

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

First Nations Economic Development Corporation Conference

March 11-13, 2020

River Rock Resort
8811 River Rd
Richmond, BC
V6X 3P8

GUEST SPEAKER:

Art Napoleon

Host and Co-Producer of APTN's popular show Moosemeat & Marmalade



A Cultural Approach to Economics & Self Determination

Culture cannot simply be an add-on to community and nation building initiatives. Rather, it is the pinnacle representing our Indigenous worldviews and from it stem all our ways of knowing and doing. This includes our ancient laws, sacred obligations, and life guiding principles. As we face a new era of problems such as land-use conflicts, climate change and an unstable world economy, the country is at a crossroad. The pressure to create alternatives and models for the world is upon us. Rather than follow Western models that are increasingly out of touch with these new realities, Art Napoleon of the hit APTN show Moosemeat & Marmalade, encourages Indigenous Peoples to lead the way towards the creation of culture-based models of economy, governance and self-determination. This keynote will make use of storytelling, case studies, and an overview of Indigenous concepts and principles that can guide Indigenous economics and self-determination in today's world.

Book now for AFOA BC workshops for Spring and Summer!

Whether you are tackling governance issues, looking to improve financial management or creating a financial administrative bylaw, AFOA BC can bring a skilled facilitator to your Nation to help.

To book a workshop, contact us at the office: reception@afobc.org
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Upcoming AFOA BC Conferences

First Nations Band Administration Conference
June 9-11, 2020
Spirit Ridge Resort, Osoyoos, BC

First Nations Finance and Administrative Conference
September 15-17, 2020
Location TBD

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

AFOA BC and CPABC Sign a Memorandum of Understanding



Both CPABC and AFOA BC believe that the key to building First Nations governance capacity and creating a better life for Canada's First Nations' peoples lies in developing capacity in financial management and government administration as well as in improving the skills of those responsible for the stewardship and management of First Nations resources.

To facilitate creating greater capacity, both organizations will support and promote the attainment of the Certified Aboriginal Financial Management designation, other First Nations certifications and designations, and/or the CPA designation. They will also work towards better identifying the number of Indigenous professionals currently working in the financial and accounting sector.

Lori Mathison, FCPA, FCGA, LLB, President and CEO of CPABC: "Part of our core mandate is to enhance the accessibility of the profession and serve all of society, including Indigenous peoples. We look forward to working with AFOA BC to enhance First Nations financial and management skills, which will ultimately strengthen First Nations program and service delivery. This agreement is an important milestone in strengthening CPABC's partnership with AFOA BC."

Carol Reimer, Vice President of AFOA BC: "Support from Indigenous institutions is a critical component of self-determination for Indigenous peoples. Given the current agendas of both the federal and provincial governments, this is an important time for Indigenous institutional development to support what First Nations communities have been working to reclaim for generations. AFOA BC is pleased to be entering into this Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation with CPABC and commits to continuing to deliver capacity support based on the needs of communities, as we have done for more than 20 years."

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AFOA CANADA
**HARVARD BUSINESS
SCHOOL CERTIFICATE
PROGRAM**
May 4-8, 2020

LEADING PEOPLE AND
INVESTING TO BUILD
SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

AFOA Canada is pleased to partner with Nutrien to provide travel, accommodations and tuition for one Indigenous Youth to attend the Harvard Business School Executive Certificate Program along with Senior Administrators, Executive Officers, Elected Leaders and Senior Managers working in Indigenous communities and organizations on-reserve, off-reserve and in urban, rural and isolated settings across Canada.

Scholarship is open to academically successful Indigenous Youth between the ages of 21-29 who are graduates or in their fourth year of studies in Business Management, Business or Publication Administration, Accounting or Commerce. Must have a valid passport.

Deadline to apply for the youth scholarship is Friday, February 21, 2020.

For more information about the program, or to download an application, please visit www.afoa.ca



Aboriginal Financial Officers Association BC (AFOABC) and National Aboriginal Trust Officers Association (NATOA) Enter a Partnership Agreement for 2020.

This partnership includes benefits for both AFOA BC and NATOA members:

- AFOA BC Members are offered a 15% discount off all NATOA event fees at the time of registration.

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- NATOA members are offered AFOA BC membership pricing for AFOA BC event fees at the time of registration.

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AFOA BC's sponsorship packages include exclusive benefits. Gain presence and prestige in front of senior decision makers by sponsoring Indigenous financial leadership and capacity building.

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