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**EV'S 144th Issue!**



**LEST WE FORGET—NOVEMBER 11TH**

**In Flanders Fields**

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae was inspired to write this poem in 1915, after the funeral of his friend and fellow soldier.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL ELDERS BORN IN NOVEMBER!**

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## Easy Bakers Corner – Mississippi Fudge Cake (northpole.com)

Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease a 13 x 9 cake pan.

Melt 1 cup of butter or margarine and 1/3 cup of cocoa together. In a large bowl, beat together 4 eggs, 2 cups of granulated sugar, 1 1/2 cups of all-purpose flour, and a dash of salt.

Add butter/cocoa mixture to bowl, add 1 cup of chopped pecans and 2 teaspoons of vanilla.

Bake about 40 minutes. Remove from oven and cover with 2 cups of miniature marshmallows while cake is still hot. Let cool before icing.

Icing: Sift 1/3 cup of cocoa, 1 teaspoon of powdered instant coffee (optional) and 2 cups of powdered sugar. Add 1/2 cup of butter or margarine, 6-8 tablespoons of milk and 1 teaspoon of vanilla - beat well and spread over cake. Enjoy.

**Handy Tips: Now look what you can do with Alka Seltzer...**

1. Clean a vase, fill vase with water and simply drop a couple of tablets in.
2. Polish Jewelry, try dropping 2 tablets into a glass of water and immersing jewelry for 2 minutes.
3. Clean a thermos, drop in 4 tablets and let soak an hour or longer if necessary.
4. Unclog a drain, drop 3 tablets down sink with 1 C. of vinegar. Wait a few minutes & add hot water.

## What Can you please share?

The following is a short list of Elders suggestions of what might be shared: Your local Newsletters/Upcoming Local Events/Prayers/Poems/Quotes/Comments/Storytelling/Drawings/Articles of Interest/Native Songs Lyrics/Wellness Seminars/Obituaries, etc. Submissions are best forwarded to me via email by the 15th of the preceding month. If you are interested in providing articles, please do so, I look forward to hearing from anyone who wants to contribute to the content of your newsletter.

Gilakasla, Donna Stirling

## 'PRESERVING THE PAST'

The *First Ever* Elder's Website "Preserving the Past" is now online (as of Sept. 2002). Registration forms, booth forms, maps of the host territory, accommodation information, etc. concerning the Annual Elders Gatherings are available each year on the BC Elders Communication Center Society's website [www.bcelders.com](http://www.bcelders.com) as soon as they are made available from each new host community.

As of Aug.1st. 2011 issues of your Elders Voice Newsletter will be emailed out to all contacts as well as posted on the website [www.bcelders.com](http://www.bcelders.com) the 1st of each month. Although we mailed out the issues for almost 11 years (128 issues) we can no longer afford the cost to do so. Please email [bcelders@telus.com](mailto:bcelders@telus.com) to be added to the email list. Thank you

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# BCECCS 11th Year GRATITUDE LIST

Support Fee from Dec. 1st 2011 – Nov. 30th 2012

(In the past the fee has always been \$250 yearly, but in these economic times it has become necessary to ask groups to consider assisting more, if possible, to make up for groups who cannot help.)  
Your support is much appreciated!

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\$250 - Hummingbird

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1. Lhoosk'uz Dene Nation

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2. We Wai Kai First Nation
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4. McLeod Lake Tse'khene Elders Society
5. Hailika'as Heiltsuk Health Centre
6. Tale'awtxw Aboriginal Capital Corp.
7. Kamloops Indian Band
8. Osoyoos Indian Band
9. Tseil-Waututh Nation
10. Lower Kootenay Band Health
11. Nicomen Band
12. Simpcw First Nation

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8. Da'naxda'xw First Nation
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10. Laich-kwil-tach Treaty Society

11. Coldwater Indian Band
12. Qualicum First Nation
13. Xaxli'p Indian Band
14. Bridge River Indian Band
15. Quatsino Band
16. Klulx Klulx Hu-up
17. Tobacco Plains Indian Band
18. Lytton First Nation
19. Chawathil Elders
20. Doig River First Nation
21. BC Assembly of First Nations
22. Williams Lake Indian Band
23. Adams Lake Indian Band
24. Carnegie Community Centre
25. Ts'kw'aylaxw Elders
26. Mount Currie Band Council
27. Shxw'ow'hamel First Nation
28. Samuel D. Stevens Law Corporation
29. Tillicum Lelum Aboriginal Friendship Centre
30. Pacheedaht First Nation

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

**AUGUST 15, 2012**

**For immediate Release**

### **LHEIDLI T'ENNEH FIRST NATION AWARDED 37TH ANNUAL BC ELDERS GATHERING**

**Lheidli T'enneh Territory (Prince George, B.C.) – The Lheidli T'enneh are pleased to announce the upcoming Annual B.C. Elders Gathering to be held on July 8, 9,10, & 11, 2013 at the University of Northern British Columbia Campus and the Charles Jago Northern Sports Centre.**

**The Annual BC Elders Gathering is the premier social and cultural gathering for indigenous peoples. The Lheidli T'enneh will host 3,000 to 4,000 Elders from all regions of British Columbia. The theme for the gathering is “Honour Your Journey.” The event will focus on holistic activities that support healthy living.**

