



KWUN'NUN

Software Development

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Tax Administration Software

- The Tulo Centre is developing a new software to support First Nations and tax administrators in managing property taxation.
- The software is being developed during this fiscal year with a planned launch at the beginning of the 2024 fiscal year.
- Modules for other types of First Nation taxation are planned for after the completion of the property taxation module.

***Kwun'nun is a Chinook word
that means to count.***



Kwun'nun Development

The software is being designed to support the key activities of tax administration covered in our certificate program, including:

Managing the tax roll (assessment data, ownership and payment information).

Setting rates and expenditures.

Calculating interest on late payments.

Generating tax notices.



Key Principles

We follow three key principles with respect to development of the taxation software:

Configurability

Transparency

Capacity
Building



Configurability

The software will be designed so jurisdictional differences for individual First Nations can be configured within the software, such as:

Differences in provincial practices.

Differences in interest rate calculations.

Differences in approaches to rate setting.



Transparency

The software will be transparent with respect to the calculations made so calculations can be verified and understood, including:

Interest rates

Tax Rates

Expenditures

Any other
calculations



Key Feature: Budgeting and Rates Setting Module

The budgeting and rates setting module is being developed to allow for expenditure law budgeting.

Create budgets
that map to
expenditure law
categories

Export budgets in
excel

Save multiple
budget versions



Capacity Building

The software is being designed to help build capacity in First Nations and ensure tax administrators are able to manage their annual property taxation cycles. To achieve this:

1. The software will enable tax administrators to manage property taxation without requiring assistance.
2. The Tulo Centre will arrange specific workshops on the software and add training on the software to the tax administration certificate program curriculum.
3. Support will be available to help resolve any technical issues with the software or support training on the use of the software.



Kwun'nun User Acceptance Testing

- We are looking to work with First Nations as part of the User Acceptance Testing in late 2023, early 2024, which will include:
 - Running test tax years using assessment, rates and expenditure information from previous tax years, and
 - Working with the Tulo Centre to provide verbal and written feedback on your experience using the software.
- We are hoping to work with First Nations across the country and with different sizes as part of the User Acceptance Testing.
- Email info@tulo.ca if you are interested in participating.



Kwun'nun Coordinator

- We are looking for a coordinator to support the use of Kwun'nun, including:
 - Supporting First Nations in the onboarding process
 - Responding to inquiries from Kwun'nun users and potential users
 - Developing training and delivering workshops and other training on Kwun'nun
- We are hoping to find
 - A great communicator with experience in First Nation taxation
 - Someone with experience communicating technical concepts to a non-technical audience
- More information will be distributed when the position is posted.



THANK YOU!



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