



Memorandum of Understanding
Between the
First Nations Tax Commission
and
Thompson Rivers University



Whereas the First Nations Tax Commission was established under the First Nations Fiscal and Statistical Management Act in 2005, with its head office on the reserve lands of the Kamloops Indian Band; and

Whereas the First Nations Tax Commission has mandates set out in the First Nations Fiscal and Statistical Management Act, inter alia, to assist First Nations in building capacity to administer their taxation systems, to promote understanding of First Nation property tax systems, and to assist First Nations in achieving sustainable economic growth; and

Whereas Thompson Rivers University has its main campus in Kamloops and was continued under the Thompson Rivers University Act in 2005 by the Province of British Columbia; and

Whereas Thompson Rivers University has experience in developing flexible and successful training partnerships with industry and other organizations; and

Whereas Thompson Rivers University has experience in delivering academic and technical programs in a variety of formats, including distance learning; and

Whereas Thompson Rivers University has a strategic goal of being the University of Choice for Aboriginal Students and First Nations; and

Whereas the First Nations Tax Commission and Thompson Rivers University recognize the value of building capacity to administer First Nation tax systems, building competitive infrastructure and facilitating investment on First Nation lands as well as increasing understanding of First Nation fiscal, economic, and public policy issues.

NOW THEREFORE the parties agree as follow:

1. *The First Nations Tax Commission and Thompson Rivers University will support each other to further their shared values.*
2. *The First Nations Tax Commission and Thompson Rivers University will work together with the Tulo Centre of Indigenous Economics to develop and deliver accredited courses, and certificate and diploma programs in First Nation tax administration, First Nation economics, and First Nation public finance in accordance with the mandates, policies and governance structures of each party.*
3. *Representatives of the First Nations Tax Commission and Thompson Rivers University will meet at least once a year to review progress and identify opportunities for greater cooperation.*

This agreement can be amended with the agreement of both parties and may be terminated by either party on one year's written notice to the other.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have executed this Memorandum of Understanding this 5th day of September, 2007.



First Nations Tax Commission
Commission de la fiscalité des premières nations

Per: _____

Chief Commissioner C.T. (Manny) Jules

THOMPSON RIVERS  UNIVERSITY

Per: _____

Roger H. Barnsley, President