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All Chiefs' Task Force

At the All-Chiefs' Assembly on Recognition and Reconciliation held on August 25-28, 2009, an All-Chiefs' Task Force composed of volunteer First Nation leaders from across the province, was established to build upon the outcomes and energy of the gathering by drafting and implementing a short-term action plan which addressed two goals:

- Communicate the urgency and importance of raising awareness and recognition of Aboriginal title and rights at the provincial, national and international levels, as well as with the general public.
- Strive to maintain unity and increase efficiency by better organizing ourselves internally as First Nations in British Columbia by working together on issues of common concern.

The Action Plan developed by the Task Force was presented to Chiefs and leaders at BCAFN, FNS and UBCIC assemblies, and has been endorsed by resolution.

The Task Force is now moving forward on implementing the Action Plan by undertaking actions in the following areas:

- Coordinated Action: Currently working with a public relations firm to develop and implement a strategy to raise awareness of First Nations issues – with particular focus on the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples – during the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games. A number of news releases and fact sheets have been issued and can be viewed on the Task Force's regularly updated blog <http://firstnationstaskforce.wordpress.com/>

- Operational-Technical: Have engaged a contractor to review the Leadership Accord, processes and work to date (for the purpose of improving First Nations political meetings and decision-making processes, and enhancing unity amongst First Nations. Interviews will be conducted with Chiefs and leaders from across BC to inform the review.
- Political-Legal: Identifying goals and a strategy to achieve a) effective implementation of section 35 constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and treaty rights, court decisions, and the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, b) revision of the comprehensive claims policy, and c) implementation of the duty of the Crown to negotiate in good faith and uphold its fiduciary duty. Current actions include producing a section 35 toolkit for First Nations communities, and undertaking a gap analysis of the comprehensive claims policy.

Work in these three areas is supported by an overarching communications plan. The First Nations Task Force is issuing regular reports through this information bulletin, and by reporting to the assemblies of the BCAFN, FNS and UBCIC. The Task Force will also be planning an All-Chiefs' Assembly in May 2010, once the Task Force completes the work within its current mandate, for the purpose of reviewing the work to date and recommendations produced by the Task Force, and determining next steps. Visit the Task Force blog at <http://firstnationstaskforce.wordpress.com/>

First Nations Health Council

Community Engagement Hubs

Over 150 of BC's 203 First Nations have now partnered with the First Nations Health Council to form 26 Community Engagement Hubs. Community Engagement Hubs provide resources for communities to communicate, collaborate and plan together in order to set and meet their health goals and priorities.

As we enter the second year of fully operational Community Engagement Hubs we are witnessing many exciting developments. First Nations are using the hub model to create regional approaches to chronic disease prevention; to plan innovative approaches to mental wellness with federal and provincial governments; and other hubs are completing individual community health and wellness plans. An exciting example of Hubs in action can be found on Vancouver Island where the Nuu-chah-nulth Hub is using hub resources to organize a series of community dialogues on social issues. Through community dialogue, participants identified the need for *hishuk-nish-tsawalk* (a holistic approach) in considering community social issues. This dialogue is now culminating in a forum to be held this month.

One of the principles of the Health Plan is that "no community is left behind" and those communities who are not part of a Community Engagement Hub will be supported in health planning. To find out more about Community Hubs and the support available at the health council please contact Marilyn Ota-VP Health Planning. mota@fnhc.ca

Health Governance

The Tripartite First Nations Health Plan signed in 2007 called for the development of *A First Nations Health Governing Body* to be developed through the work of a tripartite committee within three years of the plans signing. Over the past year and a half, BC First Nations through the First Nations Interim Health Governance Committee and

Regional Caucuses have been engaging in this exciting opportunity for change.

The FNIHGC looks forward to reaching political agreement on a recommended basis for a Framework Agreement with BC and Canada at the end of January. This agreed upon approach will secure funding commitments, and provides the basis to draft an agreement that describes a basic structure to enable First Nations decision-making in First Nations Health Services. Reaching a the high-level political recommendation signals a beginning of, rather than an end to, the important work ahead, and provides a basis for further dialogue with BC First Nations prior to reaching an agreement in June 2010.

With both BC and Canada facing the pressure of recession economies, an agreement will be critical to maintain the political and fiscal will of governments in this endeavour. Moving from a politically recommended basis for a framework agreement in January to a legally binding agreement will be the next critical piece of work to maintain this momentum.

