



NEWS RELEASE

ANTCO CEO Ruth Williams Honoured by Thompson River University

(KAMLOOPS, June 18, 2010)—The Board of Directors of All Nations Trust Company congratulates Ruth Williams, ANTCO's Chief Executive Office, on being bestowed with an honorary Doctor of Laws from Thompson River University in Kamloops, British Columbia.

"We are delighted for Ruth and proud that her more than 25 years of leadership in social and economic development for Aboriginal people in BC has been recognized by Thompson River University," said George Casimir, President of ANTCO's Board of Directors.

At Thompson River University's spring convocation, Williams was described as "epitomizing the university's commitment to ensuring that the campus, curriculum and the university are welcoming, supportive and positive environments for Aboriginal students to achieve their educational goals."

Other Honorary Doctorate recipients included former MLA Claude Richmond, Aboriginal author Richard Wagamese, and medical doctor and researcher Elspeth McDougal, MD. For a copy of Thompson River University's news release, [click here](#).

Williams has led ANTCO since its inception in 1987. She is also a founding member of eight non-profit organizations that work to improve the quality of life for Aboriginal Peoples in B.C.'s Interior, including the Round Lake Treatment Centre, the Aboriginal Health Advisory Council and the Central Interior Ministry of Child and Family Services Advisory Board. In addition, she has belonged to dozens of Aboriginal organizations over the years, including her current roles as President of the Kamloops Native Housing Society, Vice Chair of the First Nations Market Housing Fund and Board Member of the BC First Nations Health Centre.

All Nations Trust Company is British Columbia's largest Aboriginal Capital Corporation with more than \$56 million in assets under management. ANTCO was founded in 1984 to provide business loans and financial services to Aboriginal entrepreneurs. Over its 25 years of successful operations, ANTCO has expanded its financial and business services to meet the growing business and housing needs of B.C.'s Aboriginal community. ANTCO is Aboriginal owned and operated with offices in Kamloops and Fort St. John. Shareholders are comprised of Bands, Tribal Councils, Aboriginal Organizations, Métis Associations, Status, Non-Status and Métis individuals.

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