



FIRST NATIONS SUMMIT

NOTICE OF POSITION: FIRST NATIONS FORESTRY COUNCIL DIRECTOR (ONE)

May 13, 2019

Applications are being sought from persons interested in participating as a Director of the First Nations Forestry Society, doing business as the First Nations Forestry Council. The First Nations Summit will be appointing one Director to the First Nations Forestry Council commencing June 10, 2019. The term of office will be in compliance with the First Nations Forestry Council's Bylaws.

Background

The First Nations Forestry Council (FNFC) promotes First Nations business opportunities in forestry, and collaborates with government on forest land use planning, tenure and revenue sharing. The FNFC designs programs and policies that align with First Nations and government goals and provides forestry information for First Nations communities.

The FNFC works to address First Nations priorities in areas affected by the mountain pine beetle epidemic—fuel management to reduce fire risk, economic diversification and cultural sustainability. The *First Nations Forestry & Land Stewardship Action Plan* provides further clarity of the FNFC's role in forestry issues.

Governance Structure

The FNFC will be comprised of 3 Directors [1 each from the First Nations Summit, Union of BC Indian Chiefs and BC Assembly of First Nations in accordance with the Bylaws]. The First Nations Summit's appointee's term will expire in June 2019.

Mandate

The FNFC is the body mandated by First Nations in BC to work on their behalf to implement the *BC First Nations Forestry & Land Stewardship Action Plan*. The FNFC achieves its mandate by:

- Serving as an advocacy voice, and acting in the best interests, of all 203 First Nations in BC in achieving their forestry-related priorities and objectives;
- Overseeing forestry-related policy analysis and research;
- Participating in policy and program planning processes related to First Nations forestry and forestry development issues;
- Providing leadership in the implementation of the *BC First Nations Forestry & Land Stewardship Action Plan*; and
- Participating in communications and reporting regularly on progress and activities to First Nations and their representative political organizations.

Time Commitment

The FNFC will meet 6-8 times per year, along with additional Committee meetings, subject-specific meetings or planning sessions as decided by the Council members. FNFC Directors are also expected to attend any forestry assemblies organized or coordinated by the FNFC. Directors are responsible for keeping up to date on FNFC issues and activities, and for being responsive to email and telephone communication. Meetings generally take place in and around Vancouver, BC.

Knowledge, Skills and Attributes

- Knowledge of First Nations issues and communities in BC;
- Knowledge of a broad range of issues including environmental and land use planning issues, natural resources and forestry;
- Commitment to the vision, principles, and action items of the *BC First Nations Forestry & Land Stewardship Action Plan*;
- Ability to work as a member of a team;
- High ethical standards and integrity;
- Ability and willingness to address potentially controversial or difficult issues in a constructive manner;
- Experience in working and building relationships with governments and other partners; and
- Knowledge and understanding of the differing roles and responsibilities of political organizations, governing Boards/Societies, and management.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Be of BC First Nations ancestry and currently reside in British Columbia;
- Have knowledge of the First Nations Summit and be willing to report to the First Nations Summit Chiefs in Assembly as requested; and
- Be willing and prepared to attend the meetings of the FNFC and related organizations.

Application Process

We welcome all submissions. Interested applicants are invited to submit a resume and cover letter stating their qualifications **by 4:00pm on Friday, May 31, 2019.**

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Appointment Process

After a review and selection process for submitted applications is completed, a resolution of appointment for the First Nations Forestry Council Director will be presented for ratification at the June 2019 First Nations Summit meeting.