



The First Nations and Métis Opportunities Committee's goal is to encourage, and foster relationships between First Nations and Métis Businesses, the Chamber, and the Business Community as a whole. We will provide networking opportunities within the business community as well as reach out to post-secondary institutions and their students to provide networking opportunities.

COMMITTEE MEETING ACTION SUMMARY

Committee: First Nations and Métis Opportunities Committee

Meeting Date: March 3rd, 2015

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce

Meeting Chair: Mathew Cey

In Attendance: Mark Brown, Mathew Cey, Rob Woods, Ken Smith, Joel Pederson, Monica Brunet, Jennifer Lester, Jacqueline Woods, Robert Daniels, Tommy LaPlante, Nolan Kenny, Gabe Lafond

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

Business Mixer

1. Previous cost: \$900
2. We already have some marketing team
3. Improvements to be made: a) Compress networking and extend table mixers/ conversations. People feel they have been cut short b) we need to go in order in the next time.
4. Mathew: Set up sub-committee again for continuity
 - a. There is available list of proposed speakers, mailing list, and template
 - b. Kevin needs to send out a template to give people idea.
 - c. October and February would be proposed dates

*Get email from Mathew

1. Student Engagement (How?)
 - a. Mathew: Teaching students how to networking
 - b. Jackie: LinkedIn is great as means for recruitment
 - d. Kent: Networking of students with industry members (committee members).
 - e. Presentations are the norm but sharing success stories would be better
 - f. Women's Entrepreneurs of Saskatchewan's approach: speakers were telling their stories from scratch. There were breakfast and another one was lunch.

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2. SIIT, University, and Polytechnic would be target markets.
 - a. Mark Brown: there are some aspects that are still weak in Edwards. It is not ready as evident by the 50 per cent decline of attendance in Bannock talks

Forum on Talent and Tools that Work

1. March 19: Stories around Programs that GDI, Saskatoon Tribal Council and Saskatchewan Polytechnic
2. Gabe: goal is to improve employment engagement in community, and to change the business culture and let them know that there is readily available Aboriginal workforce.
3. Challenge: Small and medium sized groups don't have much HR system
4. Format: Success story model

Future Events:

1. World Indigenous Conference in Saskatoon.
 - a. Get them to do a presentation to Chamber
2. Saskatoon Health Region: Aboriginal World Summit (June 2015)
 - a. We can share what we have in terms of services and programs
 - b. Focus on FNMOC health strategy
 - c. Share concerns that patients and families have concerning health care system
 - d. We can profile our work within the community
 - e. Collaboration with Future Opportunities a possibility
3. Aboriginal Business Match
 - a. There is positive response towards it, but not well publicized.
 - b. Info session details will be sent out soon. Mathew will send Kevin the details
 - c. Need to reconsider the business model. Model works but needs more coordination
 - d. Would involve BC-Alberta and Manitoba-Saskatchewan this year

Next Meeting:

Tuesday April 7th, 2015

9:00 am, Large Boardroom

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