

Introduction

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Economic activity is happening in many Aboriginal communities across the country. Where can you get information that delivers worthwhile perspectives and examples? This section of the journal is designed to do just that.

On the individual entrepreneurial level, you can read how EDO winner Sarah Erasmus, took her skills to the local marketplace and is meeting community needs in Yellowknife, NWT. She runs Erasmus Apparel and maintains close connections with her community, the youth and traditions.

A skilled and experienced Economic Development Officer can make all the difference in a community's economic plans. Darrell Balkwill has worked with Whitecap Dakota First Nation in Saskatchewan. He has made a significant contribution to the level of development in that community and is an important part of the team. His other interests in the local and regional economic organizations means that important networking is accomplished to the benefit of Whitecap.

Kahkewistahaw Economic Management Corporation works on behalf of their community to meet goals for developing projects on their treaty lands and creating employment opportunities for their people. An hotel, a gas bar/convenience store, a gravel operation and a new hotel are current projects that are making an important difference in the community's welfare.

Long Plain's First Nations has established an urban reserve in Winnipeg. The details of how that was accomplished and the potential for the community are outlined in an article by Charlotte Bezamat-Mantes. Ms. Bexamat-Mantes is a student at the University of Paris and uses an holistic geo-political approach to outline the important aspects of this topic.

Suggestion: If the information speaks to you in this section, then do some outreach to the individuals highlighted here and have your questions answered. You will be pleased how much people enjoy sharing insights into their successes.