



## Editors' Comments

This is the 6th issue of the *Journal of Aboriginal Economic Development*. The Journal continues to develop and evolve. For this issue, we have added a new recurring section called Toolkits. What we hope to do is bring to your attention items of practical interest to economic developers. Our first offering focuses on the internet and its vast resources. The net has rapidly become an important source of education and training materials as well as an excellent resource for building community and business plans. We hope that you find it useful.

Our goal is to try to achieve a balance between the needs of practitioners and the needs of academics (researchers and teachers). Our Learning from Experience section contains articles on the CANDO Economic Developers of the Year for 2002, Chief Sophie Pierre of St. Mary's Reserve in British Columbia and Ray Gerow of the Aboriginal Business Development Centre in Prince George, British Columbia as well as entrepreneurial training to youth in Kanawake, Quebec and the development of an aboriginal tourism industry in Mistissini. Our Lessons from Research section deals primarily with international developments and aboriginal peoples. David McNab's article on trade in the Bkewanong Territory in Ontario provides an important historical perspective. We also bring

you review of Laurie Meijer Drees's *The Indian Association of Alberta: A History of Political Action* that helps to understand the context within which we are working. The issue of urban aboriginal economic development and poverty is critical as many of us now live in cities and we hope to devote an entire future issue to this topic. The history of the Indian Association of Alberta helps to link us to the work that those who came before undertook in preparing a good foundation for us.

Enjoy!

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on behalf of the Editorial Board