

### **NWT** boards lose oversight on toxic wastewater

An under-the-table regulatory change has seen water board licensing for toxic fluid byproducts from drilling moved under federal control. See page 7.



Two dead in helicopter crash north of McMurray

Two people are dead and one injured after their helicopter, being used for a government wildlife survey, crashed last Wednesday. See page 8.



### Gardening reaching new heights in the Dehcho

Green thumbs are expanding their reach in the Dehcho, forming new gardens in Jean Marie River and Fort Liard for the first time. See page 22.



Yellowknife's feature literary festival extended into Fort Smith this year with a visit by author Sylvia Olsen. See page 31.





Nick Giant and Mitch Mercredi of the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation help ring in the launch of the First Nation's new corporate brand. The band's company, now called Acden, announced its new look with a road show celebration last week, symbolizing its increased size and worth. See page 24.

# Panel rules MLA did not discriminate against transgendered woman

By MEAGAN WOHLBERG

The NWT Human Rights Adjudication Panel has ruled Thebacha MLA Michael Miltenberger did not discriminate against a transgendered Fort Smith woman when he told her to leave a hallway at Aurora College during a visit by the Governor General in December 2011.

"Having heard the testimony of several witnesses, I conclude that the respondent was denied access to school facilities that are customarily available to the public; however the reason for the denial was not, in whole or in part, related to Ms. Landrie's gender identity," adjudicator James Posynick formal complaint to the NWT

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James Posynick NWT Human Rights Adjudication Panel

**Human Rights Commission** following an incident during a visit by Governor General David Johnston wherein Miltenberger approached Landrie to tell her she had "spooked"

She argued before the panel at the end of January that Miltenberger had discriminated against her based on her gender identity, telling her to leave the premises, and that

changing his route to avoid her "at all costs."

Miltenberger and the GNWT responded that Landrie was not denied any goods, services accommodation or facilities, but if she was, it was based on safety issues arising at the time, and not her gender identity, which they conceded may be subject to derogatory perceptions in Canada. He denied telling her to leave the college, but instead asked her to leave the hallway after she and her friend were identified as a potential security risk based on where they were standing.

Posynick said there were 'some significant disparities" between the testimony of Landrie and Miltenberger

and that of Landrie's friend, who was present at the incident, which raised "questions of credibility and reliability

The adjudicator said Landrie's friend, who was an observer during the conversation with Miltenberger, "had no emotional investment in what she heard" and therefore "reflects most accurately what happened."

Though Landrie testified that Miltenberger told her to "leave the premises" and that the Governor General had changed his route to avoid her, Landrie's friend did not include those statements in her testimony of the conversation that she recalled as being very short.

See Adjudicator on page 3.

# NEWS BRIEFS

# Psychiatrist numbers double at Stanton Territorial Hospital

Mental health services in the NWT got a boost with the addition of a second psychiatrist at Stanton Territorial Hospital in Yellowknife. The added position came about following a woman's death in Yellowknife last March, the result of a standoff with the RCMP where she threatened suicide, brandished a rifle and was shot and killed. The woman had a history of mental instability. The coroner's jury into the death made six recommendations directed at the hospital's need to enhance its mental health services offering. Stanton's 10-bed psychiatric unit is routinely at capacity.

# Bisaro to lead key NWT legislature committee, replacing Menicoche

Yellowknife MLA Wendy Bisaro (Frame Lake) has been selected chairperson of the important NWT legislative assembly committee on Priorities and Planning following the resignation of Nahendeh MLA Kevin Menicoche in April. Bisaro will lead the 11-member standing committee with its mandate to examine fiscal and business planning initiatives as well as the oversight of all matters pertaining to the proposed Northwest Territories Lands and Resources Devolution Agreement.

# Hunting suspended for 2013/14 season on Hay-Zama bison herd

Severe conditions throughout the Hay-Zama bison range west of High Level last winter resulted in the starvation deaths of as many as 100 bison. The herd population is now estimated at around 400. A survey in March showed that a number of bison appeared to have died from starvation and many others were showing signs of stress (emaciation and weakness). Hunting the herd has been suspended this season as a result.

# Mikisew not consulted on proposed road south, chief says

Being 'on board' would require approval of membership first, says Courtoreille

By MEAGAN WOHLBERG

Chief Steve Courtoreille of the Mikisew Cree First Nation (MCFN) in Fort Chipewyan says the First Nation has not been consulted on the rekindled efforts to build a road south through Wood Buffalo National Park, despite mentions to the contrary.

The chief told *The Journal* last week that he had not been in contact with former Fort Smith mayor Peter Martselos - the project's key proponent - or anyone else involved with the defunct Thebacha Road Society during the recent resurgence to get the community talking again about a second road through Alberta from Peace Point to Garden River.

"I haven't spoken to him once regarding anything, especially regarding the road," Courtoreille said of Martselos. "We haven't been consulted."

Fort Smith Mayor Brad Brake indicated at a recent corporate services committee meeting, during which council debated the notion of supporting Martselos' move to get talks restarted on the road, that MCFN along with the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation were interested in supporting the project this time around.

"There's been some new information in regards to the Mikisew Cree and Athabasca First Nation that they're interested in seeing that happen as well, so it seems like things are going to move forward on it," Brake told council on May 7.

"I was told by former chief of SRFN (Salt River First Nation) David Poitras that there was interest expressed to him by several residents of Fort Chipewyan in having a road through that area," Brake told *The Journal* in an email. "It was expressed that there seemed to be interest and support building for it."

*The Journal* was unable to reach Poitras for comment.

Courtoreille said it is going to take a major roundtable discussion with all the players involved before the file is reopened for Mikisew, starting with support from the First Nation's membership.

"Before anything happens, if we were even to think about

it, I would have to take it to my membership. It's going to affect some of my First Nation's traditional territory, so I'd have to consult with them, see what direction they want us to take from there, and then we'll take the proper steps. But at this point in time, as far as we're concerned, nothing's happening."

Last time the road project was pushed ahead with Parks Canada as the lead, MCFN won a precedent-setting court challenge based on the Crown's failed duty to consult on the development, which would cut across numerous historic trapping lines along with prime moose hunting grounds on the First Nation's traditional territory.

That lawsuit effectively shut down all movement on the 118-km winter road, until now. Early last month, Martselos came to Fort Smith town council looking for support to restart talks on the controversial road project. Council was split down the middle, but the mayor broke the tie in favour of Martselos' request for support.

Martselos' letter to council said the town's support would help garner \$50,000 in territorial government funding promised by the premier to go towards setting up meetings. That funding amount has since been contested by the Premier's Office.

"I think we went through a long, hard battle with the feds... and at this time, I shouldn't say we're not interested, but we haven't spoken to anybody in Fort Smith," Courtoreille said. "If anything is going to happen, there needs to be all the players around the table that have an interest and want to be part of this discussion. I can't talk to a small group hoping that other people come on board. We all have to come together in a roundtable discussion, then there's going to be a series of meetings before anything materializes from there."

As it stands, Courtoreille said there is no commitment on Mikisew's part.

"I can't commit to something that's going to impact my members' well being and way of life," he said.

**Industry Oilsands** 

# Jackpine mine decision faces second delay

By MEAGAN WOHLBERG

The final decision on Shell's proposed Jackpine open pit oil-sands mine expansion project will require more time, says the joint review panel tasked with assessing the project.

The federal-provincial regulatory panel is typically required to make a decision within 90 days of the hearing's end, but that deadline was extended last fall until the end of May.

Now, the panel is requesting a second extension, citing the complexity of the evidence provided during last October's hearings in Fort McMurray as the reason.

Panel chair J.D. Dilay told federal Environment Minister Peter Kent last week in a letter that the panel would not be ready by May 31, "notwithstanding the panel's serious effort and dedication to the task."

In a letter dated Dec. 19, 2012, Dilay originally told Kent that, "owing to the unusual size and complexity of the hearing record, it would be unlikely for the Joint Review

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J.D. Dilay Joint Review Panel

Panel to be able to provide its report within 90 days."

Six months later, he said, "the effort required to complete the report has proven to be even greater than anticipated."

Dilay said the panel would provide the report "very soon" and within the overall deadline of July 13, 2013, or 350 days from the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act's new deadlines coming into effect.

The \$12 billion expansion project would see an additional 100,000 barrels of bitumen produced per day from the facility for a total of 300,000, impacting over 12,000 hectares of land, including 21 km of the Muskeg River approximately

75 km north of Fort McMurray.

Hotly contested by Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation (ACFN), whose traditional territory would house the mine expansion, the proposal saw the first constitutional challenge based on section 35 Aboriginal rights brought before a provincial tribunal in Alberta.

Shell's own environmental studies indicated the project would put air pollution levels, especially those responsible for acid rain, above provincial standards, and would disrupt woodland caribou and bird habitat.

Representatives from Shell Canada did not respond to requests for comment.



# Adjudicator finds inconsistencies in testimonies

# Panel says incident was 'busy and emotionally charged time'

Continued from page 1.

"In my view, the Friend would have recalled more conversation about changing the Governor General's route to avoid Ms. Landrie and being told to leave the College had she heard it," Posynick wrote in his decision.

As well, though Landrie testified that Miltenberger followed her into a computer lab and told her to leave the premises following the conversation in the hallway, Posynick said that "does not seem probable," considering both Landrie and her friend had left the hallway - the site put into question by the Governor General's security detail.

"In my view, it is more probable that Mr. Miltenberger's first contact with the two females was hurried and abrupt so that they would get out of the hallway. The testimony of the Friend is that they got that message and were in the process of leaving when Ms. Landrie was reminded of an assignment to do in the Computer Lab. She was there for several minutes or so, enough



Gabrielle Landrie testifies before a human rights panel in Fort Smith in January.

time for Mr. Miltenberger to walk toward the Library and see the Governor General leaving and return to the Computer Lab," Posynick wrote.

"It is also probable that once Mr. Miltenberger learned of the Governor General's change in plans he would report it to Ms. Landrie and to others. It does not seem probable that he would follow Ms. Landrie into the Computer Lab and try to essentially chase her back out into the hallway."

Posynick said he did not wish to diminish Landrie's testimony in relation to her friend's, but allowed that "it was a busy and emotionally charged time."

Though he found most of what Landrie said of her first conversation with Miltenberger to be credible and reliable - wherein the two women were asked to leave the hallway - he doubted her claims that Miltenberger, in the presence of her friend, told her the Governor General was changing his route "at all costs" to avoid her, or that he said "You, you gotta leave because you ain't gonna see him."

"Ms. Landrie's Friend did not mention those words. Those were words she would have remembered if they were spoken," Posynick said.

In addition, the adjudicator found that Landrie and her friend "did not appear to have any intention of moving on when first spotted" in the hallway, thus indicating a reason for concern on the part of the security detail.

"I do not find the use of the word 'spooked' as interpreted by Ms. Landrie to be inappropriate, abusive or derogatory in the circumstances. The security concern expressed by the Constable to Mr. Miltenberger was reasonably interpreted by him as creating a concern, a fear that Ms. Landrie and her Friend did not intend to move to the Foyer as required," he said.

"Her personal feelings of being disrespected by the use of the word were real. But the use of the word does not, in the circumstances of the case, lead me to infer Mr. Miltenberger was disrespectful of her."

Posynick concluded that Miltenberger did not attempt to have Landrie removed from the college premises, though she was denied access to the hallway - a facility customarily available to the public.

"I do not have to find any intention on the part of the Respondents in order to find discrimination has occurred. Nor do I have to find that gender-identity was anything more than a factor in the decision made to deny facilities in this case. I find it was not a factor here. I am aware that discrimination can take the form of derogatory comments or subtle actions but I find neither here."

Landrie could not be reached for comment on the decision. Miltenberger declined requests for comment.

Health & Wellness Medevac

# Health minister takes heat on emergency medical flights

By JACK DANYLCHUK

A five-hour wait for an air ambulance and concerns over the new medevac base in Edmonton landed on Health Minister Tom Beaulieu's desk on the opening day of legislative session last week.

Beaulieu promised to investigate after MLA Kevin Menicoche related the experiences of Trout Lake residents following the collision of two boats on the Peel River May 22 that claimed the life of Emily Jumbo, 77.

Three people survived the crash. One was medevaced to Yellowknife for treatment at the Stanton Hospital, but had to wait five hours for the plane.

"People in Trout Lake were shocked by how long it took for help to arrive," Menicoche told the assembly.

"No one at the Fort Simpson Health Centre picked up the emergency phone; four times they were called. Finally, family called the RCMP to advise the health centre of the emergency in Trout Lake," Menicoche said.

"This kind of response time is unacceptable. It undermines our residents' faith in the medevac system and our health system. Everyone should have the comfort of a medevac system that is reliable and responsive."

The experience prompted Gilbert Lamalice to call in a plane from Fort Simpson to Trout Lake last week after his wife Valerie was seriously injured, rather than wait for a plane from Air Tindi, which has the contract with Stanton Hospital.

Days earlier, Lamalice had revived Jumbo with CPR and was with her when she died 90 minutes before the Air Tindi Twin Otter arrived in Trout Lake.

The reason for the delay, Beaulieu told the assembly, "was the plane that would be ready under normal circumstances to pick up a medevac was not suitable to go into Trout Lake. They had to reconfigure a different plane."

