



# NEHMOTL "US"

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## Congratulations To Our Next Ambassador



Lilly Tom reads her acceptance speech

*By Hegus Clint Williams*

I had the privilege to attend the 2017 James Thompson Annual May Day celebrations this year and it was a very rewarding experience. The school has been very progressive with trying to bring forward positive developments around the school, a couple of years ago we seen the school raise a welcome (totem) pole at the school and then more recently they also added a drum log and shelter on the playground.

Over the years I have watched how the school and its workers have embraced and encouraged the drumming and singing to take place in the school during their events and I always thought that this is a great and positive experience for our students and our people. As the school ambassadors were changing over at this year's event/ceremony, I was very proud of the speech that Dion Harry made to his school mates as he was

handing over the title of ambassador to next year's representative.

In his speech Dion spoke of how he felt proud to be a role model to the younger students as him and his friends were drumming and singing and playing on the log drum, and that the younger kids were wanting to learn and join in. I believe that these students are being great leaders and instilling pride in our people and encouraging others students to do so.

It was very rewarding to be in attendance to hear this wonderful speech and also to witness the positive works of our Tla'amin education staff in partnership with School District 47 and especially the James Thompson staff that were displayed in this young man's speech and the pride that he has in his culture and family. Job well done Dion!

In the same ceremony Lilly Tom was named as one of next year's youth ambassadors. Congratulations Lilly and we look forward to seeing the work that you will engage in next school year.



## Aboriginal Day Festivities on June 21st

Governance building  
12:30pm-3:30pm

- lunch
- drumming/singing
- booths
- door prizes
- smoothies
- face painting
- tattoos
- best bannock contest

Willingdon Beach

On June 21st there will be a Aboriginal day celebration at Willingdon beach from 9am-noon. Several resource people will be there sharing cultural teachings. Elementary schools are also invited to come and share the morning with us.

### Celebration of Success

June 8th  
Salish Center  
4:00 - 7:00  
Roast Beef Dinner  
(see page 7)



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Davie Paul traveled to Tla'amin to attend the 1st Annual Spring General Assembly under the new Government

## Tla'amin Governance House Updates

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## Lands & Resources House Post Update

By Lori Wilson



Our Nation is busy with delivering Spring season projects in the community. Our Managers and staff are working hard in the stewardship and protection of our lands and resources. There are several highlights I would like to mention in my report.

- The City of Powell River is requesting a referral for a sewer upgrade project in their municipality. Tla'amin Nation requested a comprehensive Archaeology Impact Assessment to be completed before any further discussion.
- Harvest data reporting by Harvest Permit Holders is still lacking. A friendly reminder for Harvest Permit Holders to report their species and catch back to the Lands Department. There are many benefits for recording the numbers of their catch such as creating a database of fish, wildlife, plant and resource populations so that in the future if anything should occur then we will have records of population levels. We do not know what is going to happen in the future.

- We do not know if there is going to be anything in the future that may impact the integrity of our environment, water quality, and especially fish & wildlife habitat; but we can record our harvesting activities and prove our resource populations as a minimum standard. Harvest data reporting is a way of good record keeping for our future generations.
- Joint Fisheries Committee is made up of Tla'amin Lands and Fisheries Department representatives, plus Department of Fisheries & Oceans and Natural Resources Canada. We meet regularly and the focus of meetings are to ensure Tla'amin's priority right to harvest seafood as negotiated in our Treaty Agreement is upheld.
- Log Scaler Course Scholarship: Lands & Resources Department is sponsoring one Nation member to take a 3-month Scaling course in Gibsons in February 2018. Starting wage upon successful completion of this course is \$24/hour for the first year with a pay increase to \$34/hour over time with work experience. This is an excellent opportunity for a Nation member who is keen on math and working independently outdoors in a log sort yard.
- Community Spring Clean-Up Project was successful and greatly appreciated

by community members. Thank you to the Lands Department staff and workers for doing a great job.

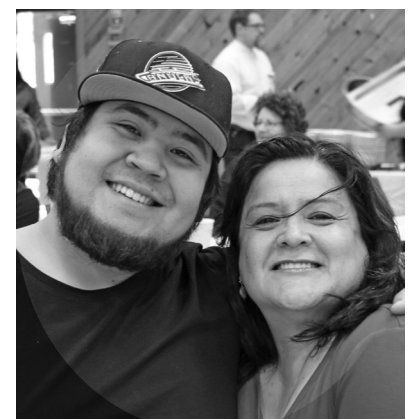
- Forest Resources on Treaty Settlement Lands: harvesting is still in progress on the first cutblock. The contract is being followed without any issues. Re-planting is planned for the Spring of 2018.
- Tla'amin Health Centre Project: the road and parking lot for the Health Centre will be upgraded. The road to the Health Centre will connect with the new road at the new residential subdivision and Government House. This project is in its early planning stages.
- I received 4 letters from Nation members for the position of community representative on the Lands & Resources Committee. Oath, roles & responsibilities around the person's participation and a schedule & rules for attendance of meetings are still in progress.

