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First Nation Tax Administration Program Inaugural Graduating Class

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The FNTAA 18th Annual Forum was once again filled with informative presentations. Chief Robert Louie spoke on the importance and future impact of Land Management on First Nations. Deputy Commissioner David Paul's address was very well thought out in regards to this year's theme as to where we will be in the year 2050. Ruth Williams key note speech on the First Nation Market Housing Fund was enlightening. The FSMA institutions were all present and gave credible presentations on why and what they have to offer taxing first nations. Urban Systems gave a presentation on the importance of comprehensive community planning. Deborah Taylor gave a first nation perspective on the First Nation Market Housing Fund and how this is an often overlooked option to funding the demand for on reserve housing and capacity building. Dr Andre Le Dressay spoke on the Tulo Centre of Indigenous Economics two programs, the Certificate in First Nation Tax Administration and Certificate in First Nation Applied Economics. A highlight of the conference was the acknowledgement of the very first graduating class in First Nation Tax Administration; there are 11 tax administrators that have received this certificate. I would like to commend those 11 tax administrators on completion of this rigorous unique field of study. There will only ever be one first graduating class and I applaud every single one of you and your communities in believing and recognizing this certifiable first nation tax administration profession.

Way' lim limp'
Ernest Jack, President





The Tulo Centre of Indigenous Economics in partnership with the First Nations Tax Commission (FNTC) and Thompson Rivers University (TRU) honoured and celebrated its inaugural graduating class of the First Nations Tax Administration program on October 6 & 7, 2011.

The first certificate of its kind in Canada, the program is designed to provide students with the practical skills and knowledge to develop First Nations economies, generate tax revenues and create support systems for First Nation investors and taxpayers. In particular, the program provides students with the skill set to implement the *First Nations Fiscal and Statistical Management Act*, which provides a legal and administrative framework for First Nations property tax systems.



“We are tremendously proud of our graduates. We are looking forward to hearing about their leadership in developing on-reserve infrastructure projects that utilize best practices they have learned from our program. We have the utmost confidence that our Class of 2011 is now uniquely positioned to help First Nations governments unlock their economic potential and create sustainable communities.”

Chief Michael LeBourdais
Board Chair of Tulo Centre of Indigenous Economics

“Together, with the success of the Tulo graduates and the strength of our many partnerships, we are one step closer to achieving our collective goals as First Nations governments. We are very pleased to recognize the hard work of the students and the dedication of the instructors who are helping to build on our past for a brighter future.”

C T (Manny) Jules
Chief Commissioner of the First Nations Tax Commission



First Nations Tax Commission
Commission de la fiscalité des premières nations



“Let’s get together and make a real difference. I encourage everyone who cares about the future of the first peoples to go and learn about the certificate in first nation’s taxation and take the eight courses....This is new and innovative and must be passed on as with any of our traditions. Let’s work together as one to make this happen for we cannot wait, we must emancipate.”

Glenda Paul





"This program reflects TRU's commitment to Aboriginal learners and is another example of how Tulo provides innovative approaches to serving the needs of our communities in BC and the rest of Canada,"

Dr. Alan Shaver
President of Thompson Rivers University



"Once I was told that I'd be taking classes at Thompson Rivers University with TULO to obtain the First Nations Tax Administrator's Certificate, I was excited and happy and also didn't know what to expect. Finally I was going back to school. I felt proud. Everything started to fall into place.

The instructors are not only amazing teachers, but great individuals. I get a kick out of all the jokes Dr. Andre' La Dressay throws out there while teaching, it keeps us on our toes and makes the classroom atmosphere that much more awesome! Thank you for that! I've also made good friends with my fellow students. I appreciate the friendship, advice and company you all showed me and I hope I too made that same impression. We are in the field of First Nations Property Taxation together!"

Carlene George



"I've been walking on Cloud 9. You realize you're actually government and you're responsible for the taxation and financial base of the reserve. One of the most valuable outcomes is networking with the rest of the graduating class, who become a resource for questions and tackling problems in the future."

Nicole Casimel



Upcoming Tulo Courses

Certificate in First Nation Tax Administration

November 28 to December 2, 2011

APEC 1610 Introduction to First Nation Taxation

January 30 to February 3, 2012

APEC 1620 Establishing First Nation Tax Rates and Expenditures

Certificate in First Nation Applied Economics

November 14 to November 18, 2011

APEC 2700 Economic Feasibility & Impact Analysis on First Nation Lands

February 27 to March 2, 2012

APEC 2640 Residential and Commercial Development on First Nation Lands



FIRST NATIONS TAX ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION

18th Annual General Meeting

September 14-16, 2011

Quaaout Lodge, Chase BC

Thank you to our 2011 Presenters

Chief Felix Arnouse, Skwlax

Harold Calla, Squamish Nation, FNFMB

Keith Conn, Chief Operating Officer, First Nations Statistical Institute

Hannes Edinger, Economist, First Nations Statistical Institute

Deanna Hamilton, President/Chief Executive Officer, FNFA

Sarah Jules, Administrator, Tulo Centre of Indigenous Economics

Dr André Le Dressay, Executive Director, Tulo Centre of Indigenous Economics

Chief Robert Louie, Chairman, Lands Management Advisory Board

David Paul, Deputy Chief Commissioner, First Nations Tax Commission

Ken Scopick, Chief Operating Officer, First Nations Tax Commission

Deborah Taylor, Executive Director First Nations Market Housing Fund

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4th Annual FNTAA GOLF TOURNAMENT

Talking Rock Golf Course

September 14, 2011



Winning Team: Ernest Jack, Chief Robert Louie, Chief Felix Arnouse, Rosanne Casimer

Second Place: Trenton Paul, Elise Petersen, Tom Viesner, Stella Ostrander

Longest Drive:

Longest Putt:

Closest to the Pin:

Ladies

Nicole Calver

Jan Davis

Sylvia Baker

Men's

Chief Robert Louie

Ernest Jack

Jordon George

Closest to 150yd Marker: Sylvia Baker

Ball in the Water: Trenton Paul

The FNTAA would like to acknowledge generous prize donations from:
First Nations Tax Commission and Tulo Centre of Indigenous Economics



FNTAA Honours Deanna Hamilton



Deanna Hamilton is Okanagan and a member of the Westbank First Nation. Deanna attended the University of British Columbia. Throughout her career she has worked in business in a number of management and supervisory positions and has successfully operated her own land development companies.

In 1990 Deanna accepted the position of Surveyor of Taxes for the Westbank First Nation and was responsible for establishing the system of property tax administration at Westbank.

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Deanna coordinated the development of the First Nations Finance Authority. She is currently President and Chief Executive Officer of the FNFA.

Deanna was elected Councillor to the Westbank First Nation from 1996 to 1998 and 2000 to 2002.

She has been a proponent of the First Nations Fiscal and Statistical Management Act. The theme through all her work is a dedication to bringing tools to First Nations Communities to build their economies and improve the quality of life for their people.

Of all the many accomplishments throughout her career, the one which is most near and dear to our hearts is her role as the founding president of the First Nations Tax Administrators Association.

Deanna,

We thank you for your dedication and commitment to the field of First Nations Tax Administration and to building economies





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