Beaulieu said the lack of response from the Fort Simpson

medical centre is being investigated. But the health minister defended the new medevac operations centre at Edmonton International Airport after MLA Darryl Dolynny asked how "adding over 35 minutes of patient transfer time, in any way, shape or form, (is) an improvement of quality patient care?"

Beaulieu said the move from Edmonton Municipal Airport was beyond his control and said that patient handling at the new medevac centre, located outside the city at Leduc, is "ambulatory service that all of Alberta is using. We figure it's a good service and we figure that's an improvement.

"We're handing them over to the Alberta Health Services at that point and we think that the patient is getting good care, excellent care, from the time that they arrive," Beaulieu said.

The service is arranged through an intergovernmental agreement with Alberta and costs the Northwest Territories \$600,000 a year, Beaulieu said.

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# Break out the booze to celebrate! - or not

In our society, high school graduation is the most important accomplishment in a young person's life. Graduation is our coming of age, celebrated with pomp, pageantry and often, crazy partying.

For youth, the event seems but a moment in their young lives, usually joyful and often stress-filled, certainly momentus. Parents, on the other hand, see it as an investment - a culmination of 12 years of their child's guided efforts and a major step into adult life. It also represents the end result of roughly 18 years of careful and sometimes tedious nurturing - and a measure of freedom.

In the North, an unusually large effort is put into making graduation special. The event is imbued with optimism and pride. At the same time there is often a nagging concern that the partying might get out of hand. All our fears about our children, the nightmarish things that worry away eternally in a parent's subconscious, subtly heighten the level of anxiety at this time. Not only is the celebration maximized, but so is the partying, and quite possibly the drunkeness.

In response, some schools and parents have joined forces to offer alternatives to excessive drinking. The Northern Journal called around to some principals to find out what different communities are doing.

"This is the big one," Coleen McDonald, principal of Ecole St. Patrick High in Yellowknife noted. She said their dry grad program has been "fantastically successful" for a number of years. "It keeps our grads safe." She says the community gets involved, there are generous donations and a well thought out grad night program is offered to the students.

Sir John Franklin, with, typiclly the largest graduating class in the NWT - 174 this year - also maintains a successful dry grad program. Inuvik's new East 3 School has for its first ever grad class a traditional celebration and is not involved in any partying after the supervised dance is over at 2:00 a.m. "That is up to the community," says principal Deborah Maguire.

Chief Jimmy Bruneau School, the Tlicho Regional School in Behchoko, should not have to worry about the potential downside of booze at grad parties, as possession of alcohol has been banned in the community since 2009. The fighting and numerous assaults that took place in the community after grad last weekend may require a community re-think of that situation.

Fort Smith tried a dry grad program again this year after several attempts, some quite successful, over a decade ago. Many other PW Kaeser High classes have had "supervised wet parties" where the location of the afterparty is known, even selected and prepared with parental involvement. Parents stayed on-site throughout the night to ensure those youth who become intoxicated do not harm themselves or others. They also guarded against outsiders, especially older party-goers, taking advantage of the youth in their "vulnerable" state. The rationale for this unorthodox approach is that youth will overuse alcohol anyway, so why not accept that and ensure it takes place under at controlled circumstances?

Dry grads, as an alternative, take a lot of work, and need a concerted effort

by caring parents. In fact, all three - the youth, parents and school, have to be engaged to pull it off. But if those graduating youth do not buy in, it isn't going to work. There is nothing preventing them from participating, then having another party later the same night, or even days later, on their own, with large quantities of alcohol. Understanding that, some schools work hard to educate their older students about the importance of celebrating in a wise manner. St. Pat's for example, has graduates sign a contract that lays out a behaviorial code, and considerable effort in the weeks prior to the event is put into ensuring the grads buy into it.

The challenge of fostering a celebration without alcohol, and having it succeed, is huge. Most kids have watched their parents party with alcohol all their lives. Bars are where you go to have fun. Partying with alcohol is fundamentally ingrained in our culture. Booze is where it's at. Perhaps that, too, is something that is broken and needs fixing.

Binge drinking is common among teens (again/still?). Grad is a celebration where they are expected to party hardest. "Getting out of control" is the goal they are supposed to strive for.

Like with anything, the more well-invested time and energy, the bigger the payback. If you think it is worth it to have youth realize they do not have to be intoxicated to celebrate and/or have fun, in particular at grad afterparties, there are almost certainly like-minded people in your community willing to work with you to find or create an alternative. If you have kids, get involved. It is a worthy cause.



Last week was a big week for literacy promotion at Deninu School in Fort Resolution. A smiley group from DeBeers Canada, joined by NWT Commissioner George Tuccaro, visited the school to hand out a book to every student as part of their annual literacy initiative. Deninu students were also visited by author John Wilson last week, who spoke to Grades 4-9 on the "Power of Writing."

### 15 Years Ago...

The early bird catches the fish

They say the early bird gets the worm, but does he get the fish? Fort Chip fishermen plying the waters of Lake Athabasca will be testing that old theory this year. With 1998 giving the Wood Buffalo region a mild winter and a warm spring, ice on the lake was gone earlier than ever. That meant fishermen in this Northern Alberta town got to start fishing for walleye and goldeye earlier than ever - May 18, in fact.

Issue: June 2, 1998

### ARCHIVES

### 20 Years Ago...

Education Minister wants to gear North toward university programs

The Science Institute of the NWT is being amalgamated with Arctic College as a part of a government initiative to modernize college programming. "Technology is slowly going by us in the North. We can't isolate Arctic College from schools any longer," stated Minister of Education Richard Nerysoo. He said the main purpose of the integration is to provide the opportunity to introduce academic opportunity.

Issue: June 8, 1993

### 30 Years Ago...

Devolution a major concern

A conference on Northern resources ended in Yellowknife, with a number of workshops advocating increased power for territorial governments. The workshops were a part of the Canadian Arctic Resources Committee's third national workshop on Northern issues. The conference theme was resolving differences between various interested parties in Northern development and land use.

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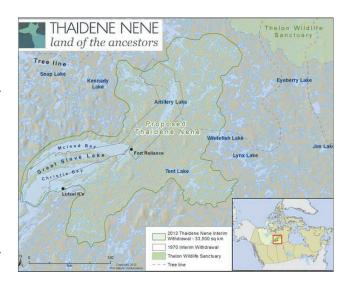
# Support Thaidene Nene Park

The Great Slave Lake region of Canada is a long way north, a massive, sprawling mysterious place that many Canadians will never travel to.

But to the Dene people of the Northwest Territories, it is a home in which no one owns their land; their land owns them. It is their source for food, shelter and offers both a symbolic and literal alternative vision to what most of us conjure up as a modern way of life.

Now there is a movement to preserve a massive parcel of land on the East Arm of Great Slave Lake as our country's newest - and potentially unique - national park. Negotiations between Parks Canada and the Łutsel K'e Dene First Nation aim to establish a sprawling area of more than 33,000 square kilometres as the Thaidene Nene National Park. The words (pronounced thighdenay nenay) translate from the Chipewyan language as "land of our ancestors."

Although the park's creation is alluringly imminent, it has been as long a journey to get here as the Dene people themselves travel to find the vital caribou that sustain them. There was talk of designating the area a national park in the 1960s, but consideration was withdrawn in 1970. The idea didn't find life again until more than 30 years later, when a new generation of Dene became convinced that something had to be done to protect their ancestral home



from encroaching mining and hydro-electric development.

Designation as a national park would save the land from almost certain environmental exploitation. It would prevent the expansion of uranium and diamond mines located just north of the park's boundary.

So, the First Nations people reopened negotiations, this time with the Conservative government. By 2006, in the tiny community of Lutsel K'e, then-federal minister of Environment Rona Ambrose and former Chief Adeline Jonasson agreed to assess the feasibility of such a park. Importantly, the pact also set the stage for discussions on how the Dene will participate in the park's operations and management.

As talks progressed, the area went under an interim land withdrawal, which prohibits new mining claims and the issuance of new oil and gas rights. Existing industrial and commercial activities will be allowed to continue, as will the construction of any facility associated with a dam in the region known as the Taltson Dam.

I have yet to experience it first-hand, but after listening to the impassioned voices of people from the region – who are on a cross-Canada tour sponsored by the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society – I feel a tremendous sense of urgency to get there.

They spoke of an unspoiled scenic wilderness that reaches from the boreal forest on the southern arm into tundra in its upper reaches, accented by red granite cliffs, peninsulas, canyons and waterfalls. Great Slave Lake is the deepest freshwater lake in North America, and the

area also features the Lockhart River canyons and Tyrrell Falls. Wildlife includes barren ground caribou and muskoxen, black bears, moose, lynx, wolf, red fox, wolverine and marten. Many species of migratory birds also nest in the area.

Although this is a part of the country many of us will never see, there are compelling moral and social reasons to preserve its unique qualities before they are lost to development. Seeing the traditional hunting grounds of First Nations people in northern Alberta disrupted by oilsands development is a stark reminder that rehabilitation is never as good as preservation. The land can never really be put back to what it once was.

At the risk of coming across as a sentimentalist, I would also argue the Łutsel K'e Dene are onto something, too, with that whole concept of land ownership. As stewards, we European descendants have often done a pretty crappy job. Some of the hideous spectacles we have created in the name of progress belie our claimed status as an advanced society.

It looks as though this newest national park is going to happen. For that, all Canadians owe a debt of gratitude to the First Nations people of the North for their long and determined struggle to make it so.

Doug Firby Editor-in-Chief and National Affairs columnist for www.troymedia.com

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### **Northern Journal 2013**

Winter won't be the same for ice enthusiasts in Fort Smith this year with no useable arena in the community.



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# World No Tobacco Day

Every year in Alberta, 3,000 people die due to tobacco use and many more suffer from tobacco-related illness.

Every year, World No Tobacco Day (May 31), a World Health Organization initiative, highlights the health risks associated with tobacco use. This year, Alberta highlighted use of flavoured tobacco products.

According to the Canadian Cancer Society, the flavour additives mask smoking's unpleasant attributes by making the smoke feel milder and smell better. These flavour additives, such as licorice and cocoa, have been shown to produce cancer-causing substances when burned. These carcinogens are additional to those already produced by tobacco.

Sixty-four per cent of Alberta adolescent tobacco users

are using flavoured tobacco products, which include both smoke products like cigarillos and water pipes, and smokeless tobacco like spit tobacco. The most popular include:

- Flavoured little cigars or cigarillos – 36 per cent
- Flavoured cigars–30 per centMenthol cigarettes–26 per

cent

- Flavoured waterpipe tobacco-17 per cent
- Flavoured smokeless tobacco-14 per cent

The use of flavoured tobacco products is a public health concern due to their potential to contribute to increased tobacco use rates, especially among adolescents.

Flavoured tobacco products typically come in flavours that appeal to children, including fruit, candy and ice cream varieties. Furthermore, these harmful products are packaged to resemble candy, lipstick or crayons. Cigarillos are very affordable for minors; most are available as singles for less than \$2 at convenience stores (Canadian Cancer Society).

The benefits to stopping tobacco use are immediate:

- Within 20 minutes, your blood pressure drops to normal.
- Within 24 hours, your chance of heart attack decreases.
- Within two to three weeks of quitting, your circulation improves and lung function can improve up to 30 per cent.
- After five years of quitting, your chance for stroke decreases to that of a non-smoker.

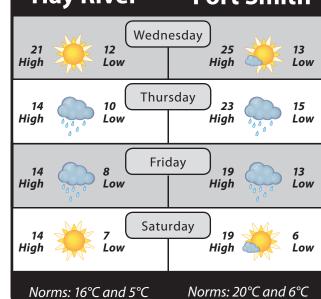
We know that the majority do try to quit more than once before being successful.

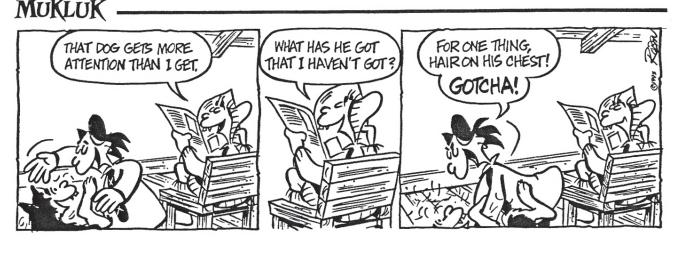
We also know that quitting is more difficult when it's attempted alone. Alberta Health Services offers various programs and services to help Albertans quit tobacco use:

- AlbertaQuits Helpline: 1-866-710-7848 (QUIT)
- Sign up online at AlbertaQuits.ca, the new AHS website which offers online cessation support, resources and education for prevention and reduction of tobacco use.
- QuitCore is a free group support program that provides individuals with the tools, strategies and skills they need to quit smoking, while connecting them with others who are also trying to quit.

Garett Richardson Alberta Health Promotion Facilitator

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# Alternatives North report critiques GNWT on devolution consultations

By MEAGAN WOHLBERG

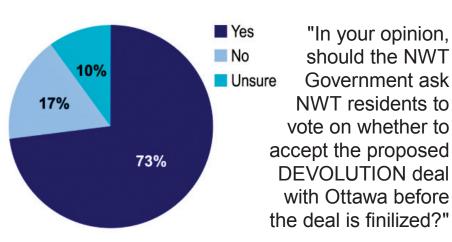
Results are in from an alternative string of consultations with NWT residents on the controversial devolution agreement, the majority of which do not cast a favourable light on the territorial government's own public engagement process.

