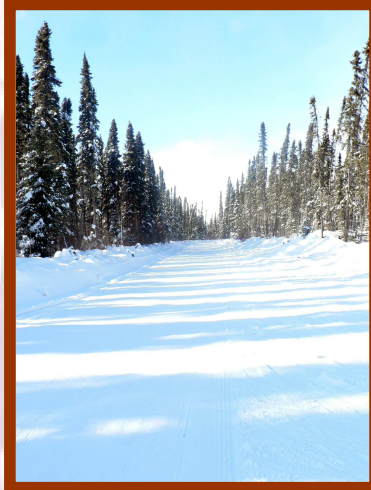
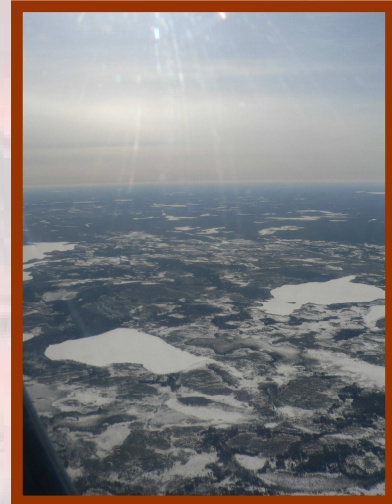


# Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win Annual Report (2008 – 2009)



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North-South Partnership for Children in Remote  
First Nations Communities



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In remote northern communities in Ontario, an imposed history of colonialism, residential schools, inequitable distribution of resources and geographical isolation have all contributed to a depth of community impoverishment not seen elsewhere in the province. First Nations communities have historically suffered a loss of land, education, language, culture and identity. In many communities, children are descendents of residential school survivors who were frequently abused and alienated from their community and culture.

Change, however, will be driven only through relationships – relationships that are enduring and built on mutual trust and respect. Recognition of and resolution to the power imbalances in the existing relationships are a necessary first step to promote relationships worthy of trust.

*Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win* fosters a new type of relationship between First Nations and non-aboriginal peoples – one that is healing, enduring and facilitating of resource exchange and development.

The strengths of *Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win* are its unique partnership with First Nations; its ability to bring a broader public awareness to the conditions of remote First Nations communities; its long term commitment to these communities; its non-partisan, political approach; its independence from governmental systems; and its social justice perspective.

## Joint Greeting from the Co-Chairs

Judy Finlay



This has been a particularly important year in the history of Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win: The North South Partnership for Children. Through the support of the Ontario Trillium Foundation and the Atkinson Charitable Foundation, we as an organization were able to consolidate the learning and activity of the past with a process of visioning for the future. The notion of southern partners joining in solidarity with 30 remote northern communities is a unique and powerful concept that challenges each of us to think and act differently. We are actively shedding the destructive and entrenched colonial practices of the past and generating new opportunities for meaningful, respectful relationships that honour the lived experience, beliefs, values, traditions and aspirations of the northern partners. It is through the power of these relationships that Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win is emerging. It is hoped that this Partnership will map the course for the socio/economic transformation in the North. The Partnership is not representative of the past imposed government intervention. It offers a change.

Membership of the Governance Circle has stabilized with six First Nations members from the north and five members from the south. Through the activities and guidance of the Governance Circle, permanent staff is now in place. We welcome Micheal Hardy, the former Executive Director of Tikinagan Child and Family Services, as the first Executive Director of Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win. It is through his expertise and experience in organizational development and his visionary leadership that we anticipate moving the partnership forward. Micheal's tremendous energy and tenacious spirit has influenced and motivated the work of the Partnership. He is joined by Betty-Lou Scholey, as the Executive Assistant and Linda Nothing-Chaplin who continues in her role as the Northern Coordinator.

