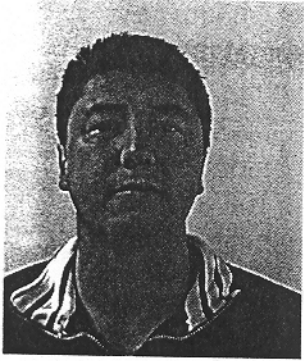




## RESEARCH



Paul J. Prosper  
*Research Director*

Research has again been active in conducting specific claims research on behalf of its member communities. Discussions with government indicated that they are prepared to negotiate one of these claims. However, the outstanding issue that has been placed on the Mi'kmaq, is that of resolving the beneficiaries issue.

In response to this challenge, CMM has commenced a joint research initiative with the TARR Center titled the Nova Scotia Beneficiaries Project to conduct research on a number of topics relevant to resolving the beneficiaries issue. As well, a communications strategy has been drafted to ensure all parties are properly informed on the topic.

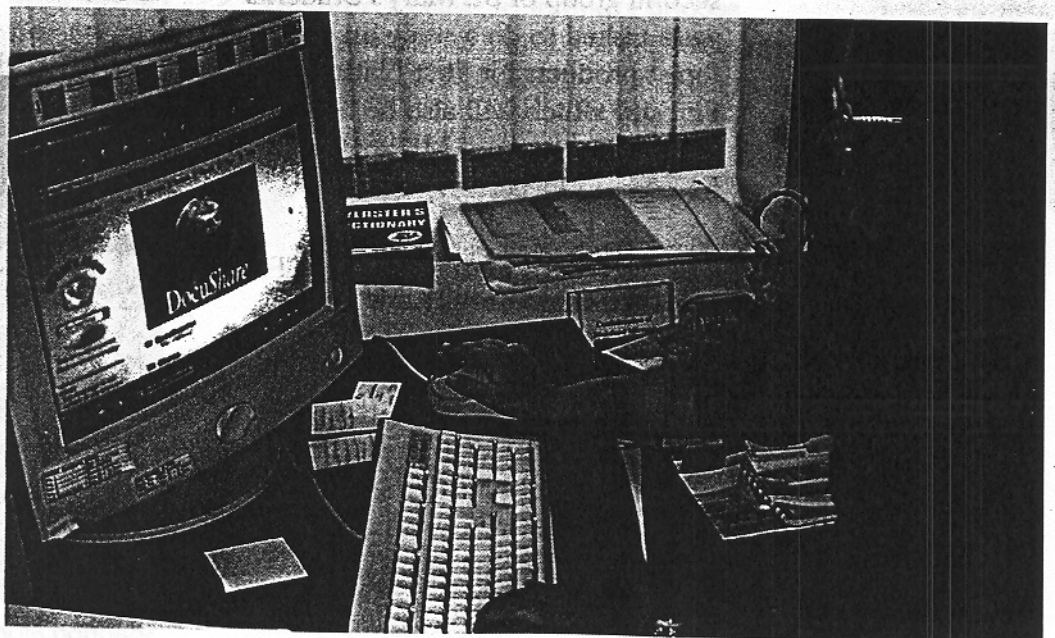
In the near future, Project staff will be meeting with member bands to discuss this issue and listen to the concerns within each of the Mi'kmaq commu-

nities. It is anticipated that a resolution on this issue within one specific claim can lead to more certainty on other specific claims in the future.

CMM continues to participate as Co-manager of the Aboriginal Title Project (including the Traditional Use Study) by providing advisory and management service to this initiative.

Research staff also provided support services to numerous requests for historical information from schools, researchers and the public and prepared the presentations and information kits for the Cross Cultural Training sessions.

DocuShare software was installed which will eventually archive and inventory all historical documents held at CMM providing easier access and security for the holdings.



CMM Assistant Research Director Mary Jane Johnson, demonstrates DocuShare, CMM's new archival tool.



## TECHNICAL SERVICES



**Harvey Doane**  
*Director of  
Technical Services*

Technical Services continued to provide advisory services to assist communities to develop and manage their capital assets and community infrastructure.

Central water supplies at Afton, Annapolis Valley and Pictou Landing have required considerable attention as both quantity and quality have been problematic. Technical Services in cooperation with Health Canada, has been instrumental in helping these communities assess and remediate these problems.

Technical Services assisted Strait Engineering in project managing a new sewage treatment plant for Afton. The project, mainly constructed by local forces, is of the latest design and is an excellent example of the quality of workmanship provided by the Afton workforce.