If there is anything you are concerned about that was not mentioned here please call me (788) 762-5250 (direct number) or email me at [Lori.Wilson@tn-bc.ca](mailto:Lori.Wilson@tn-bc.ca) and we can make arrangements to talk on the phone, at my office or at your house? I know the laws and community plans for stewardship of our lands and resources are a lot to read at one sitting, but I can help summarize main points or specific questions. This new self-government way of living is new for all of us, and other people might have the same questions as you so don't feel uncomfortable about asking questions. There is a free lunch at the Government House on Aboriginal Day with drumming & singing, I hope to see you there!



There are many benefits for recording the numbers of their catch such as creating a database of fish, wildlife, plant and resource populations so that in the future if anything should occur then we will have records of population levels. We do not know what is going to happen in the future.

Terri Galligos and Drew Blaney were amongst the visitors at the Annual General Assembly on May 12th



# Notice to the Tla'amin Community from the Tla'amin Nation Leadership and Administration

## Subject: What is “in good standing”?

Members of Tla'amin leadership and staff have noticed that there appears to be some confusion regarding what “in good standing” means, and how it impacts Tla'amin people. We are re-issuing this notice to help clarify the matter.

Time and time again we have heard from Tla'amin community members that the Nation needs more accountability, not only from leadership and staff, but from community members as well. Examples of common questions and concerns we've heard are:

- **Why should I pay rent if other people in Nation-owned homes aren't paying rent?**
- **How can you work for the Nation when you don't pay the rent you owe to the Nation?**
- **How can you run for Council when you aren't paying the Nation for what you owe? What kind of leadership is that?**
- **How can you receive a dividend from the Nation when you owe the Nation money?**

In order for leadership and staff to be accountable to the community for ensuring fairness for all members and to begin collecting debts owed to the Nation, the Nation had to begin holding Tla'amin community members accountable. Therefore, over the past four years the Nation has introduced the concept of being “in good standing”. Other First Nations such as Tsawwassen have also introduced a similar concept to their communities.

The Community Working Groups that helped put together the laws for the treaty wanted to continue upholding the standard of “in good standing”, so on April 5, 2016 (the Effective Date), “in good standing” became a part of Tla'amin Law.

The definitions of “in good standing” and “indebted to the Nation” are located within the Tla'amin *Interpretation Law*, and they read:

*“in good standing” means not currently indebted to the Tla'amin Nation or, if indebted to the Tla'amin Nation, a written agreement for repayment has been entered into and there has been no default on that agreement or any previous agreement for repayment within the past two years;*



*“indebted to the Tla'amin Nation” means in respect of an individual, to have a debt owing to the Tla'amin Nation, including a debt arising from*

- (a) *housing arrears,*
- (a) *the Tla'amin Nation's guarantee of a mortgage on the individual's behalf,*
- (b) *fraudulent post-secondary, income assistance, or other claims for financial support or reimbursement, or*
- (c) *any substantiated losses to the Tla'amin Nation attributable to the individual, as determined by the Executive Council;*

### How does the “in good standing” rule affect Tla'amin people?

It is a requirement within Tla'amin Laws, policies and practices for individuals to be “in good standing” in order to participate or benefit in a number of areas of the Tla'amin Nation, as listed below. You must be in good standing in order to:

- Be elected to the office of Hegus, Executive Council, or Legislative Assembly;
- Be appointed to the Economic Development Committee and the Holdings Board;
- Be appointed to the Operating Board;
- Be considered for an employment position with the Tla'amin Nation;
- Be considered for a contract with the Tla'amin Nation;
- Be considered for housing renovations;
- Receive post-secondary funding;
- Receive the Healthy Living Dividend from the Tla'amin Nation.

Just to be clear, it is not a requirement to be

in good standing in order to vote in Tla'amin Nation elections, bi-elections, or referendums.

### Is the “in good standing” rule working well for Tla'amin?

The in good standing rule has been positive for the Nation. The results are shown through the reinvestment into the Nation's housing stock, enhanced housing programs and services, as well as in the Nation's financial statements.