The FNIHGC and regional governance caucuses are anticipating that a legally binding agreement may be reached by the end of June. The anticipated June agreement could move BC Nations into a 2.5 year transition period. During this period, the governance structure can be refined, programs will transition to First Nations control, new relationships and partnerships with governments will be tested, and the operations and functions of First Nations Inuit Health BC Region will be transferred to a new First Nations governing body.

The development of a June agreement will require every Nations voice, if your Nation would like a meeting, Governance Coordinator Derek Thompson

(dthompson@fnhc.ca) can assist you in connecting with your regional representatives.

Children & Families

Indigenous Child at the Centre

Forum III: The IFNCFWC (Interim First Nations Child and Family Wellness Council) will host a third Indigenous Child at the Centre Forum on March 2-3, 2010 at the Tsleil-Waututh Recreation Centre. Registration forms and notices have been circulated to all First Nations. The focus of the meeting will include a permanent structure for the First Nations Child & Family Wellness Council. Please contact Harmony Johnson (hjohnson@fns.bc.ca) or Sherry Small (sherry.small@bcafn.ca) with any questions about the Forum.

United Nations Experts Group Meeting on Indigenous Children and Youth in Detention, Custody, Foster Care and Adoption:

The Indigenous Child at the Centre III will be followed on March 4-5 by an international meeting focused on indigenous children and youth in state custody (also at the Tsleil-Waututh Recreation Centre). The meeting will include presentations by distinguished panelists and experts from the 7 UNPFII socio-cultural regions. Arrangements are being made for First Nations to observe the proceedings of this event if they wish to do so.

Indigenous Child at the Centre

Action Plan: As reported in the November 2009 bulletin, the Indigenous Child at the Centre Action Plan is now finalized (after incorporating all feedback from First Nations over a 10-month period) and adopted by resolution of the BCAFN, FNS and UBCIC. Formatted and printed copies of the Plan are available by request to Harmony Johnson at hjohnson@fns.bc.ca. The IFNCFWC will engage with First Nations at the Indigenous Child at the Centre Forum III to determine early priorities for implementation.

Child Poverty: On January 6-7, 2010, First Nations and Aboriginal organizations in BC working on issues relating to children and families gathered together in North Vancouver for a "Reducing Aboriginal Child Poverty Summit". The purpose of this gathering was to encourage collaboration amongst the various organizations, and to draw upon their collective expertise to develop recommendations to address a common issue – Aboriginal child poverty in BC. The Representative for Children and Youth-BC, Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond, also attended a portion of the meeting to share the findings from her office's research, and to hear from the experts working for Aboriginal organizations in the province. The recommendations from this event were included in a report that has been shared with all meeting participants. The organizations that attended committed to a follow-up session in the coming months to delve into this issue further, as well as to discuss a number of other matters of common concern. For a copy of the report from this meeting, please contact Harmony Johnson at hjohnson@fns.bc.ca.

Recognition and Reconciliation Protocol on First Nations Children, Youth and Families:

On March 30, 2009, the BCAFN, FNS, UBCIC and MCFD signed a Protocol which the IFNCFWC will take the lead on. The Protocol was supported by First Nations Chiefs by resolution (UBCIC resolution 2008-40; BCAFN resolution 1(a)/2009; FNS resolution 0908.09). The IFNCFWC has developed a workplan for the implementation of the Protocol, and the Parties are planning a working session to review and finalize this document in the coming weeks.

Organizational Development:

The Terms of Reference for the IFNCFWC were adopted at the February and March BCAFN, FNS and UBCIC meetings (resolutions UBCIC 2009-06; BCAFN resolution 4/2009;

FNS resolution 0309.14). The IFNCFWC has, based on its approved terms of reference, established some organizational policy to govern the conduct of its meetings, appointed two IFNCFWC spokespersons and established an IFNCFWC executive, is in the process of hiring a Coordinator to provide technical and administrative support, and is developing a website and logo. The IFNCFWC will soon undertake research and engage with First Nations at the Indigenous Child at the Centre III on what a permanent governance structure for the Council should look like.

First Nations Energy and Mining Council

The following are a list of the projects undertaken by the First Nations Energy and Mining Council that will be completed for 2009 and a list of the proposed projects for 2010.

