



## 4TH ANNUAL PREVENTION OF FAMILY VIOLENCE CONFERENCE - LETHBRIDGE LODGE OCTOBER 9-11

**4th Annual Prevention of Family Violence Conference “Niitsitapi-kimmapiiyipitssin”**  
October 9, 10, 11th 2007 Lethbridge Lodge, Lethbridge AB

A well attended Prevention of Family Violence Conference was held by the Inter-agencies of the Blood Tribe and Piikani earlier this month.

The purpose of the conference was to raise awareness of the problems plaguing the Blood Reserve. Problems such as family violence, crime, drug and alcohol abuse were addressed and the presenters offered alternative ways for Blood members to deal with their problems and stress. Workshops topics for Tuesday were;

History of Oppression, Abandonment, Bullying, FASD, and Healthy Parenting

Workshop topics for Wednesday were: Sacred Lives, Elder Abuse, Grief/Loss, Co-dependency, and Conflict Resolution. Topics for Thursday were Sacred Tools for Healing, Addictions & Crystal Meth, Healthy Communication and Self Esteem.

Entertainment was provided at Wednesdays banquet by comedian Gerry Barrett “The Big Bear” from Winnipeg, Manitoba and singer Yvonne St Germaine. From Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Acknowledgements to: Conference Elders, Chief

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*Above:Prevention of Family Violence Tipi at the Lethbridge Lodge signifying the Conference event.*

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Charles Weasel Head & Blood Tribe Council, Lethbridge Mayor Bob Tarleck, Conference Chair Oliver Shouting, Conference Coordinator Pearl Long Time Squirrel, Planning/Evaluation/Session Support Randy Frank, Trans Canada Representative Patricia Poulton, Lethbridge Lodge Hotel and Conference Center, Prevention of Family Violence Committee.

The Prevention of Family Violence Conference Committee wished to thank everyone for participating in the 4th Annual “Niisitapikimmapiiyipitssin” Conference.



*Grand Entry Ceremonies at the 2007 Prevention of Family Violence Conference held at the Lethbridge Lodge*

## National Film Board to do Third Part of “Standing Alone” series.

The film “Circle of the Sun” was the first film involving Pete Standing Alone, back in the early 1960’s. It was a collaborative effort by Colin Low and other senior NFB filmmakers. The film showed how life was, here on the Blood Reserve and the looming threat presented by mainstream society on the Blackfoot language and culture. The story was told through the experiences of Pete Standing Alone who speculated that the Blood Sundance camp would become extinct within 15-20 years, this of course did not happen. It showed realistically some of the threats to the Blackfoot language and ceremonies conducted by the elders. Approximately 20 years later in 1980, a second part to the series was introduced with the making of “Standing Alone”. This film was broadcast nationally on CBC. It took a more serious look at the social and economic problems the Bloods faced in 1980. These two films have enjoyed incredible longevity and are still in use in schools and libraries worldwide, it has been translated in several languages.

Recently there are plans to produce a third part in the Standing

Alone series, with a greater involvement by Native filmmakers. Some of the first pieces of the film are now being shot at a number of locations on the Reserve. It is anticipated that the film should be complete in 2009. This third part will bring back retired NFB filmmaker and Colin Low as an adviser and also as part of the film. It will also bring back Pete Standing Alone and a perspective on the Blackfoot culture and language many years after the early 1960’s. The message of the movie will be a much more positive one than what was expected nearly 45 years ago.



*Director of “Circle of the Sun” Colin Low, shown here with Pete Standing Alone*



*NFB Crew of the film consulting with Narcisse Blood and Pete Standing Alone*

# INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL SETTLEMENT UPDATE

## Blood Tribe Prepares for impact of CEP/IAP Initiating Indian Residential School Support Service

Since the Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement came into effect on September 19, 2007, many individuals from the community have applied for the Common Experience Payment (CEP). Some of these claims are now being paid out.

