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Indigenous Economic Development News

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That's a Wrap!! Highlights from the SFNEDN Forum on Economic Diversification By Heather Exner-Pirot



With commodity prices at the low end of the business cycle, we chose to focus on opportunities in economic sectors outside of resource development. Although the potash, oil & gas and uranium industries have provided significant opportunity for Saskatchewan First Nations [Read More](#)

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Indigenous music festival takes centre stage (Eagle Feather News)

This summer will see the kick off a new music festival in Saskatoon with headliners Don Amero and Errol Ranville of the C-Weed Band.



"I love playing Saskatoon to begin with because I lived there at one time and I just love all the people. There has been huge support for C-Weed Band over the years," Ranville said. "It's an honour to be invited."

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Sask. First Nations Economic Development Network names its 'individual of the year' (MBC Radio)

Terry Bird is an Ashinabe man from George Gordon First Nation. He lives in Saskatoon, and is 2016's individual of the year, named by the SFNEDN. Bird has worked in the public and private sector over the years. Taking on the role as the lead for First Nation and Metis initiatives with K + S potash Canada has been rewarding and empowering.

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New one-of-a-kind fund to provide dollars for northern projects (Eagle Feather News)

A one of a kind arrangement between northern leaders and Cameco and Areva will provide funds for Northern community projects for decades to come. The Six Rivers Fund is an independent, non-profit corporation that will use interest from a trust funded by Cameco and Areva with proceeds from uranium recovery at the Key Lake operation, to make community investments that support projects across the northern administration district (NAD). The projects will focus on youth, education, sports, recreation and health and wellness.

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'I always knew I wanted to be in business' (The Globe and Mail)

Born in Saskatoon 32 years ago, Rachel Eyahpaise had an upbringing that was anything but stable. A member of the Sakimay First Nation, she was a permanent ward of the government until she turned 18, in and out of so many foster and group homes in Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia that she lost count.

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Banking on Brighter Futures (Gazette)

A research team in the Faculty of Business and Administration-led by Dr. Tom Cooper-is examining the unique challenges faced by Aboriginal entrepreneurs in accessing financing from mainstream banking institutions.

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Indigenous junior miner leaps into ownership in NWT (Canadian Mining Journal)

Two years ago, the Dene of the NWT boldly jumped into the dragon's jaw and launched their own mining company. The targets: significant polymetallic potential near Great Bear Lake, and diamonds near the Ekati and Snap Lake mines. The vision: be more than a source of labour and supplier of services to other miners. They want to be their own stand-alone producer, among the first in Canada to pursue indigenous mine ownership.

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This one-day forum focused on the steps to achieve long-term growth, sustainability and economic diversification. It is the goal of each nation worldwide to develop a strong, sustainable economy that will enhance a nation's standard of living through wealth creation and jobs, encouraging the development of new knowledge and technology.

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Saskatoon, SK
<http://www.cahrma.ca/resources/save-the-date/>

June 1 & 2, 2016
Creating Intersections for Growth
Swift Current, SK
www.seda.ca

June 2 & 3, 2016
Human Resource Management
Winnipeg, MB
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June 13 - 15, 2016
Aboriginal Business Match - Prairies
Saskatoon, SK.
<https://registration.aboriginalbusinessmatch.com/prairies2016/>

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