Chief Donny Morris



This year we completed 5 community assessment reports through the "searching together" project in partnership with the Provincial Centre of Excellence for Child and Youth Mental Health at CHEO and various community enterprises. Many communities have been active participants in the Partnership and attempts have been made to match resources to identified community needs. Much more is needed to ensure that we engage all 30 northern communities with the expanding southern membership, particularly the smaller more isolated communities. To meet this goal we will continue the "searching together" projects and build resources and services to better meet the needs of the North.

The future of the North rests with its youth and the Partnership is creating opportunities for youth voice and active involvement. Furthermore, public education and awareness and knowledge exchange are crucial in changing perceptions and realities and will be a key focus in the coming year.

Meegwetch!



## Greetings from the Executive Director



Greetings to our Elders, Chiefs, delegates, Board members, staff and guests and thank you to the community of Sandy Lake First Nation for hosting the 2009 Annual Chiefs Meeting. Your hospitality is greatly appreciated.

I am pleased to highlight the activities and progress of Mamow-Sha-way-gi-kay-win: North South Partnership for Children for 2008-2009. First, I must acknowledge the efforts of every individual that have contributed to the Partnership organization and continue to be involved in the success of the organization. A tremendous amount of work and energy has been put into ensuring that the North-South Partnership stay committed to the original mandate and values directed from past Chief's forums. We promise to utilize the gifts given to us and honor the original spirit and intent of Mamow-Shay-way-gi-kay-win.

The organization continues to evolve. We have an active Governance Circle consisting of 11 directors (six from the North and five from the South). Recommended for your approval is the new General Operating Bylaw No 1A which reflects the desired provisions for a majority of the board to be comprised of Northern directors and provision for the holding of meetings in the North. By doing this, it provides the necessary comfort that the "*mind and management*" of Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win lies in the North. An application for Charitable Status has been completed for your consideration.

One of the big highlights of the year was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between Tikinagan Child and Family Services and Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win. This agreement outlines the relationship and administrative functions between the two organizations. The agreement also sets out mutual commitments to continue to work together successfully. The Partnership thanks Elders, Board and Senior Management of Tikinagan for their ongoing commitment and support.

The Partnership now has staff to manage the day-to-day operations and I thank them for their ongoing commitment and hard work. We have also leased office space in downtown Toronto, 75 Front Street East and continue to operate in Sioux Lookout as well, 60 ½ Front Street. Since early 2009, the Governance Circle and staff have developed and approved a comprehensive workplan for the organization. This workplan will assist in the ongoing Partnership development as we grow and become independent. It also outlines the many tasks and projects that still require completion. There have been a tremendous number of accomplishments related to the technical aspects of organizational development and again I wish to thank the people who assisted in making this a successful developmental year for Mamow-Sha-way-gi-kay-win. These efforts are made possible by the generosity of many volunteers. Feed the Children Canada and Wasaya Airways continue to provide their services to deliver food and other donations to every community we serve. Meegwetch!

The ongoing commitment and approval of funding made by The Atkinson Charitable Foundation, The Ontario Trillium Foundation and the Provincial Centre of Excellence for Child and Youth Mental Health at CHEO have made it possible for the organization to move forward. These resources have allowed for the necessary time and effort to set up the day-to-day administration, operations and structure of Mamow-Sha-way-gi-kay-win. The financial commitments also allow us the unique opportunity to participate in a series of "Visioning Sessions" that bring together members, volunteers and friends to engage in the ongoing organizational development and future planning. Most importantly, the intent of these workshops is to reinforce commitments and foster sustained relationships.

A tremendous amount of energy and determination for success continues to be the driving force for Mamow-Sha-way-gi-kay-win. I look forward to a brighter future for our children and families.

There are not enough words that can express my gratitude for all the efforts of so many wonderful people who continue to work together and share our dreams for one great cause. Our Children!

