



First Nations Tax Administrators Association

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NEWSLETTER

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FNTAA 19th Annual National Forum on First Nations Property Taxation September 26, 27 and 28, 2012 Spirit Ridge Vineyard Resort & Spa, Osoyoos, BC



5th Annual FNTAA
Golf Tournament



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

120 First Nations are proving that property tax jurisdiction creates positive results.

Property tax revenue supports governance and administrative capacity development to the benefit of all our people.

First Nation tax authorities are among the most prosperous, self determining Nations in Canada.

I invite you to come to our Annual National Forum to learn more about how First Nations Property Taxation can benefit your community.

Way' lim limp'
Ernest Jack, President



Tulo Centre of Indigenous Economics

Sign up for the monthly Tax Administration Software (TAS) webinars. These webinars follow the activities of the annual tax cycle and provide an opportunity to connect with other tax administrators.

Visit the Tulo website for current information, applications and schedules for the TAS Webinars and Tulo academic programs including the *Certificate in First Nation Tax Administration* and *Certificate in First Nation Applied Economics*.

www.tulo.ca



FNTC Seeks Input on Service Tax Law Standards and Policies for Business Licensing & Financial Administration By-laws

In April 2012, the First Nations Tax Commission announced that it is seeking public input on amendments to the Standards for First Nation Service Tax Laws, and proposed policies governing Business Licensing and Financial Administration by-laws made under section 83 of the *Indian Act*.

The **Proposed Standards for First Nations Service Tax Laws** provides First Nations the ability to establish an Annual Service Tax Law under the *First Nations Fiscal and Statistical Management Act*. The Law would be limited to collecting service tax amounts for water, sewer and garbage/recycling collecting.

The **Proposed Business Licensing By-law Policy** revises and amalgamates existing policies and practices governing the review of business licensing by-laws made under section 83 of the *Indian Act*. It would include the appointment of license inspector(s), the licensing of each business on the First Nation, the setting and amending of the license fee structure, and the processes for business licensing applications, issuance, appeals and other administrative functions.

The **Proposed Financial Administration By-law Policy** revises and amalgamates existing policies and practices governing the review of financial administration by-laws made under section 83 of the *Indian Act*. It sets out the requirements for a sound First Nation financial management system and largely addresses fiscal governance, transparency, conflict of interest, and redress issues. The FNTC will receive public input on these proposed Standards and policies until May 16, 2012. For electronic versions of these documents or for more information, please visit www.fntc.ca.

Important Changes to the Standards for First Nation Tax Rates Laws

In April 2012, the First Nations Tax Commission (FNTC) announced two important modifications to the Rates Law Standards governing First Nation Annual Rates Laws. Designed to reflect current practice and promote transparency for taxpayers, the changes enable “reference jurisdiction rate setting” and notification of proposed tax rates. Nearly fifty percent of taxing First Nations follow this practice each year.

Tax rate notification builds on the current practice of some First Nations, and requires taxing First Nations to give notice of their rates prior to submitting them to the FNTC for approval. First Nations have the option of giving notice of the rates before or after Council enacts the annual rates law, as well as the option of using their website, the First Nations Gazette website, taxpayer representation to council law, or a meeting, to provide notification. Both changes follow a six-month public input process involving First Nations and their taxpayers.

For more information visit our website at www.fntc.ca, or call the FNTC at (250) 828-9857. Document link: http://www.fntc.ca/dmdocuments/TC_bulletin_annual_laws_2012-04-11.pdf

FIRST NATIONS TAX ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION

19th Annual National Forum, September 26-28, 2012

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Special Mobility or Dietary Requirements:

Please RSVP for the following events:

Opening Reception Dinner Wed Sept 26th Yes _____ No _____

Annual FNTAA Golf Tournament Wed Sept 26th Yes _____ No _____

Conference Registration Fees: Members \$450.00 Non-Members \$500.00

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 to receive block room rate

Spirit Ridge Vineyard Resort & Spa

1200 Rancher Creek Road, Osoyoos BC, V0H 1V0

Toll free: 1.877.313.9463 Local: 250.495.5445 Fax: 250.495.5447

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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 of 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.

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