**“It will be a tremendous honour for the Lheidli T'enneh to welcome everyone to our traditional territory to share knowledge, culture, songs and dance. This event provides a great opportunity to socialize and learn from one another. We want to acknowledge both the Tsawwassen and Stó:lō First Nation Communities for hosting this year's gathering in Abbotsford, B.C. We will build on their success!” said Chief Dominic Frederick.**

**“The Lheidli Dakelh Elders are eager to participate in the development of this prestigious event. We will be reaching out to the community to assist in making this the best event possible. The 37th Annual B.C. Elders Gathering will be an event for people to join in our celebrations and for us to share as Lheidli T'enneh!” said Elder Clifford Quaw.**

**Lheidli T'enneh is in the process of establishing the organizing committee and will be seeking sponsors, partnerships and volunteers to make this event a success.**

**For more information:**

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**In life one man can seldom see  
His impact in society  
Our soldiers fight to blinded eyes  
To allow us all to live our lives**

**Taking up arms against a foe  
To save us from the pain they know  
To give us all out liberty  
They bear the brunt of misery**

**No greater duty can one bear  
An act of courage few would dare  
Endless sacrifices for 4 years  
Keeping back our greatest fears**

**November 11th is a day of love  
To remember those now up above  
Men and women far too great  
To be remembered upon one date**

**No words bring justice to their fight  
But I will try with all my might  
To bring them honour for the days  
They fought to allay such evil ways**

**No act of love could be so grand  
As one brave soldier's final stand  
So now I will say at last  
We must remember what has past**

**Those who have died and those who live  
And all the thanks to them we give  
They are all those who meet the call  
Preserving good for one and all**

**So on this day I ask you pray  
For heroes of our memory  
Thank for your sacrifice  
It was this act that gave us life.**

**In honour of those who saved the world**

# **Harper government's First Nations education plans collapse**

**Assembly of First Nations National Chief Shawn Atleo rejects proposed bill to overhaul native schools**

The Canadian Press from [www.cbc.ca](http://www.cbc.ca) Posted: Oct 4, 2012

**A much-touted plan to bring Ottawa together with First Nations to overhaul native education has fallen apart.**

**National Chief Shawn Atleo emerged Wednesday from three days of meetings with First Nations leaders and educators saying they had agreed to reject the federal government's approach.**

**"The instructions that you have afforded here by this resolution are very clear and that is to reject, to say No, to federal legislation," Atleo said.**

**Ottawa wanted to craft legislation that would set up school-board type arrangements that would give native governments more control over their education.**

**But chiefs said the federal decision-making was taking place behind closed doors, and leading to a one-size-fits-all law that would not work for reserves whose rights are defined by treaties.**

**"A prescriptive, regulated system is not the solution in our communities," said Grand Chief Derek Nepinak of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs.**

**"We're not going to let Canada make everybody think that the solution to low graduation levels is resolved by a legislated solution."**

## **Plan aimed for legislation by 2014**

**High school graduation rates in some reserves are well below 50 per cent.**

**Earlier this year, Ottawa and the Assembly of First Nations said they would work on a joint action plan that would lead to a collaborative crafting of legislation by 2014.**

**The plan was the centrepiece of a summit with Prime Minister Stephen Harper in January and formed the basis for \$275 million in new funding in the spring budget. It has been a top priority for both Harper and Atleo for several years.**

**The decision of the chiefs on Wednesday to walk away from that process is a major blow to the relatively peaceful Crown-First Nation relationship of the past few years.**

**In a statement, Aboriginal Affairs Minister John Duncan asked the chiefs to reconsider.**

**"I am...disappointed that given our commitment to work together, and without having engaged in any formal discussions or consultations with the government, the chiefs' assembly on education has rejected the development of a First Nation Education Act," he said.**

**But Nepinak says the status quo is not an option either. Rather, he will be pushing chiefs to better define what treaty rights to education are — so that Ottawa can negotiate with them on their terms.**

**"We owe it to one another as First Nations to sit down and articulate what the treaty right to education is meant to be...so that Canada has an opportunity to meet us somewhere," he said.**

## **Some First Nations refused to participate in talks**

Treaties define Canada's relationship with large groups of First Nations across northern Ontario and much of the Prairies.

Rejection of the education plan has been brewing for months. Major groups of First Nations communities refused to get involved in a task force that earlier this year made recommendations on native education reforms.

Atleo's willingness to co-operate with the government was a major criticism against him during his recent campaign for re-election.

And many chiefs say they are upset that they were not properly consulted on the education plan.

The last straw, said Nepinak, was this week, when Duncan issued a news release in the middle of the First Nations meetings, announcing he would set up public-private partnerships to build some new schools and laying out a process for funding that would help First Nations prepare for legislation.

Duncan also said funding for native schools was already on par with off-reserve schools across the country — signalling to some First Nations that their pleas for more funding were not being heard and that Ottawa was set on its own path.

"Repeated unilateral approaches by government have created a great deal of mistrust, and while chiefs welcome announcements to build schools, this approach is not adequate," Atleo said in a statement.

"This pattern cannot continue. It does not meet the needs or address the overwhelming disparity between First Nations and other Canadians."

