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**Indigenous  
Economic  
Development News**

**November 24, 2015**

### **What is the Trans Pacific Partnership and why should it matter to Indigenous Communities**

By Guy Lonechild, CEO,  
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There are many ongoing nation-building megaprojects such as oil and gas pipelines across Canada, or tanker routes of liquefied natural gas off the west coast of British Columbia that are still a cause for great concern. Will the Trans-Pacific Partnership and its member states take into consideration the rights and responsibilities to Indigenous Canadians?

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## **INDIGENOUS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEWS**

### **First Nations Forum Focusing on Sustainability (Star Phoenix)**

Indigenous communities in Canada and the United States are already heavily invested in renewable's such as hydro and solar power and it's vital that Saskatchewan's First Nations begin considering environmentally sustainable technology.

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**Tribal Sovereignty Act Passes (ABC)**

Today, Congress passed the Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act of 2015 (249-177 with 24 Democrats joining a majority of Republicans), which rolls back federal agency intervention in tribal affairs in order to restore greater sovereignty to tribes.

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### **Financial Assistance grows for a neglected demographic** (Globe and Mail)

If we are going to grow the Canadian economy, we need to find a way to engage this part of Canada.

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### **Aboriginal title ruling may cause chill on new development: Fraser Institute** (CTV)

The Fraser Institute says a recent Supreme Court of Canada decision on aboriginal title will expose companies and other private entities to potential litigation only previously brought against federal and provincial governments.

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### **The High Demand for Aboriginal Lawyers**

(BC Business)

After a decade of landmark rulings on native rights, aboriginal lawyers are in high demand-especially in B.C., home to more than a third of Canada's First Nations. While arguably the most exciting and consequential field in law today, it is also one of the most unpredictable.

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### **BC First Nation Launches Plans for LNG export plant**

(CTV News)

B.C.'s Oil and Gas Commissioner confirmed earlier this year that fracking -- or the process of injecting fluid into the ground to extract natural gas -- set off a 4.4 magnitude earthquake in northeastern B.C.

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