

## Major Changes Happening on North Main Neechi Commons Soon to Open

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Our camera was recently visiting the Neechi Foods location on 325 Dufferin Avenue. Everyone was very busy, but I managed to speak with Elizabeth Captain, Customer Service Clerk, about their new location. She commented "I'm very excited about the bigger space on Main St.; excited for me and for the neighbourhood."



Cecilia McKay making bannock dough

Neechi Commons will have a strong community economic development impact on Main St., the North-End and the two adjacent neighbourhoods. Both neighbourhoods are primarily made up of Aboriginal families and that is where most of the employees will be recruited. In addition, by featuring products that are harvested and processed in regions close to Winnipeg and in Northern Manitoba, the complex will contribute to regional economic development.

Eventually Neechi Foods expects to transfer ownership of the Commons to a not-for-profit consortium that will include representation from Neechi and other resident businesses, as well as from financial and community or public sector stakeholders. Individual businesses will be tenants on the Commons.

### Art & Antique Auction October 20

The Annual Jubilee Fund Art & Antique Auction will be held Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at the Assiniboia Christian Centre, 3390 Portage Avenue.

The Committee is presently accepting donations of art or antique items. If you have something you would like to donate or wish more information, please contact Rita Borthwick at [ritalb@shaw.ca](mailto:ritalb@shaw.ca) or telephone 589-5001.

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 West Broadway Development Corp.

#### Business Projects

Diversity Food Services  
 GD - 02 Worker Co-op  
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 Neechi Commons  
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 North End Housing Project: 4 houses  
 SISTARS CED Co-op  
 Spence Neighbourhood Assoc: 2 infill houses (2008)  
 Spence Neighbourhood Association: 4 infill houses (2004)  
 Student Apartments in Spence Neighbourhood  
 (Young Street)  
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 (Furby Street)

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#### Vision Statement

The Jubilee Fund sees a future in which equitable economic opportunities are available to all members of society.

#### Mission Statement

The Jubilee Fund advocates economic opportunity for all members of society, through ethical and socially responsible financing of community economic development initiatives.

#### Values

We value:

- local ownership
- community ownership
- democratic ownership
- cooperative ownership
- economic participation by women
- economic participation by Aboriginal people
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- Canada
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Neechi Foods Co-Op Ltd. has taken a big step towards helping to transform Main St. north of the CPR underpass. In August the Co-Op purchased 49,400 sq. ft. of property alongside the North Point Douglas and Lord Selkirk Park neighbourhoods at the former California Fruit Market site. The Jubilee Fund played a key role in making this happen by securing 29 % of a loan from Assiniboine Credit Union used by Neechi to buy the site and some equipment.

Neechi is in its 20th year as an Aboriginal, north-end, inner-city cooperative, owned and operated by its workers. The Co-Op hopes to start limited store operations at the site by year-end and to spearhead the development of a community business complex, "Neechi Commons", over the next two to three years. So far, business ideas that are being

seriously considered include full range grocery services, Aboriginal foods, crafts, books and music, organic and regionally grown produce, community café, bakery, fish market, hydroponic production and training and a farmers market. It will take at least two years for the site to be fully developed. Currently there are two connected buildings on the northern most portion of the site. The remainder of the property is vacant. (continued on page 4)



Elizabeth Captain with fresh supply of blueberries



Sandi Chief with bannock pizza

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## We Need You

A Jubilee Fund small business loan can change someone's world. Likewise providing more daycare spaces will enable parents the opportunity to be employed, knowing their children are in a safe and early childhood learning environment. Finally, by providing an opportunity for affordable and safe housing for low-income individuals, the Jubilee Fund helps to provide pride and dignity.

The Fund seeks to identify projects that directly benefit low-income people. In addition to providing loans, the Jubilee Fund through its volunteer network is able to provide some technical support and mentoring. The Fund understands that providing debt on fair terms is only part of the solution to poverty and injustice. Moreover providing debt for small projects involves significant costs. Nevertheless the Fund believes that community lending can play an important role in addressing poverty and injustice.

