part in the circle for attending and for giving their rapt attention they did. It was a long day but the results were worth the time spent," Milliken concluded.

Metis members of the sentencing circle who were on hand to hear the judgement were pleased Judge Milliken respected their input and the circle's recommendations.

"We can't complain because he (Milliken) was supportive of what we did. We pretty well knew what was coming down," said Metis senator Nora Ritchie.

Circle member Faye Ademahr agreed.
"The judge obviously has a great

amount of respect for our community," she said.

MSS Local #126 President Robert Doucette was another circle member. He said the Metis and non-Metis community now must offer its support to Morin during his healing process.

"When communities come together it is far more productive when we share the hopes and concerns of the Metis and non-Metis community," he said. Defence lawyer Kearney Healy said Milliken's decision could prove a landmark for all Canadians.

"I'm pleased with the judgment. A good thing has happened to criminal justice for all Canada," said Healy just after the decision was announced.

Healy said Morin's case was proof that the sentencing circle concept would work in both urban centres as well as Norther communities where the circles had been tried before. Healy noted that the sentencing circle need not be confined to Aboriginal people but it could be tough on the accused.

"It is an embarrassing process because their entire life goes on display," said Healy.

Crown Prosecutor Mary Matchett said the decision was not a surprise. She added the Crown will review the case and determine future options. She would not rule out an appeal of the judgment in the case.

The appeal to the judgment and the circle itself has been filed as of press time and a judgement is pending.

#### CORRECTION

The May 1993 issue of New Breed incorrectly identified Ivan Morin's lawyer as Carney Hewes. Morin's lawyer is in fact named Kearney Healy. New Breed apologizes to Mr. Healy for any inconvenience caused.

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# FIRST NATIONS GALLERY OPENS TO PUBLIC

Aboriginal Canadians have a spot to call their own within the Royal Saskatchewan Museum in Regina.

The First Nations Gallery was opened to museum visitors June 26 featuring sculptures and painting by five Native artists and seven other Saskatchewan artists.

The gallery's 30 exhibits stress the great amount of time when Natives were Saskatchewan's human habitants and the ability to adapt to varying conditions Indian people displayed in learning to live with their environment. On display are items ranging from full size mannequins in Indian costume to replicas of sacred items like a prayer pipe and eagle feather.

Municipal Government Minister Carol Carson helped officially open the gallery. She said the gallery provides a rich experience of the spirituality, culture and history of First Nations people.

The gallery was six and-a-half years in the making and cost \$1.9 million to set up.

A scene from the First Nations Gallery





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Besides the golf action, there will be plenty of entertainment with a calcutta and karaoke and prizes including a dozen golf balls to each flight winner, a \$5000 mutual fund and a trip for two to Phoenix, Arizona plus trophies.

The money raised will go towards the Metis Scholarship Fund.

To enter the tournament, mail your cheque or money order to Paul Laliberte, P.O. Box 1470, La Ronge, Sask. SOJ 1L0.

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# MARLENE LALIBERTE HEADS FOR HOME

For many callers and visitors to the Saskatoon headquarters of the MSS, Marlene Laliberte is the Metis Society of Saskatchewan. Her voice answered the incoming calls and she greeted many people who dropped in to the office on business. The amiable receptionist who has long been a fixture at MSS functions and in daily business called it quits June 11 in order to move to Prince Albert.

"I'm really going to miss this place, especially all the people I worked with. It was really fun to work here," Laliberte said in an interview on her final morning on the job.

Marlene is leaving the MSS to work as a clerk-steno for the Prince Albert office of the Gabriel Dumont Institute. The change

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Marlene Laliberté has left for Prince Albert and home

in jobs follows the death of her father earlier this year. She decided to move back to her old home city to be closer to her family.

Marlene Laliberte was born in Meadow Lake and moved to Prince Albert as a child. She took her schooling there, from grade school to secretarial training and managed to work in time to volunteer at the Prince Albert Friendship Centre. She married her husband Robert and raised her sons Robert, now 16 and Michael, aged 14 before adopting Richard, who is now three years old.

Marlene and Robert moved to Saskatoon in 1980 after he got a job here and Marlene took computer training before joining the MSS in 1989.

In those days, there were only the provincial executive and a handful of support staff working out of very crowded offices around Saskatoon.

"When I started we had only a small office which had both the MSS and Provincial Metis Housing. It was crowded but it was fun and it was nice to work with those people. I always worked with some great people," Laliberte remembered.

Marlene said she has seen many

changes and highlights in her career with the MSS including election time, and the beginning of important new initiatives like the Tripartite Management process and Metis Pathways to Success.

