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Wabun Tribal Council Celebrates 10th Anniversary

MATACHEWAN FIRST NATION, Ont. - Wabun Tribal Council's 10th Anniversary celebrations, which featured an address by newly elected Grand Chief Stan Beardy of Nishnawbe-Aski Nation, took place at Matachewan First Nation, August 24 and 25. The two day celebration was held around a Chief's Meeting on August 24 and the Wabun Tribal Council Annual General Meeting on August 25.

Five of the Wabun community Chiefs were present including: Chief Joyce Luke, Mattagami First Nation; Chief Andrew Neshawabin, Brunswick House First Nation; Chief Paul McKenzie, Wahgoshig First Nation; Chief Elenore Hendrix, Matachewan First Nation and Chief Roy Meaniss, Beaverhouse First Nation. Chief Anita Memegos-Stephens was unable to attend the event as she was involved in the hosting of her community's annual Baptiste Memegos Pow Wow.

Elder Marie Boucher of Matachewan FN opened and closed the celebrations and the featured drum group was Indian Summer from North Bay, Stephen Pelletier, Cheyenne Kitchikeg, Harvey Bell, Lester Mianskum and Craig Trudeau.

Shawn Batise, Executive Director of Wabun Tribal Council, who also acted as the Master of Ceremonies for the celebration, called the event a major milestone in the development of the Tribal Council.

"I am very proud and happy to be able to share our success over the past 10 years with all of our Chiefs, Grand Chief Stan Beardy,

the Wabun staff and all of our community members. We are here today as a result of the hard work and commitment of our Wabun Chiefs and community members. It has not always been easy but we have persevered and met the challenges over the years and now I believe we can all look forward to a bright future together," said Batise.

Many events were run over the two days of celebration including a bingo, recreational fishing, a bonfire, games and activities for children, a barbecue and feast.

"I am here to congratulate you on your 10th anniversary and I am very impressed with the past two days you have organized here in Matachewan, everything went like clockwork. Many thanks for the efforts of the Wabun Chiefs, Shawn Batise, the Wabun staff and the Matachewan community members for making me feel at home," said Grand Chief Beardy.

A founding member of Wabun Tribal Council, past Chief of Matachewan, Barney Batise, who now lives in Callander was honoured. Past chief of Wahgoshig, Clifford Diamond was present and also honoured for his contribution. Also mentioned but not present were Lindy Louttit past Chief of Wahgoshig, the late Joseph Saunders past Chief of Brunswick House and Joanne Nakogee, past Chief of Chapleau Ojibwe.

"When we created Wabun Tribal Council we were told that it was not possible but we went ahead and organized ourselves and soon we were recognized. As First Nation communities accessible by road we were not getting much assistance



CELEBRATING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY of Wabun Tribal Council, August 24 and 25 in Matachewan First Nation, are from left to right: Chief Roy Meaniss, Chief Paul McKenzie, Chief Andrew Neshawabin, Alfred Ojeebah, Wabun Tribal Council Chairperson; Grand Chief Stan Beardy, Nishnawbe-Aski Nation; Barney Batise, former Chief of Matachewan FN and founding member of Wabun and Clifford Diamond, former Chief of Wahgoshig FN. Front row L-R: Chief Elenore Hendrix, Chief Joyce Luke and Shawn Batise, Executive Director, Wabun Tribal Council. Missing from photo is Chief Anita Memegos.

from the government but with the creation of Wabun Tribal Council and the hard work of the Wabun staff much has been accomplished over the years and millions of dollars have flowed through to our communities," explained Barney Batise.

Wabun Tribal Council was formed or incorporated in October, 1989 and started operations in Timmins in April 1990. The Council was formed under the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) devolution policy to coordinate and deliver services devolved from INAC to First Nation communities at the local level. The main objectives of Wabun include: promotion of self-reliance,

provision for its members' health, education, social and economic development needs and the enhancement of the unique cultures, traditions and language of its members.

The Wabun Tribal Council is incorporated under the province of Ontario's Business Corporations Act, as a non-share capital corporation (non profit) and administers funds and performs services as contracted with various funding bodies, including Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Employment and Immigration Canada, National Health and Welfare Canada, the Provincial Ministry of Health and others.

