

- **Gary Mailman** was elected Vice-Chair of the Board. He takes the place of **Karen Kinley**, who resigned from the Board in August to accept a position with the Legislative Council Office in Halifax.
- **Stephen Johnson** was appointed by the Board as Coordinator of Race Relations, Cross-Cultural Understanding and Human Right (RCH). Mr. Johnson brings 22 years of experience as a youth worker, community liaison, mental health review board member and teacher/trainer for various programs of the Nova Scotia government. Currently, he is a youth navigator for the western region of Nova Scotia, under the high profile Nova Scotia Child and Youth Strategy. Mr. Johnson will assume his new position with the Board on October 13, 2009.
- The Board approved its Annual Business Plan for 2009-2010. The plan outlines business goals for this school year, as well as accomplishments and achievements during the 2008-2009 school year. The plan is available on the Board's website on the School Board page.
- The Board received a report on an after-school program conducted last year at the Gold River-Western Shore Elementary School which was directed at students who were also members of the Acadia First Nations Community. The program ran from October to June on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, attracting between nine and 13 students to each session. The program dealt with nutrition, clean-up, home support and academic support. It was conducted by **Shirley Burris**, of the South Shore Schools Plus Program, and **Tom Thomson**, principal of the school. An evaluation of the program completed in June found that it was successful and it will be repeated this school year.
- **Nancy Pynch-Worthylake**, Superintendent of Schools, reported to the Board that the 2009-2010 school year got off to a smooth start, thanks to the efforts of Operations staff who worked hard during the summer to have schools ready to the students, and to Human Resources who worked closely with administrators to ensure hiring was complete.