Northern non-governmental organization (NGO) Alternatives North released its own "What We Heard" report last week titled *Democratic Devolution*, based on a series of public discussions held over the last two months, before Cabinet was able to table its own in the House.

The forums were held counter to the public engagement sessions organized by the territorial government looking to explain the devolution agreement to NWT residents, which the group felt did not seriously consider feedback from residents.

"Democratic Devolution is a question that we posed in the face of devolution negotiations being concluded by the territorial and federal governments. Promises of public consultation were equivocal, failed to meet timelines stated

### Residents To Vote Before Deal Finalized



Results from a March 2013 Alternatives North-commissioned poll on devolution consultation.

at the signing of the draft agreement, and were left to officials rather than carried out by elected leaders," stated Alternatives North member Gordon Hamre in a letter to Premier Bob McLeod last Friday, adding his disappointment that the Legislative Assembly chose not to hold a plebiscite on the agreement.

"The engagement and consultation process for the Devolution Agreement should not serve as a model for other aspects of implementation and evaluation, or other major

GNWT initiatives," reads one of the recommendations made in the report.

"The Berger Commission and the Bourque Commission (to name two NWT examples) were much better at truly engaging the public in key developments in NWT history. Alternatives North offers its own definition of consultation – a form of public engagement where the views of the party being consulted can influence the outcome – and challenges the GNWT to enunciate its

own definition if it is different from this," the message to McLeod reads.

The report recommends a "meaningful public consultation in the review of the Devolution Implementation Plan and remaining schedules and sections of the Devolution Agreement," including opportunities for people to submit written comments.

It also requests a public review of the agreement's implementation on the second anniversary of the effective date, including a public conference

and regional workshops, and advises consulting with residents and Aboriginal governments about the eventual transfer of authorities under the Mackenzie Valley Resources Management Act well before the planned five-year review.

Apart from concerns with consultation, the report highlights the need for ensuring the ecological integrity of land and water in the territory is protected, for a diversified economy built on self-reliance including renewable energy, and for relationships with Aboriginal governments to be improved.

The document also recommends a review of the current royalty rate, as well as the "fiscal sustainability" of providing an incentive for continued and increasing development of natural resources in order to increase the amount of money the territory will receive through royalties, currently capped at 5 per cent of the net fiscal benefit in the draft agreement.

The report also asks for a separate accounting of both the expenditures and benefits accrued in relation to the implementation of the devolution agreement for maximum transparency.

The premier responded over the weekend to the report, addressing Alternatives North via Weledeh MLA Bob Bromley on the issue of consultation.

"The GNWT has completed more than 44 public and stake-holder information sessions in all regions of the territory to provide residents with an opportunity to learn about the contents and benefits of the proposed Devolution Agreement and engage directly with knowledgeable GNWT staff," part of the response states.

"The results of this extensive public engagement have been recorded and...all MLAs will have the opportunity to vote on whether the GNWT will approve and sign the proposed agreement. This level of engagement has been unprecedented. In all previous program transfers very little public engagement occurred.

"The GNWT has made every effort to include MLAs directly in the public engagement process and we encourage residents to contact their MLA to ensure their elected representative is aware of their views. In this way, residents can affect the outcome of the process in a meaningful way," McLeod stated.



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**Politics Devolution** 

# Ottawa ignores GNWT, devolution plans, grants leases on prime land

By JACK DANYLCHUK

News that the federal government continued to issue leases for coveted lakefront property in the Yellowknife area, ignoring the territorial government and its plan to manage the area after devolution, emerged last week in the Legislative Assembly.

"We were unaware that they were going to be putting these leases out," Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA) Minister Robert C. McLeod told the legislature after Weledeh MLA Bob Bromley asked about 27 hunting and fishing leases Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) granted in recent months on Walsh and Banting Lakes.

News of the leases struck a sour note on the opening day of the legislative session, after Premier Bob McLeod made a passionate pitch for the devolution agreement We were unaware that they were going to be putting these leases out.

Minister Robert C. McLeod Municipal and Community Affairs

that MLAs are expected to approve this week.

The MACA minister thought he had achieved an agreement last December with John Duncan, thenminister of AANDC, to work together on managing the area until devolution turned responsibility for the land over to the Northwest Territories.

"That's why we were quite surprised at the number of leases that were letting out," said McLeod, who is awaiting an explanation from Bernard Valcourt, Duncan's successor.

McLeod said he agreed with Bromley that "with devolution coming, we would have assumed that they would have put any new leases on hold. We've expressed our disappointment and are eagerly waiting for the response to see if they will discontinue any lease applications."

Bromley said it isn't known if the recent leases were granted through a public process or made available to "a chosen few."

Under the management plan developed by MACA, leases would have been distributed by lottery. The plan was to be introduced during the legislative session, but that was shelved with the surprise news of the leases.

# NWT boards lose oversight on toxic wastewater disposal Decisions on drilling byproducts transferred to National Energy Board

By MEAGAN WOHLBERG

Land and water boards in the Northwest Territories have been stripped of their oversight capacities on toxic wastewater resulting as a byproduct of drilling wells for oil and gas.

While local boards were, until this year, responsible for licensing "downhole injections," whereby companies store toxic wastewater underground by pumping the fluid at high speed into subsurface rock formations in a process similar to hydraulic fracturing ("fracking"), that power was handed over to the National Energy Board (NEB) last November.

The decision was made without Parliamentary debate or legislative changes, but published in the *Canadian Gazette* with "greater efficiency in the regulation of oil and gas activities in the Northwest Territories" provided as the reasoning.

With the axing of the requirement for a Type A license from



Sahtu elders visit MGM's shale oil operations near Tulita.

the land and water board also comes the removal of another level of public consultation - a move that caused some concern.

"Parties expressed concerns that the removal of the requirement for a Type A water license, and with it the requirement for a public hearing," stated the summary in the *Gazette*.

Concerns around downhole injections come from limited 2011 data linking the process to the creation of low-magnitude earthquakes, along with a more recent study last week by New York State's department of Environmental Conservation that found wastewater from shale fracking to be radioactive, with levels of radium as high as 267 times beyond the limit for safe discharge into the environment and thousands of times the safe limit for drinking.

ConocoPhillips' wastewater disposal plan submitted to the Sahtu Land and Water Board does not propose downhole injection, but rather shipping the toxic fluid to Alberta by truck. The company could, however, change course without requiring an assessment from the board thanks to the regulatory change.

Currently, drilling companies dispose of wastewater in sumps or by truck.

The change falls under the Harper government's "Action Plan" for the North, aimed at streamlining the territory's regulatory system. The plan includes amendments to the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act, review boards, the establishment of a Surface Rights Board and other changes to mining and oil and gas regulations.

The change comes timed with the advent of fracking in the territory, a controversial practice that has yet to be approved in the NWT. A recent proposal by energy company ConocoPhillips to drill an exploratory horizontal well in the Sahtu region this winter was recently evaluated by the local land and water board, which decided to put off making any decision over whether or not the application needs to go to the environmental assessment process.

No fracking-specific regulations currently exist within

the NWT. At the moment, with a final devolution agreement transfer of authority over lands, water and resources from federal hands to the GNWT incomplete, the NEB is stuck with regulating fracking in the North - a procedure also outside its comfort zone, as provincial jurisdictions currently engaged in fracking have their own regulations.

A previous application to frack in the Sahtu by MGM Energy in coordination with Shell was withdrawn after it was referred to environmental assessment last year, with the company saying the process could take too long and cost too much for a project at the exploratory stage.

While many in the territory remain concerned about fracking and its potential impact on groundwater, others are pushing for a tighter review process that won't see environmental assessments for exploratory wells.

**Politics Energy** 

# LNG supply for Inuvik should be set by October

By MEAGAN WOHLBERG

Residents of Inuvik who faced a doubling of their fuel bills last winter could have the opportunity to piggyback on liquefied natural gas (LNG) being trucked into the community this fall to take on electricity requirements for the Northwest Territories Power Corp. (NTPC).

A contract has been settled with Ventures West Transport to transport LNG into Inuvik from a supplier in BC via the Dempster Highway in order to offset NTPC's expensive diesel-fuel power generators. That supplier currently remains unnamed, but will be revealed in the near future, according to NTPC.

While that LNG is not geared toward heating, the minister responsible for NTPC, Michael Miltenberger, said residents might be able to make the switch from their current heating fuel - synthetic natural gas - to LNG.

"We're working with the town to see if there's an opportunity to piggyback in terms of supply, should the community itself want to look at changing from synthetic natural gas to liquid natural gas," Miltenberger said in response to questions from Inuvik MLA Alfred

Moses last Wednesday in the House.

The NT Energy initiative aims to have LNG powering up to 70 per cent of the town's electricity needs by next summer, phasing out the diesel dependency forced onto the community following the premature failure of Inuvik Gas Ltd.'s Ikhil well.

As of Feb. 1, Inuvik switched over to synthetic natural gas to compensate for the quickly-waning supply from Ikhil. Costs per gigajoule (GJ) jumped from around \$19/GJ to over \$35.

Moses said the changeover has been a major financial burden to many in the community.

"In some cases their fuel bills doubled. As a result, it affected their daily lives; it affected their mental health; it affected their family lives, as well," Moses said in his member's statement to the Legislative Assembly on Wednesday.

Moses said he has seen a lot of houses going up for sale and people needing to set up financing plans to pay their fuel bills.

"That is ridiculous. Not in this day and age; not in the community of Inuvik," he said. "I have no doubt that after the experience of January, February and March, there are going to be people who don't want to live in Inuvik and are going to be wanting to move...We talk about devolution; we talk about decentralization. Nobody's going to be wanting to come to live in Inuvik working in those jobs with the high cost of living already and the high gas prices. They need to be addressed."

Miltenberger said LNG will likely roll into town by early fall and see NTPC online with LNG by October, "providing everything rolls out smoothly, and it looks like all the pieces and planning are proceeding at a pace to hit that date."

Though there are some concerns with supply stoppage during the periods in fall and spring when crossing the river becomes impossible, Miltenberger said some of that issue will be mitigated by an extended ferry season for Inuvik, due to improved equipment.

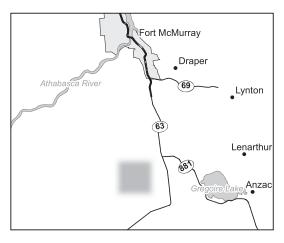
As well, besides having full redundancy on diesel if the LNG supply runs out, Miltenberger said NTPC plans to store some on the ground in the community.

"We're looking at storage of up to a month, if necessary," he said.

### Notification of AESO Regulatory Filing Addressing the Need for the New Willow Lake 2009S Substation in the Fort McMurray Area

The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) advises you of its intention to file a Needs Identification Document (NID) for the Willow Lake 2009S substation with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) on or after June 18, 2013.

ATCO Electric Ltd. (ATCO) has identified that a new substation is needed to connect a new industrial load in the Fort McMurray area. ATCO's request can be addressed by adding a new substation, to be called Willow Lake 2009S, one new single-circuit 144 kV transmission line and one new double-circuit 144 kV transmission line to connect the Willow Lake 2009S substation to the existing transmission system.



The shaded area indicates the approximate area where the proposed transmission development is needed. In a separate application called a Facility Application, ATCO, the transmission facilities owner (TFO) in the Fort McMurray area, will describe the specific routes and sites for the proposed transmission development, and request AUC approval to construct and operate these transmission facilities. The specific substation sites and transmission line routes applied for by ATCO may extend beyond the area shown.

The AESO and ATCO presented this need to stakeholders, including residents, occupants and landowners, from February to June 2013. The AESO has considered feedback gathered from stakeholders, and technical and cost considerations, and will apply to the AUC for approval of the need for this transmission development. Once filed, the NID will be posted on the AESO website at http://www.aeso.ca/transmission/28264.html

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# 24 hours of violence strikes Behchoko

By RENÉE FRANCOEUR

Behchoko was hit by a slew of assaults just over a week ago in time with the community's graduation celebrations.

Behchoko RCMP are investigating four separate assault cases, including assaults using weapons, that occurred between May 26 and May 27.

"It was one of those weekends where police were very busy. There were a number of serious assaults," Cpl. Barry Ledoux, media relations with the Yellowknife RCMP, said. "It was, yes, also graduation weekend."

The first incident occurred at 6:45 a.m. on May 26. RCMP took one adult man to the Behchoko Health Centre where he was treated for non-life threatening injures "caused by a blunt object." The alleged assault is still under investigation.

Also on May 26 at 7:20 a.m., a 15 year-old girl was physically assaulted, but did not suffer any injuries. A 23 year-old man was struck in the head with a blunt object and required medical attention from the same incident. His injury was determined to be non-life threatening. The investigation continues.

Around 2:30 p.m. on May 26, police received another call about an 18 year-old male being assaulted and requiring medical attention for non-life threatening injuries. A 30 year-old male resident of Behchoko was later arrested and charged with assault causing bodily harm in relation to the incident.

