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Cando Membership

Conference Highlights



Cando's 18th Annual National Conference and AGM was another resounding success! But we couldn't have done it alone. Cando would like to thank our community host - Musqueam First Nation. We also would like to thank Aboriginal Business Service network (ABS), Nicola Valley Institute of Technology (NVIT) and Tsawwassen First Nation for their partnership as well as the Conference Committee, Cando Board and Staff for all their hard work in making this year's conference such a successful event!



Here are just a few of the Conference Highlights:

New this year was the training opportunities held on Monday, November 7th. The Professional Development workshops were well attended and positively received. They were as follows:

"Environmental Community Planning & Sustainability Project Management Planning"



"Separation of Business & Politics in First Nations"



Opening Ceremonies

Just one of the special guest speakers, The Honorable Steven Point, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia honored us with a speech reflecting of how we are once again on our way to becoming the best entrepreneurs in this country.



Trade Show & Artisan Sale

With over 40 trade booths representing organizations and institutions across the country, much information was shared and beautiful west coast art and jewelry was featured.



Annual General Meeting

Cando's Board and Members get down to business as attendees are given the opportunity to review the 2011/2012



Become a Cando Member

Interested in becoming a Cando member? Cando is Canada's only organization that specializes in education, training, professional development and networking for Economic Development Officers working in Aboriginal Economic Development. To see the benefits of being a Cando member and to download the membership form click [here](#).

Grads Recognized at Cando Conference!

On Thursday, November 10, 2011 Cando held a recognition ceremony for 20 Technician Aboriginal Economic Developer (TAED) and 26 Professional Aboriginal Economic Developer (PAED) Grandparent Certificate recipients. Congratulations to this year's group of Economic Developer Officers who worked hard to earn this prestigious designation!



PAED Grads



TAED Grads

Cando Certification

Annual Report and the Strategic Plan that Cando worked hard on. Our members are excited about the future prospects of Cando.



Icebreaker Reception & Community Tour



Tsawwassen and



Musqueam First Nations demonstrated economic development at its best! Led by dynamic tour guides, the tour exhibited best practices in lands & economic development through extensive residential developments.

Delegates were then treated with a traditional meal at the Musqueam Cultural Center along with the talents of the incredible dancing and singing group of the Coastal Wolf Pack.



7th Annual National Youth Panel

What an incredibly inspiring and moving presentation by our Youth Panelists. Their stories of perseverance, determination and success will forever leave their mark in our hearts. Our hats are off to these amazing people.

"I wanted to say thank you for the opportunity to be a part of the 7th Annual National Youth Panel. All of the Cando staff and the people attending the conference were welcoming and very friendly. It has always been a dream of mine to speak at a conference and go west coast, thank you for making both of those happen. This has been an amazing learning experience and a week I will never forget. The youth brought in were great and they were definitely the highlight of the conference. Thank you and I look forward to seeing you in the future." - Shawn Johnston-Youth Panelist

Cando's Certification Process provides candidates with a broad understanding of economic development, community development, and the unique legal and cultural aspects that differentiate Aboriginal economic development from that in urban centres or municipalities. This learning can be applied to a whole range of employment (or self-employment) opportunities. Attainment of Cando designation indicates achievement of a performance standard recognized and acknowledged throughout Canada.

For a list of our Accredited institutions click [here](#).



TAED Certification Application. Download the Form [here](#).



PAED Certification Application. Download the Form [here](#).

Training Opportunities Designed to Fit Your Needs!

Cando can offer training directly to your community, region, personalized and specialized to your communities' needs. Contact our office to discuss your personalized training needs. For more information on all competencies click [here](#).



2011 NIEEF Scholarship Recipient-Sydney Paul

Cando was delighted to present Sydney with the 7th Annual NIEEF Scholarship at the President's Dinner. Sydney is enrolled in the First Nations Business Administration Certificate Program at the Mi'kmaq Maliseet Institute at the University of New Brunswick. Sydney plans on going on to completing her degree in the Bachelor of Business Administration with a focus in Economic Development & Accounting after completing her program. The National Indigenous Economic Education Foundation (NIEEF) provides scholarships, training and research funding for students involved in Aboriginal community economic development.

2011 Economic Developer of the Year Award Winners

- Grant Taibossigai, M'Chigeeng First Nation, ON-Individual EDO Category
- Moricetown Band-Kyahwood Forest Products, BC-Community Category
- Neechie Gear, SK-Aboriginal Private Business Category

2011 Economic Developer of the Year Recognition Recipients

- Alfred Loon, Grand Council of the Cree/Cree Regional Authority, QC-Individual Category
- Westbank First Nation, BC-Community Category
- NATION Imagination, The Aboriginal Gifting Company, AB-Aboriginal Private Business Category

Watch for the next N-Side News for the biographies, interviews as well as photos of the winners and recognition recipients. You can also catch them on our website; visit [Cando Conference 2011](#) to see even more of the Cando Conference highlights.

Cando is pleased to announce that the 19th Annual National Conference & AGM will be held in Membertou, Nova Scotia! Keep reading our N-Side News, (e) Side News and Cando's website for more details as they unfold.

To book competency training in your community or region, contact the Education & Research Manager in your area:

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British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Northwest Territories & the Yukon.

More Conference Pictures



Milton Tootoosis, B.A. (Cree)



Milton has extensive experience in human resource management at the tribal, provincial and federal levels of government. His professional and community development interests enhance and build communities of collaboration with attention to building healthy First Nations communities and creating positive relationships with non - First Nations governments and organizations. He currently works for the Office of the Treaty Commissioner (OTC) in Saskatoon, SK as the Livelihood and Economic Independence Coordinator. Aside from his responsibilities at the OTC he manages sport events to raise funds for charity and owns a marketing business. Milton has served on numerous committees and boards with a focused attention to

creating capacity within First Nations communities.

Milton is grounded in his Cree culture and the community teachings of the Poundmaker Cree Nation in Treaty Six Territory. Tootoosis received his Bachelors degree from the First Nations University of Canada (formerly the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College) and has studied marketing, public administration and taken numerous professional development courses. He continues to study who's who in business, notably David W. Anderson (Famous Dave) and other great entrepreneurs who succeeded despite the greatest of adversities.

Milton comes from a family of seven and an ever-growing extended family. He is married to Shelly and has three grown children, all-residing in Saskatchewan. Milton's personal interests include other cultures, golf, hockey, collecting of sports memorabilia, and global social issues.

Upcoming Events

The Alberta Business Awards of Distinction The Mark of Excellence

The Alberta Business Awards of Distinction celebrate the successes and contributions of the business community to the makeup of Alberta. The Awards are presented to the Alberta Chamber of Commerce along with other sponsor organizations. 2012 marks the 21st year for the Alberta Business Awards of Distinction, which will be presented at a Gala Banquet. **The awards will take place on March 2nd, 2012 at the River Cree Resort & Casino in Edmonton, Alberta.**

The Awards recognize savvy in areas from youth employment to exporting and business ethics to human rights. For a complete listing of all of the Awards check out the web site at: www.abbusinessawards.ab.ca.



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