## 2008 Chiefs Resolution



**WHEREAS** the *Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win: The North-South Partnership for Children* is a developing partnership that represents the coming together of First Nation Chiefs, Elders, youth and community members living in remote communities in north western Ontario and caring individuals and voluntary organizations based in 'southern' Ontario; and

**WHEREAS** the Partnership is attempting to expand the circle of help and hope and effectively address the challenges and support the aspirations of First Nation communities in north western Ontario for their children, youth and families; and

**WHEREAS** the intent is to work together in a partnership that includes and follows the lead of First Nations voices to build a network of caring relationships.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chiefs in Assembly continues to support the goals and efforts of *Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win* and approves Tikinagan's continued involvement in this partnership.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the following chiefs be appointed to represent the interest of area First Nations on the *Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win* Board of Directors:

Chief Donny Morris  
Chief Connie Gray-McKay  
Chief Scott Jacob  
Chief Adam Fiddler

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the above chiefs also be given a mandate to advise Tikinagan Child and Family Services on Mamow Oshki Pimagihowin Prevention Program and on those children from the Tikinagan area that are involved in the child welfare system in the City of Thunder Bay.

**DATED** at Kasabonika Lake First Nation, Ontario this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008.

**MOVED BY:** CHIEF RITA THOMPSON  
North Spirit Lake First Nation

**SECONDED BY:** CHIEF CLIFFORD BULL  
Lac Seul First Nation

**AGAINST:** - 0 -

**ABSTENTIONS:** - 0 -

**CARRIED BY CONSENSUS**

  
Harvey Kakegamc, Chairperson

  
Ron Angecone, Secretary/Treasurer

# Governance & Structure



The Governance structure is built to cultivate sustaining relationships. It consists of two co-chairs, one from the north and one from the south, six northern First Nation representatives and five southern representatives.

## Governance Circle

### Chief Donny Morris

Co-Chair  
Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug

### Judy Finlay

Professor, Ryerson University  
Co-Chair

### Chief Connie Gray-McKay

Secretary  
Mishkeegogamang First Nation

### Honourable Landon Person

Landon Pearson Resource Centre  
for The Study of Childhood and  
Children's Rights

### Chief Adam Fiddler

Sandy Lake First Nation

### Lisa Wolf

UNICEF Canada

### Harvey Kakegamic

Sandy Lake First Nation

### Keith Zehr

Creighton Youth Services

### Chief Gordon Anderson

Kasabonika Lake First Nation

### Marty Molengraaf

Treasurer  
Duff's Presbyterian Church

### Felicia Sagutch

Eabametoong First Nation

## Staffing

- Executive Director – Micheal Hardy
- Executive Assistant - Betty-Lou Scholey
- Northern Coordinator - Linda Nothing-Chaplin

# Governance & Structure cont'd



## Partners

The relationship forged between 30 remote northern First Nations communities and over 100 southern individuals and organizations is truly unique. This relationship is built on respect, meaningful knowledge exchange and a “giving back with no expectation of a return”. The ongoing nurturing of this relationship is foundational to the success of the organization.

## 30 First Nations

Aroland First Nation; Bearskin Lake First Nation; Cat Lake First Nation; Deer Lake First Nation; Eabametoong First Nation; Fort Severn First Nation; Kasabonika Lake First Nation; Keewaywin First Nation; Kingfisher Lake First Nation; Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug; Koocheching First Nation; Lac Seul First Nation; McDowell Lake First Nation; Marten Falls First Nation; Mishkeegogamang First Nation; Muskrat Dam First Nation; Neskantaga First Nation; Nibinamik First Nation; North Spirit Lake First Nation; Pikangikum First Nation; Poplar Hill First Nation; Sachigo Lake First Nation; Sandy Lake First Nation; Saugeen First Nation; Slate Falls First Nation; Wapekeka First Nation; Wawakapewin First Nation; Weagamow First Nation; Webequie First Nation; Wunnumin Lake First Nation

## Other Partners



Centre of Excellence for Child & Youth Mental Health at Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario

Christian Horizons; Family and Children's Services of Guelph & Wellington County; Kinark Child & Family Services; Laidlaw Foundation; Duff's Presbyterian Church; Ocular Health Centres; Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies; Rotary District 7040; Ryerson University; Lakehead University, University of Toronto; University of Western Ontario; UNICEF Canada; Voices for Children; Between Friends; Senator Landon Pearson; Centre of Excellence for Youth Engagement and others.

