



## COMMITTEE MEETING ACTION SUMMARY

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**Committee:** First Nations and Métis Opportunities Committee

**Meeting Date:** August 10th

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.

**Location:** Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce

**Meeting Chair:** Chris Sicotte

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**In Attendance:** Chris Sicotte, Christine Ginter, Monica Brunet, Rob Woods, Joel Pedersen, Shaun Soonias, Morris Interactive, Katelyn from Morris, Kelly Cameron, Jay Smith, Roger Grona, Mathew Cey, Mark Zielke, Ranga Rangathan

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

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### SAPA Presentation

- There is need for employment opportunities for First Nations people
- Unique non-profit organization dedicated to advance FNOMC into leadership roles in the Saskatoon area in the private, public governmental and educational sectors.
- 4 pillars: Career development, mentoring, social responsibility, and networking
- Target markets:
  - First nations professionals
  - First nation/non first nation business and industry leaders
  - Future first nation leaders/students to create its image and awareness
- Their main focus are events
- Revenue model: sponsorship request; Future model: membership fees and professional services
  - What specific skills do you bring to the market?
- How can we work together?
  - Direct sponsorship
  - Cross promotion within SAPA network and Chamber network
  - Membership in the group
  - Access to SAPA resources: employee network
  - Assistance with aboriginal engagement
  - Opportunity to assist in planning events
  - Open dialogue between agencies

### Student Engagement

- There's not much until school starts accdg to Shanelle (Rob Woods)
- Student Society available for Lunch and Learn for Term 2 (Czarina)



- NWC from Joel Pederson has no update yet

#### **Aboriginal Business Mixer**

- Jacqueline will still be involved but not as much
- Sub-committee should meet this Thursday at 2pm
  - Mathew can head the group, Rob, Ranga, Katelyn, and someone from Monica's office will be attending
  - Book room and book tentative date for Saskatoon Inn

#### **Additional Business**

- Candidate School from 3 Saskatoon ridings to talk about their platforms (September 10<sup>th</sup>)
- Ready, Fire, Aim: Future Forum on Lean Startup
  - Get it to SAPA and SYPE