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## FMB's Film Vision Quest wins best Feature Documentary in the Universe Multicultural Film Festival

VANCOUVER- The First Nation Financial Management Board (FMB) is very proud Vision Quest has been recognized as best Feature Documentary in the Universe Multicultural Film Festival.

"It is important to tell the true story of Indigenous Canada through the lens of First Nations, highlighting the need to move forward in reconciliation on a government to government basis, for the benefit of all," Harold Calla, FMB Executive Chair. "This is a story many Canadians do not know, and hopefully, in seeing this history and perspectives of Indigenous Canadians, greater understanding is possible. This film shows a pathway forward, and is a story of hope and progress."

We are thankful and recognize Director Tamara Bell and Lowd Productions, who skillfully brought all the elements of this important story together, Writer Thomas Stravos, Executive Producers: Harold Calla, Brian Titus and Shayla Point, and to all the speakers and FMB clients who contributed to this film. Without these voices, history would missing key perspectives necessary to move forward.

Vision Quest is unique and timely documentary, telling the history of the Indigenous peoples of Canada by Indigenous people, through Indigenous perspectives. It also offers a pathway of growth and self-sufficiency by leveraging modern economic tools through legislation outside the Indian Act.

Produced by the First Nations Financial Management Board (FMB), this film highlights how First Nations were systematically excluded from the economy over time, but now have worked hard to create success stories in many communities across the country. Specifically, the film showcases stories of First Nations that have used the First Nations Fiscal Management Act (FMA) to access long term affordable capital to promote social and economic development.

## About the FMB

The FMB is a First Nations-led non-profit organization that supports First Nations in developing sound finance and administrative governance practices. The FMB was created under the *First Nations Fiscal Management Act* in 2006. Services are offered at no cost to First Nations. For more information on all products and services, visit <a href="https://www.fnfmb.com">www.fnfmb.com</a>

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