

We heard about The FireFighters' Burn Fund from Chair, Martin Johnson and Vice-Chair Jim Abram; they talked about the history of the Fund as well how they wanted to help burn survivors throughout their journey, and not just during the fire or accident.

Two of our local survivors and one family member of a burn survivor spoke as a **panel**, discussing their lives after being affected by a burn injury and how not all scars are visible. Their struggles and triumphs were told from the heart and many in our audience related to their words and were moved.



Conference attendees participated in several **sharing circles**, which are considered a most valuable healing experience. Survivors, family and friends of survivors as well as the health care professionals had separate meetings and were able to share their distinct journeys.

The conference closed with a banquet dinner including a local jazz trio who ensured we had some great entertainment and an upbeat atmosphere.

The Mamingwey Burn Survivor Society would like to thank our sponsors: The **Firefighters' Burn Fund Inc.**, the **Health Sciences Centre Foundation**, as well as the **Manitoba Government**, **Manitoba Hydro**, **Sobey's Birds Hill**, **Bio Oil**, **Century 21 Carrie.com**, and **Marie Alkana** for their generous contributions that made this event possible.

We are very excited for the next conference, which is booked for October 19 and 20, 2019, at the same location. For more information, please email chair-person Barbara-Anne Hodge at barb@hodgfamily.ca or visit our website at www.mamingwey.ca