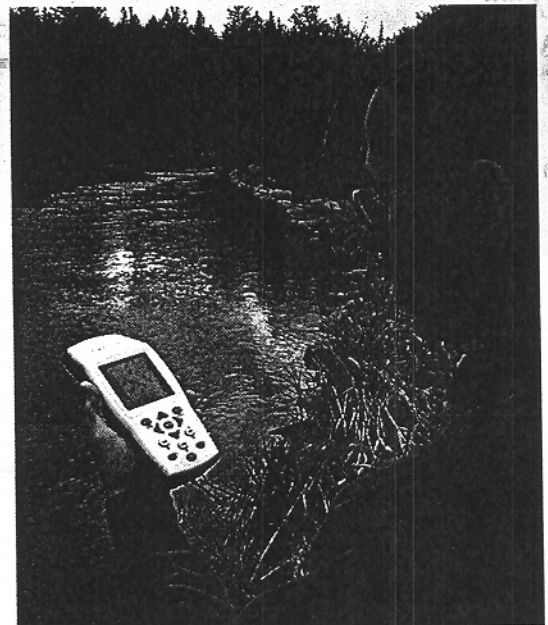
ACRS (Asset Condition Reporting System) was completed once again by Technical Services and 14 detailed reports generated for communities to guide maintenance of capital assets. ACRS is completed for all 13 First Nations and involves inspection and documentation of over 400 assets.

The implementation of Maintenance Management Systems for member bands began. This is a computer-based system which assists in the

planning, scheduling, monitoring and costing of all maintenance requirements for community infrastructure and capital assets. By the end of the 2001-2002, all CMM member bands will have this system implemented. This valuable "tool" will identify maintenance requirements which may be underfunded and provide the base data from which maintenance budgets may be negotiated.

Technical Services Staff have acquired a Global Positioning System (GPS) and training to utilize this new technology. This equipment will enable staff to identify a variety of community attributes and input data onto a map fabric utilizing the GIS system.

CMM was fortunate to have the professional expertise of the Technical Services staff to guide the planning and construction of the new expansion to the main office.



*John Gloade becomes familiar with Tech Services' new global positioning system (GPS).*



# CORPORATE REPORTS

## MAINLAND MI'KMAQ DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION



Brenda Tracey  
MHG Manager

Under the umbrella of the Mainland Mi'kmaq Development Corporation, the Mi'kmaq Heritage Gallery operated a retail outlet at the Halifax International Airport.

As well, retail sales were complemented by consignment agreements, at Fisherman's Cove and Mastodon Ridge.

A small retail display was developed at the main entrance of the CMM office which generated notable sales at minimal cost to the Gallery.

The Micmac Heritage Gallery continues to face the challenges of a positive bottom line and an inconsistent supply of products. To expand the product

line and guarantee supply, several manufactured gift items were test-marketed and have proven profitable: soaps, traveler crib games, hats, T-shirts, etc. All manufactured items reflect a cultural connection through design, message, etc.

Discussion began between the Micmac Heritage Gallery and First Nations Forestry to identify saleable products which may be produced from materials harvested from the Pictou Landing certified forest.

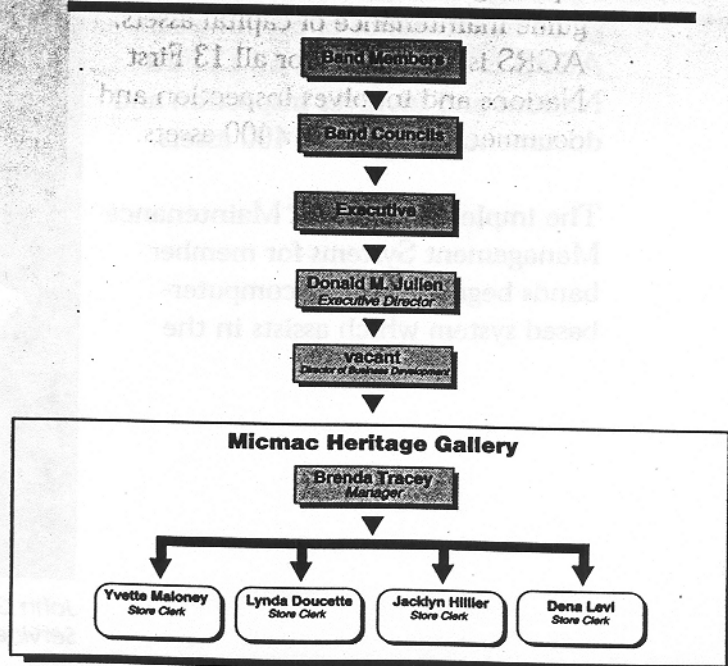
Emphasis on wholesale, consignment sales and exploration of E-commerce are in the plans for the future.

