

## *Dave Tuccaro*

### *Entrepreneur, President/CEO - Tuccaro Group of Companies*

Dave is a member of the Mikisew Cree First Nation in Fort Chipewyan and is the president and CEO of seven successful companies.

Dave's personal commitment and the purpose of these companies is to "Create opportunities for aboriginal people at every level of education and every level of employment."

The foundation for these businesses began in the OilSands region of Fort McMurray a quarter century ago. Although Dave's businesses are now spread throughout Western Canada, Neegan Development Corporation Ltd., NTS Ltd., Tuc's Contracting, WPS Ltd., Re-stock and Tuccaro Property Services form the core of Dave's businesses and are based out of the Fort McMurray area.

Dave is very active in the aboriginal and non-aboriginal communities. Dave is also the founder of the Northeastern Aboriginal Business Association, which features over 100-member companies with combined revenues of over \$1 billion. A member of the National Task Force on Oil Sands Strategies and the National Aboriginal Financing Task Force, Dave also served as Chair of the Aboriginal Business Canada Market Expansion Group. He has sat on the Board of the Regional Health Authority as well as the Alberta Chamber of Resources. As Board Chair of Indspire, an Indigenous-led registered charity that invests in the education of Indigenous people, Dave is helping to set strategic direction for the National Aboriginal Achievement Awards and deepen the organization's support of K-12 education and Indigenous teachers across Canada.

In 2013 Dave was named Resource Person of the Year by ACR President David Middleton. The award recognizes leaders who exemplify the best of Alberta, who stand apart as having furthered the orderly and responsible development of the province's resources in a particularly significant and lasting manner, and who serve as a model and inspiration so that others might work as hard and to such high standards of excellence as to help preserve the reputation and enable the full potential of Alberta's resource industry. Mr. Tuccaro is the 30<sup>th</sup> person to receive the prestigious award since it was created in 1977.

In recognition for Dave's hard work and commitment to education across the country, he's received 2 honorary doctorates. On June 11, 2016 an honorary Doctor of Laws was conferred on Dave from Athabasca University in recognition of his business leadership and his dedication to enriching the lives of indigenous people. In

November 2017 Dave received an Honourary Doctorate in Technology from the British Columbia Institute of Technology.

In November 2017 the Oilsands Banquet presented Dave with their newly formed Builders of Wood Buffalo Award.