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## **NATOA's 1st Annual National Conference and Annual General Meeting, May 20 & 21, 2014 at the Vancouver Marriott Pinnacle Downtown Hotel**

**May 5, 2014 - Vancouver, BC** - The National Aboriginal Trust Officers Association (NATOA) 1st Annual National Conference and Annual General Meeting will take place at the Vancouver Marriott Pinnacle Downtown Hotel, May 20 & 21, 2014.

The National Aboriginal Trust Officers Association (NATOA) is pleased to be hosting a Trust and Investment Conference. This event is designed to provide an informative and interactive venue for all those involved with Aboriginal Trusts. Speakers presented represent, both the Aboriginal Communities who have established and maintain successful Trust operations and members of the Corporate Industry that effectively service these communities.

"It has been some time in the making that NATOA proudly offers Aboriginal Community and the Corporate sector, the opportunity to generate long lasting and mutually beneficial relationships." says Mark Sevestre, President of NATOA. "NATOA is committed to building the capacity within Aboriginal Communities that will ensure that this valuable community asset continues to help each community meet their goals and aspirations."

Conference highlights include: explore the Aboriginal Trust and Investment Industry; develop an understanding of the background, evolution, and complexities of Aboriginal Trusts; learn how to identify your needs and those you may work with to help you manage your vital Community assets; meet, network, and develop working relationships with worldwide leaders in the Trust Investment Community; and enjoy our evening reception, live entertainment by Bitterly Divine, keynote speakers, and Trade Show.

Please visit [www.GoToRegister.ca/NATOA](http://www.GoToRegister.ca/NATOA) for up-to-date speaker listing and agenda.

### **About NATOA**

The National Aboriginal Trust Officer Association (NATOA) is a national not-for-profit association formed in 2006 dedicated to building knowledge about trusts and investments within aboriginal communities to enhance the professionalism and accountability in the management of this important resource. The organization moved forward with the commitment of a core group of volunteer board members, committee members and most recently, the assistance of a dedicated administrative Manager.

A number of significant accomplishments have taken place since inception including the creation of foundational promotional materials, a website, several successful educational workshops, securing key corporate sponsors and doubling the membership. In addition to the launch of the first phase of the online trustee training program through Lethbridge College in 2011, NATOA is currently developing further online courses.

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