

Maude Barlow condemns NEB fracking approval Water expert Maude Barlow spoke out last week about the effects of fracking on water in the NWT, condemning the NEB approval in Sahtu. See page 2.

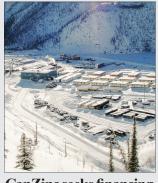


MLAs vote to give Sahtu a say on liquor sales The Act to Amend the Liquor Act passed last week giving Sahtu residents a voice on liquor restrictions in Norman Wells. See page 6.



Exhibit on the Berger Inquiry fosters debate Marking the Inquiry's 35th anniversary, an exhibit honouring the elders involved shows

ing the elders involved shows the events of the 1970s are still relevant today. See page 12.



CanZinc seeks financing, security bonds unpaid

Canadian Zinc Corp. failed to meet the deadline for paying the land-use permit securities for its Prairie Creek metals mine. See page 16.



Fort Smith Ranger Don Desjarlais aims at his target with the Lee Enfield 303 during the 200m standing application match. Fort Providence took home the top Ranger team trophy and top shot while the team from Fort Smith placed second and Lutsel K'e finished third at the 2013 Northwest Territories Small Arms Competition on Oct. 26, 2013 in Hay River. See page 21 for more.

NWT 'dropping ball' on Aboriginal health, deputy minister admits

By MEAGAN WOHLBERG

With a widening gap between the health of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people in the Northwest Territories, senior officials with the department of Health and Social Services said it's no secret that the current system is failing Aboriginal residents during the Dene Nation meetings in Fort Simpson last week.

"We recognize that addictions is still as big a problem in our communities as it was 25 years ago...and we see a

growing gap between how healthy Aboriginal people are and non-Aboriginal people,

the territory during the threeday conference focused on treaties and health.

We see a growing gap between how healthy Aboriginal people are and non-Aboriginal people, and that's not right.

Deputy Minister Debbie DeLancey NWT Health and Social Services

and that's not right," deputy minister Debbie DeLancey told Dene leaders from across "Our system is doing something wrong and dropping the ball," she said.

DeLancey's remarks came after an entire day of elders, chiefs and councillors expressing concerns about cases of Aboriginal people falling through the cracks, and identifying gaps in the quality and continuity of care in the North.

Those concerns touched on challenges dealing with the health system bureaucracy, the lack of continuity in healthcare providers and the absence of addictions treatment centres and traditional healers, foods and medicines available in NWT health centres and hospitals, among others.

"Any time there are programs or transfers, it should make a notable difference," said Liidlii Kue Chief Minnie Letcher. "In all of the years for all the amount of money that's gone into health and social services by our government, there hasn't been a noticeable difference, and that is a really sad tale."

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NEWS BRIEFS

CNRL ordered to find source of bitumen leaks, clean up sites

The Alberta government has ordered Canadian Natural Resources Ltd. to find the source of bitumen leaks discovered this year near Cold Lake, Alta. The order requires the company to test for groundwater contamination, as well as undergo clean up, remediation and reclamation of the Primrose oil and gas development where three leaks were discovered earlier this year, as well as a fourth leak discovered at an unnamed body of water. The Alberta Energy Regulator is currently leading an investigation into the cause of the bitumen releases.

Hinton mine leak into Athabasca stopped

A leak discovered from a mine near Hinton that was releasing sediment from an onsite water storage pond into the Athabasca River has been stopped. The leak was from the Obed Mountain Mine site storage pond that contains high levels of suspended solids such as clay, mud, shale and coal particles. Surrounding communities were informed of the leak on Nov. 1 and have been advised to not draw water from the river until further notice despite water samples showing no health risks. The Alberta government plans to continue sampling the river.

Federal Court of Appeal hears Daniels landmark Métis ruling

The Federal Court of Appeal has been asked by the federal government to overturn the landmark Daniels versus Crown ruling regarding the rights of Métis and nonstatus Indians in Canada. The landmark Daniels ruling earlier this year saw Justice Michael Phelan conclude that Métis and Non-Status are Indians under subsection 91 (24) of the Constitution Act, 1867, giving recognition to more than 600,000 Métis and non-status Indians. The federal government immediately launched the appeal following the ruling. National Chief of the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples, Betty Ann Lavallée, was present for the appeal hearing and said she was confident that the ruling would be upheld.



Council of Canadians national chair Maude Barlow speaks to Yellowknife residents last week on the protection of water, hydraulic fracturing and her new book, Blue Future: Protecting Water for People and the Planet Forever.

Environment Fracking

Council of Canadians outraged at Sahtu fracking approval

Maude Barlow brings water crisis message to NWT as NEB approves winter drilling

By MARIA CHURCH

The Council of Canadians voiced its outrage last week following the announcement by the National Energy Board (NEB) approving the Northwest Territories' first hydraulic

fracturing project, which will see ConocoPhillips build two fracking wells this winter in the Sahtu.

Maude Barlow, national chair of the Council of Canadians and internationally renowned water expert, was in Yellowknife last week to caution residents about inaction on water issues during the announcement, which was followed shortly after by a letter from the territorial government refusing to carry out an investigation into fracking chemicals.

The Council of Canadians' NWT Chapter received a letter from Environment Minister Michael Miltenberger last week stating the GNWT would not carry

Council of Canadians, called the GNWT's response "unacceptable."

Without a separate investigation, the government is admitting they won't require ConocoPhillips to disclose the types and composition of chemicals to be used in the fracking process, he said.

Barlow expressed her own outrage at the government's approval.

"The Northwest Territories government and the NEB have made a decision that you don't have the right to know what's going to be put into your water here," she said. "We have every right to know and every right to free, prior and informed consent as citizens of the territory and the country."

be heard loud and clear in their right to have full disclosure, in their right to say no to fracking operations that are going to destroy large amounts of the water of this community," Barlow said.

NWT facing water crisis

In the NWT where fresh water is plentiful, it's hard to wrap heads around a dwindling global water supply, but the threat is no less real, Barlow said.

"We are a planet running out of clean water, and that's very hard for a lot of people who live in this area or other parts of Canada to believe because we are blessed with more water than some parts of the world," Barlow told media at a press conference.

"We have what I call dismissive abundance, that we have so much water that we can dump anything into it, we can move it wherever we want and we don't have to respect it, but in fact we have many very serious water issues in this country."

Because of industrial chemical processes, the current food system and high energy consumption, fresh water supplies are actually disappearing at a faster rate than nature can replenish them, Barlow said.

Around 130 people came to Barlow's presentation about water in Yellowknife last week, which doubled as a launch for her latest book, Blue Future: Protecting Water for People and the Planet Forever.

In the book, Barlow outlines the scale of the global water crisis and offers solutions that include identifying water as a human right and preventing the development of water as a commodity.

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Maude Barlow Council of Canadians

out their own investigation of chemicals being used in the fracking process, which the council had requested under the Environmental Rights Act.

According to Miltenberger, the project had already undergone environmental assessment under the federal Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act, which did away with the need for assessment under the Environmental Rights Act. Both assessments would be "a type of double jeopardy on the process," he said.

Peter Redvers, with the NWT Chapter of the studies at fracking sites around the world have shown the chemicals used are harmful to surrounding ecosystems and freshwater supplies. "We know that where

Barlow said numerous

"We know that where fracking has taken place there is a chemical soup that is very dangerous to water and to human health," she said.

The big picture, she said, is that residents need to take action beyond their own water conservation efforts and stand up politically.

"It's extremely important that the voices of the people of the Northwest Territories

Surprise shuffle puts Abernethy in Health hot seat

Mid-session changes see ministers swap portfolios, new Lands minister

By JACK DANYLCHUK

After enduring months of criticism over addictions treatment in the territory, Health Minister Tom Beaulieu got a reprieve last week as Premier Bob McLeod made mid-term adjustments to cabinet duties.

"We are midway through our term and have accomplished many of the tasks we set for ourselves at the beginning of the 17th Legislative Assembly," the premier said in announcing the changes that have Beaulieu and Glen Abernethy swapping portfolios.

Abernethy takes over Health and Social Services, Seniors and Persons with Disabilities, while Beaulieu moves to Transportation, Human Resources and Public Works and Services.

David Ramsay, while losing the Transportation portfolio, continues as minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment, and picks up the Justice department and the Public Utilities Board, both formerly held by Abernethy.

Robert C. McLeod will take on the new Lands department next April, and continues as minister responsible for the Northwest Territories Housing



Regular MLAs said they were not surprised to see some ministers' portfolios swapped last week with an irregular cabinet shuffle in the Legislative Assembly.

Corp., Municipal and Community Affairs, Homelessness and Youth.

Jackson Lafferty, Michael Miltenberger and the premier continue with their existing portfolios.

As the government readies for devolution, McLeod said "we have an opportunity to capitalize on our past successes and to refocus our energies for the task ahead."

It was the best possible gloss on the changes, but regular MLAs who replied to emailed questions weren't entirely persuaded by the premier's spin.

Yellowknife Centre MLA Robert Hawkins, censured by Speaker Jackie Jacobson for criticisms of Beaulieu in the opening days of the session, noted "it is highly unusual to shuffle a cabinet in the middle of a session. "No premier or government likes to be told what to do and, as such, the shuffle should speak loud and clear," Hawkins said in an email to *The Journal*.

"I also believe and certainly credit all members for helping keep up the pressure on this cabinet over its lackluster performance during the last two weeks of session, which was enough to provide

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Frame Lake MLA Wendy Bisaro

the direction and instruction needed for the results we see,"

Hawkins wrote.

"Inaction around here is a serious problem on many fronts and that affects all Northerners, so perhaps this will remind the cabinet that as members we demand action, results and accountability."

