



# FIRST NATIONS SUMMIT

## RESOLUTION #0306.05

**SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR THE FIRST NATIONS TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL 2006 - 2008 STRATEGIC PLAN**

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### WHEREAS

- A. The First Nations Technology Council (FNTC) was created by First Nations Summit Resolution #0602.12 and mandated to develop a Technology Plan to address issues, including:
- i) high speed internet connection,
  - ii) technology skills development, and
  - iii) development of technical support.
- B. First Nations Summit Resolution #0604.27 recognized telecommunications and supporting technology as basic community capital infrastructure.
- C. Much has been accomplished over the past two years. However, some communities remain un-served or under-served by broadband telecommunications. The FNTC continues to lobby to have all communities with five or more year-round occupied houses connected.
- D. Technical support in communities needs to be addressed and capacity to use technology requires ongoing training.
- E. The FNTC has been working and meeting with stakeholders and partners and has developed a 2006 - 2008 Strategic Plan to address these issues and fulfill its mandate.

### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That the First Nations Summit Chiefs in Assembly support:

- a) the attached First Nations Technology Council 2006 - 2008 Strategic Plan, and
- b) the First Nations Technology Council in seeking funds to implement the Strategic Plan, including the convening of a stakeholders meeting in early Spring 2006 to develop an implementation strategy for the Strategic Plan.

**MOVED BY:** Chief Terry Sampson, Chemainus First Nation  
**SECONDED BY:** Kathryn Teneese, Ktunaxa Kinbasket Treaty Council  
**DATED:** March 9, 2006

Passed by consensus.

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Grand Chief Edward John



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## **First Nations Technology Council**

# **2006 – 2008 Strategic Plan**

*Supporting the Full Integration Of  
Information and Communications Technologies  
To Improve the Quality Of Life  
For All First Nations in British Columbia*

**January 2006**

## Preface

### First Nations Technology Council mandate

With guidance from the First Nations Summit Chiefs in Assembly, the First Nations Technology Council serves the 203 First Nations of British Columbia. In setting and pursuing our agenda, FNTC has recognized and is responding to the fact that technology, technology infrastructure, and technology skills capacity development are only the means to an end. Eliminating the Digital Divide in support of productive and sustainable First Nations communities in British Columbia has been, and will remain, the overarching goal for FNTC in all our activities.

FNTC's mandate has been established through a series of resolutions approved by the First Nations Summit. These include:

- First Nations Summit Resolution #0602.12, dated June 14, 2002, which states in part:  
*"The First Nations Technology Council's mandate is to develop a First Nations Technology Plan for First Nations in British Columbia which will address technology issues, including:*
  - 1) *high speed Internet connection;*
  - 2) *technology skills development;*
  - 3) *development of technical support."*
- First Nations Summit Resolution #0604.26, dated June 11, 2004, which states in part:  
*"The First Nations Summit Chiefs in Assembly hereby expand the mandate of the First Nations Technology Council to include promoting the use of technology as a tool to support the revitalization of culture and language in all First Nation communities in British Columbia."*
- First Nations Summit Resolution #0604.27, dated June 11, 2004, which states in part:  
*"There is a need for First Nation communities to have high speed broadband access to the Internet that includes connecting all administrative offices, schools, health centres, water treatment plants and other community-owned facilities, as well as residences.*  
  
*This connectivity should be considered as important as other basic infrastructure such as an electrical distribution system, water distribution system or community road."*
- First Nations Summit Resolution #1104.12, dated November 25, 2004, which states in part:  
*"The mandate of the First Nations Technology Council is to develop a Technology Plan for First Nations of British Columbia. In order to develop a Technology Plan that is achievable, secures the support of both levels of government and the private sector, and can be used as a model for other communities in the province, the Council proposes to lead a proof of concept project to be known as the FIT (Fully Integrated Technologies) Community project in a Community Cluster of at least 4 and not more than 8 communities located in the same geographic region. The FNTC would work closely with, and take the lead from, the FIT Community Project Team made up of representatives from the communities included in the Cluster."*

