

Hello friends:

I hope you all had a spiritual and rejuvenating week or so over Christmas and New Years and are feeling renewed and ready to go. Here is a link to a good analysis (*with many links for further study*) of what happened in Attawapiskat, and what is continuing. The author, Pam Palmater, is a Mi'kmaq lawyer whose family originates from the Eel River Bar First Nation in northern New Brunswick. She is currently an Associate Professor in Politics and Public Administration at Ryerson University, Toronto, and Interim Chair in Indigenous Governance.

Wouldn't it be something if Attawapiskat Chief Theresa Spence ends up playing a pivotal role for Aboriginal rights in Canada, like Rosa Parkes did for the African-American civil rights movement in America when she refused to give up her seat at the front of the bus in Alabama back in the early 1960s. I don't like to get overexcited (again), but maybe this could be a turning point.

Here is the link: <http://indigenousoptionhood.blogspot.com/2011/12/brave-leadership-spreads-hope.html>

Blessings to all,  
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