Frame Lake MLA Wendy Bisaro wrote that voters are "smart enough to connect the dots" when asked about the need for a shuffle.

"Without getting too specific, members have/had concerns with the performance of some ministers, and as the premier said, some were/are ready to take on new and different challenges.

"I am hoping that we will now have better accountability and transparency within the guiding principles of the 17th Assembly, as we prepare for devolution roll-out," Bisaro wrote.

Sahtu MLA Norman Yakeleya compared the premier to "a coach in sports; he must always assess his players and make adjustment to maintain a 'winning' team.

"We shall see by the end of our term, if this was a good move, only time will tell."

Range Lake MLA Daryl Dolynny's comments perfectly matched Bisaro's, indicating he hopes the shuffle will bring "better accountability and transparency within the guiding principles of the 17th Assembly, as we prepare for devolution roll-out."

As to the need to change portfolios and duties, "I believe the voters are smart enough to connect the dots with the recent cabinet shuffle," he wrote.

Politics Territorial

Dene National Chief contests adding another Yellowknife MLA

By MEAGAN WOHLBERG Dene National Chief Bill

Dene National Chief Bill Erasmus says if Yellow-knife winds up with an additional MLA, as recently recommended by the NWT Electoral Boundaries Commission, that representative should be assigned to dealing with Aboriginal people who have moved from the small communities into the urban centre.

"If they want another MLA in Yellowknife, maybe that MLA should be there to help the people that are Aboriginal that come from the communities. That's the kind of discussion I think we need instead of just saying Yellowknife should have another person," Erasmus said at last week's Dene Nation leadership meetings in Fort Simpson.

Erasmus said many of the transient Dene people in the capital go to the local Yellow-knives chiefs in N'Dilo and Dettah looking for help after moving to the city.

"They want assistance. Well we're not in a position to help them because we're trying to take care of our own people every day. So we need to think about that," Erasmus said. "The people in Yellowknife really want to work together, but we've never had a real conversation on how the smaller communities can work with them, and maybe this is the time to do it."

In a report last February, the Electoral Boundaries Commission recommended bringing the number of Yellowknife seats in the legislature to nine up from the current seven, but amended that recommendation this fall to suggest just one additional MLA for the capital.

The issue, expected to be debated over the next weeks by the Legislative Assembly, has been a divisive one. Some Yellowknife residents are loudly lobbying for more MLAs in the capital, which houses half the territory's population, including a group calling itself "Friends of Democracy."

"There are serious consequences for chronic underrepresentation; Yellowknife needs support in dealing with homelessness, substance abuse and other social problems," Bill Aho, the group's leader, told *The Journal* in September.

Additionally, open resentment at further political centralization in Yellowknife has been openly expressed in the House since session began on Oct. 17, with Nahendeh MLA Kevin Menicoche being asked to apologize after saying he was "glad" to see Yellowknife was not a central focus of the NWT's capital plan.

Existing Yellowknife MLAs Wendy Bisaro and Bob Bromley complained the remarks were "offensive."

"My constituents are offended and all the constituents in Yellowknife. Almost 50 per cent of the population of the NWT is here and I don't feel that that comment is one that they will take lightly," Bisaro chided.

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NWT animals rejoice - governed at last!

The new NWT Wildlife Act has been passed, finally. What a marathon!

The first attempt to enact it died on the order paper, one of the final efforts of the NWT's 16th Legislative Assembly, late in iits life in the fall of 2011.

It was championed then, as now, by **Environment and Natural Resources** Minister Michael Miltenberger. His attempt to push it through to get it done and over with at the end of that session was resented, since several First Nation governments wanted more consultation. He took heat. That likely hindered his chance of becoming premier short months later when the newly elected 17th Assembly made its choice. He was beat out by Bob McLeod to lead the NWT. So it goes in politics.

The legislation that was replaced was ancient - 25 years is a long time in politics. The old act was ragtag, did not serve its purpose and badly needed a refresh. A great deal of hard work was put into that effort over nearly a decade by Environment and Natural Resources staff. Miltenberger, now in his fifth term in the legislature, has demonstrated over time that tenacity is one of his strengths. He stuck with it as a minister, making it a priority for his department, and the act is now law. Modern tools for properly dealing with the management of wildlife are in place, at last.

Not only is it something that overcame controversy and in the end garnered the approval of almost all NWT First Nation governments, the way the act was dealt with over time - slow and carefully considered with extraordinary consultation - it is also a model for how devolution should be implemented.

It is not perfect, however. Rights of Aboriginal residents are enshrined in treaties and the Constitution and so are required by law. With the weight of that, Aboriginal leaders in the NWT were able to have the legislation shaped so it follows legal precedent and will serve the needs and demands of Aboriginal residents in future. Kudos to them for that.

What occurred in that process was the evolution of a separate approach and a different set rules for non-Aboriginal Northerners - a large portion of the NWT population. As with the NWT hiring policy, a racially-based approach resulted, which is never good. It may fill a need now, but the price paid down the road could be great. Equality should be the goal. The legislation needs an accommodation of wildlife harvesting needs of non-Aboriginal residents of the NWT and rather than be excluded, they need to have an integral role in wildlife management. Fundamental to all legislation should be the goal to unite all NWT residents to work together into the future toward a common purpose.

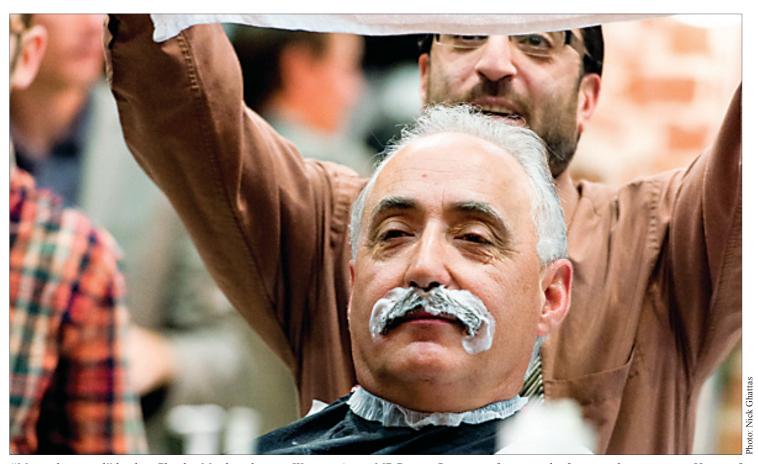
While we are giving out accolades to NWT government ministers, David Ramsay, minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment, deserves one too. He is on the right track with his new planning process for an Economic Strategy. The plan to diversify and strengthen economic fundamentals so NWT residents are less dependent on tenuous resource extraction projects, at the same time making them better equipped to take advantage of those same projects, is essential.

The fact that he has his department working with community governments, chambers of commerce and Aboriginal businesses is particularly encouraging. Working with First Nations and community governments has to be a vital part of that as well. In order for this to go beyond best intentions, fancy talk and a lot

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of expensive meetings, community economies have to be strengthened.

Small businesses are the foundation of every economy. They need to thrive throughout the NWT if this initiative is to succeed. We repeat our call for the NWT government to re-invigorate the use of its buying power to support local businesses, build community capacity and bolster local economies.



"Movember rated" barber Charles Moubarak preps Western Arctic MP Dennis Bevington for a month of moustache growing at House of Barons in Ottawa last week. Movember is a fundraising effort whereby men grow moustaches to bring awareness and funding to prostate cancer over the month of November.

ARCHIVES

15 Years Ago...

Fort Smith Métis approve new constitution

The Métis Local 50 held their annual general assembly at Roaring Rapids Hall last Wednesday, voting in a new constitution which paves the way for future land claim settlements and self-government issues.

20 Years Ago...

Mayor forges bonds with Fort Smith, Arkansas

Mayor Dennis Bevington recently returned from a visit to the southern US city, where he had a chance to strengthen ties that were established this summer by a visit from Emery Dockery of the Fort Smith, Arkansas Darby Foundation.

30 Years Ago...

Annexation fight looms

Residents of the "Corridor" area south of Hay River may find themselves within town boundaries, if the planned annexation is approved by Hay River Council and the GNWT. But those who live in the area aren't taking the proposal lying down.

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A diversity that unites us

Editor

The members of the NWT Francophone Immigration Network wish you a good National Week of Francophone Immigration.

From Nov. 3 to 9, Canada will celebrate the first National Week of Francophone Immigration. This awareness week aims to promote francophone immigration and diversity. The federal government provides the importance of immigration for the vitality of

French-speaking communities in a minority setting. In addition, Citizenship and Immigration Canada says that attracting, integrating and retaining French-speaking immigrants outside Quebec enhances the vitality of communities by strengthening Canada's linguistic duality and increasing diversity within the communities, provinces and territories. Beyond that, it is easy to defend the inalienable link between French-speaking immigrants

and the vitality of francophone communities in the NWT. "A diversity that unites us" is a telling slogan of this vitality.

The National Week of Francophone Immigration is an initiative of the FCFA of Canada and the Francophone Immigration Networks, made possible by financial support from Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

For more information on the Francophone Immigration NWT and the Francophone Immigration Welcome Centre, please contact: Francophone Immigration Coordinator - immigrationtno@franco-nord.com - 867-920-2919 ext 262. Or visit our webpage at: http://accueilimmigrationtno.com/

For more information about the National Week of Francophone Immigration, visit the FCFA webpage: http://immigrationfranco-phone.ca.

Nicholas Carrière

COLUMNS

Cyber safety for savvy seniors

The fastest growing age group joining Facebook in Canada is 65 and older. It is estimated 50 per cent of all seniors are on the internet every day. That's right – it's more than just your children that are of concern for internet safety.

