

Map of Introductions

British Columbia

Prince George

Laura Blumhagen – Curious to see where this network will be after three years.

Veronica Creyke – Looking forward to sharing and learning.

Ray Gerow – Great to have the whole network in the room.

- Worried that things haven't changed.
- Interested in urban Aboriginal community governance.
- How can we publish our learning in accessible ways?

Greg Halseth – Lessons about working together.

- How do we change things and work with others?
- Connection between social and economic?
- What could we do with the potential in the room?

Don Manson – Looking at economic development in our communities as a whole community approach.

- How do we share knowledge of what works?
- At the end of three years can we have something that will shift the policy?

Vancouver

Stephen Ameyaw – Interested in implementation and holistic development.

- How do we prioritize holism in implementation?

Stewart Anderson – We've talked about this for years to move something forward.

- This is a chance to create relationships to develop ideas.
- Who do we contribute equity and support entrepreneurs non-traditionally?

Verna Billy – Drawn by people.

- What does business ready mean in urban settings?
- How do we build capacities in urban centres?

Penny Irons – Looking at economic development in our communities as a whole community approach.

- How do you create sustainable livelihoods for unwell parents?
- Changing donations to investments.
- Finding old ways to run things to address the toxic results of capitalism?
- How to engage government better?

Christine Lattey – Drawn by the prospect of making progress.

- How do you actually make things happen?

John McBride – Network. Can a rich community fabric really foster and support Aboriginal business?

Merv Thomas – Sustainability for non-financial, non-profits.

- Social enterprise development. How do we do this?

Victoria

Rupert Downing

- What is the paradigm shift we need on the economy to support social economy?
- Strong link between that question and needs in the urban Aboriginal setting.
- What are the levers for change?

Charles Horn - Responding to invitation.

- What can we learn?
- How can we help?

Brent Mainprize – Working with Nisga'a and balancing on residential development with urban development.

Kevin Schindelka – Potential to participate in the formation of a national network. When you start to come together, the story becomes powerful.

- How can a national Aboriginal financial structure be built in Canada?

Dave Stevenson

- How do we find our way to where we want to be in a complex environment?
- What sustains long-term relationships to go on a journey together?

Milt Wright – Victoria, British Columbia

- Work is spread over three ministries – how to link together?
- If governance is to be a reality, what is the economy?

Alberta

Edmonton

Tony Shirt – Interested in networking. We need to sell things for economics to thrive. We're independent when we can fund ourselves.

Dave Ward – Bringing together stakeholders and common members to prioritize and move to action.

Darryll White

- Defining what urban Aboriginal economic development is.
- What is economic development in terms of a holistic approach to community development?
- Why aren't we all talking to each other?
- How do we activate the grassroots?

Saskatchewan

Regina

Bob Anderson – Teaches economic development.

- How to share what we learn?
- What would a practitioner's journal look like?
- What is the nature of economic development on urban Reserves?

Neil Hintz – Momentum building in Regina.

- How do we move forward?

Saskatoon

Kelly Bitternose – Involved in financing. He is interested in learning more about economic development.

Ron Laliberte – He studies urban Aboriginal identities and how economic development contributes to identity. Barriers and assets to overcome social exclusion.

Evelyn Peters – Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

- What can we do to make more sustainable community organizations?
- What can this process offer as a network to research?

Manitoba

Thompson

Jim Beardy – Directed to be here.

- What can we do differently that will make an impact to do things differently?
- How can Aboriginal communities take advantage of growth in non-Aboriginal communities?
- What is success?

Winnipeg

George Bailey

- How can we loosen guidelines?
- What does urban Aboriginal economic development mean?

Marileen Bartlett – Economic development is a good life.

- How do these questions actually help people on the day to day level? Practical impacts.

Al Benoit – How do we move forward while recognizing the differences in the Aboriginal community?

Bern Bileski

- Economic Development is a priority for the UAS but what is it?
- How do we action it?
- How do government and community partner?

Marty Donkervoort – Involved in social enterprise in Winnipeg.

- How to integrate social enterprises into networks for sustainability?

Marcella Fontaine – Came to work with Keith to hear and learn different perspectives.

- How do you define urban Aboriginal economic development?

Rhonda McCorriston – She is interested in literacy, education, training. Excited to be a part of something new and frustrated about how long it takes to make change.

- How does this network create the momentum to transfer equity?

Wanda Wuttunee – Aboriginal, interest on economic development and the complexities of working in community.

- Sharing ideas in this way is the ideal way to work.
- What can I learn and how can I help?

Ontario

Kanehsatake

Gerry Peltier – Interested in entrepreneurship, marketing and finance.

Ottawa

Patrick Boucher - This is an opportunity to network and learn.

- How do we implement government priorities on economic development to achieve priority?
- How do we implement knowledge?

Geraldine King - Interested in opening up dialogue. Change happens where people live.

Cheryl Matthew

- Drawn by questions.
- How can we increase the social and economic well-being of our people.
- How can this work bring a mentality of unity?
- How to work with youth?
- Resistance and capacity building.

Ian Peach

- What does it take to promote self-determination using economic power for equity?
- How to synthesize knowledge for daily use? And on society at large?

Stephanie Phillips - New to the field, here to learn and network.

Barry Pottle – He is here to learn and network with urban Inuit communities. Who is doing what?

Kate Rex

- Barriers to participation looking at networks, knowledge transfer and implementation.

- How do we build capacity in communities to overcome structural barriers?
- How can we do change in a Nation specific way?
- Control capital?

Belinda Webb – National Inuit economic development committee developing discussion paper.
Where are the Atlantic reps?

Toronto

Glenda Restoule – What is urban economic development? Not clear how we make it real?

Sault Ste. Marie

Gail Broad – Holistic approach to economic development that builds relationships. Working on learning communities around these questions:

- What are the right questions and how do we ask those questions?
- How do we do this research well?

Thunder Bay

Harvey Yesno – Aboriginal population is growing in Thunder Bay. Interested in urban Aboriginal issues.

- How do we help the young population to meet the needs of the national job market?
- What is the paradigm shift that will lead to a new way of doing things?

Nova Scotia

Halifax

Fred Wien

- Has an interest in others from the East.
- Researching the application of health research.
- Working with APC on economic development research.
- Working with CANDO education committee.
- This network is an important step in the process.