



National Association
of Friendship Centres

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ANNUAL REPORT 2012 – 2013





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Our mission is to improve the quality of life for Aboriginal peoples in an urban environment by supporting self-determined activities which encourage equal access to, and participation in, Canadian Society; and which respect and strengthen the increasing emphasis on Aboriginal cultural distinctiveness.

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Message from the President and Executive Director

The 2012–13 year marks the 42nd year of the National Association of Friendship Centres (NAFC). It is quite an accomplishment, 42 years of a united Movement, the heart and soul of Aboriginal urban communities across Canada. Friendship Centres are not static they are modern, dynamic and evolving – a centre of convergence between the Aboriginal community and civic society and a space for social innovation. Who can say they haven't been touched in some way by Friendship Centres – as a youth finding our identities, as a young adult searching for help with finding a job, as an adult raising children within our cultures and within the centres, or volunteering and giving back to the Friendship Centre Movement. Forty-two years is impressive on many levels, to stay so strong, so united, and to grow and touch lives across the country is an amazing story that cannot be told too many times. Friendship Centres are part of the historic fabric of Canada, a deep and entrenched part of your psyche but also the psyche of a Nation.

There is change moving through the systems that we normally deal with – the demographics of whom we serve, the context of established relationships, the fiscal and political realities of provincial governments and in the most extreme sense, how the federal government interacts with Aboriginal organizations and defines the federal-Aboriginal relationship, the nature of support for the non-for-profit community, the efforts to redefine and redesign federal programs, and the nature of the federal-provincial relationship. At the NAFC we remain focused on looking for opportunities within the change so we may better serve Friendship Centres and they can in turn better serve their communities.

We are proud to report that we have not lost resources for our programing. This is attributable to several key factors; first, the Friendship Centres do their job, professional service delivery, very well; second, delivery structures through the NAFC and PTAs are very efficient and have very strong governance and accountability mechanisms; three, we have been successful in building important relationships.

Strategically, the NAFC is focussed on looking ahead to program renewal for AFCP, CCAY, UAS and YCW in 2014. Renewal and long-term stabilization of programs has been a key focus of the National Office. We also remain committed to building and maintaining relationships, working on projects that are important to the Friendship Centre Movement, leading community driven research through the UAKN and providing program tools and supports.

The Executive Committee continues to support meaningful relationships with the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), the Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC), Indspire and other Aboriginal organizations. Internationally we have been to Italy for the World Urban Forum, New Zealand to share with the Urban Maori, and the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in New York.

The success of the Friendship Centre Movement in Canada is directly attributed to the dedication, innovation and efforts of all Friendship Centre Boards of Directors, Elders, Youth, staff and volunteers. Friendship Centres continue to be the most significant and successful network of urban based Aboriginal service delivery organizations in Canada, and the best practice model globally. This is made possible through the commitment and endurance of our members and employees and of course of the people who continue to support and seek services from our Friendship Centres daily.

We express our recognition and appreciation for the continued efforts and dedication of the NAFC Board of Directors, the Senate and the Aboriginal Youth Council (AYC). We want to acknowledge the strength of the various partnerships and collaborations we have at the national levels as well as those at the local level. Finally to the endless work of the volunteers at all levels of the Friendship Centre Movement we want to sincerely thank you for your dedication.

Vera Pawis Tabobondung, *President*

Jeff Cyr, *Executive Director*

Message from the Senate and the Aboriginal Youth Council

Senators continue to rotate representation as much as possible at the NAFC Board of Director's quarterly meetings. The reinstatement of the CCAY program has been a major focus for this year.

We were happy to hear that our young people had the opportunity to travel with NAFC representatives to international conferences and forums.

The Senate recognizes NAFC for assisting and facilitating the public hearings of the federal Senate Committee on Human Rights in November during the western tour of the Committee, hosted in 3 Friendship Centres.

Two years ago, the British Columbia Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres (BCAAFC) started a Moose Hide campaign to encourage men to wear a small piece of pinned hide to bring awareness and signify their personal commitment to ending violence against Aboriginal women and Children; we are very proud of this important initiative.

We are happy to report that as Senators in our respective provinces and territorial regions that we have been active within our Provincial/Territorial Associations (PTA's).

