

National Aboriginal Lands Managers Association (NALMA) - Service Announcement Update

Dear Members, Colleagues and Partners:

The COVID-19 pandemic is creating challenges for every organization. We are doing our part to ensure protection of the people we serve and our staff during this unprecedented time.

As we are uncertain of the long-term impact of the pandemic, we are taking proactive measures and have decided to suspend all NALMA face to face training and events for 2020-2021 fiscal year.

We will continue to provide our technical support services by offering special project funding related to Land Use Planning, Surveys and Matrimonial Real Property. Please visit our websites for information about these funds. www.nalma.ca and www.coemrp.ca.

All staff will continue responding to your technical referrals and assist you where possible.

This 2020-21 fiscal year, NALMA will take the opportunity to redesign Level II of our Professional Lands Management Certification (PLMCP). We have not updated our program since we first delivered it in 2004. As such, we are taking this time to focus on responding to the feedback and the report received from the Reserve Land and Environment Management Program (RLEMP) National Engagement of 2017 where participants expressed the need for training to be updated.

Therefore, NALMA is very excited and looking forward to redesigning the training that will address the key recommendations in the report, as well as, design it in a way that will meet the training needs for all land regimes. This process will take the greater part of the year for implementation come April 2021.

For those students who have currently enrolled in Level II for this fiscal we will be contacting you and keeping you up to date on the progress and implementation.

Update information with respect to our institutional partners' delivery of Level I of the PLMCP related their programming is provided below:

University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, SK – will continue to deliver the *Kanawayihetaytan Askiy (K.A.) Program* as planned through distance learning. Please contact Jordie Gagnon -Senior Strategic Officer- Indigenous Programs and Partnerships -Ph: 306.966.4041 – Email: jordie.gagnon@usask.ca

Algoma University – Sault Ste. Marie, ON – will continue to deliver the *Level 1 Professional Lands Management Certificate Program (Aki and Environmental Stewardship)* as planned through distance learning. Please contact Nairne Cameron, Ph.D. Associate Professor & Chair, Dept. of Geography, Geology & Land Stewardship- Ph: 705.949.2301, ext. 4374 – Email: nairne.cameron@algonau.ca

Vancouver Island University – Nanaimo BC - has postponed delivery of the *Professional Indigenous Lands Management Certificate* and looks forward to seeing students come May 2021. For more information, please visit <https://www.viu.ca/programs/arts-humanities-social-sciences/professional-indigenous-lands-management-certificate>

For questions or updates regarding our situation and measures we have put into place, please visit our websites www.nalma.ca and www.coemrp.ca or please feel free to email Leona Irons – NALMA Executive Director at liron@nalma.ca or call office -(705) 657-7660 or cell- (705) 927-0328.

In good spirit,

Amanda Simon - NALMA Chair

