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Business Exchange Day

SPECIAL
EDITION

Interregional Economic Circle of Indigenous Peoples

November 14-15-16, 2022

Forestel, Val-d'Or



Register now!

Registration is now open for the Interregional Economic Circle of Indigenous Peoples. The event will take place on November 14 and 15 at the Forestel Hotel in Val-d'Or. It will be followed, on November 16th, by a special edition of Business Exchange Day.

This event aims, like the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Great Economic Circle, to create a movement in Quebec towards a better inclusion of Indigenous Peoples in the economy.

Here is an overview of the program.

Circle 1: How do today's Indigenous leaders see the future and what roles will they and their successors have to play to remain or become agents of change for their Nations as well as for Quebec society?

Circle 2: Can municipalities and Indigenous communities become allies in economic development projects on their territories? Where should they start?

Circle 3: What approaches should be adopted to enable Indigenous communities to increase their autonomy and improve their ability to determine their own future?

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To schedule business meetings at the November 16 Business Exchange Day, you have until October 28 to register! Visit the event website: creenation-at.com



Do Your Part for the Economic Inclusion of Indigenous Peoples

On September 28, the Secretariat sent a Press Release to the media calling on businesses to make public commitments to the full inclusion of Indigenous Peoples in the economy.

These commitments will be shared at the Interregional Economic Circle of Indigenous Peoples in Val-d'Or. They must be realistic and lead to concrete and significant results.



Photo: Theresa MacLeod



Over the next few weeks, SAENCAT will be meeting with businesses and organizations in Abitibi-Témiscamingue to invite them to join the movement.

Take part in the movement! To help you formulate a commitment that will be meaningful for Indigenous Peoples, we invite you to consult the document [Vision-for-the-future.pdf](https://cdepnql.org/Vision-for-the-future.pdf) (cdepnql.org)

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



Photo: Jarmila Guivarch

On September 30th, the Secretariat marked the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation by reminding everyone that better inclusion of Indigenous Peoples in the Quebec economy could help reconciliation. The Interregional Economic Circle will be a great opportunity to demonstrate that we can take action and be part of the change.



Photo: Theresa MacLeod

Resumption of Golf Tournaments

The Cree and Anicinabe golf tournaments resumed this summer, including the one organized by the community of Nemaska. The Secretariat was pleased to be associated with this event by promoting it in its newsletters and social networks.

It was a great opportunity for the companies that were present to network while participating in the funding of the Christopher Wapachee Foundation, which supports Indigenous youth.



Our Team at the Pikogan Pow-Wow

On June 11th, Lorena Garcia, Administrative Assistant and Geneviève Binette, Project Coordinator, went to the Pikogan Pow Wow. They were very pleased to be able to meet and reconnect with the people of the Anicinabe community and all its guests. The warm atmosphere of the event, which took place to the rhythm of the drums and in the shared energy of dancers, made smiles contagious and allowed pride to radiate. Congratulations to the Pow Wow organization.



2022 Xplor Conference

The Secretariat team was invited to participate in the Xplor Conference, held in Montreal on October 4-5-6. In addition to meeting with mining entrepreneurs, our Director, Chantal Hamelin, had the honour of leading a panel on the last day of the event. This panel focused on good community relations practices. Let's hope that this activity was a great source of inspiration for many!



Important Notice to Northerners

Please note that the Vallée-de-l'Or mining companies have planned shutdowns in the week of **November 28 to December 3, 2022**. Issues with accommodation may arise during these periods. If you plan to travel to Val-d'Or on these dates, it is strongly recommended that you reserve your hotel rooms in advance. Note that debit cards marked "visa" can be accepted as credit cards. In the event that you do not have one, it is sometimes possible to make an agreement with the reception. Please share this information!

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