## **Minister denies bill already drafted**

Atleo and Duncan met on the issue just last week.

Atleo asked about rumours that the federal government had already decided what the legislation would look like and was preparing for mere superficial consultation with First Nations.

Duncan denied the rumours, saying legislation had not been drafted and that he would conduct "intensive" consultations before deciding on anything. He repeated that pledge on Tuesday.

By Wednesday, any hopes for a collaborative process were on the rocks and First Nations leaders were trying to figure out where to go next.

"What is that way forward?" asked Atleo. He asked the First Nations leaders to go home, consult with their people and local leaders and come back in December for more discussions.

Nepinak figures — and Duncan confirmed — that Ottawa will continue to push forward with its legislation, dealing with First Nations on a regional or one-on-one basis if they are willing.

Already some regions have education agreements with Ottawa that could form the basis of legislation that would work in some areas, Nepinak added.

"It's going to have to be an ongoing dialogue."

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## **Free HPV vaccine urged for boys**

**\$500 immunization covered for girls but not boys (From [www.cbc.ca](http://www.cbc.ca))**

**The fastest way to protect females from cervical cancer is to offer HPV vaccination to boys in addition to girls, some doctors say. (Charles Buchanan/Daily Free Press/Associated Press)**

**Boys should have access to free HPV immunization, currently only available for girls, in order to protect more people against cancer, a growing chorus of Canadian doctors say.**

**The human papilloma virus, or HPV, causes disease and death from cancer in both men and women. For nearly five years, girls have been offered the HPV vaccine for free at vaccination clinics and schools across the country, to protect them from cervical cancer.**

**This week, the Canadian Cancer Advocacy Coalition called on provinces to pay for the vaccine for boys, too. In January, the National Advisory Committee on Immunization recommended HPV vaccination for males aged nine to 25.**

### **P.O.V.**

**Should boys have access to free HPV shots? Take our poll.**

**"Now is the time for governments to apply universal vaccine coverage for our boys and our girls to protect them from disease in the future," the coalition's report concluded.**

**The more common HPV vaccine, Gardasil, was initially only approved in Canada for use in girls and young women, but Health Canada expanded approval to males in 2010. Another vaccine, Cervarix, is only approved for use in females.**

**Two strains of HPV are thought be responsible for:**

- **80% to 90% of anal cancers.**
- **40% to 50% of penile cancers.**
- **35% of oropharyngeal cancers.**
- **25% of oral cavity cancers.**

**"The thought is if we vaccinate men, that will contribute to protecting women as well," said London, Ont.-based physician Marina Salvadori, the Canadian Pediatric Society's representative to the National Advisory Committee on Immunization. "So they don't spread the viruses to each other, both groups are protected from cancer and it's a win-win all round."**

### **Cheaper bulk purchases**

**Toronto pediatrician Marvin Gans recommends parents buy the vaccine themselves for their sons.**

**"Certainly, the majority do not do it because it's expensive," said Gans, who tells parents the vaccine helps prevent many forms of sexually transmitted cancer, but not all of them. The vaccine costs up to \$500 for the required three doses.**

**Salvadori noted governments could purchase the vaccine more cheaply in large quantities, and said a preventive approach offers "good bang for the health-care buck."**

Candice Hammel of Toronto has a 13-year-old daughter and an 11-year-old son. Hammel plans to have both of them vaccinated.

"I am all for it for both of them," Hammel said.

Toronto parent Ian Carmichael agrees it makes sense to vaccinate both sexes.

"I found it odd when they started vaccinating the girls that they didn't vaccinate the other half of the population," he said.

Health officials in several provinces told CBC News they're reviewing whether to cover the injections for boys.

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## Haisla Nation question Enbridge on pipeline

PRINCE GEORGE, B.C. - There is rare agreement between the B.C. government, conservationists and First Nations — none of them believe they're getting all the answers from Enbridge (TSX:ENB) Inc. about the construction of the proposed Northern Gateway pipeline.

Lawyers for the Haisla First Nation, which oppose the pipeline, will question Enbridge officials today about the company's assessment of risks along the pipeline route.

It's the fourth day of hearings in Prince George.

The province of B.C. and the environmental justice group EcoJustice have complained that they're not getting the detailed responses they're seeking from the company.

Enbridge says they have submitted tens of thousands of documents — far more than required — but plans are still only preliminary at this stage of the process.

The review panel is weighing approval of the proposed 1,100-kilometre oil pipeline from Alberta to a tanker port on the B.C. coast.

From [www.msn.news](http://www.msn.news)

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## ATIRA Women's Resource Society

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## **Klein Lyons Personal Injury & Class Action Law**

### **Aboriginal Sixties Scoop Class Action: Introduction**

This class action lawsuit has been filed against the Government of Canada. The lawsuit alleges that between 1962 and 1996, Canada negligently delegated Indian child welfare services to the Province of British Columbia. Ignoring its obligations to Aboriginal children, Canada took no steps to prevent them from losing their Aboriginal identity and the opportunity to exercise their Aboriginal and treaty rights when they were placed in foster homes and adopted by non-Aboriginals.

