



# First Nations Tax Administrators Association

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## FIRST NATIONS TAX ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION



17th Annual National Forum  
September 15-17, 2010  
Marriott at River Cree Resort  
Enoch, Edmonton Alberta



Wednesday, Sept 15: 3rd Annual FNTAA Golf Tournament  
and Opening Dinner Reception  
Thursday, Sept 16: Full Day of Presentations  
Friday, Sept 17: Full Day of Presentations and AGM

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We live in the most interesting of times for First Nations Property Taxation. There are changes happening constantly.

It is important to use the education opportunities and legislative tools that are available to us to rise to this challenge and continue to build our property tax regimes.

It is the passion of the FNTAA to continue to deliver our message at every opportunity. The focus that we want to instil is to remember that property tax is only one of the planks that make up the key stones of our communities.

Lands Management, Economic Development and Property Taxation each contribute to community development. We all need to learn as much as we can about each discipline in order to maximize our contribution to community development.



### AFOA Canada AGM

March 3-4, 2010  
Ottawa, Ontario

The First Nations Tax Administrators Association will have an exhibitors booth at the Aboriginal Financial Officers Association of Canada Annual General Meeting in Ottawa.

The purpose of our exhibit is to raise awareness of our Association among Aboriginal Financial Officers.

Come to our booth for a chance to win an Acer Netbook!



### 09/10 FNTAA Board of Directors:

President Ernest Jack, Vice President Freda Jules, Treasurer Jim Prodger,  
Secretary Christina Clarke, Terry Nicholas, Calvin George, Dana Henderson

Email: [info@fntaa.ca](mailto:info@fntaa.ca)



**INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY TAX INSTITUTE**  
**Land • The Economic and Social Platform for First Nations**  
 March 16 - 17, 2010  
 Delta Victoria Ocean Pointe Resort, 45 Songhees Road, Victoria BC

**CURRENT LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK AND LAND OWNERSHIP • REGISTRATION OF THE INTERESTS OF LAND • LAND AS AN ECONOMIC TOOL**  
**TAXATION OF LAND: AN ARRAY OF OPTIONS • VENTURES AND VISIONS**

Conducted in Cooperation with First Nations Tax Commission, BC Assessment and BC Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation

For registration information contact IPTI: phone: 416-228-8874 email: [bminor@ipti.org](mailto:bminor@ipti.org)  
 Registration Deadline is March 1, 2010



**Tulo Centre of Indigenous Economics**

The Tulo Centre of Indigenous Economics continues to work on delivering both online and executive classes of the *Certificate in First Nation Tax Administration* and the *Certificate in First Nation Applied Economics*.

Tulo has recently offered classes in both certificate programs with more classes to be scheduled. Check the Tulo website for current class scheduling information and registration applications.

Tulo will also be offering a series of tutorials on *Submitting Rates and Expenditure Laws and By-Laws*. This brief tutorial will provide an outline of the process and review of rates and expenditure laws or by-laws. Please watch for invitations to register or visit the website for more information.



*National Chief Shawn Atleo speaking to Tulo class, February 2010*



The Tax Administration Software (TAS) is a tool to assist Tax Administrators through the complete annual property tax cycle: assessments, rate approval, tax notices, collection and enforcement.

This new software addresses the administrative rules and requirements resulting from s.83 of the *Indian Act*, the *First Nations Fiscal and Statistical Management Act* and First Nation Tax Commission Standards.

This is what current TAS users are saying:

“I found the software extremely easy to learn. We entered our tax payments at record speed this year. TAS has already become a critical tool which I keep on my desktop all day long...”

Please visit the Tulo website or contact Tulo for more information on TAS and how to install the program.

[www.tulo.ca](http://www.tulo.ca)

[info@tulo.ca](mailto:info@tulo.ca)

# FIRST NATIONS TAX ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION

17th Annual National Forum, September 15-17, 2010

## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address:

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Mobility or Dietary Requirements:

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### Please RSVP for the following events:

Opening Reception Dinner Wed Sept 15th Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Annual FNTAA Golf Tournament Wed Sept 15th Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Conference Registration Fees: Members \$400.00 Non-Members \$450.00

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

Delegates are responsible for their own  
travel and accommodation costs and arrangements

### Hotel Information:

Mention: FNTAA 17th Annual National Forum to receive block room rate

Marriott Edmonton at River Cree Resort

300 East Lapotac Blvd, Enoch, Alberta T7X 3Y3 Canada,  
Phone: 1 780 484 2121 Fax: 1 780 930 2584 Toll-free: 1 800 960 4913



# First Nations Tax Administrators Association Membership Application



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Regular Membership** \$250.00

Employees of any First Nation or Indian Band who are interested in or engaged in the development, implementation or administration of a programme or department of taxation or revenue generation on behalf of the First Nation or Indian Band.

**Associate Membership** \$250.00

Members who have left First Nations or Indian Band employment or service through retirement or resignation, and to employees of a First Nation or Indian Band not otherwise eligible for regular membership. A person granted an associate membership is not entitled to vote at general meetings or to be a director.

**Affiliate Membership** \$500.00

Persons having an interest in First Nations or Indian Band taxation and revenue generation issues. Each application for affiliate membership is subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. A person granted an affiliate membership is not entitled to vote at general meetings or to be a director.

Please make cheques payable to **First Nations Tax Administrators Association**  
Please mail to FNTAA c/o 1500D Admirals Road, Victoria BC V9A 2R1  
For more information email [info@fntaa.ca](mailto:info@fntaa.ca)

Amount Received \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Received By \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_

Board Approval (required for Affiliate Memberships)

Thank you for supporting the First Nations Tax Administrators Association