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Special Chiefs Assembly Committee Meeting on Economic Development

On Monday, December 2nd, the Chiefs Committee on Economic Development gathered in Ottawa for an all-day meeting at the Assembly of First Nations Special Chiefs Assembly. Regional Chief Terry Teegee chairs this national committee and welcomed new members to the table from various provinces and territories.

Chiefs discussed pressing issues around taxation, revenue sharing and transportation logistics, particularly in the North, as they relate to Indigenous economic development. Further conversations included successes and challenges in government-to-government relationship building. Regional Chief Teegee led the conversation on opportunities for chiefs to support each other in this endeavor to ensure that best practices are being used and that communities have larger networks of support positive working relationships with colonial governments. Presentations from Indigenous Tourism Association of Canada, Indigenomics, and Global Affairs were given to the committee to provide updates on Indigenous tourism prospects, the state of the Indigenous economy and trade negotiations.

Chiefs on the committee expressed the desire for more cross-committee collaboration to take advantage of synergies, create opportunities and mitigate any inefficiencies on portfolios that interact with Indigenous economies. Additionally, the committee identified a need for an updated national Indigenous economic development strategy to guide further work on this file.