



# BC First Nations Community Economic Development Forum

## “Restoring a Working Culture”

### January 17 & 18, 2007 - DRAFT Program

#### Desired Outcome

- Raise the awareness to and understanding of every Chief and Council of the impact and benefits of economic development
- Increase the number of First Nations focusing on economic development – making wealth generation a priority versus spending resources
- Inspire First Nations Chief and Council to promote economic development as a priority – across B.C. and Canada

#### PRE-OPENING RECEPTION – January 16

5:30 – 7:00 Pre-opening reception – wine & cheese

11:15

Overview of breakout discussions – Stephen Cornell

12:00

**Lunch** – PPT slide presentation playing (no speakers / networking time)

#### DAY 1 – January 17

**Focus:** Nation Building and Governance

1:15

Facilitated breakout sessions (six groups)

**7:45 - 5:00 Exhibit of BC First Nation Best Practices and Sponsors**  
Sponsor area and projects – related to economic development

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Constitution/Governance “Making First Nations’ Governments Work” – the role of governance in economic development – organizing Indigenous governance institutions to deliver “the goods” with community ownership

**7:45 REGISTRATION OPENS**

8:30 Opening Prayer – Musqueam Elder  
Moderator – Miles Richardson  
Welcome to Territory Musqueam First Nation – Chief Ernest Campbell

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Making First Nation Economies Work – economic enterprises

8:45 Opening Remarks  
RPMAC – Chief Judith Sayers  
First Nations Leadership Council – Chief Stewart Phillip  
INAC representative (tba)

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Setting Directions: Strategic Vision and Decision Making – roles and responsibilities; Intergovernmental relations, giving or transferring control, productive, mutually beneficial constructive tools/resources

9:15 “Beyond Band Office Jobs: From Spending Money to Making Money” - Chief Clarence Louie, Osoyoos First Nation

**2:30**

**REFRESHMENT BREAK**

2:45

Breakout sessions (repeated)

9:45 The Honourable Gordon Campbell, Premier, Province of British Columbia

4:00

Breakout sessions end

10:15 Plenary – Nation Building Model Presentation – Stephen Cornell, University of Arizona





## DAY 1 – January 17 – Reception & Dinner

- 5:00 RECEPTION** (no host bar)
- 6:00 GALA DINNER**  
 Master of Ceremony – Duncan McCue, CBC National news reporter  
 Key Note Speakers – Jimmy Pattison and Glen Clark, The Jim Pattison Group  
 Opening – comedian Skeena Reece  
 Entertainment – Bitterly Divine – music and dance

## DAY 2 – January 18

**Focus:** Best Practices: Attracting investments, Corporate structuring, Showcasing success

### 7:45 - 3:30 Exhibit of BC First Nation Best Practices and Sponsors

- 8:30 Moderator – Miles Richardson  
 Opening Remarks  
 Summary of previous day’s sessions – Stephen Cornell and facilitators
- 9:50 Moderator introduces breakout topics

### 10:00 REFRESHMENT BREAK

- 10:30 Breakout Sessions (four concurrent) – perspectives from different First Nations and partners
- (1) Attracting Investment – Hupacasath Story – with perspectives from different partners – Chief Judith Sayer, Port Alberni Mayor Ken McRae, and Synex Energy’s Greg Sunnel
  - (2) Organizing for Economic Development – structuring your community... a link leading people to where have you come from – Chief Sophie Pierre

- (3) Managing Wealth – when do you, designing where the money goes – Chief Joe Hall with Gulf Pacific Group President Bruce Russell
- (4) Northern Best Practices – Haisla / Kitimaat Village Chief Steve Wilson and Fort Nelson First Nation Chief Liz Logan

**12:00**

**LUNCH** – PPT slide presentation playing – no speakers / networking time

1:15

Breakout discussions (repeated from morning)

**2:30**

### **REFRESHMENTS available**

3:00

Future Direction  
 FNLC – direction, future initiatives  
 RPMAC – next steps, summary of sessions, regional workshops

3:15

Wrap up Speaker – Chief Clarence Louie

3:25

Closing Prayer

3:30

Forum Close – POWERPOINT of BC Success Stories