In 1993, Wabun was the first Tribal Council in Ontario to sign a

health transfer agreement with National Health and Welfare Canada to take over the control of health programming from the federal government. In 1996, Wabun assumed responsibility for long term care programming in First Nation communities from the Ministry of Health of the Provincial government of Ontario. During the same year Wabun also set up and financed a development organization without outside grants. In 1998, Wabun purchased a commercial office building in Timmins, Ontario for its headquarters through sound financial management with no grant assistance.



FUN DAYS were enjoyed by many children at the Wabun Tribal Council 10th Anniversary Celebrations August 24 and 25 in Matachewan First Nation. From L-R: Josh Batise, Rene Boucher, Zachary Gilbert, Kyle Boucher, Eric Wincikaby and Real Boucher, Matachewan FN Councillor.



MANY COMMUNITY MEMBERS showed up to participate at the Wabun 10th Anniversary Celebrations and Annual General Meeting, August 24 and 25, 2000.

1999 - 2000 Featured Many

MATACHEWAN FIRST NATION, Ont. - The Wabun Tribal Council 10th Annual General Meeting which was run in conjunction with the organization's 10th anniversary featured positive news in terms of financial stability, provision of services to the Wabun communities and ongoing devel-

at 313 Railway Street in Timmins. In addition to investing in ownership of its corporate offices for Wabun and Wabun Health Services, Batise also reported that office space has been rented out to other agencies and that rental revenues are being realized from this investment. Net profits realized on the rentals are being directed to the Wabun First Na-

cils, Matawa, Mushkegowuk and Wabun. The five year agreement will expire in March 31, 2004. Batise, who sits as the Chairperson of Mamo-Wichi-Hetiwin Employment & Training has been working with the leadership of Mamo and with Mamo-Nuskomitowin to lobby for the continuation and enhancement of the First Nation employment and training programs.

"All of us at Wabun Tribal Council were very happy to welcome Mamo-Nuskomitowin into our corporate building in Timmins. Darlene St. Denis Lafontaine, Mamo-Nuskomitowin Coordinator and the Mamo-Nuskomitowin board of directors have been doing a great job in directing our First Nation employment and training initiatives," said Batise.

Batise also reported that commencing November 1, 2000 off reserve members of First Nation Communities will be able to vote in First Nation elections. Wabun Tribal Council has been participating in discussions, workshops and issue papers having to do with the Corbiere case in which a court decision resulted in the change in voting procedure.

"There is no doubt that this decision will affect our Wabun First Nations in upcoming elections. Previous to this decision Matachewan First Nation was the only Wabun community to allow off reserve members to vote in elections," explained Batise.

Batise also had good news for



WRAPPING UP the Wabun Annual General Meeting and 10th Anniversary Celebrations, are from L-R: Julie McKay, Health Clerk; Audrey Batise, Wabun Secretary; Cindy Giguere, Health Clerk and Peggy Claveau, Assistant Health Director.



TIME OUT for socializing was part of the Wabun 10th Anniversary celebrations in Matachewan FN. Here we see Jason and Lily Batise with their sons Bazil and Carson.

opment.

In his report to the Wabun Board of Directors, Shawn Batise, Executive Director or Wabun thanked all the chiefs on the board of directors, Wabun staff and Wabun Health Staff and Wabun Community members for their participation in making the 1999 - 2000 fiscal year a success.

"There was little change in our board of directors with only one election taking place in our Wabun communities and that saw the reelection of Chief Andrew Neshawabin of Brunswick House First Nation. The fact that there has been little change on our board provides for stable and consistent decision making on Tribal Council matters," said Batise.

Wabun's board of directors is made up of the following chiefs from Wabun communities: Chief Joyce Luke of Mattagami, Chief Andrew Neshawabin of Brunswick House; Chief Paul McKenzie of Wahgoshig, Chief Elenore Hendrix of Matachewan, Chief Roy Meaniss of Beaverhouse and Chief Anita Memegos-Stephens of Chapleau Ojibwe. The Wabun Board Chairperson is Alfred Ojebah.

Batise congratulated everyone on the first year of Wabun's operation out of the organization's own building



IN APPRECIATION for ten years of dedication to Wabun Tribal Council Chief Elenore Hendrix of Matachewan First Nation made a presentation to Shawn Batise, Wabun Executive Director.

tion Development Corporation which was set up by Wabun last year. The development corporation was set up under the direction of the Chiefs of Wabun to be utilized for any ventures Wabun Tribal Council wants to pursue and it



GARY NAVEAU, Councillor for Mattagami First Nation was on hand to participate in the Wabun 10th Anniversary celebrations. From L-R are: Naveau, Alfred Ojebah, Wabun Board Chairperson and Shawn Batise, Wabun Executive Director.

also allows for the investment of funds so that additional revenues are realized and made available to the Wabun communities. Batise congratulated the Wabun staff for a very successful year and pointed out that there was very little turnover. Some staff members are approaching 10 years of employment with the organization.

