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Kamloops Chamber Celebrates as TWO Policies Pass at the Canadian Chamber of Commerce AGM

KAMLOOPS, BC - Two homegrown proposed policy resolutions recently passed last week during the Canadian Chamber of Commerce annual policy debate, including the **Establishment of the First Nations Infrastructure Institute** and **A Process for Tax System Improvement**, meaning the Canadian Chamber of Commerce will support them as official positions when advocating the Federal government.

The Canadian Chamber of Commerce annually brings Chambers and Boards of Trade from coast-to-coast together for lively and diverse policy discussion, where resolutions are debated with accredited voting delegates being asked to approve or defeat.

Executive Director, Acacia Pangilinan, is thrilled with the results stating, “these are two important policy resolutions developed by our local members,” Further stating, “one policy will assist Indigenous communities to provide high-quality infrastructure, while the other looks at models to continuously improve our tax system with input from Canadian business.”

Chief Commissioner C.T. (Manny) Jules, First Nations Tax Commission, worked alongside the Kamloops Chamber on the Establishment of the First Nations Infrastructure Institute policy resolution, adding, “I commend the Canadian Chamber of Commerce for supporting the proposed First Nations Infrastructure Institute (FNII). Economic reconciliation will only be achieved through joint work with businesses in Canada on Indigenous jurisdiction, institutions and economic projects. By adopting support for FNII as their policy, the Canadian Chamber of Commerce has not only demonstrated strong leadership for our practical inclusion in the Canadian economy and federation and but also the Chamber’s commitment to applied reconciliation.”

Along with two policies passing, local small-business owner and Kamloops Chamber member **Aleece Laird** officially stepped into the role as a Director on the Canadian Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

Pangilinan further added, “today, we will celebrate these important successes; tomorrow, we will continue to work towards a prosperous and inclusive post-pandemic economy.”

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Additional Background Information

Establishment of the First Nations Infrastructure Institute

High-quality public infrastructure is critical to the health and sustainability of all communities, including Indigenous communities. Unfortunately, Indigenous infrastructure outcomes are very poor under the current approach. The literature, studies and media reports demonstrate that Indigenous infrastructure assets take longer to develop, cost more, and have shorter operational lifecycles than comparable infrastructure developed by other governments. The First Nation Infrastructure Institute is an Indigenous-led initiative that will support improved Indigenous infrastructure outcomes by providing the skills and processes necessary for Indigenous groups to plan, procure, own and manage infrastructure assets on their lands. For more information please visit www.fnii.ca.

[Additional Information can be found here \(resolution 33\)](#)

A Process for Tax System Improvement

A resolution seeking to ignite a cycle of constant tax system improvement facilitated through a model that incorporates input from Canadian business and tax practitioner communities.

[Additional Information can be found here \(resolution 13\)](#)

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