



COMMITTEE MEETING ACTION SUMMARY

Committee: First Nations and Métis Opportunities Committee

Meeting Date: June 28th 2016

Time: 8:30am-10:00am

Location: Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce

Meeting Chair: April Roberts (ajd.roberts@gmail.com)
Bert Sutherland
(sutherland.bert@gmail.com)

In Attendance:

Bert Sutherland, April Roberts, Mark Zielke, Jason Yochim, Monica Brunet, Katie Penstone, Jeff Lindgren, Rochelle LaFlamme, Alisa Thompson, William Mintram, Henry Dyck, Brady Figley, Kayla Brien, Jamie Jessop, Ranga Ranganathan, April Roberts, Gary Viden, Adam McInnes

Staff: Kevin Meldrum, Czarina Catambing, Kent Smith-Windsor

Introductions

Mission Statement Discussion

- Sharing challenges and benefits in engaging organizations in Saskatoon that works in the area of Aboriginal affairs
- New mission statement: **“To engage our community in discussion, action and interest in business by First Nations and Métis people. Fostering partnerships with the Greater Saskatoon community to seek opportunities, inspire development , and champion success of First Nations and Métis businesses.”**

WCANA Conference

- The conference aims to create a greater awareness of the nuances of culture and need for competent communication across society.
- It is concerned with Canada’s reconciliation process, which is hard to define since it is about relationships
The Truth and Reconciliation report (Press CTRL and click [here](#) to access the report) contains recommendations, but we now need action plans to build a stronger community towards those steps
- Kent will bring back topics about truth and reconciliation since he has been working on the file

For the Good of the Organization

- Saskatoon Industry Education Council is asking for a letter of support for their funding for high school students to get credits towards their apprenticeship as part of high school program.

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- **UPCOMING EVENTS**

World Indigenous Business Forum starts on August 23rd 2016. Press CTRL and click [here](#) for more details.

Indigenous Innovation Summit
Shaw Centre in Edmonton
November 7-9th 2016

Forum on Metis community in the Saskatoon region
October 17th 2016

BBQ for Habitat for Humanity
July 14th 2016

Real estate / networking night
Aden Bowman Collegiate
September 22nd 2016 (every third Thursday)

Rock for RAP Program
November 2016

Perfectly Pink Appreciation BBQ by Princess Shop
July 6th 2016
General public admission is by donation
Contact Kayla Brien at Employer@quintsaskatoon.ca for questions.

August 23-25, 2016
World Indigenous Business Forum
Saskatoon, SK
www.wibf.ca

Aboriginal Business Forum- 2nd Annual
September 22, 2016
Whitecap Dakota Nation, SK.
Link: TBA

Cando National Conference
October 3-6, 2016
Whitehorse, Yukon
<http://www.edo.ca/conference/2016>

Indigenous Economic Partnership Summit- 3rd Annual
October 13-14, 2016
Lloydminster, Alta.
<http://www.lloydconstruction.ca>

Indigenous Agricultural Summit
November 22-23, 2016
Regina, SK.
<http://www.agribition.com>

NBSA's Club Connect Breakfast and guided tour
July 8th 2016
Press CTRL and click [here](#) for more details.

Métis National Legislative Assembly
Yorkton, SK
Press CTRL and click [here](#) for more details.

Métis Local 126 AGM
June 29. Press CTRL and click [here](#) for more information.

- Economic Development Newsletter will have events related to Aboriginal affairs. Contact April Roberts at ajd.roberts@gmail.com to be subscribed.
- SAPA membership is at \$30 each. For questions, contact Jamie Jessop at jamiejessop@sasktel.net



Next meeting:

September 27th 2016

8:30-10:00AM

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