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Rotary
7070, 5550



To add your district number, please have your District Governor send us a letter acknowledging support & authorization for HIP to include your district.

RC of Norfolk Sunrise Rotarians visit Pikangikum FN

Jim and Marjorie Dawson of [RC Norfolk Sunrise](#)'s trip to teach canoeing in [Pikangikum](#) this year was slightly different than planned. Their usual canoe certification training and subsequent canoe trip was postponed due to a significant fire and community evacuation at the start of June. They were asked to help with a bike camp and to run a canoe camp at the start of July and went to the community July 3. They helped deliver a short bike camp and the initiation of a hugely successful summer long bike program run by local youth with support from the RC of Cataraqui- Kingston, New Hope Bikes, and the OPP.

As preparation for the canoe camp and the signing of parental permission forms was under way, a second much larger fire threatened the community and a full evacuation was called. Jim and Marjorie were recruited to help mobilize the full community evacuation.

The Rotarians helped by providing coffee, tea, water and food preparation feeding over 300 people per day as they waited to be evacuated by air for six days until they themselves were evacuated by float plane. The canoe program was picked up by some of their enthusiastic canoe students in late July as the community returned from evacuation. While not what they planned, Jim and Marjorie got to meet a lot of the community and develop the relationship further by working with the community during this trying time. Pictured is Gregg Deputy Incident Commander and Chief Aanda Sainnawap.



Jim Dawson is also pleased to announce that District 7080 has approved a grant of \$4,000 to support an Outdoor Education program at the LS King School on Mississauga's of Credit FN. It is very exciting!

RC of Mud Creek Partners with Glooscap

The [RC of Mud Creek](#) (Wolville) has begun a partnership with [Glooscap Ventures](#) to create an interpretive trail and recognition forest in the new Glooscap Landing development. The trail will feature interpretive panels and signs, benches for rest and reflection, and will ultimately connect all the elements of Glooscap Landing.

As a company that is 100% owned by the Glooscap First Nation, Glooscap Ventures' role is to manage community businesses on behalf of Chief and Council, with the goal of facilitating growth and increased community capacity. The

profit from those businesses is reinvested in ways that enable the community and its members to become more spirited and full of life with each passing year. spirited and full of life with each passing year.

The Recognition Forest is designed to honour individuals or groups within the community who, through personal practice, advocacy or education, have significantly strengthened our connection to Mother Earth. Each year at least one individual or group will be selected by the project committee; one or more native trees will be planted in their honour to recognize their outstanding commitment to protecting our natural world. Trees and their honourees will be identified with small permanent signs. Over time the recognition forest will expand to reflect the growing numbers of environmental stewards from the area.

The forest will also feature additional plantings of native trees, including species-at-risk, to highlight the importance of conservation and reforestation. To increase public awareness of our native flora, extensive but discreet signage identifying individual plant species (in Mi'kmaq, English, and Acadian) will be provided.

