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## **News Release: The Manitoba Human Rights Commission**

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### **National Human Rights Conference in Winnipeg**

From May 25 - May 28, 2003 the Manitoba Human Rights Commission will be hosting the 31<sup>st</sup> annual conference of the Canadian Association of Statutory Human Rights Agencies (CASHRA).

The Conference is called "Meeting at the Forks" and the theme is human rights issues facing Aboriginal people.

Conference workshops and keynote presentations will address such topics as "The Impact of the First Nation's Governance Act on Aboriginal Human Rights", "Perspectives from the North: Unique Challenges faced by Aboriginal Persons ", "Human Rights and the Metis Experience", and "Healing circles: Are they Applicable to Resolving Human Rights Disputes?"

The keynote speaker is Mr. Justice Murray Sinclair and the many presenters include Professor Connie Backhouse, Grand Chief Dennis Whitebird and Southern Grand Chief Margaret Swan.

The conference takes place at the Fort Garry Hotel.

CASHRA is a national organization of provincial, territorial and federal human rights commissions. Its annual convention is a highly valued opportunity for human rights practitioners, advocates, educators, union representatives, human resource professionals to exchange ideas and information.

For the complete agenda visit [www.cashra.ca](http://www.cashra.ca)

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