

DAKOTA OJIBWAY TRIBAL COUNCIL

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Sandy Bay Ojibway First Nation
Roseau River Anishinabe First Nation

Chairman's Message

Chief Murray Clearsky
 Chair / DOTC Council of Chiefs

We congratulate the graduating class of 2012 from Yellowquill College and, DOTC students enrolled in other educational institutions. For the DOTC Council of Chiefs and, Administration and Programs, I reiterate that education is a priority! Education is no longer a necessity but a necessity if an individual and community are to acquire better economic opportunities and an improved quality of life. Education or intellectual asset is the critical building-block in an economy that is knowledge-based. We all acknowledge the teachers and staff for the effort and time they expend for our students.

Yellowquill College held its Grand Opening that marks its relocation to the new premises at 480 Madison Street in Winnipeg. We acknowledge and congratulate Long Plain First Nation and its Leadership for the vision and its achievement. The premises, much larger and welcoming, are a testimonial to the importance placed on education. We hope this will contribute to a great learning environment that will be availed by our students.

DOTC congratulates Swan Lake First Nation on the occasion of the Grand-Opening of its new Band Office. It is a beautiful building!

We continue to work diligently in our efforts to have Dakota Ojibway Police Services as a service-provider in our communities. A police service that is rooted in the community and responsive to the needs in a timely manner is a necessary step by which to ensure confidence to our members and, correspondingly safe and secure communities. From an economic perspective, it is an effective and efficient way of providing the needed services. Long Plain First Nation and Wayawayseecappo First Nation are two member First Nations that have long made the case for these services.

With respect to community and economic development, we all recognise that collaboration and partnerships are important- and that this should be an inclusive approach that encompasses all -First Nation and non-First Nation/mainstream- entities and stakeholders. Brandon Urban Aboriginal Peoples Council is an initiative led by the City of Brandon. In Portage la Prairie and the District, a labour-force study has recently been released. Given that a large portion of membership from DOTC member First Nations resides in these two cities, DOTC has taken an active interest by which to advocate issues and concerns that are of importance to us. We need to develop closer relationships and work with our surrounding regions -Brandon, Portage and Winnipeg.

DOTC First Nations Pavilion and DOTC Golf Tournament are two major outreach initiatives. The Pavilion is a major "forum" by which to showcase and celebrate pride and accomplishment of First Nations and other Aboriginal peoples. This initiative is again convened in partnership with the University of Winnipeg. The Golf Tournament, of course it is about Golfing...but it is much more! For us, it provides for an amiable setting for participants from various organizations -First Nation, Corporate and Educational...- to (re)connect, network and discuss potential opportunities of interest.

Message from the CEO

Robert Daniels
 CEO/Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council

I am pleased to provide some highlights of activities undertaken by DOTC Administration during April-June 2012. These are in addition to normal and routine administrative responsibilities falling under the main areas of the executive, finance and operations.

First and foremost, we welcome Lisa Myran and Tracey Ironman as new staff members. Lisa Myran assumes the position of General Ledger Clerk. Tracey Ironman, as Administrative Secretary, will coordinate the required logistical and support services for Council of Chiefs and DOTC Administration.

Housing is an important engine of economic development. Through allocation of matured housing units, our member First Nations are taking charge in proactively initiating development that is responsive to their expectations and needs. This is a natural progression and is to be encouraged where our members take control. As such, this requires that the two housing authorities -DOTCHAI and DOFNHAI- be responsive to this shift and transformation. Directed by the DOTC Council of Chiefs, DOTC Administration is responding and implementing the required changes. To note, effective immediately, Chief David Meeches is portfolio-holder for housing.

The reader is perhaps aware that the Manitoba Economic Development Advisory Committee -consisting of Tribal Councils and Political Territorial Organizations- has been replaced with the Lands Economic Development Advisory Committee. Our understanding is that the new committee will lay greater emphasis towards a business-approach and, with the encompassing of "Land" will adopt a broader holistic approach. Robert Daniels has been appointed to serve as representative to committee with Anupam Sharma as alternate.