Unfortunately, there are more and more predators in cyberland developing fraudulent schemes, criminals trying to scam internet users. Seniors are particularly vulnerable.

October is Cyber Security Awareness Month. Trend Micro, a leading internet security company, offers the following tips for seniors' cyber security and safety:

•Be wary of unexpected calls or messages.

- •Stick to well-known websites.
- Only accept friend requests from people you know.
- •Choose your passwords wisely, protect them, don't use the same passwords for everything, and make them difficult using letters, numbers and symbols. Try to change your passwords regularly.
- Don't be afraid to say to someone, "Wait a minute... let me check with somebody else."
- •Use a different computer for online banking.
- Make sure to use and set your computer's privacy settings.
- On Facebook, never post when you're going on vacation.

Beyond the sheer inconvenience and possible embarrassment, you put your privacy, financial savings and even personal safety at risk if you carelessly leave an easy trail for scammers to follow.

Be aware and secure.

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THE TOPIC



Canadian Zinc's security bonds for Prairie Creek mine are overdue.

THE JOURNAL'S QUESTION



(posed to Chris Reeves, general manager of Canadian Zinc)

What's the company's plan for paying these securities?



THE ANSWER

The company is supplying the board with a response on that.

By DAWN KOSTELNIK

My father is Somba ralla. Translated from Northern Slavey this means he is the moneylender to the people of the Sahtu Region on the Mackenzie River in the NWT, known as Fort Norman. He is John Kostelnik, the Indian Agent to the white people. The people on the river like him. There is no honour in pretending to like someone when you don't. Men come up and say "John, how are ya doin'? What we doin' today?" Their smiles shine through their eyes; my

White Girl (Part 6)

The Indian Agent: Part 1 of 4

father makes things happen; they know he is a good man. It makes life easier for me because the people like my dad.

My father has been hired to do this job by the Federal Government of Canada. Since we have moved to Fort Norman, a new entity of power has come into being, the brand new territorial government. The territorial government will now act as the governing agent for the Northwest Territories.

A new term creeps into the language of government: "Self Government". Self-government for whom? Taking baby steps, the territorial government begins to deal with governing the people of the Northwest Territories. When a governing force does not live where they govern,

concerns of their constituents cannot be fully addressed. How can someone in Ottawa relate to a village that has no water or sewer system, no telecommunications, no roads? Really, it is difficult to understand what you do not know.

A suggestion of self-government for the Indian bands is also being carried on the winds. We live in incredible times. My father would remain with the title of Indian Agent until his term in Fort Norman ended. Indian Agents would be no more, their title changed to Area Administrators. My father is the last person on the Mackenzie River to maintain the title of Indian Agent. There is a good possibility that he was the last

person in Canada with that designation as well.

As the Indian Agent, it is his job to drum up work for local people, distribute assistance money, convince the government that new out houses were not a luxury and yes, people would appreciate having power in their houses. When it was called for, he was the coroner and arranged to bury the dead. He was the mayor, local contractor, mechanic, fisherman and hunter, digger of holes... he did not have to do all of these things, but he did. People could tell that he cared, they talk of him still and he remembers them well.

Stay tuned for part 2 of 4 in the Northern Journal.

FACEBOOK FEEDBACK

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Weledeh MLA Bob Bromley questioned the neutrality of the third-party organization leading informational sessions on hydraulic fracturing in the Sahtu last week, claiming the talks organized by the department of Industry, Tourism and Investment (ITI) were "one-sided."



MLA calls Sahtu fracking info 'one-sided'



Patricia Sepp: Thumbs up! Bob Bromley!! Keep asking these communities in Canada how it's impacting our environment and the long term damages?

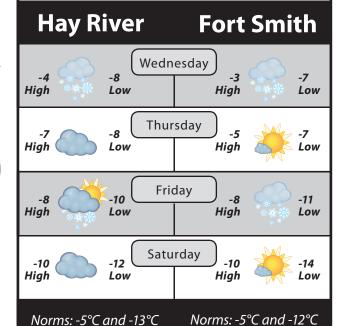
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MLAs vote to give Sahtu a voice on liquor sales

Amendments to Liquor Act in Sahtu region carried in legislature

By MEAGAN WOHLBERG

Residents in the Sahtu communities of Tulita, Deline, Fort Good Hope and Colville Lake were granted the opportunity to have a say in whether they want liquor sale restrictions reinstated in Norman Wells following the successful passing of Bill 24, the Act to Amend the Liquor Act, last week in the legislature.

Despite cabinet opposition, the bill introduced by Sahtu MLA Norman Yakeleya received vocal support from all but one regular MLA and passed last Thursday.

The bill does not guarantee the return of restrictions, but instead allows all residents of the Sahtu in the decision-making process to determine whether or not there should be limits on alcohol sales at the liquor store in Norman Wells, which supplies much of the region with alcohol.

The community of Norman Wells voted over a year ago to lift the restrictions on liquor sales. Those in favour of removing the limits won by a slim majority of 113 to 101. Residents of surrounding communities - in which liquor restrictions exist - were not eligible to vote.



The passing of Bill 24 means residents of the other Sahtu communities will now have a say in how much liquor can be sold at the Norman Wells liquor store (above), known to be a prime source of liquor for bootleggers dealing in Tulita, Deline, Fort Good Hope and Colville Lake.

Since then, sales of all types of liquor increased, with hard alcohol showing the most notable rise in sales, up by 46 per cent in 2012.

Local RCMP reported that in 2012, assault-related calls increased by 50 per cent in Tulita, and 133 per cent in Colville Lake. Fort Good Hope, which has a population of 559, saw over 600 alcoholrelated incidents. RCMP in

Tulita, Fort Good Hope and Deline responded to an average of 117 more alcoholrelated calls in 2012 than the previous year.

It is believed the majority of alcohol being bootlegged in the Sahtu comes from Norman Wells, though some is purchased in Yellowknife and Inuvik.

"Approximately 30 per cent of the Sahtu population lives

in Norman Wells, but 100 percent of the population has to live with the results of the decision to remove the liquor restrictions," Yakeleya said.

"We don't have the treatment programs and services in the region to help people deal with addictions. We don't have enough police resources to enforce restrictions in other communities. We are limited in what we can do, by the If this legislation being enacted gives the people of the Sahtu that authority to control this substance within their region, it gives them more control, more authority, I think it's a good thing.

MLA Jane Groenewegen Hay River

search and seizure provisions under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Limiting how much alcohol people can buy at the point of purchase is one of the few really effective tools we have."

Though one MLA, Robert Bouchard of Hay River North, opposed the bill on the basis that he did not think it would effectively stop bootlegging but, as periods of prohibition have historically demonstrated, actually promote illegal liquor sales, all other MLAs spoke passionately in favour of the Sahtu-specific amendments to the Liquor Act.

"When we look at things like self-government agreements

for communities or for regions or for groups, we look at giving them control over issues, potentially, like this, so if this legislation being enacted gives the people of the Sahtu that authority to control this substance within their region, it gives them more control, more authority, I think it's a good thing," said Hay River MLA Jane Groenewegen. "I'll support any motion or any legislation or any action which curbs the consumption of alcohol in the Northwest Territories."

Yellowknife Centre MLA Robert Hawkins similarly added, "the rights of the many must outweigh the rights of the few."

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Dene Nation calls for access to traditional healers

By MEAGAN WOHLBERG

With the only addictions treatment centre in the territory closing down, Dene leaders are calling for more access to traditional healers, medicines and other wellness supports from what they said is a currently flawed non-insured health benefits (NIHB) program.

The NIHB program covers many of the costs of health services provided through treaties, including eye and dental care, some medical travel and costs of prescription drugs, among others.

Within NIHB, treaty First Nations are entitled to have their travel paid to seek out services from a traditional healer, but that funding will only take people in the NWT as far as the border.

With no structured traditional healing system in place in the NWT's healthcare system, many elders at the Dene Nation meeting last week in Fort Simpson complained the jurisdictional funding issue makes it impossible for people to seek out healers, as most reside in the south.

"We do get some elders requesting traditional healers, but then they found out



Elder George Marlowe and sub-chief Emily Saunders of the Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation tell Health Canada and GNWT Health officials about their community's desire for more access to traditional healers and medicines at last week's Dene Nation meetings in Fort Simpson.

that they couldn't go across the border, that they'll only be paid until the border line," Emily Saunders, sub-chief of the Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation, told Health Canada officials.

Cathy Praamsma, regional director for Health Canada in the NWT, said NIHB is reviewed annually, but that significant policy changes are "rarely" made and have to come from cabinet.

As it stands, she said, only three requests for traditional healers have been made within the NWT this year and none of them were denied.

Rene Lamothe authored a

report with the Dehcho Health and Social Services Authority, Dene Nation and GNWT department of Health and Social Services in 2009, which made recommendations to the NWT government on incorporating traditional healers and medicines into the health delivery system.

We do get some elders requesting traditional healers, but then they found out that they couldn't go across the border.

> Emily Saunders Lutsel K'e First Nation

He said the criteria shaping the federal NIHB policy needs to expand to allow people to cross the border when necessary.

"I think the information that is being used by the professionals who are advising the structure of this policy is too limited, and I think it would be of benefit to people on the ground if that policy could be as broad in the administration of medical services funding as the policies that govern Western allopathic medicines. We are sending people from the North south all the time to see specialists," he said.

"You can't use one set of criteria in one way and then deny it in another way...and I don't think that the department could justify that it would become too costly. Our traditional healers don't charge \$500,000 a year to practice, as Western allopathic specialists do."