As always we want to pay recognition to the volunteers who provide hours of help within the Movement.

*All our Relations
Respectfully submitted*

Senator Helen Hudson-MacDonald
Senator Adeline Webber
Senator Marge White
Senator Ray Fox
Senator Winston McLeod
Senator Roger Obonsawin
Senator Dominique Rankin
Senator Joan Glode
Senator Myrtle Banfield

The AYC discusses and identifies youth priority issues, including: stay in school initiatives; healing and wellness; suicide; preserving culture and heritage; cross cultural awareness; homelessness; youth leadership; employment and training; youth involvement at all levels of the Friendship Centre Movement; and more specifically, youth involvement in the decision-making processes of the Movement.

The AYC defines youth as being between the ages of 14 - 24.

Progress and Activities

The Aboriginal Youth Council (AYC) has been active this year, providing urban Aboriginal youth perspectives to a variety of audiences. Some of the notable participation has included the World Urban Forum in Naples, Italy attended by Youth Executive Andrea Landry and Former AYC President Lorena Garvey; Health Canada Tobacco Control Youth Advisory Committee; Suicide Prevention Strategy; Joining Hands for Our Communities Gala; Elections Canada Training ; Combatting Human Trafficking Committee Meeting; National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women ; National HIV and AIDS Awareness Day; Presentation at Gathering Our Voices; and a partnership with JW McConnell Foundation and Apathy is Boring focusing on the electoral and political engagement of Canadian Youth.

Eric Klapatiuk, AYC President
Andrea Rosenberger, AYC Treasurer
Krissy Mintz, AYC Secretary
Kayle Brown, SK
Nona Whitehouse, YT
Jeffrey Nicholls, BC
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Caitlyn Baikie, Atlantic
Shawn Gon, North

Friendship Centre Movement by the Numbers

Aboriginal Friendship Centre Program

Fiscal Year: 2012-2013

Annual Report Data

Health



Total Revenue: \$31,621,806.95
Client Contacts: 261,408

Youth



Total Revenue: \$23,256,054.66
Client Contacts: 122,734

Housing



Total Revenue: \$13,363,463.00
Client Contacts: 21,039

Family



Total Revenue: \$12,837,022.49
Client Contacts: 305,664

Justice



Total Revenue: \$5,173,715.76
Client Contacts: 27,443

Economic Development



Total Revenue: \$5,170,661.00
Client Contacts: 134,323

Cultural



Total Revenue: \$3,772,113.98
Client Contacts: 80,340

Education



Total Revenue: \$8,396,258.88
Client Contacts: 70,980

Sports and Recreation



Total Revenue: \$412,457.75
Client Contacts: 13,040

Language



Total Revenue: \$36,300.00
Client Contacts: 175

Community Program



Total Revenue: \$8,272,338.19
Client Contacts: 241,846

STAFF AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Full Time	Part Time	Casual	Total Staff	Volunteer (Board of Directors)	Total
2091	350	316	2757	1058	3815

STAFF AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS DEMOGRAPHICS:

Female	Youth (18 -24)	First Nation	Inuit	Métis	Non-Aboriginal	Non-Disclosed
2226	122	2750	73	205	747	40

Policy Unit Highlights

Matrimonial Real Property (MRP)

The NAFC is developing resource materials including urban transition guides for women, families, and students; service directory for all urban centres in Canada where there are Friendship Centres including services under health, social services, education, housing and emergency services. These materials will eventually be posted to a web site for national availability.

Partnerships and Strategic Relations

The NAFC sat on steering committees for the Canadian Co-operative Association (the First Nation, Metis, Inuit Co-operative Development Program), and for CODE. The NAFC was also engaged by the CBC for their Celebrate Canada's 150 in 2017 campaign.

National Aboriginal Organizations

The NAFC continued to work with the AFN and NWAC over the past year. Issues of mutual interest include the Exploratory Process, violence against Aboriginal women, missing and murdered Aboriginal women and girls and international issues including the UN Declaration on Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).

Native Women's Association of Canada - Memorandum of Understanding

The NAFC and the Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) signed a partnership agreement at the NAFC's add held July 29 - August 1, 2012, Whitehorse Yukon. This agreement provides our organizations with continuing unity and partnership to improve the conditions of life and safety for Aboriginal women and girls in Canada.