I am also pleased to inform of two upcoming initiatives for which details are provided elsewhere in the newsletter. DOTC and Ranger Insurance will be partnering to initiate the "DOTC-Ranger Recreation and Sports Initiative". The second initiative is the "DOTC Fire and Arson Prevention Program for Schools" that will be convened with the funding support received from Enbridge Pipelines, during the 2012-13 school year.

DOTC Administration will be working closely with the Brandon and Portage la Prairie - the city and relevant stakeholders- in regards to community and economic development issues. As a great component of our membership resides in urban centres, it is imperative that DOTC articulate the interests and needs of our people. It is our intention to take our place at these tables as partners and not as mere recipients.

Last but not least, DOTC Administration continued with the work required to convene two major marketing and promotional events. The 2012 DOTC Annual Golf Tournament, set for July 4, 2012 at the Elmhurst Golf and Country Club is sold-out! We are ready to convene the DOTC First Nations Pavilion in partnership with the University of Winnipeg at the Riddell Hall, The University of Winnipeg, August 5-11, 2012. For 2012, DOTC First Nations Pavilion Magazine focuses on the theme of "sharing and community". We look forward to seeing you all at the 2012- DOTC First Nations Pavilion- "showcasing accomplishment and pride"!

DOTC ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT - 2012

Like 2011, the 2012-DOTC Annual Golf Tournament was sold out! It is all about “showcasing pride and accomplishment”!

The venue, Elmhurst Golf and Country Club where 160 players consisting of 40 teams and volunteers got together to enjoy a good round of golf! In so doing, the golfers and/or their sponsors contributed to enhancing educational opportunities and youth related activities. Proceeds from the tournament are allocated to Yellowquill College, The University of Winnipeg Opportunities Fund and DOTC Youth.

The day did not begin on a promising note. Persistent rain and risk of lightening threatened the tournament. But then, the Gods relented, the clouds parted and the sun shone. The afternoon was –well- hot and humid. And, the golfers were out in force.

Golfing, for some it was a competitive venture while for others it was fun and enjoyment. During and after, the “putting contest” allowed testing of individual skills. There were three prizes given out respectively for the amounts of \$750 (1st Prize), \$500 (2nd Prize) and \$250 (3rd Prize) for the three highest scores.

Supper followed the round of Golf. Chief Irvin Mclvor and Chief David Meeches conveyed greetings and reiterated the commitment to education and youth related activities. Their commitment to the tournament was in evidence with Sandy Bay Ojibway First Nation and Long Plain First Nations serving as Gold Sponsors. This was then followed by giving out Team Prizes to each member of the 40 teams. The silent auction results were announced. Last, but not least, everyone present -160 players, 13 volunteers and corporate support staff- were eligible to enter for door prizes. Needless to say, there were very happy faces!

In addition to the Gold Sponsors, DOTC appreciates the support it received various organizations namely- Caddy Shed, Canad Inns/Grand Forks, Clement Travels, East India Company, Enbridge, Mondetta, Printpro Digital and Offset Printing, Life Benefits, Murray Chevrolet, Ranger Insurance, Royal Bank Canada, Toronto Dominion, Tribal Councils Investment Group and Yellowquill College.

We would like to thank everyone for participating and making for a highly successful 2012 DOTC Annual Golf Tournament. We acknowledge the leadership towards education and youth by the DOTC Council of Chiefs. However, most of all, we are grateful to the volunteers who make it happen for us. In particular, we single out Theresa Swampy.

We look forward to seeing you all at the 2013 DOTC Annual Golf Tournament!

By: Robert Daniels, CEO & Master of Ceremonies

DOTC-RANGER RECREATION AND SPORTS INITIATIVE

Recently the DOTC Council of Chiefs gave approval to DOTC Administration to undertake with Ranger Insurance the required work to convene the above initiative.

