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First Nations Summit Society Travel Policy Highlights

Please read the First Nations Summit Society travel policy at the end of this package to ensure your claim is processed in a timely manner and that you receive maximum reimbursement. Please be especially minful of the following requirements:

1. ORIGINAL RECEIPTS ARE REQUIRED

Expenses without original receipts WILL NOT be reimbursed

- * Receipts MUST be dated and show a detailed breakdown of charges. A visa receipt is not sufficient.
- * Due to the volume of claims for the FNPSS conference, claimants will not be contacted for missing documentation.

2. BOARDING PASSES ARE REQUIRED

Flights without boarding passes will not be reimbursed

3. EXPENSE CLAIMS MUST BE RECEIVED IN <u>HARD COPY</u> AT THE FIRST NATIONS SUMMIT OFFICE WITHIN 30 BUSINESS DAYS OF THE EVENT

Claims not received in hard copy by the deadline will not be processed

* Due to the volume of claims, no electronic submissions will be reviewed or processed. All claims must be mailed to:

#1200 - 100 Park Royal South West Vancouver, BC V7T 1A2 Attention: FNPSS Travel Claims Telephone: 604.926.9903

Please submit separate claims for each meeting and specify meeting purpose. **EXPENSE CLAIMS ARE NOT ACCEPTED AFTER 30 WORKING DAYS OF MEETING DATES** FIRST NATIONS PUBLIC SERVICE SECRETARIAT **TRAVEL CLAIM** Please fill out form completely. **PAYABLE TO:** DATE: ADDRESS: TELE: POSTAL CODE: **PURPOSE OF MEETING:** MTG DATE: **PLEASE SPECIFY NATURE OF MEETING AND THE MEETING DATE** MTG LOCATION: TRAVEL DATE (S): TO MEALS: Breakfast \$ 24.35 x day(s) \$ (less meals provided) \$ Lunch \$ 24.65 x -Dinner \$ 60.45 x \$ -INCIDENTALS: day(s) Daily \$ 17.30 \$ (overnight only) SUB-TOTAL \$ **ORIGINAL RECEIPTS ARE NECESSARY TO RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT FOR:** ACCOMMODATIONS: Commercial Ś night(s) \$ Commercial \$ night(s) \$ - See Policy for Seasonal Rates Private Ś 50.00 night(s) \$ - Receipt not required TRAVEL: to \$ Mileage 0.565 х kms _ Ś Vehicle Rental \$ 60.00 x days (includes insurance & taxes) Taxi from to _ to to Ferry from Ś to * Boarding Passes Req'd Airfare fm \$ to Other (specify) Other (specify) \$ Please include return fare. (*) TOTAL AMOUNT REIMBURSABLE \$ Submitted by: Delegate: ABSOLUTELY NO PHOTOCOPIED RECEIPTS ADMISSIBLE. PLEASE DO NOT FAX YOUR CLAIM Submit to: FIRST NATIONS SUMMIT SOCIETY #1200 - 100 Park Royal South West Vancouver, BC V7T 1A2 Attention: FNPSS Travel Claims Telephone: 604.926.9903

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POLICY FOR TRAVEL EXPENSE CLAIMS

The First Nations Summit is subject to public accountability and review and has a limited budget. Great care will be exercised before approval of any expense claim to ensure that all incurred expenses are accurate, reasonable and accountable.

- 'Original' receipts are necessary for reimbursement on accommodations, travel (excluding mileage), taxi. vehicle rental and any additional claims not listed in #5. All receipts must be dated to be valid. NO RECEIPT, NO REIMBURSEMENT. THIS IS ENFORCED. Please staple your receipts to your claim before mailing as we will not be responsible for lost receipts.
- Only economy fares will be reimbursed for travel. <u>Airfare receipts must include boarding passes (return also) to be acceptable for</u> reimbursement. If only one way is <u>submitted</u> then only one way will be reimbursed. Charges for flight change are not reimbursable by the Summit unless there is a reasonable explanation.
- Only undersize vehicle charges will be reimbursed for ferry travel. For those travelling by ferry, do not include ferry kilometres when calculating distance.
- 4. Photocopied receipts and faxed travel claims will not be processed until originals are received by mail.
- Receipts are not necessary for meals, incidentals, private accommodations and mileage. Daily meals and incidentals can be claimed up to 5 days. Incidentals are claimable during overnight stays only. Please do not include meal receipts.
- 6. Vehicle rentals can be claimed for meeting dates plus one day at a maximum of \$60.00 per day. This daily rate includes taxes and insurance. Some meeting will not reimburse for rentals, in this is the case, vehicle rental will be removed from claim form.
- The maximum allowance for hotel stays is one extra day plus meeting dates (this depends on travel options and air travel availability). Original hotel receipt must be attached for proof of stay and must show a breakdown in expenses charged. The seasonal rates are:
 - a. High Season (May September) \$300.00 excluding GST.
 b. Low Season (October April) \$200.00 excluding GST.
- 8. All receipts must show breakdown of charges. Credit or debit card purchase slips are not acceptable unless accompanied with original detailed
 - receipts. Credit card payments must have original backup receipts.
- Effective January 1, 2011, GST will be deducted from all travel receipts. First Nations and Tribal Councils should claim the GST through Canada
 Customs and Revenue Agency. This policy will also apply to First Nation organizations. If you require original receipts for GST rebate purposes, we will
 return the original receipts upon request.
- If the "official delegate" opts for travelling by vehicle to meeting location, the mileage will be reimbursed to the maximum of the equivalent airfare. The lesser cost will prevail. If travelling long distance by vehicle the extra hotel costs and meals are the responsibility of the traveller. This policy is for meetings where Band & Tribal Council attendance is required je Summit meetings.
- 11. To calculate kilometres there are sites ie; Bing and Google Maps online that are great tools.
- Deadline for travel expense submissions is 30 working days after meeting dates. The deadline date is noted on the top of every travel claim form. This policy is necessary for budget purposes. This policy is strictly ENFORCED with NO EXCEPTIONS.
- 13. Only First Nation Bands and Tribal Councils are reimbursed for attendance of their "official delegate" at Summit meetings. The "Official delegate" must register daily to receive reimbursement for all meeting dates. jg, if a delegate fails to register on Day One, that day of expenses will be deducted from total reimbursement. Organizations are reimbursed only if delegate is officially representing and registering as a Band representative.
- 14. All cheques are made payable to your First Nation, Tribal <u>Council</u> or organization. Without the authorization from your organization, cheques will not be paid directly to the "official delegate". The "official delegate" must provide our office with an authorization letter on company letterhead and signed by authorized personnel to have payment in their name. A copy of the payee's letter will be forwarded to the First Nation they represented at Summit meetings.
- 15. Travel claim forms are not available until the last day of each Summit meeting.
- If the above procedures are not followed when submitting travel claims, then: a) unpaid claim(s) will be returned to sender with a letter of explanation. or b) there will be an adjustment to the reimbursement amount.
- 17. Please mail your claim to Suite 1200-100 Park Royal South, West Vancouver, BC V7T 1A2 Attention: Finance Department.