



## Credit unions partner with presenters of Aboriginal conference

With the support of a number of Manitoba credit unions, The Indigenous Knowledge Management Group (IKMG) will present *A New Journey — Connecting Aboriginal and Credit Union Communities*, a two-day conference scheduled for November 27 and 28 in Winnipeg. The conference will feature a number of high-profile speakers, including Osoyoos (B.C.) Chief Clarence Louie, Dances with Dependency author Calvin Helin, award-winning entrepreneur David Gabriel Tuccaro, Credit Union Central of Manitoba CEO Garth Manness, and CUCM consulting economist John Loxley. A series of panel discussions led by credit union professionals and Aboriginal leaders is also on the agenda.

IKMG President Christian Sinclair expects a strong turnout from both the Aboriginal and credit union communities.

“We’ve pulled together some very hard hitting and provocative speakers,” he said. “Chief Louie likes to say ‘real warriors hold a job,’ and that’s not a welcome message for some. Calvin Helin has been taking on what he calls ‘the Indian industry’ — the bureaucrats and consultants — for years. Our speakers are established stars in the world of Aboriginal economic development and we’re excited at having a

forum where they can participate in open dialogue with the credit union sector.”

“This is a tremendous opportunity for credit unions and Aboriginal people and organizations to listen carefully to each other,” said Dauphin Plains GM Ron Hedley, whose credit union worked closely with IKMG in developing the agenda and engaging speakers and panelists. “The credit union tradition of people helping people could make us a natural partner in bringing financial services to Aboriginal communities and enterprises as they take on an increasingly larger role in our province’s prosperity.”

Arborg Credit Union President Lee Gregory will participate as a panelist at the conference. “Everybody talks about the opportunities and challenges the growing Aboriginal population presents for credit unions, both economically and from a human resources perspective,” he

said, “and it’s encouraging to have the chance to finally get together and learn more about each other. I’m excited at the possibilities.”

The conference agenda and registration forms will be released in early October.

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From left: Entrepreneur David Gabriel Tuccaro, author Calvin Helin and Chief Clarence Louie will speak at the upcoming conference



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