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**Indigenous
Economic
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February 18, 2016

**Capacity Building
Research WITH and
FOR Communities**



By Lee Swanson, BNCE Project Leader and Associate Professor at the Edwards School of Business, University of Saskatchewan

The benefits to communities from working in partnership with researchers who are truly committed to working with and for communities rather than simply doing research on them includes the following.

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New Co-op organization could benefit rural and aboriginal communities

(Saskatoon Star Phoenix)



Rural and aboriginal communities in Saskatchewan could receive a boost from a new organization designed to "identify innovative, community-led solutions to modern challenges" in western Canada.

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Indigenous junior miner leaps into ownership in NWT

(Canadian Mining Journal)

Between 1996 and 2011, \$4.2 billion or 33 per cent of their northern spend was with indigenous companies and almost 9500 person years of employment were filled by indigenous workers in that period, about 25 per cent of the total labour quantum.

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B.C. proposal aims to have First Nations own chunks of major projects

(Vancouver Sun)

First Nations-led proposal to unlock billions of dollars in natural resource wealth across the country has received seed funding from the federal government, The Vancouver Sun has learned.

And if the First Nations Major Projects Coalition can persuade Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to go a step further and accept their biggest request - loan guarantees to allow aboriginal communities to buy equity stakes in major projects - that could lead to a historic breakthrough.

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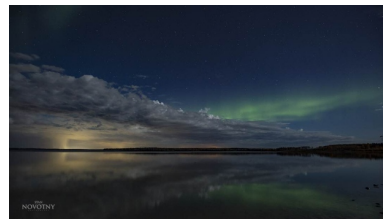


Métis entrepreneur opens tour company in heart of oil sands country

(CBC News)

The economic downturn hasn't slowed down a Fort McMurray-area Métis entrepreneur who is making the most of what's in the sky, rather than in the ground.

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OUR HOME AND NATIVE BRAND Canada has a tourism problem that can only be fixed by embracing indigenous culture

(National Post)

The North is popular for European cruises and expeditions, but they rarely venture that far east. I met the Silverseas CEO, the improbably named Manfredi Lefebvre d'Ovidio di Balsorano di Clunieres, just after ACE won a prize from the World Travel and Tourism Council as the best community tourist operation in the world. He told me his time in Arviat was a great trip, "very special," that his clients had loved it, and that he hoped to sail one of his ships back again soon. Canada is not selling what tourists are buying.

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Resource development key to improving life in North, says new study

(CBC News)

An Aboriginal development think-tank says the North has a lot of catching up to do when it comes to the quality of life of its people.

Its answer: more resource development.

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First Nations leaders expected to meet Finance Minister Bill Morneau

(CBC News)

Top leaders from the Assembly of First Nations met Finance Minister Bill Morneau on Thursday for a pre-budget talk which both sides described as productive.

The indigenous leaders laid out their main concerns and needs and said they could benefit from some of the infrastructure money the government has been promising.

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Inuit leaders ask Justin Trudeau for Inuit issues committee, 2nd Kelowna Accord

(CBC News)

Inuit leaders proposed the creation of a joint committee dedicated to Inuit issues during a meeting with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau this week in Ottawa.

Leaders from the Inuvialuit region, Nunavut, Nunavik and Nunatsiavut met with Trudeau.



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SFNEDN Annual Forum

ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION: Innovation, Sustainability, Growth

This one-day forum will focus 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. The forum will debate on the most effective strategies to move the economy into a new realm of diversification, sustainable growth and economic stability.

NOMINATIONS

- Do you know of an individual or community making a difference in their community using economic development?
- Have their contributions resulted in a positive impact?
- Do you want to recognize that individual or community?

SFNEDN will be recognizing an individual and community chosen through the process of nomination. For more details and to access the forms, go to the SFNEDN website under the Economic Diversification event.

To register for the 2016 Annual Forum, go to <https://www.picatic.com/ISG2016>, seats are limited!

April 6, 2016

Dakota Dunes Events Centre
Whitecap Dakota First Nation, Saskatchewan

2016 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION:
Innovation, Sustainability, Growth

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:
Economic Development practitioners, Economic Development Corporate Leaders, First Nation Elected Officials, Government


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DON'T FORGET the Economic Development Individual or Community Nominations will be taking place at the forum, call 306-667-5661 to get your form today!
All forms must be submitted by April 2, 2016 to qualify.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 24, 2016

Business Innovation in First Nations Banking: Lessons Learnt from the First Nations Bank of Canada

Saskatoon, SK

<https://www.picatic.com/LessonsOfSuccessFNBC>

February 24 & 25, 2016

Administration Training

Winnipeg, MB

Indigenous Leadership Development Institute (ILDII)

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February 23 - 24, 2016

Western Aboriginal Consultation and Engagement

Delta Edmonton South, Alberta

www.canadianinstitute.com/westernaboriginal

March 1 - 3, 2016

Northern Governance Conference

Yellowknife, NT

For more information and to register, go to: www.ntgovernance.ca

March 2, 2016

Action Entrepreneurship Community Exchange: Connecting and Celebrating

Saskatoon, Sk.

<http://www.futurpreneur.ca/en/2015/action-entrepreneurship-community-exchange-connecting-and-celebrating-saskatoons-entrepreneurial-community/>

March 3, 2016

Luncheon - Hon. Perrin Beatty

Saskatoon, SK.

<http://saskatoonchamber.chambermaster.com/events/details/luncheon-03-03-2016-hon-perrin-beatty-2551>

March 8-9, 2016

Guiding Circles Step 2: Finding New Possibilities

Saskatoon, Sk.

<https://aboriginalhr.ca/en/products/item/guiding-circles>

March 9, 2016

Community Job Fair

Bedford Road Collegiate

Saskatoon, Sk.

To book a table, email: employer@quintsaskatoon.ca

March 16 & 17, 2016

FORUM 3 - Urban Reserve Creation - Opportunity & Partnerships

Saskatoon, SK.

FSIN

Email: crystal.osecap@fsin.com

March 21, 2016

Understanding the Foundations of Community Governance

Thunderbay, Ontario

<http://governancedevelopment.org>

March 23, 2016

Business Succession Workshop ONLINE

SEDA

http://www.growourregion.ca/html/events/2016_Workshop_Signup_Page/index.cfm

April 6, 2016**

Economic Diversification: Innovation, Sustainability, Growth

Dakota Dunes Event Centre

Whitecap Dakota Nation, SK

www.sfnedn.com

April 13 & 14, 2016

Managing the Media

Winnipeg, MB

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April 19-21, 2016

4th Annual National Conference - Canadian Aboriginal Human Resource Management

Association (CAHRMA)

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/>

August 23 - 25, 2016

World Indigenous Business Forum

Saskatoon, SK

www.wibf.ca

October 5 & 6, 2016

Proposals and Professional Communication

Opaskwayak Cree Nation, MB

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December 1 & 2, 2016

Workplace Conflict Resolution

South Beach Casino & Resort, Scantbury MB

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