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STATUS OF WOMEN HOST EVENTS RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

YELLOWKNIFE - The Status of Women Council of the Celebrating Northern Women: A Century of Achievement Conference at the Explorer Hotel March 7-9, 2011. During the conference there will be several events we would like to invite the media and public to attend and show their support for northern women. Parts of conference will also be broadcasted live at www.rabble.ca for those that are not able to make the event.

The first event will be a cultural night on March 7th at 7:00pm-9:00pm. There will be a small art exhibition while local musicians perform representing various cultures. This event will be to showcase the talents of women artists in the north. We encourage you to dress in your traditional clothing so that all cultures may be celebrated.

The second event is the annual Wise Women Awards. Traditionally held at the legislative building this year it will be held as part of the conference at the Explorer Hotel. Lunch will be provided as we honour the outstanding women in the five regions of the NWT. The winners of the 2011 Wise Women Awards are:

North Slave, Lena Pederson; Mackenzie-Delta, Ann Kasook; Sahtu, Allison Dejong; South Slave, Alizette Lockhart; and Deh cho, Sylvia Nadli.

The Status of Women Council has been distributing this award since 1992. Wise Women recipients are role models who demonstrate wisdom, perseverance and dedication while standing up for women, children and families in our communities. They strive to make the North a better place to live, work and raise a family.

The awards will be presented during a Bread and Roses on March 8th from 12:00 noon -1:00 pm. The ceremony is open to the public.

The third event is a city gathering to watch fireworks in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of International Women's Day. Hot chocolate will be served by city hall and the show will start at 7:30pm.

On March 9th for our last event, we are inviting the public to the movies. "Rosies of the North" will be playing at the Capital Movie Theatre at 7:00pm. We will be showcasing a few of the recommendations that came from the conference prior to the screening of the movie.

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