One of the biggest issues that occurred in the past year dealt with the Casino Rama distribution of revenues to First Nation communities. Batise, who has been actively involved on the Distribution Committee, fought with the support of the Wabun Chiefs to ensure that smaller First Nation communities were treated fairly in the distribution of money from the Casino venture. An agreement for distribution was signed in June of 2000 and money flowed to the First Nations in July.

On the Employment and Training front Batise explained that the Aboriginal Human Resources Development Agreement (AHRDA) was signed between the three Tribal Coun-

Wabun Tribal Council post secondary school students in that the Annual Wabun Tribal Council Annual Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament provided awards to three recipients this past year. The next tournament is planned to take place September 22 at the Spruce Needles Golf Club in Timmins and every-



SMILING FOR THE CAMERA during the Wabun Annual General Meeting are Elder Marie Boucher of Matachewan FN and Grand Chief Stan Beardy of Nishnawbe-Aski Nation.

one is invited to participate in a premiere social event that provides assistance to Wabun students.

FINANCES

Jean Lemieux, Financial Advisor for Wabun Tribal Council, introduced Wayne MacDonald of KPMG Auditors who presented the Audit Report. In addition Lemieux tabled her report outlining that the Finance Department continues to spend much of its time on the AHRDA and Health Program which are two of the biggest programs run under the Tribal Council.

In addition to her responsibilities preparing Health Agreements for the Community Based programs, preparing for the year end audit, fiscal year end financial reports for the health programs and preparing budgets for the upcoming new year and over seeing the day to day finances of the Tribal Council, Lemieux also stands in on day to day operations when the Executive Director is away on council business.

Lemieux was happy to report that all of the Wabun communities are utilizing computerized finance programs such as Accpac, Simply Accounting or Quick Books Pro. She congratulated the Wabun Chiefs for their support and direction in developing computerized accounting for the communities and thus improving efficiency and control. She also commended finance staff in all Wabun communities for their efforts in participating in the development of state of the art computerized financing.

Over the past year Lemieux has also participated in community visits with Wabun Health Director, Jennifer McLeod to discuss the Health Agreements and NIHB program and as well she has assisted in arranging for Traditional Healers to visit the communities of Mattagami, Matachewan and Wahgoshig.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/TECH SERVICES

Jason Batise, Economic Development and Technical Services Advisor to Wabun Tribal Council headlined his report to the Wabun Chiefs with a major capital project in Brunswick House First Nation. Construction is to be completed by October 2000 of a Water Treatment Plant and Subdivision. Jason Batise worked with the Chief, council and community members of Brunswick House to develop planning and funding for the project with major funding coming from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada to the tune of 4.2 million dollars.

The development includes con-

struction and replacement of all the water mains, construction of a new water treatment plant, installation of fire hydrants, constructions of access and subdivision roads, servicing to 24 new housing lots, installation of sprinklers in the existing administration building and extension of hydro services. The contract was tendered and awarded in January to Tera North Construction from Sudbury with Wabun Tribal Council acting as Project Manger.

In addition Jason Batise announced that Matachewan and Wahgoshig First Nations have been put on Indian Affairs' Major Capital Plan utilizing the Growth Related Major Capital Funding Formula. Both communities have selected First Nations Engineering to complete a detailed design of a new water system and subdivision. The designs will be complete this year in the hope of securing construction dollars from INAC in 2001.

In terms of Minor Capital Planning Jason Batise reported that the Tribal Council assisted in the development of each of the member community's five year capital plans, including the discretionary minor capital.

Training initiatives coordinated through Wabun Tribal Council over the past year included the wrap up of a two year Circuit Rider Training at Matt-



SPECIAL THANKS was given to Grand Chief Stan Beardy of Nishnawbe-Aski Nation for attending the Wabun 10th Anniversary Celebrations and Annual General Meeting. Here we see Grand Chief Beardy accepting a gift from Chief Elenore Hendrix of Matachewan FN.

Community Based Programs

agami First Nation which resulted in the training of two community members as certified Water Treatment Plant Operators. Funding was secured by the Tribal Council from the Ontario First Nations Technical Services Corporation. In addition Fire Fighter Training was provided for volunteer fire fighters at Mattagami First Nation. Funding was secured by the Tribal Council and ten community members completed Level One of the Fire Fighter Safety Training Program.