2009 Projects and Deliverables:

1. Develop a strategic plan.
 - The plan will provide FNEMC guidance to work with public governments and will assist with education on energy, mining, and climate change related laws, regulations and policies.
2. Develop a First Nations – Industry Protocol.
 - The Protocol will strive to develop a working relationship with industries to assist with sustainable development goals of First Nations.
3. Research and design a collaborative industry business model titled, "Waskwatim Case Study on hydro development".
 - The models will illustrate how First Nations can engage to become successful partners on projects.
4. Conduct an economic benefits study including best practices research. Completed the document titled, "sharing the

wealth". This document has been supported by the Chiefs in BC through resolutions.

- This study can be used by individual First Nations or Tribal Councils to assist with their negotiations with industry.
5. Develop a renewable energy strategy and a carbon credit backgrounder. Currently, the carbon credit strategy and position paper are completed and being reviewed by the board.
 - There are great opportunities here on both the renewable energy and carbon credit industries.
 6. Develop a communications plan and website.
 - The plan and website will assist public governments, industry and others to understand the FNEMC, our roles and responsibilities. In addition, documents and reports can be shared online.

2010 Ideas

1. Participation in the 2010 CEAA (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency) parliamentary review. We can participate in the review and provide submissions to ensure that Aboriginal consultation, environmental assessment reform, and regulatory permitting issues are all addressed. This will help us to streamline the environmental assessment processes and to ensure that First Nation consultation and accommodation occurs.
2. Develop a draft Traditional Ecological Knowledge protocol template and engage in community workshops. Hence, the protocol will bring western science and First Nations science together to better understand the impacts and benefits of potential projects.
3. Engage with the Canadian Forest Service on bio-energy

opportunities to build relationships with CFS and support bio-energy projects led by First Nations in BC.

4. Develop a tripartite working relationship with Canada and BC to further explore an equity fund to encourage First Nations to partner with industry. Thus BC can show success to partner with Ottawa such Ontario's \$250 million contribution to such a fund. Hence, more First Nations projects will occur.
5. Mining engagement. Collaborate with MPMO, BC, and First Nations to facilitate better working relationships, which will assist with much needed relationship building in this area.
6. Database of relevant federal legislation, regulations, and policies. Compile all the relevant legislation, regulations and policies that impact FN on new environmental projects so that communities can understand their importance and relevance. Community workshops will follow after the research is completed. This database will make communities aware of the rules that guide the federal government.

BC First Nations Fisheries Council

Meetings: The Fisheries Council met January 26 with Pacific Region DFO executives to continue discussions on the development and implementation of the Commitment to Action and the four priority work areas: 1) Aquaculture, 2) Co-Management, 3) Salmon Shares and Economic Access, and 4) Sec. 35 (1) fisheries (food social and ceremonial). This was the first meeting with Paul Sprout, Regional Director General, under the new Council structure.

Aquaculture: The Fisheries Council has worked with Fisheries and Oceans Canada to develop a series of meetings around B.C. on the subject of the federal government's

B.C. aquaculture regulatory framework. A legal opinion and policy analysis related to the development of the framework has been completed and will be posted on the Fisheries Council website this week. Information about the meetings and the draft agenda for meetings (which include First Nations only and bi-lateral components) are now posted on the website at www.FNFisheriesCouncil.ca. Registration forms are also available. Meetings will take place in Prince George, Chilliwack, and Kamloops in the second week of February and in Prince Rupert, Haida Gwaii, Bella Bella, Port Hardy, Alert Bay, and Nanaimo in the first two weeks of March. Please pass this information on to those in your community who are interested and/or concerned about our role in aquaculture management in the future.

Co-Management: The Fisheries Council recently hired three staff that will focus their efforts on supporting communities in the development of capacity relating to fisheries co-management. The new staff include: Deana Machin, Co-Management Coordinator; and Alex Gagne and Saul Milne, Policy Analysts. These staff will be located in offices on Musqueam lands in South Vancouver. The Council invites everyone to introduce themselves to the new staff at upcoming fisheries meetings.

Update on Appointments to the Council: The Fisheries Council will be updating its website soon with information about a number of Council members newly appointed by their communities, based on the 14 geographic regions model. The communities with sitting Council members are: North Coast (Bill Shepert); North Coast/Skeena (Walter Joseph); Haida Gwaii (Russ Jones); North Island/ Mainland Inlets (John Henderson); West Coast Vancouver Island (Cliff Atleo); South Island (Allan Claxton); Lower Fraser/

Fraser Valley (Ken Malloway); Upper Fraser (Thomas Alexis); and Transboundary-Columbia (Howie Wright). Areas with discussions in progress include the Central Coast and the Northern-Transboundary area. Areas where First Nations have not yet responded with appointments include the mid-Fraser (2 seats) and the Lower Fraser/ Lower Mainland.