Senate Standing Committee on Human Rights Hearings on Rights of First Nations Living Off-Reserve – November 2012

The following Friendship Centres hosted the Senate hearings: Vancouver, Saskatoon and Winnipeg.

Clothing Donation from PVH Canada/Tommy Hilfiger

40,000 units of men's, women's and children's clothing and accessories. Six sites were chosen to receive and distribute 3,600 units each.

Health

Tobacco Cessation Project

The NAFC offered a "train the trainer" component to our Youth Tobacco Cessation resource document. Train the trainer sessions were provided to one person per region.

Diabetes Research Project

The research report was finalized at the end of March. Hard copies of the report have been disseminated across the Friendship Centre Movement.

Canadian Active After School Partnership (CAASP)

CAASP reached out to the NAFC in late February to conduct an environmental scan on existing after-school programs for urban Aboriginal youth among and outside of the Friendship Centre Movement. The NAFC is the

only Aboriginal organization involved in this group which includes organizations such as the YMCA, the Boys and Girls Clubs, Active Healthy Kids Canada and the Active Living Alliance for Canadians with a Disability. The NAFC is leading eight pilot projects.

Health Collaborations

Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women and Sport and Physical Activity (CAAWS) Aboriginal Girls on the Move

This project wrapped up in March 2012 when CAAWS' funding for the program expired. CAAWS produced a success story document, highlighting some of the successes of the programs at the five participating Friendship Centres in 2011/12.

Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network (CAAN)

CAAN is offering community readiness for harm reduction training, we have worked to connect them with PTAs.

Labour Market

Strategic Partnership Agreement (SPA) - Human Resources and Social Development Canada (HRSDC) Project (HRSDC)

NAFC Urban Aboriginal Labour Market Business Case Development began to explore delivering urban Aboriginal labour market programming across the country. Friendship Centres across Canada already offer many employment and training programs, this project would aim to grow capacity.

Partnership Development

The Canadian Career Development Foundation; Building and Construction Trades Department (BCTD) / Canadian Building Trades (CBT); Mining Industry Human Resources Council (MiHR), Council on Corporate Aboriginal Relations (CCAR), Conference Board of Canada

Human Trafficking National Campaign project

A meeting of the National Advisory Committee for this project took place. The PTAs and 2 Friendship Centres hosted dialogue sessions in their regions to receive input and direction from partners and groups involved and knowledgeable about this issue, to inform the direction for the national campaign.

UAKN and Research Highlights

Research Highlights: *Corrections Service Canada (CSC)*

The national office has continued to work with CSC through the year. Since February 2012, NAFC has been working with CSC in developing their relationships with relevant national Aboriginal organizations. The second Circles of Communication Conference was held on February 22 and 23, 2013 in Ottawa. The Secretariat Director co-chaired the event which brought National Aboriginal Organizations and community programs together with CSC staff to hear best practices in the areas of community reintegration, victims' services and health. The Conference also showcased a few of the best practices in OFIFC programs.

Statistics Canada

NAFC has continued to work with Statistics Canada with both their National Household Survey (NHS) and Aboriginal Peoples Study (APS) data sets. The NAFC has been identified as the leading National Aboriginal Organization (NAO) that utilized the APS 2006 data, resulting in a relationship of idea and strategy sharing. We have worked with them to develop various fact sheets on Aboriginal population statistics, many of which are available on our website in various publications.

CIHR-IAPH: Pathways to Health Equity

The NAFC has been providing input to the Canadian Institute of Health Research – Institute of Aboriginal

Peoples Health (CIHR-IAPH) on their developing "Pathways to Health Equity for Aboriginal Peoples". Through Pathways, CIHR has envisioned a 10 year plan of research focusing on 4 priority areas: suicide, obesity, tuberculosis and oral health. They are completing year 1, which involved meaningful partner engagement with Aboriginal organizations who may wish to participate in the research process. We are continuing to build a strong partnership with CIHR-IAPH. The UAKN Secretariat is seen by CIHR as a leading example of how to best coordinate a national level research portfolio.