The plaintiff, a status Indian, was taken from her parents and placed in foster care when she was a young girl. She is bringing this lawsuit on her own behalf and on behalf of status Indians who were living in British Columbia and placed in foster care or adopted between 1962 and 1996.

If you are a status Indian who was placed in foster care or adopted between 1962 and 1996, please complete the Do You Qualify? form or Contact Us for more information.

#### **For more information**

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## ***'Gathering Our Voices on Health'***

**March 19-22, 2013**

**Penticton, BC, Penticton Trade and Convention Centre**

The BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres & the OoKnakane Friendship Centre are proud to host: *'Gathering Our Voices on Health'* 2013 from March 19-22, 2013.

The 11th Annual Aboriginal Youth Conference will be held in Penticton, British Columbia on the traditional territory of the Okanagan peoples at the Penticton Trade and Convention Centre.

Aboriginal Youth aged 14-24 are invited to take part in this dynamic conference that will focus on many important issues including Health, Language, Culture, the Environment, Employment, Education, Sports and Recreation. Many workshops, cultural activities, an interactive Career and Education fair, evening entertainment and afternoon sport and recreation activities will be offered.

#### **Registration Information:**

**Early Registration Fee - \$125 September - February 8, 2013**

**Regular Registration Fee - \$175 February 9, 2013 - March 19, 2013**

***For every registered group of 5 youth, the 6th registrant is FREE!***

We are excited to share that our website is updated with the 2013 conference documents. Further information on the 2013 conference documents can be found on our website:

<https://bcaafc.com/newsandevents/gathering-our-voices>

# INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT PROCESS DEADLINE ISSUE



September 21, 2012

**The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) would like to hear from any individual or organization that has reports that a former Indian Residential School (IRS) student was unable to apply for the Independent Assessment Process (IAP) by the September 19, 2012 deadline.**

Therefore AFN is requesting that individuals (or as alternatives – a Chief or councillor, lawyer or community service provider) send a letter outlining the details or reasons surrounding this matter. This information will be compiled and used to seek an appropriate extension to the IAP deadline.

Please send information to:

**Charlene Belleau,  
473 Albert Street, 9th floor  
Ottawa, ON K1R 5B4**

**E-mail: [cbelleau@afn.ca](mailto:cbelleau@afn.ca)**

The AFN is continuing efforts to advocate for former IRS students in the Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement (IRSSA). Such information will assist in this advocacy.

Further updates on efforts to extend the deadline will be provided.

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# Aboriginal Healthy Living News

## Minister's Message

As the new Minister of Health, I am pleased to provide an update on our collective work to improve the health and well-being of First Nations and Aboriginal peoples in British Columbia (BC). This quarterly newsletter will inform you about progress on initiatives underway and the staff and partners working on them.

The Tripartite partners (the First Nations Health Council (FNHC)/ First Nations Health Authority (FNHA), Health Canada and the Ministry of Health (MoH) have been working diligently to ensure successful implementation of the BC Tripartite Framework Agreement on First Nation Health Governance. Since the last newsletter, the partners have been working to ensure that the foundational elements for the new First Nations Health Authority are in place, legally and operationally, for the federal transfer targeted for 2013. This requires a number of sub-agreements which are currently being negotiated, and the development and signing of a Health Partnership Accord between the parties which will “capture the vision of the Parties for a better, more responsive and integrated health system for First Nations in BC.” The latter will be finalized in the Fall. The regional health authorities having already signed various Partnership Accords and Letters of Understanding with First Nations Health Council Regional Caucuses.

In May, the Aboriginal Healthy Living Branch participated with federal, provincial and interim FNHA partners in the 2012 Gathering Wisdom V for a Shared Journey Forum hosted by the FNHC. Feedback and direction obtained from BC First Nations Chiefs and Health Directors at the Forum is informing work in several Tripartite Health Actions Strategy Areas. Highlights for some of the Strategy Areas are below:

- **Health Human Resources:** Formation of planning committees to support the development and implementation of strategies for increasing the amount, diversity and distribution of First Nations workers in the health field, and ensuring that health workers provide services in a culturally safe way for First Nations people.
- **Primary Care and Public Health:** Creation of an overarching framework to guide the work of planning committees in the areas of healthy lifestyles and wellness promotion, injury prevention and control, communicable disease prevention, and physicians, nursing and allied health professionals.
- **Mental Wellness and Substance Use:** Development of the draft “First Nations and Aboriginal Mental Wellness and Substance Use Plan” by the Province of BC, the FNHA, the BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres, Métis Nation BC, and Health Canada. The MoH conducted province-wide engagement sessions for the plan with 10 ministries and all 5 regional health authorities. Work to develop this plan is ongoing.
- **Maternal and Child Health:** Several Tripartite initiatives have recently been approved under the Health Services Integration Fund including the development of a Child Oral Health Strategy, and the Aboriginal Nurse-Family Partnership program – a targeted prevention program designed to improve the lives of vulnerable first time mothers and their children.

I look ahead with eager anticipation to the continued collaboration with our partners, and building new relationships while strengthening past ones as we all move forward together.

