

September 22, 2011

Dear Sir/Madame:

Re: Applications for Pardons

The Native Courtworkers wish to remind everyone eligible, to apply for Pardons as soon as possible. Pardons allow people with criminal convictions to have their criminal records kept aside from other peoples' criminal records provided they meet certain conditions. To see if you meet the conditions, you can visit the Parole Board of Canada website at <http://www.pbc-clcc.gc.ca/prdons/servic-eng.shtml> .

If you have a criminal record and you have been considering applying for a Pardon, **NOW IS THE TIME TO DO IT.** The Federal Government has given notice that it intends to raise the fees that people are going to have to pay to apply for a Pardon. The Federal Government wishes to raise the fee from \$150 to \$631 per application. That fee increase may come into effect very shortly. Secondly, the Federal government tabled legislation on September 20, 2011 which will limit the people who can apply for Pardons. Pardons will no longer be available for certain types of offences.

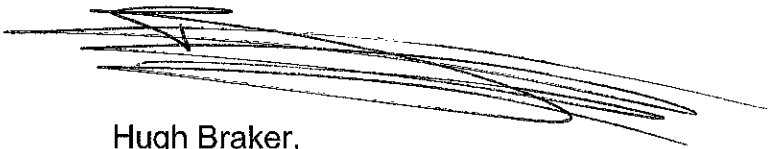
The Native Courtworkers are concerned that the new fees and the legislative changes will mean that some aboriginal people will no longer qualify for Pardons and also that very few aboriginal people will be able to afford to apply for a Pardon.

NOW is the time to apply for a Pardon. Do so as **SOON AS POSSIBLE.** For further information contact your local Native Courtworker.

Yours truly,

Native Courtworker and Counselling Association of B.C.

Per:



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