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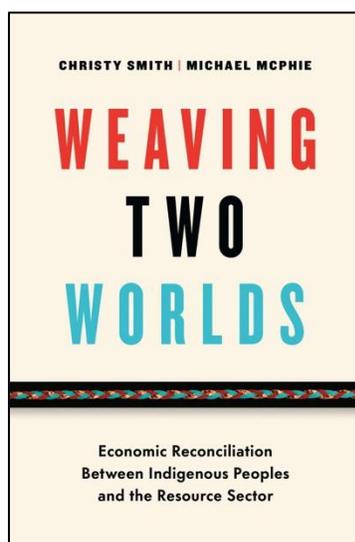
*“Addresses **one of the most critical issues** of our time... A rich tapestry of much-needed, practical and thoughtful insights to serve as a guide through what has sometimes been a tragic divide.”*

– R. ANTHONY HODGE, Kinross Professor of Mining and Sustainability, Queens University; former CEO, International Council of Mining and Metals

Weaving Two Worlds

Economic Reconciliation Between Indigenous Peoples and the Resource Sector

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VANCOUVER, B.C.—From the Coastal GasLink pipeline to Fairy Creek old-growth logging, the resource sector’s relationship with Indigenous Peoples has often been marked by protests, distrust, and anger.

Now, in this striking call for change, an Indigenous leader and resource industry executive lay out their vision for a new way forward: one in which the resource sector plays a meaningful role in advancing reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.

Two voices from two worlds

“Since being involved in this practice area, I have recognized that those who build sincere relationships and gain trust have better success, while those who come in and want to check a box may as well walk away,” says co-author **Christy Smith**, a K’ómoks First Nation matriarch, Indigenous business consultant, and Vice-President of Indigenous and Stakeholder Engagement for Falkirk Environmental Consultants Ltd.

“Having served at almost level within the resource industry, I have seen that the success, or lack thereof, of a project, policy, or initiative, always comes down to people and how they are treated and involved in decisions that affect them,” says co-author **Michael McPhie**, Founding Partner and Co-Chair of Falkirk Environmental and past President and CEO of the Mining Association of B.C. “The rights of Indigenous Peoples are now rightly being recognized by the courts, governments, and institutions of civil society. It is now time for the resource sector to commit to reconciliation, for the benefit of us all.”

Building a sustainable future

In this guide for understanding reconciliation and allyship, Smith and McPhie offer their two voices, of two worlds—Indigenous and non-Indigenous—to deliver insights, knowledge and guidance from their decades of work between resources companies and Indigenous communities.

They draw on case studies and personal stories to offer practical skills and tips on how to build meaningful, mutually productive relationships with Indigenous Peoples, from initial consultation to project planning and development. And they show how the resource sector can play a meaningful role in advancing Reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, as part of a sustainable future that benefits all of humanity.

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