



Community Based Workshop Series and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) for First Nations

March 23 -25, 2010 | Renaissance Vancouver Hotel Harbourside

AFOA British Columbia
2010 CONFERENCE
March 23-25, 2010

STRENGTHENING ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES THROUGH MANAGEMENT TRAINING AND SUPPORT

Essentials of First Nations Financial Management
First Nations Community Strategic Planning
First Nations Band Management & Best Practices
First Nations Financial Management & Governance Systems
First Nations Audit & Reporting
First Nations Financial Reporting

SPECIAL FEATURE

IFRS International Financial Reporting Standards

PROGRAM CO-CHAIRS

AFOA BC President, Brian Titus
AFOA BC Vice President, Susan Woods

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Program

Tuesday, MARCH 23, 2010

- 8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 Elder's Opening Prayer and Welcoming Remarks from AFOA BC
- 9:30 Breakout Workshops
- 12:00 Networking Luncheon
- 1:00 Workshops Resume
- 4:30 Sessions Adjourn for the day

Wednesday, MARCH 24, 2010

- 8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 Opening Comments
- 9:30 Workshops Day Two Resume
- 12:00 Networking Luncheon
- 1:00 Workshops Resume
- 4:30 Sessions Adjourn for the day

Thursday, MARCH 25, 2010

- 8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 Remarks from AFOA BC
- 9:30 IFRS
New International Financial Reporting Standards Presentation
- 12:00 Networking Lunch
- 2:30 Refreshments
- 3:00 Continue IFRS Workshop
- 4:00 AFOA BC Closing Remarks

Who Should Attend?

- First Nations Chiefs
- First Nations Councillors
- Members of Aboriginal Associations and Communities
- Directors and Managers of First Nations Programs
- Financial and Administrative Managers

Representatives from:

- Indian Affairs and Northern Affairs
- Canada Financial Officers
- Audit Firms

Register Now!

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Gain additional presence and prestige in front of senior level decision makers through AFOA BC information's sponsorship opportunities. All of our exclusive sponsorship packages include a comprehensive package of preferential benefits. For further details please contact us at 604.925.6370.

Welcome

Better Communities Through Effective Leadership

AFOA is people helping people. We support the dedicated individuals, like you, working in the fields of Aboriginal finance, administration and governance. By providing the highest quality training and professional development, offering the latest tools and resources, and lobbying for our members' needs, we work toward a vision of social, economic, and cultural prosperity for all Aboriginal people in BC.

Our workshops are facilitated by professional with extensive backgrounds in finance and business. We hope you take advantage of our quality professional development and great networking opportunities in working towards our goal of healthy, prosperous Aboriginal communities.

Brian Titus
President, AFOA BC

Workshop Options – Day 1 & 2

Essentials of First Nations Financial Management

Travis Seymour, CGA, CAFM, MBA
Financial Management Board

This workshop will help non-financial people develop an understanding of financial reports.

- Council and Finance Roles and Responsibilities
- Understanding Financial Reports and reporting cycles
- Finance assignments and duties
- Understand the auditors role in reporting
- Compare your budget and expenditures
- Business and fund accounting differences
- Finance software benefits and differences
- Finance policy development
- What is a balance sheet, asset classifications and current liabilities

First Nations Community Strategic Planning

Elaine Eccleston, CMA, MBA, CAFM
College of the Rockies

A step-by-step approach to setting your goals to operating and implementing a Community Plan.

- What is a community strategic plan or vision?
- Role of strategic planning team
- How to develop your community vision statement
- Develop your needs and set resources
- Performance measurements
- Preparing for your strategic plan
- SWOT - how to assess your community
- Understand how to evaluate your situation
- How to plan your budget requirements
- Make required modifications and reporting to stakeholders.

Workshop Options – Day 1 & 2

First Nations Band Management & Best Practices

Clay Harmon, CFP, CAFM, CMA, FCMA
Kitsumkalum Indian Band

Improve general management practices.

- Strategic Planning is a task for the future, learn the steps from planning, prioritizing, monitoring and evaluation of progress.
- Managing Human Resources is crucial, learn the fundamentals of employment policies and labour requirements for hiring and discipline, contractor relations and much more.
- Financial Planning and Accountability—learn how the management cycle differ from annual to multiyear agreements. Capital project planning, how to manage a deficit, wealth management and information on Trusts will also be covered.
- Economic Development: Learn techniques to form a community economic vision and economic development plan, identifying opportunities, tax advantages for First Nation and how to finance project.

First Nations Financial Management & Governance Systems

Jeanie Lanine, Lawyer
Cedar Law

Learn the steps to effective governance and accountability to ensure good management practices.

- Elements of Effective Governance includes history of the Aboriginal Rights and current self governing practices
- Roles & Responsibilities of Chief and Council, Chief Administrator and Staff
- Governance Models and Tools discussions from traditional forms including constitutional, government models, corporate models and review governance documents and risk management principles
- Accountability practices and examples of community success

First Nations Audit & Reporting

Norm Grdina, CGA, CFE, CAFM
Partner, Morrow & Co. Certified General Accountants

This workshop will provide your finance department with tips and structure for a healthy audit

- Learn how to set up your Audit System
- Examine your reporting with stakeholders and reporting requirements
- Importance of GAAP, reporting standards set by the Public Sector Accounting Board
- Review of software challenges and options for your reporting needs
- Advantages of a code of accounts for better reporting
- Interim reporting requirements and decisions of who will requires the reports and why
- Auditor roles and requirements

Workshop Options - Day 1 & 2

First Nations Financial Reporting

Meyers Norris Penny

Kenny Ansems, Provincial Director
Aboriginal Services, BC & Yukon

Mark Luke, Provincial Director
Aboriginal Services, BC & Yukon

This key financial management workshop will assist in completing the workplan to meet the requirements of Tangible Capital Assets.

- This workshop will cover the rules and accounting standards of the Public Sector Accounting Standards.
- Practical Considerations for Identifying your Tangible Capital Assets including how to set policies within your organization for practical rules on asset classes.
- Then comes how to determine the value of such assets and the calculations to record the information for historical assets.
- Exercises and discussion will make this a valuable workshop to attend.

Special Feature - Day 3 Additional Registration Fee Required for Day 3

International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)

Shirley Wolff, Associate Partner
Deloitte & Touche LLP

The Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants announced its intent to replace Canadian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) for publicly accountable entities starting in 2011 (with restatement of the comparative year). This new accounting framework will apply to First Nations government business enterprises and may also apply to other organizations controlled by First Nations. Deloitte & Touche LLP will provide a workshop that will include an overview of how IFRS applies and outline IFRS standards most relevant to First Nations entities.

This seminar will discuss these changes and will provide you with:

- An overview of how IFRS will impact First Nations;
- An overview of the recent changes to the Introduction Section of the Public Sector Accounting Handbook and the choices available to First Nation entities;
- An outline of key differences between Canadian GAAP and IFRS;
- An approach to develop an effective IFRS implementation plan; and
- An outline of the timelines and what you need to be considering now.

This seminar will be beneficial to the following: Directors of Finance, Controllers and members of audit/finance committees, boards of directors and council.