"Research for a Better Life"

The Urban Aboriginal Knowledge Network (UAKN) is made up of urban Aboriginal organizations, policy makers and academics. The UAKN was created in 2007 by AANDC and NAFC; through strategic engagement academics and community organizations became partners. In May 2012 the UAKN was successful in receiving a 5 year, \$2.5 million grant from Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC). The UAKN is addressing the knowledge gap in urban research through national and regional networks. Through community driven research, scholarship, partnership development and knowledge mobilization, the goals of the UAKN is to affect change through policy development based on information collected by the community for the community.

Year One of the grant implementation was a busy one with the formalization of governance structures, terms of reference and beginning research projects across the country. The creation of the website www.uakn.org is a great source of what is happening with the UAKN as well as research findings as projects are completed. This year we were successful in having seven papers completed exploring issues such as Diabetes, housing, service provision, middle class, discrimination and the state of urban Aboriginal communities. With full implementation underway in various communities we have 14 projects happening regionally on topics ranging from: education, housing, healing and wellness, financial literacy, food security, quality of life, duty to consult and justice.

The 2006 Aboriginal People's Survey (APS) Paper Series has been completed. Seven papers were coordinated by the UAKN and can be found at www.uakn.org, the papers include:

- Diabetes and the Urban and Rural Aboriginal Population - Dr. Jeff Reading
- The State of urban Aboriginal communities, Dr. Kevin Fitzmaurice
- Discrimination and Public Perceptions of Aboriginal People in Canadian Cities - Dr. Don McCaskill
- The Urban Aboriginal Middle-Income Group in Canada: A Demographic Profile - Amanda Parriag and Paul Chaulk
- Accessing Services Across Jurisdictions: The Gaps, Duplications, Disjunctions and Opportunities Experienced by Urban Aboriginal Peoples in Fredericton, New Brunswick - Verle Harrop, PhD
- Housing and Aboriginal People in Urban Centres: A Quantitative Evaluation - Dr. Yale D. Belanger, Gabrielle Weasel Head and Dr. Olu Awosoga
- Homelessness, Urban Aboriginal People, and the need for a National Enumeration - Dr. Yale D. Belanger, Dr. Olu Awosoga, and Gabrielle Weasel Head

14 regional research projects

15 students involved

64 verified partners including co-applicants (40), collaborators (2) and partners (24).

\$525,000

SSHRC funds for 2011 – 2013

\$756,692.88

additional cash contribution
2011 – 2013

\$545,967.50

additional in kind contributions
(with 286,000 from the FCM)
2011 – 2013

Program Highlights

Aboriginal Friendship Centres Program (AFCP)

The NAFC is proud to report that the 2012-13 fiscal year was another successful year for the NAFC and its 126 members, Friendship Centres and Provincial/Territorial Associations (PTAs). Through the \$16,173,194 investment by the Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC), the Friendship Centre Movement was successful in leveraging those dollars to an astonishing level of \$125,967,995.73! This means that for every \$1 invested in a Friendship Centre or PTA we were able to successfully leverage \$8.15 from other sources!

During the past year, the NAFC has been active with government and various partners in pursuing the aims and objectives of the NAFC and Friendship Centre Movement. Further highlights of partnership information can be found in the partnership section of this report.

The NAFC launched a website renewal and branding exercise this fiscal year. The new website is used as: a) an anchor for the Friendship Centre Movement to get information; and b) for external parties to gather information as well, understand the Friendship Centre brand and to highlight our many partnerships.

The NAFC also provided newsletters throughout the 2012-13 fiscal year. 2012-13 Editions of our newsletters can be found on the NAFC website; specifically at <http://nafc.ca/en/content/newsletters>.

In order to better capture data required for NAFC reporting, the NAFC worked with various partners towards the improvement of our information systems throughout the year. Once the software changes are completed, the NAFC will be pleased to update the Friendship Center Movement with these new developments.

Cultural Connections for Aboriginal Youth (CCAY)

As you are aware, the CCAY program had been a cause of significant concern this fiscal year, it was unclear in June 2012 whether or not the program would continue to exist, and what being "frozen and realigned" really meant for the Friendship Centre Movement. The NAFC worked diligently with the Federal Government and Minister's office to unfreeze the program and as much as possible ensure whatever changes were brought to the program were to make sense for Friendship Centres, their clients and members. Your support and understanding throughout the entire process was critical to our joint success. We had success with the Operational Guidelines, much more work remains to be done in the long-term implementation of the modified program. In particular, the measurement (reporting) of the program at the project level and its roll-up regionally and nationally requires substantive work within the movement and with federal officials in order to ensure ongoing success. A key point of reference will be work with PTAs and regional desks in order to not only make this program work, but to make it an outstanding program. The NAFC is committed to continue to work with Friendship Centres and PTAs going forward and we are committed to finding potential ways forward for this work.

