



First Nations Tax Administrators Association

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NEWSLETTER

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Community Profile: Sliammon First Nation

The Sliammon First Nation is located approximately 180 kilometres northwest of Vancouver, along the Sunshine Coast, just North of Powell River, British Columbia. The population is 960 members with approximately 550 living on reserve.

Sliammon First Nation has exercised property tax jurisdiction since 1995 and joined the FSMA in 2008. There are currently 102 tax folios composed of 98 residential, 2 business and 2 utility folios.

The Sliammon Tax Administration team is composed of Mia Harry, who has been with Sliammon Tax Administration since 1998 and Cathy Galligos who became the Tax and Land Manager in July 2008. The Lands and Tax Departments work closely together.

Sliammon First Nation and the City of Powell River signed a Protocol Agreement about 5 years ago. The two governments meet once per month to discuss various topics of mutual interest. Sliammon First Nation has a Municipal Service Transfer Agreement with the Powell River Regional District for services such as regional parks, cemetery, waste management, fire protection, hospital service, 911, public library and sewage disposal.

Sliammon First Nation has a Volunteer Fire Department. The Nation plans to expand the Fire Department, recruiting additional volunteer firefighters, building a new Fire Hall and acquiring a new Fire Truck. Property Tax revenue will also contribute to a new Administration Centre.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

KEYS to Success

K - Knowledge acquired through education, professional development training and research

E - Experience gained with each new challenge

Y - Your passion, dedication and enthusiasm for your profession

S = Success!

Continuing with our theme, the keys to success are on your doorstep. Tulo is developing online course delivery to bring the Tax Admin Certificate Program to you. FNTC has developed new Tax Administration Software. With membership support, the First Nations Tax Administrators Association continues to grow and support the professional development of Tax Administrators.

I look forward to seeing you in September for the 16th Annual National Forum on First Nations Property Taxation.

Ernest Jack



AFOA Canada
Annual General Meeting
 February 24 to 26, 2009 Calgary, Alberta

The First Nations Tax Administrators Association had an exhibitors booth at the Aboriginal Financial Officers Association of Canada Annual General Meeting In Calgary. The purpose of our exhibit was to raise awareness of our Association among Aboriginal Financial Officers.

We offered an Acer Netbook laptop as a draw prize. Sharon Peacock of the Enoch Cree Nation was very happy to win this prize.

The FNTAA Board of the Directors also held a Strategic Planning Session and a meeting with FNTC representatives regarding our Memorandum of Understanding.



2009 FNTAA Members

Thank you for your support

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| <i>Terry Nicholas</i> | Akisiq'nuk First Nation |
| <i>Dana Henderson</i> | Campbell River Indian Band |
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| <i>Deanna Hamilton</i> | First Nations Finance Authority |
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First Nations Tax Commission
 Commission de la fiscalité des premières nations

Tax Administration Software

The Tax Administration Software (TAS) is a tool to assist Tax Administrators through the complete annual tax cycle: assessments, budgeting, rate approval, tax notices, collection and enforcement. This new Tax Administration Software addresses the administrative rules and requirements resulting from s.83 of the *Indian Act*, the *First Nations Financial and Statistical Management Act* and First Nations Tax Commission standards.

TAS will be available to First Nations in British Columbia in the first part of May 2009. If you have not submitted your application, but wish to have the software, please contact FNTC as soon as possible. There will be tutorials and user assistance available. TAS versions for other provinces will be available at a later date.

For more information or to apply, please contact:
 First Nations Tax Commission
 Attention: Sarah Jules
 Tel: 250-828-9857
 Email: sjules@fntc.ca

FIRST NATIONS TAX ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION

16th Annual National Forum

'KEYS to Success'

September 22-24, 2009



Spirit Ridge, Osoyoos BC

Back by popular demand!

Tuesday, Sept 22: Golf Tournament and Opening Dinner Reception

Wednesday, Sept 23: Full Day of Presentations

Thursday, Sept 24: Full Day of Presentations and AGM

Join Us for:

The latest information on First Nations Property Taxation

Famously Awesome Draw Prizes!

Networking Opportunities



08/09 FNTAA Board of Directors:

President Ernest Jack, Vice President Freda Jules, Treasurer Jim Prodger,
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16th Annual National Forum, September 22-24, 2009

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Mailing Address:

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Special Mobility or Dietary Requirements:

Will you be participating in the **Golf Tournament** Yes _____ No _____
All skill levels are welcome! We will play "best ball."

Conference Registration Fees: Members \$350.00 Non-Members \$400.00

Total \$ _____ Received by: _____ Date _____

Please mail payment to First Nation Tax Administrators Association
c/o 1500D Admirals Rd, Victoria BC, V9A 2R1
Forms may be faxed to 250-383-1084
For Conference Information call Christina 250-383-3719

Hotel Information:

Spirit Ridge Vineyard Resort & Spa

1200 Rancher Creek Road, Osoyoos, British Columbia

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