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## *Editor's Introduction*

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Economic Development is a complex process which touches on and involves all aspects of a community. This issue highlights that complexity and the interrelationship between its various aspects. I am reminded always of the need to take a holistic approach to it, using the Cree Medicine Wheel as a way of ensuring that all aspects are covered.

Robert Anderson and Robert Oppenheimer remind us of the importance of entrepreneurship in economic development and provides some guidance for its development. Often in our drive to build economic institutions, we forget that a solid foundation of business activity is essential to economic development and that entrepreneurs are a key part of that activity.

The importance of community and being able to build upon a community's strengths is central to community economic development. Sean Markey et al tackle the issue of capacity assessment in CED in a meaningful and real way to help us understand how it might occur in a rural setting.

Stacy Healy remind us that economic development also needs a solid institutional foundation, one that is supportive of economic development and also protects Aboriginal legal rights.

And David Newhouse reminds us of the context within which Aboriginal economic development is occurring and the need to pay attention to values and their expression in our institutions and their actions.