RC of Winnipeg West

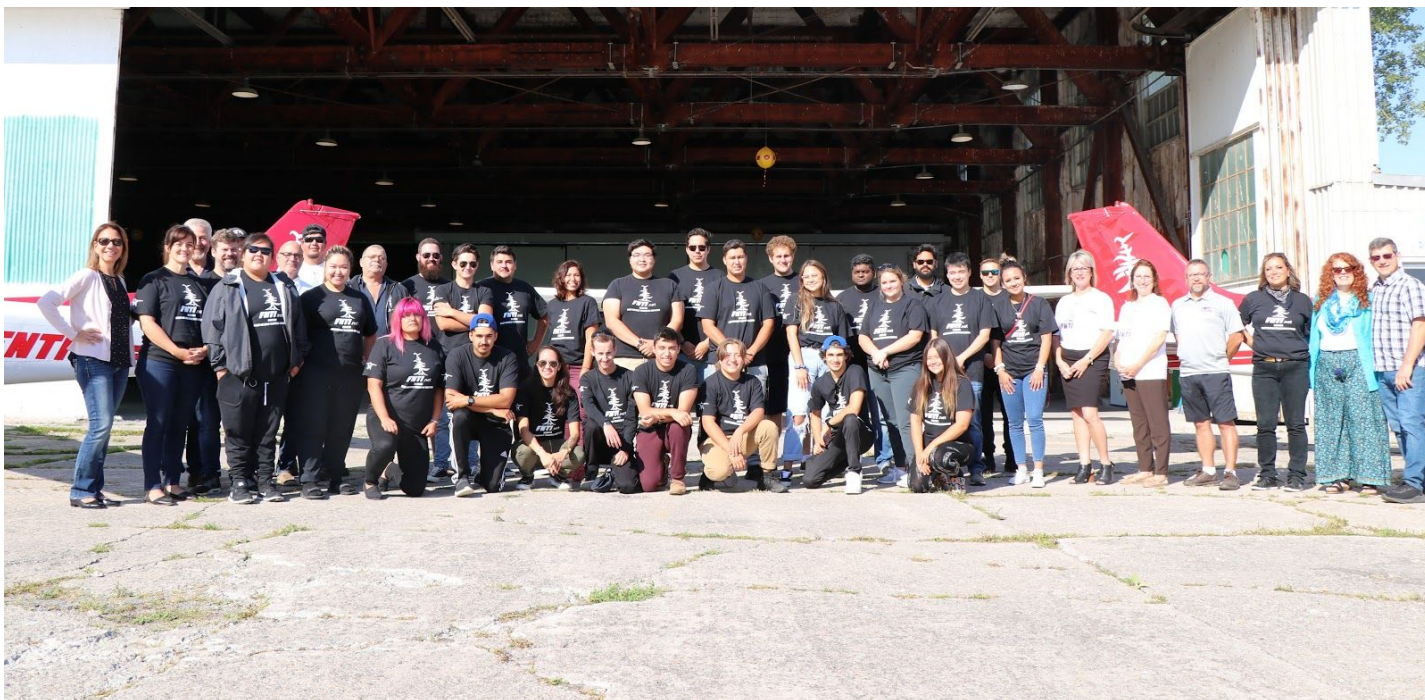
On Sept. 19, 2019, the club hosted Winnipeg's Chief of Police , Danny Smyth , to speak about the Indigenous Accord. The [RC of Winnipeg West](#) along with 140 other organizations have joined to date.

Rotary Working Together to Support & Build Relationships with Indigenous Youth

Many of the isolated fly-in communities are unable to provide high school education which forces children between the ages of 13 to 19 to leave home. Travel from these isolated communities is extremely expensive and there is little to no money available for basic needs such as pillows, blankets, hygiene products and school supplies.

The [Rotary Club of Pickering](#) was happy to partner with the [Rotary Club of Timmins-Porcupine](#) to provide and deliver essential basic supplies for Indigenous Students from fly-in communities who will be attending high school in Timmins. The RC of Pickering sourced and shipped \$2000 worth of supplies to the RC of Timmins-Porcupine who sorted and packed the supplies into Welcome Boxes. Additionally, the RC of Timmins-Porcupine held a pizza party to welcome the students, present the welcome boxes and build new friendships. Indigenous students from Peawanuck, Ontario were thankful to receive these supplies and the event culminated with a fun pillow fight.

FNTI Announcement



The Government of Canada announced an investment of \$4.9 million over three years in [FNTI](#)'s Indigenous pilot training program at FNTI. The Indigenous-owned post-secondary institute offers unique educational opportunities for Indigenous peoples. The First Peoples' Aviation Technology program at FNTI is the only Indigenous aviation post-secondary program of its kind in Canada.

With this investment, the FNTI will strengthen its aviation training program by doubling the number of Indigenous students training to become commercial pilots, enabling more Indigenous Peoples to take advantage of growing economic opportunities in the aviation sector by reducing barriers and allow for the purchase of five new training aircraft, hiring additional aircraft maintenance engineers, flight instructors, dispatch staff, academic faculty and student support facilitators and acquiring innovative safety maintenance software.



SUPPORT ORANGE SHIRT DAY

The orange shirt, once associated with a loss of belonging and self-worth, has become a symbol of defiance against bullying and racism, and of our commitment to ensuring that "Every Child Matters" from here on. The movement is growing across Canada and in the US, as well as parts of Europe.