On May 27 at 7:30 a.m. there was yet another complaint filed of an assault. A 17 year-old girl was allegedly assaulted with a blunt object and treated at the Behchoko Health Centre for non-life threatening injuries. A 24 year-old woman and a 15 year-old young offender have been arrested and charged with assault with a weapon.

The RCMP is asking for public assistance with respect to these incidents. Contact Behchoko RCMP Detachment at 867-392-1111.

Police are also looking into a video that was posted on Face-book that shows a large group of adolescents egging on a fight.

"We do not know at this time if the video is related to any of the assaults we're looking into," Ledoux said. "We are still in the process of trying to retrieve the video."



The remains of a fatal helicopter crash are located in the bush north of Fort McMurray last Wednesday.

**Justice Aircraft Crash** 

# Helicopter crash kills two north of Fort McMurray

By RENÉE FRANCOEUR Two people are dead after a helicopter crashed north of Fort McMurray last Wednesday afternoon.

The male pilot and one woman, a biologist with the Alberta government's Environment and Sustainable Resource Development department, succumbed to injuries from the crash. Another male passenger, also a biologist, was transported to hospital for treatment and is reportedly in stable condition.

Wood Buffalo RCMP were called to the scene, about 128 km north of Fort McMurray, around 12:15 p.m. Police arrived via air

transport. The Canadian Armed Forces also dispatched two aircraft to the area for assistance.

The cause of the crash is still under investigation.

What remains of the aircraft was recovered Friday and shipped to Edmonton for a more detailed examination Monday.

"We'll get more information from the on-board navigational equipment on the helicopter. We have recovered some handheld GPSes which have what we call non-volatile memory, so we will be sending those to our lab in Ottawa and they will extract the data and we will hopefully get

a better idea of how the helicopter was maneuvering leading up to the accident and the timestamp on each of the data points," said Jon Lee, the western regional manager with the Transportation Safety Board of Canada.

The helicopter was owned by Aurora Helicopter Ltd., which runs Wood Buffalo Helicopters. It was conducting a wildlife survey for the Alberta government when it went down, Lee said.

The board estimates the time of the crash was around 11:00 a.m.

The ages and names of the decreased are not being released at this time.

Premier Alison Redford and Minister Diana McQueen issued a joint statement on the deaths.

"I offer my deepest sympathies to the families involved in this tragic event," Redford said. "The loss of a family member, coworker or friend is truly one of life's biggest challenges, and I hope that those close to the individuals find comfort in friends and loved ones during this difficult time."

McQueen wished the surviving passenger a full and speedy recovery.

"I ask all Albertans to extend their thoughts and prayers to all those affected by today's sad events," she said.

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June 17 Medical Clinic & Home Care will REOPEN at Madonna House.

June 17 – 20 Social Services Department is CLOSED.

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# High Peel River levels put Aklavik on alert

Threat follows major flooding in Fort McPherson last week

By DON JAQUE & RENÉE FRANCOEUR

High water from the Peel River, added to the volume of the Mackenzie River, has resulted in flooding and a state of emergency in Aklavik.

Most roads in the hamlet have sections under water and the community was on high alert, poised for evacuation over the weekend and into Monday. While the road to the airport remained clear., their water system was compromised, unable to handle all the muddy water.

Aklavik Mayor Arny Steinwand told *The Journal* that if the water rose any higher, an evacuation of the 600 residents would be necessary. Since they don't have anywhere to go that is high ground, it would require an evacuation by air.

He said since planes that serve the community are small, a lot of trips would be required, which would be expensive. Fortunately, he said, the high water levels seemed to have peaked.

"It is probably on the way down, but you never know. We just have to wait and see," he told *The Journal* Monday



Mable English's cabin gives way after the Peel River rose up to claim and carry it off last week following a large ice jam downstream.

afternoon.

An ice jam on the Peel River near Fort McPherson caused severe flooding for an eight-mile stretch south of that community early last week, sending three cabins adrift.

The water has receded, but levels are still "very high," Fort McPherson Gwich'in Chief William Koe said.

"The water is way, way above the water mark. There's a lot of water," Koe said. "One house was flooded."

One of the runaway cabins has been found, about five

miles south of the hamlet, and volunteers are working on retrieving it.

"At least we were able to save it. I don't know how they're going to get it out of there. They're having trouble taking it back upriver," Koe told *The Journal*. "The other two were smaller, one was like a little shed, and they just floated away." The ice is now "pretty well"

gone, he said, ending the threat of more jams.

The band is also keeping a

close eye on four trappers currently out on the land.

"They're stuck in their cabins. We have them radio

in every day to let us know things are okay. We can't go out there unless we bring a chopper in, but they told us they'll be okay and to stay put. They've been doing this all their lives, for 60 years or so, so I rely on that knowledge and experience they have," Koe said.



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# NWT economic strategy puts focus on residents

By MEAGAN WOHLBERG

With 90 recommendations fixating on every possible economic sector in the territory, from fishing and agriculture to arts, tourism and resource development, there's one thing that holds the majority of them together, says the panel responsible for developing the new Economic Opportunities Strategy: people.

'What was common across the North was we heard about a number of NWT residents who are not working," said former premier Joe Handley, chair of the advisory panel charged with getting feedback from every community

in the territory over the past four months.

'So if we develop a strong economy, it has to be for the people here," he said in an interview.

Many concerns heard by the panel during its 87 meetings included issues of workers being flown in from the south, youth not having enough training to get jobs and people being forced to leave their communities for lack of employment, many of whom head south and never return.

Similarly, Handley said much of the message repeated over and over had to do with helping entrepreneurs and not just the big southern companies

who come north to mine or drill for oil and gas.

'We heard over and over that small businesses need agriculture and fisheries.

Tourism was also something heard in every community, often with the message "Do

If we develop a strong economy, it has to be for the people here.

Panel chair Joe Handley

support," he said, noting that people put a lot of emphasis on renewable resource development, like forestry, small-scale

something now."

One of the recommendations includes re-establishing a tourism operator training program in the NWT and improving liability insurance options for small operators.

That tied in with more general concerns around education, wherein communities wanted to see higher quality Grade 12 graduates coming out of schools in the territory and the resurrection of the recently closed Western Arctic Leadership Program, as well as a change in programming at

Aurora College to better meld with the available job market.

Gaps in energy and transportation infrastructure were also identified, from the spillover at the Taltson Dam to the need for a permanent road from Wrigley to Fort Good Hope to accommodate development in the Sahtu.

Also identified in the recommendations are further changes to the regulatory system. The report suggests the GNWT "undertake an internal government-wide regulatory review to eliminate any duplication or lack of clarity in its existing permitting process."

Handley said the push came mostly from people interested in big business, such as the Chamber of Mines, who complain the federal regulatory review is taking too long, along with people interested in agriculture who see access to land as an issue.

"People are very interested in a post-devolution system, because it will be easier for accessing land," Handley said.

Other policy-related issues included amending government programs to make it easier to navigate for entrepreneurs.

"There's a lot of confusion on who delivers what, whether money or support, and the feeling is there's all these development officers but no one knows which one to talk to. So cleaning that up seems to be a priority," Handley said.

Though many people had concerns and complaints to raise, Handley said the response from communities was surprisingly positive.

"I was struck by how optimistic and positive people are," he said.

He said the panel shares that optimism that the territorial government will be able to do positive things with what was heard around the NWT and the recommendations in developing the economic strategy.

"I'm optimistic the governance committee will get on with the strategy right away. We've had very positive feedback from members of Cabinet."

To read the report, visit www.nwtopportunities.com/ documents

**Politics GNWT** 

# Committee wants to see more government funds for NWT NGOs

By MEAGAN WOHLBERG

More money needs to be made available to support non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in the territory that provide critical services on behalf of the government, according to a territorial government standing committee.

The Standing Committee on Government Operations voiced its concern with the NWT's NGO Stabilization Fund last week. Committee members dedicated Tuesday, June 4 to bringing the issue up in the Legislative Assembly through statements and oral questions.

"The committee's concerns include the need to provide clearer information to applicants, overly restrictive screening criteria and prioritization of projects, and inadequate funding levels," committee chair Michael Nadli said. "We conveyed our concerns to Premier Bob McLeod in a letter last December, but the government has not changed either the policy or the funding for 2013-14.

Funding for NGOs available under the policy totals \$350,000 per year, a number

MLA Michael Nadli

that has not increased since the program's first full year of operation in 2010-11.

Last fiscal year, 27 organizations applied for funding reaching a total of \$1,082,657. Of those, 21 were considered eligible, with requests totaling \$807,207. But only 11 projects could be prioritized for funding, to a total of \$481,845, meaning eight of the 11 successful applicants did not receive the full amount requested.

Some of the organizations left out were already engaged with funding agencies at the local level, Nadli said.

"Unfortunately, there are some very legitimate organizations that sometimes are overlooked," he said, from soup kitchens to daycares to organizations helping the homeless.

Nadli is hoping to increase the amount of available funding to at least \$500,000, and redirect more of that funding outside of Yellowknife.

"There's a real critical need in outlying communities... to have a fair distribution of these funds that go a long ways in helping organizations that do deliver critical services in terms of assisting people who are in real need," Nadli told The Journal. "One of the main missions of the committee is to ensure the policy is fair across the board for everyone...I think it has to be not exclusive to Yellowknife."

In the end, he said, the committee is looking for a clear decision-making process for applicants, including a list of priority critical services.

"I think some analysis needs to be done to make sure it's fairly distributed," he said.

Apart from Dehcho MLA Nadli, the committee consists of MLAs Wendy Bisaro (Frame Lake), Daryl Dolynny (Range Lake), Norman Yakeleva (Sahtu) and Alfred Moses (Inuvik Boot Lake).



# A Safer Summer

### The Interact Club of Ecole St. Patrick High School,

through their Accidents Are Brutal. Protect Your Noodle! initiative, has been making the choice to reduce head injuries by wearing properly fitted helmets when riding their bikes, skateboards, scooters, or however they're getting around and enjoying the outdoors.

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# PWK celebrates graduation 2013

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- Lewis Carroll, Alice in Wonderland





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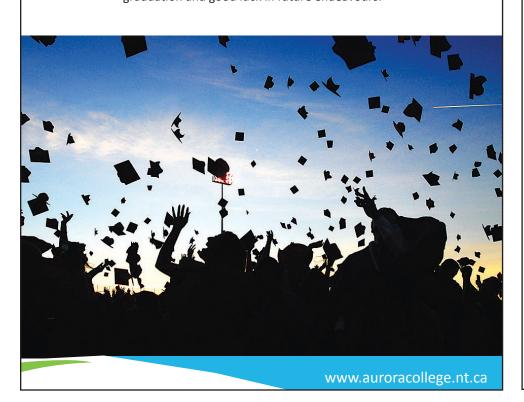




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# FORT SMITH GRADS CELEBRATE MILESTONE IN WONDERLAND

By RENÉE FRANCOEUR

Thirty-three Paul W. Kaeser graduates, their friends and family entered Lewis Carroll's magical land of mushrooms and tea parties last week to celebrate the end of high school in Fort Smith.

Northwest Territories commissioner George Tuccaro was present at the Wonderland-themed convocation and awards ceremony last Thursday evening, joined by Rita Mueller, assistant deputy minister of the department of Education, Culture and Employment (ECE), and many other honoured guests.

"I'm sure we are in the midst tonight of future doctors, lawyers, professional athletes, soldiers, entrepreneurs...and maybe the next premier of the NWT or the next commissioner," Tuccaro said in his address to the graduates, beaming in their gowns and caps from the stage at the curling rink, draped with blue and purple decorations.

"The advice my late father gave me as I was growing up was find something you truly enjoy as a career and do that for a living. It won't feel like work. How right he was," he said. "Don't forget



The PWK Class of 2013 posed for the cameras in all their finery following the Grand March last Friday evening in the beautifully decorated curling club at the Fort Smith recreation centre. The Alice in Wonderland theme created a truly magical setting for the festivities of the event.

to say thank you to your parents. They've helped you through all this. And thank them again when you move home for the second time."

Other congratulatory speeches were made by

Mueller, Fort Smith Mayor Brad Brake, PWK principal Al Karasiuk, Salt River First Nation Chief Frieda Martselos, South Slave Divisional Education Council superintendent Curtis Brown and Julie Lys from the Fort Smith Métis Association, who also serves as chair of the District Education Authority.