Until next issue,

Honourable Dr. Margaret MacDiarmid  
Ministry of Health



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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Thursday, October 4, 2012

#### **NANAIMO (British Columbia) – Snuneymuxw First Nation Launches Planning for an Interpretive and Cultural Centre on Newcastle Island**

The Snuneymuxw First Nation has launched a planning process for the eventual development of an Interpretive and Cultural Centre on Newcastle Island. It is expected that within the next six months a comprehensive plan for the development of such a Centre will be completed, and Snuneymuxw will then move forward to implementation. In addition to planning for the Interpretive and Cultural Centre, Snuneymuxw will also examine the full range of alternatives for facilitating increased access to Newcastle Island.

"Newcastle Island is one of our traditional village sites, and a place of great spiritual and cultural significance for the Snuneymuxw People. By embarking on this planning, Snuneymuxw is preparing for the next phase in the future of the Island - one which will see expanded opportunities for all people to learn about Snuneymuxw culture and way of life, and to enjoy the beauty of the Island," said Chief Douglas White III of the Snuneymuxw First Nation. As part of completing the planning, Snuneymuxw will connect with interested local stakeholders, as well as the Province of British Columbia, to seek their views and input. "We look forward to engaging with those who are interested as this important planning work unfolds," he added.

"As we have seen in recent months, people have been discussing Newcastle in ways that reflect various perspectives and interests. We appreciate the attention and interest people are placing on Newcastle, and recognize the goodwill that has been expressed. People have been stewards of the Island for countless generations, and through this planning, will be developing the roadmap for continuing the responsibilities for the Island that have been passed onto us from our ancestors, and which we hold for future generations." said Chief Douglas White III. "We see a future for Newcastle in which it is increasingly recognized as a source of pride for all citizens of the region."

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For further information contact: Chief Douglas

## **Harper Government's Hypocrisy Drives Funding Cuts News Release. Oct. 11, 2012**

(Coast Salish Territory / Vancouver. October 11, 2012) The funding cuts of the Harper Government's *Budget Implementation Act* not only significantly weakened and dangerously compromises vital legislation, such as the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* and the *Fisheries Act*, it has allowed the Harper Government to renew a nation-wide attack on the collective and inherent rights of Indigenous Peoples.

"The gutting of legislation that safeguard the environment was bad enough but now with funding cuts to tribal councils, regional and national aboriginal representative organizations, it is evident the support for band governments has been challenged and the voices of First Nations' political advocacy are being told to shut up," said Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, President of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs. "Tribal Councils are being dictated to act solely as program providers and if they act accordingly they will qualify for incentive funding. Representative organizations are being advised to provide insight into what the priorities of Aboriginal communities are and if they act accordingly a central committee may review a submitted proposal and make recommendations based on 'our shared priorities.'"

The UBCIC Chiefs-in-Assembly met this past September and urgently discussed the funding cuts, policy shifts and gutting of federal legislation by the Harper Government. Resolution 2012-49, *Opposition to AANDC Funding Cuts to Aboriginal Representative Organizations and Tribal Councils*, was passed by consensus. The resolution states the Chiefs-in-Assembly "object to and condemn the drastic funding cuts" and repudiates the hypocrisy in the statement that "the Government of Canada is taking concrete steps to create the conditions for healthier, more self-sufficient Aboriginal communities."

Grand Chief Phillip stated "The cumulative effect of these cuts and policy changes is that it will not create self-sufficient communities, it will greatly undermine the inherent right to self-government. Chiefs and Councils will have to meet the dire needs of their growing communities with support program funding which have miserably failed to maintain pace with changing governance, management and accountability costs particularly in relation to modern information technology, liability insurance, legal services, human resource management, salary cost increases and the exponential costs of auditing as demanded by the Harper Government."

The UBCIC believes the Harper Government will soon face litigation due to the lack of meaningful consultation on these policy changes and their infringement to the inherent right of self-government. Litigation may result due to the greatly reduced capacity of First Nation governance support programs, especially when Tribal Councils and/or Band Councils are unable to meet program responsibilities due to out-dated funding formulas and imposed funding caps on programs. The likelihood of litigation will greatly increase due to the added burden on Councils of on-reserve compliance with the *Canadian Human Rights Act*, new requirements to implement matrimonial property rights and implementation of new standards for water, sewer and other community utilities. All of which will be compounded by the increased membership enrollment as a result of the McIvor court decision.

Grand Chief Phillip concluded "The fundamental problem is the Harper Government's hypocritical and discriminatory attack on our collective Indigenous democratic and human rights. This week, Prime Minister Harper is espousing the need to respect human rights in Central Africa and yet his government repeatedly violates them when addressing our inherent right to self-government, our Aboriginal Title, our Aboriginal Rights and our Treaty Rights. The truth is our rights are human rights, as affirmed in the *UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, and the Harper Government's unending refusal to affirm and address our rights as human rights represents racial discrimination."

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, (250) 490-5314**

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### “CANADA FAILING TO EDUCATE ITS ABORIGINAL YOUTH”

FORT MCMURRAY, AB - Canada is failing to educate its aboriginal youth, said former prime minister Paul Martin, as he launched an initiative to teach aboriginal students about entrepreneurship.

Canadians need to start encouraging an entrepreneurial spirit and appreciation for education in one of the nation's poorest demographics, Martin said during a Wednesday visit to Fort McMurray.