Check local listings for Orange shirt events being held in your community on September 30th.

Community Health & Safety in Wuikinuxv Nation British Columbia



HIP Director, Bob Blacker, with [Write to Read](#), approached the [Firefighters Rescue International Training Association](#) (FRITA.ca) to partner and explore solutions for Indigenous communities that had inadequate community fire protection. While some communities had some volunteer response team, they required modern firefighting training and equipment.

September 6th to 9th, the newly formed team travelled to [Wuikinuxv Nation](#), which is located in a very remote area of the central coast of British Columbia at Rivers Inlet. The three days spent with the community were priceless and as a result, a plan is in place to bring the volunteer fire department up to current standards. Stay tuned, we will be visiting more communities.

HIP Welcomes Joyce Charlyboy Cooper!

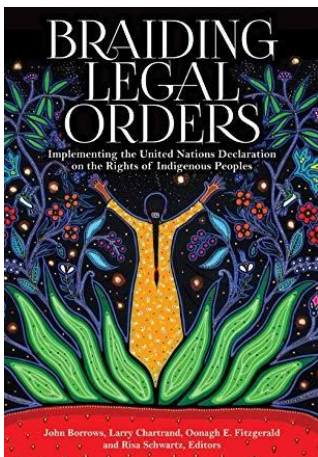
HIP is excited to announce that Joyce Charlyboy Cooper has joined the HIP Board! She is a long time community worker and for 6 years she was the only Indigenous school trustee in Williams Lake in the interior of BC. Joyce is a member of the [Tsilhqotin First Nation](#) and a survivor of residential school. She has worked with over 50 indigenous communities and believes passionately in education and is an activist who recently played a major role in the exoneration of the chiefs by the Federal Government. The chiefs were hung 155 years ago.

With the addition of Joyce, HIP's board now extends from coast to coast and includes 50% Indigenous/50% Rotarian and 50% female/50% male. Joyce will be working closely with Bob Blacker to move our mission of education, awareness and building relationships forward in BC while connecting Rotary Clubs and Indigenous Communities.



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Recommended Reading



Braiding Legal Orders: Implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Authors: John Borrows, Larry Chartrand, Oonagh Fitzgerald and Risa Schwartz

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Redpatch

Authors: Raes Calvert and Sean Harris Oliver

Redpatch is the story of the fictional character Jonathon Woodrow/Half-Blood and his best friend who served in World War I with the Canadian 1st division on the Western Front of Europe including Vimy. His experiences as a warrior and his hunting and surviving skills are put to the challenge when the war continues without any end in sight and he wonders if he will ever get home again. This play focuses on Indigenous soldiers and communities' contribution to Canada in the First World War.

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Every Day is a Thanksgiving Day

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

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With Thanksgiving as most Canadians know it approaching by chance I recently came across a little booklet put together in 1994 by the Native Self Sufficiency Centre at the Six Nations, Indian Museum in Akwesasne New York . It is called [Thanksgiving Address Greetings to the Natural world](#) (Mohawk, Oneida, Seneca, Tuscarora, Cayuga and Onondaga). While non Indigenous Peoples typically celebrate Thanksgiving once a year, these words, which have ancient roots that date back more than 1000 years, are to be spoken at the opening and closing of all ceremonial and governmental gathering of the Six Nations. You may have heard them.

Each person who delivers them can choose his/her own words but in an order which can relate to all of creation. The Thanksgiving address is given on the understanding the world cannot be taken for granted and a spiritual communication of thankfulness and acknowledgement of all living things must be given to connect with nature.

The subjects to be addressed include: **PEOPLE**, who ensure life continues and we are to live in balance and harmony, **MOTHER EARTH**, who gives us all that we need in life, **WATERS** who give us strength and life, **FISH** who cleanse our water and provide us with food, **PLANTS** who sustain many life forms, and as food help us to survive, **MEDECINE HERBS** who take away our sickness, **ANIMALS** who teach us many things, **TREES** who provide shelter, and shade, fruit, beauty and are often used as a symbol of peace and strength, **BIRDS** whose songs remind us of joy and appreciate life and the Eagle who is their leader, **4WINDS** who refresh us, purify the air and bring us a change of seasons, **THUNDERERS** who bring us water that renews life, **SUN** who brings the light of a new day and the source of all fires of life, **MOON** ,who lights the evening sky ,leader of women, governs the movement of oceans and watches over the arrival of children, **STARS** who help the moon with light and bring dew to our gardens and guide us home, **ENLIGHTENED TEACHERS** who remind us how to live as people and in harmony and **THE CREATOR or GREAT SPIRIT** who gives us the gifts of creation of everything we need to live a good life is here on mother earth.

