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## Re: BC First Nations Leadership Council Approves ITBC to develop the BC First Nations-Led Tourism Destination Fund.

Dear Indigenous Tourism BC

The BC First Nations Leadership Council (FNLC) is proud to announce its approval of Indigenous Tourism BC (ITBC) to lead the development of a BC First Nations-Led Tourism Destination Fund, a community-led and managed fund unanimously supported by the Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs, the First Nations Summit Chiefs, and the BC Assembly of First Nations. Since 2008, FNLC has mandated ITBC as the voice of Indigenous tourism in the province.

A series of resolutions passed demonstrate a united commitment to further advancing self-determination, self-governance, and sovereignty.

- **June 11, 2024:** First Nations Summit Resolution #0624.10
- **June 27, 2024:** Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs Resolution No. 2024-27
- **October 10, 2024:** BC Assembly of First Nations Resolution 30/2024


ITBC is dedicated to engaging in the necessary protocols and procedures, including thorough consultations with First Nations, to establish a fund that prioritizes a distinctions-based approach in alignment with the [Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act](#) (*Declaration Act*). ITBC's efforts will ensure the fund is led and managed by local communities and remains within each community.

The FNLC fully supports ITBC's leadership in advancing this initiative, and we are confident that the BC First Nations-Led Tourism Destination Fund will significantly contribute to the economic growth, cultural preservation and success of Indigenous communities across the province.

Please see attached resolutions.

Sincerely,  
**FIRST NATIONS LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**

**On behalf of the FIRST NATIONS SUMMIT**



Cheryl Casimer



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**On behalf of the UNION OF BC INDIAN CHIEFS**



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**On behalf of the BC ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS:**



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