

Growing communities one idea at a time.



15th Annual Vision Quest conference held in Winnipeg

The recent Vision Quest Conference was held in Winnipeg, Manitoba from May 17-19 at the Winnipeg Convention Centre. This year's conference marked Vision Quest Conferences Inc.'s 15th anniversary.

This annual Aboriginal economic development conference is an opportunity for Aboriginal people and those who work with Aboriginal people and communities to come together to learn, network and plan community economic development initiatives. Over the last 15 years it is estimated that over 10,000 people have participated.

This year's keynote speakers included: Roberta Jamieson, CEO of the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation and Theoren Fleury, Former NHL All-Star, Stanley Cup Winner and Olympic Gold Medalist. Both speakers were amazing and brought powerful messages to the delegation in attendance. There were also 16 amazing workshops for delegates to attend and included topics such as: What Is A Business Plan and Why



The Vision Quest Board of Directors and keynote Theoren Fleury.

Do I Need One?, Facilitation Fundamentals, Empowering our Youth and Case Studies In Successful Community Development in which Bob Smith from Cross Lake gave a presentation on the successes the army cadet program has brought to the community. Freda Albert from ANA was also involved in that presentation and discussed the Summer Student Commuter Program.

The event opened on Tuesday, May 17th with Performances by The H.O.P.E Tour featuring Plex, Leemai Fontain and Sarah Podemski. The evening also

included a fashion show by Edna Nabess's business - CREE-ations. The conference concluded with a Gala Banquet. There was also a wonderful trade show with more than 90 booths.

Planning for Vision Quest Conference 2012 will start this summer with the strategic planning session taking place at the end of July.

Community Futures North Central Development is proud to partner with Community Futures Cedar Lake, Community Futures Kitayan, Southeast CFDC and Dakota Ojibway CFDC to plan this annual event.

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North Central partners with Province to host workshop aimed at creating a welcoming community

Did you know ... that

Thompson is in the top five rural communities where newcomers settle in Manitoba. Did you know 83% of newcomers come to Canada with a specific skill set?

With this in mind, Community Futures North Central Development continues to provide services to newcomers to Canada through the Thompson Newcomer Settlement Service program. The program is always growing and on April 7, 2011 CFNCD hosted a workshop called *Creating a Welcoming Community*. The workshop was prepared and

delivered by the Diversity and Intercultural Training Program of Manitoba and targeted employers and community champions with the goal in mind of making Thompson a more welcoming place for newcomers to settle.

Workshops such as this may be offered again in the future, should your community be interested in hosting a workshop similar to this, please contact North Central Development at 1-888-847-7878 or ncd@northcentraldevelopment.ca

Product Development, Business Planning and Marketing workshops available through North Central Development

In October 2010 CFNCD purchased workshop materials and licensing information on the following workshops: Product Development, Business Planning and Marketing. This was made possible through a funding agreement with the Aboriginal Business Service Network (ABSN). The license for each of the workshops purchased is for a one-year period ending October 2011.

As of March 31, 2011 staff delivered 11 workshops in Gillam, Norway House, Cross Lake, Thicket Portage, Nelson House and Churchill. Plans were also made to go into Wabowden in the new fiscal year.

There were a total of 70 registrations for the workshops with 30 of these attending the workshops.

Although the turnout number may appear to be a lower than expected, CFNCD see it as a tremendous success. This is an additional 30 people that had little to no experience in the subject matter delivered and received information that will assist them in the next steps of entrepreneurship. Those who attended will also share their experiences with other family and friends who may decide to register for any upcoming workshops CFNCD plans to deliver in their community

Every community in our North Central region is welcome to have workshops presented. Please contact the office for more information at 1-888-847-7878 or ncd@northcentraldevelopment.ca.

