

Introduction

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Welcome to another issue of Lessons from Experience. This year's articles take us on a cross country tour where we explore the endless possibilities of economic development within and for Indigenous communities and people. To begin, on a national scale, Transforming Indigenous Procurement: Empowerment, Challenges, and the Road Ahead, provides us with an in-depth view of the world of procurement in Canada and the realities for Indigenous communities, corporations, and individuals to participate in this unique opportunity. Next, we are to celebrate the wonderful successes of Norway House Cree Nation, for their amazing work and dedication to build capacity and success within their community. Within their five-year economic development strategy, the reader learns about the construction of a new health centre, partnerships with mineral exploration companies, and construction of a fibre link from the community to the provincial network, to name a few successes.

Our whirlwind tour takes a turn into Saskatchewan where we are introduced to the perhaps unfamiliar economy of methamphetamine contamination. Meth Busters Incorporated (MBI) introduces the reader to the world of safety. Trust, and family values within a business model situated on a very serious situation facing many communities across the country. Lastly, is a northern Ontario company sharing how innovative virtual reality technologies are used to share cultural teachings through virtual reality with Indigenous and non-Indigenous people across our nation. The article, titled, Connecting Culture to the Modern-Day Workplace Through New Technology, showcases an example of innovative and fearless approaches to TRC through technology.

Enjoy!