Several office moves and many changed faces later, Marlene has been working with a staff of the MSS executive, a host of researchers, MSS area directors, affiliate executive directors, plus dozens of visitors from the families of staff to officials from the federal and provincial governments.

To keep things orderly in the midst of potential chaos, Laliberte credits her sense of humour and good support from her fellow staffers as keys to keeping the office up and running.

While her days at the MSS office are over, Marlene said she still will be working with many of the same people in her new job and looks forward to staying in touch.

"I'll miss everyone so hopefully, they will come and visit when they are in Prince Albert. I hope to come back for a visit myself. Who knows, I might be begging to come back myself in a couple of months," she said with her familiar laugh.

# SECOND ANNUAL GATHERING OF ELDERS

ome of Saskatchewan's most precious non-renewable resources, our elders, will be gathering in Wadin Bay beginning August 10 for the second annual Gathering of the Elders Project.

The project, organized by Saskatchewan Education, Training and Employment, will offer a series of workshops and discussions of traditional arts, crafts and basic life skills, August 10 to 13.

The skills demonstrated include making other important tools like fishnets, gathering and making traditional medicines, bannock and filleting and smoking fish

An educational video of last year's gathering is currently in production and

features elders demonstrating almost forgotten skills in story-telling, song, dance, to ultra-pragmatic skills like how to skin and clean and moose hide or how to build a paddle from scratch.

The video will eventually become a part of cirriculum for Saskatchewan schools. The elders themselves will have a say in what direction taken in the cirriculum developed as a result of the gathering.

The video of the first gathering also has reminders of how the knowledge of the elders is dying and non-renewable, there are a number of irreplaceable moments like the late Senator Gilbert Bird of Montreal Lake speaking on tape.

Project co-ordinator Monica Goulet said the agenda, like last year's workshop, will have little formal structure. Instead, said Goulet, the elders will be left to work on whatever interests them. She said the location of the gathering, a northern campground, enables the elders to be more relaxed and feel at home. This translates to the elders opening up more and sharing what they know with observers, said Goulet.

For more information on the Gathering of the Elders Project call 1-800-667-4380.



On behalf of the Provincial government, it was indeed a great honour to sign the Bilateral Process Agreement with President Gerald Morin of the Metis Society of Saskatchewan on June 24, 1993.

This Agreement represents the first time in Saskatchewan's history that Metis people have entered into a formal arrangement with the Provincial government to address isssues of mutual concern and to jointly determine priorities for action.

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and organizations, because it has been drafted from the beginning with the direct participation of hundreds of Indigenous representatives at the annual sessions of the UN Working Group on Indigenous Populations. The present draft is the product of more than 10 years of drafting, debate and revisions. While not every demand and aspiration of Indigenous peoples is met by the Declaration, it is nevertheless a very practical and reasonable statement of the minimum rights that must be respected.

What can be done to win adoption of the Declaration?

Individuals and organizations can do

many things to build support for the Declaration. These include writing to appropriate government officials, circulating information, educating others about the Declaration and contacting other organizations and asking for their active support. Human rights organizations can participate in the UN processes for considering the Declaration and can contact the governments of member nations of the UN to urge their support for the Declaration.

For more information on the Declaration and how to support adoption, write Center for Human Rights, United Nations, Room S-2914, New York, New York, 10017.

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For a detailed schedule, to pre-register, to receive a copy of the Procedures for Public Hearings, or for more information, contact:

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thletics will be the main focus at the games with events as diverse as archery and wrestling, baseball and boxing, rodeo and golf along with a host of other sports.

The games also will see a lot of special entertainment. Canadian recording artists Kashtin will perform July 23. A pow-wow and round dance is also planed with venue and time to be announced. In con junction with the games, there will be a symbolic run from Edmonton to Prince Albert, Miss North American Indigenous Games will be crowned on July 17. A talent show is planed for July 20 with a fashion show that same day.

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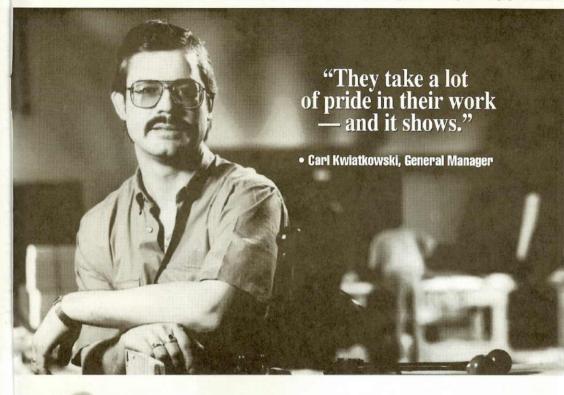
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