

Scholarship Presentation Makes History, Again

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The Mi'kmaq Legal Support Network joined the Nova Scotia Department of Justice and Nova Scotia Community College to make history last week. For the first time, the organizations teamed up to present the Morton Simmonds Scholarship to an Aboriginal student.

This year's recipient, Linda Peters of Paq'tnekek First Nation is a student in the Human Services (Correctional Services) diploma program at the Truro Campus of the Nova Scotia Community College. To be a candidate for the scholarship, students must be enrolled in this program. The scholarship will help Peters cover the costs of tuition and books while finishing her studies. Upon

graduation, the scholarship also guarantees her an employment contract with the Correctional Services Division of the Department of Justice.

The scholarship is named for Morton Simmonds, a community leader from North Preston and a former correctional officer with the Nova Scotia Department of Justice. It has been presented annually since October of 2003.

Mr. Simmonds was on hand for the presentation of the scholarship. "Linda, I'm very happy to be here today to present you with this scholarship. I worked very hard to make this scholarship available to students," commented Simmonds. "I want you to remember one thing as you continue your studies – it didn't come easy."



(L-R) Kevin Brooks, Corrections Services; Alice Abram, MLSN; Linda Peters and Morton Simmonds at the presentation of the 2006 Morton Simmonds Scholarship."

As this is the first year the scholarship has been presented to an Aboriginal student, planning is to now rotate annually between

Aboriginal and African-Canadian students – two communities that are underrepresented in the staff of Correctional Services.

The Mi'kmaq Legal Support Network was initiated by the Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Chiefs to develop and maintain a sustainable

justice support system, which will ensure fair treatment for all Mi'kmaq and Aboriginal Peoples in the justice system. ☼

Candy Palmater to stage first-ever performance of 'The Candy Show' (Sweet!)

She's been dreaming about it almost since the day she was born. She's been thinking about it since she was 16. She's been talking about it every

day for the past 5 years (just ask her friends!). THE CANDY SHOW!

Candy Palmater is thrilled to announce to the world (and anyone else who

will listen) that on November 18, 8 pm., at the Chester Playhouse, audiences will see the first-ever performance of (ta-da!) The Candy Show. A pilot

for a cutting edge television show, The Candy Show is larger than life, wry, intelligent, piercing, clever and laugh-out-loud funny! Just like Candy herself.

The youngest of seven children born to a Mi'kmaq father and a white mother, Candy Palmater grew up among bikers and body-builders in Northern New Brunswick. A self-described 'recovering lawyer' and government bureaucrat, she created The Candy Show by tapping into her rich resource of personal and work experiences, her ability to communicate her personal perspectives on Canadian life, not to mention her witty and gritty observations about North American society.

Produced by Candy Palmater and Pink Dog Productions, The Candy Show delivers a long list of engaging characters that people can't help but love — characters of Candy's own creation, including YumYum, Candy Floss and Captain Kyoto.

The Candy Show will also deliver some top



Candy Palmater delivers the laugh-out-loud funny comedy – "Candy Show."

entertainers to the stage, including ECMA award winning singer-songwriter Charlie A'Court, fresh off his tour in Germany; Halifax's newest sketch comedy troupe PicNic Face; boy wonder Ben Proudfoot, a 15-year-old who has just returned from an international magic conference in Las Vegas, plus renowned motivational speaker and business wunderkind, Neville MacKay of 'My Mother's Bloomers' in Halifax. As

part of The Candy Show format, Candy will also interview her guests.

Tickets are available in advance by calling the Chester Playhouse Box Office 1 800 363 7529. Tickets are \$10 advance or \$15/\$12 at the door. Photo credit: Janet Kimber. ☼

For additional information or interviews, please contact Candy Palmater 401 4674 or Roberta Hancock, Pink Dog Productions 429 3647.

APC & the Indian Residential School issue: A summary

Continued from page 11 receiving their advance payments from the Government. Ideas such as hosting workshops on elder abuse or financial management are areas being looked at for First Nations, along with the RCMP making themselves known so survivors can go to them in case they need assistance. Our third Crime Prevention Strategy Meeting will take place in Eskasoni on November 6th at the Sarah Denny Cultural Center and survivors are more than welcome to come give their input and advice.

Mental Health Emergency Preparedness Planning

The Atlantic Policy Congress, in conjunction

with Health Canada discussed mental health supports and issues of Indian Residential School in relation to former students on October 17th to the 18th in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. The meeting was attended by Grand Chief Ben Sylliboy and fellow survivors, Violet Paul of the APC, Health Canada, UInooweg Development Group and First Nation psychologists and outreach workers. One of the biggest concerns in dealing with the Residential School issue is whether the Final Settlement Agreement is approved or not. Whatever the case may be, there may be a potentially high risk of counseling and emergency outreach required for survivors. One of the things that we hear a lot of in

doing outreach sessions with communities is how much the whole issue has brought back painful memories of being in the school as a child. The APC is currently trying to take a proactive approach to survivors to ensure that they know all of the available supports open to them in case they need it.

APC will continue to provide outreach sessions to survivors and provide any latest information on the Indian Residential School issue. If you have any questions or request any forms such as advance payment forms, packages that we distribute or school records forms, I can be contacted at (877)667-4007 or at georgianna.barlow@apcfnf.ca. ☼