Communications: There are numerous important issues related to fisheries that come up every week. The Fisheries Council hosts a bi-weekly First Nations Fisheries Organizations Conference call and a list serve that are open to First Nations and their staff in order to facilitate information sharing. Please contact the Fisheries Council for more information at info@FNFisheriesCouncil.ca.

First Nations Forestry Council

The Forestry Council has embarked on a campaign to persuade the provincial and federal governments to come to the table to discuss much needed funding for its forest dependent members. It is prepared to use international media attention generated by the 2010 Winter Olympics to make its case, and is already receiving attention from the likes of CNN and NBC.

Concerned with the absence of consultation or response to submitted plans and requests for meetings, the FNFC wrote in mid December to Provincial Forests and Range Minister Pat Bell and to senior BC federal cabinet member Stockwell Day, then minister of International Trade.

The letter to Minister Bell sought an urgent meeting to discuss Forestry and Range Agreements – 65 of which expire March 31 – tenure and revenue sharing reform, and funding for FNFC operations and programs. These matters are in limbo, with no indication of any reforms or funding

for 2010-11. The letter to Minister Day sought an urgent meeting to discuss federal funding for First Nations to address the Mountain Pine Beetle and to support economic development and job creation.

Both letters warned that FNFC was reluctantly but determinedly prepared to deliver a message through the media to the global investment community that in the absence of satisfactory new FRAs and the addressing of funding commitments and needs for First Nations, corporations and shareholders would be wary of any projects on our traditional lands that attempt to bypass us and do not have our consent. After receiving no responses to the letters, the FNFC issued a news release to BC media earlier this month explaining its position. This has attracted widespread attention. The history of government abandonment and unfulfilled promises that is the reality for most of our communities is something that the media will be and is interested in.

The FNFC noted the provincial and federal governments are spending \$3 billion on the 2010 Games, and that 150 years of profiting from resources taken from First Nations lands has help them reach the stage where staging such an extravaganza is possible. In the face of such massive spending, it is not acceptable to claim there is no money – a tiny fraction of the cost of the Games – to address our issues.

It also noted that the provincial and federal governments are hoping to justify the cost of the games in part but using them as a sales pitch to the world, a pitch that involves attracting investment in BC. The misunderstood component to this advertising is that First Nations in BC must be included on new business developments and investment. The unresolved land question demands some form of relationship as we move forward.

After two days of news coverage, including a Globe and Mail story and a Canadian Press story that was widely picked up by other media, a call was made from Minister Day's office and the board met with him on January 15 to discuss the mountain pine beetle and economic development funding issues. Minister Day promised to look into possibilities for providing some funding, and acknowledged that the FNFC would need to see commitments soon or would have to proceed with its media strategy – given the narrow window of opportunity presented by the Olympics for raising international awareness.

Mr. Day's new responsibilities as President of the Treasury Board and minister responsible for the Pacific Gateway ensures he is still in a position of influence and personal involvement in this file. The FNFC has received a follow-up letter from him, and Minister Day has been informed that Chief Williams and the FNFC are in the process of doing interviews with NBC for a Tom Brokaw report in early February.

While still insufficient, Mr. Day's response shines in comparison to that of Minister Bell. As of January 22, the FNFC has received no response from him to our letter. Instead, the Minister has made misleading comments in the media. For example, he implied he has received no business plan from the FNFC, when in fact he has received two and responded to neither. He also said he is trying to work closely with First Nations to address outstanding issues, when in fact he has not responded to letters or requests for meetings since last March, and continues to leave the 65 communities whose FRAs expire March 31 completely in the dark as to what will happen next.

The FNFC is in the process of pursuing more BC media coverage to raise public awareness of the fact that

without FRAs our communities are free to fight for their rights – and that continued failure by the province to consult and accommodate is sending a message that the new relationship is dead.

We intend to publicly ask Minister Bell and Premier Campbell if they are deliberately trying to force First Nations to avail themselves of the decisions delivered by the courts re the duty to consult and accommodate, and to produce the kind of uncertainty and obstacles to development that have plagued the mining industry in BC for 13 years and continue to prevent progress. Our hope is that Minister Bell and Premier Campbell will recognize the situation they have created and come to the table in the next couple of weeks.

