

# Action for Neighbourhood Change Simpson-Ogden News August 2005

## VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS MADE THE GIANT BLOCK PARTY A HUGE SUCCESS

Action for Neighbourhood Change (ANC) with the help of volunteers, donors and Thunder Bay organizations hosted a GIANT BLOCK PARTY on Wednesday, July 13, 2005 at the Ogden Community Centre. Over 400 residents, business owners, service providers, and people working in the Simpson-Ogden neighbourhood attended.

Highlights of the block party were performances by Mushkowzee Ekwe' Wak, Jim 'n' I, John Fletcher and Friends. Amy Harris and Norman Semple of the National Film Board provided a video booth to film neighbourhood stories and have produced a short video. In addition, children's events and information booths were onsite.

### MANY THANKS TO:

#### Booths

- Urban Aboriginal Strategy
- Thunder Bay Coalition Against Poverty
- NorWest Community Health Centres
- Underground Gym and Youth Centre
- Thunder Bay Christian Community Centre
- Métis Nation of Ontario
- Regional Food Distribution Association
- Superior Points
- Earthwise Thunder Bay

#### Donations & Discounts

- Irma's Bridal Boutique
- Music World Academy
- Wally's Thunder Country Diving
- Newfie's Pub
- Rock it Air Wear
- Shoppers Drug Mart – Memorial
- Golden Lantern
- Olde Style Pizza
- Quality Market—Centennial Square
- Shoppers Drug Mart—Centennial
- Medi Plus

- European Bakery
- Helium High
- Dave Wilson Sports
- Perfect Parties
- Simpson Meat and Deli
- Five Star Bakery
- Cav-Tal Foods
- Praxair
- R & M Catering
- City of Thunder Bay – Parks Division
- Sasi Spring Water

#### Volunteers

- New Life Christian Fellowship
- Lou Kok
- Noah Albertson Kok
- Cody Wilson
- Genevieve & Chelsea Cernjul
- Katherine Dugmore & Michael
- Joe Viradiramo
- Brenda Reimer
- Tara Champagne and Linda Hiscock – Village Health Clinic
- George Saarinen
- Mary Kozorys
- Georgia Canal and Daughter
- Cameron Nicolson
- JoAnne Zamparo
- Joanne Kembel
- Gloria Cyr

## EMPLOYMENT & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES *SEE BACK PAGE FOR MORE DETAILS*



Mushkowzee Ekwe' Wak taking part in our opening with John Fletcher and Friends (right).

- St John Ambulance
- Neighbourhood Policing
- Entertainment
- Mushkowzee Ekwe' Wak
- Jim & I
- John Fletcher and Friends
- John Charry Martial Arts
- Rita Comuzzi
- Perfect Parties

#### Ticket outlets

- Ogden Community Centre
- Simpson Variety
- NorWest Community Health Centre
- United Way
- Dave Wilson Sports
- Thunder Bay Coalition Against Poverty



*ANC sites were chosen according to...the community's capacity to mobilize—i.e., the pre-existence of local leadership and networks on which to build.*



**HOW WILL ANC WORK?**

*ANC brings together a variety stakeholders—residents, business, governments and support agencies—to learn about, practice and evaluate approaches that combine resources in new ways. Building healthy neighbourhoods begins with the knowledge found in the neighbourhood itself.*

**THE LEAD PARTNERS**

**United Way Canada-Centraide Canada**

Over the last several years, United Ways—Centraides have begun to explore how they could make even more of a difference in their communities. United Way of Thunder Bay is coordinating and overseeing this federally funded initiative.

**Tamarack: An Institute for Community Engagement**

Tamarack is a charitable organization dedicated to helping Canadian communities create bold visions for their future. It helps communities frame and identify issues and facilitates the ongoing learning through which communities begin to generate their own knowledge and apply that knowledge in their work.

**Caledon Institute of Social Policy**

Caledon is one of Canada's finest social policy think tanks conducting rigorous, high-quality research and analysis; informing and seeking to influence public opinion; fostering public discussion on poverty and social policy; and developing and promoting concrete, practicable proposals for the reform of social programs.

**National Film Board (NFB)**

Now in its 65th year, the National Film Board of Canada has produced more than 10,000 films and won more than 4,500 awards, including 11 Oscars®. Using film, video and, increasingly, electronic and digital media, the NFB has created new methods for encouraging and enabling citizens to become active participants in social and political processes. These media can help communities explore their problems and issues and arrive at their own solutions. The spotlight is on responsible filmmaking, deeply grounded within the community, aimed at bringing about concrete social change, while enabling community development, self-reflection, and empowerment.

**NFB Phone: 251-2952**

**Location: 414 1/2 Simpson St**



**The Giant Block Party-Neighbourhood fun!**

**NFB Film Producer Amy**

**Harris:** I am 21 & a graduated Television Broadcasting student, who is furthering my education by taking Film Production—September, 2005.

My involvement with the Action for a Neighborhood Change (ANC) project began in May when I was flown to Winnipeg for a week long workshop with NFB. I met with first time directors, audio technicians, people from CBC, and the list goes on. I also made several friends and new connections with other ANC site producers. Over the past couple of months I have spent countless hours getting familiar with the community and some of the people who live there. At the Giant Neighborhood Block Party in July, my partner and I designed and had built a video booth, for locals to tell us a bit about themselves and how they like living in the neighbourhood. We created a 7 minute video clip. I am very excited to continue on with the ANC project over the next year. I feel that there are many people within this community that have so much to say and interesting stories to tell. NFB can be the voice in which they are heard.