Young Canada Works (YCW)

As with AFCP, this is the first time in a number of years that the NAFC was able to secure multi-year funding for the Young Canada Works program. The NAFC, PTAs and Friendship Centres continue to be active in supporting Aboriginal students through the Young Canada Works program. Within the summer of 2012 the Friendship Centre Movement successfully employed 215 students in 82 Friendship Centres/PTAs. Please see the tables below for additional information on the students employed through the Friendship Centre Movement:

YCW - Table 1

BREAKDOWN OF FUNDING PER REGION			
Province / Territory	Students Approved	Total Funding	% of Total Funding
Newfoundland/Labrador	5	\$42,418.79	3%
Nova Scotia	4	\$27,559.49	2%
Quebec	17	\$86,147.60	8%
Ontario	49	\$285,929.56	23%
Manitoba	32	\$168,302.32	15%
Saskatchewan	37	\$199,287.31	17%
Alberta	18	\$112,783.32	8%
British Columbia	45	\$270,591.86	21%
Northwest Territories	6	\$17,020.05	3%
Yukon	2	\$12,320.02	1%
Total	215	\$1,222,360.32	100%

YCW - Table 2

BREAKDOWN BY REGION/POSITION TYPE								
Province / Territory	Programs	Admin	Recreation	Cultural	Special Events	Children/ Youth	Other	Total by Region
Newfoundland/ Labrador	1	0	0	0	2	1	1	5
Nova Scotia	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	4
Quebec	10	1	0	0	0	6	0	17
Ontario	14	1	5	4	1	24	1	49
Manitoba	8	0	2	2	0	19	1	32
Saskatchewan	14	3	1	0	0	17	2	37
Alberta	4	2	1	1	2	7	0	18
British Columbia	7	1	3	3	1	28	2	45
Northwest Territories	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	6
Yukon	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Total	58	9	12	11	5	115	6	215

YCW - Table 3

EDUCATION LEVEL ATTAINED									
Province / Territory	High School	College 1st year	College 2nd year	College 3rd year	Uni. 1st year	Uni. 2nd year	Uni. 3rd year	Uni. 4th year	Total
Newfoundland/Labrador	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	5
Nova Scotia	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	4
Quebec	9	3	2	1	1	1	0	0	17
Ontario	19	4	5	2	5	6	3	5	49
Manitoba	12	5	5	1	2	4	3	0	32
Saskatchewan	20	2	2	1	1	3	7	1	37
Alberta	7	2	0	4	2	1	1	1	18
British Columbia	16	1	2	6	7	5	2	6	45
Northwest Territories	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Yukon	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Total	89	18	19	15	19	22	19	14	215

Further to the 2009-10 campaign, the NAFC continued again this year with our print media campaign. The NAFC shared information about the YCW program with Friendship Centres and potential Aboriginal students.

Summary

The Program highlights for 2012-13 is to provide the three major programs areas currently administered by the NAFC. We hope this information offers insight into the work the NAFC, Provincial/Territorial Associations and our local Friendship Centres provide for the purpose of improving the quality of the life for urban Aboriginal people across this country.

Financial Statement

Statement of Operations

Year ended March 31, 2013 (with comparative figures for 2012)