In the summer months, during school holidays, children and youth in our communities have much time on hand. Providing opportunity for recreational activities is one means by which the kids can make use of time in a positive and productive manner. It is with this in mind that Joe Popolawski and Gord Roberts approached DOTC.

Additionally to DOTC and Ranger Insurance, this initiative will have participation from DOTC First Safety Program and Dakota Ojibway Police Services. It is anticipated that other partners will join this worthwhile effort.

Plans call for camps to provide skills to the female and male children/youth in areas of Flag-Football, Lacrosse and Golf. Depending on progress and interest, there is a great possibility of convening tournaments as well.

Flag-Football will be first sport of implementation. In July, a one-day camp will be conducted for the children and youth in Brandon and Portage la Prairie. John Mackie and Dave Donaldson from Football Manitoba are taking a lead role. John and Dave played for Manitoba Bisons and the Winnipeg Blue Bombers respectively. The DOTC Chiefs have provided us with the contact names for their respective communities. In the immediate future, Dave or John -or their offices- will be contacting DOTC First Nations in regards to this exciting initiative.

Sports programs are a great means by which to raise awareness about and develop the ideas of character and leadership and, individual achievement while recognizing the importance of teamwork. This will offer a great opportunity for the Junior Chiefs and Councils, or their equivalents, to play a meaningful and proactive role.

DAKOTA OJIBWAY HEALTH SERVICES

DOHS recently hosted a meeting for the Medical Transportation Coordinators (MTCs) from the DOTC communities. This meeting was very informative and produced strategies in dealing with several of the issues faced by our communities. The meeting produced a forum for the MTCs to exchange best practices, in depth program knowledge sharing by their counterparts. Many expressed interest for this group to meet again for follow-up discussions.

The Case Management Initiative Pilot Project of DOHS is towards the end of its first year in operation. Beginning in September 2011, there have been a whirlwind of accomplishments. We thank all of you for participation and contribution to CMI with your good thoughts, words and attendance at the various training events. Since the March Frontline workers training, CMI has commenced its participation on the NCMN (What does NCMN stand for- write in full) Advisory Council and is submitting to present at the NCMN 6th Annual Conference to be held in Toronto in October 2012. If selected, DOHS will have the opportunity to celebrate and disseminate at the national level the knowledge, expertise, and commitment the staff of the DOTC. These efforts have only just begun and there is more work on the way, but each community has provided valuable contributions to the evolution of the CMI. We look forward to ongoing successes for each community.

Tribal Home & Community Care continues to be busy meeting with the DOTC communities on assisting with Service Delivery Plan reviews/updates, and planning and preparing for the amalgamation of the In Home Care Program(AANDC) to First Nations Inuit Home & Community Care Program. We will be submitting a proposal on behalf of the DOTC communities that will focus on Elders in each community to provide various workshops to youth and fellow community members on various teachings that include sewing, canning, and storytelling. These workshops will allow the Elders to share their knowledge and pass on these important teachings, and take part in their community's well-being.

In the NNADAP/BF program areas, front line workers recently received training on injury prevention. Injury prevention and safety topics covered in this training included information on car seats, fires, ATVs, snow-mobiles, poisoning, water safety, trampolines, cycling, helmets, playgrounds, and product safety. It is always important to be safety cautious, especially during the summer months.

Many new and exciting programs and events are on the horizon so we ask that you keep your eye out and we hope to see many of you there. Have a safe, healthy and enjoyable summer!

Litonya Desjarlais -Director of Health 1-204-988 5379

ON-RESERVE HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE

2012/2013 Funding year for DOTC First Nations

Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council has not received any notification regarding this year's Sec 95 Band Owned Rental Housing program funding or the Residential Rehabilitation Assistance program.

Funding for the Sec 95 and RRAP programs go directly to the six (6) DOTC First Nations.

