

**2002 INDIVIDUAL EDO ECONOMIC DEVELOPER OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER
CHIEF SOPHIE PIERRE, ST. MARY'S INDIAN BAND**



As the Chief of the St. Mary's Indian Band, Sophie was instrumental in establishing an Intermediate Care Home on the St. Mary's reserve (owned and operated by the St. Mary's Indian Band). It is one of two such facilities in the Province of B.C.

St. Mary's Indian Band has established an indigenous plant nursery on reserve. In just three years the nursery has expanded from a single greenhouse to a five-greenhouse operation, growing primarily indigenous plants to be used in reclamation and restoration projects.

The St. Eugene Mission building was an Indian Industrial School from 1912 – 1970. The new resort will include a Delta Hotel, Casino, golf course, an interpretive center, teepee camp and artisan cooperative (workshop and retail outlet). Delta Hotels is committed to incorporating the heritage and culture into its operations e.g. staff greet guests in the Ktunaxa language.