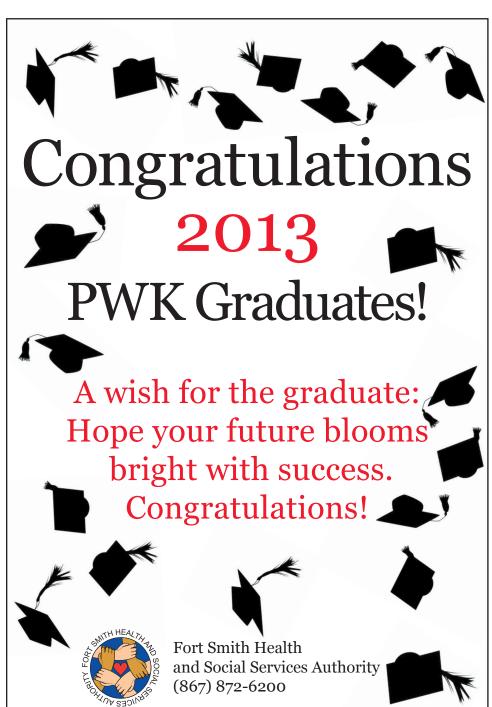
The graduates' ambitions were read as diplomas were

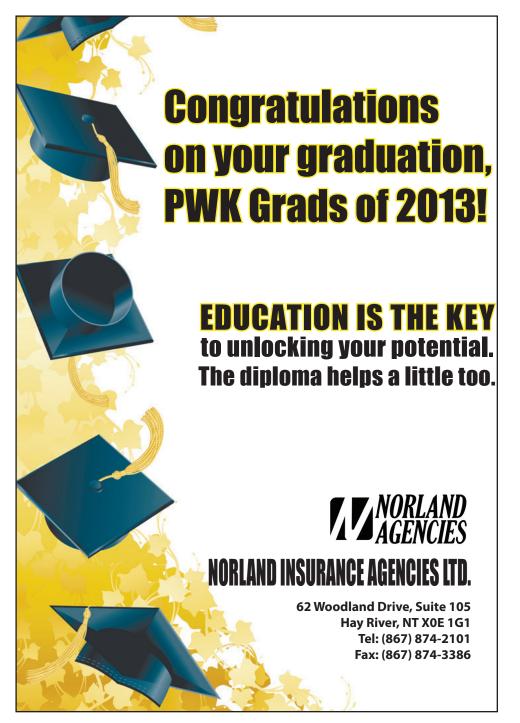
handed out and included a variety of big plans such as travelling the world, attending culinary school, studying for a Masters degree in physiotherapy, making "mad money" and many more.

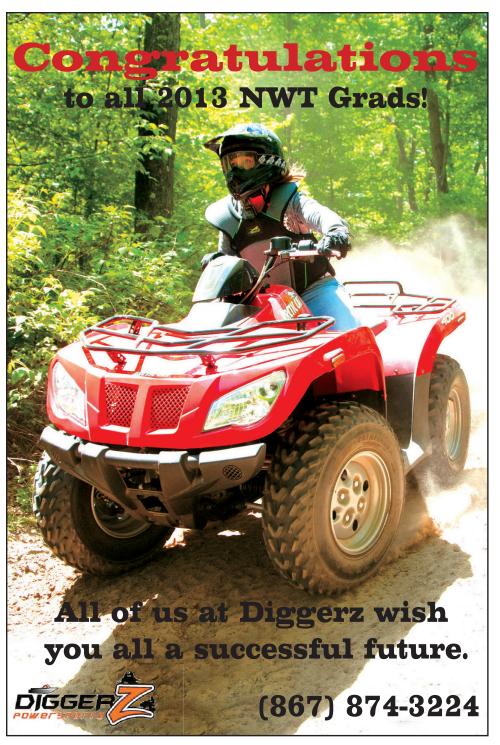
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The convocation ceremony was followed up with the traditional, black-tie Grand March event on Friday and PWK's first dry grad dance in a decade.

PWK's overall yearly award ceremony will be June 14.









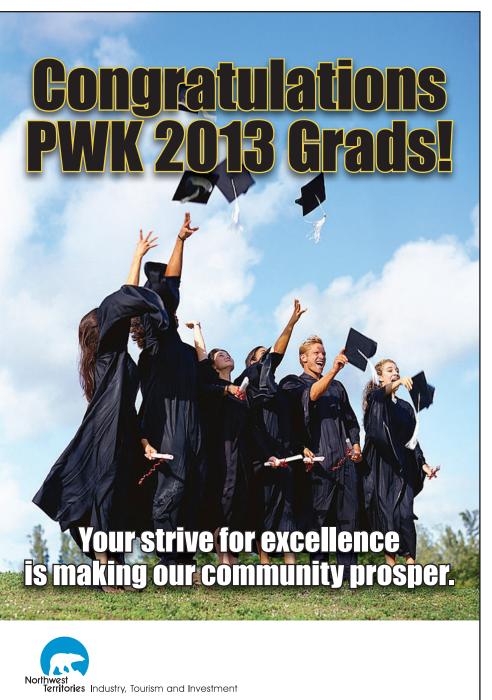
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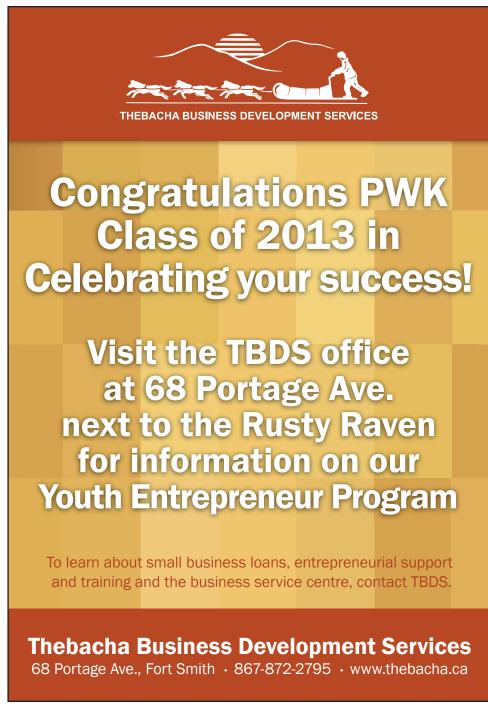


Beatrice Bourke is presented the Fort Smith Phoenix School Outstanding Achievement award by Janine Daniels (centre) and Heather Villeneuve.



Hannah Wiltzen is awarded the Highest Achievement Award by Sandy McKay.





# PWK Graduation Ceremony Awards

### The Francophone Association Award

Presented to the student who shows the most effort and passion for learning the French language: *Atikin Hehn* 

### The Fort Smith Phoenix School Outstanding Achievement Award

Presented to the student who demonstrated the most overall achievement while attending the Phoenix School: *Beatrice Bourke* 

### **Greatest Improvement in Grade 12 Award**

Presented to the student who exhibited the most improvement: *Daniel Rohne* 

### **Academic Achievement Award**

Presented to the student with the second highest average: *Atikin Hehn* 

### **Highest Achievement Award**

Presented to the student with the highest average: *Hannah Wiltzen* 

### Fort Smith Phoenix School Heart and Dedication award

Presented to the student who displayed consistent commitment and effort while attending the Phoenix school: *Catherine Benwell*.

### The Mary Kaeser Memorial Award

Presented to a student

for high academic achievement in Grade 12: Jara Watts

### The Aurora College award for Excellence, Leadership and Innovation

Presented to the student who exhibits dedication to excellence, leadership and innovation in Northern education and research, throughout their high school education: *Hannah Wiltzen* 

### **Diavik Scholarships**

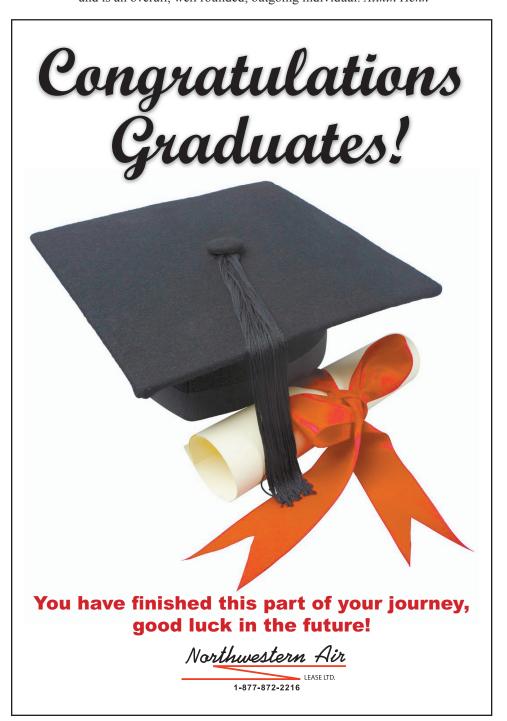
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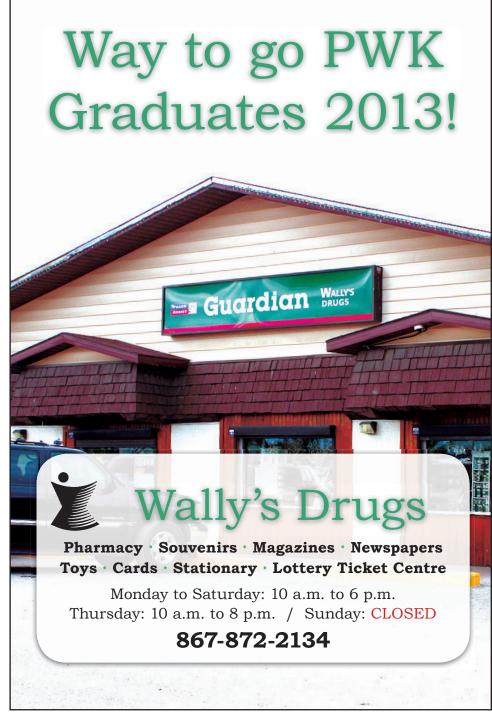
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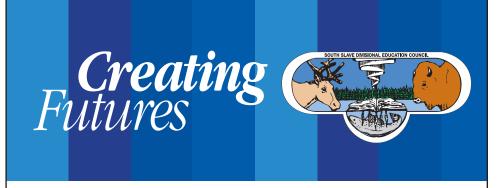
Presented to graduates of PWK who demonstrate academic/athletic merit and who continue their studies at an institute of higher learning: *Atikin Hehn and Jara Watts* 

### **Graduates' Choice Award**

Selected by the graduating class, the award is presented to the student who is a strong positive ambassador for the school and community, respectful to teachers and students alike, supportive of fellow students and is an overall, well rounded, outgoing individual: *Atikin Hehn* 







The South Slave Divisional Education Council would like to extend our sincere congratulations to the

# 2013 South Slave High School Graduates!

Best wishes as you begin to create your own future. Remember, graduation is not the end; it's a new beginning.

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Grad Bradley Bourque dances with his mom, Theresa.



Grad Randall MacPherson shares some cake with his grandmother, Carol.



A Mad Hatter cake continued the theme of the

# Family, friends and flowers celebrate PWK C



Grads Jara Watts, Marcy Wiedrick and Hannah Wiltzen are all smiles in the receiving line.



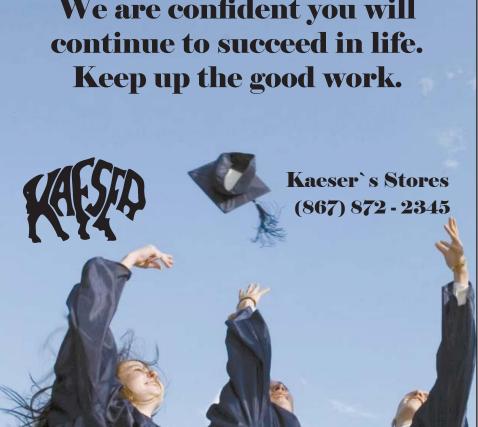
Grad Savannah Fortier dances with her dad, Mel.



Grad Nitanis Hudson is swampe



We are confident you will Keep up the good work.





Grad Dalton Mandeville and his mom Amber are all thumbs. Grad Howard Benwell poses with h





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itkin Hehn beams proudly after receiving many awards.



Grad Veronica McDonald smiles with her mom Newly and Meika

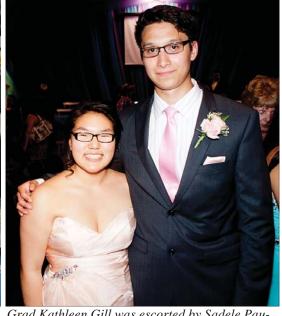




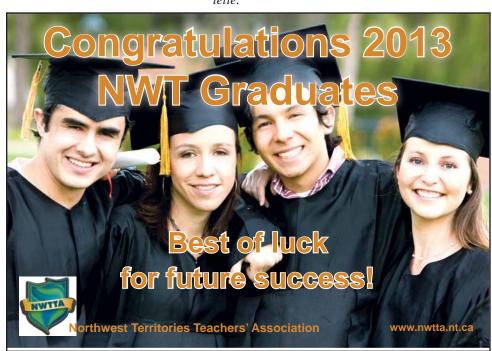
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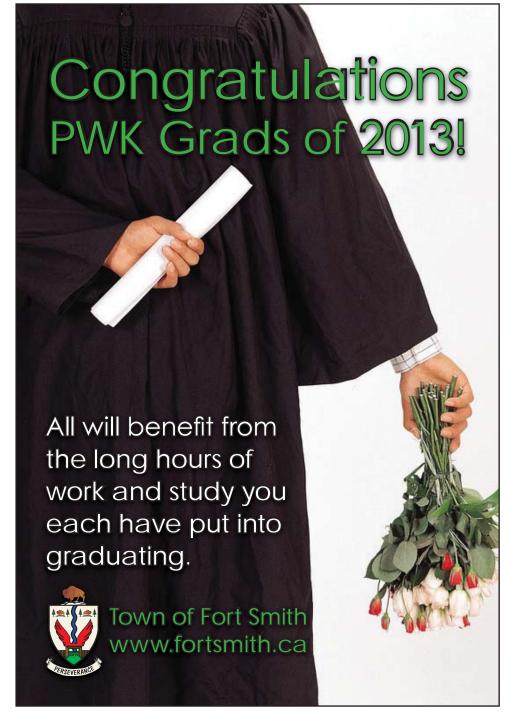


is proud parents, Dianne and Howard.