Though NIHB is a federal program, it is administered by the territorial government out of Inuvik. According to the deputy minister for Health in the NWT, Debbie DeLancey, that contract is coming to an end soon.

With calls for First Nations involvement in the renegotiation of the contract, DeLancey said she would commit on behalf of the department to make sure consultation is done with the recipients of the service.

Elder François Paulette of Fitzgerald, Alta., who chairs the Elders Wellness Council at Stanton Territorial Hospital, advised the Dene leadership to take over the NIHB office themselves, rather than have the GNWT be the middleman.

"It's for the treaty First Nations," he said. "We should take the responsibility of that. It's a treaty right. Why are we not doing that?'

Health & Wellness Aboriginal

New Health division working on Aboriginal wellness

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Though the GNWT admittedly "has a lot of work to do," DeLancey said the department is actively working on remediating the situation.

Part of the problem has to do with the way the regional health boards are structured, and how the legislation hasn't changed since health was transferred from Ottawa to the NWT in 1988.

"The world has changed a lot in the last 25 years," DeLancey said. "We need to deal with

emerging Aboriginal self government. We need to keep our board structure so that it recognizes the fact that we have different language groups; we're going to have eight Aboriginal self-governments who will have some of the authority to take over some of our programs."

At the same time, she said, the department also needs to share resources across the boards so people in the territory get consistent care. Currently, she said, this is very difficult.

"The way we set up our system, it's really hard for the authorities to help each other out; it's hard for them to share resources...If there's one authority where they don't have a doctor, right now we create barriers for (another one) to be able to send them a doctor for a couple of weeks," she said.

While one authority may be excelling at offering services, other smaller health boards are struggling on their own, she said.

"It worries me when we know that in some regions, people are getting one standard of care, and in other regions, they're getting a different standard of care. We're working in silos. We need to work to ensure there's a minimum standard of care.'

A new Aboriginal Health and Community Wellness division of HSS has spent the last two years facilitating wellness planning with every community in the territory, thanks to recently administered - and long called-for - multiyear funding from the federal government.

The government is also looking to other jurisdictions like Alaska for ideas on ways to integrate traditional healers, medicines, foods and cultural practices into the healthcare system.

Though Alaska has accredited traditional healers worked into their system, DeLancey said she regretted that in two decades, the NWT had "done almost nothing in our system to acknowledge and respect traditional healing."

Discussion on New Mental Health Legislation

In response to developments in the area of mental health policy and principles, the Department is seeking input on the NWT's current mental health legislation and proposed updates to the legislative framework.

For more information, read our Discussion Papers on the Department of Health and Social Services' website at www.hss.gov.nt.ca.

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NWT to diversify economy, focus on people power

By MARIA CHURCH

The GNWT has introduced a new strategy to diversify the territory's economic potential beyond resource development and focus on Northern people power.

David Ramsay, minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment, told the legislature last week that the new strategy will invest in regional diversification and cultivate opportunities for people and businesses.

"Tourism, agriculture, forestry and also the fishing industry, I think those are going to be the four we really need to pay attention to," Ramsay told *The Journal*.

The first to be done since 2000, the NWT Economic Opportunities Strategy (EOS) was created by the GNWT in partnership with the federal government, the NWT Association of Communities, the NWT Chamber of Commerce and the Northern Aboriginal Business Association (NABA).

The strategy identifies 117 actions for targets and objectives that will be made over the next 10 years.

"We had a lot of partners in this, it was a collaborative effort, it's not just going to sit on the shelf. We are going to



The panel responsible for collecting input for the NWT Economic Opportunities Strategy hears from Fort Smith residents in December 2011.

find a way to get some things done," Ramsay said.

Drew Williams, communications manager for the EOS, said the strategy is a response to the NWT's narrow focus on resource development.

"We were too fully invested in resource development and not only was it only resource development,

it was only diamonds," he said.

Williams said one aspect to the strategy is in response to a declining population of skilled Northerners, often due to a lack of job opportunities in the North.

Public consultations on the economy held over the past year consistently brought up concerns about unemployment and lack of skills training. Williams said the strategy makes recommendations around creating job opportunities for Northerners, but does not specifically address education.

"Once we create all these opportunities, we also have

to prepare our people to be able to take on as many of these possibilities as they can because otherwise we are just creating opportunities to give to southern fly in, fly out people," Williams said.

The strategy also recognizes "explosive growth" in Aboriginal business and

suggests actions to further the growth, including partnered approaches to encourage entrepreneurship.

Darrell Beaulieu, chair of NABA, said the strategy underscores the importance of the growing Aboriginal business community.

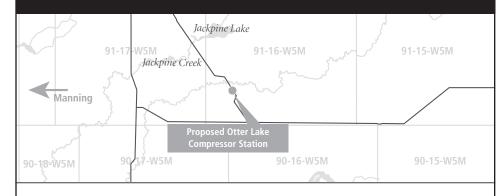
"Aboriginal companies are not only engaging and participating in all sectors of the NWT economy, (but) they are now a part of guiding its growth and development," he said.

While the original goal of the strategy was to focus solely on grassroots business development such as arts and crafts, tourism, fishing and manufacturing, Williams said it became quickly apparent that the NWT economy also requires large-scale resource development projects.

"We can't replace what the mines are doing by tourism, fishing and trapping," he said. "We need resource development as well. That's kind of a given fact."

A Mineral Development Strategy will also be released within a couple of weeks to outline the territory's plans for diversifying resource development projects.

Public NoticeProposed Project: Otter Lake Compressor Station



NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. (NGTL)* is proposing to construct, own and operate the Otter Lake Compressor Station, a 28 megawatt facility that will address the increasing demand for natural gas in the area. The compressor station is proposed within legal land location 8-91-16-W5M in Northern Sunrise County, approximately 60 kilometers (km) east of Manning, AB.

Once operational, Otter Lake Compressor Station will become a component of the NGTL System, a 24,400 km pipeline network that transports natural gas for use within Alberta and British Columbia and for delivery to other markets across North America.

NGTL will submit a section 58 application to the regulator, the National Energy Board, for approval to build, own and operate the Otter Lake Compressor Station. Pending approval, the first phase of construction is anticipated to begin in the fourth quarter of 2014 and the project in service by the end of 2015.

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Politics Energy

Feds dust off Mackenzie pipeline fund to give minister control

By MEAGAN WOHLBERG

After years of sitting untouched, the socioeconomic fund intended to offset the impacts of the Mackenzie Valley pipeline on Aboriginal communities in the NWT recently made an appearance in a federal bill meant to amend who is in charge of the money.

Stuffed into yet another omnibus bill, the amendments to the Mackenzie Gas Project Impacts Act propose putting the federal minister in charge of administering funds set aside by the former Liberal government to deal with potential impacts from a pipeline down the valley.

The trust fund of \$500 million was established as a way to garner support from the territory's Aboriginal groups, and was intended to be divided among the communities, regions and organizations along the pipeline route.

According to the funding framework, \$150 million is allocated for the Dehcho

region, \$82 million for the Gwich'in, \$61 million for Tulita and Deline, \$150 million for the Inuvialuit and \$57 million for the Fort Good Hope-Colville Lake region.

The sums were to be distributed over 10 years once the gas project had been approved, and were designated clearly for projects designed and developed by the communities to address concerns about impacts of the \$16-billion pipeline project on the land and traditional livelihoods.

An independent corporation was established to manage the funds and ensure money would flow to regional organizations only for projects intended to mitigate the socioeconomic impacts of the pipeline.

With the proposed bill, that could all change, prompting Western Arctic MP Dennis Bevington to question the need for the sudden shift when the pipeline project has been moribund going on a decade.

He said the proposed change - done without consultation with the Aboriginal groups who spent two years developing the fund - raises concerns about accountability and transparency.

"What we have now is a move to a system that would have a Conservative minister handing out cheques for particular projects as he or she deems appropriate," he said in the House of Commons last week.

Bevington said the corporation, which was impartial, would have been free from potential political interference and instead follow the directions of the communities. He said he is worried the money may now go to the wrong areas.

"What we have is a \$500-million fund that has now been cut loose by the government of Canada, by the Conservative government of Canada, into the hands of a minister. It may or may not work in the way that it was designed to work."



Yellowknife pushes for more revenues in Heritage Fund

By MEAGAN WOHLBERG

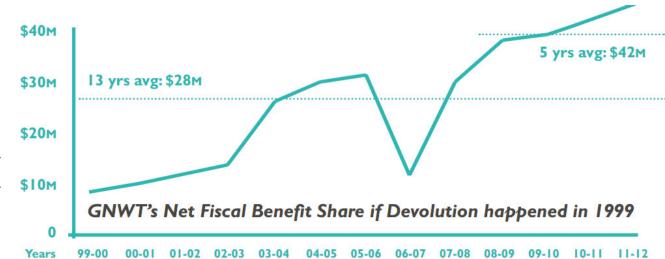
Echoing calls from Fort Smith earlier last month, Yellowknifers made a hardline push for at least half of resource revenues garnered through devolution to be put into the Heritage Fund for safekeeping for future generations at last week's public meeting.

Yellowknife was the latest stop on this year's round of budget consultations put on by the NWT department of Finance following meetings throughout October in Behchoko, Fort Simpson, Hay River and Fort Smith.

The tour has provided a venue for Finance Minister Michael Miltenberger to present his plan of what to do with the territory's share of resource revenues after responsibility for lands, water and resources is finally transferred to the NWT on Apr. 1, 2014.

The territory expects to make a maximum of \$65 million after splitting royalties in half with the federal government, 25 per cent of which will go to Aboriginal governments, leaving a maximum of around \$52 million to the GNWT.