Creeczech opens as a 100% Aboriginal owned and operated business

On Friday, March 25, 2011 the official Grand Opening Ceremony took place in Thompson for Creeczech Hauling & Mechanical Services Inc. This new business was a dream for brothers Ed & Dag Vystrcil and with much work and determination their dreams became a reality. This business is 100% Aboriginal owned and operated and provides mechanical services in both automotive, heavy duty and mobile. This business venture received financial support from the Aboriginal Business Development Program through Aboriginal Business Canada, First Peoples Economic Growth Fund and Community Futures North Central Development. We wish nothing but great success for Creeczech Hauling & Mechanical Services Inc.



Pictured above L-R are Dag Vystrcil and Ed Vystrcil, owners of Creeczech Mechanical Services Inc.

Nelson House Community Council takes home a Manitoba Tourism Award

The Incorporated Community of Nelson House Fishing Derby was recognized as the recipient of the 2010 Manitoba Tourism award in the Product Development category for growing their annual ice fishing derby from a local event with about 30 participants to an event attended by over 1,000 people from not only northern Manitoba but from across the country.

The Manitoba Tourism Awards recognizes excellence in the promotion and delivery of quality tourism experiences in Manitoba. Award finalists are acknowledged for



Pictured left to right with the Manitoba Tourism award are: Oswald Sawh (Administrator), Deputy Mayor Cecilia Tait, Mayor Bella Leonard, Councillor Theresa Hart, Charlene Grant (Community Futures North Central Development) and Councillor William Leonard Jr.

their outstanding contributions to the provincial tourism industry, including promoting Manitoba as a quality year-round

destination, ensuring an exceptional visitor experience and fostering a professional tourism industry.

Community Futures North Central Development was happy to put forward this nomination knowing local events such as these attract visitors to the community and aim towards the goal of positioning northern Manitoba as a quality tourist destination.

All finalists were honoured at the annual award celebration at the Delta Winnipeg's Ballroom on Monday, April 11th, 2011. For more information on the Manitoba Tourism Awards please visit www.manitobaturismawards.com.

CFNCD continues to provide Thompson Newcomer Settlement Services programming

In April 2011, Thompson Newcomer Settlement Services (TNSS) received approval for ongoing operational funding for one more year from the Province of Manitoba Immigrant Integration Program. The number of newcomers settling in Thompson has grown at a rapid pace therefore increasing the demand for settlement services. In this new fiscal year CFNCD will house a coordinator to work with clients and a quarter-time administrative sup-

port position to assist with office management and coordinating welcome activities.

Thompson Newcomers Settlement Services also now offers for the benefit of newcomers services such as Commissioner of Oaths and limited Notary Public. More cultural activities and workshops will occur this year in order for newcomers to integrate more effectively into the community as we know these immigrants contribute impor-

tantly to economy of Thompson and northern Manitoba.

On June 27, 2011 from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm the Thompson Newcomer Settlement Services will be hosting a BBQ at MacLean Park to celebrate Canadian Multiculturalism Day. Please JOIN US! For more information on the TNSS program or BBQ contact our office (Angelica Matiasek) at 204-677-1490, toll free: 1-888-847-7878 or email ncd@northcentraldevelopment.ca.

Community Development meeting held in Cross Lake



Darlene Beck (far right) presents a Geff Monias painting to North Central Development as a thank you for the work done in partnership with Cross Lake Community Council. Also pictured are: Frances McIvor, Tim Johnston, Kaylee Brabant, Leann Brown, Angelica Matiasek, Charlene Grant and Danae McCullough.

North Central Development's Community Development Committee is an ad-hoc group of board members who meet throughout the year to provide direction to the Community Development Department. Board representation on this committee includes Darlene Beck as Chairperson (Cross Lake Community Council), Frances

McIvor (Wabowden), Wayne Anderson (Norway House Cree Nation), Noelle Halcrow (Volunteer - Cross Lake Community), Gary Cepettelli (Volunteer - Thompson) and Danae McCullough (Volunteer - Society for Manitobans with Disabilities).