**NFB Film Producer Norman Semple:** I am from Kasabonika Lake First Nations, Ontario and currently live in Thunder Bay, Ontario. My occupation is being a student at Confederation College and currently working with the National Film Board. I have a diploma in Broadcasting-Television at Confederation College, and received an Academic Honour Roll Letter/Certificate. I'm currently enrolled in the Film Production Program and will be graduating in 2006. Previously I won the James Eastwood Writing of Excellence Award in 2005.

My main goal while working with the National Film Board: *To find the positive in an area full of misconception and misunderstanding.* The projects we are exploring are short documentaries of Aboriginal youth in the neighbourhood, the Ogden Community School as well as any ideas suggested from the neighbourhood.

# ANC PLANS

Currently, the team is working to bring the community together and get a solid list of interested residents to involve in the "Tea & Talk" meetings to lay the groundwork for a neighbourhood vision and planning session. From this vision, a neighbourhood committee of interested residents will form. Anticipated Benefits of ANC:

- Partnership supports
- Support neighbourhood committee
- Research sources of funding for the neighbourhood plan
- List of strengths/assets prepared
- Neighbourhood demographic profile written
- Coordinate policy input to our Federal funders
- Share the Simpson-Ogden story

### ANC has moved!

We are now located at 500 Simpson Street, Thunder Bay and are open 9-4:30 Mon-Fri and after hours by contacting the team at 626-1765.

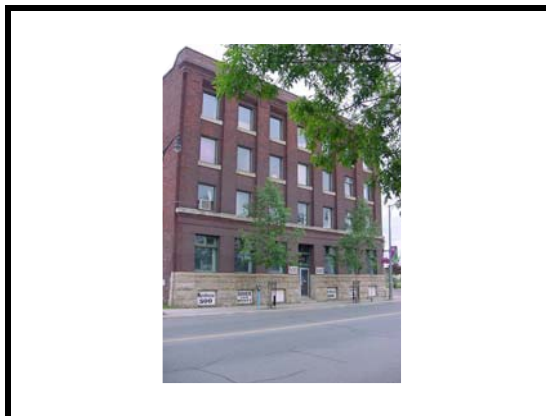
# LEARN NEW SKILLS!

Training on running group meetings/ focus groups will be provided

Sept 14th, 6-830 pm, Ogden Community Centre

Sept 15th, 9-12 pm, 500 Simpson St.

This training is for everyone! You can use the skills to promote & strengthen neighbourhood activities and help us co-host meetings to consult with the neighbourhood about what you would like to change and how. Contact Lorraine to save a seat 626-1765.



## WHERE IS THE ANC FUNDING COMING FROM?

*The ANC budget is jointly funded by:*

- National Secretariat on Homelessness (HRSDC)
- Office of Learning Technologies (HRSDC)
- National Literacy Secretariat (HRSDC)
- Canada's Drug Strategy (Health Canada)
- Crime Prevention Strategy (PSEPC)



## See your article here!

ANC is inviting stories, poetry, events, and pictures. Please have your materials available by Oct 31, 2005 for your Fall newsletter.

## What is meant by local assets?

- **Social** participation, pride, voice, and influence
- **Service** programs, collaboration, etc
- **Physical** housing, shopping, & transit
- **Diversity** language, settlement, employment
- **Safety and Mobility** participate safely without fear

The neighbourhood has the geographic boundaries of May Street, the Neebing Floodway, CPR Rail Yards and Miles Street. Further to the geographic boundary ANC will seek to promote a community focus including all who are interested.

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**ENGAGE ALL**  
*To make this neighbourhood vision a reality, community input and information is needed.*

*Please contact ANC staff about how you can help!*

Volunteers are needed for:

- Special event planning
- ANC communications
- Administrative tasks
- Resource developer
- Data collection
- Policy committee
- Walking group

To volunteer please call Lorraine at 626-1765.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY— EVENTS PLANNER

Reporting to the ANC team, the successful candidate will be able to initiate, plan, and implement events such as neighbourhood dinners, meetings, walking groups, and teas. This position requires excellent people skills, record keeping, communication and organizational skills. This position has the possibility to be combined with our partners, the National Film Board, assisting their team with a media literacy project. Bring resume to Lorraine Alarie at 500 Simpson Street.

**Application deadline September 6, 2005**



SIMPSON ST., FORT WILLIAM

Downloaded above photo Aug 8, 2005 from:  
<http://community.webshots.com/album/99820288kwLYCX/3>

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

#### Local History Buffs

Would you like to help gather information on historical building in the neighbourhood? This area has a rich history and we need you to help uncover it. Contact Sandra at 626-1767 for more information on how you can help.

## ***Hearing All Voices: The Power of Community and Working Together to Effect Change, July 25, 2005.***

“Very educational and also a good way to make this more real by bringing diverse voices in,” was one the comments from the 21 attending the workshop. Participants took part in a Simpson-Ogden Bingo game to break the ice and get talking amongst themselves. The game was developed by Marg Stadey who has a keen interest in local history. Discussion about thoughts on “community” took place with mention of roots, heart, and stories that should be told. Connie Nelson and Marg Stadey then led the group through a community capacity building presentation to set the stage for the afternoon

work. ANC staff provided a project overview and then the format was small group discussion around “**What should be done in this neighbourhood? What should stop? What should continue? And next steps.**” Some next steps were seen as motivating residents to come and lead ANC forward, develop a walking group, link to other programs, designate the neighbourhood buildings as a historical site, find out what youth want and need, reinforce the sense of community that exists, and promote a sense of pride. It’s time for the neighbourhood to come together and plan the future!