



Noted First Nations lawyer and author to visit

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Calvin Helin, author of the book *Dances With Dependency*, has been invited by School District 27 to speak in Williams Lake and 100 Mile House on Dec. 17 and 18.

Helin is a lawyer who, as a First Nations leader, was inspired to write a book about indigenous success through self reliance, says schools superintendent Wayne Leckie.

His book *Dances With Dependency* presents a case for recreating and increasing First Nations self reliance through education.

Helin offers a number of real solutions to some of the obstacles currently frustrating First Nations from achieving their potential, Leckie says.

Helin is a member of the Tsimshian Nation from the northern B.C. community of Lax Kwalaams (Port Simpson). He is son of hereditary Chief, Smoogyit Nees Nuugan Noos (Barry Helin), of the Royal House of Gitlan, and Sigyidmhanaa Su Dalx (Verna Helin), matron of the Royal House of Gitachngeek.

He is a practicing lawyer, president of the Native Investment and Trade Association, former vice-president of the National Aboriginal Business Association, and Founding Director of newly formed B.C. Oil and Gas Association.

He was also chosen as one of the Top 40 Under 40 entrepreneurs in British Columbia by Vancouver based news publication, *Business in Vancouver* and selected for the Top 40 Under 40 national award sponsored by *The Financial Post Magazine* and other major Canadian corporations.

He was a leader of international trade missions to China and New Zealand and author of several publications relating to law, aboriginal business, and related issues. Helin is also an instructor of Goju-Ryu karate.

On Monday, Dec. 17 Helin will make a presentation at 2 p.m. to First Nations students at Williams Lake Secondary that will also be webcast to the Naghtanequed School, Anahim Lake School and Dog Creek School.

At 5:30 p.m. he will make a presentation for the Williams Lake Band at Sugar Cane.

Tuesday, Dec. 18 at 10 a.m. Helin will be presenting at Peter Skene Ogden Secondary in 100 Mile House.

At 3:30 p.m. he will be back in Williams Lake for a presentation to the entire community and school district staff at Williams Lake Secondary.

Helin and his book *Dances with Dependency* can be found under on the Internet under Orca Spirit Publishing, Calvin Helin and *Dances with Dependency*.