Grad Kathleen Gill was escorted by Sadele Pau-





# Valedictorian Esmée McDonald shares her address

### GOOD EVENING EVERYONE,

FIRST AND FOREMOST. I would like to give a big thanks to all of the teachers at PWK. I sincerely appreciate the blood, sweat and tears that they have shed to get us grads where we are today.

HIGH SCHOOL isn't exactly everyone's idea of a good time. However, I am endlessly thankful for the opportunities PWK has made possible for me, and all of the graduates standing before me. It is the people at PWK that make a tremendous difference for all of us here – without them, the future would not be as bright and shiny. I am so grateful to the men and women who devote their time to shaping our lives in positive ways. Education is a priceless gift that opens up the world to us...which I will try and remember as I crawl through exam week.

ADDITIONALLY, the amazing parents of these graduates deserve an inconceivable amount of gratitude due to the fact that we graduates certainly wouldn't be here without them. Also, unlike the lucky teachers, the long-suffering parents still have to deal with us after high school.

IT'S INCREDIBLE TO THINK that we're ending one part of our lives and beginning another. It's thrilling and maybe a little overwhelming...and, yes, scary. Sometimes I wish there were blueprints for life, so it didn't feel quite so much like being thrown off the deep end. Luckily, there are some worthwhile things to set your mind to achieving; I feel as though this helps to calm the chaos. One of those worthwhile things is the pursuit of happiness. Yes, obvious statement, I know.

HOWEVER personal happiness is something we frequently neglect on a daily basis - in our world of packed schedules and tedious obligations. I feel the key to avoiding this neglect of such a fundamental property of our existence is to pursue the career that you love. I feel this idea is masterfully illustrated in the following quote:

"YOU'VE GOT TO FIND what you love - and that is as true for your work as it is for your lovers. Your work will fill a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work – and the only way to do great work is to do what you love. Don't settle." This was spoken by a very wise man whose technology many of us use today - a man who didn't graduate college, nor did his parents. That man was Steve Jobs. He found a way to become ridiculously rich and famous doing something he loved the most, even when the odds were not in his favour. He managed to create companies whose names everyone knows, even while sleeping on his friends' couches and returning bottles to get money for food. He was still able to make his dreams and passions a reality.

I FEEL AS THOUGH we tend to become bogged down by preconceived notions of what we need to do in order to achieve what society construes as "success." The real success in life is being happy about what you're doing and cherishing each day instead of dreading them. You may have every ambition to go off and become an esteemed doctor — which is a wonderful idea, and I hope anyone with such goals the best of luck. However, it is also completely acceptable to want to move to Taiwan and become an underwater basketweaver. In fact, it's also completely acceptable to



not know exactly what you're going to do. Most people will tell you that, in reality, no one has it figured out. If you take anything away from what I've just said, let it be this: do not allow fear or external pressures to constrict and contort how you live your life. It will be hard. There will be days when life kicks you in the face, and when everything seems to be falling apart. But that will still happen, even if you AREN'T pursuing what you want most. It will always pay off to fight for the things you're most passionate about. Be stronger than the fears and hardships. Or, as Sir

David Frost would say: "Don't aim for success if you want it; just do what you love and believe in, and it will come naturally."

ON A FINAL NOTE. I would like all of my fellow graduates to know how proud I am to be among them. Not only are you all smart and good looking, but you're all capable of creating a wonderful future for yourselves and the people who are lucky enough to be in your lives.

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2013!

# Congratulations

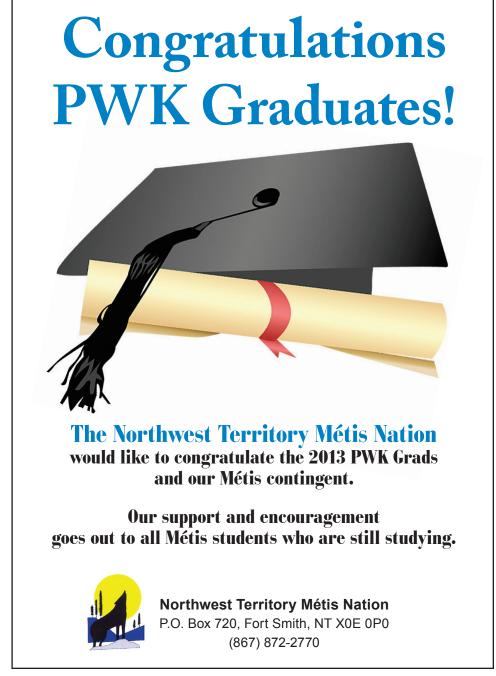
Brandon Walterhouse And the 2013 Graduating class of PWK!



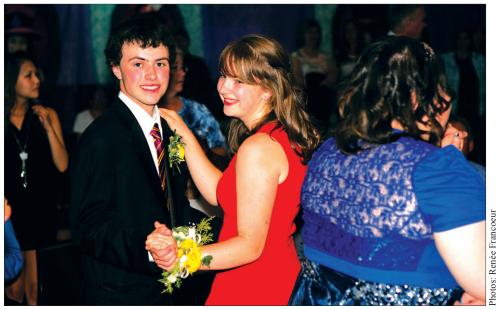
"Do not go where the path may lead; go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."
- Ralph Waldo Emerson



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The cameras were all on PWK Class of 2013 graduate Breen Young as he entered the convocation ceremony last Thursday evening in the Fort Smith curling rink. Graduate and feel like a celebrity!



Graduate Iziah Faulkner and date Alex James enjoy a dance during the Grand March, Friday evening. The March was followed by a dry dance event which included a show by hypnotist Diane Dul.

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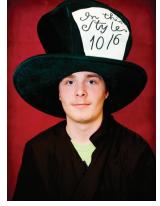
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# Education Hall of Fame honours passionate Northerners

By RENÉE FRANCOEUR

Seven Northerners who have worked hard to support and improve education in the Northwest Territories have been inducted into the NWT Education Hall of Fame.

Over 30 superintendents, school board trustees, mentors, teachers, classroom assistants and coaches have been inducted since the department of Education, Culture and Employment launched the Hall of Fame in 2010.

"Healthy, educated people is a goal of this assembly and the foundation of a happy and successful life," Minister of Education, Culture and Employment Jackson Lafferty said in a press release. "Inductees to the Education Hall of Fame have all made positive and lasting impressions on the lives of countless NWT residents and I want to recognize them for their commitment, diligence, creativity and passion that we want education to inspire in us all."

The Education Hall of Fame identifies and celebrates outstanding commitment to education in the territory from educators, Elders, custodians, administrators, volunteers, coaches, students, advocates, sponsors and businesses.

A selection committee chooses one nomination from each region in the NWT. A seventh inductee is chosen to receive the Minister's Choice Award.



Education, Culture and Employment Minister Jackson Lafferty awards Jill Taylor her place in the NWT Education Hall of Fame.



Clockwise from top left: Bill Gilday, Anne-Mieke Cameron, Hon. Jackson Lafferty, Jill Taylor, Beverly Masuzumi, Andy Norwegian and Mary Adele Flunkie.

### This year's inductees are as follows:

**JANIE JONES**, a high school teacher and the supervisor of schools for the Beaufort Delta Education Council in Tuktoyaktuk, has been teaching for over 40 years. She has worked with students in Nunavut and Fort McPherson in various roles including principal, program support teacher and assistant superintendent, before moving to Tuktoyaktuk in 1993.

**BEVERLY MASUZUMI** of Fort Good Hope has worked to improve educational opportunities in the Sahtu for 10 years by sitting on both the local education authority board and the Sahtu District Education Council, which she chaired for six years.

**MARY ADELE FLUNKIE** is the longest serving teacher in Whati. She has spent the past 27 years instilling an appreciation and understanding of the Tlicho language in children.

**BILL GILDAY** of Yellowknife has made a name for himself over the past 25 years as a musician with The Gumboots, but he's also had a 40-year teaching career. He taught in Behchoko before moving to Yellowknife to teach at Mildred Hall School. He now teaches at Sir John Franklin High School. Gilday created the city's first youth choir, which performed for Queen Elizabeth II, and a large music program at the high school, including a concert band, choir and jazz band.

**ANDY NORWEGIAN** is an Aboriginal language specialist with the Dehcho District Education Council in Fort Simpson, working nonstop over the past 24 years to revitalize the South Slavey language. He also played an important role in developing the Dene Kede curriculum now used across the NWT. This curriculum allows students in kindergarten through to Grade 12 to learn about the Dene relationship with the land, the spiritual world, other people and their own identities.

JILL TAYLOR of Hay River has worked in both the Sahtu and South Slave regions as a teacher. She is described as the driving force behind the development of youth programs in the community, such as Lights On, which provides youth with a place to go for recreational activities on Friday and Saturday evenings. She is also heavily involved in the Not Us anti-drug campaign and the Leadership and Resiliency program, providing an alternative, relationship-based education for high-risk adolescents.

ANNE-MIEKE CAMERON from Yellowknife is this year's winner of the Minister's Choice Award. Over her 41-year career, she became a strong advocate for introducing the Alberta Achievement Tests, Honours English classes, advanced placement courses, a French immersion program and an alternative school program for Northern students who struggle with daytime schooling. She also fostered the expansion of course offerings at the Akaitcho Trades and Technology Centre, the fine arts department and the student advisory program. In 2005, she was recognized as one of the country's Top Principals by Maclean's magazine. She now spends her time teaching English to first and second-year social work and nursing students at Aurora College.





Everything from corn to sunflowers and kale grows plentiful under the long hours of daylight in Fort Simpson in 2012.



The bounty of last year's tomato harvest in Fort Simpson.

**Environment Gardening** 

# Green thumbs get growing across Dehcho region

By RENÉE FRANCOEUR Seeds are increasingly being sown across the Dehcho as spring melts into summer.

Plans are underway to begin turning sod at community gardens in Jean Marie River and Fort Liard, a first for both communities after several years. Wrigley is changing the location of its community garden to get the most out of the growing season and include more varied produce.

After being washed out by the devastating flood last year, Nahanni Butte is also restarting its garden. Fort Simpson already has three established community gardens and the NWT's department of Industry, Tourism and Investment (ITI) hired an agricultural specialist this year to provide advice and technical assistance to residents to "help ensure optimum and healthy produce yields" this season.

ITI Regional Superintendent for the Dehcho Mike Mageean recently gave a presentation to the Fort Simpson Garden Society, where he answered questions on how ITI can provide support to gardening initiatives. He also gave an overview of the Growing Forward 2 program, which will provide up to \$1.2

million per year to the NWT agriculture sector over the next five years – a funding increase of almost \$500,000 per year.

"With average food costs in the NWT almost the highest in Canada, sustainable agricultural initiatives play a key role in lowering the cost of living across the territory and diversifying our economy," Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment David Ramsay said in a press release. "Creating these gardens really is a group effort, and it is great to see everyone work together to create a shared space that the entire community can benefit from."



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2.One Year Family Swim Membership

3.One Year Family Ski Membership

Mon., June 10: Beach Volleyball at Rec Center with Taylor & Gayle 6:00–8 p.m. Hand Games at Aurora College with Peter Paulette 7:00 p.m.

**Tues., June 11:** Swimming at Pool 6:30–8 p.m. Hockey at JBT Gym with Jessica Cox K-Gr 3 6:00–7 p.m. Gr 4-6 7:00–8 p.m.

Wed, June 12: Swimming at Pool 6:30–8 p.m. Soccer at JBT Gym with Cynthia White 6:00–7 p.m.

Thurs., June 13: Swimming at Pool
Reading Circle at Library
Soccer Baseball at JBT playground with Cynthia White
6:30–8 p.m.
6:00–8 p.m.



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# Fort Res youth learn to tap birch sap, traditionally

By MEAGAN WOHLBERG

Students at Deninu School in Fort Resolution are busy turning birch sap into syrup following a special visit from "old sap" Frederick Beaulieu of Hay River.

The 74 year-old elder who has spent over three decades perfecting the science of collecting birch tree sap for syrup each spring spent a day in Fort Res with kids from Grades 1-4, teaching them the traditional way to tap trees right in the school's backyard.

Youth were briefed on the touchy technique, which requires careful set-up so none of the precious sap is spilled, and given samples of the syrup to taste for themselves.

"I brought some samples of what I already had made to make them taste it, and some said it tasted like burnt sugar, some said it tasted like molasses, some said like raisins." Beaulieu said.

While modern sap-tappers use spigots to attach collecting pails to the tree, the traditional way involves cutting a V into the bark and putting a little stick at the end of it so the sap runs down to the V into a pail on the ground.



Birch sap turns to syrup over a wood stove in Fort Resolution as part of a Deninu School project.

Though Beaulieu has made similar presentations in Yellowknife and Hay River, he said the Deninu kids were really special.

"The whole school was all excited that I was there. They were just very nice, and they even tried to speak Chipewyan to me," he said with a chuckle. "They're so cute, those little ones. They had real good questions."

