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FALL 2018
 NEWSLETTER
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Gary Mersasty
 Alt Hotel 2018
 August 31st, 2018.
SOLD OUT EVENT

Gary Merasty is a successful Indigenous business leader. He is currently the Chief Development officer with the North West Company and previously served as a Grand Chief.

Chief Sinclair
 Holiday Inn South
 September 13th, 2018.
SOLD OUT EVENT

Process and Independence. An Indigenous business story success. The Chamber was pleased to sell out our event with Chief Christian Sinclair at the Holiday Inn South.

First Peoples Economic Growth Fund
 The Fort Gary Hotel
 October 2nd, 2018.
SOLD OUT EVENT

First Peoples Economic Growth Fund is pleased to celebrate their 10th Anniversary with the members of the Aboriginal Chamber of Commerce.



Chief Sinclair and ACC Board Members

Thank You, Chief Sinclair

The Chamber was pleased to host special guest from Opaskwayak Cree Nation, Chief Christian Sinclair, who was our keynote for our September luncheon.
 Thank you - Meegwetch to all the sponsors. You help make our events a success!

First Peoples Economic Growth Fund 10th Anniversary Luncheon - October 2nd, 2018



FIRST PEOPLES
economic growth fund

First Peoples Economic Growth Fund is pleased to celebrate their 10th Anniversary with the members of the Aboriginal Chamber of Commerce (ACC). This luncheon will feature some of their successful First Nation Entrepreneurs who will speak about their business journey. Speakers include Chief David Crate of Fisher River Cree Nation, Melissa Osadac from Destination X BMX, Dakota Sipie from Sipie's Mobile Wash and Florence Duncan from Flossy's Pizza. Please see our website at www.aboriginalchamber.ca to purchase tickets.

Aboriginal Chamber of Commerce Annual Gala - Entertainment Spotlight - Indian City

2018 Juno Award Nominee Indian City is a Canadian Folk Pop band performing to audiences across North America. Their dynamic fusion of lyrics, music and personality bring the spirit and pulse of Indigenous story and voice.

Collectively Indian City have received multiple awards in different bands including 2 Juno Awards, 5 Juno Nominations, 5 Western Canadian Music Awards and a host of multiple wins and nominations across North America. In 2018 Indian City received a Juno Nomination for their latest release 'Here & Now'.

Board Member Highlight - Mr. Darrell Brown, Chairperson



Darrell Brown is a Cree entrepreneur and consultant based in Winnipeg. Over the past fifteen years he has built several successful businesses, and has worked as an advisor to a number of Indigenous organizations. Darrell is President of Kisik Commercial Furniture that supplies and installs office furniture and accessories to all levels of government and to indigenous communities since 2003.

Darrell is also President of Kisik Marketing & Communications working with Indigenous businesses and organizations to grow their operations and sustainability. In addition to his business expertise in sales and operational management, Darrell has a superior understanding of Canadian Indigenous culture and rights. Darrell has extensive firsthand experience with the Canadian Federal Governments Aboriginal Procurement Strategy. He is a strong advocate

for Indigenous economic development with extensive experience in business negotiations and demonstrated ability in First Nations engagement.

Darrell is a founding member and past chair of the Aboriginal Chamber of Commerce based in Manitoba and the Chamber is proud to have him as our current Chairperson, again. He holds an Advanced Diploma in International Business from Red River College in Manitoba and a Certificate of Indigenous Leadership, Governance and Management Excellence from the Banff Centre. Darrell holds the designation of ICD.D from The Rotman, Directors Education Program through The Institute for Corporate Directors. Darrell also holds a certificate in the 20/20 Catalyst program focusing on the Indigenous Renewable Energy Sector. Darrell is an associate with Lumos Energy, a firm that works exclusively with Indigenous communities to develop renewable energy projects of all sizes and scope. He is a member of the Indigenous Relations Council with the United Way of Winnipeg. You can learn more about him on his website at www.kisik.biz

Upcoming Events 2018

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| October 2nd | <p>First Peoples Economic Growth Fund (FPEGF)
The Fort Garry Hotel, 222 Broadway, Winnipeg</p> <p>FPEGF would like to acknowledge and thank our Co-Sponsors:
Cochrane Saxberg, Exchange Group, Life Benefit Solutions Inc.,
South Beach Casino and The Fort Garry Hotel.</p> |
| November 2nd | Aboriginal Chamber of Commerce Annual Gala |



Aboriginal Chamber of Commerce Board

Executive Board

- Darrell Brown, Chair
- Michael McMullen, Vice-Chair
- Tanya Clarke-Marinelli, Secretary
- Dan Richard, Treasurer
- Terry Brown, Past Chair

Board of Directors

- Leah Ballantyne, Melissa Chung,
- Jamie Dumont, Brian Kelly, Rob Read,
- Scott Rose, Kieran Saindon,
- Fabian Sanderson, Nathan Vreyborg

Vision - Aboriginal Business Prosperity.

Mission - To foster members’ success through Networking, Education, Leadership and Advocacy.

Values - Our values embrace the seven sacred teachings: Love, Respect, Courage, Honesty, Wisdom, Humility and Truth.

About the Aboriginal Chamber

WHAT IS A CHAMBER OF COMMERCE?

A Chamber of Commerce is a voluntary organization of the business community which lends itself to improving business and building a better community.

WHAT DOES A CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DO?

The Chamber of Commerce organizes and directs the energies of those who believe that a community worth living in is a community worth improving. It works to increase wealth and prosperity by facilitating the growth of existing businesses and fostering new ones.

WHY SHOULD I JOIN A CHAMBER OF COMMERCE?

The Chamber performs many functions to foster the growth of the business community. The Chamber only refers its members, and every year, the organization publishes a membership directory and community guide which is distributed to Chamber members and visitors.

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Aboriginal Chamber of Commerce Annual Gala Sponsorship Info

Sponsorship Levels

Dinner Sponsor \$4,000 (multiple)

Podium recognition at the Gala Dinner
 Recognition on the Website
 Recognition on event screens
 Recognition on all print materials
 5 tickets to the Gala Dinner
 Speaking Opportunity at event

Wine Sponsor \$2,500 (multiple)

Podium recognition at the Gala Dinner
 Recognition on the Website
 Recognition on event screens
 Recognition on all print materials
 Introduce speaker
 2 tickets to the Gala Dinner

Platinum Sponsor \$7,500 (1)

Podium recognition at the Gala Dinner
 Recognition on the Website
 Recognition on event screens
 Recognition on all print materials
 Speaking opportunity at event
 10 tickets to the Gala Dinner

Gold Sponsor \$4,000 (2)

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 Recognition on event screens
 Recognition on all print materials
 5 tickets to the Gala Dinner

Silver Sponsor \$3,000 (3)

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 2 tickets to the Gala Dinner

Bronze Sponsor \$2,000 (4)

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 2 tickets to the Gala Dinner

Reception Sponsor \$2,500 (5)

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 Recognition on the Website
 Recognition on event screens
 2 tickets to the Gala Dinner

Member \$200 each (\$210 GST incl.) or \$1,800/table (\$1,890 GST incl.)
Non-Member \$250 each (\$262.50 GST incl.) or \$2,250/table (\$2,362.50 GST incl.)
10 seats/table – Dinner and Entertainment Included

