



**2010 Strategic Conversations Conference
November 29, 30, 2010**

Aboriginal Economic Development Networking
Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue
580 West Hastings St., Vancouver, BC

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Mr. Kevin Lewis & Ms. Katrina Elliott
Economic Development Action Plan
Speaking on behalf of Mr. Gerry Salembier, ADM
Western Economic Diversification Canada

Mr. Robert Ironside
Bank of Montreal

Robert Ironside has taught finance for the last twenty years in a variety of different contexts. He spent ten years teaching finance to graduate and undergraduate students at two of Canada's best Universities. He has also worked with and taught bankers from approximately twenty different countries around the world. His expertise is making complex financial topics intelligible to everybody, regardless of background. My philosophy as a teacher is that my role is to unlock the potential within every student. Every student is an individual, with personal strengths and weaknesses. My job is to work within the context of each person's background, skill sets and needs and help them to achieve their own personal objectives.



Mr. Clarence T (Manny) Jules, Chief Commissioner
First Nations Property Ownership Initiative

C.T. (Manny) Jules was the driving force behind the *First Nations Fiscal and Statistical Management Act*, passed by Parliament in 2005, creating the First Nations Tax Commission. Mr. Jules led the First Nations amendment to the Indian Act in 1988 so that First Nations could

exercise the jurisdiction to levy property taxes on-reserve. The Indian Taxation Advisory Board (ITAB) and the current First Nation property tax system were created as a result of his vision and efforts. Mr. Jules served as Chair of ITAB from 1989 to 2003 and 2005 to 2007. He is a member of the Kamloops Indian Band and served as Chief from 1984 to 2000. Mr. Jules has devoted over 30 years of his life to public service in support of Aboriginal issues. He received an Honorary Doctorate of Laws from the University of British Columbia in 1997 and another from Thompson Rivers University in 2006. In September 2009, Mr. Jules was presented with the Order of British Columbia which is the province's highest honour for outstanding achievement.

**Mr. Art Lew, Board of Director &
Mr. Michael Toye, Executive Director
Canadian Community Economic Development Network (CCEDNet)**



**Art Lew
Board of Director - CCEDNET**

Art Lew is the General Manager for Haida Gwaii Community Futures. He holds University degrees in Business Administration and in Community Economic Development. He has held positions in management consulting, in senior management in a variety of business sectors and as an owner manager of a small business. His Community Economic Development experience has spanned the last 11 years, playing a major role in building the capacity of the Islands' communities and of their residents, and by supporting efforts to expand economic opportunities.

**Chief Nelson Leon
First Nations Energy and Mining Council of BC**



**Roslyn Kunin, PhD
Canada West Foundation
Biography**

She was educated in Quebec and Ontario, finishing her studies with a Ph.D. in economics from the University of British Columbia. The University of Victoria has granted her the degree of Honorary Doctor of Laws. The Institute of Corporate Directors has granted her the ICD.D designation.

She has been awarded the Crystal Ball Award by the Association of Professional Economists, the Woman of Distinction Award by the YWCA and a Canada 125 medal for service to Canada and is a member of the Order of Canada.

Dr. Kunin has served the community in many positions including Chair of the Vancouver Stock Exchange, Director of the Business Development Bank of Canada, Governor of the University of British Columbia and the North/South Institute, Chair of the Vancouver Crisis Centre and Vice-President of the YWCA. She is Chair of Work Safe BC, a member of the National Statistics Council and has published numerous articles and books.

In her career, Dr. Kunin has worked in the private sector, written a weekly newspaper column, taught at several Canadian universities including Simon Fraser and UBC and served twenty years as Regional Economist for the federal government in B.C. and Yukon. She is now Senior Fellow and Director of the British Columbia Office of the Canada West Foundation and is in private practice as a consulting economist.

