

Friendship Lodge – Report for September, 2008

There have been monthly planning meetings since July. There have been a number of neighbourhood residents who have attended these meetings. Content has been centered on Friendship Lodge guidelines – intake and screening of tenants, case management, program management and general operating procedures. The third planning meeting was held this afternoon. There were five neighbourhood residents in attendance – Joanne MacMillan, Debra Bilous, Anne Rushton, Sally McLean and Diane Nakamura.

The following update provided by Jennifer Harrington (Native Friendship Centre)

- Geothermal systems are now in place.
- Foundation will begin this month.
- Opening of Friendship Lodge is now scheduled for May 20, 2009
- The Native Friendship Centre is currently in negotiations with Northern Health in regards to contracted services. The Native Friendship Centre has requested these negotiations be completed by next month. In order to run a successful program, the Native Friendship Centre has proposed the following staffing model:

1. 1 Full- time Coordinator
2. 2 Full- time Lifeskills Workers
3. 1 Part-time Elder Advisor
4. 1 Full-time Caretaker on site at all times
5. 1 Full-time Maintenance Person
6. 1 Full-time Janitor

Diane Nakamura and another resident are looking into bringing this program into the neighbourhood. Diane will report status of Block Watch back to MACC and the planning committee.

Next Friendship Lodge planning meeting is on October 1st.