As that cap hinges on the territory's capital expenditures, which are currently "well below" the \$65-million mark, the five-year average



for resource revenues is closer to \$42 million.

Though Miltenberger's plan is to put 5 per cent of that \$42 million into the NWT's new Heritage Fund, saving the rest for infrastructure and debt repayment, residents attending the meeting in Yellowknife requested anywhere between half and 100 per cent of the revenues from non-renewables to be put aside for future generations who won't be able to benefit from those resources.

Yellowknife's Frame Lake MLA Wendy Bisaro was one of them. Though she agreed with Miltenberger's intent to ensure no resource revenues are allocated for programs and services - for which the government already invests \$1.4 billion annually - she said a 5 per cent investment for the future was disappointing.

"In my view, we should be placing a minimum of 25 per cent of our anticipated resource revenues into the Heritage Fund, and it should be so stated in legislation, not in regulations which are easily changed by government without any discussion with, or input from, the public," she said in legislature last week.

Yellowknife resident Julian Morse, who attended the consultation last Monday with

around 20 others, said there was a mixture of recommendations, wavering between 50 and 100 per cent of revenues.

Though he would like to see all of the revenues go into the Heritage Fund, he said he understands the value of investing in infrastructure for the future, as well, and could settle for a compromise of at least a 50-50 split between the two areas.

"But just throwing everything into capital budgets for the year is a terrible idea," he said. "If you're going to put in a small amount, you don't really have a Heritage Fund. You might as well put a lot away or none at all."

He said the 5 per cent figure is "100 per cent arbitrary" and wants to see the department listen to the views of residents in making this decision, despite what Miltenberger said may be a tough political sell in legislature.

"If people in the political arena don't understand the benefits of a Heritage Fund, it's Miltenberger's job to explain that to them," Morse said. "When you've got residents who know what they're talking about coming to meetings and saying this is what we want, then they need to respond to that. This is the will of the people."

Morse added that any allocation for debt repayment is a "red herring," as the majority of the territory's debt is self-liquidating.

"The 'infrastructure deficit' is a bit of an imaginary figure. There's no physical deficit; there's no money that needs to be repaid. They're talking about what they'd like to build and the money they need to build it," Morse said. "That's not a good reason not to establish a Heritage Fund."

Residents in Fort Smith also called for at least 25 per cent to be put towards the fund, with the preference of 100 per cent, as is done in Norway, whose Heritage Fund currently boasts around \$730 billion.

Five per cent would see \$2.1 million going into the Heritage Fund each year, which - when totalled with compound interest - would see around \$65 million saved up in the 20 years the fund is legislated to go untouched. The fund's current balance is just over \$500,000.

The department has two communities left on its budget consultation tour. Miltenberger and his Finance staff will be in Inuvik on Nov. 12 and Norman Wells on Nov. 13.

Health & Wellness Cost of Living

NWT Income Security overhaul focuses on disabilities

By MARIA CHURCH

An overhaul of the NWT's Income Security Program (ISP) system, which serves seniors, young families and students to offset the cost of living, will include a new focus on persons with disabilities.

"Enhancing the services that we provide to people with disabilities is definitely a priority for the department," Jolene Saturnino, director of ISP, told *The Journal*.

The ISP office has decided to create a new advisory position specifically to address service gaps for clients with disabilities, and are now looking to hire.

The advisory role would include making adjustments to current programs, bringing staff up to date on how to best serve disabled clients, and potentially create a whole new program for clients with disabilities.

While many ISP improvements for persons with disabilities hinge on suggestions made by the new advisory position, the department recently created a \$2,000 grant for permanently disabled students on top of their regular student financial assistance.

Separate from Employment Insurance, ISPs are designed for a wider range of applicants, from a student looking to offset education costs to a senior who cannot afford to heat his or her home.

The ISP office receives around 1,200 income assistance applications per month and 2,500 student assistance applications per academic year, Saturnino said.

Earlier this year, ISPs came under scrutiny from the Office of the Auditor General (OAG), which released a report in March making nine recommendations to improve service delivery and employee supports.

"We were pleased to read the recommendations from the Auditor General," Jackson Lafferty, minister of Education, Culture and Employment, said in a press release. "All of their recommendations aligned with the actions we had taken to that point. The focused review of our Income Security Program has helped us further identify service gaps, which we have moved to address."

Saturnino confirmed that improvements to the ISPs are "already on track" with the recommendations made in the OAG's report.

"The program changes and internal enhancements, as well, that we are making are going to benefit Northerners and they are going to make the improvements that we do need," she said.

Sweeping changes for the department, which include developing a competency model to identify individual staff training needs, will happen over the next few years, Saturnino said.

The budget for ISP programs is approximately \$29.3 million per year with programs servicing an average of 5,500 people.



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Whooping cranes head for winter homes in Texas

Environment Canada researcher says oilsands pose risk to migrating flock

By MARIA CHURCH

Winter is fast approaching and that means Wood Buffalo National Park's whooping cranes are heading out to their seasonal home in Aransas. Texas.

Sightings recorded by Environment Canada last week place groups of cranes all along the migration route, with some stragglers sighted in the park.

The whooping crane - one of the world's rarest birds, protected in Canada under Species At Risk legislation - has seen steadily increasing numbers due in no small part to efforts to protect them, Mark Bidwell, a species at risk biologist with Environment Canada, told The Journal.

"Protection of the breeding habitat was a main factor,' Bidwell said, noting that the park is remote and isolated from people, meaning minimal subjection to human disturbances.

This year, researchers counted around 300 whooping cranes in the wild flock, a much higher number than historical lows in the 1940s when less than 20 were found, but still low enough to be considered endangered.

Bidwell said migration is considered a risky time for the whooping cranes, with data suggesting mortality rates are at their highest as the birds come into contact with highly populated areas along their route south.

The Alberta oilsands are



After a summer of nesting in Wood Buffalo National Park, the whooping cranes are making their journey south to wintering grounds in Texas.

one of the risk factors located along the cranes' migration route, he said.

Tailings ponds - areas where the oilsands' refuse chemicals and residual bitumen are mixed with water and clay - have been known to kill hundreds of migratory birds yearly, despite efforts from the companies to deter them.

Bidwell said that, to date, Environment Canada has no evidence of whooping cranes landing in oilsands tailings ponds; however, data shows they are using nearby wetlands during migration.

"As part of the Joint Oilsands Monitoring Program, both Canada and Alberta have increased their efforts to monitor biodiversity and wildlife in the oilsands region and that includes whooping cranes," Bidwell said.

Other risk factors for the birds include power lines, which the cranes have been known to collide with.

Bidwell said the Canadian Wildlife Service has been promoting the use of bird flight diverters - reflective fixtures placed at intervals along power lines - to deter birds.

"By working with conservation groups and working with industry to create solutions that promote conservation of whooping cranes, some of those activities have also had an impact on increases to population," he said.

Local input sought

This year, researchers recorded eight whooping crane nests located outside Wood Buffalo park boundaries - the most ever found - which shows the flock is expanding.

Once outside the national park, the cranes are still protected as a species at risk, but their nesting sites would no longer be considered a protected area, meaning they are susceptible to human activities such as hunting and recreation.

Bidwell said he believes hunters, trappers and those who live on the land do not necessarily represent a threat to the cranes' breeding grounds.

"Local hunters and trappers are very aware of the importance of conserving whooping cranes and they're aware of the fact they can't be hunting and, more than that, they should not be disturbed," he said.

In the future, Bidwell said he hopes his research on whooping cranes will include working with local land users, environmental groups and Aboriginal groups, to expand beyond science-based data.

'We understand that the scientific work that we do, for example the monitoring, is really only one part of the equation," he said. "We think that local people and local land users have a lot of knowledge about wildlife and we're interested to know what they know about whooping cranes."

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Slave River pelican population has 'good' year

By MARIA CHURCH

The numbers are in and Slave River white pelican enthusiasts can rejoice knowing that chick numbers this year were one of the highest seen in the last 40 years.

A total of 362 chicks were counted this August, the fifth highest number since recording began in 1974. When compared to the 593 nests counted in June, chick survivorship is estimated at 61 per cent.

"We had a good year," said John McKinnon, a member of the Pelican Advisory Circle in Fort Smith and volunteer pelican counter.

McKinnon made three trips this summer to photograph the pelicans at their nesting site with the voluntary help of Northwestern Air pilots.

The group took aerial photographs from around 2,000 feet above the nesting grounds, located on several islands on the Slave River near the Mountain Portage peninsula, southeast of Fort Smith. McKinnon used the photographs to count the number of adults, chicks and nests in order to determine the survival rate.



Pelicans are counted by aerial photographs taken from 2,000 feet above their nesting grounds on the Slave River islands.

Data on the Slave River pelicans goes back to the early 1900s when Ernest Thompson Seton first recorded their presence, unintentionally disturbing the population in his exploration and causing the adults to abandon their nests and chicks.

"He stopped and took pictures and counted 77 nests,

but he was there long enough to disturb the parents and they left and then the ravens and gulls came in and ate all the eggs. It was sort of a complete failure," McKinnon said.

Since '74 when locals started recording the pelicans, nest and chick numbers have swelled steadily into the hundreds. While in the past 10 years the numbers have seen a few dramatic drops, the trend shows a gradual increase in the number of nests and chicks born over time.

The years where the chick population saw a dramatic drop - such as 2003 when only 46 chicks were recorded despite 689 nests counted - could be the result of any number of factors, including a predator such as a bear getting access to the islands, McKinnon said.

During their nesting period, pelicans are also very susceptible to human contact, as evident from Seton's misadventure, McKinnon said, so certain years the decrease in

chicks may have been due to humans venturing too close to the area.

