



# First Nations Tax Administrators Association

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## Our Tax Administrators are Stars! APTN interview Friday December 9, 2011

Two of our own were seen on APTN recently. Carlene George, Tax Clerk for Penticton Indian Band and Ernest Jack Surveyor of Taxes for Westbank First Nation were asked to speak about their recent completion of the *Certificate in First Nation Tax Administration* from Tulo and Thompson Rivers University.

The interview is a reminder that Tax Administrators must be prepared for media attention and a lesson that it does not always go as planned.

Ernest and Carlene were blindsided with questions about the Property Ownership Initiative and asked to defend First Nation Property Taxation itself.

They did an excellent job representing themselves, their communities and the Tax Administration profession.

Way to go Ernest and Carlene!



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Property Tax Administration is changing dramatically. Can you keep up?

Tulo offers a new standard for Tax Administrators because the modern information we are receiving is allowing us to think differently. We see the connection between development of infrastructure, economic development and the growth of our property tax systems.

FNTAA helps to connect the dots with Annual National Forums providing up to date information to help you keep your edge. FNTAA members stay in the loop, join today or renew your membership to support your Association.

The changes that are happening right before our eyes require focus and attention. By sharing our knowledge we can help our communities reach their potential.

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Ernest Jack, President

### ERNEST JACK APPOINTED TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA ASSESSEMENT AUTHORITY

As the Surveyor of Taxes for Westbank First Nation and President of the FNTAA, Ernest is an ideal candidate to represent the needs of First Nations Tax Authorities on the board of BCAA.

Ernest is a Tulo Graduate and also holds a diploma in Real Estate Appraisal.

Ernest sees a role for himself in helping to further define the relationship between BC Assessment and property taxing First Nations. "I want to help my colleagues access the services which are available from BCAA. I want to help BCAA understand their First Nation client's needs and tailor service delivery to those needs." says Ernest.

We can all be proud of our President and colleague.

# EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES



## Tulo Centre of Indigenous Economics

The Tulo Centre of Indigenous Economics is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to delivering education programs to maximize benefits from the *First Nations Fiscal and Statistical Management Act (FSMA)*.

### Winter 2012: Upcoming Courses

Certificate in First Nation Tax Administration  
**APEC 1620: Establishing First Nation Tax Rates and Expenditures**  
January 30 - February 3, 2012

Certificate in First Nation Applied Economics  
**APEC 2640: Residential and Commercial Development on First Nation Lands**  
March 12 - 16, 2012



321—345 Yellowhead Hwy  
Kamloops, BC V2H 1H1  
Reception: 250-828-9857  
Email: [info@tulo.ca](mailto:info@tulo.ca)

### \*\* New Course Offering \*\*

#### **FSMA Implementation**

February 20 - 24, 2012

This course, offered in partnership with the First Nations Financial Management Board (FNFMB), provides participants with a clear understanding of FSMA and its fiscal institutions.

The course also explains the benefits of developing a Financial Administration Law, the process for working towards Financial Management Systems certification, and how to apply Change Management concepts when implementing new financial systems.

#### **Course Outline**

- \* Introduction and Benefits of the FSMA
- Property Taxation
- Borrowing and the FNFA
- The Financial Administration Law (FAL)
- Certification & Intervention
- Organization Change
- Bringing about Change



For more information or to register, please contact Sarah Jules @ 250-828-9857, or by email [sarah@tulo.ca](mailto:sarah@tulo.ca)

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*Building capacity to make markets work on Indigenous lands*



## AFOA Aboriginal Financial Officers Association of Canada On-Line Professional Development

### FSMA: First Nations Fiscal & Statistical Management Act

This online course developed by FNFMB and presented by AFOA Canada will explore the benefits to First Nations that the FSMA can provide and how each of the four institutions can contribute.

Learners will acquire foundation knowledge of the FSMA, its purposes, institutions and benefits; basic knowledge of the structure of a Financial Administration Law and standards; basic knowledge of Financial Management Systems, Financial Performance Certifications and FMBs intervention role; an understanding of Organizational Change and role of Change Agents.

Cost: AFOA Members \$535.00, Non Members \$645.00

Start Date: February 6, 2012

For more information and to register see AFOA Website: [http://www.foa.ca/acfme/online\\_fsma.asp](http://www.foa.ca/acfme/online_fsma.asp)

# FNTAA 19th Annual National Forum

5th Annual FNTAA Golf Tournament

September 26, 27 and 28, 2012

**Spirit Ridge Vineyard Resort & Spa**

Osoyoos, BC



The FNTAA is once again hosting our Annual National Forum at the beautiful Spirit Ridge Vineyard Resort. This year we will enjoy the new conference facilities.

Please plan to join us in September, 2012.

## Welcome New Tax Administrators

Sheri Wowchuk is now Property Tax Administrator for Tsawout First Nation in Saanichton BC and a new member of the First Nations Tax Administrators Association.

Leanne Bradbury is Property Tax Administrator for K'omoks First Nation which is in their first year of implementing property tax jurisdiction.

Leanne and Sheri completed the first class in the Certificate Program in First Nation Tax Administration offered by the Tulo Centre of Indigenous Economics.

Welcome to you both, we look forward to working with you and please call upon your colleagues for information and advice.

If you would like to recognise a new Tax Administrator please send an email to [info@fntaa.ca](mailto:info@fntaa.ca)

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- Regular Membership** \$250.00  
 Employees of any First Nation or Indian Band who are interested in or engaged in the development, implementation or administration of a programme or department of taxation or revenue generation on behalf of the First Nation or Indian Band.
- Associate Membership** \$250.00  
 Members who have left First Nations of Indian Band employment or service through retirement or resignation, and to employees of a First Nation or Indian Band not otherwise eligible for regular membership. A person granted an associate membership is not entitled to vote at general meetings or to be a director.
- Affiliate Membership** \$500.00  
 Persons having an interest in First Nations or Indian Band taxation and revenue generation issues. Each application for affiliate membership is subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. A person granted an affiliate membership is not entitled to vote at general meetings or to be a director.

Please make cheques payable to **First Nations Tax Administrators Association**  
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Board Approval (required for Affiliate Memberships)

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