More and more people have been coming forward recently to get themselves in good standing. They have set themselves on a modest payment plan with the Nation. The vast majority of the indebtedness to the Nation stems from housing rent arrears. **Most Tla'amin people are in good standing. The percentage of our population that is not in good standing is VERY small. As of about six months ago, only 22 Tla'amin people were not in good standing. That is only 2% of our population!**

### How do people get “in good standing” if they aren't already?

It is very easy. Individuals just need to make an appointment with the Tla'amin Housing Department (if the debt to the Nation is due to housing rent arrears) or with the Tla'amin Finance Department (if the debt is due to something other than housing). They will set the individual on a debt payment plan that works for the individual; that the individual can afford. From that point onward, that individual will be in good standing, as long as they do not default on their agreed upon plan.

**In closing, the Tla'amin Nation will work with Tla'amin people to get in good standing. The Tla'amin Nation wants people to be in good standing.**

*Emote,*

*Tla'amin Nation Leadership and Administration*

## Tla'amin Hatchery Celebrates Its 40<sup>th</sup> Year In Operation

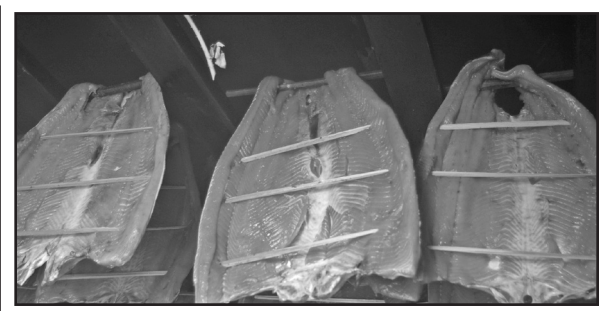
By Lee George  
Manager

The Tla'amin salmon hatchery facility has been in operation since 1977. The operation began under the leadership of the late Joe Mitchell, who had a vision of enhancing salmon stocks for future Tla'amin generations to enjoy. The area of salmon enhancement was a very good fit with the cultural importance of salmon to the Tla'amin people. The work started with a feasibility study to identify available habitat and determine water flows needed to establish the current salmon enhancement facility.

Our previous hatchery manager, Floyd George, who is now enjoying retirement, was instrumental in the development of the hatchery facility. We appreciate the 33 years of dedicated service from this community minded individual. The salmon enhancement facility is funded by the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans on a yearly contract bases. The hatchery supports 2 Tla'amin employee's; Lee George is the manager, and Vern Wilson serves as a hatchery technician.

The crew has been successful in the delivery of each year's contract by capturing enough brood stock to sustain its annual egg targets of 3 million chum eggs, 100,000 chinook and 60,000 coho eggs. These juvenile salmon fry are being fed to increase their weight and likelihood of survival upon their release. The first to be released will be the chum. The chinook and coho will be released in mid-June of 2017.

The hatchery as of 2016 had mass produced millions upon millions of juvenile salmon fry for all user groups to enjoy.



### Scheduled Maintenance for your Heating Systems

#### Attention all Tla'amin Tenants:

Tla'amin Housing is currently working with Tempco Heating & Cooling Specialists to organize scheduled equipment assessments regarding the upgrading and maintenance of the heating systems in our rental homes. Tempco will be contacting each of you by phone to schedule a date and time within the next couple of months. If your contact information has changed, please contact:  
Andrea at 604-483-9646 EX 104 or [andrea.paul@tn-bc.ca](mailto:andrea.paul@tn-bc.ca) in the Housing Department to update any necessary details.

**If you have not renewed your contract, please contact Andrea at [andrea.paul@tn-bc.ca](mailto:andrea.paul@tn-bc.ca) or 604 483 9646 EXT 104 to renew your 2017/2018 Rental Contract.**

### Message from the Culture Department

The workshops sponsored by the culture department (weaving, carving and language) will be shutting down for the summer as of June 16th and will start up again in September. We would like thank everyone that came out and participated in these programs. Have a safe and fun summer and we will see you all in the fall. If you have any questions please contact David (Budd) Louie at [david.louie@tn-bc.ca](mailto:david.louie@tn-bc.ca) or 604.483.9646 – Ext 123.

