

## New Secure Status Card and Border Crossing Update

We are still waiting to hear from Indian and Northern Affairs on when they will be issuing the new Secure Status Cards. We heard that INAC sent out the National Mobile Centres to the communities near the borders, but they ran into some “internal issues” the team was pulled and would not elaborate due to “security concerns”.

They are still in the process of creating the new and improved status card. The secure Status card will be accepted for Canada-United States border crossing.

However at this time First Nation citizens traveling to the U.S. by land and water will still be able to use their laminate status cards. We would also suggest that members bring along their original birth certificates.

Also, as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 when applying for your status cards two pieces of identification are required.

Acceptable Identification: Old Status Card

- Birth Certificate
- Canadian Passport
- Driver's License
- Employee ID card
- Firearms License
- Guarantor Form
- Provincial Health Card
- Provincial ID card
- Student ID card

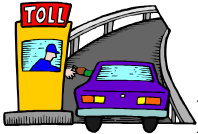
We will keep you informed when the New Secure Status Cards are available.

## Traveling Into the

## United States



**If you plan on flying to, through or from the United States by air a valid Canadian Passport is now required. This applies to all travelers, regardless of age, including children. This was implemented in January 2007.**



**For those of us traveling by land to the United States at this time must present a government-issued photo ID, such as the new enhanced driver's licence, status card or a valid passport along with a birth certificate.**

**If you have any further concerns, contact Juliette McLeod Membership clerk at 753-2922**