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Indigenous Economic Development Conference

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Tuesday, March 7, 2023

9:00AM -
4:00 PM

Pre-Conference Workshop

Managing Economic Development in your Nation

Caledonia Glendale, Owner/Operator, Inisa Consulting and Training Services

In this one-day workshop we will discuss economic development objectives, project management, partnerships and risk assessment.

The workshop is designed for Economic Development Managers, employees, Chief & Council and anyone interested in nation building.

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

8:00 AM

Conference Registration
Full Breakfast
Exhibitor Displays

8:45 AM

Introduction & Traditional Welcome

Opening Comments: Barbara Joe, President, AFOA BC

Traditional Welcome: Chief Gibby Jacob, Squamish Nation

9:00 AM

Squamish Nation Economic Development

Chief Gibby Jacob, Squamish Nation

Chief Gibby will share how Squamish Nation has developed over the years' providing us with insight on what worked well and what areas could have been done differently. Chief Gibby will also share his personal story in working with the Nation's Ec Dev team for over 40 years!

10:00 AM

Refreshment Break and Exhibitor Introductions

10:30 AM

Business Readiness & Tax Obligations

Crystal Livingstone, CEO, Flagship Accounting and Management Services

Crystal will discuss business structures for on reserve businesses vs off reserve, go over government tax related accounts and the reporting requirements associated, as well as talk about how business income will affect the business owners' tax position.

11:30 AM

Sharing the Journey – Creating a Brighter Future for Indigenous Youth

Cliff Fregin, COO, Indspire

Cliff will discuss the current programming and funding available to Indigenous youth. Indspire is a national Indigenous registered charity that invests in the education of First Nations, Inuit and Métis people.

12:15 PM

Lunch and Networking

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- 1:15 PM** **Indigenous Procurement Overview**
Tim Dymond, A/Manager, Business Development, Indigenous Services Canada
This presentation provides information on the role that ISC plays in federal Indigenous procurement and the tools that the federal government employs to increase the participation of Indigenous businesses in procurement, in particular the Procurement Strategy of Indigenous Business (PSIB).
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- 2:00 PM** **Get in the Know on Crypto**
Pamela McDonald, Director, Communications and Education and Isaac Filate, Senior Legal Counsel, Capital Markets Regulation, BC Securities Commission
This presentation will discuss how the BC Securities Commission (BCSC) is approaching regulation in the crypto investment markets. It will also highlight how the BCSC is educating investors about the risk of fraud in the crypto markets and informing people about what they should think about when considering crypto investments.
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- 2:45 PM** **Refreshment Break and Exhibitor Introductions**
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- 3:00 PM** **Charging Towards a Clean Future: EV Fast Charging within Indigenous Communities**
Moderator: Dennis Wilson, Executive Director, NationFUEL
Panelists: Dale Tsuruda, Founder, NationFUEL, Rory Gattens, Sales & Partnerships – Western Canada, Hypercharge Networks
Currently there are over 1,400 gas stations in BC with many already shifting towards offering public DC Fast Charging infrastructure as drivers shift towards the federal mandate of 100% EV sales by 2035. On this clean energy panel, NationFUEL and Hypercharge will discuss how EV Fast Charging at gas retail locations can increase visibility, accessibility, and economic activity within Indigenous communities across BC. In addition to this, they will describe the federal and provincial incentives available to subsidize the supply and installation costs of this infrastructure to increase ROI then develop a new revenue stream within each community.
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- 4:15 PM** **Closing Remarks/Adjournment**
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- 4:15 PM** **President's Reception - Whistler Ballroom Foyer**
Presented by BC Securities Commission
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Thursday, March 9, 2023

- 8:00 AM** Conference Registration
Full Breakfast
Exhibitor Displays
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- 8:50 AM** **Opening Comments**
Wendy Ham, Executive Director, AFOA BC
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9:00 AM

Cannabis Panel

Peter Guo, MNP, Partner, BC Risk Services Leader | Shannon Kloet – HacheKloet Consulting | Leslie Ducommun, Vice President - Complex Risk, HUB International Insurance Brokers | Jodee Dick, CEO, Khowutzun Development Corporation

10:15AM

Refreshment Break and Exhibitor Displays

10:30 AM

The 400 Drums project: Weaving Digital Spaces with Physical Places, People and Culture

Tamara Goddard, CEO, Four Our Future

400 Drums is the largest Indigenous-owned and run Web 3.0 project in the world. Co-Founder Tamara Goddard will share insights on how blockchain, AI and digital spaces are paving the way for Indigenous artists, language teachers and businesses to affordably access new markets and develop new income streams. Learn how these technologies are rapidly becoming relevant tools to hold and share our Cultural Teachings while protecting our Intellectual Property based on Indigenous Cultural Protocols.

11:30 PM

Nation Led Real Estate Development: on and off reserve

Saul Joseph, Partner, Matt Singerman, Partner and Sam Shury, Associate, Clark Wilson LLP

Clark Wilson's presentation provides a broad overview of legal regimes, opportunities and challenges impacting First Nations involved in land development matters. It focuses on the different avenues available to First Nations to acquire and develop lands in fee simple, and to maximize the value of their reserve lands.

12:30 PM

Lunch and Exhibitor Draws

1:30 PM

Financial Fitness Foundations

Nene Kraneveldt, Owner of Imagination FX, and "Change Agent"

Don't worry we will have fun! And we will talk about value-based budgeting, our wants vs. needs, and unpack what economic reconciliation means and why it's important.

2:30PM

Blanket Ceremony for the Youth Delegates

3:00PM

Closing remarks, AFOA BC Draw Prizes, Conference Adjournment
