



What do I do?

In general I consult, educate, and do research on a wide range of First Nations Issues. I specialize on section 87 of the Indian Act which, is the section that deals with the Tax Exemption of Status Indians. I also specialize in creating meaningful consultations processes for First Nations.

I also have developed Native Land Use research methodology and have completed many successful Values mapping projects. For over 12 years I have taught Native law and History to First Nations and non-Natives on both sides of the border in Universities, Colleges, conferences and my own workshops.

My Philosophy:

- Racism and intolerance exist because of ignorance. For the most part, people are generous and have a genuine desire to understand and honour each other.
- Knowledge is empowering.

The End of Indian Tax Exemption



know more;
retain your rights,

know more;
counter harmful hostility
and ignorance about
Aboriginal issues in Can-
ada,

know more;
stop discriminatory
store practices,

know more;
protect our Aboriginal
rights,

kNOw More.

Understand & Resist.

We say: **“How”**; indeed.

- ♦ **How** does an Internationally recognized Legal Principal that says one Nation cannot tax another Nation become a mere shadow of its' former self enacted in S. 87 of the Indian Act ?
- ♦ **How** do Provincial governments in the administration of their PST get to undermine a higher ranking Federal Law with mere policies?
- ♦ **How** does the Ontario government impose tobacco quota legislation in 1993 which effectively violates a higher level Federal tax exemption for Status Indians?
- ♦ **How** does Revenue Canada; a body in an inherent conflict of interest with S. 87, get to rule on whether this right of tax exemption applies to the income of Status Indians?
- ♦ **How**, did the Federal Government through its' imposition of the GST in 1991 compel Status Indians to pay taxes on tax exempt goods purchased off reserve, face an arguably discriminatory delivery fee on the purchase of those goods?
- ♦ **How** do large retailers get away with continuing “No GST, no PST sale” practices deemed 12 years ago by the Human Rights Commission to violate S. 1 of the Human Rights code?
- ♦ **How** do huge stores like Walmart get away with making a very public and illegal claim that all status cards must be presented at the beginning of the purchase in order for our tax exemption to be honored? Walmart is not even a legislator, and has no authority to deny legal rights to Status Indians who are unable to perform the status card lightning-quick-draw.
- ♦ **How** is it that we have the technology to swipe a credit card but not the technology to swipe our cards for our tax exempt purchases, or to be able to take equal advantage of the convenient self-serve checkout systems available to non-tax exempt customers at many retailers?
- ♦ **How** is it that an overwhelming majority of Canadians still cannot tell you where the Tax Exemption of Status Indians comes from so that they may understand it, when this law originated long before confederation?
- ♦ **How** does the HST get implemented without consulting First Nations when it will drastically affect the exercise of a major Aboriginal right?
- ♦ When S. 87; a Federally legislated, Aboriginal right supersedes all other laws in Canada including the Income Tax Act, Provincial Legislation and certainly Store policies, **how** does this all happen?

Understand and Resist, in a compelling Tax Exemption workshop that shows how to “kNOw more, MEANS NO More”: www.firstnationsissues.com

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