Jason Batise also reported the following First Nation specific projects. In Matachewan a study was done to investigate Matachewan's existing landfill site and potential groundwater contamination and no significant contamination was found. Proposals were also developed for submission to INAC related to the Growth Related Major Capital Formula and Phase One major capital projects were approved in the amount of \$1.5 million dollars.

In Wahgoshig First Nation a telephone system proposal was approved in the Spring of 2000. Construction for the new phone system is slated to be completed in September 2000 through Northern Telephone with funding from FedNor and Northern Ontario Heritage Fund. In addition a four month study to investigate a location for Wahgoshig's new landfill site was finalized in the summer of 1999. It was recommended that a new site be established and that has been determined. The development of the site should occur in 2001 pending INAC funding for the project. As well the Wahgoshig Asset Condition Reporting System report was completed in September 1999.

In Mattagami First Nation a new community fire hall was completed in the spring of 2000 with the securing of funding for the project by the Tribal Council. In addition a study was launched to investigate Mattagami First Nation's existing landfill site and potential groundwater contamination. The report indicated that there were no significant concerns at this time but that a new site should be established in the future due to near capacity levels of the existing one.

In Chapeau Ojibwe First Nation the Tribal Council assisted with the construction of two new homes and renovations on three others through pro-



ACCEPTING AN AWARD on behalf of Robert Batisse, past Chief of Matachewan FN is Rachel Batisse. In the center is Alfred Ojebah, Wabun Board Chairperson and on the right is Shawn Batise, Wabun Executive Director.

gram management support.

In Brunswick House First Nation the Tribal Council is actively involved in support activities regarding the completion of the Water Supply project. Construction of a 4.2 million dollar project has started and the plan is to be completed in October 2000. This vital and complex project required much involvement in program support by Wabun Tribal Council staff with the appointment of Jason Batise, Technical Services Director as Project Manager for the initiative.

Jason Batise sits on many boards and committees as a representative for the Wabun Tribal Council. He

is the President of the Ontario First Nations Technical Services Corporation. Over the past year Wabun First Nations have received about \$70,000 in funding for a variety of community based projects from the corporation. He also is involved with Mamo-Wichi-Hetiwin Employment and Training as a board alternate; the Nishnawbe-Aski Nation Advisory Committees : Economic Development Council and Education Advisory Committee; the Northeastern Aboriginal Council on Education, Timmins Forest Management Plan Local Citizens Committee and the Cambrian College Native Advisory Committee.



GETTING TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER at the Wabun 10th Anniversary celebrations are Jennifer McLeod, Wabun Health Director; Grand Chief Stan Beardy, Nishnawbe-Aski Nation and Peggy Claveau, Assistant Wabun Health Director.



INDIAN SUMMER is the name of the drum group from North Bay, Ontario that performed at the Wabun Tribal Council 10th Anniversary celebrations held in Matachewan First Nation, in northern Ontario, on August 24 and 25. From L-R are: Stephen Pelletier (kneeling), Cheyenne Kitchikeg, Lester Mianskum, Harvey Bell and Craig Trudeau (kneeling).



WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT were shared by one of the founders of Wabun Tribal Council and former Chief of Matachewan FN, Barney Batise at the Wabun 10th Anniversary Celebrations and Annual General Meeting.



CLIFFORD DIAMOND, former Chief of Wahgoshig FN (left) was honoured for his dedication and service at the Wabun 10th Anniversary. In the center is Alfred Ojebah, Wabun Board Chairperson and on the right is Shawn Batise, Wabun Executive Director.



WELL WISHES were made by Matachewan First Nation member Donny Millen (left) and Fabian Batise (center), Councillor and Band Administrator of Matachewan FN to Grand Chief Stan Beardy (right) of Nishnawbe-Aski Nation.



ACCEPTING AN AWARD on behalf of the late Joseph Saunders, past Chief of Brunswick House First Nation and founding member of Wabun Tribal Council is Isabelle Woods of Brunswick House First Nation. From L-R are: Woods; Alfred Ojebah, Wabun Board Chairperson and Shawn Batise, Wabun Executive Director.



A WARM GIFT was presented by Fabian Batise, Councillor and Band Administrator for Matachewan FN on behalf of Wabun Tribal Council to Shawn Batise, Wabun Executive Director.



