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Resolution 34/2026

SUBJECT:	**BC FIRST NATIONS CLIMATE STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN 5-YEAR REVIEW**
MOVED BY:	**CHIEF MAUREEN NYCE, HAISLA NATION**
SECONDED BY:	**CHIEF DON SAM, ʔAKISQ̓NUK**
DECISION:	**CARRIED**

WHEREAS:

A. Canada and the Province of British Columbia (BC) are experiencing significant and increasingly irreversible changes to the climate and environment, with climate projections indicating that continued human-influenced global warming will intensify extreme heat, wildfires, flooding, and other climate-related impacts that continue to disproportionately affect First Nations' lands, waters, communities, cultures and way of life, underscoring the urgent need for strengthened climate action and adaptation;

B. If emissions continue on a path consistent with the current climate policies, Canada could experience much more severe climate change by the end of the century, including approximately 5°C of warming, increased precipitation and heavier rainfall and major glacier loss in western Canada;

C. The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (the UN Declaration), which the government of Canada has adopted without qualification, and has, alongside the

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government of BC, committed to implement through legislation, affirms:

> **Article 18**: Indigenous peoples have the right to participate in decision-making in matters which affect their rights, through representatives chosen by themselves in accordance with their own procedures, as well as to maintain and develop their own indigenous decision-making institutions.
> **Article 32 (1)**: Indigenous peoples have the right to determine and develop priorities and strategies for the development or use of their lands or territories and other resources.

D. In 2019, First Nations leadership mandated the BC Assembly of First Nations (BCAFN), the First Nations Summit (FNS) and the Union of BC Indian Chiefs (UBCIC), acting together as the First Nations Leadership Council (FNLC), to co-develop a First Nations Climate Strategy and Action Plan (the Strategy) with rights and title holders in BC through BCAFN Resolution 04/2019, FNS Resolution 2021.15 and UBCIC Resolution 02/2019;

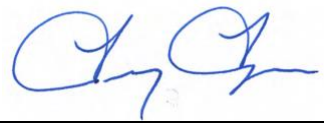
E. The overarching goals of the strategy are to ensure:
- First Nations' Title, Rights, and Treaty Rights in BC are recognized and affirmed in climate planning and response.
- First Nations in BC are empowered and prepared with the capacity and tools needed to effectively lead the response to the climate crisis both now and in the future.
- The health, stability, and resiliency of the land, waters, and environment for generations to come, and;
- First Nations in BC are effectively responding to the climate emergency and current and projected climate impacts by working to reduce GHG emissions and developing their own self-determined initiatives grounded in community-specific priorities.

F. In 2022, the FNLC organizations received support and endorsement from First Nations Chiefs and leaderships of the Strategy through BCAFN Resolution 06/2022, FNS Resolution 2022.06 and UBCIC Resolution 02/2022;

G. Provincial and federal climate mitigation and adaptation strategies and investment continue to be insufficient in meeting Canada's and BC's emission reduction targets, and include overreliance on unproven technologies concurrent with increased support for fossil fuel production; and

H. Since its endorsement, the FNLC has worked to advance the implementation of the recommendations and actions in the Strategy through coordinated advocacy, collaborative projects including the development of tools and resources, engagement with First Nations leadership, youth and technical staff, while responding to the changing climate realities, the

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projected impacts of climate change and emerging priorities since the development of the Strategy.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The BCAFN Chiefs-in-Assembly mandate the First Nations Leadership Council (FNLC) to undertake a comprehensive five-year review of the BC First Nations Climate Strategy and Action Plan (the Strategy) that includes an assessment of:

    a) progress toward the implementation of the Strategy's four pathways, objectives, actions and urgent calls for action;

    b) the effectiveness of the FNLC's advocacy and implementation efforts since the endorsement of the Strategy;

    c) progress made by Crown governments in responding to the Strategy's priorities and recommendations, including any overlapping Action Plan measures through United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples legislation implementation;

    d) barriers, gaps and capacity constraints affecting First Nations-led climate action, including access to funding and technical capacity;

    e) high-level changes in climate projections and impacts, risks and vulnerabilities affecting First Nations in BC since 2022, where data is available; and

    f) emerging First Nations climate priorities since 2022.

2. The BCAFN Chiefs-in-Assembly direct the FNLC to seek funding from the Provincial and Federal governments to support the five-year review.

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