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TLA-O-QUI-AHT FIRST NATION FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA ANNOUNCED AS THE RECIPIENT OF THE
2018 MNP-AFOA CANADA INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE AWARD.

Ottawa, ON-September 24, 2018 – AFOA Canada is pleased to announce that Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation from British Columbia is the recipient of the *2018 MNP-AFOA Canada Indigenous Community Excellence Award*.

“The Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation is a fantastic example of how strategic and governance change can support a community’s social and economic future,” says Clayton Norris, VP, Indigenous Services, MNP LLP. “Change is hard, but the results more than reflect their commitment and persistence.” Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation will be presented with this prestigious award the evening of Thursday, October 4th, during an Awards Banquet at AFOA Canada’s 19th National Conference at the Shaw Centre.

More than 1,000 Indigenous professionals from coast to coast to coast will gather in Ottawa, ON, October 2nd - 4th to discuss successes, learn key business insights and share trends of Balancing Indigenous Culture and Creativity with Modern Workplaces.

“The Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations are thrilled to be the recipients of the AFOA Community Excellence Award for 2018. For us, this award is the culmination of years of hard work to become a financially sustainable organization. We have achieved that goal through becoming certified by the FMB and AFOA, allowing us to work towards larger goals with a holistic and well-planned approach. With our vision of being an interconnected, independent, and healthy Nation, we are excited to take this accolade, with pride, to our ongoing and future projects. In the past year we have completed a number of exciting infrastructure projects such as building a new Health Centre, a new Child Care Facility, our 3rd (and first wholly owned) run-of-the-river Hydro Electricity Plant, and an Economic Development Reorganization. We are concurrently working on many more economic development, community health, and local and regional governance projects, from which we are already seeing positive impacts across our community, within our governance teams and in our Administration. Klecko Klecko to all the experts, public servants, community members, and governance officials that have made, and continue to make, these dreams possible.”

Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations

About the Award

The *Indigenous Community Excellence Award* is jointly presented by MNP and AFOA Canada. The award is designed to recognize and celebrate Indigenous Communities for achievements in Indigenous finance, management, and leadership. Communities are nominated and selected by an independent committee and then approved by the AFOA Canada Board of Directors.

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