

ALBERTA NATIVE FRIENDSHIP CENTRES ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS' COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT

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We would like to welcome everyone to the ANFCA's 39th annual general meeting. We thank the Sik-oo-kotoki Friendship Society for hosting this year's AGM. The Executive Directors held three quarterly meetings over the past year and we had a lot of discussion on ways and means to improve our operations at the local and the provincial level. Our round table reports on the activities of the local Centres are a testament to the tremendous amount of work that is being done at the ground level to improve the quality of life of the many individuals that pass through our doors.

At our December 2008 meeting, the past ANFCA Executive Director provided us with information about Phase II of the Common Ground project, the New Dawn Rising project, the Capacity Building project, the Bright Horizons project and the development of our business cases to Alberta Aboriginal Relations.

The Executive Directors also discussed the impact of late reports from Centres and how that affected and affects other Centres when funding delays occurred and continue to occur as a result of submitting reports late. We made suggestions and developed a process that the ANFCA could follow when dealing with Centres who submit financial, activity, and general reports late.

Jamie Linington presented a report to us on behalf of the AAYC. The report touched on the development of an AAYC website and letterhead. There was also discussion regarding fundraising for the annual Youth and Elders' Gathering and information on the Global Youth Assembly and whether or not the AAYC should become involved.

At our March 2009 meeting, the ANFCA Executive Director provided us with additional information on the following projects and initiatives: Common Ground, New Dawn Rising, and the Edmonton Aboriginal Transition Initiative. We were introduced to the ANFCA's new project staff that will work on these projects and we also had an opportunity to express our farewell to the ANFCA Executive Director.

Johnny Thunder presented a report from the AAYC, which discussed an ED mentorship program for youth and the NAFC annual general meeting scheduled for Hinton in 2010.

Our round table discussions touched on a variety of topics with some of the highlights including charitable tax status, homelessness, volunteers, policy procedures, and bylaws.

At our June 2009 meeting, Adrian Wolfleg, past Office Manager, presented the ANFCA update to us. We made a suggestion for the ANFCA organize a two day strategic planning session to work on building a national project for sustainability.

Johnny Thunder and Jamie Linington presented the AAYC report. Our committee suggested to the youth to have the mentorship for the youth provided by the Youth Coordinators and other staff rather than the Executive Directors in order to prevent youth from becoming overwhelmed. There was also discussion about ensuring that Centres proxy their youth votes in order to capitalize on Alberta's voting power on a national level.

A mini-workshop on media relations was provided by Adrian and program information regarding UMAC was discussed. We also had a presentation regarding fundraising and partnerships presented by Lydia First Rider.

We decided to have our guided roundtable discussions used by the ANFCA to assist with the development of the status reports required by Alberta Aboriginal Relations.

This respectfully concludes our report. We will provide a verbal report on this meeting's discussions. Thank you.

Submitted by,

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