



First Nations Tax Administrators Association

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NEWSLETTER

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Professional Certification Initiative

At the Annual General Meeting, September 28, 2012, FNTAA members will be asked to vote on a special resolution to amend our society bylaws and constitution to include provisions for professional certification of First Nation Tax Administrators.

Certified First Nations Tax Administrators (CFNTAs) will have five years experience, be graduates of the Tulo Centre of Indigenous Economics *First Nation Tax Administration* certificate program and be members of the FNTAA. For a limited time, Tax Administrators with ten or more years experience in first nation tax administration will receive special consideration to waive the education requirement.

Application for occupational title protection will be made under the BC *Society Act*. A requirement of the application is that we have at least fifty members in good standing.

Please support our Professional Certification Initiative with a membership application and membership fees. FNTAA members also receive a discount on annual conference registration fees.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To be or not to be is definitely the question? What can a Certificate in First Nation Tax Administration do for me? A Certificate can give you professional recognition, it can get you a raise in salary, a reclassification of job title and it can certainly give you a boost in confidence that you are on the cusp of some very specialized knowledge. With the depth and breadth of the knowledge that you possess, you can make contributions that impact your First Nation's economic development and strategic planning. If recognized properly each tax administration certificate holder can make these contributions and more. It is our time. It is our responsibility to step forward with our specialized knowledge and help our First Nations become self-reliant, self-determining, self-governing and maintain a course of relevance. Each First Nation must become therefore a "Self-Relevant Government." To help FNTAA continue to grow your organization we need each and every one of you to support the professional certification initiative with your membership in FNTAA.

Way' lim limp'
Ernest Jack, President

NEW AND IMPROVED WEBSITE

The fntaa.ca website is new and improved!

Check out the website for up to date information on our conference, education opportunities and the professional certification initiative.



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FNTAA's 19th Annual National Forum on First Nations Property Taxation

Spirit Ridge Vineyard Resort & Spa, Osoyoos, BC
September 26, 27 & 28, 2012

Agenda Highlights:

Taxation under Treaty: Tsawwassen First Nation, Chief Kim Baird
First Nations Tax Commission ~ First Nations Financial Management Board
~ First Nations Finance Authority ~ Economic Development on Reserve
Lands ~ Lands Management Education Opportunities ~ Assessment
Services to First Nations ~ FSMA Implementation: Songhees Nation ~
Tulo Centre of Indigenous Economics ~ TAS Tax Administration Software



Golf Tournament and Dinner Reception with Entertainment
FNTAA Annual General Meeting and Board Elections
Famously Awesome Draw Prizes!
Networking Opportunities

Who Should Attend: Tax Administrators, Chief and Council, Finance and Administrative Staff, Lands Managers, Economic Development Officers, Legal Counsel, First Nations Consultants and Taxpayers

Full Agenda and Registration Information can be found
on our new and improved website: fntaa.ca

FIRST NATIONS TAX ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION

19th Annual National Forum, September 26-28, 2012

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Special Mobile or Dietary Requirements:

Please RSVP for the following events:

Opening Reception Dinner 6pm Wed Sept 26	Yes _____	No _____
Annual FNTAA Golf Tournament 10am Wed Sept 26	Yes _____	No _____

Conference Registration Fees: Members \$450 Non-Members \$500

Included in Registration Fees: golf tournament, reception dinner, 2 breakfasts and 2 lunches, conference materials

Please mail payment to First Nations Tax Administrators Association

c/o 1500D Admirals Road, Victoria BC V9A 2R1

Forms may be faxed to 250-383-1084

For Conference Information call Christina 250-383-3719

See Agenda on fntaa.ca website

Hotel Information:

Mention: FNTAA to receive block room rate

Spirit Ridge Vineyard Resort & Spa

1200 Rancher Creek Road, Osoyoos BC, V0H 1V0

Toll free: 1.877.313.9463 Local: 250.495.5445 Fax: 250.495.5447

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

Please Note: Delegates are responsible for their travel and accommodation costs and arrangements.

Photographs will be taken at the conference and may be used in newsletters, website and promotional materials. If you do NOT want your photo used please initial _____



Tulo Centre of Indigenous Economics

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

Upcoming Courses:

APEC 1650 Communications and Taxpayer Relations - Aug 13 to 17, 2012

APEC 1660 Service Agreements and Joint Contracts - Oct 15 to 19, 2012

APEC 1670 Development Cost Charges - Nov 5 to Nov 9, 2012

APEC 1680 Capital Infrastructure and Debenture Financing - Dec 3 to 7, 2012

321-345 Yellowhead Hwy, Kamloops, BC V2H 1H1

Reception: 250-828-9857 Email: info@tulo.ca



AFOA Aboriginal Financial Officers Association of Canada

On-Line Professional Development

Navigating First Nations Financial Management Standards (FSMA)

This course will provide participants with an examination of the First Nations Fiscal and Statistical Management Act (FSMA), including an introduction to the major institutions created by the FSMA and the tools created by the Act. In addition, the course will provide an opportunity for participants to learn how the enabling tools may be used to strengthen the financial administration and economic development capacities of First Nation communities who choose to participate under the legislation. The FSMA is legislation that was passed in 2005 and established fiscal institutions designed to provide First Nation band governments with the practical tools available to other governments for modern fiscal management.

This course covers the following:

- Introduction and Benefits of the FSMA:
- The Institutions-What They Can Do (An Overview)
- Participating in FSMA
- Taxation
- The Indian Act and FSMA (Some Differences)
- Borrowing and the FNFA
- Risks
- FNFA – Financial Options for the Borrower
- The Financial Administration Law (FAL)
- The Certification Process

The cost for this course is: AFOA Members: \$535 (plus GST) Non-members: \$645 (plus GST)

For more information or to register see: http://www.afoa.ca/acfme/online_fsma.asp