"The playground, just downstream of the nesting islands, is the main place where they surf kayaks," McKinnon said. "I believe in the past, not while I've been here, but kayakers have been suspected of causing troubles with nesting. If someone went on the island it would definitely screw things up."

Since the nesting grounds are located in Alberta, the provincial government has put a seasonal sanctuary status on the Slave River pelican nesting ground under the provincial wildlife act, prohibiting people from entering the sanctuary area within a 100-metre radius.

Currently, the Slave River pelican population is en route to its wintering grounds. Since the pelicans have never been tagged, there is no confirmed research on where they overwinter, but it's believed their migration can take them anywhere from southern California to the Caribbean, McKinnon said.





From left, Laura Hendrie and Janelle Pierrot glance through a compilation of photos from the exhibit.



Exhibit-goers converse while surrounded by historical and present-day photos of elders involved in the Berger Inquiry during the opening event at Aurora College's Thebacha Campus in Fort Smith.

History Berger Inquiry

Berger Inquiry exhibit looks to kindle discussion

By MARIA CHURCH

Marking 35 years since the Berger Inquiry became a rallying point for First Nations activism in the North, a traveling exhibit honouring the elders involved in the inquiry is looking to foster debate among post-secondary students.

"The reason I set up the exhibit the way I did, as a debate, is so that people can come in and learn their own lessons from it," Curator Drew Ann Wake told *The Journal*.

Although it's been decades since the events of the 1970s, Wake said lessons can still be learned from Justice Thomas Berger's inquiry into the social, economic and environmental impacts of a Mackenzie Valley gas pipeline, which

ended in a recommendation to postpone construction for 10 years because of conflicts with First Nations interests, among other concerns.

"It's a story of young Dene and Inuit people of incredible courage who decided to stand up for what they believe in, and they won," Wake said.

A former journalist with CBC, Wake has had a fascination with the inquiry since reading the speech years ago that former Fort Good Hope Chief Frank T'Seleie made in 1975 accusing pipeline contender Robert Blair, president of Foothills Pipe Lines Ltd., of being the 20th-century General Custer, "coming with your troops to slaughter us and steal land that is rightfully ours."

"I believe to this day that it's one of the finest pieces of oratory in Canada, ever," Wake shared.

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Curator Drew Ann Wake Berger Inquiry Exhibit

Five years ago, Wake stumbled upon hundreds of archived audio files of elders speaking at the inquiry's consultations and decided to share the files with communities along the Mackenzie from Trout Lake to Tuktoyaktuk.

The response was overwhelming, she said. "The grandchildren and we thought, this is great."

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From the stories collected and photographs taken by Linda MacCannell, Wake created the Inquiry Exhibit, a then-and-now look at the participants and issues surrounding the Berger Inquiry.

The exhibit has been on display at the Aurora College campuses in Fort Smith and Inuvik for the past two weeks to give students a chance to discuss the exhibit and explore the different perspectives.

"It's interesting because the photographs of people make you realize how long they've been in politics and how young they were when they got started," said Lauraine Armstrong, a Fort Smith resident since 2000, who came to the exhibit opening at the Thebacha campus.

Richard Daitch moved to the NWT around 30 years ago. "Even when we first came, there was an immediacy to the Berger Inquiry at that time and it was part of our orientation to the North," he said. The traveling exhibit is scheduled to hit at least eight more post-secondary campuses before a display at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, DC in 2014.

Funded mainly through arts and culture organizations such as the Canada Council and BC Arts Council, the Inquiry Exhibit currently has no official sponsor or final destination for a permanent display.

Yet the exhibit is already mission accomplished in Wake's eyes, since it brought the audio files back to the communities where they were recorded in the 1970s.

"I know how I would feel if I knew that somebody had voices from my family and didn't bother to get in touch with me," she said.









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Chiefs say Berger Inquiry inspired future leadership

By MEAGAN WOHLBERG

Four chiefs from four communities, all connected by their time together in high school at Grollier Hall in Inuvik, say the Berger Inquiry had a profound influence on their future pursuit of leadership roles in their communities 35 years later.

Leonard Kenny of Deline, Alvin Orlias of Colville Lake, Ernest Betsina of N'Dilo and Phillip Blake of Tsiigehtchic had a chance to reunite last week in Fort Simpson at the Dene Nation leadership meetings, where they reflected on their high school memories of mischief and inspiration.

"We had a good influence because in '75 they had the Berger Inquiry," Orlias said. "I can still remember that. A lot of big leaders, powerful speakers, elders - we listened to them. You could hear what they were saying; it was powerful. We learned from that."

The four chiefs went to school together between the years of '79 and '84.

Kenny reflected on many



Chiefs Ernest Betsina (N'Dilo), Leonard Kenny (Deline), Phillip Blake (Tsiigehtchic) and Alvin Orlias (Colville Lake) celebrate a little high school reunion at the Dene Nation meetings in Fort Simpson last week. The four attended Grollier Hall together in Inuvik in the late '70s, where they were inspired by their leaders during the Berger Inquiry.

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era, like Danny Gaudet, president Clarence Campother leaders he saw come now chief negotiator for bell and Paulatuk Mayor Nellie Cournoyea, Steve Kak-

fwi - all those, they were Betsina said.

"The previous leaders like leaders back then. Now it's our turn to become leaders,"

"Going basically from Grollier Hall, we would never ever have thought about becoming chiefs way back then. Look at us now; we're chiefs now.'

All four of them laughed at what their priorities were back in high school, where they played basketball, volleyball and stole each other's girlfriends.

"We were young; we didn't think about (becoming chiefs)," Orlias said.

"We were busy with girls!" added Kenny, who noted he met his wife of 30 years at Grollier in '81.

Betsina said the reunion with his old friends made him reflect on the importance of education.

"I want to say to the youth, to stay in school and finish their school. They can do anything they want; they can become professional in their fields and even become chiefs," he said.

Kenny agreed.

"We have to challenge our youth, that it doesn't stop there (in high school). It's a lifelong process, education."

History Berger Inquiry

'We are fighting for our survival as a free people' Personal reflections on the Berger Inquiry, 35 years later

By JIM GREEN

Whit Fraser said if I valued my family jewels, I better not testify at the Berger Inquiry into the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline. We were sitting in my living room in Whati, still called Lac La Martre in those days, in August 1977. Whit told me the government of the Northwest Territories would have my knackers for bookends if I spoke out. He said the poop had hit the fan when he, a CBC employee, had testified at Norman Wells, one year earlier.

My house beside the lake was like an overrun refugee centre in the aftermath of a devastating typhoon, or the train station in Calcutta on Friday night. It was the flophouse for the media crew: Whit Fraser, Abe Okpik, Joe Tobey, Jim Sittichinli, Louis Blondin, Joachim Bonnetrouge and a bunch of other folks I'd never met before. People lazing in all the rooms, draped over the furniture, sprawled out on any available stretch of floor. Talking, scribbling notes, typing, eating, drinking, playing cards, reading.

The Berger Inquiry was a Big Deal. I'd been listening to the CBC coverage from all down the valley, Yukon



Former Fort Good Hope Chief Frank T'Seleie told Mackenzie Valley pipeline proponent Robert Blair in 1975, "You are the 20th century General Custer. You are coming with your troops to slaughter us and steal land that is rightfully ours." Now an elder, T'Seleie continues to speak out for Dene rights and culture at meetings throughout the NWT.

and points south across the country for well over a year.

Listening to Charlie Furlong, Tommy Ross, Freddy Greenland, Wilf Bean, Philip Blake, Frank T'Seleie, Claire Barnaby, Earl Dean, Rene Lamothe, Gerry Cheezie, Sam Raddi, Roy Goose, Les Carpenter, Peter Green, Paul Andrew, Raymond Yakeleva, Steve Kakfwi, George Blondin, Phoebe Nahanni,

Gina Blondin and Richard McNeely.

Listening to Richard Nerysoo define what was at stake – "We are fighting for our survival as a free people," he said. Listening to James Wah-shee clarify history by saying - "The treaty was signed when it was discovered that our land was more valuable than our friendship."

Listening to Jim Antoine say that he was willing to lay down his life to stop the pipeline. To Bill Lafferty who came out in favour of the pipeline. He wasn't much worried about the adverse spin-offs - "I don't think an Indian drunk is any stupider that a white drunk," he said.

François Paulette questioned the big rush to get the pipeline flowing. "The earth is

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Jim Green

going to be here all the time. It's not going to be taken away. Why are they rushing?"

And Georges Erasmus, president of the Dene Nation: "Our struggle," Georges said, "is for self-determination. We want to be in charge of our lives and our future. We want to be our own boss. We want to decide what is going to happen on our land. Our position is that there can be no pipeline until after our land claims are settled."

For 17 months I'd been listening to the Berger Inquiry on CBC radio. It had finally arrived in Lac La Martre and Whit Fraser told me (he didn't tell me not to speak) I'd better think carefully about it.

I asked Whit if he remembered why he spoke in Norman Wells the year before. Sure, he remembered, he said. He spoke out because it was something he had to do. Me too, I told him. Well then, go for it, Whit said, but don't say I didn't warn you.

So I did. And what I said to Judge Berger wasn't anything subversive or even earth-shattering. I simply asked him to listen well to the Dene people that spoke to him because they were speaking about our future too, the future of our country and the future of our children and our grandchildren.

The government didn't fire me. They probably didn't even know about it.

But Canada knew about Tom Berger's report when it came out. And there was no pipeline.

Jim Green was at the opening of the Berger Inquiry Exhibit at the college last week. It triggered hundreds of memories for him because he addressed the Inquiry himself in Whati in August 1977.





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Weledeh MLA Bob Bromley (right) shares some words with former NWT Commissioner Stuart Hodgson.