The On Reserve Housing at this time is in the process of:

- Rolling up inspections on an eight (8) unit CEAP project in Sandy Bay First Nation.
- Six (6) unit Sec 95 project is near completion in Long Plain First Nation.
- Five (5) unit Sec 95 to begin at the Portage location for Long Plain First Nation.
- Eleven (11) unit homeownership project is also at the starting point in Portage for the Long Plain First Nation.
- Two (2) RRAP units are also just starting in the Long Plain First Nation.
- Birdtail Sioux First Nation are working on four (4) CMHC Sec 95 burnout replacement or renovations.
- Waywayseecappo have started a four (4) unit, 5 bedroom project, another four (4) unit project is also just starting.
- One (1) Disability RRAP is completed, and a 7 unit RRAP project has been submitted.
- Swan Lake First Nation has submitted four (4) new RRAPs and have 2 unfinished RRAPs.
- Roseau River First Nation has 1 RRAP to complete and have submitted one Handicap RRAP.

DAKOTA OJIBWAY POLICE SERVICE

Spring has been a busy season for the Members and Staff of the Police Service as we continue to move forward with various projects and initiatives.



The Police Service is in the process of adopting an enhanced dispatch service, through Brandon E-911 to allow for a more efficient service and officer safety. Upgrades are being made to the radio/communication systems in the vehicles and portables. In-car video systems are being installed in all the police units.

With the installation of the Fire Suppression system in the Birdtail Detachment, a majority of our significant infrastructure related projects have now been completed.

With recent graduation of four new recruits, DOPS is at this time fully staffed. Congratulations to our new recruits- Ryan Raflant, David Sutherland, Amanda Lathlin and Nicki Asham. They have completed the initial phases of training and now assigned to Detachments for full training with experienced officers. We were also able to attract another experienced officer, Constable Bruno Rossi, who is assigned to Roseau River Detachment. Cst. Rossi has previously worked with DOPS but has most recently been employed with Tsuu T'ina Nation Police Service.

The expansion efforts of the Police Service to other First Nation Community continues, with Waywayseecappo now officially approaching the government to approve and support DOPS as their service provider related to policing.

Several communities have approached DOPS to assist in the development of security services in their respective communities. We are presently preparing a Community Safety Officer proposal to enhance security and safety capacity within the community. It will also allow for a closer working relationship between DOPS and the local community service.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Constable Derek Smoke and Constable Amy Roulette as recent recipients of the St. John Ambulance Life Saving Awards. I would also like to recognize Constable Devon LeBlanc as being a member of the Championship Team and Tournament MVP in the 2012 Canadian Senior AAA Hockey Championships (Allen Cup).

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DAKOTA OJIBWAY FIRST NATION HOUSING AUTHORITY INC. (DOFNHAI)

Spring is here with summer just around the corner!

DOFNHAI's staff has had a very active year so far. I am pleased to inform you the reader on activities undertaken since the last issue of this newsletter.

The vacancy-rate for both subsidized and matured units is extremely low, hovering at 1% rate.

Memorandums have been sent to our tenants on items needed to maintain their yards and homes for the summer months. Lawn care must be addressed by each and every tenant.

DOFNHAI tenants who are residing in mature homes are now paying for all of their utilities. To help save money and also reduce the carbon footprint, the staff has compiled various Power Smart energy tips. Water consumption can be reduced by promptly reporting a leaking faucet or toilet. For ultimate operating efficiency, clothes should be loaded to capacity into washers but; they should not be over-loaded. To help keep the temperature down in your home during the summer months, when using your air conditioner, keep the windows closed and shades or curtains down. If the furnace is equipped to run on fan only ensure that your furnace filter is clean to ensure cool efficient airflow.

Saving energy can be as easy as changing a light bulb. You can conserve your electricity bill by using energy efficient bulbs. Remember to switch the lights OFF when you are not in the room. Same goes for televisions, turn these off when not being viewed. The same applies also to computers. Avoid using screen savers, as this consumes the same amount of power as when it is running normally.

