



## BC ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS

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**November 17 & 18, 2020**  
**Online via Zoom**

**Resolution 14/2020**

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**SUBJECT:** PARITY IN CARBON TAX REBATE APPLICATION

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**MOVED BY:** CHIEF ROSANNE CASIMIR, TKEMPLUPS TE SECWEPEMC

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**SECONDED BY:** KUKPI7 RON IGNACE, SKEETCHESTN

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**DECISION:** CARRIED

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**WHEREAS:**

- A. First Nations hold inherent rights of self-determination, self-government and title to their respective lands, territories, and resources, which they have traditionally owned, occupied or otherwise used or acquired and continue to exercise their respective inherent authorities and jurisdictions;
- B. The *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* has been adopted by the Canadian government without qualification.
  - a. Article 4: Indigenous Peoples, in exercising their right to self-determination., have the right to autonomy of self-government in matters relating to their internal and local affairs, as well as ways and means for financing their autonomous functions;
  - b. Article 21: 1. Indigenous peoples have the right, without discrimination, to the improvement of their *economic* and social conditions, including, inter alia, in the areas of education, employment, vocational training and retraining, housing, sanitation, health and social security.  
2. States shall take effective measures and, where appropriate, special measures to ensure continuing improvement of their *economic* and social conditions. Particular attention shall be paid to the rights and special needs of indigenous elders, women, youth, children, and persons with disabilities.

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**Terry Teegee, BC Regional Chief**

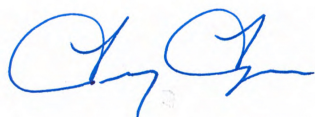
- C. In January 2011, the BC Government introduced several measures aimed at reducing the burden of carbon tax on certain BC property taxpayers. Northern and Rural Homeowner Benefit of up to \$200 for homeowners (outside Capital Regional District, Greater Vancouver Regional District, Fraser Valley Regional District); Industrial Property Tax Credit of 50% of school property taxes payable by light and major industrial businesses rising to 60% in 2011; and School property taxes for farm lands cut by 50%
- D. Currently these carbon tax relief measures are not available for any taxpayer on reserve lands, even though residents on reserve pay carbon tax at the same level as residents of the "City". This creates a government imposed, artificial barrier to development on reserve lands. Developers choosing to invest and partner with First Nations are penalized by the provincial government for not having access to similar grants.
- E. Carbon tax offers social and economic benefits for those who reside off reserve and do not benefit the non-members or members that reside on reserve.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. That the BCAFN Chiefs-in-Assembly call on the Provincial Government to engage in meaningful dialogue with regards to Carbon Tax Rebate, to support the development of a collaborative task force to work together on resolving the carbon tax regime and for the Provincial Government to share those revenues that are taken from reserve lands.
2. That the BCAFN Chiefs-in-Assembly support TteS, and other applicable First Nations, to implement a carbon pricing regime and retain the funds allocated from the regulatory charge.

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