Nunavut Senator Dennis Patterson, with his wife Evelyn, models the same hat he wore in his portrait as leader of the NWT government prior to the creation of Nunavut in 1999.



A handful of the Legislative Assembly's present-day members have some fun at last Friday's anniversary celebrations.

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Canadian Zinc seeks financing as security bonds remain unpaid for Prairie Creek mine

By MEAGAN WOHLBERG

With one deadline overshot for anteing up its security bonds for the Prairie Creek metals mine in the heart of the Mackenzie Mountains, Canadian Zinc Corp. is busy trying to secure financing to ensure its permits stay valid and construction can begin as planned this winter.

The company, whose mine project in the centre of the Nahanni National Park Reserve received the last stamp of regulatory approval in September, failed to meet the deadline for paying the securities required for the five-year land use permit it received in April.

While it still has time to pay the \$13-million bond for its seven-year water license, it has yet to do so. It has until Dec. 23 to make the deposit.

"As far as I can tell, there have been no bonds posted as of yet," Zabey Nevitt, executive director of the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board, told *The Journal*.

Nevitt said the board is aware of the issue and is in discussion with the company on paying down those securities.

"The company did a while back put in an application



The Prairie Creek mine received final regulatory approval with its water license in September, but proponent Canadian Zinc has yet to pay its security bonds as it continues to seek financing.

to amend that deadline, but because of the water license process going through after that, asked that we hold back on doing that. So there may be something coming from the company shortly," he said.

Chris Reeves, general manager for Canadian Zinc, said the company is in the process of addressing the issue with

the land and water board, but could not give further details.

Though Nevitt would not speculate as to a course of action in dealing with the company, he said the board has several options for addressing cases of non-compliance.

"At any moment they might be out of compliance with a permit or license, there are various options available to both the board or inspectors to deal with compliance, which could include orders to move towards compliance, directions from inspectors or the board. Ultimately, the board has the option of cancelling or holding hearings to cancel permits or licenses if they decide that's the case," he said.

Company seeking financing

While Reeves said the company is not having difficulties securing financing for the project, expected to enter the construction phase this winter, he did say that it is still in process, with the company's chair and president John Kearney currently overseas looking for

financial backing. He did not say where, specifically.

"We're in the stage where the company's trying to decide which approach to take for the financing," Reeves said. "You have to go talk to people, and that's where we are right now."

Reeves said 2013 has been a "busy year" for the company, which is presently flying in loads of equipment and fuel to prepare for the construction of the winter road, which will allow more supplies to be brought in.

"We've been doing some things in terms of road. We started a little bit from the mine site working on the road going out towards the Liard Highway, but not to any grand scale. The directors are trying to finalize the larger money to move the project forward in full construction," he said.

"We do have a lot of the infrastructure as you can see there. There are updates going on for economic and environmental reasons, and it'll take a little bit of time to do that, but the road is a priority."

Reeves said the company expects mining and milling to be producing and shipping out concentrate by early 2016.





COMMUNITY MEETING

Saturday, November 9, 2013 at the Northern Life Museum

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Politics Municipal

Trespassing houseboats hang on near Yellowknife

By JACK DANYLCHUK

Winter movers and the law are closing in on the last two trespassing houseboats on Baker Creek and Yellowknife Bay.

Both were ticketed with trespass notices last summer, but the houseboat that sunk at the entrance of the creek, hampering Giant Mine remediation work, will stay until ice freezes around it.

The Baker Creek vessel was to move when the nearby Great Slave Sailing Club craned out its members' boats, but the access road was too narrow for the truck, said Jeff Humble, the city's director of planning and lands.

While movers wait for the ice to get strong enough for their equipment, Humble said the ministry of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA) is looking for a temporary resting place for the houseboat.

MACA has also been trying for more than a month to track down the owner of the last of three houseboats that was moored to Snow King Point on



The city of Yellowknife is looking to remove the last two trespassing house boats at Baker Creek and Snow King Point.

Yellowknife Bay last summer.

"We are looking at trying to again locate the owner and have the houseboat removed from the area," MACA Minister Robert C. McLeod said last week in response to questions from Weledeh MLA Bob Bromley.

Bromley said he has received complaints about the trespassers from constituents since last June, and "these are escalating as we learn about the poor treatment of pets chained now at the point.

"This is a favoured spot for families to gather for picnics, to swim and to walk their dogs throughout the winter or, should I say, they used to do those things," Bromley said.

"Weledeh residents have lost a summer of swimming and picnicking. Can we expect it to continue all winter as well?"

McLeod said a sheriff has gone out to the boat in an effort to locate the owner, and promised action by the end of last week.

"If we can't serve these papers, then we might have to look at other options," McLeod said. "Once we get all the proper work done, then the boat should be removed. If it happens to be this winter, it will be this winter."

Bromley told him that "there is a standing offer from constituents to assist" as "they know where this person is."



New Alberta enviro monitoring agency same old: ACFN

By MARIA CHURCH

The Alberta government's plan to create a new, armslength agency to monitor oilsands projects has the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation (ACFN) concerned it's just another effort to "save face" without consulting them.

Diana McQueen, Alberta's environment minister, introduced Bill 31, the Protecting Alberta's Environment Act, to the Alberta Legislature last week.

In a press release, McQueen lauded the move as a way for government to manage responsible oilsands development, keeping projects "open, transparent and underpinned by science and facts."

ACFN - whose territory has been targeted for new exploratory drilling programs - is concerned the agency is just another attempt to placate critics.

"We don't understand what the difference between that and the already-established Joint Oil Sands Monitoring (JOSM) project, which is supposed to be an independent monitoring agency," Eriel Deranger, communications coordinator with ACFN, said in an interview with *The Journal*.



The Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation says the new oilsands monitoring agency is another government policy made without consulting First Nations whose lands are being targeted, such as Brion Energy's Dover project near Fort McKay.

"It's just another provincial policy that's been created without any real consultation with First Nations in the development of their plans to govern the lands and resources in the province," she said.

Deranger said ACFN was not aware of the new act or consulted on it. She said while it's possible other First Nations were consulted, ACFN has had mounting concerns about being "blacklisted" by the provincial government, "meaning we're not going to be privy to a lot of conversations and correspondence that would otherwise be given."

ACFN, along with the Fort McKay First Nation, is currently battling the government over land use provisions set out in the Lower Athabasca Regional Plan (LARP), which could potentially allow several drilling projects to go ahead on treaty lands.

"In the development of any policies in this province,

whether it be monitoring or conservation efforts, looking at wetlands, water flows or the Athabasca River, anything that has to do with the lands in our treaty territory, we need to be incorporated in that," Deranger said. "We've asked for comanagement of our traditional territory." In October, the Fort McKay First Nation took its concerns a step further and pulled out of the JOSM program, calling it a "frustrating and futile process."

Deranger said ACFN is also finding the JOSM process frustrating, but said the new monitoring agency is not the solution.

"This policy is just another indication that the Alberta government is going to do what they please without consideration of the rights of First Nations," she said.

The new agency, called the Alberta Environmental Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Agency (AE-MERA), is expected to start operating in early 2014 following the government's appointment of an agency chair and board members.

Erin Flanagan, an analyst with the Pembina Institute, said in an email that even if the agency begins operating next year, it will take years before the information will affect policy decisions, despite her argument that "Alberta and Canada continue to approve new oilsands projects based on insufficient data."

Politics Territorial

MLAs still concerned after Wildlife Act passed

By MARIA CHURCH

After nearly 20 years of drafts and public consultation by five separate governments, a new NWT Wildlife Act was passed in the legislature last week, but MLAs are still concerned about its divisive power.

Environment Minister Michael Miltenberger re-introduced the act in the legislature last week, calling it a "unique" piece of legislation in Canada.

"No other public government has worked so closely with Aboriginal governments to jointly draft legislation on issues of deep and abiding interest to all," he said.

Fourteen MLAs agreed and voted in favour of the legislation, commending the government and stakeholders who've had a hand in its creation over the years.

Three MLAs voted against the act: Weledeh MLA Bob Bromley, Frame Lake MLA Wendy Bisaro and Range Lake MLA Daryl Dolynny.

Dolynny called the act "far from good," voicing concerns that it does nothing to address what he said is preferential treatment to Aboriginals for hunting and trapping rights.

"This bill does not provide the fairness that all Northerners have been waiting for," he told the legislature. "This bill collides on the many topics left unresolved and it is perceived to be a train wreck that tramples on the rights of many Northerners. We have to do what is right and not what is easy."

Bisaro agreed with Dolynny, stating that wildlife as a resource belongs to "all NWT residents equally," and that, while Aboriginals should have "special rights," that should not mean "exclusive rights."

"(The act) has pitted Northern residents against Northern residents. That's been the unfortunate part of the act for me," she added.

Bromley's criticism centered on the composition of the act, saying it was of "unnecessary length and (a) tangled forest of detail" that could only be remedied by a massive public information campaign.

Norman Snowshoe, Vice President of the Gwich'in Tribal Council, applauded the act in a press release, saying it upholds constitutionally enshrined Aboriginal and treaty rights and the provisions in land claim agreements.

"The Act recognizes our land, resources and self-government agreements function as modern treaties, and it will ensure we share the responsibility for protecting this precious resource," Snowshoe said.

The Wildlife Act will not come into effect for another year until regulations are detailed. A review is scheduled in five years, then again every seven years.





