

WAYNE HELGASON

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Wayne Helgason is currently the Executive Director of the very active and ever-expanding Social Planning Council of Winnipeg, a position he has held for eight years. One of his goals for SPC is to broaden its partnership base among its many stakeholders. Action-oriented research and support for community groups are key priorities.

Mr. Helgason's other involvements include:

- ? **Canadian Health Network (CHN)** - Advisory Board of Directors (1999 to present);
- ? **Canadian Science Centre for Human and Animal Health (Virology Lab)** - Community Liaison Committee (1999 to present);
- ? **Aboriginal Council of Winnipeg** - President (2000 to present)
- ? **Aboriginal Centre of Winnipeg** - Charter Chair Person & Executive Member (1989 to present);
- ? **Centre for Aboriginal Human Resource Development** - Vice President (1996 to present);
- ? **Joint Accord Table - Voluntary Sector Initiative** - (2001 to present);
- ? **Mayor's Committee on Aboriginal Issues** - (1999 to 2001);
- ? **Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work (C.A.S.S.W.)** - National Sector Study on the Social Work Profession - Advisory Board Member (1998 to 2000);
- ? **National Association of Friendship Centres** - President (Three Terms, 1993-1999);
- ? **Centre for Integrated Learning** - Faculty member with John McKnight, Jack Pearpoint and Marsha Forrest - Toronto, Ontario;
- ? **Centre of Excellence for Child and Youth Centred Prairie Communities** - Management Committee Member (2001 to present);
- ? **Social Justice Research Award 2000** - Recipient, for the Social Planning Council publication entitled: "***The Manitoba 1999 Child Poverty Report Card, An Agenda for Action,***" sponsored by the University of Manitoba and the Jesuit Centre for Catholic Studies (March, 2000);
- ? **North American Indigenous Games** - Board of Directors (Appointed in 2001);
- ? **United Way of Canada** - Board of Directors (Appointed in 2001); Vice Chair Prairie Region (Appointed March 2002);

In addition to lecturing locally on such varied topics as children at risk, poverty, employment and training, Aboriginal self-government, human rights and social security reform, Mr. Helgason has been a contract lecturer at the University of Toronto - Faculty of Preventative Medicine, Banff School of Management and the Canadian Centre for Management Development in Ottawa.

Mr. Helgason is also a contributor to:

- ? **The Canadian Council on Social Development's "Progress of Canada's Children"** (1998, 1999);
- ? **The Canadian Institute for Child Health "Health of Canada's Children"** - poverty chapter;
- ? **Urban Aboriginal Governance in Canada** - co-produced with the Law Commission of Canada.

Mr. Helgason is a graduate of Carlton University (1973) and has recently participated in a program at Harvard University, focused specifically on Aboriginal people.

Mr. Helgason is a band member of Sandy Bay First Nation and he and his family live in Winnipeg, Manitoba.