



MEMORANDUM

Date:	May 31, 2010
To:	Residential School Survivors, Native Organizations
From:	Sam Achneepineskum, Residential School Program Coordinator
Issue:	Walkers- for TRC

Background

One part of the Residential School Settlement Agreement is the Truth and Reconciliation Commission . The commission has undertaken to organize seven (7) National Events across Canada. The first will be held in Winnipeg on June 16-19, 2010. The TRC is gathering information on the history of the residential schools, the impacts they have had on communities, and statement gathering. All of the information will be put a Residential School Survivor Resource centre. The commission is also tasked with involving the general public and educating them on the issue of residential schools.

Patrick Etherington, along with his wife Frances Whiskeychan and their son, Patrick Jr. are three (3) of the main people who have initiated a walk from Cochrane to Winnipeg. Their purpose is:

- to raise awareness of this first Truth and Reconciliation event in Winnipeg, Manitoba
- to remember those who attended residential school but have passed on and,
- to represent the many who are not able to attend the event .

The walkers left Cochrane on May 9, 2010, and are scheduled to arrive in Winnipeg for June 15, 2010. **For a schedule you can check the NAN Residential School website?**

Patrick Etherington's cell number is 819-895-1639. His cell works in most places. IF you are able to organize community fundraisers please give him a call for his expected time of arrival in your area. Most of the walk is covered by the walkers so financial donations are appreciated.

If you have a relative who has passed on, you offer a ribbon to the Walkers, which they will carry with them during their walk. The ribbon should be about a metre long.

You can also walk with them for a day or two. Let's all remember our experiences in the residential schools, and let us honour those who went before us, and those who cannot be there.

Support our Walkers, Thank you