



# FIRST NATIONS SUMMIT

## RESOLUTIONS PROCESS FOR FIRST NATIONS SUMMIT MEETINGS

**TO:** FIRST NATIONS SUMMIT CHIEFS AND TREATY TABLES  
FIRST NATIONS ORGANIZATIONS  
FIRST NATIONS IN BC  
TRIBAL COUNCILS

**FROM:** FIRST NATIONS SUMMIT OFFICE

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Enclosed is a copy of First Nations Summit Resolution #1104.21 (Adoption of Revised First Nations Summit Resolutions Process) and attachment which will revise the Summit resolutions process, a step that will help strengthen the First Nations Summit as an organization, and improve First Nations Summit meetings. The revised process will help to strengthen resolutions and, therefore, the mandate to the First Nations Summit Task Group (Political Executive).

The new resolutions process will take effect immediately.

Revisions include:

- Addressing all resolutions on Day 3. This removes the need for prioritizing everyone's issues and ensures that all presentations will be made on Days 1 and 2.
- Allowing delegates an opportunity to review and consider proposed resolutions prior to the Summit meeting. Most resolutions come from our committees and affiliates, who are able to prepare their resolutions well in advance.
- Draft Resolutions will be forwarded to treaty tables at least one week in advance of Summit meetings.
- We have incorporated an opportunity for important resolutions to be put forward based on discussion during the Summit meeting. Where urgent issues, or issues of utmost importance, arise, there will be flexibility to deal with them.

- Those presenting a Summit resolution will need to provide supporting information and identify exactly the actions being sought. A resolution form and briefing note with a description of the issue must be completed. The briefing note should include an explanation of the need for the resolution and action required, and an explanation of actions already taken on the issue.

Only completed resolutions (which include the resolution form and background information) will be put to the Summit floor for consideration. Incomplete resolutions will be deferred to the next scheduled Summit meeting in order to allow for a complete package to be submitted.

Furthermore, the Chief Negotiators' forum will be used more strategically. The Chief Negotiators' forum is a manageable process for developing strategies. The Task Group would like to strengthen it and help move the Chiefs' agenda along.

Please review the First Nations Summit Resolutions Process document for a complete explanation of the revised resolutions process.

A copy of the revised resolutions process document will also be posted on the Summit's website at [www.fns.bc.ca](http://www.fns.bc.ca).

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this information, please contact the Summit office.





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## RESOLUTION #1104.21

**SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF REVISED FIRST NATIONS SUMMIT RESOLUTIONS PROCESS**

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### WHEREAS

- A. The *First Nations Summit Resolutions - Procedures for Delegates* were adopted by the First Nations Summit Co-Chairs in November 1999.
- B. In response to feedback from delegates, the First Nations Summit Executive has developed a revised First Nations Summit Resolutions process that is intended to be a process whereby First Nations Summit delegates have an opportunity to review proposed Resolutions and related materials in advance of the Assemblies in order to be prepared to engage in dialogue and informed decision-making.

### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That the First Nations Summit Chiefs in Assembly:

- a) rescind the *First Nations Summit Resolutions - Procedures for Delegates* adopted by the First Nations Summit Co-Chairs in November 1999, and
- b) adopt the attached *First Nations Summit Resolutions Process*.


**MOVED BY:** Robert Morales, Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group  
**SECONDED BY:** Archie Little, Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council  
**DATED:** November 25, 2004

Passed by consensus.

**ENDORSED BY:**

  
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Dave Porter

  
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Grand Chief Edward John

  
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Chief Doug Kelly

## FIRST NATIONS SUMMIT RESOLUTIONS PROCESS

The following sets out the Resolutions Process for the First Nations Summit. It is intended to be a process whereby delegates have an opportunity to review proposed Resolutions and related materials in advance of the Assemblies in order to be prepared to engage in dialogue and informed decision-making. Flexibility will be maintained to ensure all important issues are addressed.

### IMPORTANT

- **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF RESOLUTION PACKAGES: 4 WEEKS PRIOR TO SUMMIT MEETING**
- **INCOMPLETE RESOLUTION PACKAGES WILL BE RETURNED TO DELEGATE FOR COMPLETION. ONLY COMPLETED RESOLUTIONS WILL BE PUT TO THE FLOOR FOR CONSIDERATION.**

### PROCESS

1. Submitted Resolution Packages will be registered and reviewed by the Resolutions Coordinator for completeness. The Resolutions Coordinator may contact the Delegate for further information or clarification OR return the Resolution Package to the Delegate in order for the Delegate to provide a more complete package. Resolutions will be finalized with the Delegate's approval.
2. Completed Resolution Packages will be sent to the First Nations treaty tables in advance of the Summit meeting in order to allow Delegates an opportunity to prepare for discussion and consideration of the Resolutions at the Summit meeting.
3. Delegates who wish to submit a Resolution based on discussion arising during the course of the Summit meeting may do so by completing the First Nations Summit Resolution Form and attaching as much supporting information as possible. The Resolutions Coordinator may request the Delegate to submit a briefing note and/or supporting information within one (1) week after the Summit meeting. If the Resolutions Coordinator determines that the Resolution could have been prepared in advance of the Summit meeting, the Coordinator may defer the Resolution to the next scheduled Summit meeting to allow time for the Resolution Package to be completed.
4. Only completed Resolutions will be put to the Summit floor for consideration by the Chiefs in Assembly. Incomplete Resolutions will be deferred to the next scheduled Summit meeting to allow the Delegate time to provide a complete Resolution Package.
5. The order that Resolutions will go to the floor are as follows:
  - i. completed Resolutions submitted by the deadline, and
  - ii. completed Resolutions arising during the course of discussion at the Summit meeting.
6. Resolutions will be the sole agenda item for Day 3. ALL Resolutions will be addressed on Day 3 of the Summit meeting.
7. Resolutions will be discussed by the Chiefs in Assembly, amended if necessary, and voted upon or passed by consensus.

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# FIRST NATIONS SUMMIT RESOLUTION FORM

TOPIC: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DELEGATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
(include name of First Nation)

**WHEREAS (BACKGROUND):**

A.

B.

C.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED (ACTION PLAN):**

**Who:**

**What/How:**

**When:**

**How to be resourced (e.g. if action requires financial support):**

- A Briefing Note is attached setting out (mandatory):**
  - **Description of the issue and explanation of need for resolution and action required**
  - **Explanation of actions already taken on the issue (e.g. by delegate)**
  - **Supporting information**

*If you have any questions about this process or form, please contact the First Nations Summit office at (604) 926-9903 or 1-866-990-9939.*

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