## Governance & Structure cont'd



### By-Law

The Governance Circle has approved By-Law No. 1A. This By-Law reflects the current general operating requirement of the organization. It also provides the desired provisions for a majority of the board be comprised of Northern Directors and a provision for the holding of meetings in the North.

The "By-Law" Working Group will continue to review and develop an appropriate By-law that fit the visions, goals and objectives of Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win with a view to present a new By-Law at the next Chiefs Assembly in 2010.

### Charitable Application

Until Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win obtains its own Charitable Registration Number, Tikinagan Child & Family Services will continue to host the financial & administration of the Partnership as well as its signed contacts.

### Visioning

Mamow-Sha-way-gi-kay-win: North-South Partnership for Children has undertaken a number of 'visioning' sessions over the past few months with representatives of the northern and southern partners and other invited participants. These sessions are intended to provide an opportunity to develop a shared understanding of where the partners want the organization to go over the next 5, 10 years and beyond, and to clarify the mission, values, goals and objectives of Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win. Two sessions have been held already in Toronto. An overview of these two sessions will be presented at the workshop. Participants will be updated on the work and mandate of the Partnership and will be invited to contribute their ideas about what the organization should accomplish in the next 5-10 years and beyond.

During this process, a primary concern for Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win was to ensure that the northern voices were heard and that the environment of sharing allowed an opportunity for true dialogue and sharing without concern for judgment or bias.

# Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win 2008/2009 Highlights



## Projects to Date

Five “Mamow Na-nan-da-we-ki-ken-chi-kay-win: Searching Together” reports have been produced in the past year. We are pleased to announce the Pikangikum Searching Together report was completed and published on May 28, 2009. The report is available to everyone on our website.



Four other reports have been completed for Bearskin Lake First Nation, Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug, Kasabonika Lake First Nation and North Spirit Lake First Nation. All “Searching Together” reports are available on our website.



Congratulations to all our First Nation communities that participated in the Searching Together dialogues and Meegwetch to the teams that conducted the intense processes.

Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win has successfully aligned two communities to work together. Webequie First Nation and Guelph have become twinned communities looking at bringing resources to Webequie. Guelph Friends of Tikinagan and Duff's Presbyterian Church along with many volunteers traveled to Webequie First Nation to conduct housing repairs, music programs and other activities. The “twinning” is a successful action which was an outcome of the Searching Together report.

## Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win 2008/2009 Highlights cont'd



### Donations

Various northern First Nation communities are providing Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win with a community "Wish List" which are available on our website. We hope this will generate interest from individuals and organizations in providing a particular community with their specific requests. For more information on donations please visit our website [www.northsouthpartnership.com](http://www.northsouthpartnership.com).

Feed the Children Canada continues to bring truckloads of goods and groceries on a quarterly basis to our warehouse in Pickle Lake. The items are then divided into 30 pallets to go into each of our communities.

Wasaya Airways provides a much needed service by transporting our donated items to the communities. Wasaya Airlines also donates warehouse space to house these donations.

We continue to receive items and money from generous people from across the country and even from overseas who are interested in helping. Some donations are given to specific areas or communities. We try to meet these requests in a timely manner.

Scholastics Canada has joined the capacity building effort by initiating a donation of school books to Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win First Nations. The initial shipment of books will go to about twelve communities first and a second shipment will begin after that.



## Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win 2008/2009 Highlights cont'd



### Youth Engagement

During the week of June 14, 2009, Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win recruited three new members to the Youth Engagement Working Group; Councillor Darryl Sainnawap, Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug as Northern Co-Chair and Pytor Hodgson, Toronto, as the Southern Co-Chair. Other Working Group members are Howard Elijah Sugarhead, Nibinamik First Nation and Pamela Beardy, Weagamow First Nation. Pytor Hodgson visited six communities as his introduction to northern Ontario First Nations. The Youth Engagement Working Group will ensure a plan for ongoing participation and a youth voice is heard at Partnership meetings/events etc.

### Community Visits - Northern Tours

Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win organized a First Nations visit/tour the week of June 14, 2009 as part of its awareness and education campaign for Southern Partners. The team visited six First Nations; Fort Severn, Fort Hope, Nibinamik, Weagamow, Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug and Mishkeegogamang. We were well received by all communities along with their Band Council. Those able to travel north were; the Honourable Landon Pearson, Judy Finlay, Marty Molengraaf, Ron Kyle, Pytor Hodgson, Amanda Montague, Jaclyn Buckley, Sherry Prenevost and Linda Nothing-Chaplin. These visits are considered to have the most impact in learning the conditions on First Nations communities. Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win will continue to provide this avenue of learning for our southern partners.

### Volunteer Initiatives

Paul Burstyn of Christian Horizons and a group of volunteers traveled to Mishkeegogamang on August 2, 2008 for two weeks in order to provide housing renovations to the community. The group spent the first week helping build a stage for "homecoming week". The team spent the following week repairing homes which included; replacing windows, unsafe stoves and chimneys, floor joists and levelling homes. They also repaired a church steeple to prevent leaks and water damage as well as replacing the stove and chimney. A fresh coat of paint was applied to the church and now looks brand new!

The week of August 12, 2008, a group of volunteers from Guelph, Kitchener, and Puslinch Township went to Webequie First Nation for two reasons; to develop friendships and provide housing renovation support to the community.

## Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win 2008/2009 Highlights cont'd



### Volunteer Initiatives cont'd

The funding for this initiative was raised by the people of Puslinch Township through Duff's Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian Church of Canada and the Heaman Family Foundation. Volunteers kindly paid for their own travels & accommodations.

The group included our Governance Circle member, Marty Molengraaf, who along with the team built nine landing and steps for homes and wheel chair ramps for Elders. These volunteers hosted a barbeque for the community. The funding for this initiative was raised by the people of Puslinch Township through Duff's Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian Church of Canada and the Heaman Family Foundation. Volunteers kindly paid for their own travels & accommodations.

Another team traveled to Sandy Lake First Nation the week of November 5, 2008, to respond to a need to winterize homes for the coming winter. The first priority for this group was to build friendships in the community as well as an education into the living conditions in the north. Homes were winterized by wrapping them in plastic to help keep the cold out.

A Southern Partner, Richard Prupas secured funding for traveling to Winnipeg through Amex. Harvey Kakegamic arranged travels to Sandy Lake and return to Winnipeg with Perimeter Airlines. Sandy Lake First Nation provided meals to the team in appreciation for the work being done. This project was a success. Long lasting relationships were built while at the same time community members enjoyed warmer homes!



***Mamow Sha-way-gi-kay-win would like to acknowledge Ogilvy Renault for volunteering their extensive work, commitment and legal expertise to the Partnership.***

# Financial Reporting



## Condensed Financial Statement For the year ending March 31, 2009

	2008/09	2007/08*
<b>Revenue</b>		
Contributions	\$303,478	\$94,621
Interest	\$2,994	\$909.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$306,472</b>	<b>\$95,530.</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Children's Needs	\$17,132	\$48,400
Travel	\$88,408	\$40,459
Salaries	\$13,430	
Benefits	\$947	
Other	\$510	\$210
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$120,427</b>	<b>\$89,069</b>
<b>Results for Year</b>	<b>+\$186,045</b>	<b>+\$6,461</b>
Opening Balance	\$117,641	18,749
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>\$303,686</b>	<b>\$25,210</b>



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