First Nations Technology Council

The FNTC recently hosted a meeting of their Natural Resources Information Management Advisory Group that is part of FNTC's First Nations Information Support Services. The current project includes working to provide better access to data; to identify tools, applications and competencies suitable for natural resources offices that have different levels of needs; delivering 3 Regional GIS and Information Management workshops and a number of community-based GIS hand-on workshops; and developing a Business Case for Information Support Services. The Advisory Group will be planning the first day of the ICT Summit which is being held in Vancouver March 18-21, 2010 at the Coast Plaza Hotel. The theme of the day will be Data Access and include speakers such as Terry Tobias who's has recently published his new book, 'Living Proof' and sessions on Cross-Boarder Data issues.

FNTC has presented a Business Case to INAC to purchase a social system called Unification, developed by

Sto:lo Nation, that is capable of managing social, education, and employment data. If FNTC is success in securing funding, the system will be made available to any First Nation wanting to implement the application. Data can be stores locally or in a networked environment, according to each Nation's wish, and greatly reduces the social reporting burden.

The ICT Summit (March 18-21) registration is now open at www.ictsummit.ca This year's theme is CollaboACTION - and will feature sessions where Nations have moved from talking about working together to implementing projects that bring benefits to all participants. Hands on sessions will be offered in the Conference Computer Lab. If your community is using technology or information management in innovative ways, please contact Sue Hanley at sue.hanley@fntc.info. The program is currently under development.

Work continues on the First Nations of BC portal which is aimed at providing a 'single window' for First Nations and those interested in First Nations in BC. The real value of the portal will come through the sharing of one Nation's innovation with others so if you have projects that you're proud of and materials to share please contact the portal team being lead by Jaime Sanchez. jaime.sanchez@fntc.info

Aboriginal Tourism Association of BC

On January 13th, AtBC launched its Cultural Authenticity program to help visitors differentiate which of the business operators in British Columbia's booming Aboriginal cultural tourism industry are among the most culturally authentic Aboriginal and Métis-owned businesses in the province. Businesses which live up to a high set of standards and incorporate

accurate representations of Aboriginal cultures, and other tourism and hospitality benchmarks, are being recognized with an authenticity logo on their marketing materials to help visitors easily identify them.

The Cultural Authenticity program goes beyond evaluating the level of cultural experiences and interaction with Aboriginal people as the hosts of a tourism business, it also incorporates other criteria. This includes ensuring majority Aboriginal ownership and control to ensure the cultural experiences are factual and respectful of the Aboriginal culture, satisfy cultural protocols and market-readiness in accordance with the tourism industry as well as operation standards of safety and hospitality. The program is free and all aboriginal owned tourism businesses can apply. www.aboriginalbc.com.

The first tourism operators to qualify for the new Cultural Authenticity program are:

- Haida Heritage Centre at Kaay Llnagaay, Skidegate
- Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre, Osoyoos
- St. Eugene Golf Resort Casino, Cranbrook
- Ksan Historical Village and Museum, Hazelton
- Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre, Whistler

Marketing Initiatives Planned for 2010 Winter Olympic/Paralympic Games

- Aboriginal Tourism the fastest growing tourism sector in BC, and to ensure that Aboriginal cultural experiences are showcased during the 2010 Winter Olympic Games, the lobby of the Pan Pacific Vancouver will be transformed into an Aboriginal village called "Kla-how-ya" from February 12 – 28. This exhibit is located strategically next to the Olympic Broadcast Centre, home to the 10,000 accredited media.

A partnership between the Aboriginal Tourism Association of BC (AtBC), Industry and Northern Affairs Canada, the Pan Pacific and Terasen Gas, the stunning 16-day showcase of Aboriginal art, performances, culture is free to residents and visitors during the upcoming 2010 Games. Working with the governments of Canada and BC, the aim is to share the cultural richness, stories and traditions of British Columbia's Aboriginal people, and promote Aboriginal tourism experiences across the province.

- Robson Square – BC's Home during the Games, and home to the 3,000 unaccredited media. AtBC will showcase daily an Aboriginal dance and drum group from around the province on the outdoor stage. Seven dance groups are participating and will also be performing during the daily cultural activation program at the Pan Pacific.
- BC/Canada House Pavilion at the Vancouver Art Gallery. AtBC is working with the Provincial Government to showcase traditional Aboriginal uses for cedar in their featured forest exhibit. Artisans will demonstrate weaving, carving and even birch bark chewing during the public hours and during the daily media tours.
- Province of BC Ministry of Tourism Culture and the Arts. AtBC will be launching Tourism Day on February 16th at a press event with the Minister of Tourism Culture and the Arts in the Robson Square media theatre. A fashion show of Aboriginal designs and a contemporary performance will follow that night during the Provincial gala reception at BC/Canada House.

