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## **First Nations Tax Commission and Kamloops Chamber join to submit resolutions to the Canadian Chamber of Commerce**

Two joint resolutions written by the First Nations Tax Commission and Kamloops Chamber of Commerce have been accepted by the BC Chamber of Commerce and will now go to the Canadian Chamber of Commerce.

### **Background**

Over the past two months, both the First Nations Tax Commission and the Kamloops Chamber of Commerce have been working closely in seeking resolutions of support from the B.C. Chamber of Commerce for two much needed and important First Nation-led initiatives. Both resolutions have been accepted by the BC Chamber of Commerce and will now go to the Canadian Chamber of Commerce.

“FIRST NATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE INSTITUTION” resolution seeks the federal government’s support in developing legislation for a First Nations Infrastructure Institution, dedicated to improving the process of developing infrastructure on First Nations lands.

“INDIGENOUS LAND TITLE INITIATIVE” resolution recommends that the federal government develop systems and optional Land Title legislation to improve land tenure certainty on First Nations lands.

Having achieved the provincial nod, the Kamloops Chamber will now present these resolutions for debate and vote at the Canadian Chamber annual conference in September. If passed at that level, the Canadian Chamber will advocate to the federal government on behalf of both groups.

Both documents can be viewed at [www.kamloopschamber.ca/recommendations-to-government](http://www.kamloopschamber.ca/recommendations-to-government)

### **Quotes**

#### **Clarence T. Jules, Chief Commissioner, First Nations Tax Commission:**

“It is vitally important to the success and prosperity of First Nations that they have access to the same economic opportunities available to the rest of Canada. With continued leadership from First Nation communities and the support of organizations such as the Kamloops Chamber of Commerce, we hope to advance these important initiatives: the First Nations Infrastructure

Institution and the Indigenous Land Title Initiative, to assist First Nations in the achievement of their economic visions”

**Paul Ross, President, Board of Directors, Kamloops Chamber of Commerce:**

"Both of these initiatives, the First Nations Infrastructure Institution and the Indigenous Land Title Initiative are paramount to our First Nations communities and the Kamloops Chamber is proud to work with the First Nations Tax Commission to bring them forward from the Chamber movement."

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