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**Annual General Meeting
Delta Hotel 2018**

June 19th was the Aboriginal Chamber of Commerce Annual General meeting. Board elections and sharing the business plan for 2018/2019.

**Board Member Spotlight
Leah Ballantyne**

Leah is one of the newest Board member for the Aboriginal Chamber of Commerce. Read about Leah's journey.

**Indigenous Procurement
Roundtable Discussion.**

The Aboriginal Chamber was invited to business consultations on Indigenous Procurement Modernization Eastern Region Roundtable in Montreal.



2018 CHAMBER CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Chamber Classic golf tournament was terrific! Everyone had a good time and made some great memories and build lasting business relationships.

Thank you to all the sponsors that helped make the Golf tournament possible. Miigwetch!

Aboriginal Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting

On June 19, the ACC had its AGM at the Delta hotel where Darryl Buck opened the meeting with prayers and songs. The ACC business plan for 2018/2019 was shared with the members and 5 new board members were elected. Ian Cramer from First Peoples Economic Growth Fund was the guest speaker for the event. Thank you Ian, Sponsors and the ACC membership for attending.

Indigenous Procurement - June 2018.

The Aboriginal Chamber was invited to business consultations on Indigenous Procurement Modernization Eastern Region Roundtable in Montreal by Indigenous Services Canada. Tanya Clarke-Secretary and Darrell Brown, Chair of the ACC attended the consultations on June 12, 2018. The group of business owners in attendance gave their recommendations which will form a report to go to Federal Cabinet sometime this fall. Presentation decks are available for sharing with our membership. We hope to obtain a copy of the final report to share sometime in late 2018. For more information please contact our office directly.

New Board Member - Leah Ballantyne

Tansi, my name is Leah Ballantyne, LLM and I am practicing lawyer, and am a project manager for an International medical genome project at the University of British Columbia. Recently I was employed as the Interim Chief Operating Officer at the Chiefs of Ontario.

As the 2016-2017 recipient of the Boaz Fellowship at the University of Hawaii at Manoa School of Law, I earned my Masters of Law Degree with a specialization in International and Comparative Laws. I graduated from the University of British Columbia Faculty of Law with an LLB in 2005 and have been practicing since 2008.



I am a proud Indigenous woman from the Treaty Six Band of the Mathias Colomb Cree Nation in Pukatawagan, Manitoba. Having been appointed as an Indigenous Youth Ambassador with the former Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Indigenous Peoples Abroad Program, I was placed with the Citizen's Constitutional Forum in Suva, Fiji. This provided experience on an International level in advancing Indigenous and human rights through the United Nations Fiji NGO Coalition on Human Rights and the CCF Steering Committee. This gave me first-hand experience providing personal and professional legal perspectives as a First Nations woman, within Canada.

During my tenure in the Masters of Law program, I was able to hone my knowledge to include domestic, national and international legal analysis and perspectives to my work in the Indigenous Rights advocacy and business arena.

Over the years, I have been a guest lecturer, facilitator and speaker in a variety of settings that include institutional, business, college and university audiences. I bring leadership, management and expertise to the table, and look forward to serving the Aboriginal Chamber of Commerce.

Upcoming Events 2018

August 31st - Breakfast with Gary Merasty at the Alt Hotel. More information coming.

September 13th - Lunch with Chief Sinclair. More information coming.

November 2nd - Aboriginal Chamber of Commerce Gala. More information coming.

Out and about... ...in Montreal.

Indigenous Procurement Modernization
Eastern Region Roundtable in Montreal.

Tanya Marinelli from Winnipeg - Kenneth
Deer (Elder) from Mohawk Nation - Six
Nations and Darrell Brown of Winnipeg.



Aboriginal Chamber of Commerce Board Executive Board

Darrell Brown, Chair
Michael McMullen, Vice-Chair
Tanya Clarke-Marinelli, Secretary
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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.

Facts 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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