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### **First Nations Summit Elects New Executive**

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Grand Chief Edward John, Dave Porter and Chief Doug Kelly have been elected to the First Nations Summit Task Group by leaders representing First Nations currently engaged in treaty negotiations in BC.

The First Nations Summit Task Group is the political executive of the First Nations Summit, which speaks on behalf of those First Nations involved in the treaty negotiation process in British Columbia.

Chief John, a hereditary Grand Chief of the Tl'azt'en Nation, will be serving his sixth term as a member of the Summit's Political Executive. Chief John was a member of the tripartite British Columbia Claims Task Force in the early 90's which recommended the establishment of the independent BC Treaty Commission to facilitate treaty negotiations.

Chief Doug Kelly is the elected Chief of the Soowahlie Band of the Sto:lo Nation. He will be serving his first term as a member of the Summit Task Group. Chief Kelly is also the Chair of the First Nations Chiefs' Health Committee.

Dave Porter, also elected to his first term on the Summit Task Group, is from the Kaska Nation. He is currently the Chairperson and Chief Negotiator of the Kaska Dena Council. In the mid 80's Mr. Porter served as Deputy Premier of the Yukon. He also served as Yukon Minister of Renewable Resources, Tourism, Heritage and Culture, and Minister Responsible for Constitutional Devolution. In the 1990's Mr. Porter served as Assistant Deputy Minister of Aboriginal Affairs for the British Columbia Government.

Daniel Watts of the Hupacasath First Nation and Leah George-Wilson of the Tseil-Waututh Nation were also elected as Co-Chairs of the First Nations Summit. The Co-Chairs are responsible for chairing First Nations Summit meetings as well as the Summit's administration and day-to-day operations.

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The First Nations Summit speaks on behalf of First Nations involved in treaty negotiations in British Columbia. Further background information on the Summit may be found at [www.fns.bc.ca](http://www.fns.bc.ca).

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