Lubicon Land-Claims Still Unsettled!

Friday, November 7 2003 — 7PM

FREE admission
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Public Gathering

Scarboro United Church
134 Scarboro Avenue SW

With
M.C.: Community Activist Donna MacPhee
Opening Ceremony: Elder Doreen Spence
Speaker: Kevin Thomas, an advisor to the Chief and Council of the Lubicon Lake Indian Nation and currently serves as a negotiator in formal talks with the Canadian Government regarding Lubicon land rights.

Dessert, Coffee and Tea, Print Raffle, Poster Sale, Letter Writing

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It's been fifteen years since the Lubicon Lake Indian Nation Blockade

Bypassed in the 1899 treaty making process in northern Alberta, the Lubicon Nation first approached the federal government in 1939 for a reserve. The war intervened, oil and gas was discovered on traditional Lubicon hunting and gathering lands and oil and gas development destroyed the traditional economy by the mid–late 1980's.

In October 1988 the Lubicon blockaded their land and subsequently intense land claim negotiations began with the provincial and federal governments. These failed to produce a just settlement.

In 1993 Prime Minister Jean Chrétien promised to "support the swift resolution of all claims, and consider the Lubicon claim to be a priority."

In 2003 the Lubicon are close to a settlement of their claim, including a comprehensive economic development package that would enable the community to once again become a self–sustaining one. Time is running out, however, and we must ensure that a settlement doesn't slip away.