Committee meetings are typically held via conference call, but this

past May staff and board had the opportunity to travel to Cross Lake to have the meeting and were hosted by Darlene Beck and the Community Council staff.

Committee meeting minutes can be found on the North Central website (www.northcentraldevelopment.ca).

North Central Development to host provincial conference - *Discover a Northern Adventure!*

Community Futures North Central Development (CFNCD) is pleased to partner with Community Futures Greenstone and Community Futures Cedar Lake to present the 2011 Community Futures Conference September 20th - 22nd, 2011 in Thompson, MB.

The annual conference is a gathering of staff and board from Community Futures offices across the province. Each year the group gathers to explore economic development, and this year will have a northern and Aboriginal focus. The event will be open to anyone involved in economic development to attend (students, practitioners such as Economic Development Officers, government employees, etc.). Participation is expected to be approximately 150.

The conference will include keynote addresses by Peter C. Newman, the legendary journalist and best-selling author and Frank O'Dea, an extremely successful Canadian

entrepreneur whose story of rags to riches is sure to inspire. CFNCD Manager Tim Johnston is pleased to be hosting the event in the north - "We are excited for our peers to come and EXPERIENCE the north, learn the history and see first-hand our economic success."

The conference plays on the Discover a Northern Adventure! theme by offering genuine adventures to participants who partake in the industry and tourism related mobile sessions. A gala evening and wel-

come reception are also being planned. The theme will help to tie in the entire north central region of Manitoba into the conference. CFNCD Chairperson Glen Flett noted "The conference committee has some unique ideas that incorporate all of our north central communities, I'm excited to showcase my own community at the banquet."

CFNCD is a community economic development corporation that serves the north central region of Manitoba.

CFNCD receives direction from a volunteer board of directors. For each of the 17 communities in the region, one board member is appointed by local government. Community Futures is supported by the Government of Canada through Western Economic Diversification Canada.

For more information contact CFNCD at ncd@northcentraldevelopment.ca or call toll free 1-888-847-7878.



Photo courtesy of Robert & Carolyn Buchanan, Polar Bears International



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SEPTEMBER 20 - 22 / 2011

for this year's Manitoba
COMMUNITY FUTURES CONFERENCE
in Thompson, Manitoba

With keynote addresses by
Peter C. Newman and Frank O'Dea

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Days Inn Thompson and Mystery Lake Hotel.

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Community Futures Cedar Lake and Community Futures Greenstone to bring
you an exciting, adventurous annual conference!

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Do you need help budgeting your personal finances?
North Central offers Personal Budgeting
Workshop in the north

This is a 2-3 hour workshop that helps individuals who struggle with budgeting monthly income to their savings and expenses.

During this session we discuss the various forms of monies that individuals receive and the timing of these funds during a monthly period. We then discuss the typical expenses of a household and the non-typical expenses that occur during this period. The individuals gain insight into their own spending and saving habits, and find when they track their spending they can see how better to manage their funds.

The workshop is concluded by having the participants construct a one year (monthly) flow-chart of monies coming in and going out. In this chart participants budget the coming months income/expenses and

compare it to the actual monies received and spent. It is up to each person to keep track of all monies received and spent on a daily basis and compare it to their budget.

By keeping track of actual spending and comparing it to their budget they can see where their funds are going. During the session individuals themselves have commented on how much they spend on eating out and other activities that can be reduced to allow them to take better control of their finances.

Community Futures provides this workshop and others as a free service to our communities. To have these workshops delivered in your community, please contact our office (1-888-847-7878, ncd@northcentraldevelopment.ca or 204-677-1490) to set up a time.

Congratulations Tara & Tony!

Congratulations to our administrative assistant Tara Ellingson and her partner Tony Laviolette on the arrival of their first child - Liam Joseph on November 8th, 2010.



Tara & Liam's first visit to
North Central in February 2011.