

Travel Policy 2023 BC Links to Learning

One Economic Development Officer (EDO) and one Land Management Officer (LMO) from each First Nation in BC may apply to have their travel and participation costs reimbursed. Where an EDO or LMO is not available to attend, the First Nation may designate an alternate community delegate, subject to approval.

The first 150 pre-approved delegates will be reimbursed their travel expenses up to a maximum of \$900 each (excluding accommodation). All delegates are responsible for coordinating and booking their own travel and must ensure they comply with the Federal Treasury Board travel rates and this event's travel policies.

- 1.1 All reimbursements for expenses and travel will be strictly guided by this policy and by Federal Government Treasury Board Rates.
- 1.2 All delegates should always be regulated by the principle of using the most cost-effective approach to travel. This means:
 - a) The most inexpensive form of ground transportation should be used. For example, use of the Canada Line train to and from the airport is less expensive than using a taxicab or Uber. The Canada Line (YVR Airport to Waterfront) runs every 8 minutes - just follow the "Canada Line" directional signs at the airport to get to the train station. Check the schedules at their website, www.thecanadaline.com.
 - b) Economy airfare must be booked unless there are no other flights available.
 - c) Accommodations at any other hotel than The Westin Bayshore WILL NOT be reimbursed.
- 1.3 You are required to book your accommodations at the Westin Bayshore Hotel through [Links to Learning Room Block link](#); other accommodations **will not** be covered, and room upgrades will be ineligible for reimbursement. Links to Learning will cover your stay for up to 3 nights of accommodation at the rate of \$234.00-\$241.00 plus taxes per night. Please note, rooms can be booked at the conference rate for the nights previous and after the conference if available, at your own expense. Please visit [Travel Information](#) page on Links to Learning website for additional information.
- 1.4 Eligible Expenses include:
 - a) Meals on travel days (no receipts needed to claim meals); per diem rates apply. All meals are provided throughout the duration of the event.
 - b) Mileage as per expense claim form rates to a **maximum of the equivalent of airfare** at the lowest fare.
 - c) Airfare - lowest fare (**receipts required**).
 - d) Parking, taxi, shuttle, ferries (**receipts required**).
- 1.5 Delegates must complete the expense claim form provided by the deadline of **Friday, January 26, 2024**. Please ensure all receipts are included with your claim. Expense claims received any time after this deadline **will not** be processed.

Please submit expense claims by email to:

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Please call 780-990-0303 x232 if you have any questions.