Miramichi in the midst of a storm

In Brief...

- About 50 people from various communities in southern New Brunswick rallied on the front lawn of the police station in the town of Sussex on Nov. 8. Norton residents blocked a road to stop a company from testing for natural gas in their area. Corn Hill residents have expressed their opposition to fracking for shale gas in their area. Fracking uses large amounts of water and over 506 chemicals, many of which are known carcinogens.
- Over 100 students rallied in solidarity with transgendered people at St. Thomas University in Fredericton on Nov. 25. Rally participants were asked to support Bill C-389 that would add legal protection for transgendered Canadians.
- Students involved with Coke-Free Mount Allison in Sackville are protesting what they call campus censorship for their criticism of Coke. They accuse a Coke employee of tearing down posters that were advertising a documentary screening which depicted Coke’s human rights violations and the involvement in murders of unionists at their facilities in Colombia.
- The Canadian government gave qualified endorsement to the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People. On Nov. 12 leaving the U.S. as the only country refusing to endorse the international human rights document that was more than 20 years in the making, critics worry that the Canadian government will limit application of the declaration.
- Canadian CEO salaries soared 44% from 1995 to 2007. In 2007, Canada’s top 10 CEOs made $330.3 million, up from $60.7 million in 1995.
- The Canadian government has told the Native Women’s Association of Canada that their successful Sistas in Spirit initiative will wind down because it’s focused on Canada’s missing and murdered Aboriginal women - needs to change its name to “From Evidence to Action,” the department said. It also announced the organization’s database of missing and murdered Aboriginal women’s decision to extend the mandate.
- Canadians organizing the country’s first Boat to Gaza have raised a third of their $300,000 budget, and plan to launch their Freedom Flotilla in solidarity activities crossed from Egypt into Israeli-blockaded Gaza on Oct. 21, bringing $50,000 in humanitarian aid in more than 100 cars and lorries.
- Under pressure from the US and NATO allies, Prime Minister Harper has decided that the Canadian military would remain in Afghanistan until 2014 to train the local army and provide a break for a promised troop withdrawal in 2011 and to hold votes in the House of Commons on this decision to extend the mandate.
- Almost 500 people, many of them homeless or poorly housed, blocked the entrance to a Canadian Air Force base in Trenton, Ont. to protest against the participation of the Canadian Armed Forces in the war in Afghanistan.

Community Calendar

For details and updated event listings, visit nbmediacoop.org. To list your event or to receive the community calendar by email once per week, email mitch@nbmediacoop.org.

Candlelight Vigil: National Day of Vigil and Action on Violence Against Women. Mon, Dec 6 at 6:30 p.m. at Fr. Dan Bohan Centre, 5 Fatima Ct., next to River Valley Town Hall. Following a candlelight vigil at the monument at Caseley Park, Organized by: December 6th Committee of the Moncton and District Labour Council. Contact: 859-0682.

Atlantic Canada Studies Seminars. 2010-2011. Each month an academic expert in one of the seven Atlantic provinces presents a seminar to introduce and discuss key issues affecting all Atlantica. This year’s series to provide research and discussion on Atlantic Canada. The series features presentations from scholars from several fields. Upcoming presentation: UNB French Professor Charalamb Chrit on Dec 7; UNB Labour Historian Bill Parenteau on Labour History on Jan 11. For more information, contact the New Brunswick Forest Industries, 1918-1939 on Jan 11.

AIDS NB 2011 Red Tie Affair. Sat, Feb 26, 2011 at 7pm, Veterans’ Club. The New Brunswick Convention Centre presents the 4th Annual Red Tie Affair with host Post St Peters. A donation of $30 for a Red Tie Affair ticket is requested to help be an elegant social evening of fine dining and entertainment. Following the menu and entertainment, guests will enjoy a gourmet meal and an evening of dancing with Pretty in Pink: That 80s Band. Tickets are available at Apex Stores, your community’s-info store or by calling 506-459-6250. Admission includes dinner, o’ranteau, o’ranteau, dessert and entertainment. Tickets to the dinner portion of the evening are $25. Contact: info@aidsnb.com or call (506) 456-7518.

Singing Solidarity: Voices of Maritime Artists. During the 1930s, in response to the Great Depression and the effects it became targets of the army in a genocidal war. In 1988, the Tatamagouche Centre worked with the Mi’kmaw Nation’s groups in Guatemala. This led to the formation in 1992 of the Breaking the Silence Network (BTS). BTS organizes and supports delegations, human rights ambassadors, your internships and fair trade relationships. All proceeds from sales of the CD will contribute to BTS to solidarity work with its Guatemalan partners. This CD is a combination of acoustic and spoken word pieces from Maritime artists. The CD, $20/each, is available at Fredericton at Conservatore Chrit (180 St. John St.), the Tatamagouche Centre (1690 Route 184, Tatamagouche), and Tyme and Taymoum. Check out film schedules at cinemapolitic.org.

Cinema Politica is a network of community and campus locals screening documentaries on issues that matter. In Fredericton, Cinema Politica screens films every Friday night at 7:00pm at the Tatamagouche Centre. The winter season runs from Sep 10 then it will return on January 7. Cinema Politica locals also screen in St. Andrews, Saint John and Taymouth. Check out film schedules at cinemapolitic.org.

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