Because Beaulieu was just there for one day, the students and staff had to boil the sap down themselves to make the syrup, which they did with the help of equipment from the department of Environment and Natural Resources last week.

"It went from 80 litres to 1 litre overnight!" Deninu principal Dan Summers exclaimed over email. "Now I know why it is so expensive."

It was Beaulieu's first time doing a birch sap demonstration in Fort Resolution, but likely not his last, as the school wants him back next year.

He said he wants to make sure the traditional sap collecting method is passed along because it is a dying art - one that he cannot keep doing forever.

"No one is doing it; I'm the only one who's doing it," he said. "The hardest part is collecting...I'm unstable with my knees and that, and it's time consuming because it's 80 gallons of sap to one gallon of syrup - an

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Elder Frederick Beaulieu

80:1 ratio. So I get about 40 a day, so about half a gallon (of syrup), and I go to gather it at about 6:00 in the morning and I'm done by 9:00 or 10:00 at night."

The harvesting is also challenged by changes in weather. This year, Beaulieu said the season was short because of a quick spring.

"This spring was so weird. Trees stayed frozen, so I drilled it and there wasn't very much coming out. Out of 25 trees, I got five gallons a day. Then the buds started coming out that means the leaves are going to start coming out, and it rots inside the tree so it's no good after that. This was 45 miles out of town." he said.

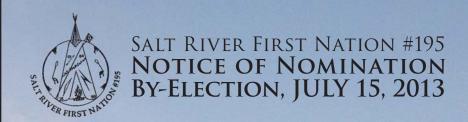
So Beaulieu went to see Hay River's town council to see if he could tap trees in town. He was given permission, and within days he was collecting 40 to 44 gallons of sap a day from 30 one-gallon pails.

"They were just running over," he said. "But I was late because I spent too much time further south. I shouldn't have, I should have did it here. So the season was short."

The season ended around May 20.

Though the process is extremely time consuming, Beaulieu said he doesn't do it as a business.

"It's more like a hobby. I've been enjoying doing it so much, especially in the mornings when you hear the birds singing," he said. "If somebody wants to buy it, I'll sell it, but I usually just give it to the old people for free."



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# ACFN Business Group reveals new brand

By RENÉE FRANCOEUR The ACFN Business Group

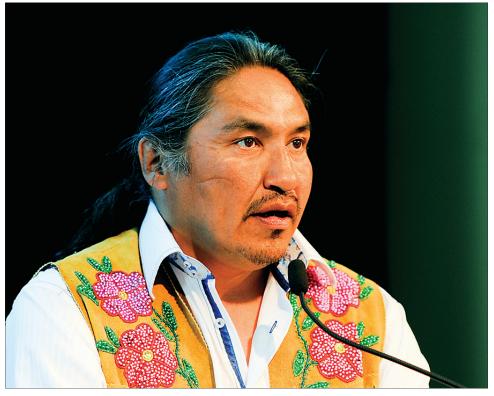
The ACFN Business Group in Fort McMurray is sporting a new look.

The Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation-owned corporation, one of the largest employers in the oilsands support sector, is now called Acden, combining the ACFN acronym with Denesoline, the Chipewyan word for "first people." Denesoline Environment was the company's initial name when operations began in 1994.

The result of an extensive two-year process, the company's rebranding reflects its corporate growth and success.

"Our old look and feel was outdated, so this rebranding positions us on par with both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal competitors," Amanda Main, Acden's Business Development and Marketing associate, told The Journal. "We have 15 companies and we spent too much money and time promoting each one of them individually, so now we have one simplified structure that can work together to promote everyone and we'll be much better known in the market and community this way."

The company is in the midst of taking the next step from being a small organization to a billion dollar company, Main said.



Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation Chief Allan Adam speaks during the Acden brand launch.

"People are finding it to be

professional, easy to spell,

say. It's approachable, yet

corporate, and it's unique,"

Main said. "The feedback

has all been very positive."

"We started out with

one small contract and

10 employees. Now we're

doing over \$200-250 mil-

lion a year in business and

tures a new purple logo.

According to Acden's web-

site, purple has been used

in traditional Athabasca

Chipewyan crafts through-

The rebranding also fea-

growing."

out history.

"The colour portrays sophistication and power and is representative of the quality of our services and products, as well as Acden's stability, reliability and approachability," the site states.

A "V" shaped graphic is included in the logo, representing a soaring eagle, Acden's relationship with the environment and its commitment to stay connected to its Aboriginal heritage.

Acden's new facility, finished in June 2012, also highlights the company's dedication to green initiatives.

The building is the only eco-friendly administration

Don Amero performs at the launch before the new Acden

Don Amero performs at the launch before the new Acden brand logo.

building of its kind in northern Alberta, Main said.

"It's definitely the only building in the municipality of Wood Buffalo that follows Gold LEED certifications," she said.

All the Acden boardrooms were dedicated to current or past ACFN chiefs on May 23 at one of the official rebranding launches with 200 ACFN members present,

including 50 flown in from Fort Chipewyan.

"It was an overwhelming success. It felt almost like a family reunion," Main said.

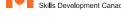
The brand was revealed to the public on May 24 and included speeches, tours and a meet-and-greet with company managers, as well as an Acden "road show," presenting the company's services.



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# Wood stove project sparks learning in Whati Project creates win-win for energy efficiency and education

By MEAGAN WOHLBERG

Elders and low-income households in Whati will benefit from brand new wood stoves this winter thanks to a collaborative project involving students in the community doing practical training in wood energy technology.

Organized by the Tlicho government and the community government of Whati with the help of Arctic Energy Alliance (AEA), wood stoves were installed in 10 homes in Whati last month at no cost by four adult students entering the practical phase of their Wood Energy Technology Transfer (WETT) training.

"We wanted to take a training situation and turn it into something more than a classroom experience," said the brains behind the project, Whati councillor Sonny Zoe, who also sits as Tlicho Regional Energy Coordinator with AEA. "We were able to take an educational experience for students and also provide low-cost heating solutions to help many elders and low-income households in Whati."

Homes were selected to receive stoves through an application process. After residents were short-listed for installation by an independent committee, representatives from AEA, including Donald Andre, the Inuvik Regional Energy Project Coordinator,

assisted with the ordering, and we just recommended what stoves to use and the chimneys based on energy efficiency standards, and they came up with all the funding," Andre told *The Journal*.

We were able to take an educational experience for students and also provide lowcost heating solutions to help many elders and low-income households in Whati.

Whati Councillor Sonny Zoe

and Linda Todd, AEA's project coordinator, visited the community to inspect units proposed for installations.

Andre and Todd then supervised installations during the week of May 20 with the help of Zoe. By May 24, not only were 10 stoves installed, but several chimneys found to be deficient were replaced along the way.

"Initially we did some stuff in the Beaufort Delta and Sonny was aware of that and he wanted to do the same thing in Whati, so we basically worked with the community government and

Vickie Francisco, with the Tlicho government's training and development division, said the project would not have been possible without the assistance of AEA, who created a win-win situation for energy efficiency and education in the community.

"Arctic Energy Alliance was very flexible and provided wonderful support for the whole project, start to finish," she said. "AEA was looking for the opportunity to increase the number of WETT trained technicians in the NWT. We were looking for an opportunity to have safe, operating wood stoves installed in combination with work experience for our WETT-trained Tlicho students. I credit AEA for their excellent support to make sure that we were properly prepared for the project."

A WETT instructor from BC, brought north by AEA, was also on site to give guidance and help the students apply the knowledge gained in the three courses they had already completed.

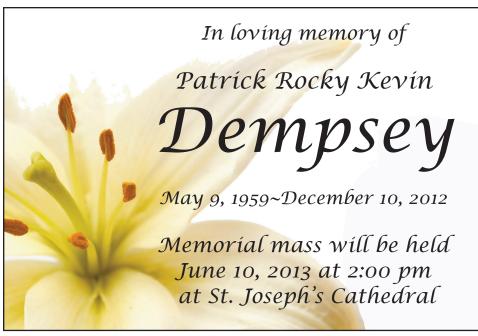
Zoe said he was thankful for the unanimous support from Whati chief and council to make the project happen.

"Council realizes that heating is a significant expense in the NWT, so providing small but efficient wood stoves in elders' and low-income housing creates a long-term benefit. But coupling the installation of the wood stoves with an educational and technical program creates even more benefits."

Whati Chief Alfonz Nitzisa said he considers the program a success.

"Not only were 10 new wood stoves installed at no cost to those residents, but four Tlicho WETT students are closer to meeting WETT certification standards. Once again, Whati set an example of cooperation for other communities," he said.

"With this success, we are now looking at other practical projects that will tie an educational certification process to something that will also assist and benefit our elders and low-income residents.'





# WHAT DO YOU THINK?

A **NEW** Wildlife Act is in the works

The Standing Committee on Economic Development and Infrastructure, chaired by Mr. Robert Hawkins, is reviewing the government's proposal and will be travelling through the territory holding public hearings (full remaining consultation schedule on Assembly's website under Upcoming Meetings).

### We want to hear from you

### **Public Hearings**

7pm Monday, June 10, 2013 Blue Room, Pelican Inn in Fort Smith

7pm Tuesday, June 11, 2013 Committee Room 'A', Legislative Assembly building in Yellowknife

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# Fort Smith discusses options after loss of coming ice season

Engineer says damage from arena fire can be repaired, but could cost over \$1.6 million

By RENÉE FRANCOEUR

A new committee in Fort Smith is going to do everything it can to "get our kids on the ice this year" after the community lost use of its arena for the 2013-2014 season due to a fire.

The Ice Surface Strategy Committee, comprised of three town councillors, the Recreation Advisory Board and the arena's six main user groups, met for the first time last Tuesday to discuss the arena's closure and alternative surfaces available in town for ice activities this winter.

"This is a venue to talk about the problem of not having ice by Thanksgiving this year. It's not really a venue to give in to discussion about renovating or rebuilding a new arena. That would be a more public process later," committee chair Councillor Kevin Smith said.

Insurance adjustor Greg Merrithew from Arctic West Adjustors and structural engineer Tim Cartmell of Sintra Engineering out of Edmonton also made an appearance at the meeting to present an update on the arena's status.

The cause of the fire, which burned for a few hours on May 13 before anyone noticed, is still under investigation.

The damaged area extends from the bathrooms to the dressing rooms and includes the boiler room.

Three of the glue laminated beams that support the structure were damaged, but Cartmell said he is "optimistic" the beams can be repaired and will not have to be replaced.

"There was a lot of smoke damage so it looks worse than what it is," Cartmell told the committee.

However, the repairs are extensive, Merrithew warned, including the needed to get everything up to code. This would entail fixing roof decking, reshingling the entire roof, ripping out the bleachers and starting from scratch, installing a new sprinkler system, carrying out smoke remediation, as well as getting new electrical systems.

There are no toilet facilities, running water or electricity at the arena currently.

"It's a public structure; we have code compliances. We can't just hire a contractor and say go forth. We need



Ice user groups have come to accept that hockey and skating will be done on a non-traditional ice surface this season following the closure of the arena.

an electrical plan by an electrical engineer, mechanical drawings and a mechanical plan, structural drawings. Then we have to draw up bid documents to be able to go to contract. This all takes time," Merrithew said.

His rough estimate - classified as a class 'D' estimate because it is so early in the investigation - for the amount of repairs is \$1.6 million. The official quote for the cost of renovation will be available by early July.

"I can almost guarantee you it will go over that," Merrithew said.

Councillor Don Webb brought forth an idea to block off the damaged area and see if it is then still possible to use the arena.

"The ice surface, the ice plant and the zamboni room have not been compromised. All the fire damage is in the stand area," he said. "There would be no heat, water or sewer, but at least we'd have our rink.'

The committee decided to look into this option as well as options for multiple outdoor rinks, tentatively set up at the Trailcross Treatment Centre and behind the recreation centre.

There is \$250,000 available to the town for temporary rink solutions, Merrithew said.

Representatives from all the user groups said they understood they most likely will not be playing on a regulatory standardsized rink, which means speed skating may be out of the question for Fort Smith this season.

"I've already had kids

tell me they are moving somewhere else for school for the season to train, especially with the Arctic Winter Games coming up," Fort Smith Chamber of Commerce president Janie Hobart told the committee. "That's a huge loss to our community. These are our future leaders. So we've got to get some sort of programming in or talk to the airlines so we can give them some sort of option."

The committee also passed a motion allowing other community groups or representatives, such as the Chamber of Commerce and the NWT's department of Municipal and Community Affairs, to sit on the committee if they express a desire to do so.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for June 25.

In the meantime, all user groups were asked to forward additional information to Jim Hood, Fort Smith's senior administrative officer, about the size of rink they would like to see and how many hours they would require use of it per week. Hood said he can start putting together quotes for outdoor rinks and/or temporary structures with this informa-

### South Slave communities join in on Yellowknife track meet

The annual Yellowknife track meet at the William MacDonald School on Saturday enjoyed perfect weather (in the low 20s). "It was a very good day. We lucked out," said Michael Hurst, one of the organizers. Along with the 285 participants, a small contingent of special-Olympians were on hand, which was a "real crowdpleaser," noted Hurst. The event is no sanctioned and is "more for fun" with a focus on participation. For the second year, participants from Hay River and other South Slave communities joined in.

