

Murdo Scribe Centre: IN the Community FOR the Community

Jurisdiction: Manitoba

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Level: Transitions

Theme: Transitions and linkages

Background:

The Departments of Education (MECY, AET) announced the opening of the Murdo Scribe Centre in June of 2005. Three branches of the departments (AED, ETS, PFC) are co-located in the centre and two other branches (Student Aid and Apprenticeship) take advantage of an itinerant office available there. The building is dedicated to the memory of Mr. Murdock Scribe, an Aboriginal Elder who made a significant contribution to the field of Aboriginal Education.

Development:

The renovation, culturally appropriate design and use of the building in the heart of the North End represents the Government of Manitoba's commitment, in a very tangible way, to the revitalization of this inner city neighbourhood – a beautiful storefront building with fifteen government employees who contribute to the neighbourhood through utilization of local stores, restaurants and services.

Evidence:

The Centre exemplifies a coordinated approach relative to the accessibility and delivery of government programs and services. Each individual branch at 510 Selkirk has a mandate to respond to and contribute to the organizations, schools and individuals in the core area and the citizens of Manitoba generally, most notably Aboriginal youth and their families. By working closely together, the departments are, ever-increasingly, looking for opportunities to:

- streamline government service delivery
- move from policy-based programming to a more interactive approach
- link to each others initiatives
- support secondary service providers in the inner city through outreach efforts
- co-ordinate a response to the needs so evident in the inner city.

Adaptability:

The Departments of Education share and promote a perspective on career development as one that is based on a lifelong learning model. The Departments share a mandate to inform and facilitate citizens' making choices and transitions from school to work, from work to school, from student to parent, from parent to student and so on. Using the fundamental principle of 'career' being a lifelong process, activities through the Murdo Scribe Centre are able to reach youth and families who will most benefit from this progressive and expansive view of 'career'.

Further Information:

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