FIRST NATIONS SUMMIT

NOTICE OF POSITIONS

FIRST NATIONS TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FIRST NATIONS SUMMIT APPOINTEES (THREE)

May 13, 2019

Applications are being sought from persons interested in participating on the First Nations Technology Council Board of Directors. The First Nations Summit will be appointing three members of the Board for a three-year term commencing June 10, 2019.

Mandate, Mission and Vision

The mandate of the First Nations Technology Council (FNTC) is to support the technology needs of First Nations in BC by engaging in activities to implement or enhance access to and use of technology services such as Connectivity, Capacity-Building, Information Management and Technology Support and Services, and others as directed by First Nations in BC and the BC First Nations Leadership.

The FNTC has a dual mission that reflects a commitment to social enterprise business.

Services Mission

The FNTC is a central convener between government, industry, academia and First Nations communities to ensure comprehensive, sustainable and appropriate technology based programs and services are developed and funded.

Enterprise Mission

The FNTC provides direct technology related services through fee for service and earned income programs that create less reliance on government funded programs and grants, while continuing to advance the use of digital technologies in First Nations communities.

The FNTC Vision Statement is: *Leading the Advancement of Digital Technologies in First Nations Communities.*

The FNTC's website is www.fntc.info.

Additional Mandate Information

The FNTC was created in 2002. Since that time there have been significant changes in the way we interact with digital technologies and the multitude of ways First Nations communities can benefit from increased connectivity and technological advancements. In line with these advancements, the FNTC continuously evaluates and pivots to ensure all First Nations people are benefitting from the advancement of digital technologies and have the opportunity to join the growing number of First Nations people participating in BC's technology sector.

The FNTC's Goals and approach to achieving these goals:

Digital Skills Capacity Development is core to the FNTC's programs, services and mission. The FNTC has built a provincial strategy to build tech skills both on and off reserve that will translate into stronger community capacity as well as pathways to tech sector and STEM careers. Within the strategy, the FNTC offers a wide range of industry certifications, post-secondary credentialed programs and interest-based courses.

The FNTC will play a central role in centralizing and evaluating **integrated information management** solutions, primarily through the [First Nations in BC Knowledge Network](). When appropriate and requested by BC's First Nations communities, the FNTC will take a leadership role in building and implementing data systems for the use and benefit of communities.

The FNTC will play a central role in centralizing and evaluating **technical support services** provided to First Nations communities, organizations, businesses and private enterprises. The FNTC aims to build the number of community-based technicians and entrepreneurs in BC through its digital skills capacity building programming.

Connectivity is essential to communities fully utilizing technology. The FNTC advocates on the provincial and federal level for improved infrastructure and access to internet and cell connectivity. The FNTC sits on both the Pathways to Technology Steering Committee and the First Mile Connectivity Consortium. To provide immediate support, the FNTC compiles resources and research on the connectivity through the [First Nations in BC Knowledge Network]().

Governance Structure

The FNTC was registered as a non-profit Society in British Columbia in 2009.

The FNTC has a Board of Directors consisting of seven individuals. The Directors are appointed to three-year terms by the First Nations Summit (3 Directors), the Union of BC Indian Chiefs (3 Directors) and the BC Assembly of First Nations (1 Director).

Time Commitment

Normally, the Board will meet six to eight times a year. The timing of the meetings is established by the Board, based on their availability. Regular Board meetings take place in and around Vancouver, BC but can also take place via video or teleconference.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- have held a senior administrative position with a First Nation or First Nation organization, with knowledge in such areas as:
    - technology
    - technical skills development
    - information management
    - communications
    - operations
    - marketing
    - human resources
    - strategic management
    - finance, control and accounting
- have knowledge of current and emerging information and communication technology issues;
- have previous experience in significant community-based organization;
- have a proven track record of success in managing complex labour relations issues;
- have experience with significant organizational development;
- have experience with risk management;
- have successful experience dealing with complex legal issues;

Applicants must be willing and prepared to attend 6-8 regular meetings annually and be willing to participate in sub-committees of the FNTC Board.

Application Process

The **deadline** for interested applicants to submit a resume and cover letter stating their qualifications is **4:00 PM on Friday, May 31, 2019**.

Please submit by fax or email to:

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1200 - 100 Park Royal
West Vancouver, BC   V7T 1A2
Attention: Colin Braker, Communications Director

Fax: (604) 926 9923   Email: cbraker@fns.bc.ca

Appointment Process

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

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