Ms. Patti Phillips & Ms. Jill Bain

Economic Gardening



Patti K. Phillips
Kootenay Aboriginal Business Advocates Society

Patti has been involved in supporting Aboriginal Economic Development and entrepreneurship for nearly a decade. During that time she has worked with over 300 clients assisting them with business information, business planning and access to capital. She has achieved both her Technician and Professional level Aboriginal Economic Developer certifications through the Council for the Advancement of Native Development Officers and holds an Associate Arts degree, a Business Administration Certificate and an Applied Psychology Certificate. She has held positions as both a Business Advocate and Manager for the Kootenay Aboriginal Business Advocates Society, where she is currently on contract.

Patti understands the value of entrepreneurship and self-employment. She co-owned a service station with her husband for 18 years and currently operates a Business Consulting Company and a Discovery Toys business. She balances her career and a home life with her husband of 31 years, 3 grown daughters and two grandchildren. She fundraises for local children's organizations and is active in autism support groups. She enjoys travelling, learning and helping others achieve their dreams and goals.

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Honourable Barry Penner,
Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation

Barry Penner was re-elected as MLA to represent the new riding of Chilliwack-Hope in the spring of 2009.

Barry was first elected to represent Chilliwack in 1996, and was re-elected in the renamed riding of Chilliwack-Kent in 2001 and 2005.

Mr. Penner was appointed Minister of Environment in June, 2005. He is the longest serving Environment Minister in BC History and is currently the longest serving Environment Minister in Canada.

Barry was raised in Chilliwack. He studied political science and economics at Simon Fraser University to earn his Bachelor of Arts degree. He later earned his law degree from the University of Victoria. A former park ranger and sawmill worker, Barry also worked as a B.C. Legislative intern in Victoria. In 1991, he worked for an International law firm in Bangkok, Thailand and then later practiced law in Chilliwack until his election in 1996.

Barry was appointed by Premier Campbell as the co-chair of B.C.'s Alternative Energy and Power Technology Task Force in April 2005. He is keenly interested in renewable energy and conservation technologies.

Barry previously served as Parliamentary Secretary to the Government House Leader, as Chair of the Government Caucus Committee on Natural Resources, and was a member of the Legislature's Standing Committee on Crown Corporations.

Barry has also chaired the Legislature's Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills, and served as a member of the Legislature's Select Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs, and the Cabinet Committee for Legislative Review.

Premier Campbell appointed Barry in 2001 to lead BC's delegation to the Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER). He served as President of PNWER from June 2002 to July 2003 and remains active in PNWER issues.

Barry represents and lives in the electoral district of Chilliwack-Hope.

Mr. Edwin Kolausok & Mr. Don Irving
Frontiers Foundation

Peter Ranson,
KPMG

Peter Ranson is a Simon Fraser University graduate and has a Bachelor of Arts Degree with a major in business Administration. He has been a professional advisor for 28 years, the last 24 specializing in taxation and is a Partner-in-charge of Taxation for KPMP's Prince George office and has spent time in the National Tax office of KPMG. Peter has lectured and taught extensively and has tutored at the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants In-depth Tax Course. He is one of Canada's leading experts on Aboriginal Taxation, and is the author of the KPMG book entitled *First Nations and Canadian Tax*, now in its third edition. Peter has a broad range of experience with taxation matters and has provided services to entrepreneurial enterprises, the public sector and publicly-traded entities.

Ms. Lisa Banxachaei,
Office of Small and Medium Enterprises
Canadian Innovation Commercialization program

Copper Moon (Jacob Beaton to confirm speaker)
Branding/Professional Imaging/Communications

Mr. Helder Ponte,
Kootenay Aboriginal Business Advocates Society
Economics and the Environment

Mr. Don Basserman, Omineca Beetle Action Coalition
TBC, Southern Interior Beetle Action Coalition
TBC, Cariboo-Chilcotin Beetle Action Coalition

**Mr. Ken McDonald,
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
Economic Development Framework**