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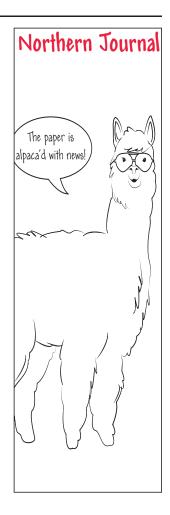
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SPORTS BRIEFS

Volunteer and culture registration opens for 2014 Arctic Winter Games

The NWT Sport North Federation is now accepting applications for volunteer staff to attend the 2014 Arctic Winter Games, which will be held in Fairbanks, Alaska, Mar. 15 to 22, 2014. The federation is also accepting applications for six cultural delegates and one manager to represent Team NWT. The cultural delegates must be born between 1993 and 1999 and can represent all cultural disciplines such as music, theatre, storytelling, drumming, dance, etc. The Arctic Winter Games are held every two years, giving Northern communities the opportunity to build partnerships, share cultural values and promote the benefits of sport. All applications for volunteers with Sport North are done online at https://sportnorth.com/news/2014-awg-mission-staff.



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Jonathan Kurszewski and his slopitch team from Edmonton play in tournaments across Alberta.

Fort Smith man wins home run slopitch competition in Edmonton

Jonathan Kurszewski, a born and raised Fort Smith man now living in Edmonton, has won the title of best slopitch power hitter in Western Canada. Kurszewski competed in the Big League Bomb home run derby held in Edmonton's Telus Field in September where he went on to win the top trophy and prize money of \$10,000. Kurszewski, an avid slopitch player who plays in a number of leagues in Edmonton, has been competing in home run derbies for several years, but this was the first time he entered a competition of this size. Kurszewski credits his love of sports to his home community of Fort Smith where he said youth are encouraged to join sports and lead an active lifestyle.

Forty-two teams Spike It in Yellowknife for high school volleyball

Volleyball season has come to a close for high school students after last weekend's Spike It tournament in Yellowknife determined the top teams in the territory. In the under 15 single A category, the CJBS girls team from Behchoko and Lutsel K'e boys took home the gold medals, while in the under 15 AA category, Sir John's girls team and St. Pat's boys won gold. In the under 19 single A category, the Tulita girls team and CJBS boys team won the top spot and in under 19 AA, the St. Pat's girls team and PWK boys team from Fort Smith were the winners. This is the fourth year Spike It organizers have separated the schools into A and AA categories to allow smaller NWT schools their own divisions in the tournament.

Challenge Cup rivalry to ignite hockey excitement in Yellowknife next week

The annual Wade Hamer Challenge Cup will see long time high school hockey rivals Ecole St. Patrick High School and Sir John Franklin School meet on the ice at the Ed Jeske arena in Yellowknife next Wednesday, Nov. 13. The stands are expected to fill for the classic game between the two Yellowknife high schools, the Sir John Franklin Falcons versus the St. Partrick Irish, which will see both boys and girls teams compete for the title. Last year, Sir John's boys and girls won the cup and will be looking to defend their title. The Challenge Cup has been played every year by the two schools since 1985.

Canadian Rangers shoot to win at NWT small arms competition

By MARIA CHURCH

Canadian Rangers' marksmanship was put to the test in Hay River last week at the annual Northwest Territories Small Arms Competition.

A total of 26 competitors from Aklavik, Fort Good Hope, Tuktoyaktuk, Whati, Sachs Harbour, Trout Lake, Fort Providence, Fort Simpson, Fort Smith, Fort Resolution, Hay River, Lutsel K'e and Wekweeti patrols participated in the competition.

In teams of two, the Rangers competed in 11 different matches using their .303 calibre Lee Enfield rifles. Matches included falling plate, application, target shooting from 100 to 300 metres, a night shoot and skeet shooting.

Fort Providence rangers Darcy Bonnetrouge and Stuart Nadli took home the top Ranger team trophy while Don Desjarlais and Bruce McArthur from Fort Smith came in second and Lutsel K'e's Ernest Lockhart and Roy Desjarlais came in third. Bonnetrouge also won the top individual results.

The competition, held at a local range 15 km outside of Hay River, is one of the few times each year Canadian Rangers from different patrols in the NWT can meet in a friendly competition.

The Canadian Rangers are part of the Canadian Armed



Ranger Bruce McArthur from the Fort Smith patrol follows a skeet flying through the air during a shooting match against 26 fellow Rangers from 13 NWT communities.

Forces Reserve responsible for providing patrols and detachments for missions in sparsely settled Northern, coastal and isolated areas of Canada.

The Rangers' missions can include reporting

unusual activities and sightings, collecting local data and conducting surveillance and patrols.

There are approximately 5,000 Canadian Rangers currently in over 200 communities, many of whom

are Aboriginal in Canada's sparsely populated areas.

One of the goals of the shooting competition is for the Rangers to share knowledge and experience in marksmanship, as well as build camaraderie among the separate patrols.

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Cold weather cultivates culture in Yellowknife

Minister's awards recognize cultural contributions to the NWT

By MARIA CHURCH

Musicians, artists and actors abound in Yellowknife, putting their unique mark on the city's culture - and it might have something to do with the weather, says one choral singer.

Margo Nightingale, a conductor in the Yellowknife Choral Society, says in a city of only around 20,000, there's likely a reason it's a haven for the arts.

"I think there's something about the weather that makes us come together. If not, we'd just be shut up in our homes all winter, trying to ignore the fact that we can't do a lot outside sometimes," she shared with *The Journal*. "We are a really lucky community. There is an awful lot of talent and a lot of organizations doing some really wonderful things.'

Nightingale has been involved with the Yellowknife Choral Society since moving to the capital almost 20 years ago, formerly serving on the board and now as conductor.



Jackson Lafferty, minister of Education, Culture and Employment, celebrates with the culture award recipients at city hall.

The society, which is comprised of a number of separate choral choirs, including the main Aurora Chorealis, the Fireweed

Children's Chorus and the Yellowknife Chamber Choir, has been present in the city's arts scene for close to 30 years.

Nightingale describes the arts community as rich and diverse, but also inclusive since it's not just the performers who are in search of something to fill their chilly time.

"Certainly the feedback we get from people in the audience is they really appreciate the performances that we've been able to put together for them. It takes people outside their day to day, too," she said. "It's a great diversion for people, especially during the winter months when we want to be somewhere warm and alive."

Besides putting on concerts in Yellowknife, another aspect of the society is generating interest by sharing choral music with other communities in the NWT. The society's chamber choir has previously toured Hay River and Fort Smith to perform and encourage local singers.

Culture award recipients lauded

The Yellowknife Choral Society was recently recognized for its contributions to NWT culture at the Minister's Culture and Heritage Circle Awards ceremony in Yellowknife last week, where it received the Minister's Choice Award.

Other award winners include Justin Memogana for the Youth Award, David Gon for the Individual Award, Emily Kudlak for the Elder Award and the Gwich'in Social and Cultural Institute for the Group Award.

In a press release sent out following the awards, Jackson Lafferty, minister of Education, Culture and Employment, said the arts are "fundamental" to the strength and diversity of the NWT.

"They encourage pride in who we are as individuals and as a territory, which contributes to healthy, productive communities," he said.

Nightingale, along with several other members of the Yellowknife Choral Society, was present at the awards to accept it on behalf of the

"To be a part of that really was exciting, to see that we are in very good company," she said.

Northerners Elders

Gwich'in elder recipient of national award

By MARIA CHURCH

Charlie Showshoe, a Gwich'in elder and well known environmental activist in the Beaufort Delta, was recognized nationally last week when he was named recipient of the 2014 Indspire award for Environmental and Natural Resources.

"What I know of Charlie is the work that he has done since the early '70s with respect to supporting his community as a community leader, getting involved in the issues related to development and land protection," Betsy Chaly,



From left, Charlie Snowshoe is joined by MP Dennis Bevington at the Parliament buildings for the annoucement of the Indspire Awards recipients.

vice president of communications for Indspire, told The Journal.

Indspire, formerly the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation, is an indigenous-led organization aiding education efforts within the indigenous community, Chaly said.

"The goal of the awards is to recognize achievements, as well as provide role models for those youth who are in school and not sure what they want to do with their careers," Chaly said.

The award recipients were announced at a reception held at the Parliament buildings in Ottawa last week, which Snowshoe attended with his daughter.

"I feel pretty good to be chosen to come here after being involved for so many years, he said, adding that the award goes out to not only himself but the perseverance of his wife and the many people who have also pledged their lives to protecting lands in the NWT.

At 79 years old, Snowshoe explained that his first I knew we were going to have to turn things around and start protecting the land and the animals and the fish. Charlie Showshoe

companies was in the 1960s when he started working for "It was something new

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and something natural, I'd never think too much about it," he said.

"For two summers I worked for them cutting lines and all that. Then I met a guy in Inuvik who asked me if I worked for an oil company, and he said, 'You know they are doing things they shouldn't be doing."

Snowshoe's friend explained that the companies were creating massive amounts of garbage and cutting up the land.

'That just hit me right there," Snowshoe said. "I knew we were going to have to turn things around and start protecting the land and the animals and the fish."

From then on, the young Snowshoe became actively involved with efforts to challenge government on new pipelines proposed in the Beaufort Delta, including the Mackenzie Valley pipeline in the 1970s, which became the focus of the Berger Inquiry.

"From the time in the 1960s when I was introduced to oil and gas, we were given nothing from the government, absolutely nothing. They didn't even tell us when people were coming in to work on the oil and gas, mining or nothing," Snowshoe said.

Since then, with territorial acts and land claims established over years of negotiations, the federal government now has a degree of responsibility to First Nations, he said. "I'm really happy with that."

Still work to be done

The fight is far from over, Snowshoe said. In recent years, his focus has been on protecting the Peel River, which was removed from the list of water bodies protected under the Navigable Waters Protection Act last year.

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