"The question we have to ask is: Why do we expect aboriginal Canada to understand us, but we make so little attempt to understand them?" asked Martin, who was speaking at Father Mercredi Community Catholic School to launch the Aboriginal Youth Entrepreneur Program.

"As young aboriginal Canadians make their mark, we need to be more understanding."

After leaving politics in 2008, Martin has tried to tackle challenges in Canada's aboriginal communities through the Martin Aboriginal Education Initiative.

The business-focused program will teach aboriginal students in Grades 11 and 12 how to launch a business. The program will be worth school credit and is modelled after the Ontario Senior Business Studies curriculum, as well as an entrepreneurship program that has been implemented in 12 different countries.

It will also encourage aboriginal students to stay in school, striving for knowledge and skills necessary to succeed in the modern economy, as well as secondary and post-secondary education.

"We lived in this land for thousands of years. We lived off the land very simply. This very country has people from all over the world and we are still here," said Chief Vern Janvier of the Chipewyan Prairie First Nation.

"But we have to take part in the new world, in the new reality that is here - the development of our resources."

Before serving as prime minister between 2003 and 2006, Martin became aware of problems in indigenous communities in his youth.

As a teenager, Martin travelled to Canada's Far North and started working along the Mackenzie River. Many of the friends he made were Inuit, First Nations or Metis.

"I grew up in Windsor in southwestern Ontario," he said. "And it's very easy to live your whole life in southwestern Ontario and never meet a Canadian of aboriginal descent, something that's surprising to those living in Western Canada."

Many aboriginals he met said they felt stuck between two cultures, experiencing a sense of hopelessness and uncertainty regarding their future.

"For them, school had come to an end and there was nothing that was going to come after that," he said. "They didn't know where they were going to go."

In the following years, some had found success and were living well. Others had succumbed to suicide or a life of poverty.

"That stuck me, all my life," he said.

The experience prompted Martin to create the Kelowna Accord of 2005, a \$5-billion, five-year plan to improve the lives of First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples. It was the first time that the prime minister, the

premiers, territorial leaders and aboriginal leaders met in one place to discuss challenges facing Canada's indigenous peoples.

However, Martin's minority government fell 72 hours later, sparking a federal election that earned Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Conservative Party a victory.

"Unfortunately, the current government did not continue it," he said. Still, he hopes that his non-profit will succeed where the Kelowna Accord did not.

"In the long term, this kind of a venture, the partnerships between ourselves and the high school, the school board, the donors, that's a very powerful partnership," said Martin. "You want to duplicate that right across the country."

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## **Homeless woman returns purse found with more than \$10,000**

*BY RENATO GANDIA , CALGARY SUN*      FIRST POSTED: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2012

CALGARY - It was a case of being in the right place at the right time, but a homeless Calgary woman who found a purse with more than \$10,000 refused to pocket the find.

The woman, who currently stays at the Calgary's YWCA, surrendered the purse with \$10,400 in hundred-dollar bills inside it to police. She wants to remain anonymous.

"It never crossed my mind to keep the money," she said. "It's not mine to keep. I didn't think of keeping it at all."

The woman had just exited Rocky Mountain Plaza on Macleod Tr. and 7 Ave. S.E., at around 10:45 a.m. on Thursday when she saw the purse leaning against the passenger door of a vehicle in front of the building.

"I didn't know what it was at first and the car took off," she said.

"I tried to race after them, seeing if I could get their attention, of course they didn't see me."

The woman was unsure of what to do with the purse, so she took it with her and returned to her room at the YWCA downtown.

She opened the purse looking for a phone number to call and was shocked to find the pile of cash.

"I was amazed. I had no idea how much money there was and I guess I was a little bit nervous about having that much money, too."

She told her case manager and asked for advice what to do with it.

They counted the money and called police to report the find.

Const. Eddie Chesal said they got the call and the purse was surrendered at about 11:30 a.m.

Within five minutes, the owner of the purse had called to report it missing.

A mother and her two sons from Edmonton claimed the purse and the cash.

The owner didn't disclose why she had that much cash in her purse, but Chesal said he doesn't believe anything illegal is behind it.

What Chesal found unusual was that someone returned the money.

"It's not very common, especially someone in her situation," he said.

"It definitely could have ended differently had somebody else found it.

"I spoke with her and she's very humble about it."

The woman said the money could have "made a difference" -- she's looking for a place to live -- but her conscience wouldn't let her keep it.

However, if the owner of the money were to generously offer a reward, the woman said she wouldn't refuse it.

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# CEP Education Credit:

Thank you for your email regarding personal education credits. Please accept my apologies for the delayed response. I wanted to ensure I had all the relevant information for you. Feel free to share the information below as you deem appropriate.

It is likely that there will be more than \$40 million remaining in the CEP trust fund once all Common Experience Payments have been processed. If this is the case, further to the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement, a maximum of \$3,000 in the form of Personal Credits for educational purposes will be paid out to each eligible CEP recipient who applies.

As per the Settlement Agreement, terms and conditions will be developed by Canada and the Assembly of First Nations to determine which programs and services and which educational institutions are eligible. A similar set of terms and conditions will be developed by Canada and Inuit Representatives.

