



COMMITTEE MEETING ACTION SUMMARY

Committee: First Nations and Métis Opportunities Committee

Meeting Date: February 23rd 2016

Time: 8:30am-10:00am

Location: Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce

Meeting Chair: Shaun Soonias

In Attendance: Kayla Brien, Monica Brunet, Mark Zielke, Katie Penstone, Shaun Soonias, Jennifer Lester, April Roberts

Staff: Kevin Meldrum, Czarina Catambing, Kent Smith Windsor

Introductions

Business Mixer

- 38 paid tickets, students from Moose Jaw and North Battleford did not make it
- Participants gave some positive feedback
- Speakers were great and interesting

Student Engagement

- Saskatchewan Polytechnic
 - Students were engaged and enthusiastic
 - Amount of women participating are better than expected
 - According to Danielle, students were still talking about it the day after
 - One-on-one interaction of members with students generated buzz
- University of Saskatchewan – Gordon Oakes Red Bear Centre
 - Soup and Bannock Day
 - Budget: \$150-200 for the soup, Timbits
 - Speakers: April Roberts, Monica Brunet, Mark Zielke (supporting role), Ken Smith, Shaun Soonias (tentative), Kayla Brien, Katie Penstone
 - Requirement: One-page deliverable including who's in the table, example of projects, participants, and etc to generate questions and interests
 - Kent will be working on it

Roundtable Discussion

- Heather Abbey of ShopIndig presented during Chamber with a Twist and received positive feedback
- World Indigenous Business Forum can be an opportunity for committee to be involved
 - Morris Interactive is interested but Katie will check with Mathew

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- Monica have connection with GDI, and Chamber can see if they can have connection with SIIT
- Focus on youth and community engagement, but can we connect businesses with those groups
 - Use that network to give members the opportunity to create opportunities for themselves
 - Chamber can send out members an anonymous survey asking people would like to ask FNMOC about Aboriginal business but cannot due to sensitivities around the topic
 - How to frame the question?
 - Approach: Asking a sample of key members who are interested in the issue, and sending out their top responses as a survey, so participation rates will be higher as opposed to sending out an open-ended question

Next meeting:

Tuesday, March 22nd 2016

8:30am

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