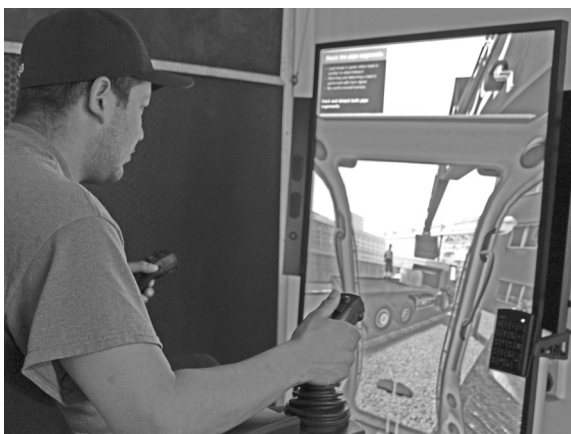


The Tax Authority is made up of 4 elected officials – John Hackett, Larry Louie, Lori Sparrow (missing) and Tyrone Wilson. Laura Walz is the representative for the Klahanie and Southview Leasseees. Her role is to participate and represent Non-members with regard to property tax decisions that may affect them. The Tax Authority has the authority to pass resolutions and regulations as provided under the Law. This picture shows them swearing the "Tla'amin Property Taxation Authority Oath of Office and Confidentiality"



## Heavy Equipment and Operator & Driver Training Program

(Above left to right) Jason Francis, Rick Louie, Louie Tom, Andrew Timothy, Wade Williams, William Adams and Instructor Kevin Levins



A 4-week course has been developed with the support of the BC Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association as a pre-employment program. It gives an overview of the industry including:

- Safe work practices
- Environmental requirements
- Orientation to equipment and tools
- Introduction to principles of civil engineering

### Admission Requirements:

- Assessment testing
- Personal profile
- Valid driver's license (N is acceptable)
- 18+years of age  
(exceptions may be allowed)
- Grade 12 educations  
(exceptions may be allowed)



### The following certifications are provided:

- Occupational First Aid, Level One
- Traffic Control
- Workplace Hazardous Materials Information Systems (WHMIS)
- ITA Certificate of Completion



**Log loader** - Equipped with a grapple to load and unload logging trucks.

**Feller Buncher** - Cuts down multiple trees at one time.

**Dangle Head Processor** - Cuts down single trees, removes the limbs and cuts the log to specific lengths.

**Excavator** - Dig trenches\Load trucks etc.

## Brooks First Nation Leadership Group

Seventeen year old Sylena Romanyshyn describes herself as being persistent and determined. She has a "never give up" attitude, as displayed in her efforts to get caught up with her school work last year when recovering from kidney surgery, or applying for local scholarships and bursaries this year. Sylena credits her brother Anthony and sister Sydney as her source of inspiration.



Sylena Romanyshyn with her favorite teacher Mr. Mike Austin

"They have always encouraged and pushed me to do my best in school and in sports." Sylena has known she has Tla'amin citizenship for about two years now. Learning about Tla'amin culture is very important and interesting to her. "I am discovering new people that I am related to and am looking forward to learning more about my ancestry and Tla'amin traditional ways such as carving and weaving."

This friendly and talented grade 12 student has spent the past 5 years at Brooks and has really enjoyed her time at school, except for this year. "The new timetable didn't really work for me as there were too few teachers to help in the Open Centres."

Sylena really enjoys her cooks training course and has had Mr. Austin as a teacher for the past 3 years. "Mr. Austin makes the class enjoyable. Ms. Alexander is also a big part of making the cooking class a success."

Sylena really enjoyed all the different sports opportunities during her time at Brooks, such as volleyball and soccer. This year she has liked attending the First Nation Leadership Group because she enjoys meeting new people and has liked listening to some different speakers.

Future plans include attending the two week Native Youth to College Program at Pitzer College in Claremont California. "I am really looking forward to being more culturally rounded and sharing my story of how I discovered my First Nation ancestry."

Sylena plans to attend Camosum College this September and eventually become a Registered Nurse. Eventually Sylena would like to return to Powell River and perhaps work for Tla'amin Nation as a nurse practitioner.

Her advice for new students entering Brooks next year is to be yourself and do the best you can. She also encourages new students to take advantage of the many opportunities that Brooks offers such as volunteering, sports and different electives.

In closing, this thoughtful and intelligent student wished to thank Louise Dominick for all her hard work in helping her make new connections with the Tla'amin Nation.

*Gerry Brach, Med., Registered Clinical Counsellor  
Brooks Aboriginal Counsellor/First Nation  
Leadership Coordinator*

## Important Notice

The Nation is looking for expressions of interest from Tla'amin people who are interested in sitting on a Working Group or a Committee as Community Representatives for the following:

- ∞ Housing Committee
- ∞ Lands & Resources Committee
- ∞ Social Development Committee
- ∞ Treaty Implementation Working Group

Please forward your name, contact information and a brief reason why you are interested to:

### Housing Committee

[tyrone.wilson@tn-bc.ca](mailto:tyrone.wilson@tn-bc.ca)

### Lands & Resources Committee

[lori.wilson@tn-bc.ca](mailto:lori.wilson@tn-bc.ca)

### Social Development Committee

[larry.louie@tn-bc.ca](mailto:larry.louie@tn-bc.ca)

### Treaty Implementation Working Group

[roy.francis@tn-bc.ca](mailto:roy.francis@tn-bc.ca)

Or, drop your information off to the attention of Tyrone, Lori, Larry or Roy at Tla'amin Governance House 4779 Klahanie Road

No experience is needed.

