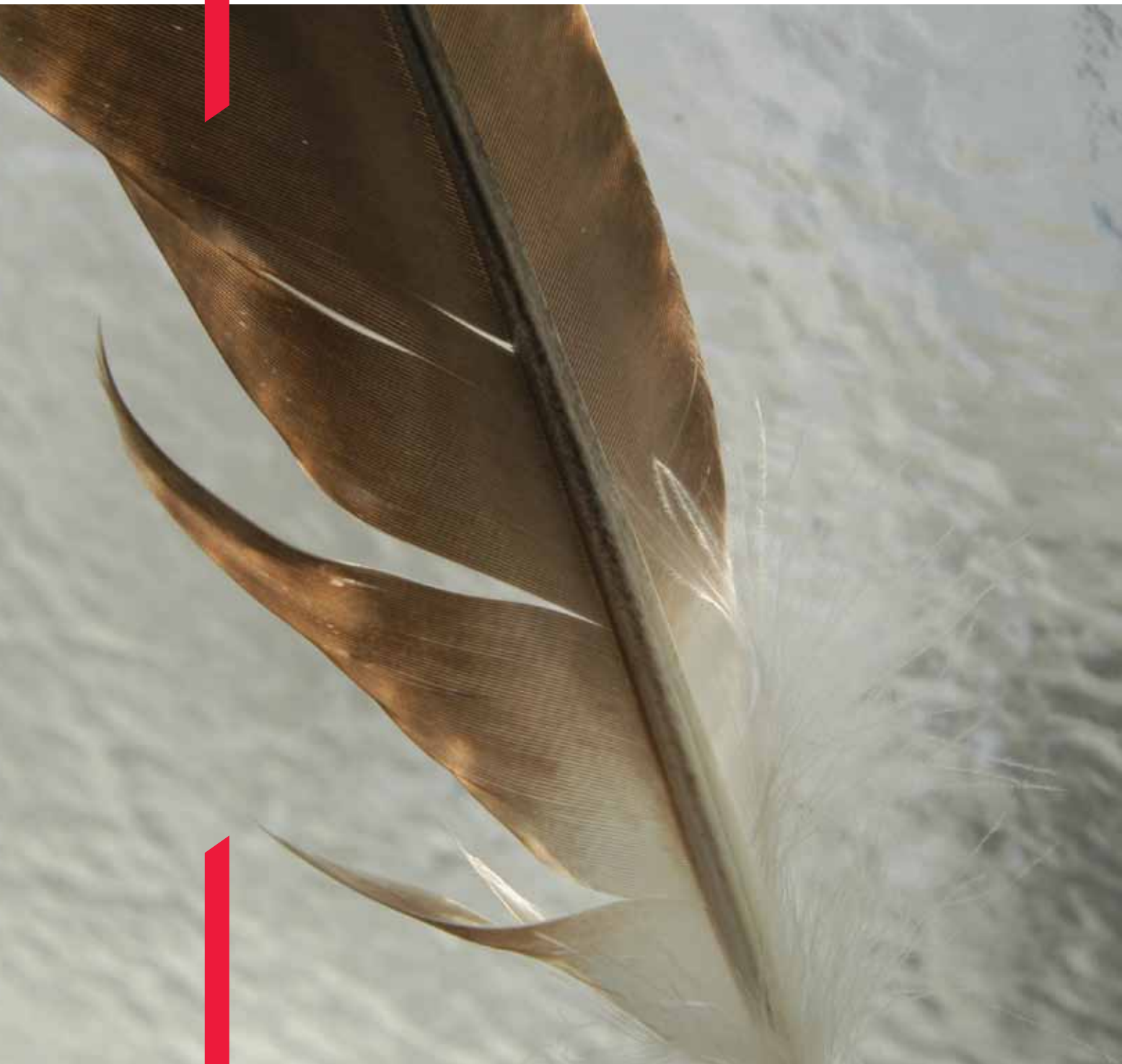


ABORIGINAL SERVICES





Meeting clients' needs

Our Aboriginal Services Group works with many Native organizations, covering the full range of financial requirements, such as assurance and accounting, taxation, advisory services, management support and strategic planning.

► FIRST NATIONS, BANDS, AND ABORIGINAL ENTERPRISES ARE PRESENTED WITH MANY CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES.

You must decipher how to preserve cherished ways of life, while also meeting the growing economic expectations of your communities. BDO can help you strike that delicate balance. Our dedicated specialists keep up-to-date on the latest legislative, taxation, financial and economic developments that impact our Aboriginal clients.

Our national firm's advisors are knowledgeable in financial management and have expertise in various sectors, including hospitality and tourism, forestry, mining, hydro-power generation, credit unions, farming, and gaming operations.

Our reputation is built on hard work and experience

Our many years of experience with economic development programs – both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal – enable us to deliver thoroughly researched and well-executed plans of action, resulting in a greater likelihood of success.

With an intimate understanding of Aboriginal business, we provide our clients with a level of service that often exceeds expectations.

Audit services

Our audit approach is built on an in-depth understanding of your organization, goals and objectives, and the environment in which you operate. This specialized knowledge not only produces efficient audit opinions for our clients, but also valuable business advice.

Management services

Whether you need a new financial reporting system or a business plan, we can help. At BDO, we develop budgets, outline cash-flow projections, provide accounting and financial management training, and create cash management plans.

In difficult times, our team can also provide management assistance support services, such as co-management, debt restructuring, project management, and settlement/remedial management plans.

Taxation

We can create strategies to help minimize your organization's tax load. Our specialists are knowledgeable in all areas of Aboriginal tax legislation and case law, as well as administration. We can identify the most tax-effective structure for your organization, utilizing the best tax-exemption options available to you.

Organization solutions

After reviewing your organization, our professionals can develop strategies to ensure your resources are being used efficiently.

We can identify where work is being duplicated or where staff is being under-utilized, draft or redefine job descriptions, develop appropriate staff pay scales, implement staff evaluation systems, and recommend ways to improve your communications.

Economic growth advice

When it comes time to launch a new enterprise, our team can create and evaluate business plans and assist in structuring and accessing the necessary financing. We can conduct feasibility studies, perform market research, and help you choose the best information systems. Once your project is up and running, we can review your operations, help train management and staff, draft regional economic development strategies, and provide financial advisory and business evaluation services.

Solutions

The Solutions Team is comprised of highly skilled business and IT professionals who can work with your community to ensure its financial systems are up-to-date. Our easier, more intuitive solutions provide the tools to improve your financial business processes, band and INAC reporting, and reduce overall band costs. The increased efficiency and accountability enable your community to be self-sufficient in managing its people and resources.

Experience and trust

For decades, BDO has acquired a wealth of experience serving bands, band management, chiefs and councils, and the boards of directors of Aboriginal businesses across Canada — and gained their trust in the process.





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