

"To provide leadership in Aboriginal, government and industry relations by creating a circle to foster a broad understanding of different perspectives. CFAR facilitates the development of trust, respect and credibility among our membership and with others."

President's Message

Hello everyone.

Seems like it's been a short time since our October AGM yet here we are already into March.

Since the last newsletter our events committee have been busy planning and implementing our December mixer and two further events in January.

- Our 5th Annual Evening Gathering in December mixer co-hosted with the Calgary Chamber of Commerce was, as always a big hit and was a full house.
- CFAR conducted our first luncheon of the year at the Calgary Chamber of Commerce with Lorne Ternes as our keynote speaker. We were honored to have students from Morley and the University of Calgary attend.
- CFAR was privileged to partner with the Haskayne School of Management at the University of Calgary to bring Chief Clarence Louis of Osoyoos Indian Band. Chief Louis, always popular, shared his perspectives on mentorship to a diverse crowd at the McEwen Hall ballroom.

Events such as these cannot take without the generous support from sponsors. A big thank-you to Flint Energy Services, Primco Dene Group of Companies, Alliance Pipeline, Turtle Island Cultural Resource Management, Devon Canada and ARAMARK. Thanks each of you for your gracious support.

For some time, we have been providing news of our credential recognition project. To ensure this initiative continues its momentum, CFAR has created a subcommittee to bring life to the concept and looking forward to sharing in more detail in the near future. A special thanks to our board members Bob Phillips, Gareth Spicer, Tim Heins, and Chaz Ware; our advisors Bee Schadeck, Barry Brisson and Marc Levasseur and consultants David Luff and Catherine Pennington for your commitment to this important initiative.

I finally wish to invite your feedback and input to future events and initiatives. While our volunteer board provides excellent direction and leadership of the CFAR Society, we want to ensure the voice of you, the society is heard.

Best Regards,



Todd Belot
President, Circle for Aboriginal Relations Society

CFAR Annual Conference - Save the Date!

The Circle for Aboriginal Relations (CFAR) is hosting a conference and golf tournament from June 5-7th at the Edmonton Marriot at River Cree Resort & the Ranch Golf & Country Club. This year we're revisiting **Aboriginal Consultation & Accommodation** building on the success of our 2008 conference on Aboriginal Consultation.

This year's conference will have exciting and cutting edge speakers that will present on topics of interest and provide insight on Aboriginal Consultation in today's evolving landscape. The conference will focus on industry, government and Aboriginal community perspectives in the areas of consultation policy, best practices, case law, capacity and agreement negotiation.

Contact Christine Schreuder today for more information on becoming one of our valued event sponsors and Save-the-Date in your calendars for this exciting conference.

Upcoming Events

After Hours Business Mixer - April 19, 2012

CFAR is pleased to announce that we will be hosting an After Hours Business Mixer in Fort McMurray on April 19, 2012. The Mixer will take place at the Sawridge Inn & Conference Center, featuring a cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, and networking opportunities for those Aboriginal Relations practitioners and community members in the Athabasca oil sands region. Sponsorship opportunities are available; please contact Christine Schreuder if your organization has an interest in supporting this event. Stay tuned for additional event details. CFAR looks forward to greeting our northern members and non-members alike at this event!

2011 Events in Review

December 1st After Hours Business Mixer

The fifth annual CFAR-Chamber of Commerce Evening Gathering Mixer was a wonderful success. The event featured great music, tantalizing food, lively conversation and company. Attendees gathered in the historic Chamber Ballroom to tap into new business opportunities, reconnect and build new professional connections.

All proceeds for the event were provided to Aboriginal Futures Career and Training Centre. Thanks to your support this event collected \$1450.00. This will assist the Centre in fulfilling their mission to create greater opportunities for self-sufficiency and independence through access to career or employment counseling programs and services. Specifically, the money will go towards a new initiative. This is a 3 week Job Finders Club that people can attend while on their job search. The money will be used to purchase bus tickets for their job search.