Miigwetch to Six Nations for these wonderful words of thanks which go before all else and reminds us of the connectedness of everything and keeps us in balance and harmony with nature.

Till next time, Migwetch (Thank You)

Chris Snyder

HIP Chairperson | Rotary Club of Toronto

ABOUT CHRIS: Chris is the author of [Creating Opportunities: A Volunteer's Memoir](#) and an active member of the Rotary Club of Toronto. Chris is currently Chair of HIP (Honouring Indigenous Peoples) and Past Chair of the Canadian Landmine Foundation . He has sat on a number of not-for-profit boards, including currently serving on the board of CUSO and the Trudeau Centre of Peace, Conflict and Justice at the Munk Centre (University of Toronto). He is the recipient of many volunteer and community service awards, among them the Paul Harris Fellowship Award, both the Queen's Gold and Diamond Jubilee Awards, the Rotary Service-Above-Self Award and the Governor General's Sovereign Award for Volunteering. He is married to Pat. They have three children and four grandchildren.

UPCOMING EVENTS

HIP TALKS

Understanding the Past. Moving Forward Together.

- ★ October 10: University Lodge - HIP ED John Currie shares knowledge regarding “Canada’s Relationship with Indigenous Peoples.”
- ★ November 17: RHUC HIP Talk

UPCOMING

Events & Activities

- ★ September 30th: ORANGE SHIRT DAY
- ★ November 23rd: East York Rotary Live Auction- bid for items online to support the club and the local organizations it supports. Volunteers needed Nov. 22 - Nov. 24. Items to donate - \$100+ value - sports/concert tickets, gift certificates etc. Fundraising for your group - if you have 10 or more items, you can have your own auction block - your organization keeps 60% of the proceeds collected during your block
- ★ Until March, 2020, Unceded: Voices of the land – Canadian Museum of History, Ottawa. Led by the world renowned “Contemporary Master of Architecture” and traditional Elder Douglas Cardinal, UNCEDED showcases the works and voice of 18 prominent Indigenous architects and designers from across Turtle Island who share an Indigenous vision for the future of our human family.

GOT AN EVENT OR LOCAL STORY? Send It To Us! If you have an event or news related to HIP’s mission that you would like published, please email Julie Dunaikis at: julie@eccgroup.ca

JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Please join us! Imagine what is possible when all 720 Rotary Clubs across Canada, and others, work together with First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples!

While we have a strong connection to Rotary, HIP includes a diverse membership comprised of schools, faith groups, businesses and other service organizations.

Individuals, Rotary Clubs and other groups can become a HIP Ally or helper by visiting HIP's website and submitting the online application. The 2019 rates are as follows:

Type Annual Fee

- ☐ Indigenous Organizations (helpers) Free
- ☐ Students (& youth under 21) \$25
- ☐ Individual \$100
- ☐ Rotary Club with less than 75 members \$250
- ☐ Schools & Education Institutes \$250
- ☐ Rotary Club with greater than 75 members , Other Service Clubs, Partners & Corporations \$500

Join the 200+ Rotary Clubs already working collaboratively with Indigenous peoples to “Change the Narrative!” and address education challenges.

- ★ Credible recognition as an Ally
- ★ Participation in a nation-wide movement
- ★ A like-minded community to exchange ideas
- ★ The opportunity to connect with other leaders who are changing Canada
- ★ Awareness of active reconciliation activities
- ★ Access to “Ally” video conference meetings
- ★ Access to resources (Education, speakers, promotional material, etc.)
- ★ Access to partners (Transportation, Indigenous organizations, etc.)
- ★ Discounts and special offers (10% discount with Goodminds.com, etc.)

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