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Welcome to the new FNPSS Newsletter

Brand new in your inbox today - a fresh take on our email communications!

We hope you enjoy this first edition, designed to keep you informed on everything that's happening with FNPSS and our partner organizations, and share tools, events and resources to support First Nation administrations in BC to excel!

Please let us know what you think and be sure to [send us](#) any info you'd like us to share with all our contacts.

Gain relevant skills at FNPSS Management Training Academies

MTAs are two-day workshops designed for staff of First Nations administrations and organizations to gain relevant skills in the core areas of government administration that

MANAGEMENT TRAINING ACADEMY

POLICY DEVELOPMENT



REGISTER NOW TO GUARANTEE YOUR SPOT!

they can take back to their work and apply immediately.

All workshops include examples from experienced First Nations, templates and tools, and resources for future support.

Click on the links below to register for our next workshops and visit our [website](#) to see our complete upcoming schedule.

Policy Development and Implementation: July 10-11 in Kamloops, BC

Through this workshop participants will build understanding of the purpose and objectives of policy; learn more about how policy is used and how to create and sustain successful policy frameworks; and engage in discussion on practical and everyday examples of policy at work within First Nation communities.

<https://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/event/2019/FNPSS-PD-Kamloops>

Records and Information Management: July 24-25 in Williams Lake, BC

Participants will engage in “hands on” reviews of information capture and control, filing systems, electronic records, security issues and control systems; and, work together to develop a strategy, plan and budget guidelines for the establishment and operation of a records and information management program in their organizations.

<https://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/event/2019/FNPSS-Management-Training-WilliamsLake>

Our newsletter is not all that's been redesigned

FNPSS has updated its look with a brand new logo!

We are still represented by an Eagle, a powerful



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symbol for First Nations, in particular the people of the Northwest Coast. The Eagle signifies focus, great strength, peace, leadership, and wisdom, traits embodied by those that serve their communities in First Nation administrations and traits we strive to incorporate in everything we do at FNPSS. The Eagle soars to great heights; FNPSS aims to give First Nation public servants the courage to soar too.

The new logo is the work of an Indigenous graphic designer from Poho Studios. If you're looking for a designer and like what you see, contact him at info@poho.studio.

POHO STUDIO 

***Our new website is almost ready to launch too!
Watch for it soon!***



FNPSS signs Memorandum of Understanding with BCFC

FNPSS signed a new [Memorandum of Understanding](#) (MOU) with the British Columbia Federal Council (BCFC) on June 4, with the goal of facilitating horizontal cooperation

between First Nations and Federal public service institutions. Regional heads of 17 federal departments signed onto the MOU to demonstrate their commitment to capacity building for First Nations administrations in BC.

The MOU strengthens First Nations and federal public service institutions by facilitating the mutual exchange of expertise and experience, formalizing the relationship between the federal government in BC and the FNPSS, and assisting the ongoing commitment to support BC First Nation administrations achieve excellence in governance.

The signing ceremony took place on Coast Salish Territory, Vancouver, BC.

More information is available in the [FNPSS News Release](#).

(Above Photo: Former FNS Political Executive Grand Chief Ed John speaking

at the FNPSS-FNS- BCFC MOU signing)



Deputy Minister Dylan Jones, FNS Political Executive Cheryl Casimer, FNPSS Director Jehan Casey, Former FNS Political Executive Grand Chief Ed John, FNS Political Executive Robert Phillips at the FNPSS-FNS-BCFC MOU signing



The signatories of the FNPSS-FNS-BCFC MOU

FNPSS signs Memorandum of Understanding with ARMA

The First Nations Public Service Secretariat (FNPSS) is very pleased to announce signing of a new [Memorandum of Understanding \(MOU\) with ARMA](#) (previously Association of Records



Managers and Administrators) Canada, ARMA Vancouver and ARMA Vancouver Island.

The purpose of the Memorandum is to describe the working relationship between the FNPSS, the First Nations Summit, ARMA Canada, ARMA Vancouver and ARMA Vancouver Island in order to provide information governance training and capacity-building opportunities for First Nations and First Nations organizations in British Columbia.



What does this mean for FNPSS and the First Nations we support?

Even more high quality training and resources offered. Here are just some of the joint activities we have been able to arrange:

- Management Training

Academies on Records and Information Management (*one just happened last week, see photo above*). See below for our full schedule of upcoming Training Academies, with a link to register.

- First Nations RIM Toolkit – available electronically for free [here](#). If you would prefer a hard copy sent to you, contact info@fnps.ca.
- And many more activities to support First Nations excellence in information management coming soon!



Are you interested in mentorship opportunities with other First Nation Band Administrators in BC?

FNPSS has repeatedly been asked to support learning and mentoring opportunities between First Nations, and we will be supporting individuals that want to establish formal one-on-one mentorships, group mentoring, and other sharing and learning. Whether you are a new or experienced Band Administrator, you have knowledge to share and can learn from other Band Administrators. If you are interested, please [contact us](#).

(For now we are limiting the mentoring to the Band Administrator or equivalent position, but hope to expand soon.)

Save the date for the next FNPSS Conference

Save the date for the next FNPSS conference - November 5-7, 2019 in Vancouver, BC

You won't want to miss the next annual FNPSS Conference to learn from experts and other First Nations on topics to support governance and administration and gain skills and useful tips to improve your policy development, financial management, human resource management, and records and information management. Agenda and registration details available soon. Mark your calendars now!

Did you miss our 2018 Fall Conference? Check out the ***Conference Report*** [here](#).

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