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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A Career in First Nation Property Taxation

Since the inception of First Nation Property Taxation twenty years ago with the 1988 Kamloops amendment to the Indian Act, First Nation Property Taxation has grown tremendously. Together we collect over 50 million dollars in property tax revenues annually.

First Nation Property Taxation is growing up. We are almost out of the teen years. Many First Nations have overcome the stigma of the word "Tax" by demonstrating how property taxation contributes to prosperity. You need professional people providing professional services in order to assure that success is realized.

Property Tax Administration is a legitimate profession. This was properly recognized with the inception of the TULO Centre of Indigenous Economics and the Thompson Rivers University launch of the First Nation Tax Administration Certificate Program.

The First Nation Tax Commission initiated this program with encouragement from the First Nation Tax Administrators Association to offer a course that not only introduces First Nations new to the world of Property Taxation but recognizes that "Professional Development Tools" are essential to meet the challenges of our field.

Over the years I have always agreed that First Nation Property Taxation is only one of many tools for First Nations to move their communities forward to self-sufficiency. There are numerous success stories of First Nations implementing and utilizing a variety of tools to meet and overcome the many complexities that face First Nations.

Property Taxation is a powerful tool. I encourage you to attend our 15th Annual Forum on First Nation Property Taxation to learn more about how this tool can benefit your community. This forum provides an opportunity to hear from leading experts but also to network with your colleagues. Together we have created the field of First Nation Property Taxation and together we will take it to the next level.



Avoid Disappointment ... Register Now!

The Spirit Ridge Resort and Spa is a world renowned travel destination. Therefore they are unable to hold our block of rooms until the last minute. You must book your rooms as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Overflow of Conference Delegates will be directed to nearby hotels. Register today!



FIRST NATIONS TAX ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION



15th Annual National Forum

September 24, 25 & 26, 2008

Celebrating 15 Years of Professional Development

Spirit Ridge Vineyard Resort & Spa
And NK'MIP Desert Cultural Centre
Osoyoos, British Columbia



CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS:

- First Nations Tax Commission
- BC Assessment Authority
- BC HOG Rebate Program
- Annual General Meeting
- Desert Cultural Centre Tour
 - NK'MIP Winery Tour
- Delegates Dinner & Recognition
 - Youth Spirit Dancers
 - Golf Tournament
- Networking Opportunities



Lots of Door Prizes - including a Laptop!

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 15th Annual National Forum to receive block rate

15th Annual National Forum Registration Form

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Additional Delegates:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Special Mobility or Dietary Requirements:

Registration Fees: \$400.00 per delegate Total \$ _____

Will you be participating in the Golf Tournament Yes _____ No _____

Nomination Form - Recognition Dinner Wed Sept 24th

I nominate _____ to receive recognition for his or her contribution to First Nations Property Taxation at our Delegates Dinner Wednesday Sept 24, 2008 at Osoyoos BC.

This person has contributed to the field of First Nations Property Taxation in the following way:

Announcing the New and Improved First Nations Tax Administrators Website

FNTAA.CA

Please let us know what you think.

The website contains a Resource Centre.
Do you have an interesting research paper,
court decision, or website you find helpful?

Please share with your fellow tax administrators.
Together we will build a Resource Centre which will be a
valuable tool for our profession.

Salary Survey

Thank you to those of you who submitted the salary survey. Not surprisingly, our tax regimes are very diverse nationally. Tax Administrators often hold other positions such as Finance Officer, Lands Manager, Band Manager as well as clerical positions.

Salaries reflect more the combination of jobs, rather than the size of the tax roll.

The salaries range from 20,000 to 69,000 .

We require more surveys to form a clear picture of the current salaries for Tax Administrators and to compare with our off-reserve counterparts.

We invite you to complete a salary survey and help us help each other receive appropriate pay.

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