Any amount remaining in the trust on January 1, 2015 is to be paid to the National Indian Brotherhood Trust Fund and the Inuvialuit Education Fund to be used for educational programs.

In January 2012, the Courts approved a governance model for personal credits proposed by Canada and the appointment of three education experts (Madeline Dion Stout for the Assembly of First Nations, Blair Stevenson for the Inuit representatives and Mike DeGagné for Canada). The experts have been meeting with educational institutions across the country, and aim to have completed terms and conditions by the fall of 2012.

It is anticipated that once these terms and conditions have been approved by the courts, implementation would begin by the fall of 2013.

CEP recipients can choose to transfer their Personal Credit to certain family members as per the Settlement Agreement.

I invite you to visit our website to consult the fact sheets on the implementation of the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement at: <http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1315320539682/1315320692192> and a list of Frequently Asked Questions at: <http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1348071781555/1348071862685> for additional information.

These websites will continue to be updated periodically as new information becomes available.

Thank you,

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## Announcement

We are pleased to announce the 1st Provincial Aboriginal Social Innovation Conference hosted by the BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres.

November 9th-10th, 2012  
SFU Harbour Centre  
515 West Hasting Street  
Vancouver, BC

This 2 day conference brings together innovators from Aboriginal communities across BC as well as social and economic innovators from a broad range of sectors to build social entrepreneurship and social innovation capacity with BC First Nations and urban Aboriginal communities.

“Our goal is to achieve holistic well-being and balance in all aspects of our life. Our traditional Indigenous ways of thinking and being are central to achieving our goal. Together we can blend the best of both worlds, traditional and modern, to help solve today’s complex challenges”

Further details can be found on the conference website:  
<http://www.bcaafc.com/newsandevents/social-innovation>

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## Weykt and She:kon

**Dear colleagues in Aboriginal health and healing,**

We are writing to let you know that Hilda Green (Shuswap) and Rod McCormick (Mohawk) have formed a consulting company called Bear and Water consulting. We are both First Nations Mental Health professionals with extensive experience in training front line workers in mental health, program development and evaluation, as well as many other services related to mental health with Aboriginal peoples.

Please visit our website at [www.bearandwater.ca](http://www.bearandwater.ca) and let us know if we can be of any assistance to your community or organization. It would be great if you could forward this email to other colleagues and we therefore apologize in advance if the message is cross-posted.

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## **Defending Our Coast, Waters and Land Brings Us Together**

**News Release. October 21, 2012**

(Coast Salish Territory/Vancouver, October 21, 2012) Earlier this year, the Harper Government passed Bill C-38, the Budget Implementation Act which contained a myriad of legislative changes including drastically weakening the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act and gutting the Fisheries Act. Last week, the Harper Government introduced Bill C-45, another omnibus budget bill, which continues to weaken environmental protection legislation for the benefit of industry mega projects.

Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, President of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs, stated, “The Harper Government has clearly demonstrated that it is only their blantant sell-out to industry agenda that matters. Their message to Canadians is clear, ‘it’s not about the environment, it’s about the economy, stupid.’ The legislative measures meant to protect our environment are being systematically bulldozed aside in Parliament to the delight and benefit of tarsands development projects such as the Northern Gateway Enbridge project and the expansion of the Kinder-Morgan pipeline.”

“Bills C-38 and C-45 not only strike down environmental protections but they do so at the legal liability-laden risk of our inherent, constitutionally-enshrined, judicially-recognized Aboriginal Title, Rights and Treaty Rights. There was no attempt at meaningful consultation with First Nations regarding these massive legislative changes,” stated Grand Chief Phillip.

Tomorrow, Grand Chief Stewart Phillip will be participating in the Defend Our Coast Rally and Action in Victoria. He will be among the thousands who will make a stand against the Harper Government legislative agenda.

“The destructive legislative amendments by the Harper Government do not create the economic certainty that industry craves. First Nations will fully protect their inherent rights in the courts, at the boardroom tables and out at the barricades on our land. By clear-cutting environmental protections and by taking no notice of our Aboriginal Title, Rights and Treaty Rights – our Human Rights – the Harper Government has provided an opportunity to stand with more and more British Columbians who realize that the Harper Government cares more for industry interests rather than the fundamental democratic and human rights of all Canadians. The only good thing about an Harper majority is that it will bring us all together.”

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### **Call from 'burglar' actually came from dog (from [www.msn.ca](http://www.msn.ca))**

**OREM, Utah - Police in Orem, Utah, say a man who thought he was getting a call from a burglar had actually gotten a call from his dog.**

**Authorities in the community south of Salt Lake City say the man alerted police Wednesday after he received a phone call from his home phone on his cell phone.**

**Officials say the man heard banging and scratching noises on the line and figured it was an intruder. Police went to the man's home but didn't find anything missing or broken.**

**The man later called officers and told them he figured out the mystery. He said his dog had grabbed the home phone's receiver and apparently hit the redial button while burying it in the backyard.**

By The Associated Press, [thecanadianpress.com](http://thecanadianpress.com), Updated: October-25-12 3:15 PM

## Shark falls from sky onto California golf course

This photo taken Monday, Oct. 22, 2012 and released by the San Juan Hills Golf Club shows a leopard shark that dropped out of the sky on the 12th tee at the San Juan Hills Golf Club in San Juan Capistrano, Calif.