The staff and management would like to take this time to express that everyone has a safe and happy summer holiday.

DOFNHAI will be closed on July 1st, 2012 in celebration of Canada Day. Our office is located at 100-11 Arden Avenue.

Val Whitford, Manager 1-204-988 5375

DAKOTA OJIBWAY COMMUNITY FUTURES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (DOCFDC)

The **16th Annual Vision Quest Conference and Trade Show** was held on May 15-17, 2012 at the Winnipeg Convention Centre. Vision Quest Conferences Inc. brings together innovators, entrepreneurs, leaders and youth to discuss and promote Aboriginal Business, Community and Economic Development. The highlights of the conference, **Check Out the 2012 Video** can be viewed on our website: www.vqconference.com



This year **over 1,000 participants** participated in workshops, keynote presentations, trade show, youth programming, networking events and the gala banquet. Vision Quest offered **16 interactive workshops** on a variety of business, community and economic development topics. The expanded **trade show** attracted **over 90 exhibitors**. Supportive of the arts and crafts sector, Vision Quest sponsors six artists from the Manitoba Region to participate in the Trade Show. Earl Mousseau (Curly's Crafts) from Sandy Bay First Nation was the winner of the complimentary trade show booth for the DOTC Region.

"From Vision to Reality" features the achievements of Aboriginal people within the business community and beyond. There were two keynote speakers. Waneek Horn-Miller, Olympic Athlete, spoke on her perspective of the Oka Crisis. Eric Schweig, Award Winning Actor and Inuit Carver, conveyed his experiences when attaining the heights as an actor and artist. The respective personal journeys were presented with much eloquence; each holding the attention of the audience.

Thank You to all the DOTC members who participated in the conference! Special thanks to the following sponsors, businesses, and service providers: Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council – Table Sponsor, Dakota Ojibway Health Services - Trade Show Exhibitor, Lisa Meeches, Master of Ceremonies, Clement Travel Services - Grand Prize Draw, Tannis Bullard- Mother Earth Tobacco, Carol Merrick-Smudge Bags, Stephen Prince- Security Services and, Plains Ojibway Singers and Dance Troupe, Long Plain First Nation

Community Events

The DOCF staff attended the career fair held at Swan Lake First Nation on April 25th at the Community Hall. The career fair was very well attended and, it provided with information on programs and services. If you are hosting a community event or career fair we would like to come out and promote our program and services. We also deliver business development workshops!

Upcoming Events The DOCF Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 20th, at Long Plain First Nation, Keeshkeemaquah Conference & Gaming Centre, from 1:00 pm to 3:00pm. All members are invited to attend!

For further information on the Community Futures program and services please contact our office at 1-866-988-5373 or Check out our New Website at: www.docfdc.mb.ca



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SCHOOL MAINTENANCE TRAINING PROGRAM (SMTP)

SMTP continues with the requirement of at least two on-site visits to schools falling under its mandate in each of the First Nations located across Manitoba. Additionally, starting in 2012-13, The SMTP staff will be developing individual training plans for each of the School Maintenance Workers. The individualized training plan is geared to addressing issues and/or any deficiencies that may prevent the maintenance-staff from carrying out their required tasks.

The budget for our program was cut by approximately 13% from the previous year. This has necessitated some changes. One significant change was in the reduction of days worked per week by office administration. The schedule was reduced from a five day to a three day work week. Office Administrative services are therefore available only on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Another change resulting from the budget-cuts relates to office-space. SMTP has reduced space from three to two offices. Stewart Meeches and Perry Roberts now share one office. These changes have been working well with no adverse effects on program delivery.

Reporting will remain the same with quarterly meetings with AANDC. The first meeting will be scheduled for June, 2012.

Professional Development – In April 2012, SMTP Staff Maurice Myran and Stewart Meeches attended a five-day training seminar in Nashville, Tennessee. The program consisted of two parts. The first part consisted of a review of water restoration training along with a recertification exam. The second part was on level-2 training in water restoration and structural drying. The participants were tested by way examinations. The staff passed both exams and received certificates. This training program was the third in a series of courses taken by the staff.

