

# Fort Providence Dene Band

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Mr. Sam Gargan, MLA  
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NWT Legislative Assembly  
Yellowknife, N.W.T.  
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Dear Sam:

**RE: Economic Development Officer ( Local )**

Please be advised that the Fort Providence Band Council is requesting the above position for the following reasons:

- Lack of a Local EDO has prevented the Band from follow-up on past opportunities per economic development in the Fort Providence area
- Lack of expertise in Developing Business plans, feasibility studies, cash flow projections etc... will and has hindered economic development projects at the individual and Band Level
- Difficulty in Developing a Local Economic Development plan or strategy
- Missed opportunities in the tourism field ( and assistance is required for the Band's river tours venture)
- To Assist in the expansion of Digaa Enterprises ( 100% Band-owned ) including Lot Development and the acquisition of capital assets
- To assist in identifying local training priorities and available resources and developing training plan
- To enhance local business development
- To assist and advise the Band Economic Development Committee

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Further be advised that a Local EDO position was proposed in the 1989 fiscal Year and recruitment was to be completed before May 1990. Recognizing that the GNWT Department of Economic Development may have a shortage of financial and human resources, any contribution made by GNWT Economic Development towards Fort Providence will be welcome and appreciated...

Sincerely,  
FORT PROVIDENCE DENE BAND COUNCIL

John Mackenzie  
Band Manager

c.c. Bob Head, Digaa.

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