In response to the anticipated impact to the Blood Reserve Community, The Blood Tribe Administration, through Chief and Council have organized a strategic plan to help members to access services available to them. By providing a network of support that will assist families in need. There will also be support services in the event of crisis situations. The Chief and Council and some elders of the community were concerned about the possible negative impacts of such a huge injection of money into the community. In June 2006, No Trespassing signs were posted at all entrances to the Reserve, a permit system was launched by the Lands Dept. where vendors and unauthorized people entering the reserve were deemed to be trespassing and are being dealt with. There was a high risk for exploitation by outsiders who target the Reserve, this new process will help control who enters the Reserve to do business. This will not affect the regular vendors and businesses who have been here over a period of time. The objectives of the Indian Residential School Support Service is to help promote a healthy and safe community by co-ordinating efforts and services of departments and entities

in respect to the Indian residential School Settlement Common Experience Payment and IAP period. To inform the Blood Tribe public, what support and intervention services are available for their well-being during the impact period of the CEP/IAP. To provide some alternative means of spending their money i.e. through investments that would assist in their long-range plans, taking advantage of opportunities that may not be there otherwise and generally providing financial counseling if necessary. This initiative will provide necessary information that will assist the members in contacting individuals employed by the Tribe or the various service agencies. There are a number of activities presently going that are preparing for the payment of the CEP and its impact to the community.



## FRAUDS, CONS, SCHEMES, AND SCAMS

### TIPS TO PROTECT YOUR MONEY:

**Direct Deposit:** Have your regular cheques sent to your bank via direct deposit so that your money goes directly into your bank account.

**CRIMINALS MAY INTERCEPT CHEQUES SENT THROUGH THE MAIL.**

**CREDIT CARDS:** Immediately sign the reverse side of a credit card when received. Destroy old cards by cutting them into small pieces. Use caution when providing your credit card number to anyone over the phone or internet.

**BANK / DEBIT / INTERACT CARDS:** A debit card replaces the need to carry cash for purchases. Ask at your bank for more information.

**AUTOMATED TELLER:** When using these machines, be aware of who is around you. Do not make it obvious you are taking out cash.

**SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX:** Store stocks, bonds, jewellery, important papers and other valuables in a safety deposit box.

**DO NOT CARRY LARGE SUMS OF CASH OR HIDE A LOT OF CASH IN YOUR HOME**



*Ivan Singer addressing the concerns and questions of the public regarding the Residential School Settlement*

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS OCTOBER 2007

## Community Housing Meeting -Information Sessions-

How is non payment of rent affecting Blood Tribe's funding and programs within various departments and the membership?

**Come out and take in one of the sessions to have a better understanding of Housing Policy and the impact of non payment of rent.**

### FACILITATOR:

*Roxanne Harper, Turtle Island Associates*

### PLACE:

*Senator Gladstone Hall*

### DATE:

*Wednesday, November 21, 2007*

**There will be 3 sessions, times are as follows:**

**9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**1:00 pm- 4:00 pm**

**6:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

**LUNCH AND SUPPER PROVIDED  
for more info: 737-3868**

**N.A.A.W., or National Addictions Awareness Week**, is a time to celebrate the joy of an addictions free lifestyle. It is a time to honour each other.

You can take part by organizing a community activity during National Addictions Awareness Week.

Hold a sober dance, honour outstanding community members or just have a fun feast. Join hands and form a circle - Keep the Circle Strong!!



## CHIEF & COUNCIL UPDATE 2007



### Council Notes. Oct 17/07 Special Council Meeting

- 1. BTEST Update.** Dexter Bruised Head- A/Director gave an update to Council on some of the developments of the BTEST Program and the multi-purpose training centre at Levern. There has been an evacuation called by Chief and Council. Some problems have emerged at the building, and there is an inoperable fire alarm system which needs to be repaired. The building will remain closed until this done.
- 2. Integrated Service Delivery report given by Councillor, Randy Bottle.** The ISD is moving forward, more complete details will be reported in the coming issues

- 4. Police Commission Report.** Applications for new Blood Tribe Police Commissioners have been closed with a satisfactory number of applicants. The list of applicants will now

go to Council who will select the most suitable. Three positions with the police commission are vacant and will be filled as soon as possible.

### **3. Land Use and Occupancy Dispute Resolution initiative report.**

Some major developments in the above have been occurring in fiscal year 07-08 (this initiative is being funded Tribally)

-job description has been developed and job posted.

-a tribunal will be formed to help deal with land dispute according to the Land Use and Occupancy Dispute by-law. (process of selection is being developed)

-first disputes could be heard as early as Spring 08.



## ANNOUNCEMENT

**The Blood Tribe Consolidated Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 are available for public review at the Blood Tribe Administration offices. Copies are available at the front desk of the Blood Tribe Administration in the Shot Both Sides Building.**

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