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**Happy Holiday's from FNTAA!!!
Wishing you all the best during this holiday season!**

24th FNTAA Annual National Forum

GREY EAGLE RESORT & CASINO
On the beautiful TSUUTINA NATION, ALBERTA

We were welcomed with snow at the 24th Annual National Forum on October 3-4th, 2017. This unfortunately meant our Annual Golf Tournament was cancelled. Attendance was way up with over 70 participants attending the two day event. We were honoured to have the Tssutina dance group entertain us during the event banquet.

Hall Eagletail have us a fantastic history of the Tsuuntina Nation going straight through to current day with their Ring Road project which is 1000 acres for road, opening the land for many development opportunities. This will be prime development land...and prime taxation dollars for the community. We will look forward to seeing the development of this huge project!

Stay tuned for info on next year's Forum...Celebrating 25 years!

PRESENTATION TOPICS

*** Property Tax 101 * TAS Tax Administration System * Financial Reporting Standards * First Nation Financial Management Board * Tax Administrator Training Programs * First Nation Gazette* History of BC Assessment**

If you would like copies of the presentations—please email info@fntaa.ca



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Property Tax Cycle



TAX 101—

tips and tricks

- ◆ November/December is a good time to review any name changes or property address changes. Compare your info with BC Assessment. (Depending on your Tax folio—this could be done once a month to stay on top of things!)
- ◆ Reminder notices for tax arrears should be sent out
- ◆ Review service agreements
- ◆ Starting in January and February— this would be a good time to start developing your Rates and Expenditure laws.
- ◆ Start Budget preparation in January

**FNTAA
WANTS TO
HEAR
FROM
YOU!**

POLLING

What **hot topics** would you like to have discussed at the next AGM?



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TAS is compliant with the legislative requirements of the *First Nation Financial Management Act (FMA)* and policy and standards of the *First Nations Tax Commission (FNTC)*, supporting best practices in property taxation administration.

TAS provides all of the necessary tools to operate a community tax system and includes features that have been previously out of reach for smaller organizations

The First Nations Tax Commission's (FNTC) original development of TAS took place over ten years ago (2007-2009) implementing TAS in 2009. TAS has been designed with participation from First Nation Tax Administrators, FNTC, Tulo Indigenous Center, for the creation to accurately implement legislative requirements and maintain compliance with FNTC policies and standards for yearly FN Property Taxation.

Delivered as a Chrome Web application TAS has no software installations, no hardware requirements and therefore no network security issues. All a Tax Administrator needs is an internet browser, username and password; allowing users access to property assessment information import directly from your Assessment Authorities.

TAS is a free Property Assessment tool, each year First Nations need to import their Assessment Data from your Assessment Authorities TAS will import your assessment data for free allowing First Nations access to their assessment data yearly and having historical comparisons. Payment for TAS is the cost of the annual Taxation Cycle and customer support needs.

Tax Administration System (TAS)

- ◆ **Assessment Data Import** – no hassle full Assessment roll data when you start back in January plus weekly data downloads.
- ◆ **Folio Maintenance**- TAS will upload new customer data from TAS to BC Assessment to ensure complete folio maintenance.
- ◆ **Budgeting**- annual budgeting, including summary of current and previous years, graphs for C & C presentation. TAS data can be downloaded into an Excel spreadsheet.
- ◆ **Rate Setting**- allowing multiple districts and rates with one consolidated for easy budgeting. TAS allows for CPI increase, Referencing Jurisdiction, What if (justified increases)
- ◆ **Completely FNTC and FMA compliant**- Prepares your laws for signature for C & C and FNTC, ensuring all guidelines have been followed and standards met.
- ◆ **Payment receipts with Financial Reporting**-daily, weekly, monthly reporting.
- ◆ **Collection and Enforcement**- arrear notices, NSF, penalty and interest etc.
- ◆ **Taxpayer online Portal**- You can set up TAS to allow your Taxpayer the ability to apply for the HOG/ADG online.



TAS
Tax
Administration
System

Tax Administration System (TAS) is a simple and powerful administrative tool designed to help tax administrators efficiently manage the complete annual property tax cycle.



TAS is truly a one-stop shop for all aspects of property tax management:

- An automated process for generating annual laws and by-laws
- Historical data to track community growth and trends
- Unsurpassed user-friendliness and customer support
- Cloud-based service means TAS works anywhere, any time!
- Data security, available 24/7 guaranteed
- Cost efficiency - save time, money and resources

Visit www.tascloud.ca to learn more!