

FPDI PRESIDENT'S SPEECH FOR NOVEMBER 23-24, 2017 SAH MEETING

Good morning Elders, Chiefs, Councillors, Sub Agreement Holders, Presenters and guests.

On behalf of the FPDI, it's a pleasure to welcome you and open this meeting.
I am the FPDI Board President, Ethel Anderson, I am from Pinaymootang First Nation.

A part of good governance is to periodically review governing documents to ensure they are still relevant and current. In consultation with FPDI Legal Counsel, the Board of Directors reviewed and updated the FPDI By-Law No.1. These By-Laws will be reviewed on Day 2 of this meeting. Pitblado Law will be available to answer any questions you may have.

The ASETS will be extended for one more year in 2018-2019. We anticipate the same AOPs will be used for the extension year. A new agreement will be introduced by ESDC for April, 2019. What that agreement looks like is yet to be determined. ESDC will work with the Assembly of First Nations and National ASETS agreement holders during 2018-2019 on the new agreement. As information becomes available it will be sent to all SAHs and uploaded to FPDI website. In conjunction with ASETS renewal, there was a federal committee struck to discuss a First Nations "National Early Learning and Child Care System". The federal departments to the Committee are ESDC, INAC and Health Canada. A federal study of ELCC needs was conducted and will be available in a final report in the New Year. The Study will be uploaded to the FPDI website.

The Board and FPDI staff know the importance and need for well-articulated information. Any information that is being presented during the next day and a half will be available in the meeting packages or on the FPDI website.

FPDI Accomplishments so far 2017:

- FPDI developed a Marketing Tool Kit that can be used to assist SAH's with promotional items such as brochures, websites, posters or even business cards. FPDI's Project Coordinator - Barb Moran will presenting the tool kit at the end of day one of this meeting.
- FPDI developed a summarized Service Level Agreement Guide to assist new SAH Coordinators or others that would like a quick reference guide. This is available in your handouts.
- FPDI joined the social media world and developed a Facebook page to distribute internal and external opportunities for employment or training programs for SAH's.

Thank you very much for your time. Have a great meeting and information sharing.

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