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AFOA CANADA
Building a Community of Professionals

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2017

VANCOUVER CONVENTION CENTRE • OCTOBER 2-5
VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

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AFOA Canada will be hosting its Inaugural International Conference in partnership with Indigenous Accountants Australia, the Deakin Business School and the Ngā Kaitatau Māori o Aotearoa (National Māori Accountants Network).

THE PREMIERE CONFERENCE FOR INDIGENOUS FINANCE, MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP PROFESSIONALS THAT FOCUSES ON BUILDING CAPACITY AND CREATING WEALTH IN INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES GLOBALLY.

BUILDING SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES BY STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL NETWORKS

A sustainable community is the goal of meeting the needs of current and future generations through environmental, social, cultural and economic prosperity. There are many parts to fully achieving such a goal including strengthening local community governance, developing much needed human capital and balancing social and economic goals. Internationally we can learn from each other by strengthening our internal networks. We can share best practices and call upon each other to discuss new strategies that address similar issues. We can also find a way to open the economic door and further promote Indigenous trade.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Delegates to the conference include professionals, practitioners, executives and stakeholders working with First Nations, Métis, Inuit, Aboriginals, Torres Strait Islander peoples, and Maori communities and organizations in Canada and abroad.

Specifically:

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- FINANCIAL PROFESSIONALS
 - Financial executives, managers, officers and administrators
 - Trust Officers, Trustees
 - Indigenous business owners
- SENIOR MANAGEMENT
 - Chief Administrative Officers and Chief Executive Officers
 - Band/Tribal/Elders Managers and Administrators
 - Senior management, program and business managers
 - Economic development professionals
- ELECTED AND APPOINTED LEADERS
 - Chief, Elders and Councillors
 - Community Leaders and Elected Representatives
 - Board of Directors
- CORPORATE CANADA
 - Management consultants
 - Investment firms, consulting firms and professionals
 - Financial institutions and accounting firms
 - Economic development officers
 - Resource companies, suppliers and association representatives
 - Risk management and insurance benefit providers
- EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
 - Educational institutes and stakeholders
 - Academic leaders, students and Indigenous youth
- GOVERNMENT
 - Federal, provincial/state, territorial and municipal government representatives

FEATURING

- Excellent networking receptions to connect you with over 1,000 Indigenous professionals, peers and colleagues from across Canada and abroad, including Australia, New Zealand, the USA and Latin America
- Over 50 dynamic speakers focusing on leading edge trends, timely and relevant issues impacting our profession and our communities
- Must see tradeshow that features over 70 exhibitors who offer choices and solutions in one location
- Informative, exciting and relevant product information sessions
- Excellent keynote and guest speakers at plenary sessions and luncheons
- Banquet and CAFM/CAPA Convocation including Awards presentation and entertainment
- Vancouver in the Fall! Stay the weekend and take advantage of being in this beautiful city and plan some sightseeing activities!

PROGRAM

PLENARY SESSIONS

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE: PEELING THE GOVERNANCE ONION

A community's policies, practices and decision making should be aligned with a community's governance practices. How does community governance differ from corporate governance or other types of institutions? How does traditional governance play a part in the manner in which a community governs itself? Do the different models of decision-making affect the legitimacy of a community's governing body? How have other countries dealt with governance structures to better achieve their economic and social goals?

ECONOMIC PROSPERITY: HOW CAN THE ECONOMIC HORSE PULL THE SOCIAL WAGON?

A suggested end goal for many communities is economic prosperity. However, there may be other considerations of a community being prosperous which may include social and cultural elements. In the push towards economically sustainable communities, what have other communities around the world learned in terms of what went well and what were the challenges? How can an international network of Indigenous professionals work toward Indigenous trade?

CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT: DEVELOPING HUMAN CAPITAL

To achieve community goals, there needs to be an investment in human capital. This panel will discuss how they have pursued capacity development at an individual and institutional level. What differences exist in the approaches by different countries? What are the key elements of developing this type of plan to ensure that a community has the human capital that can achieve its strategic goals? How can a community ensure it can retain this skill level into the future?

CONCURRENT SESSIONS WITH A FOCUS ON FIVE RELEVANT THEMES:

- Financial Management** – Best practices and trends in Indigenous financial management
- Community Administration** – Best practices and trends in Indigenous management
- Leadership** – Trends and governance success stories
- Business Development** – Featuring success stories in community business development
- Healthy Workplace (Human Resources)** – Creating healthy work environments that reflect Indigenous culture

PRE-CONFERENCE CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

1 DAY WORKSHOPS | MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2017

- Human Resources Management Essentials: Module 4 – Employee Compensation and Benefits
- Developing Business Plans and Funding Proposals
- **NEW** First Nations Governance III: Nation Building
- **NEW** Banking 401 - Wealth Management
- **NEW** Understanding the Fundamentals of Procurement and Contracting

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OPTIONAL EVENING ACTIVITY RECEPTION AND PANEL DISCUSSION

THE NEXT 150 – THE MIGHTY FLOWERING TREE - CHARTING THE FUTURE BY LEARNING FROM THE PAST | TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

It is well known that Indigenous people have been in Canada for thousands of years. In 2017, Canada celebrates its 150 years since Confederation. During this time, there has been a significant impact on Indigenous people in Canada that all Canadians can reflect upon.

