

## Submission to the Anishinabek News – October 2010 Issue

### Meaning behind design

Graphic artist and citizen of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation, Frank King was commissioned to design the first Ipperwash Inquiry Priorities and Action Committee (IIPAC) newsletter.

Much thought and vision went into the design of the IIPAC logo. Frank explains design details for the Anishinabek News.



**Blue and green:** From every direction – nations; cultures; communities; families or individuals – we all depend on a healthy environment to live or raise families. A partnership begins with respect and communication to identify mutual priorities. Respect and communication. That is what the colours blue and green represent.

**Deer tracks:** The stylized deer tracks stand for peaceful co-existence. The deer are honoured through this symbol as it represents all living things. It represents the voice that is not always heard, or understood. Human or non-human we exist in the gift of light, or sometimes a storm that disciplines and devastates; we can learn from peace or conflict.

**Leadership:** The small circles additional to the deer track icons represent leadership. The interchanging blue and green is the past and future; they signify understanding through seeing others points of view. This is essential for peaceful and just resolutions.

**Moving forward:** The larger circle symbolizes action and continuity. It is about balance and perception of history; it signifies working toward equal representation in all levels of government.

*The Ipperwash Inquiry Report was released in May 2007. The Union of Ontario Indians advocated since that time for the federal and provincial governments to partner with Ontario First Nations to implement the Report's recommendations. Through this effort, a joint implementation process with Ontario was formalized in September 2008.*

*The goal of the Union of Ontario Indians in its work to implement the Ipperwash Inquiry Report recommendations is to help build healthy relationships between Anishinabek First Nations, government and police services.*

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