

Introduction

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Indigenous economies do not develop in isolation from the economies and cultures that surround them and with which they are interwoven. In this issue we present four articles that deal with different aspects arising from this interweaving. Sean Meades, Deb Pine, and Gayle Broad analyze the emerging labour market demand for Anishinaabe language skills and the need for education institutions to improve their Indigenous language offerings. Lyle Benson and Rickard Enström describe a process of collaboration between the Alberta Sport Council and local Indigenous communities to offer a Future Leaders program. Jason Mika and Betty Ross examine the interplay between the principles of commerce and culture in creating firms that are both profitable and operate consistently with Indigenous cultural understandings. Catherine Kwantes and Twiladawn Stonefish examine leadership characteristics preferred by Indigenous peoples working in cross-cultural environments.