



2007 President's Dinner

With

Calvin Helin

Author of

Dances with Dependency ***Indigenous success through self-reliance***

The incredible story of the rise and fall of indigenous nations...and potential rise again. Offering real solutions to indigenous and developing nations' poverty by "just doing it".

Thursday June 28th, 2007

Saskatoon

Delta Bessborough – William Pascoe Room

Reception 5:30 pm

Dinner & Presentation 6:30 pm

Tickets: \$ 50.00 (GST and meal included)

Calvin Helin is a member of the Tsimshian Nation from Northern B.C. community of Lax Kwalaams (Port Simpson). He is son of the hereditary chief, Smoogyit Nees Nuugan Noos (Barry Helin), of the Royal house of Gitlan and Sidyidmhanaa Su Daix (Verna Helin), matron of the Royal House of Gitachngeek. A practicing lawyer and business person, Helin is the author of [*Dances with Dependency – Indigenous success through self-reliance.*](#)

"Dances with Dependency paints the most complete and honest portrait of indigenous people that has existed to date. It goes far beyond cataloging the problems to showing a path to real solutions. This book may unquestionably be the most important single piece of literature and analysis for moving indigenous people forward. It is time now to heed the call to more focused strategic action and to start making a difference now - it is time to move beyond the dependency mindset to the self-reliance of our ancestors."

Dave Tuccaro, President of Tuccaro Inc.

Through his book, Calvin looks at the existence of indigenous people and how their lives could be better 'by reclaiming traditional roles of autonomy and self-reliance.' 'The best way to kill a man is to pay him for doing nothing'. What we've created, Helin maintains, are fractured communities of leaders trapped by too much power and their people humbled and alienated by standing in line for handouts.

His message of self-reliance as a way forward is based on economic integration into the modern economy. If Aboriginal people don't go to work to support themselves, they and their culture might not be the only thing destroyed, says the Prince George Free press. "The welfare burden could wreck Canada's economy."

Chief Clarence Louis of the Osoyoos Indian Band, perhaps, says it best....

'Dependency spending programs don't work...the only real solution is the economy stupid'.

Join us to hear more about Mr. Helin's solutions to this very pressing challenge.

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