



**MNP LLP staff from Thunder Bay and Vancouver to deliver CANDO First Nations business workshop -**  
***ESTABLISHING THE RIGHT RELATIONSHIPS FOR BUSINESS & POLITICS IN YOUR FIRST NATION COMMUNITY***

**What:** Attention all Chiefs, Councillors, Senior Management of Development Corporations, Economic Development Officers and Representatives of Business Development Agencies seeking to deliver positive change in your community.

Business success, pride and sustainable long-term profit for your First Nation are the goals of this two day workshop, designed to provide the skills to achieve:

- liability and income tax minimization;
- greater transparency for, and accountability to, members;
- greater member involvement in business;
- distancing or even separation of political involvement in business decisions;
- clarity of business management processes, roles and responsibilities;
- improved business efficiencies and enhanced focus on success;
- defined business governance objectives for your First Nation;
- the best legal and management structures for your First Nation; and
- Council and/or leadership support for the entire initiative and community involvement.

**When & Where:** February 13 & 14, 2012  
Valhalla Inn, Thunder Bay, ON

**Who:** CANDO (Council for the Advancement of Native Development Officers) is a federally registered, non-profit society that is Aboriginal controlled, community based, and membership driven.

Instructors include: Ken Fraser, Partner & Instructor, MNP LLP

*"Over the past 5 years, MNP has assisted more than 30 First Nations across Canada to customize and enhance how they run their businesses for highest benefit. This workshop will bring you the lessons learned from that work and put you and your Nation on track to defining your own custom governance structure." - Ken Fraser, MNP LLP*

MNP Thunder Bay partner representatives, Marcel Gagnon, CA and Richard Trochimchuk, CA will provide local support. Mr. Gagnon and Mr. Trochimchuk have co-ordinated many governance assignments in Northwestern Ontario and collectively have over 50 years of experience working with First Nation communities and business entities. MNP is the leading provider of accounting, assurance and business advisory services to First Nations and Aboriginal communities in Canada.

**EXCLUSIVE OFFER:** 1 FREE CANDO MEMBERSHIP for attendees who sign up for workshop with a friend.

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*CANDO is directed by a national regionally represented volunteer board of elected Economic Development Officers representing regions of Canada.*

*MNP is one of Canada's largest chartered accountancy and business advisory firms. Thunder Bay accounting firm, Fitzpatrick & Partners LLP joined MNP in February 2010.*