Maurice Myran, Program Manager
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DOTC SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

First Nation Income Assistance Program

On May 9, 2012, DOTC Social Development Advisors (SDAs) facilitated a training workshop for DOTC Income Assistance Administrators (IAAs). Chris Woods provided the training at CRW Software Systems Inc in Winnipeg. The workshop provided clarification about and usage of the updates to CRW Income Assistance software system. These updates are in relation to the new quarterly reporting requirements to AANDC. Additionally, the workshop provided opportunity for the IAAs to ask questions; clarification and request for further changes to the IA software program.

On June 7, 2012, the SDAs facilitated a meeting for IAAs that was hosted by Swan Lake First Nation. Barb Hobson, IAA, chaired the meeting and provided lunch for the group. The workshop was held in the awesome new band office building. Councillors/Income Assistance portfolio holders from Birdtail Sioux and Long Plain were also in attendance. Also invited were guests from Manitoba Hydro, Ogoki Learning Systems and AANDC.

Manitoba Hydro representatives Kevin Griffin and Charmaine Marquis discussed First Nation Account billing and other related issues. While many issues were clarified; however, there were some outstanding Manitoba Hydro will attempt to resolve in the near future.

Ogoki Learning Systems president/Developer, Derrick Baxter made a presentation regarding his accomplishments as a computer programmer. He presents an option for IAAs to consider when searching for options related to Income Assistance software programs and; developing a program for DOTC First Nations.

AANDC Social Development Operational Specialist, Sherry Beardy addressed issues raised regarding the First Nation Income Assistance Program. Discussion pertained mainly to policy and procedures, encouraging First Nations to active measures programs in work opportunity program (WOP) and aboriginal social assistance recipient employment training (ASARET). Other issues raised were bedbugs as a housing issue; special needs non insured health benefits pertaining to non treaty residing on First Nation; eligibility to income assistance for minor applicants under certain circumstances as outlined in Section 3.4 of the AANDC Policy and Procedure Guide.

Social Development Advisors Technical Group Meetings (SDATG) take place on monthly basis. Minutes are available when they are discussed, approved and adopted by the group.

April 17,18, 2012 meeting hosted by Interlake Tribal Council

May 23,24, 2012 meeting hosted by Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council

Next meetings June 25,26,27, 2012 host West Region Tribal Council

August 14,15, 2012 host Swampy Cree Tribal Council

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YELLOWQUILL COLLEGE



Greetings to everyone!

Congratulations to all of our 2012 graduates!! Yellowquill held its 28th graduation ceremony on June 22, 2012 at the Victoria Inn in Winnipeg. This year a total of 77 students graduated from their respective programs. In addition to the full-time students, there was a total 8 students who graduated from the Long Plain Mature Grade 12 program; a program that was delivered in the community of Long Plain. There were also 27 students who graduated from programs delivered out of province. Students that graduated were enrolled in the Community Diabetes program and were from Seabird Island, BC; Wendake, Quebec and Goose Bay, Newfoundland.

To reiterate, we have relocated and the college is now operating at 480 Madison Street in Winnipeg. We are happy to be in a larger building with space to accommodate more students in all program areas. Again, I would like to acknowledge the support we received to get into this building and thanks goes out to the Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council of Chiefs as well as Long Plain First Nation Chief and Council. Everyone at the college, students and staff, are extremely happy to be in their new surroundings.

A reminder to those who are entering the First Nation Child and Family Services Worker diploma program—this program starts August 7, 2012. All students in this program are required to be in classes on August 7.

The college does remain open during the summer months. Although there are no classes held during the months of July and August, staff are available who may be able to assist with applications, registrations and any other matters. If you would like information on programs being offered this fall, please feel free to stop in and see us.

On behalf of everyone at the college, have a safe and happy summer!