Economic Development

The BC First Nations Economic Development Action Plan was adopted by resolution of the BCAFN, FNS and UBCIC in 2008. A volunteer Working Group (composed of First Nations organizations, committees, governments, and educational institutions with mandates related to economic development, and resources to contribute to the Action Plan) is coordinating the implementation of current priorities under the Action Plan, including:

- conducting an environmental scan – including an online survey being conducted by the University of Northern BC – to determine the economic status of First Nations communities and economic opportunities for First Nations;
- developing an inventory of economic development related tools, programs, and supports;
- developing a website for BC First Nations economic development which will include reports, studies, tools, resources, program and service information, and an online community;
- creating an economic development “SWAT” team program pilot to provide support and advice to communities;
- supporting a program for executive/leadership exchanges being undertaken by the Industry Council for Aboriginal Business (see update from ICAB in this bulletin); and
- supporting the development of BC procurement legislation.

Work on these priorities is resourced through the contributions of First Nations and other partner organizations that have geared their existing resources towards the priorities established by First Nations in the Economic Development Action Plan. For more information, please contact Harmony Johnson at hjohnson@fns.bc.ca.

We encourage all First Nations to participate in the economic development survey being conducted by UNBC, referenced above. Please

go to <https://fluidsurveys.com/s/fn-economic-development/?lang=en&code=NNpbc> to complete the survey.

Industry Council for Aboriginal Business (ICAB)

2010 Leadership Exchange Honours Inaugural Participants

On November 5, 2009, the Industry Council for Aboriginal Business (ICAB) - a non-profit organization with the vision of a vibrant British Columbia economy where Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people prosper together - launched an innovative program that challenged top Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal executives to walk-a-mile in each other's shoes. The *Leadership Exchange* – a first in Canada – provides participants with the opportunity to learn about each other's workplaces, social environments, and decision-making processes to help facilitate better business relationships. The development of ICAB's *Leadership Program* is being supported through the Learning Strategies Group at Simon Fraser University's Segal Graduate School of Business. The program provides a safe setting in which Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal executives can experience each other's work and cultural environments in developing important insights into how their roles, responsibilities, motivations and values influence decision-making processes. Since November the *Leadership Exchange* participants have engaged and learned from each other in facilitating engagement that promotes better business relationships and help remove barriers to economic and social success.

On March 25, 2010, the inaugural Leadership Exchange program participants (Chief Kim Baird, Tsawwassen First Nation; Ian Anderson, President, Kinder Morgan Canada; Chief Willie Charlie, Chehalis First Nation; Donald McInnes, Vice-

Chairman and CEO, Plutonic Power Corporation; Chief Harold Aljam, Coldwater Indian Band and Graeme Barrit, President, Coast Hotels and Resorts) will be acknowledged and honored in a Closing Ceremony and Reception in Vancouver. For more information or to register your interest in witnessing the Closing Ceremony or sponsoring the Reception, email: brenda.ireland@icab.ca

ICAB 2010 Breakfast Meeting Series Kick-Off – March 26

In realizing its commitment to facilitating programs which create networking opportunities and further dialogue and relationship-building between industry and Aboriginal communities, ICAB will be hosting the first of its 2010 Breakfast Meeting Series at the SFU Segal Graduate School of Business, 500 Granville St. Vancouver from 7:30 – 9:00 a.m. on Friday, March 26.

Please join the ICAB Board in a 'how to' presentation designed to enhance respective understanding of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal business environments. Visit the ICAB website @ www.icab.ca to review the quarterly breakfast dates for 2010 or to learn more about the value of becoming a member. Your email contact is: brenda.ireland@icab.ca for more information or to register for events.

Calendar of Events

February 12-28: Aboriginal Village, Pan Pacific Hotel, Vancouver

March 4-5: Indigenous Child at the Centre Forum III, Tsleil-Waututh Recreation Centre, North Vancouver

March 17-18: UBCIC Chiefs Council

March 18-21: ICT Summit, Coast Plaza Hotel, Vancouver

March 24-26: First Nations Summit

May 2010: All Chiefs Assembly. Location to be determined