CFAR and the Calgary Chamber of Commerce would like to thank our Gold Sponsors ARAMARK Remote Workplace Services and Turtle Island CRM; As well as our Silver Sponsors Flint Energy and Devon. As a non-profit society, CFAR relies on the generosity of corporate sponsors such as these to host our quality events.

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January Luncheon Event

CFAR opened up the New Year with a January Luncheon event in Calgary.

CFAR was very fortunate to have Lorne J. Ternes speak about Gaining a Business Advantage On-Reserve: Using the First Nations Commercial and Industrial Development (FNCID) Act for Projects. Lorne Ternes was a compelling speaker who brought experience and knowledge to this event.

Attendees were engaged during the presentation and many delegates found the topic to be informative and exciting. Many delegates were not aware of the FNCID Act and the opportunities this Act provides in their roles as Aboriginal Relations professionals as well as their respective organizations. Delegates also took the opportunity to renew professional connections and meet new business contacts. Lorne has been generous enough to share his presentation with CFAR.

CFAR is extremely grateful to our Gold Sponsors Primco Dene and Alliance Pipeline; As well as the Friends of CFAR Sponsor Flint Energy Services Ltd.



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The Haskayne School of Business Insight Lecture with Chief Clarence Louie



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On the afternoon of January 31, the Haskayne School of Business hosted a special Insight Lecture by Chief Clarence Louie, Chief of the Osoyoos Indian Band. In his talk – Business Leadership, Risk-Taking, and Entrepreneurship – Chief Louie spoke on entrepreneurship, taking risks, education, and business leadership in the context of First Nations communities. This presentation also provided insights into the importance of mentorship and pride in community.

CFAR was proud to partner on this event that helped inform students and Industry alike on the successes and challenges of the Osoyoos Indian Band.

Member's Corner

Members Corner provides an opportunity for CFAR members in good standing to profile various events, job opportunities and activities that may be of interest to the broader membership. While the specific content of Members Corner is not necessarily endorsed by the CFAR Board or its membership, the events and activities listed are consistent with CFAR's mission to foster a broad understanding of different perspectives.

If you have an event, success story or other interesting news that you would like to share with CFAR members please send your entries to info@cfarsociety.ca (Note: Submissions may be edited for length and clarity and will be posted at the board's discretion).

Trade Winds to Success

Background

The Trade Winds to Success Training Society is a unique and very successful exclusively Aboriginal pre-apprenticeship training program that addresses the low level of participation of Aboriginal peoples in skilled trades in Canada. The Program was instituted in 2005.

The program prepares a student to enter an accredited Apprenticeship program (typically 4 years) and graduate as a Journeyman in their trade. It includes all the supports needed for these unique students to successfully attain their final goal of Journeyman, including mentorship throughout training and into employment, frequent visits throughout the first year of employment and then yearly visits for the entire length of apprenticeship.

Benefits to Industry

- Addresses labour shortage needs of contractors who build oil sands projects
- Helps industry to meet their commitments to develop capacity in Aboriginal Communities through training and employment.
- Helps to build community support for industry
- Complements other training/employment and business development initiatives
- Conklin Local Opportunity Centre
- Highway 881 Regional Business Incubation Centre

Trade Winds to Success is an Aboriginal pre-apprenticeship program which has been very successful in increasing the number of Aboriginal trades people in Alberta. Unfortunately, Trade Winds will be seeing a federal funding cut back this year and as such is now focused on working with industry as means to continue providing the services to Alberta's Aboriginal communities. Enbridge Northern Gateway and Conoco Phillips have come forward to sponsor seats in the program (specific to communities of interest). CFAR members may find this a valuable program to support given our collective need to ensure a skilled workforce. Check out <http://www.tradewindstosuccess.ca/>.

Trade Winds to Success is in a time crunch as their current agreement with the Federal Government will end March 31, 2012.

It is essential to gain more Industry partnerships prior to March.

If you have more questions please contact:

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