

## Editors' Comments

Welcome to the 11th issue of the CANDO Journal of Aboriginal Economic Development, or JAED, featuring new stories and articles presented by an eclectic group of writers, researchers, and community development practitioners.

In this issue we once again profile our CANDO award winners and interviews with leaders in Aboriginal economic, community, and business development. Additionally, we highlight three academic articles that analyze emerging “hot topics” currently facing those involved in Indigenous organizations and communities. We share interpretations on recently published books, and hear from our founding editor—David Newhouse—in the concluding comments to this journal. His reflections mirror another year of change and challenge in the Aboriginal post-colonial world.

Beginning this issue, we would like to highlight CANDO's evolving commitment to practising economic development officers and change agents working in Aboriginal community and economic development. Specifically, JAED 6.1 marks a cognitive move toward better equipping these EDOs and change agents with practical lessons and substantive outcomes covered in the materials published in this and forthcoming issues.

To this end, the editorial board will ensure that every interview, case study, article, book review, and toolkit is readily understandable, accessible and meaningful to those working in the field. For example, those writing academic, or lessons from research articles will be asked to include practical ideas and suggestions to implement, monitor and/or evaluate their research conclusions and recommendations. As well, community members will be asked to participate more actively in developing and publishing stories that they would like to share through their CANDO journal. This participation may include the publication of a successful innovative idea or best practice that can be shared through a co-authored article

written by community leader working together with a researcher and/or journal writer.

In summary, the journal is the same, yet evolving to meet practitioners' needs more effectively. In turn, we request that you not only read through this current issue, but also contemplate ways you might assist in taking future CANDO journals to new heights — by sharing a story, partnering with a researcher to profile events or activities taking place in your community or organization, and/or taking time to read and comment on one or all of the interviews or stories.