BARNEY BATISE (left), founding member of Wabun Tribal Council and past Chief of Matachewan FN accepts a gift of appreciation from Alfred Ojebah, Wabun Board Chairperson at the Wabun 10th Anniversary Celebrations.

Wabun Health Services Highlights 1999 - 2000 at AGM

Wabun Health Services Health Director, Jennifer McLeod welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and 10th Anniversary Celebrations in tabling her report to the Wabun Chiefs, staff and community members in Matachewan FN on August 25.

She pointed out that Wabun Health Services has provided community health services through a health transfer agreement with Medical Services Branch (MSB) to the First Nation communities of Mattagami, Matachewan, Wahgoshig, Brunswick House and Chapleau Ojibwe. She added that program funding only for Brighter Futures/Building Healthier communities has been provided to Beaverhouse First Nation which currently does not qualify for direct service funding for health services through the MSB.

"Health program activities that have been included in this annual report are the combined efforts of the Wabun Health Team which includes the Community Health Representatives, National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program workers, Mental Health Workers, Community Health Nurses, Health Clerks, Reception/Secretary and the Assistant Health Director. Our activities are based on the needs of the communities through surveys and on going communication with our community leaders, health care workers and members," said McLeod.

She explained that the primary functions of the Wabun community health programs are to protect Wabun community members against vaccine preventable and communicable disease outbreaks and to provide programs that focus on the promotion of health and the prevention of disease throughout the life span. In addition Wabun Health Services has a responsibility for health program management and administration, nursing supervision, client advocacy and program accountability.

McLeod emphasized that Wabun Health Services continues to strive towards assisting community members to access health services that offer both a western medicine and/or traditional medicine approach. Through the Wabun Health team that becomes more multidisciplinary with each new program added, Wabun's ability to offer programs from a more holistic perspective is enhanced.

She also explained that through the Health Transfer, Wabun Health Services has been successful in gaining the program flexibility necessary to mold health services so that they will meet the needs of Wabun community members in a meaningful way as perceived by both the health team and community members.

"Through the wisdom and support of the Wabun Board of Directors we are grateful that program change occurs at a manageable pace. We are looking forward to 2000 - 2001 with an indication that new programs in Home and Community Care and Diabetes are a possibility," said McLeod.

She outlined the following Community Health Program Activities in her AGM report.

Maternal & Child Health: Prenatal education and screening focused on the promotion of healthy lifestyles throughout pregnancy, infant growth and development, promotion of breast feeding and a family approach to prenatal support. Through the Canada Prenatal Nutrition program a food voucher program was offered that supplemented prenatal and breast feeding mothers with an egg, litre of milk and an orange per day. New prenatal teaching materials were purchased as well as breast pumps and breast feeding pillows. Postpartum visits provided assessment, support and health education to new mothers, fathers and infants within two weeks of delivery. Breast feeding support was provided as required and monitoring took place as needed. Well baby assessment monitored infants and toddlers as they reached developmental milestones, provided opportunity for health teaching with parents regarding the nutritional needs of children, speech development, parenting techniques, safety concerns and assistance with optimum child development.

Preschool Assessments: A thorough assessment of children as they enter elementary school was completed on eight children.

School Health: Health teaching was done for HIV/AIDS, Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs), sexual abuse prevention, healthy lifestyles, alcohol and drugs as part of the educational sessions held in schools attended by Wabun children.

Adult Health: The adult health program focused on providing health teaching and information to healthy adults to promote wellness, to provide screening clinics for blood pressure, blood sugar, immunization update and referral to breast screening clinics and physicians for pap smears. An individual counseling approach as well as group approach was used to promote exercise and healthy eating.

Chronic Disease: A current chronic disease register has been maintained for each Wabun community. The most significant chronic disease in the Wabun communities is Diabetes. Wabun Health Services is committed to screening clinics and health education to provide for early diagnosis. Healthy life-



WABUN AND WABUN HEALTH SERVICES STAFF at the 10th Anniversary celebrations in Matachewan First Nation, August 24 and 25, 2000, are from L-R: RoseAnne Ojeebah, Health Clerk; Peggy Claveau, Assistant Health Director; Julie McKay, Health Clerk; Margaret Miller, Health Secretary; Marie Helen Lessard Dietitian; Shawn Batise, Executive Director; Therese McLellan, Community Health Nurse; Jason Batise, Economic Development and Technical Services Advisor; Jennifer McLeod, Health Director; Cindy Giguere, Community Health Nurse and Audrey Batise, Wabun Secretary.

styles programs have also targeted this population to assist clients with disease management and the prevention of complications particularly in the area of hypertension and heart disease. Over the past year a First Aid program was also run for elders that included heart health and risk factor information.

