

REPORT FOR THE ELDERS' WISDOM CIRCLE

CHAIRPERSON: LINDA BOUDREAU-SEMAGANIS

**March 3, 4, 5, 2011
QUARTERLY MEETING**

It seems like time flies by very quickly, with the ever changing weather and the busy-ness of all the Friendship Centres in the province. Over these past months, I have provided information to several Elders in regard to governance issues. The Elders act in an advisory capacity to assist the Centres to achieve their goals, in a counselling and support capacity to Board and staff members, and as a resource to the members, clients and community. Our Elders are a valuable resource and it is an honour to be a part of this circle, and to provide assistance to those who request this.

I spoke to Smoky Tomkins up in Fort McMurray and this winter has not been kind to him, but he is upbeat and is still involved with his family and community. The Bonnyville Elder, Francis Dumais, just celebrated his 78th birthday, and he is a fine example of living and enjoying life to the fullest.

I was unable to attend the Executive Committee meeting on February 5, 2011 due to the extreme weather conditions. I look forward to the proposed activities at the Centres, and to working with you to achieve progress in our organization.

In friendship,

Linda Boudreau-Semaganis