

# First Nations Summit

July 30, 2024

Indigenous Tourism Association of British Columbia  
Suite 707 - 100 Park Royal South  
West Vancouver, BC V7T 1A2

Dear Board members:

**Re: Support for Indigenous Tourism British Columbia (ITBC) to Develop a British Columbia First Nation-Led Indigenous Tourism Destination Fund "ITDF" – Updated**

Enclosed for your use and files is a signed copy of a resolution approved by the First Nations Summit Chiefs in Assembly at the June 2024 First Nations Summit meeting.

The resolution provides amended wording to express support for Indigenous Tourism British Columbia's efforts to develop a local First Nations and provincial approach for a BC-based and First Nation-led, "Indigenous Tourism Destination Fund" as an alternate solution to the Indigenous Tourism Association Canada's Indigenous Tourism Destination Fund.

The June 2024 resolution will need to be read in conjunction with previous First Nations Summit Resolution #0424.11 to understand and give effect to the updated wording. Both resolutions are attached.

If during and after your engagement process with First Nations, you'd like to report out to the Chiefs and leaders, the next First Nations Summit meeting is scheduled for November 20 – 21, 2024. If you would like to request agenda time to speak at this meeting or any future meeting, please contact Howard E. Grant, Executive Director at [hgrant@fns.bc.ca](mailto:hgrant@fns.bc.ca).

Please contact our office if you require further information.

Yours truly,  
**FIRST NATIONS SUMMIT POLITICAL EXECUTIVE**



Robert Phillips



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Enclosures (2) First Nations Summit Resolution #0624.10 (Amendment to FNS Resolution #0424.11 Support for Indigenous Tourism British Columbia (ITBC) to Develop a British Columbia First Nation-Led Indigenous Tourism Destination Fund "ITDF")

First Nations Summit Resolution #0424.11 (Support for Indigenous Tourism British Columbia (ITBC) to Develop a British Columbia First Nation-Led Indigenous Tourism Destination Fund "ITDF")

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## RESOLUTION #0624.10

**SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO FNS RESOLUTION #0424.11 SUPPORT FOR INDIGENOUS TOURISM BRITISH COLUMBIA (ITBC) TO DEVELOP A BRITISH COLUMBIA INDIGENOUS-LED INDIGENOUS TOURISM DESTINATION FUND "ITDF"**

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### WHEREAS:

A. Indigenous Tourism BC (ITBC) submitted a resolution at the April 2024 FNS meeting for the Chiefs in Assembly to consider and which was passed by consensus. A few updates or amendments to that resolution have since been identified.

B. The updated or amended language includes the following:

Resolution #0424.11 Whereas "C" states:

ITAC has neither engaged nor consulted with First Nations in BC, the First Nations Leadership Council (FNLC), or Indigenous Tourism British Columbia (ITBC) in implementing an ITDF

and is proposed to be amended as follows:

"ITAC has not **adequately** engaged nor consulted with First Nations in BC, the First Nations Leadership Council (FNLC), or Indigenous Tourism British Columbia (ITBC) in implementing an ITDF."

Resolution #0424.11 Whereas "E" states:

The ITDF may lead local businesses and their clients to believe that they are fulfilling their responsibility to participate in reconciliation with local First Nations in their respective areas, whereas First Nations in BC are not involved in the ITDF

and is proposed to be amended as follows:

"The ITDF may lead local businesses and their clients to believe that they are fulfilling their responsibility to participate in reconciliation with local First Nations in their respective areas, whereas First Nations in BC **may not be** involved in the ITDF."

### THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the First Nations Summit Chiefs in Assembly endorse the following amendments to FNS Resolution #0424.11:

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**RESOLUTION #0624.10**

**SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO FNS RESOLUTION #0424.11 SUPPORT FOR INDIGENOUS TOURISM BRITISH COLUMBIA (ITBC) TO DEVELOP A BRITISH COLUMBIA INDIGENOUS-LED INDIGENOUS TOURISM DESTINATION FUND "ITDF"**

Whereas "C"

ITAC has not adequately engaged nor consulted with First Nations in BC, the First Nations Leadership Council (FNLC), or Indigenous Tourism British Columbia (ITBC) in implementing an ITDF.

Whereas "E"

The ITDF may lead local businesses and their clients to believe that they are fulfilling their responsibility to participate in reconciliation with local First Nations in their respective areas, whereas First Nations in BC may not be involved in the ITDF.

**MOVED BY:** Robert Morales, Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group  
**SECONDED BY:** Kukpi7 Helen Henderson, Tsq'escen First Nation  
**DATED:** June 27, 2024

Passed by consensus.

**ENDORSED BY:**



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## RESOLUTION #0424.11

**SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR INDIGENOUS TOURISM BRITISH COLUMBIA (ITBC) TO DEVELOP A BRITISH COLUMBIA FIRST NATION-LED INDIGENOUS TOURISM DESTINATION FUND "ITDF"**

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### WHEREAS:

- A. An Indigenous Tourism Destination Fund (ITDF) has been established by the Indigenous Tourism Association of Canada (ITAC) to enable businesses and individuals to contribute to reconciliation efforts in Canada by supporting the development of the Indigenous tourism industry.
- B. Administered by ITAC, the ITDF is utilized to invest in infrastructure, human resources, and development and marketing projects that benefit communities across the country. Furthermore, the ITDF contributes to supporting ITAC's core funding.
- C. ITAC has neither engaged nor consulted with First Nations in BC, the First Nations Leadership Council (FNLC), or Indigenous Tourism British Columbia (ITBC) in implementing an ITDF.
- D. The transparency of ITAC's utilization of funds from the ITDF is a concern for both First Nations in BC and ITBC, who are uncertain about how these funds are allocated for Indigenous tourism initiatives.
- E. The ITDF may lead local businesses and their clients to believe that they are fulfilling their responsibility to participate in reconciliation with local First Nations in their respective areas, whereas First Nations in BC are not involved in the ITDF.
- F. ITBC is a provincial Indigenous cultural tourism sector organization established in 1996-1997 (as Aboriginal Tourism Association of British Columbia [AtBC]) that supports training, product development and marketing of culturally rich Indigenous tourism products and services on behalf of Indigenous communities and entrepreneurs in BC and is recognized as an international leader in supporting the development of authentic Indigenous cultural tourism experiences.
- G. In 2008, ITBC and the FNLC entered into a *Declaration & Protocol of Recognition, Support, Cooperation and Coordination*.
- H. The *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, which the government of Canada has adopted without qualification, and has, alongside the government of BC, passed legislation committing to implement, affirms:  
**Article 4:** Indigenous peoples, in exercising their right to self-determination, have the right to autonomy of self-government in matters relating to their internal and local affairs, as well as ways and means for financing their autonomous function.



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- I. First Nations in British Columbia must be active participants in the development of any fee programs within their jurisdictions.
- J. ITBC wishes to explore the possibility of developing a BC-based ITDF, that includes First Nations input, to support BC Indigenous tourism as an alternate solution to the ITAC ITDF.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the First Nations Summit Chiefs in Assembly support Indigenous Tourism British Columbia's efforts to develop a local First Nations and provincial approach for a BC-based and First Nations-led, "Indigenous Tourism Destination Fund" as an alternate solution to the Indigenous Tourism Association Canada's Indigenous Tourism Destination Fund.

**MOVED BY:** Chief Mark Point, Skowkale First Nation  
**SECONDED BY:** Chief Alice Thompson, Leq'á:mel First Nation  
**DATED:** April 4, 2024

Passed by consensus.

**ENDORSED BY:**



Cheryl Casimer



Robert Phillips



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