Mental Health: Wabun members with mental health needs have been helped through Non-Insured Health Benefits, Brighter Futures/Building Healthier Communities and the Patient Transportation Program. Travel has also been provided for registered psychologists so that mental health clinics can be community based. In addition, psychologist services have been accessed in all urban centres by members of all communities. Mental health counseling has also been provided by the mental health worker in Mattagami FN, the CHNs and by a variety of traditional people.

Communicable Disease Control: Follow-up of communicable disease and health teaching in prevention has remained a priority with the Wabun and community health staff. Health teaching has focused on HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis B and C, Chicken Pox and sexually transmitted diseases.

Immunization: Immunization clinics held in Wabun communities this past year included Diphtheria/Tetanus/Polio boosters, Hepatitis B, Fluzone and TB testing in all communities.

Long Term Care: Case management and nursing services through the Wabun CHNs have been funded by the Ministry of Health that provided for client visits over the year. With the announcement by Health Canada that new funding will be available for Home and Community Care, a needs assessment outlining the Long Term care needs of Wabun community members was completed. This assessment confirmed that the needs are much greater than what is currently funded for and in particular the areas of person support, homemaking and meal requirements. Program development will continue as the new funds become available.

Staff Health: To ensure that health programs are delivered by healthy staff, the CHNs offered a staff health clinic to Wabun Tribal Council employees and to community staff.

Addictions: The role of the Wabun Health Team in addictions has expanded. Individual counseling, refer-

ral to treatment, access to detox services, aftercare and family support is available through the NNADAP workers, mental health worker and also CHRs and CHNs.

Health Program Administration: Health program administration has been provided by the Health Director, Assistant Health Director and the Band Managers in each Wabun community. Administration of health programs included: program accountability, activity and financial reporting, advocacy, program development, program management, application for new program funds and the creation of networks and linkages with the many agencies that provide services to Wabun community members. Wabun Health services has represented Wabun communities through participation in the Nishnawbe-Aski Nation (NAN) Health Planning group, the MSB Dental Appeals committee, the MSB HIV/AIDS focus groups, the Anishnawbe Addictions Steering Committee and the Porcupine Heart Health Coalition. An evaluation of the first five years of Wabun Health transfer was completed in December 1998 and recommendations from this evaluation have begun to be implemented in 1999-2000.

Y2K Preparedness: The threat of possible difficulties as a result of the Y2K problem on January 1, 2000 provided the opportunity for all Wabun communities to review their Emergency Response procedures and to network with emergency response personnel in the urban centre closest to each community.

Documentation Project: Development of the charting systems for the Patient Transportation/NIHB program and the Community Health Program was completed in September 1999. Conversion of the patient transportation system occurred in September 1999 and the community health program charts from September 1999 to January 2000. Both systems have greatly improved the documentation of the client information and the confidentiality of health records. A NNADAP charting system will be developed in 2000-2001.

Injury Prevention: This was the first year in which crisis team funding was flowed directly to each community through NAN. With this change, Wabun Health services has taken on a different role in supporting the crisis team by providing injury prevention

services to the crisis teams. In the following years, Wabun Health Services will continue to support the communities by providing regular first aid training in addition to other courses currently available through the Canadian Red Cross. The focus of Wabun Health will now be geared towards keeping team members and health care workers up to date with their first aid qualifications. In addition Wabun Health Services will also be providing courses such as People Savers I, II, III and Baby-sitting. Wabun Health has developed linkages with various organizations in Timmins and area however the Canadian Red Cross remains as the major source of materials and service provision for registered authorized providers or First Aid Instructors.

Patient Transportation Program: It has been another busy year for this program with the implementation of a new charting system to increase efficiency and accuracy of records and at the same time improve confidentiality. In addition there was the introduction of an additional health clerk to serve non-Wabun clients and this has helped to provide for more accurate statistics on the program usage and expenses. Wabun Health is also developing a computerized program which would enable health personnel to create a database for clients accessing this program.

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RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION was shown to Wabun's Health Director, Jennifer McLeod (right) by Assistant Health Director Peggy Claveau on behalf of all the Wabun Health staff during Wabun's 10th Anniversary celebrations.