



**The Board of Regents of  
Athol Murray College of Notre Dame  
Present  
The Notre Dame**

**HUMANITARIAN AWARD**  
to  
**DR. OLIVE P. DICKASON**

**A scholar, historian and educator.  
She brought to life and wrote into history the important  
contributions made by aboriginal and Métis  
people in the development of Canada.**

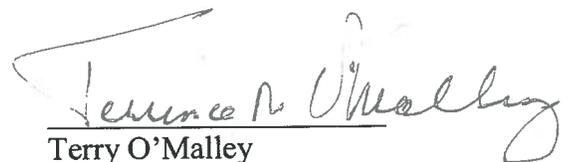
This presentation made in Wilcox, Saskatchewan  
May 21, 2004

In the presence of Dr. Olive Dickason and her friends and admirers.

It is with great pleasure that we affix the seal of  
Athol Murray College of Notre Dame  
And our signatures to this presentation.



Gerald Maier,  
Chairman, Board of Regents



Terry O'Malley  
President



May 24, 2004

Dr. Olive Dickason  
#808 – 500 Laurier Ave. W.  
Ottawa, ON  
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Dear Olive:

What a delightful weekend we had together with our "Hounds" and Debby and I. You are such a worthy recipient of the Humanitarian Award and further, a fine inspiration for our students and Alumni. All of that and such fun too. Thank you for honouring the College and our home with your presence on campus.

I hope your journey to Ottawa wasn't too tiring. Debby and I will be sure to send to you that wonderful book of Murray MacDonald's and the "nail file!!" That was something that you had to give over your nail file at the security entrance. At least you can take comfort in the fact that the authorities are thorough in their duty at airport gates. We will send along in the package a CD with the coverage of the humanitarian evening as well.

As we discussed, if it is at all possible, the College would love to have your books and personal papers for its library. I can see now the "*Dr. Olive P. Dickason First Nations Research Room*" and Jim Williams and I have even discussed where we would put the volumes in a specially built room at the entrance of the current Library. Jim has said he will add his Inuit carving collection to the room as well. The books themselves are a treasure, but, in my opinion, your story of becoming a scholar is equally as valuable to history and our students -- and your personal papers reveal that story.

The College would be responsible for the transportation of any materials and we would assist in the cost of providing you with help in sorting out your papers.

We will await your decision eagerly.

Debby sends her warmest personal regards as do I,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry O'Malley".

Terry O'Malley  
President



**A Message from Her Honour  
The Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan  
in Recognition of Dr. Olive P. Dickason  
Athol Murray College of Notre Dame  
Humanitarian Award Presentation  
May 21, 2004**

I am delighted to extend greetings on behalf of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada to everyone assembled in recognition of the extraordinary Dr. Olive P. Dickason.

Dr. Dickason's foundational research and writings have completed the Canadian story. Thanks to her work, our citizens can learn about the fascinating history of the First Nations and Métis, as well as their important contributions to our nation. Understanding our history is crucial to our national identity and unity. We owe a debt of gratitude to Dr. Dickason for her remarkable vision and commitment.

I offer sincere congratulations to Dr. Dickason upon receiving the Athol Murray College of Notre Dame Humanitarian Award. She is most deserving of this prestigious honour.

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Dr. L.M. Haverstock  
Lieutenant Governor  
Province of Saskatchewan



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LA GOUVERNEURE GÉNÉRALE

RIDEAU HALL  
OTTAWA

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May this joyous celebration be both a tribute to Dr. Dickason's vision and excellence, and an occasion for all of us to take inspiration from her leadership.

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PRIME MINISTER PREMIER MINISTRE

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Dear Dr. Dickason:

*It is with great pleasure that I offer you my warmest congratulations as you are presented with the Humanitarian Award by the Athol Murray College of Notre Dame.*

*This tribute is a concrete expression of the admiration and respect that your professional achievements and your dedication to First Nations have elicited over the years. Your groundbreaking studies on the history of Canada and its Aboriginal peoples, as well as your many contributions to the community at large, make you most deserving of this honour.*

*I join with your family and many friends in commending you on a life marked by professional excellence. Please accept my best wishes for continued success.*

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul Martin".

Dr. Olive P. Dickason



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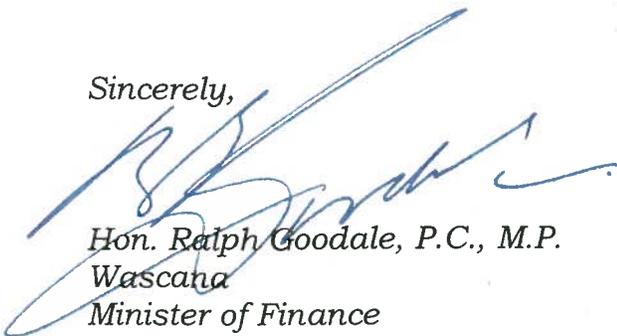
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*Your contributions to Canadian historiography have been instrumental in securing a truer view of Canada's First Nations and the role they played in the development of our country. These valuable achievements are, indeed, commendable and appreciated.*

*My personal best wishes to you in your future endeavours.*

*Sincerely,*



*Hon. Ralph Goodale, P.C., M.P.  
Wascana  
Minister of Finance*





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*Again, congratulations, and best wishes.*

*Yours sincerely,*

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Lorne Calvert  
Premier

## OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL CHIEF

## BUREAU DU CHEF NATIONAL

Assembly of First Nations

Assemblée des Premières Nations



May 20, 2004

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This award is yet another jewel in your crown of distinguished accomplishments and please accept my best wishes on this special occasion.

Sincerely,

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Phil Fontaine  
National Chief

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Melville, Sask.  
May 10, 2004.

Dear Norine;

Thank you for the invitation  
to attend the Humanitarian Award  
Presentation and the Graduation Dinner  
on May 21, 2004.

We regret that we will be  
unable to attend but we do hope  
the event is a great success.

Sincerely yours,  
Ernie Franks



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