

#### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

October 19, 2020 Virtually via Zoom

#### **Minutes**

#### **Board Attendance:**

Ed Collins, Director - Ontario
Elaine Chambers, Director - Yukon
Shawna Morning Bull, Director - Alberta
Keith Matthew, President & Director - Southern British Columbia
Bertram Mercer, Director - Northern British Columbia
Stanley Barnaby, Secretary Treasurer & Director - New Brunswick & Prince Edward Island
Amy Lizotte, Director - NWT
Bill Williams, Director - Nunavut
Aubrey-Anne Laliberte-Pewaposconias, National Student Director

#### Regrets:

Trevor Acoose, Vice President & Director - Saskatchewan Tim Daniels, Director - Manitoba Mikel Robertson, Director - Quebec

#### **Staff Attendance:**

Ray Wanuch, Executive Director Svitlana Konoval, Manager - Administrative Services (recorder)

# **General Attendance:**

Doug Bourque, BMO Bank of Montreal Mandi Carroll, Westbank First Nation Cree Cheechoo, Saskatchewan Indian Equity Foundation Rob Crow, Blood Tribe Economic Development Tracey Desjarlais, Whitecap Dakota First Nation **Brandon Firth-Metallic** Philippe Forest, First Nations Financial Management Board Logan Freese, dana Naye Ventures Hubert Groenenberg, Carrie Chilcotin Tribal Council John Hazenberg, Tlicho Community Government of Behchoko Kristy Jean, Westbank First Nation Steve Laveau, FNQLEDC Bradley Mianscum, Cree Nation of Nemaska Trevor Morin, Saskatchewan Indian Equity Foundation Sidney Orr, Whapmagoostui First Nation Diane Peepeetch, Saskatchewan Indian Equity Foundation Etienne Pilon-Choquetee, Cree Nation of Nemaska Victor Tom, Lake Babine Nation

Ken Tourand, Nicola Valley Institute of Technology



Chelsea Vaughan, Nicola Valley Institute of Technology George Casimir, CFDC of Central Interior First Nations Erik Rojas, Ancestry and Development

Item	Minutes	Action
1.0 Opening Prayer & Remarks	■ The meeting convened at 10:03 am MST.	
	<ul> <li>Keith Matthew provided opening remarks and welcomed all participants to Cando's virtual annual general meeting.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>AGM attendees introduced themselves.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Cando is now in its 30<sup>th</sup> year of operation and this year's conference celebrates our 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Cando National Conference.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>The meeting quorum has been established.</li> </ul>	
2.0 AGM Agenda	Motion 01.10.19.20	
	Edmond Collins / Aubrey-Anne Laliberte-Pewaposconias	
	That the AGM Agenda be approved as presented.	
	Carried	
3.0 2019 AGM	Ray Wanuch provided a brief overview of the 2019 AGM minutes.	
Minutes	Motion 02.10.19.20	
	Victor Tom / Ken Tourand	
	That the 2019 AGM minutes be accepted as presented.	
	Carried	
4.0 2019-2020 Annual Report	This past operating year saw Cando co-host its 26 <sup>th</sup> Annual National conference and AGM with Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg First Nation at the Casino du Lac-Leamy in Gatineau, QC. Cando continued to host its many learning events throughout the year to build much needed capacity within our communities.	
	Cando proceeded with their 2nd 'Cando on the Hill' event which saw Cando continue to build on its many relationships established from previous years with Federal government departments with much more focus on capacity building such as developing a mining certificate program with assistance from NRCAN.	
	<ul> <li>Cando also immersed itself with discussions on procurement opportunities for Indigenous communities with Indigenous Services Canada, Public Services and Procurement Canada and the Office of Small and Medium Enterprises to name a few.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Cando welcomed 2 new board members to its family, Aubrey-Anne Laliberte-Pawaposconias - Student Director and Bill Williams - Nunavut.</li> </ul>	
	A 10 second moment of silence was held as a tribute for Cando's	



- previous Nunavut Director, Mr. Bob Cheetam.
- Ray acknowledged four of Cando's Directors re-election to the Cando Board which demonstrates and reaffirms their commitment and dedication to the organization as they volunteer many hours to the betterment of our communities. They are Elaine Chambers - Yukon, Shawna Morning Bull - Alberta, Trevor Acoose - Saskatchewan, and Bert Mercer - northern BC.
- Financially, Cando saw its revenue increase to \$4,176,605 from 3,626,444 in 2018, however we did incur an operating loss of (\$14,153) taking our Operating fund down to \$521,617. The rest of the 2019-2020 Annual Report will account for the comprehensive scope of activities that Cando was engaged in the last fiscal year. Members are invited to read through the Annual report on their own time and note that they are welcome to contact the Cando office if there are any questions or comments arising from the report.

