

BEST PRACTICES  
*Learning from  
Experience*



## Editors' Introduction

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This section brings the experiences of economic developers to a broad community of interested readers. Linkages through shared experiences set the stage for new partnerships with colleagues across Canada. You are invited to highlight a project or person who is making a positive contribution to community economic development to be included in this section of the journal. Get in touch with editors, Warren Weir, University of Saskatchewan, (306) 966-2468 or email him at <[weir@commerce.usask.ca](mailto:weir@commerce.usask.ca)> or Wanda Wuttunee, University of Manitoba, (204) 474-6405 or e-mail her at <[w\\_wuttunee@umanitoba.ca](mailto:w_wuttunee@umanitoba.ca)>. You can also mail your ideas to CANDO's main office or call 1-800-463-9300.

The efforts of the Eskasoni Fish and Wildlife Commission, Nova Scotia, were recognized with the 1999 Economic Developer of the Year award. They worked with a mining company to protect sacred and environmentally sensitive areas on their lands. A recognition award went to Manitoba's tribal councils who have partnered in a unique initiative that

facilitates investment in multi-million dollar ventures through Tribal Councils Investment Group. Other recognition awards went to the Council of Naskapi Nation of Kawawachikamach that successfully markets databases for managing housing programs in First Nation communities. Six Nations Economic Development was recognized for the Oneida Enterprise Park, an industrial park in an ideal location to meet the needs of Toronto and United States markets.

Top three winners from the University of Lethbridge's management case writing competition 2000 are also presented in this section. An Australian experience is outlined in *Invermay: Nightmare or dream opportunity?* and a corporate mining perspective is investigated in the context of Aboriginal community needs. Introducing a First Nations sales tax is presented in *Taxation on the Little Portage Reserve: An Issue for First Nation Governance*. Finally, a small Saskatchewan consulting firm shares its experience with establishing itself and expanding its communication services in *Aboriginal Consulting Services and Eagle Feather News*.