

Introduction



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This issue's Lessons from Experience explores a continuation of efforts towards Truth and Reconciliation within a post-pandemic world, followed with economic development initiatives from both mainstream and grass-roots perspectives. These articles present the shared responsibility we have as Indigenous people to work together towards a common balance within our communities. The authors are shining examples of how Indigenous communities never stop supporting and working towards regeneration within our communities.

Josh Regnier, in "Guide for First Nation-Municipal Collaboration on Economic Recovery and Resilience", explores the roles a First Nations government and municipality can play to address natural disasters and unnatural pathogens such as COVID 19 together during tumultuous times.

Sxwpilemaát Siyám and Lily Raphael in "Stepping into the River: Learnings from Simon Fraser University Community Economic Development's Economic Reconciliation Framework Development" present the concept of economic reconciliation from a new perspective or through a new lens to address the goals of the TRC through the creation of a new framework. The vision is to transform the current economy into one that includes an Indigenous perspective.

Julianna Albert, in "Anishinaabe Bimishimo: An Indigenous Company that Understands the Sovereignty of Jingle Cones", introduces the reader to the inherent Indigenous Knowledge found within an emerging Indigenous business centred around the cultural practice of dance. The responsibility of this company to be a true community member is evident through their localized and community-based modelling of "taking care of the people" in her community and surrounding locales.

Michele Baptiste, in "Indigenous Centre for Innovation & Entrepreneurship", shares the development of an Indigenous Centre for Innovation

and Entrepreneurship (ICIE) in Toronto, Ontario. ICIE was developed to provide a space for entrepreneurial aspirations to flourish within the Indigenous community of metro Toronto.

Van Penner, in “First Peoples Economic Growth Fund: A Case Study of a Successful Aboriginal Financial Institution”, showcases a model whereby the Province of Manitoba and the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs collaborate to provide resources and support to Manitoba First Nation businesses. This case study presents many examples of how an idea or concept from an individual can flourish with the support provided through an organization such as the FPEGF.

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