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STÓ:LŌ MEANS BUSINESS: A Vision Gaining Momentum
The center of Aboriginal business in BC is shifting to S'olh Temexw

September 9 2014, Chilliwack, BC – Stó:lō Means Business, an initiative aimed to define, support and advance Aboriginal business in S'olh Temexw – the Stó:lō traditional territory - gains momentum as Stó:lō Community Futures (SCF) announces several Stó:lō, Aboriginal and corporate partners and participants in the Stó:lō Business Match (SBM). The Stó:lō Business Match set for October 28th and 29th, 2014 at the Ramada Plaza Hotel and Conference Centre in Abbotsford, BC is modeled after the Aboriginal Business Match, one of the most powerful Aboriginal-driven business development events in Canada. With the support of the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal business community, the vision for S'olh Temexw to be the leading Aboriginal business center in BC is fast becoming reality.

SCF is happy to announce Stó:lō Nation as an event sponsor for the Stó:lō Business Match. Stó:lō Nation is the service delivery organization for 11 of the 24 Stó:lō communities and they have a strong interest in supporting them. "There are over 200 Aboriginal businesses in S'olh Temexw involved a wide range of ventures including land development, construction, real estate, cultural tourism and technology. Aboriginal businesses are growing and becoming increasingly successful. Stó:lō Nation wants to support this growth and the Stó:lō Business Match is a great way to do this." Grand Chief Joe Hall, President of Stó:lō Nation.

There are already over 40 registrants for the business match including Ts'elxwéyeqw Tribes, an amalgamation of seven Stó:lō communities working to establish Aboriginal rights and title based on sustainable economic development practices.

"Ts'elxwéyeqw Tribes is involved in numerous business, economic and cultural initiatives. The Stó:lō Business Match is another step that will contribute to our focus of building capacity within our communities for training, entrepreneur and employment opportunities." Matt Wealick, Chief Operations Manager, Ts'elxwéyeqw Tribal Management Ltd.

The Chilliwack Economic Partners Organization, a business entity responsible for the City of Chilliwack's economic growth and marketing, is now a sponsor and participant of the Stó:lō Business Match. With seventy Stó:lō communities and Aboriginal businesses meeting with seventy private and corporate organizations during this two day period, there are endless potential business opportunities for both sides. "The Stó:lō Business Match will create tremendous economic opportunities for both Aboriginal and non-



Aboriginal owned businesses, and we are pleased to support this important event.” Brian Coombes, President, Chilliwack Economic Partners Corporation.

As SCF moves forward with a bold vision, Stó:lō Means Business will be marked by the Stó:lō Business Match. The center of Aboriginal business in BC is shifting to S’olh Temexw and the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal community is gearing up to explore and create opportunities for business.

To see the list of growing registrants for the Stó:lō Business Match, please visit www.stolobusinessmatch.com. For information about Stó:lō Means Business, please visit www.stolocf.ca.

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