Doreen Beauchamp,
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DOTC FIRST NATIONS PAVILION

Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council in partnership with University of Winnipeg is again convening "DOTC First Nations Pavilion" during Folklorama 2012. The Pavilion will be located at University of Winnipeg, Riddell Hall, 385 Spence Street and take place August 5-11, 2012.

At the outset, DOTC First Nations Pavilion acknowledges the commitment and dedication by the University of Winnipeg as partner to this major project. We appreciate and acknowledge the support received from the First Nations, private and public sectors. Sandy Bay Ojibway First Nation and Enbridge are Gold Sponsors. Other major sponsors are Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, Royal Bank Canada, Aboriginal and Northern Affairs Manitoba and, Tribal Councils Investment Group. Others have provided us with support through place of advertisement(s) in the DOTC First Nations Pavilion Magazine. We thank them all for their generosity. Without our supporters, we would face an uphill challenge. Thank you!

All pavilions are required to be represented by Ambassadors. For 2012, Helen Settee Robinson and Steve Woods will serve as Adult Ambassadors. Youth Ambassadors will be Billy Meeches and Rose Nigidja.

DOTC First Nations Pavilion-2011 was highly successful effort taking place in an air-conditioned setting. For 2012, we will again be showcasing the pride and accomplishments of the member First Nations of DOTC and, those located across Manitoba. Our effort is about raising awareness and public education of mainstream society about First Nations and its people- culture, experience and traditions. It is about marketing through culture and education. Grass-roots and community-oriented in approach, the Pavilion is about providing opportunity to those who may not able access the same elsewhere. For the week of the Pavilion, the University of Winnipeg flies the DOTC flag besides its own. We appreciate this gesture as it is a powerful means by which to acknowledge and honour First Nations and other Aboriginal People.

An important effort is the publication of "DOTC First Nations Pavilion Magazine". For 2012, 3000 copies will be distributed for free to visitors to the Pavilion. Whereas for 2011, the predominant focus of the Magazine was on Education; this year, we are focusing on "sharing and community".

Convening of the DOTC First Nations Pavilion is a major undertaking whose success in large measure results from the spirit of the community and, commitment and dedication of volunteers. I can attest to the fact that working as volunteer at the Pavilion contributes a great deal to personal and professional growth. It is highly satisfying when a visitor says they are glad they visited and learned much about First Nations.

by Robert Daniels, Chief Executive Officer - Ph 1-204-791-1976

DOTC FIRE PREVENTIVE PROGRAM FOR SCHOOLS

DOTC Administration successfully attained funding support from Enbridge towards a school-based program on the issue of fire prevention.

The funding will allow Stacy Pratt/DOTC Fire Safety Officer to offer an in-class training program geared towards children. The objective is to raise the levels of awareness about the costs and devastating consequences of fire. The central message to the kids, playing with fire, is not playful at all!

Working together with the Joanne Helgason at DOPS -the youth cadet program- Stacy Pratt will make use of the training materials and potent illustrations that fires are devastating. A house burnt to the ground is much more- a loss to family and memories, a burden to community and, should there be a loss of life.... one never recovers!

The program will consist of training and provision of materials. It will illustrate with examples on what the actual costs are of a house-fire. The cost, directly or indirectly, has to be shared by all- including those engaged in the "playful act". This money now redirected to address this issue could have been put to other uses. It will also bring the victims of house-fires (or other fires) to interact with the participants to inform of their suffering and all they have had to endure.

Last but not least, the program is also meant to inform the participants of the consequences to those engaged in acts of arson. The costs can be significant and have an impact for the rest of their lives.



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DOTC FIRST NATIONS PAVILION

A stylized, colorful illustration of a Native American figure, possibly a warrior or dancer, with a large feathered headdress and a glowing chest area.

University of Winnipeg
Riddell Hall
385 Spence Street

August 5th - 11th 2012



Sandy Bay First Nation - Gold Sponsors for DOTC Annual Golf Tournament 2012