

Editor's Comments

On behalf of our publisher, editorial board, and staff, we are excited to share the research and the stories of problems and solutions that are contributing to a strong Indigenous economy in Canada. Thank you to all our contributors.

In the *Lessons from Experience*, the achievements of a variety of Indigenous entrepreneurs are highlighted — from the Cando winners to those engaged in agriculture and sustainable energy. Supports include a chamber of commerce and a program for recapturing driver's licences. These themes continue in the rest of the volume, with contributions focused on important employment statistics, the need for support programs in Quebec, and the New Brunswick vision for healthy Indigenous communities.

Although the stories in this issue reflect the time before COVID, the lessons remain valuable, and the hope in these pages must not be forgotten. COVID-19 has struck the Canadian Indigenous economy hard. The future of the Indigenous economy in Canada will be based on how this storm is weathered and what support local Indigenous businesses will receive. So we urge you to support your local Indigenous businesses, and to stay safe.

In closing, I would like to note the passing of Dr. John Loxley, a colleague who dedicated his research life to Indigenous community health and wellness. I invite you to read about his contributions in the tribute before this introduction.

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