In Brief...

- The parents of Ashley Smith are suing the government of Canada and calling for a federal inquiry into the death of their 13-year-old daughter in an Ontario federal prison in 2007. Smith, from Moncton, took her own life on June 17, 2007. The family is seeking to explore the conditions that contributed to her death.

- Indigenous leaders in New Brunswick are publicly resisting the potential sale of hydroelectric dams to Quebec. The leaders are concerned about the impacts on the environment and are urging government to consult on issues affecting their communities, including the potential for a bilateral agreement between the New Brunswick government and Quebec.

- The province of New Brunswick has introduced a bill to require pet stores to make sure that they are not selling pets from puppy mills. This bill is part of a broader government strategy to protect animal welfare and prevent the sale of potentially harmful pets. The legislation is expected to come into effect in the next fiscal year.

Community Calendar

Just a sampling of upcoming events! For a complete listing, please visit us online at rnbmedia.coop.org

To list your event in the community calendar, or to receive the community calendar by email once a week, email community@rnbmedia.coop.org

International Women's Day potluck - Celebrate International Women's Day in style on Saturday, March 7th, with a potluck and updates from groups in the city working on women's issues. The potluck will be held at Renaissance College at 811 Charlotte St. in Fredericton from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm. All welcome. Co-hosted by: NB Coalition for Pay Equity, Lump Project, SMU-UNB Women's Studies, and CUSO-VSO. Contact: 506-633-3451 or info@rnbmedia.coop.org

Celebrate International Women's Day - March 8 is a major holiday dedicated to celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women past, present, and future. Celebrate progress toward equality for women and their commitment to peace. The event will be held at the Delta Fredericton, 225 Water Street, Fredericton, on March 8th, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. For more information, please contact the organizers.

Save NB Power rally - Saturdays, March 20 from 11:59 am to 1:00 pm at the NB Legislature, Fredericton. This rally is being held in support of green energy and will focus on the need for a comprehensive plan to address the energy crisis in the province. For more information, visit the organizers' website.

Music for Change - The Fredericton Sexual Assault Centre and Chimo Habitat are hosting a musical competition Friday, March 27, at the Central Pub, 99 George Street, Fredericton. Registration is now open, and the deadline for submissions is April 15. For more information, please contact info@musicforchange.com or 506-647-5555.

The Importance of Bess in this Place - A Maritime Workshop with Bessie L. Beale and the Beale Group - March 1st at 10:00 am at the University of New Brunswick, Fredericton. This workshop will discuss the role of the Beales in the development of the Maritimes. Contact: 506-643-4230 or info@bessielbeale.com

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The People's Commission Network's Project Fly Home campaign, including the Fredericton Peace Coalition, the Canadian Union of Postal Workers, and the National Union of Public Interest Research Groups, launched a six-month campaign to remove Abdousal Abdesaqua from the UK. The campaign, which is called the "Campaign for the Freedom of Abdousal Abdesaqua," is calling for the immediate release of the Canadian citizen who has been detained and imprisoned in Sudan for six years. The campaign is organizing a series of events in Fredericton to raise awareness about his case and to put pressure on the government to act. For more information, visit the website: www.campaignforfreedom.co.uk