The following are some of the highlights from the annual report:

#### National Indigenous Economic Education Fund (page 3)

The National Indigenous Economic Education Fund (NIEEF) was formed in 1997 as a fundraising vehicle that would be used to assist students pursuing a career in the Indigenous Community Economic Development field. NIEEF is the charitable organization of Cando. On behalf of the NIEEF Board of Directors, NIEEF Selection Committee & Cando Staff we would like to congratulate 2019 scholarship recipients who each received \$2,000:

- Kiera Kowalski, Métis, Fort Frances, ON Master in Development Practice University of Winnipeg
- Patrick Twinn, Sawridge First Nation, AB Master of Business Administration Simon Fraser University
- Taylor Wilson, Fisher River Cree Nation, MB Master in Development Practice University of Winnipeg

## Certification Graduates (page 4)

By the end of the 2019/2020 fiscal year, a total of 25 individuals had successfully met the requirement for EDO certification, 23 TAED certificates and 2 PAED certificates were awarded. The Cando Board of Directors, Staff, and members of the Standing Committee on Education & Research and Certification-Sub Committee would like to extend congratulations to these graduates.



## 2019 Economic Developer of the Year Awards (page 5)

- Simpcw Resource Group / Simpcw First Nation, BC, was the 2019
   Economic Developer of the Year Award Winner in the Community
   Category
- Katie Young-Headdlesey of Curve Lake First Nation, ON, was the 2019 Economic Developer of the Year Award Winner in the Individual EDO Category
- Buck's Auto Parts, Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg First Nation, QC, was the 2019 Economic Developer of the Year Award Winner in the Indigenous Private Sector Business Category

## Cando Current Projects Update

Cando's Special Projects Department functions as a revenue generating component of Cando, undertaking special initiatives that are sometimes beyond the scope of training and certification, which have traditionally been the core functions of Cando. Through the Special Projects Department, Cando is able to leverage partnerships and undertake initiatives that complement the overall goals of the organization and that serve to improve the opportunities for Indigenous communities related to economic development. With the realization of decreased core funding from Indigenous Services Canada, the Special Projects department will play an increasingly vital role to the generation of revenues that will compensate for the shortfall of funding required to cover the cost of Cando's core operations.

Members can find a summary of some of the current initiatives that Cando is pursuing as follows:

- First Nation Municipal Community Economic Development Initiative (CEDI)
- BC Links to Learning Conference
- Cando Economic Development Youth Summit
- Atlantic Links to Learning
- Yukon Links to Learning

#### Motion 03.10.19.20

Shawna Morning Bull / Rob Crow

THAT the 2019-2020 Annual Report be accepted as presented.

Carried



5.0	Cando Audited Financial Statements - March 31, 2020	<ul> <li>Cando's Financial Statements of March 31, 2020 were presented. Stanley Barnaby provided a brief overview of the Financial Statements.</li> <li>Motion 04.10.19.20</li> </ul>	
		Bill Williams / Amy Lizotte	
		THAT Cando's Audited Financial Statements as of March 31, 2020 be approved as presented.	
		Carried	
6.0	NIEEF Audited Financial Statements	NIEEF Financial Statements as of March 31, 2020 are provided for information only.	
7.0	Other Business		
8.0	Closing Remarks	Keith Matthew provided closing remarks and thanked all delegates for their participation in 2020 Annual General Meeting.	
		Motion 05.10.19.20	
		Edmond Collins / Stanley Barnaby	
		THAT the 2020 AGM be adjourned.	
		Carried	
		Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am MST.	



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# **Summary of Motions**

## Motion 01.10.19.20

Edmond Collins / Aubrey-Anne Laliberte-Pewaposconias

That the AGM Agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

## Motion 02.10.19.20

Victor Tom / Ken Tourand

That the 2019 AGM minutes be accepted as presented.

Carried

## Motion 03.10.19.20

Shawna Morning Bull / Rob Crow

THAT the 2019-2020 Annual Report be accepted as presented.

Carried

# Motion 04.10.19.20

Bill Williams / Amy Lizotte

THAT Cando's Audited Financial Statements as of March 31, 2020 be approved as presented.

Carried

## Motion 05.10.19.20

**Edmond Collins / Stanley Barnaby** 

THAT the 2020 AGM be adjourned.

Carried