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Can Saskatoon Become a Global Indigenous Business Hub?

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The Saskatchewan First Nations Economic Development Network, in partnership with the Saskatoon Aboriginal Employment Partnership, recently published a report on First Nations and Métis economic development in the Saskatoon region, as well as Saskatchewan more broadly, focusing on Economic Development Corporations (EDCs) and urban reserves. [Read More](#)

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INDIGENOUS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Indigenous Business Leaders worldwide to convene in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan Canada for the 7th World Indigenous Business Forum in 57 days

Hundreds of enterprise-minded Indigenous people from around the globe will converge on the beautiful prairie city of Saskatoon, located in Saskatchewan, Canada to participate in the annually held World Indigenous Business Forum (WIBF).



Some speakers include the Chief of Kluane First Nation. Chief Mathieya Alatini grew up on the Shores of Kluane Lake near Burwash Landing. She was part of a generation who had the opportunity to attend the First Nation operated Keetsse'dun ku School. She attended high school and University in Victoria BC. She graduated with a commerce degree from the University of Victoria.

She has a very broad work experience ranging from: researcher, secretary, carpenters helper, archeology assistant, executive director of a First Nation Tourism Association, Capital Projects Manager for a First Nation, Federal Public Servant and since 2010 as Chief for the Kluane First Nation. She has also held seats on many boards and committees. She is very keen on building community and capitalizing on the opportunities for economic independence for Kluane First Nation through their Final Agreement.

To find out more or to register, go to www.wibf.ca

Indian Resource Council Report: First Nations Engagement in the Energy

Sector in Western Canada Indian Resource Council

Canada struggles to reconcile these two apparently contradictory realities. On the one hand, the natural resource sector is the largest employer of highly-paid First Nations workers in the country, has supported a dramatic expansion of Indigenous entrepreneurship and has empowered dozens of First Nations communities through major financial and engagement agreements.

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Urban Reserves and First Nations Economic Development in the Saskatoon Region Nation Talk



If First Nations are to grow their market share in the Canadian economy, they will need a stronger presence in its cities, where the bulk of trade, investment and production occurs. One promising means by which to build that presence is the establishment of urban reserves: reserves which are in or in some cases adjacent to an urban area.

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Diamond giant De Beers is searching for the precious gems in northern Saskatchewan The Saskatoon Star Phoenix

The world's largest diamond mining company has started its search for crystallized carbon on the northern Saskatchewan property it optioned from a Vancouver uranium exploration company.

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Indigenomics, and Why the Time Is Right The Tyee

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in the New Economy*

"The legal precedents that First Nations have set over even the past 20 years – with those milestones we have inserted ourselves into the reality of the Canadian economy.

"Canada's government hasn't necessarily caught up with that. Canadians don't have the language that says 'I understand what free, prior and informed consent is, I understand what consultation is, I understand what a referral system is.'

"That's where a new language needs to be built from. Canadians need to understand how and why First Nations are important within the regional and national economies. I believe that Indigenomics is a conscious claim to the modern expression of what is an Indigenous economy.

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Hatchet Lake aims to have its say in resource development by signing Ya'Thi Nene Agreement MBC



Hatchet Lake Dene First Nation has joined six other Athabasca Basin communities in signing a partnership agreement with Cameco and Areva. Geographically, Hatchet Lake is right across the lake from the uranium mining operations.

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La Ronge woman named Indigenous businesswoman of the year by national organization MBC

Anne Calladine, the owner of Northwinds Bus Lines learned she had been named Indigenous businesswoman of the year by a national organization on the same day she celebrated her 40th birthday last week. She was whisked off to Halifax for the awards presentation which were held last night. She was humble in her acceptance and grateful for family who helped her believe in herself.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

August 23 - 25, 2016
World Indigenous Business Forum
Saskatoon, SK
www.wibf.ca

September 22, 2016
Aboriginal Business Forum - 2nd Annual
Whitecap Dakota Nation, SK.
[Link: TBA](#)

October 3 - 6, 2016
Cando National Conference
October 3-6, 2016
Whitehorse, Yukon
<http://www.edo.ca/conference/2016>

October 13 - 14, 2016
Indigenous Economic Partnership Summit - 3rd Annual
Lloydminster, Alta.
<http://www.lloydconstruction.ca>

November 22 - 23, 2016
Indigenous Agricultural Summit
Regina, SK.
<http://www.agribition.com>

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