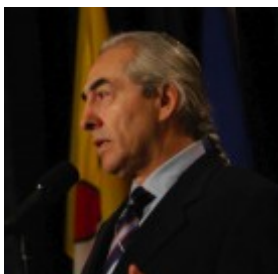


# LNCC NEWS

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## Guest Speaker: Phil Fontaine Special Advisor to RBC



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Mr. Phil Fontaine is a dedicated and highly respected figure in Canada.

He has been instrumental in facilitating change and advancement for First Nations people from the time he was first elected to public office as Chief, at the young age of 28. He is a proud member of the Sagkeeng First Nation in Manitoba and still plays an active role in the support of his community.

In the early 1980's he was elected to the position of Manitoba Regional Chief for the Assembly of First Nations. When his term expired in 1991, he was elected Grand Chief of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs where he served three consecutive terms. He played a key role in the development of Manitoba's Framework Agreement Initiative, in the defeat of the Meech Lake Accord, and signed an Employment Equity Agreement with 39 federal agencies. In 1997 he stepped onto the national stage where he was elected to the highest elected position in First Nations politics, National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations. He recently finished serving an unprecedented third term in office.

His list of accomplishments as National Chief include signing the Declaration of Kinship and Cooperation of the Indigenous and First Nations of North America, being the first Indigenous leader to

address the Organization of American States, leading the successful resolution and settlement of the 150 year Indian residential school tragedy which led to the historical Apology by the Canadian government, the Making Poverty History Campaign, lobbying for the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People, and negotiating a fair and just process for the settlement of Specific land claims.

His belief in creating an inclusive Assembly of First Nations ensured that all information was accessible in both French and English languages, and initiated the Renewal Commission, resulting in a 47 recommendation report on improving the political structure of the AFN, including a universal vote by all First Nations citizens.

Mr. Fontaine has received many awards and honours for his work, including six honorary degrees and membership in the Order of Manitoba.



The Labrador Winter Games will be held in Happy Valley Goose Bay, NL from March 7th-13th, 2010.

For more Information please visit [www.labradorwintergames.ca](http://www.labradorwintergames.ca)

## **Expo Labrador 2010** Labrador's Resource Conference and Trade Exhibition

2010 will mark the fifth annual Expo Labrador Conference and Trade Exhibition. The theme for this years event is **Northern Challenges, Our Solutions.**

Expo Labrador 2010 has a firm commitment to provide a business forum for stakeholders interested in benefiting from the potential associated with resource development opportunities in Labrador. This year's event takes place from **June 20-23, 2010** in Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

For more information or to register go to our website [www.expolabrador.com](http://www.expolabrador.com), call 896-8033 or email [coordinator@expolabrador.com](mailto:coordinator@expolabrador.com).

### Central Labrador Economic Development Board Update

The CLEDB is pleased to welcome Lara Morina as our new Economic Development Officer.

The CLEDB Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday March 30th at the Royal Canadian Legion. Complimentary luncheon will be served starting at 12:00 noon. Annual report, financial statements, and new workplan will be presented. Election of one at-large director. In order to ensure we have enough seating and

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Labrador Winter Games**  
Happy Valley—Goose Bay, NL  
March 7—13, 2010  
[www.labradorwintergames.ca](http://www.labradorwintergames.ca)

**Sno-Break 2010**  
Happy Valley—Goose Bay, NL  
March 20—27, 2010  
[www.snobreak.ca](http://www.snobreak.ca)

**NOIA Conference 2010**  
St. John's, NL  
June 15—18, 2010  
[www.noiaconference.com](http://www.noiaconference.com)

**Expo Labrador 2010**  
Happy Valley—Goose Bay, NL  
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Don't miss the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of SnoBreak; March 20<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> in honor and in memory of its founder, Mr. Paul Williams.

Visit [www.snobreak.ca](http://www.snobreak.ca) to see updated information on exciting events for all ages and interests! Information updated regularly!

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- Broadcast E-mail service
- A staff dedicated to serving you!

### **The LNCC Welcomes...**

- ◆ Conward Enterprises Inc. (Cherry Wood Suites)
- ◆ J.J. 's Trucking
- ◆ And Michelle Pelley as the LNCC's new Office Administrator!



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Michelle Pelley - Office Administrator  
Sean Handregan - Events Coordinator