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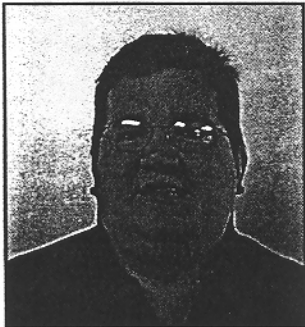
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**MI'KMAQ-  
MALISEET  
NATIONS NEWS  
& EASTERN  
WOODLAND PUB-  
LISHING**



**Tim Bernard**  
*Editor / Manager*

Eastern Woodland Publishing and the Mi'kmaq Maliseet Nations News have completed their first year of full operation. With a complement of five full-time staff members, a fully operational office space and several years experience, EWP and MMNN are near the break-even point.

The companies have grown and matured as a satisfied and solid client base has developed. EWP made in-roads in the desktop publishing industry designing very professional and high quality pre-press design and artwork. Mi'kmaq organizations, a few Federal government agencies as well as private industry make up the core of EWP's clientele as the company continues to promote itself.

November 2000 saw the Mi'kmaq Maliseet Nations News celebrate its tenth anniversary. This past fiscal period, MMNN reached its projected budget numbers in advertising and sales. To ensure continued service to its customers, MMNN developed a survey for general circulation to encourage feedback from clients and readers. Results will be in early in 2001.

An efficiency audit was conducted through an auditing firm to analyze the operation of the companies and suggest ways for improvement. Through the management and staff, the report will be reviewed and implemented over the course of the next two fiscal periods to help run a highly successful and rapidly growing operation.

	1994	1999	2000	2001
Staff	1	4	5	5
Revenue	18,000	278,000	397,000	389,000
Subscriptions	250	1300	1731	1898
Publishing Profits	0	112	125	139

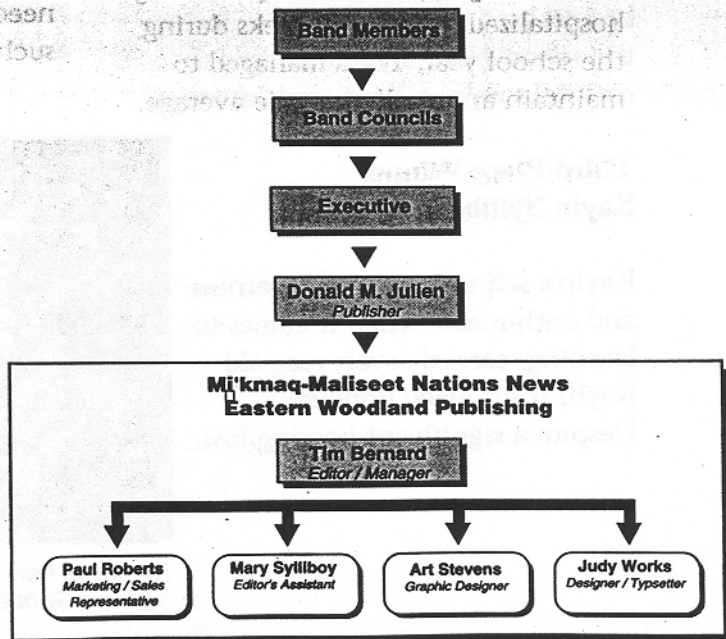
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**SAMMY  
GEHUE  
TRUST  
FUND**

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The first Sammy Gehue Grade 12 scholarship of \$750 was awarded this year to Nastasya Kennedy from the Annapolis Valley First Nation.

The Sammy Gehue Achievement Awards were presented this year to:

**First Place Winner  
Trevor Isadore, Wagmatcook**

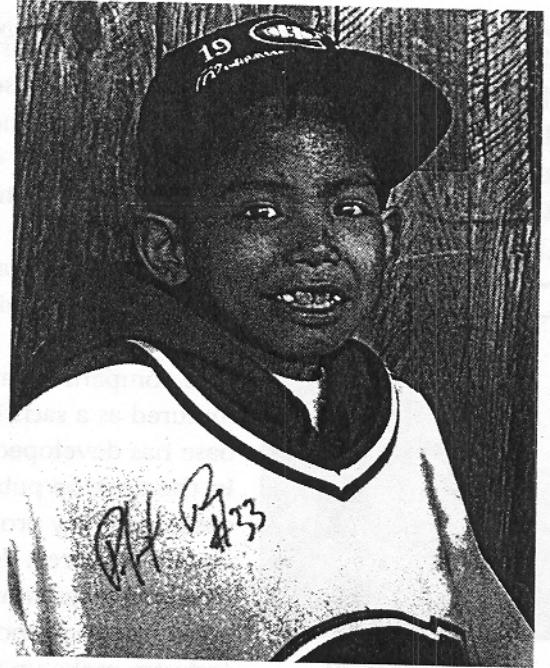
Twelve year old Trevor Isadore received third degree burns to over 75% of his body when he was involved in a serious accident related to an outdoor bonfire in May of 1999. His strong will and don't quit attitude helped him endure five months of intensive physiotherapy at the IWK burn unit. By October 1999 Trevor returned home to Wagmatcook and is still recovering.

