



First Nations Tax Administrators Association

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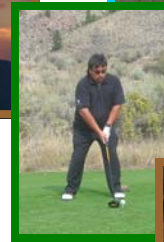


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16th Annual National Forum On First Nations Property Taxation 'KEYS to Success'



Spirit Ridge, Osoyoos, BC
September 22-24, 2009

Join Us for:

The latest information on First Nations Property Taxation
Famously Awesome Draw Prizes! Networking Opportunities
Opening Reception Dinner, Golf Tournament

It's Time to Register!

FIRST NATIONS TAX ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION

16th Annual National Forum, September 22-24, 2009

AGENDA

Tuesday, September 22

- 11:00 Golf Tournament ~ [Sonora Dunes Golf Course](#)
- 4:00 Conference Registration ~ [Spirit Ridge Resort Lobby](#)
- 5:00 Opening Reception Dinner ~ [Passatempo Restaurant](#)
Opening Prayer: Modeste Betterton, Osoyoos Elder
Keynote Speaker: Chief Robert Louie, Westbank First Nation
Recognition Ceremony: Clarence Jules Sr

Wednesday, September 23

- 8:00 - 5:00 Tradeshow & Conference Registration ~ [Spirit Ridge Resort Lobby & Library](#)
- 8:00 Breakfast ~ Provided
- 9:00 Opening Remarks, Ernest Jack, FNTAA President
- 9:30 Tax Administration Software, First Nations Tax Commission
- 10:30 Refreshment Break [followed by Draw Prizes](#)
- 10:45 Tulo Centre of Indigenous Economics, Dr André Le Dressay, Executive Director
- 11:45 Lunch ~ [Passatempo Restaurant](#), Keynote Speaker - C.T. Manny Jules, FNTC Chief Commissioner
- 1:00 Sales Tax Opportunities for First Nations, Ken Medd, Senior Tax Policy Advisor, Finance Canada
- 2:00 Benefits of First Nations Financial Management Board Certification, Travis Seymour, Capacity Development
- 3:00 Refreshment Break [followed by Draw Prizes](#)
- 3:15 Implementing a Financial Administration Law under the FSMA, Kathryn Deo, Jeanie Lanine, Cedar Law

Thursday, September 24

- 8:00 - 5:00 Tradeshow ~ [Spirit Ridge Resort Lobby & Library](#)
- 8:00 Breakfast ~ Provided
- 9:00 FNTAA Annual General Meeting
- 11:45 Lunch ~ Provided [followed by Draw Prize](#)
- 1:00 The Art of Handling Difficult Clients, Robert Joseph, President, Corporate Training Inc.
- 2:00 Saskatchewan School Tax Issue, Lester Lafond, FNTC Commissioner
- 3:00 Refreshment Break [followed by Draw Prizes](#)
- 3:15 First Nations Tax Commission, Ken Scopick, Chief Operating Officer
- 4:30 Conference Adjourned [Draw for laptop!](#)

Agenda Subject to Change

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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Mailing Address:

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Special Mobility or Dietary Requirements:

Will you be participating in the **Golf Tournament** 11am Tuesday Sept 22?
All skill levels are welcome. We will play "best ball." Yes _____ No _____

Will you be joining us for **Dinner** 5pm Tuesday Sept 22? Yes _____ No _____

Conference Registration Fees: Members \$350.00 Non-Members \$400.00

Total \$ _____ Received by: _____ Date _____

Please mail payment to First Nation Tax Administrators Association
c/o 1500D Admirals Rd, Victoria BC, V9A 2R1

Forms may be faxed to 250-383-1084

For Conference Information call Christina 250-383-3719

Hotel Information:

Spirit Ridge Vineyard Resort & Spa

1200 Rancher Creek Road, Osoyoos, British Columbia

Toll free: 1.877.313.WINE (9463) Local: 250.495.5445 Fax: 250.495.5447

Email: stay@spiritridge.ca www.spiritridge.ca

Mention: FNTAA 16th Annual National Forum to receive block rate

Penticton Indian Band: Sovereignty Through Tax Jurisdiction

“Penticton Indian Band has always been on the front pages as a Sovereign Band. The purest form of sovereignty is jurisdiction. Penticton Indian Band has exercised its sovereignty through property tax jurisdiction.” - Ernest Jack

Penticton Indian Band has the advantage of naming Ernest Jack among its members. As the President of the First Nations Tax Administrators Association and the Surveyor of Taxes for Westbank First Nation, Ernest has valuable insight to offer his Band.

With the passing of the Penticton Indian Band Property Assessment, Property Taxation and Expenditure By-laws in 2007, the Penticton Indian Band set the stage for Property Taxation on its lands. After negotiating service agreements and hosting information meetings with taxpayers and members, PIB was ready to implement property taxation in 2009.

Penticton Indian Band has 669 taxable properties. 633 are Residential, 9 Utilities, 8 Light Industry, 20 Business, 9 Recreation, and 8 Farms. There are service agreements with the City of Penticton for Sewer and Water, the Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen and the Regional Hospital District.



PIB created a new Taxation Department with Glenda Paul as the Taxation Administrator. Glenda brings a strong education background having earned a Business Administration Degree with a focus on Band Administration from the University of Regina in federation with the First Nations University of Canada. She is currently enrolled in the First Nations Tax Administration Certificate Program through the Tulo Centre of Indigenous Economics. Carlene George joined the team in July 2009 as Taxation Clerk she brings strong computer skills and has already proven



herself a valuable addition to the team.

One of the challenges for Glenda has been convincing taxpayers that First Nations have the capacity to do property taxation in a fair and honest manner. “This is a perfect opportunity to change attitudes regarding non First Nation people and how they see Indians and reserves.”

As President of the Penticton Indian Band Development Corporation, Ernest believes Penticton Indian Band will benefit from property taxation by helping to build the infrastructure that is required to attract business opportunities. “PIB has a huge land base that will continue to attract business for many years to come with an incredible capacity to take on as much as they want, with an opportunity to build the commercial and industrial sites that will bring employment opportunities as well as give band members plenty of opportunities to develop their own lands and become economically viable.”

