

# First Nations Financial Reporter

Newsletter of the Aboriginal Financial Officers Association of BC



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## Our Vision

Social, economic and cultural prosperity for all Indigenous people and communities in BC

## Our Mission

**Building Capacity Together**

## Our Services

- Professional development
- Community workshops and training
- Training conferences
- Networking opportunities
- Corporate discounts
- Tools and resources
- Communications and support

## Join Us!

AFOA BC membership is open to individuals working in Aboriginal finance and administration, as well as corporations that work with Aboriginal communities and people.

To learn more about membership or to join AFOA BC, visit us at [afabc.org](http://afabc.org)

## First Nations Band Administration Conference

September 15-17, 2020

Spirit Ridge Resort  
1200 Rancher Creek Rd  
Osoyoos, BC  
V6X 3P8

## 8th Annual Band Administrator Award

Presented by RBC

Presented To:

**Collette Sunday, Band Administrator, Upper Nicola Band**

Collette has been the Band Administrator of Upper Nicola Band for 7 years and she often shares her personal journey toward working within her own community, which involved leaving UNB in pursuit of higher education with the intention of returning home to support advancing a strong governance structure for future generations. Throughout her career, Collette has experienced the challenges and barriers of capacity building in a First Nation firsthand and continues to be committed to sharing her knowledge and expertise in First Nation Administration at every opportunity.

Collette's dedication in support of all First Nations goes beyond speaking engagements; she also currently mentors two Band Administrators from other BC First Nations as a volunteer mentor, in addition to her busy role in her own community.

Collette is more than deserving of the Band Administrators Recognition Award for her demonstrated excellence in leadership in support of strong governance for all First Nations, and I thank you for considering her nomination. In fact, she was nominated by two different organizations!



To book a workshop,  
contact us at the office:  
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## Upcoming AFOA BC Conferences

First Nations Financial  
Management and HR  
Conference  
**December 1-3, 2020**  
Vancouver, BC

First Nations Economic  
Development Conference  
**March 9-11, 2020**  
Vancouver, BC

## Upcoming AFOA BC Workshops

First Nations Audit  
Preparation Seminars  
**FALL 2020** - Dates TBD  
VIRTUAL EVENT

First Nations Regional  
Budgeting Workshop  
**FALL 2020** - Date TBD  
Vancouver, BC/VIRTUAL

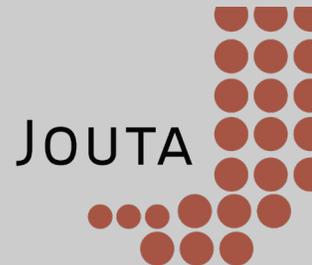
## 2020 BC First Nations Salary Survey

We realize that this year has been a little different than most to say the least! Because of this, we have decided to extend the deadline to complete the Salary Survey to September 30, 2020.

We would really like to present you with the most comprehensive and accurate data to date...

Please help us get there by taking some time to complete the survey, below - as a token of appreciation, you will receive a \$50 credit towards an AFOA BC Conference or Workshop!! As well as a free copy of the 2020 Salary Survey Report!

**You can find the survey at [afaobc.org](http://afaobc.org)**



## AFOA BC 2020 Annual General Meeting Announcement

Date: August 31, 2020  
To: AFOA BC Members  
Re: Notice of Annual General Meeting and Announcement of Elections

Be advised the next AFOA BC Annual General Meeting is set for December 2, 2020 in Vancouver, BC.

AFOA BC has retained Clay Harmon as the Chief Electoral Officer at this year's Annual General Meeting. The purpose of the meeting is as follows:  
To receive and consider the audited financial statements of AFOA BC for the year ended March 31, 2020 and the report of the Board of Directors.  
To elect 3 Directors for a two (2) year term.  
To conduct such further or other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

**For more details, visit [afaobc.org](http://afaobc.org) or call (604) 925-6370.**

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## We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Corporate Members

### Thank you for your support!



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CPAs are on the front lines of business in BC, and they see firsthand the issues that are affecting investment and the economy. Our members advise multinational corporations, small businesses, not-for-profits, government agencies, and countless individuals. They are highly regarded for their leadership in the field of public accounting, their strategic insight in the boardrooms of top corporations, and their guidance in government and public sector accounting.

Each provincial CPA body is a member organization of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada (CPA Canada), which represents more than 210,000 professional accountants across the country and around the world.

The First Nations Market Housing Fund (the Fund) is working with 257 First Nations governments across Canada, supporting their goals of strengthening governance and making informed decisions as they create and sustain market-based housing. The Fund's capacity development funding has been used for laws, codes, by-laws, policies, plans, staff training and accreditation, and citizen education on reserves across the country.

Contact us to find out how the Fund can partner with your community to:

- develop or expand market-based housing options on reserve, settlement lands or lands set aside
- attract private financing for easier access to home ownership, rental or renovation loans and support economic development
- access capacity development supports for a variety of services focused on creating and sustaining market-based housing including finance, housing, land management, economic development and technical services



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