

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:**

It is my pleasure to present CCATEC's Annual Report for the fiscal year 2020 – 2021. CCATEC is in our second year of delivering the Indigenous Skills Employment Training Strategy (ISETS), the new ten-year agreement with Employment Skills Development Canada (ESDC).

The objective of the ISETS is to pursue training for employment and long-term careers. To close the employment gap and employment earning between First Nations (FN) and non-indigenous peoples and to support and enhance capacity of FN service delivery organizations.

CCATEC has had a challenging year with COVID 19 impacting our programs and services.

We did close our doors to the public like many others as we all tried to stop the spread of COVID 19, as we all dealt with the world pandemic. Even though our doors were locked our programs and services did not halt. CCATEC staff conducted business via the internet, telephone and learned quickly about Zoom meeting. Contracting was done via, internet, fax and drop offs at the office.

We were still able to access additional funds with Indigenous Skills Canada (ISC) for Pre-Employment, targeting social assistance client for five First Nations. We also accessed funds from the First Nations Forestry for one client training in forestry management.

Our challenge continues with the First Nations Inuit Child Care dollars (FNICC) as we did receive an amendment for one year yet the rest of Canada were provided a two-year contract. CCATEC has raised this concern to Employment and Social Development (ESDC) and we have asked repeatedly for a devolution process however have not yet received. The national Chiefs have submitted a resolution to support the ISETS to continue delivering the FNICC dollars and all six of our Chiefs have provided support letters. It must be noted that CCATEC does not take administration on this file and we are concerned that a new delivery agent will charge administration with less dollars going directly to the daycares on reserve. CCATEC continues to lobby for local delivery of the FNICC budget.

CCATEC Board of Directors continue to work efficiently to ensure the funds are spent in a fair and open process for the First Nations communities and individuals within our service delivery area. I'm pleased to report that we were able to secure 174 jobs (full time, part time, self-employed and/or seasonal) and 112 of our clients did return to school.

A special thank you must go out to our communities and program users as our combined efforts and partnering have improved the future for many people within our communities.

Thank you to Shalma Ali and Linda Dozie at ESDC for their support and guidance regarding the work we do.

Roger William  
President