### Inuvik starts long hot summer of softball

The Inuvik ball season kicked off Sunday with 10 teams showing up to start the summer league. Ball will be a focus of attention for many players and fans in Inuvik this summer. League games will be scheduled for three days each week, including Sunday with games at 5:00, 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:00 and 9:00. There will also be a number of tournaments. Youth ball start-up for ages four to 21 is planned for Monday night. "We want to see what kind of numbers turn out for that and then we will round up volunteers for coaches," organizer Jeffery Amos told The Journal.

### Yellowknife golfs for charity – and fun - at annual tournament

The NWT Aboriginal Sport Circle (ASC) will once again host their annual charity golf tournament in Yellowknife on Friday, July 12 in support of Kids' Sport and will be a four person scramble. ASC executive director Greg Hopf quipped that Friday in the summer is not really meant for working anyway, so "bring your wallets and be prepared to have a good time." The Yellowknife Golf Club will host at least a dozen tournaments this summer, including the unique Canadian North Midnight Classic on June 21 and 22.



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# Witty, bittersweet dramas at Theatre on the Lake 2013

By RENÉE FRANCOEUR

Yellowknife writers, directors and actors are getting ready to hit the water for another unconventional Theatre on the Lake festival this July.

Theatre on the Lake, a one act play festival performed on a small stage bobbing along the shore of Frame Lake behind the Prince of Wales Heritage Centre, is calling for more scripts and actors for its fifth season.

"We have four confirmed acts right now, two tentative ones and possibly another two coming," said Ron Kent, a Yellowknife director and organizer of Theatre on the Lake. "We typically like to have between eight and 10 acts."

Theatrical treats, each running anywhere from 10 to 30 minutes, include a piece Kent directed, titled Legacy.

"Legacy is about a fellow who receives a book of memorabilia from his elders, who have all passed on, and as a result he has a crisis of faith reading about the family he never knew," Kent said.

Other 2013 acts include Four People Stuck in an Elevator and Mrs. Jacob Anderson, a drama, directed by Brian Collins, infused with witty banter about a married woman on the verge of divorce who confronts the "other woman."

The recurring Commedia dell'Arte, a strictly improv segment directed by festival newcomer Lindsay Debassige, is also scheduled, and organizers are planning to include a special children's play as well, Kent said.

More details will be released on June 28 when a finalized schedule of events is available.

"It's good theatre and it's lots of fun," Kent said. "Rain or shine, it will go on."

It's a simple festival with very few props that strives to support Yellowknife theatre in the summer.

"It's a low budget festival and quite frankly the drama works better with less stuff in the set and people focus more on the actors," Kent said. "We have wonderful actors and a beautiful theatre here in the city, but it doesn't get used in the summer. And at the time Theatre on the Lake started, there was really only Folk on the Rocks going on."

Theatre on the Lake runs July 24-28 and expects a standard turnout of about 500-700 people.



Reneltta Arluk reads from a collection of her poems at the NorthWords gala reading last Friday. The premiere public event of the literary festival drew an audience of almost 100 to the Explorer Hotel to hear Arluk, Sylvia Olsen, Giles Blunt, Heather Simeney MacLeod, Richard Van Camp and headlining author Douglas Coupland read from their published works.

**Arts & Culture NorthWords** 

# Lit festival provides perfect evening for the erotic

'Blush' open mic night remains NorthWords hit

By JACK DANYLCHUK

The evening was warm and sultry, the air heavy with the scent of spring, and except for one detail, the setting was perfect for "Blush: an evening of erotica and sensuality" promised by the NorthWords writers festival.

The lighting in the Katimavik Room was too low to reveal the blushes behind the titters and gasps that greeted emcee Gail Cyr's introduction of Oscar, mascot for the reading that drew about 100 people to the Explorer Hotel.

Oscar, a phallus of heroic proportions cast in blue wax and decorated with multicolour sparkles, stood erect on a corner of the podium, or lurked on a shelf below just out of sight, throughout the evening.

Pat Braden opened with "When Raven Hair Comes to Call," a poem set to music, that imagined love in a Yellowknife of the sixties, when white geologists and Dene women lived on opposite sides of a racial divide.

Sylvia Olsen and Barbara Franklin heard knowing laughter at their tales of lust for the touch of green corduroy trousers and the many props required to create the illusion of the perfect man.

Jennifer Nolan hushed the audience with three intimate poems that asked a lover to "show me what wetness means" and remembered "sun on a bare back, the liquor of sweat," and "a chance to do it over."

Batiste Foisy drew some gasps with a riff on a fourletter word for a man's most

defining feature, the organ that sets roosters apart from hens, a poem that he built "around repetition, like hammering, pounding, incessant."

While most of the writers confessed to rummaging through their collections for erotic tales, a woman who introduced herself as White Fox told a story she wrote for the evening: a child raised in Catholic families who remembered her mother's message that she was "a daughter of a fierce Eskimo woman" and discovered her Inuk self.



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# Tales shock, provoke and entertain at NorthWords Fort Smith hosts Yellowknife literary festival's first branch-out

By DON JAQUE

Three author-raconteurs entertained a small audience at the Mary Kaeser Library in Fort Smith Thursday evening as part of the annual NorthWords NWT festival, including locals Patti Kay Hamilton and Jim Green plus Sylvia Olsen, a veteran storyteller and author from Victoria, BC.

The three presenters could not have been more different in story content and audience impact. Hamilton drew the short straw and had the challenge of warming up the audience. Her story was a gritty, sobering tale of the travails of a homeless Aboriginal man on the streets of Yellowknife. His dim memories of a happy past flashed through his mind, troubling him as he gathered cans and eked out a meager, alcoholfueled existence.

The end of the tale was shocking and the audience was left stunned, even horrified. The story was well presented and realistic, belaying the deep knowledge of unseen aspects of Northern life Hamilton garnered in her years as a CBC radio journalist.



The first ever NorthWords story-telling event in Fort Smith last Thursday featured entertaining presentations by Patti Kay Hamilton, Jim Green and, from Victoria, Sylvia Olsen.

Typical of her writings, there was a message simmering below the surface, in this case a profound plea that the lives of street people indicate something is broken in our society that we simply cannot ignore.

Jim Green then took over the comfy leather-bound armchair in front of the audience and changed the mood dramatically. He offered a brief explanation of his history as a storyteller, and took the opportunity to announce his new CD called *The Owl*  and the Teacup, a compilation of many his popular CBC Dog River stories that ran over three years nearly a decade ago.

His first story was framed in a letter to his daughter years ago. An approaching tornado was involved, but we will not give away the plot of the delightful story. Green's second tale was from his new CD, a rollicking story of a precious teacup, broken during a bizarre encounter with a giant snowy Arctic owl, and a man "with fingers

the size of dill pickles" and "a schnoz that would make a moose proud." What happened with a very large finger, the supersized nose and the teacup that encountered the giant owl was hilarious and endearing. (The details, again, will be left for you to find out in future.)

There was no deep message in his stories, and Green did not look at a piece of paper during the narrative. It was pure entertainment, and he had the audience in stitches. Green, after years as

a cowboy poet, has emerged as a veteran entertainer, a master of levity and a true audience pleaser.

Sylvia Olsen, the third presenter, is by vocation a historian specializing in colonization; but her life has been imbued with the culture of the Coast Salish people who live on the southern part of Vancouver Island. It is obvious, as she speaks, that her heart is with them.

Olsen has written a number of children's books. During her one-day visit to Fort Smith, she spent time in the schools and with youth groups, giving readings to eager young audiences. Her book on Cowichan knitters tells how Coast Salish women in past centuries herded unique, small white dogs, weaving their amazing hair, mixed with wool of mountain goats, to create special blankets and sweaters.

Her main story was a fantasy based on all that, a tale of a herd of special white dogs that dwelled on a lovely island, living a life filled with beauty and bounty. Their humans came once a year to shear them and cool them off, harvesting their amazing hair. Her story was an allegory of

the impact of "civilization" on Aboriginal societies. The attraction, often compelling, of buying in to take advantage of the benefits, contrasts with the need to value what you already have that is wonderful. The message: at times you have to resist temptation and save what you have, so it remains pure.

Her second story, more geared to children, but enjoyed by the adults nonetheless, was whimsical, entitled, "Why don't butterflies sing?" It was a poignant telling of how a grandmother, wanting to leave a gift to the world in her passing, gathered together the colours of flowers, the wings of birds and the songs of children and created butterflies.

NorthWords has been a Yellowknife feature event every June since 2006. Its mission is to "promote and support Northern and Aboriginal writers and to facilitate the development of a Northern literary culture."

The satellite event in Fort Smith was the first such happening outside Yellowknife. Organizers plan to grow it into other NWT communities next year.





# PRESS RELEASE For The Membership of Salt River First Nation #195

As the Chief of Salt River First Nation (SRFN),

elected and holding office under our Amended Customary Election Regulations, I am writing to provide you with the facts regarding the current situation at Salt River First Nation.

### **FACT**

The current duly elected Chief and Councillors of SRFN, according to Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) and our Election Regulations are myself, Frieda Martselos, and Councillors Ronnie Schaefer, George Cumming Sr. and Don Matthews Jr.

### **FACT**

Joline Beaver, Connie Benwell and Judith Gale were legally removed from Council by the Electors of SRFN in accordance with Section 156 of the Election Regulations on April 29, 2013. I did not remove them.

### **FACT**

None of those three individuals are Councillors anymore. They cannot call Council Meetings. They cannot call membership meetings. They do not count in making quorum for Council.

### **FACT**

The meeting in Fort Smith called by Beaver, Benwell and Gale for May 13, 2013 was not a legal or valid SRFN members meeting. The large majority of people who attended are either members being sued by SRFN in the forensic court case for breach of their fiduciary duty for misappropriation of SRFN funds or their families.

### **FACT**

Until I read the May 20, 2013 issue of News North I was not aware that a motion of non-confidence in my leadership had been passed by 29 members at the so-called meeting on May 13.

### **FACT**

Members cannot pass motions at meetings that have not been called by the duly elected Council.

### **FACT**

The so-called May 13 meeting was not called by the duly elected Council.

### **FACT**

I have learned that one of the "motions" also passed at that so-called meeting was brought by Eileen Beaver, mother of Joline Beaver, and was to stop the forensic court case and to fire the First Nation's lawyers. That is not a valid motion.

### **FACT**

The forensic court case was approved by the members in 2009 and was authorized by a Band Council Resolution passed on August 4, 2010.

### FACT

The accounting firm MNP has done a detailed forensic investigation and report to substantiate the forensic court case.

### **FACT**

The majority of defendants have been examined by the First Nation's lawyers and examinations of defendants should be concluded by the end of August.

### **FACT**

Contrary to what was said at that so-called meeting on May 13, the First Nation's lawyers have only ever taken instruction and direction from SRFN Chief and Council and have always acted in the best interests of the SRFN membership.

### **FACT**

The First Nation's lawyers have not acted for me or my family since 2008.

### **FACT**

The First Nation's lawyers have only ever been paid by the First Nation for doing SRFN business.

### **FACT**

Joline Beaver, Nora Beaver and Toni Heron have, in the last two months, made untrue and defamatory statements on Facebook about me as the current Chief. Those statements reflect negatively on SRFN and its members.

### **FACT**

Judith Gale has also, in the last two months, made untrue and defamatory statements to numerous newspapers and radio stations that reflect negatively on SRFN and its members.

### **FACT**

Contrary to what was said at the so-called meeting on May 13, no Canadian citizen is legally entitled to make untrue and defamatory statements and the First Nation's lawyers wrote those women asking them to cease and desist and to take the defamatory statements off Facebook.

### **FACT**

No statement of claim has been filed against any of those women who have made the untrue and defamatory statements.

### **FACT**

Contrary to what was said at the so-called meeting on May 13, the Canadian Human Rights complaint filed by Brian MacDonald was against SRFN. It was not against me. Canada Human Rights did not hold a trial. It did not find that Brian's rights had been violated. The matter was settled. This all happened before I was re-elected in April and when I was not in office.

### **FACT**

Even though an appeal has been brought from the April 2, 2013 by-election for Chief, Section 7 of SRFN's Amended Customary Election Regulations expressly provides that, notwithstanding any election appeals, I remain in office as Chief until my successor is elected, whenever that may be.

### **FACT**

The current Election Regulations require three Election Review Committee members to hear an election appeal, but are silent on what happens when one of the three gets sick, dies or resigns. One of the members of the Election Review Committee for the last by-election has been sick and Council only received written notice May 3, 2013 that she has resigned.

### **FACT**

As the current Chief, elected in the April 2, 2013 by-election, I am in a conflict of interest so I have had no involvement in this by-election issue at all. The current Councillors Ronnie Schaefer, Don Matthews and George Cummings are trying to find, as fast as possible, a practical solution to deal with the oversight in the Election Regulations and get the election appeal heard.

### **FACT**

Your current Chief and Council are transparent and fiscally responsible. We all take our fiduciary duties seriously and are working for the best interests of all SRFN members whether you live in Fort Smith or not.

I would be pleased to take any calls or questions from any SRFN member.

Respectfully yours, Chief Frieda Martselos *May 29, 2013* 