**Second Place Winner  
Teesa Sylliboy, Indian Brook**

Teesa was diagnosed with a serious illness called Ulcerative Colitis, an inflammation of the colon that she will never grow out of. Despite being hospitalized for several weeks during the school year, Teesa managed to maintain an excellent grade average.

**Third Place Winner  
Kayln Sylliboy, Millbrook**

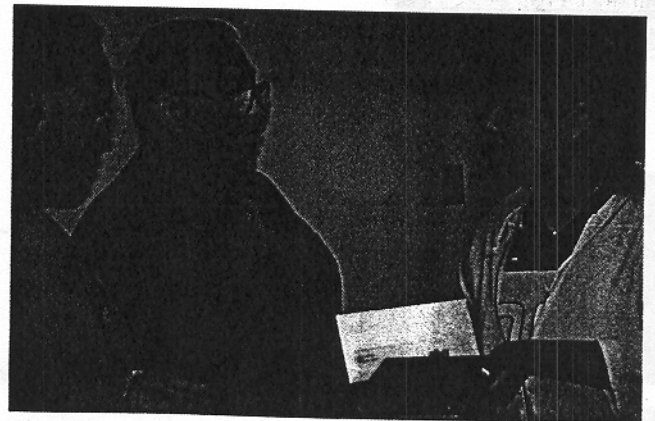
Kayln's self motivation, eagerness and enthusiasm when it comes to learning, earned seven year old Kayln third place honours. Despite a significant hearing loss,



*Sammy, a Mi'kmaq from Indian Brook, NS, was diagnosed soon after birth with a rare incurable blood disease called Franconi's Anemia. He died at the tender age of nine after a long battle with his illness.*

Kayln performed exceptionally well in her academics and was deemed by her teacher as having a cooperative spirit.

The Annual Sammy Gehue Achievement Awards are given to the young people who best exemplify the strength and determination that is needed to overcome a disadvantage such as Sammy exhibited.



*Nastasya Kennedy (Right) was awarded the first Sammy Gehue Grade 12 Scholarship.*



## COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION

**Committees  
CMM Staff  
served on  
in 1999/2000**

- Aboriginal Sports Circle
- Aboriginal Title Project
- AFN Developing Housing Delivery Models Sub-Committee
- AFN Housing Task Force
- Annapolis Valley Regional School Board (Race Relations, Cross Cultural Understanding and Human Rights Working Groups)
- APC Chief Assemblies
- APC Housing Liaison Committee
- APC Treaty Committee
- Assembly of Nova Scotia Chiefs
- Atlantic AIDS Task Force
- Beneficiaries Project
- Canada Model Forest Program
- Central Nova Tourism Association (CNTA)
- CMM Education Advisory Committee
- Committee for EHO Devolution
- Council on Mi'kmaq Education
- Dalhousie University Anti-Racism Committee
- Dalhousie University Coordinating Committee
- Dalhousie University Indigenous Blacks & Micmacs Law Programme
- Dalhousie University Student Resource Committee
- Economic Development Officers Network (EDON)
- Environmental Partnerships Liaison Committee
- Forest Stewardship Council
- Indian & Inuit Health Careers Steering Committee
- Joint Environmental Health Monitoring Committee
- Management Committee - Centre of Excellence
- Mi'kmaq-Maliseet Nations News Business Committee
- Mi'kmaq/MNEP Advisory Council
- Mi'kmaq Sports & Recreation Circle
- Mi'kmaq Student Foundation Committee
- Mi'kmaw Kina'matenewey Working Groups
- MOU Environmental Committee
- MSB/First Nation Health Advisory Board
- National Aboriginal Forestry Association (NAFA)
- North American Aboriginal Games
- Nova Forest Alliance
- Nova Scotia Natural Resource Management Board
- Police Review Board
- RCMP Advisory Committee
- Regional Environmental Health Transfer Committee
- Sable Environmental Effects Monitoring Advisory Group (SEEMAG)
- Sable Negotiations Technical Team
- Specific Claims Beneficiary Working Group
- St. Francis Xavier University Student Support Committee
- St. Mary's University Mi'kmaq History Month Planning Committee
- Task Force on Mi'kmaq Education
- Taxation Working Group
- Tourism Industry Association of Nova Scotia (TIANS)
- Traditional Use Study
- Treaty Day Committee
- Tripartite - Officials, All Working Committees



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