The 2-pound shark was apparently plucked from the ocean by a bird, then dropped on the course, still alive, Melissa McCormack, director of club operations, said Thursday, Oct. 25. A course marshal took the shark to the clubhouse, put it in a bucket of water and eventually returned it to the ocean, whereupon it swam away.

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, Calif. - Golf club employees in Southern California came to the rescue when a shark dropped out of the sky and flopped around on the 12th tee.

San Juan Hills Golf Club operations director Melissa McCormack says a course marshal found the leopard shark Monday afternoon and brought it to the clubhouse. It had puncture wounds where it appeared a bird had snagged it from the Pacific Ocean, about five miles (eight kilometres) away.

They stuck the approximately 2-pound (1-kilogram) shark into fresh water before somebody remembered it came from the sea, so they got some sea salt from the kitchen and mixed it in.

Another employee rushed the shark to the ocean where McCormack says it was very still for a few seconds before twisting around and speeding off.

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By The Associated Press, [thecanadianpress.com](http://thecanadianpress.com), Updated: September-24-12 8:05 PM

## Dog quickly takes in, nurses stray kitten in Minn.

Mittens, a 4-year-old Pekingese, nurses Bootsie, a stray kitten, on Monday, Sept. 24, 2012, in Jordan, Minn. Mittens' owner, Pat Weber, says the kitten was just days old when her grandson found it in their pole barn and brought it into their house.

Mittens hadn't had a litter for two years, but allowed the kitten to suckle and began producing milk three days later, and has nursed Bootsie since. The family's veterinarian says it's unusual but not unheard of for a dog to nurse a cat.

JORDAN, Minn. - A Minnesota woman says she was shocked when her small dog began caring for an abandoned kitten, then started producing milk and nursing the fuzzy grey stray to health.

Pat Weber says the kitten was days old when her grandson found it in the family's barn in early September in Jordan, about 40 miles southwest of Minneapolis.

She says the 2-inch-long kitten was "ice cold." But she felt it move, so she wrapped the kitten in a warm towel. Then it began meowing — and her 4-year-old Pekingese perked up.

The tawny pooch named Mittens began licking the kitten, who nuzzled in and began suckling. Mittens hadn't had puppies in two years, yet she eventually began producing milk. She's been nursing the kitten ever since.

Weber calls it a miracle.

## Flu protection for yourself and others from [www.medbroadcast.com](http://www.medbroadcast.com)

The flu is a contagious infection. That means that everyone is at risk of catching it. To make matters more difficult, the flu is contagious a day before people experience symptoms, so they can spread the virus onto others without even knowing it.

The good news is that there are many simple things you can do to help prevent flu infection. This is especially important for people who are at risk of flu complications and more serious illness. Such people are also more likely to be hospitalized. At-risk people include children between the ages of 6 and 23 months, pregnant women, people with medical conditions, Aboriginal peoples, and people who are older than 65 years. See "Are you at risk?" for more information on at-risk groups.

This flu season, stay on top of your health by taking the following steps to prevent spreading the flu.

**Avoid contact.** Avoiding someone who has the flu is the most obvious way to protect yourself from the flu. This includes avoiding anyone who has flu-like symptoms while the person has symptoms and for at least 24 hours after the person's fever ends.

**Wash your hands.** Frequent hand-washing is a simple way to reduce the spread of the flu virus. Proper hand-washing means washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Wash often: before and after eating, after using the washroom, after coughing and sneezing, after touching potentially-contaminated surfaces, and after being in a public place. Dry your hands using a clean cloth or paper towel and turn off the tap with the paper towel or cloth. When hands are not visibly dirty and soap and water are not available, alcohol-based sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol by volume are a good alternative. See "Handwashing 101" to learn more.

**Watch where you cough, sneeze, and place your hands.** The flu virus can enter the body through the mouth, nose, or eyes, so avoid touching your face with your hands. In addition, you should cough and sneeze into a tissue and dispose of the tissue immediately. If tissue isn't available, cough and sneeze into your arm, not your hand. Always wash your hands after coughing and sneezing.

**Stay healthy.** Your immune system needs all the strength it can get. Keep it strong by eating healthy meals and staying physically active.

**Clean and disinfect.** Since viruses can live on hard surfaces for up to 48 hours, common surface areas should be cleaned and disinfected regularly with household cleaners. Make sure you scrub down doorknobs, light switches, keyboards, computer mice, telephones, and remote controls.

**Manage your medical condition.** People who have chronic medical conditions should make sure they are managing them as well as possible. These people are at risk of flu complications. Follow all treatment options (e.g., medications, vaccines against certain diseases such as flu or pneumonia) as recommended by your doctor. If you are taking medications, make sure you have at least a 2-week supply at home so that you don't have to leave it to get more. Ask your pharmacy if they have a delivery service.

**Stay home.** Just as you wouldn't want others to infect you with the flu, you should stay home until your symptoms are gone if you do get sick. By staying home, you reduce the risk of spreading the virus to someone else.

**If you do get the flu and you are at risk of complications, reduce the risk of complications by visiting your doctor as soon as you have symptoms.**

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