

It is my privilege and distinct honour to present to you the 20th issue of the *Journal of Aboriginal Economic Development*, or *JAED*. The first issue was published in 1997, 20 years ago, and it has been a wonderful and meaningful journey for all involved to this point in time. *Huy tseep q'u Siiem nu Siye'yu* ("Thank you respected friends and colleagues" in Hul'q'umi'num'). The Journal, co-published by the Council for the Advancement of Native Development Officers (Cando) and Captus Press, links practitioners, leaders, community change-agents, and researchers not only to each other, but also to those who coordinate, manage, lead, participate in, and teach about the governance and leadership of Indigenous community, business, entrepreneurial, and economic development. This issue, like the 19 issues that came before, highlights and profiles the ground-breaking economic development work that has been taking place in Indigenous communities locally, nationally, and internationally.

As I read through previous issues, I continue to be intrigued by the meaningful coverage of the range and diversity of topics. I invite readers of this issue to do the same and to engage with previous issues, as if for the first time. Each story, each leadership or student profile, each coverage of promising practices, and each topic researched, is as relevant and meaningful today as they were 20 years ago. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's "Calls to Action", in addition to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, a document "that describes both individual and collective rights of Indigenous peoples around the world", including economic and development rights, further affirms the need for our continuing effort to promote Aboriginal economic development and self-governance.

I trust that you will find this issue informative and interesting, and I look forward to your feedback and/or future submissions. Here is to the next 20 issues! *Huy ch q'u* — thank you.

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