	2013	2012
Revenues		
Government contributions	\$ 29,388,291	\$ 29,758,979
Slippage	(449,802)	(515,432)
Deferred contributions	97,803	(11,822)
Membership fees	36,675	36,350
Interest	37,981	36,048
Other	62,092	100,209
Conferences	2,305	3,568
	29,175,345	29,407,900
Expenditures		
Advertising and Promotion	5,745	936
Amortization	22,709	26,229
IT Equipment and Support	6,020	
Insurance	22,202	20,840
Interest and bank charges	1,999	2,899
SSHRC proposal		8,264
Training	2,556	11,723
Other	22,627	21,980
Office supplies	66,206	92,554
Program delivery and management	27,062,353	26,638,664
Translation	92,557	127,756
Professional fees	481,820	799,443
Repairs and maintenance – building	20,907	13,777
Building expenses	42,813	41,321
Salaries and related benefits	1,006,039	1,039,101
Slippage	(254,033)	(194,030)
Printing	9,520	53,051
Telephone and utilities	50,114	43,362
Travel	504,887	631,431
Conferences and related fees	5,844	5,523
	29,172,885	29,384,824
Excess of revenue over expenditures from operations	2,460	23,076
Funder adjustments		36,291
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	\$ 2,460	\$ (13,215)

2012-2013 Board of Directors

Vera Pawis Tabobondung
President

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Vice-President

Elizabeth Coburn
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Youth Executive

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Quebec

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Pamela Glode-Desrochers
NS

Jennifer Hefler-Elson
NL

Eric Klapatiuk
Aboriginal Youth Council Rep

41st AGM

July 29 -August 1, 2012
Whitehorse, YK

42nd AGM

July 23 – 25, 2013
*Western Development Museum,
North Battleford, SK*

43rd AGM

July 8-11, 2014
Sheraton Wall Centre, Vancouver, BC

Partnership Highlights

Partnerships 2012-13

- Aboriginal and Northern Development Canada (AANDC)
- Strategic Partnership Agreement - Human Resources and Social Development Canada
- Urban Aboriginal Knowledge Network Partners and Collaborators
- National Research Centre for Truth and Reconciliation, University of Manitoba
- Government of Mexico
- United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
- Native Women's Association of Canada
- Assembly of First Nations
- United Nations World Urban Forum
- Indigenous statistics conference
- Canadian Cooperatives Association
- CAASP (YMCA, Boys and Girls Club of Canada, Active Healthy Kids Canada, Active Living Alliance for Canadians with a Disability,
- Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women and Sport)
- Canadian Aboriginal AIDS network
- Public Safety Canada
- BURT Aboriginal Literacy Award
- Corrections Service Canada
- Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR)
- Statistics Canada
- Public Health Agency of Canada
- Canadian Broadcasters Corporation
- PVH Canada/ Tommy Hilfiger

Declaration of Strength and Unity

The Membership of the National Association of Friendship Centres (NAFC) hereby makes the following declaration:

- We are strong and united as a Movement across Canada.
- We hold and share a common vision and purpose of improving the quality of life for Aboriginal Peoples living in the Canadian urban environment.
- We are committed to ensuring full and meaningful participation by Youth in all planning and decision making processes within the Friendship Centre Movement.
- We support the leadership of the NAFC in advancing the interests of the Friendship Centre Movement across Canada.
- We reaffirm our respect for women and the place of honour that they hold in our communities and within our Movement.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED:

That we call on the Prime Minister of Canada, the Federal Cabinet, all members of the House of Commons to realize and acknowledge the strength and unity of the Friendship Centre Movement.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Friendship Centre Movement (FCM) issue a challenge to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Federal Cabinet and members of the House of Commons to help us instil in Aboriginal people a renewed self-confidence for the future. We will challenge Canada to work with us – in partnership – to rectify our social wounds. Only with renewed efforts and partnerships can we impart – for urban Aboriginal people – support the values that truly reflect a more just and caring society.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Association promote – via correspondence, meeting, discussions, project reports, presentation and distribution of information packages, etc.; its use of this Declaration in all external communications and lobbying efforts.

The membership of the NAFC endorsed Resolution # 01-08 Declaration of Strength and Unity during the 30th Annual General Meeting in Winnipeg,

MB July 2001. Ten years later in 2011 the NAFC would return to Winnipeg to celebrate its 40th Anniversary as a National Aboriginal Organization.

The 40th AGM provided an excellent opportunity for the Friendship Centre Movement to re-affirm the Declaration of Strength and Unity.

Map of Friendship Centres



Legend

- Friendship Centres
- Provincial and Territorial Associations

Provincial and Territorial Associations

British Columbia Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres

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Ontario Federation of Indian Friendship Centres

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Website: www.ofifc.org

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List of Friendship Centres

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Wachiy Friendship Centre

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Nawican Friendship Centre

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