

The Consultation Process

The two co-principal investigators, Lou Hammond Ketilson and Ian MacPherson, met and consulted formally with a variety of individuals, groups, and organizations in the process of compiling this report.

Dr. Hammond Ketilson conducted extensive consultations during the course of the project with Warren Weir, co-ordinator, and Kelly Lendsay, program consultant, who are with the Graduate Aboriginal Business Program, College of Commerce, University of Saskatchewan; discussions were also held with David Newhouse, head of the Native Studies Department, Trent University; and Richard Missens, head of the Faculty of Administration at the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College in Saskatoon. She met in May 2000 in Winnipeg with participants in Arctic Co-operatives Limited Annual General Meeting, and in October 2000 in Banff with those attending the National Chiefs' Think Tank on First Nation Economic Development.

Dr. MacPherson met with the following individuals: Professor Taiiaike Alfred, of the Institute for Aboriginal Governance, University of Victoria (two meetings in June 2000); Andrew Goussaert and Andrew Morrison of Arctic Co-operatives, 7–9 June 2000; Joe Hare and Nikki Manitowaki of Anishinabeck Credit Union, May 2000; Elders of the Nuxalk Nation, Bella Coola, March 2000; and Carla Burton and Phil Burton of Wilp Sa Maa'y Harvesting Co-operative, July 2000.

And Dr. Hammond Ketilson, Dr. MacPherson, and other researchers conducted numerous interviews with people involved in Aboriginal co-operatives across Canada in connection with the preparation of the case studies.

There were also a number of steering committee meetings and conference telephone calls, which helped to direct the course and progress of the work. These meetings involved all of those acknowledged on page seven of this document. Meeting dates are as follows: 17 February 2000 (Hammond Ketilson and MacPherson participated via conference call); 15 March 2000 (all-day meeting and conference call); 3 May 2000 (all-day meeting); 11 July 2000 (all-day meeting and conference call); 29 August 2000 (all-day meeting); 29 September 2000 (all-day meeting); and 4 December 2000 (half-day meeting).

In addition to these formal meetings, both co-principal investigators consulted informally with officials in a number of organizations, including Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and Aboriginal economic development organizations.