



Editors' Comments

Welcome to the third issue of the Journal of Aboriginal Economic Development. We hope that you find this issue insightful and provocative. While economic development is high on the everyone's agenda, getting people to take time to step back, reflect on it and write about it is not always the first priority, even within the academic community. The urgent and pressing business of dealing with the immense problems that our communities face means that we often believe that we ought to be doing something to deal with them directly. Yet the time spent in reflection, in learning of new perspectives and new ways of doing things, of connecting with what others are doing, even if it's through the medium of the written word is time well spent. We can then tackle our daily business with a sense of vigour, connection and compassion.

In the *Learning from Experience* section, we learn of the efforts of the Eskasoni Fish and Wildlife Commission's work in environmental study and planning as well as the different approaches and activities of the remaining three nominees for CANDO Economic Developer of the Year. For the first time, we also present the winning case studies from the University of Lethbridge's annual case writing competition. We hope that this will give you a sense of the type of material that is being used in the education of students

in Aboriginal economic development and management programs in colleges and universities across the country.

In *Lessons from Research*, this issue examines entrepreneurship, both its practise and development, community planning, legal land regimes and the capitalist context of Aboriginal economic development. In particular, Robert Anderson explores the centrality of entrepreneurship to economic development; Robert Oppenheimer et al. analyse an entrepreneurship development program at Kahnawake in Quebec, Sean Markey et al. tackle the issue of capacity assessment for CED; and Stacy Paul Healy discusses the creation of a legal land system that supports economic economic development.

In *Book Reviews*, we present reviews of the much discussed work of Stephen Cornell and Joseph Kalt: *What can Tribes do? Strategies and Institutions in American Indian Economic Development* as well as a review by a communications professor of the first issue of our journal.

And finally in the commentary section, we present a short piece by Anthony Reynolds, former Executive Director of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples examining what has happened since the release of the RCAP final report.

Enjoy!

The Editors