These are the goals the Jubilee Fund hopes to achieve through its ability to guarantee loans. The Fund provides an avenue for organizations and individuals to help create a more just and caring world. You can be part of the solution to helping individuals obtain a better quality of life.

## How to Invest in your Community

Many individuals want to make a difference in their community, but often they are not certain how. That is why the Jubilee Fund Inc. was launched in 2000. Since that time the Fund has invested in non-profit daycares, worker co-ops, community

revitalization projects, affordable housing projects, training centres and the newcomer education finance program. The Jubilee Fund wants to develop economic initiatives that promote self-reliance, human dignity and a better quality of life for the individual and the community.

You don't need a large sum of money to invest in the Jubilee Fund and make a real difference in people's lives. Jubilee Investment Certificates are purchased as three or five year term deposit. The minimum investment can be as little as \$500. All the individual Jubilee Investment Funds are pooled together to create the larger Fund that works in our community. The Investment Funds are processed by Assiniboine Credit Union. In dollars, the return is a little less than GIC rates. But for Jubilee Fund investors, the emotional satisfaction that comes from investing in our community more than makes up for the difference in returns.

Presently, the Jubilee Investment Fund is operating very close to capacity. We need your help if we are to continue our good work helping individuals in our community.

Will you help us by purchasing a Jubilee Investment Certificate? Please call Rita at (204) 589-5001 or email her at [ritalb@shaw.ca](mailto:ritalb@shaw.ca) and she will provide you with all the information.



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## International Cuisine at U of W Diversity Food Services Opens

With a new student residence opening at the University of Winnipeg, the need for an enhanced campus dining experience was heightened for both the students on the mandatory meal plan as well as to meet the existing demand for daily cafeteria services and catering needs.

After a number of meetings, a new agency was formed with the University of Winnipeg Community Renewal Corporation (UWCRC) and SEED Winnipeg. This partnership provides the opportunity to create an enterprise that will deliver excellent food services to the University while providing meaningful employment and ownership opportunities for the community. In addition, there is a four week training program that is comprised of two weeks of classroom work and two weeks of hands-on experience.

Diversity Food Services has three locations (Riddell, Lockhart and Centennial) that will feature cuisine from around the globe prepared mostly by recent immigrants to Winnipeg. Ben Kramer, former chef and general manager of the Dandelion Eatery is the Executive Chef. Catering will be provided both internally to the staff as well as externally to others in the community.

The Jubilee Fund was approached by Hugh O'Hare of



Neil Childs, Hugh O'Hare & John Schwandt

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SEED Winnipeg to assist with funding the start-up costs. The Credit Committee quickly agreed, noting the social and economical benefits this new enterprise



will bring to the employees, the University and the community as a whole. In speaking with Hugh at the luncheon held on August 19th he commented, "I was pleased to see the community involvement behind this venture with The Jubilee Fund stepping up and partnering in the financing of this fantastic project. The Jubilee Fund's contribution will have a great impact on creating ongoing training for those who may never get the chance to work in all facets of the food industry." President John Schwandt and Neil Childs, Vice President (and Credit Committee Chair) were among the lucky ones to attend a special luncheon provided to supporters on August 19, 2009.

The UWCRC mandate is to work towards developing a sustainable University community that is attractive to the faculty, staff, students and the greater community. In discussion with SEED Winnipeg, UWCRC articulated the desire to establish an enterprise that would deliver a high quality of food, integrate social/environmental goals, and be a positive force in creating employment for disadvantaged members of the Winnipeg community.

SEED Winnipeg is a non-profit agency whose mandate it is to fight inner-city poverty by aiding people in their efforts to save money and to start sustainable ventures. SEED Winnipeg's mission, with respect to the hospitality industry, is to positively influence the quality of employment for the workers and provide advice, training and financing for small businesses.