As we move forward to the next 150 years and beyond, what are the opportunities and challenges that need to be addressed for Indigenous people and communities to thrive economically and socially within Canada.

As former National Chiefs of the Assembly of First Nations and former Prime Ministers of Canada, the panelists will discuss the next 150 years and beyond. Specifically, the panelists will speak of key areas such as reconciliation, diversity and inclusion, environment and youth. How could our future actions shape a more inclusive society for Indigenous people within Canada and abroad? How can the herb of understanding allow the mighty flowering tree to blossom over an inclusive country or Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples?

PANELISTS

Former National Chief Phil Fontaine
Former National Chief Ovide Mercredi
The Right Honourable Paul Martin P.C., C.C.
The Right Honourable Joe Clarke P.C., C.C. (invited)

REGISTRATION

Early-bird gets the worm! Register and pay online by the early-bird deadline of August 25, 2017 and your name will be entered in our draw to win 2 tickets to a Vancouver Canucks hockey game (100 level behind the visitors net).

Online: Register online at www.foa.ca

Fax or Email: Please complete in full the enclosed registration form (one per person) and return it to us by fax or email.

The registration fee includes all sessions, receptions AND the Banquet/CAFM and CAPA Convocation.

Early-Bird Rate (registration and payment must be received by Friday, August 25, 2017)	Regular Rate (as of August 26, 2017)	Optional Reception and Panel Discussion on Tuesday, October 3, 2017	Registering at the Door
AFOA Canada Member \$875	AFOA Canada Member \$1000	AFOA Canada Member \$60	We will accept registrations providing space is available. On-site registration fee is \$1255 and is payable at the door.
Non-Member \$1000	Non-Member \$1150	Non-Member \$80	

Note: The conference is being held in British Columbia where GST is applicable on conference registration fees.

EXHIBITS

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National and regional corporate and public sector organizations will be displaying a wide range of products and services designed to meet Aboriginal executive and professional needs. Exhibit fees are \$2,150 plus GST. Space is also available for arts and crafts at the special rate of \$800 plus GST.

TRAVEL

Air Canada has been appointed the official airline of the conference. To book your flights and take advantage of special discounted fares, you must book your travel online at www.aircanada.com and enter our convention code T32TVAD1 in the box asking for the Promotion Code.

CONTACT US

If you have any questions about the conference, please do not hesitate to contact the Conference Secretariat or AFOA Canada.

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ACCOMMODATION

We have negotiated group rates at a few hotels which are located in close walking proximity to the Vancouver Convention Centre. The negotiated group rates are for single or double occupancy. Please contact the hotel of your choice directly to make your reservation.

Pan Pacific Vancouver Hotel (host hotel attached directly to the Vancouver Convention Centre) The hotel is offering deluxe rooms at the rate of \$209/night and deluxe harbour rooms at the rate of \$239/night. The room rates are available until Friday, September 1, 2017 or until our block is sold out.

Reserve now and refer to our group code AFOA 2017 to obtain a discounted rate. By phone: 604-662-3223 Email: reservations@panpacificvancouver.com

Fairmont Waterfront Hotel

The hotel is offering Fairmont rooms at the rate of \$229/night plus applicable taxes. The room rates are available until Friday, September 1, 2017 or until our block is sold out.

Note: A non-refundable deposit for one nights' room and tax will be processed at time of booking.

Reserve now and refer to our group code AFOA 2017 to obtain a discounted rate. By phone: 604-691-1820 Email: waterfrontgroups@fairmont.com

Marriott Vancouver Pinnacle Downtown Hotel

The hotel is offering city view rooms at the rate of \$249/night plus applicable taxes. The room rates are available until Friday, September 1, 2017 or until our block is sold out.

Reserve now and refer to our group code AFOA 2017 to obtain a discounted rate. By phone: 1-800-207-4150

Coast Coal Harbour Hotel

The hotel is offering comfort rooms at the rate of \$195/night plus applicable taxes. The room rates are available until Wednesday, August 30, 2017 or until our block is sold out.

Reserve now and refer to our group code AFOA 2017 to obtain a discounted rate. By phone: 1-800-663-1144