



SHARON DONNA MCIVOR

Sharon Donna McIvor has selflessly devoted her life to justice, equality and full participation for Aboriginal women. A member of the Lower Nicola First Nation in British Columbia, she is a lawyer and activist who has dedicated close to three decades of leadership to advancing equal rights. Recently, she helped challenge the *Indian Act*'s discrimination against Aboriginal women. Ms. McIvor was involved in founding the Court Challenges Program, fostering Aboriginal women and others in its use. As a prison reformer, she was involved with the Correctional Service of Canada in developing the Okimaw Ohci

Healing Lodge in Maple Creek, Saskatchewan — Canada's first and only correctional facility for Aboriginal women. Ms. McIvor has designed courses in Indigenous Studies and chaired two departments at the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology. She has played invaluable leadership roles in the Native Women's Association of Canada, the B.C. Native Women's Association, the Canadian Feminist Alliance for International Action, and the Women's Legal Education and Action Fund. Ms. McIvor lives in Merritt, British Columbia.