You are welcome to  
participate

EMOTE !

## UBC Recognition Of First Nations Has Come A Long Ways In 40 Years

By Gerry Brach

It is hard to believe that almost 40 years have passed since I was an undergraduate student at UBC! As a university student in the 1970's, I remember there being very little acknowledgement of First Nations on campus. But after recently spending a week at UBC as part of the Verna J. Kirkness Science and Engineering Program, I am amazed at how UBC now recognizes and values the contributions and presence of First Nations. First and foremost the university now recognizes that the UBC campus is built on the traditional territory of the Musqueam First Nation, which has long and deep ties to the land.

After walking around the south end of campus on my first day, it was hard to miss the newly raised fifty-five foot Reconciliation Pole, carved by Haida Hereditary Chief, James Hart. This pole was raised according to Haida tradition on April 1, 2017 and tells the story of the time before, during and after the Indian residential school system. It was fascinating to learn that the pole contains thousands of copper nails representing thousands of Indigenous children who died in Canada's residential schools. These nails were mainly pounded into the pole by residential school survivors and affected family members.

Wandering near the old Sedgwick Library, it was also hard to miss the Indian Residential School History and Dialogue Centre currently under construction. According to UBC sources, this building is intended to inform and educate the UBC campus community and visitors with a more complete understanding of Canada's history and future. The university expects that the Dialogue Centre will be a powerful recognition of Aboriginal history and presence in the heart of the UBC campus.



For me, it is gratifying to see this new understanding and strengthening of relationships between UBC and different First Nations communities in our province. UBC appears to be working very hard to enhance educational pathways for Aboriginal students. In 2017, it had 1,500 Aboriginal students from 177 communities attending its Vancouver and Okanagan campuses.

More information on Aboriginal initiatives at UBC can be found at:

[www.aboriginal.ubc.ca](http://www.aboriginal.ubc.ca)

# PRISMA

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## FESTIVAL

We are looking forward to our PRISMA on the Beach/Canada 150+ event on **June 14th** which, as you know, will recognize the presence of the Tla'amin people in this territory since time immemorial as Tla'amin will feature quite prominently in the program (drummers, singers, dancers and cooking up a traditional salmon barbeque at Willingdon Beach), Start time is 5:30 so get their early.

## Program Gives Aboriginal Secondary Students An Up-Close Look At University Science Studies

By Gerry Brach

Imagine the excitement of being a grade 11 student from a small community immersed in a major Canadian university environment doing actual science lab research for one week! This is exactly what Keden Cole and Susan Silvey got to do from May 15 to 19 at the University of British Columbia.

These two grade 11 students from Brooks Secondary School spent a week at UBC doing hands-on science research as part of the Verna J. Kirkness Science and Engineering Program, which aims to increase the number of Aboriginal students graduating from science and engineering programs in Canada.

As scholarship recipients of the program, these two Tla'amin Nation students joined with 27 other First Nation and Métis students from across BC, Alberta and Manitoba to participate in this inspiring, once-in-a-lifetime educational opportunity.

In addition to doing actual research taught by University faculty, students had the opportunity to stay in student residences on UBC's Vancouver campus. Here, they took in many of its interesting Indigenous art pieces, as well as the general beauty of the campus, which UBC now recognizes as being "located on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Musqueam people."

Through their experience, they both came to realize that university is not a foreign environment, but rather an extension of their high-school learning, and is a place where they can feel a sense of belonging and support.

After spending time in the Michael Smith Laboratories, Keden, age 16, discovered he is interested in learning about plants. "I couldn't believe that we had three mentors for two students! All the mentors were so passionate about their research and passed on their enthusiasm to their students," he said.

Judy Booth, a doctoral candidate who works in the Bohlmann Lab, which is part of the Michael Smith Laboratories, got involved with the program because she likes sharing her passion for research. "I hope to inspire Keden to pursue his interest in science," she said.

During the week, her student group, which included Keden, focused on natural products and forestry. They got to choose a plant they liked and prepare it for high-resolution microscopy to see it at the cellular level. They learned about the scientific process and how plants work, including that "all it takes to be a scientist is curiosity and persistence," explained Judy.

Susan Silvey spent her week in a forestry lab studying tree rings from different species of trees. She learned how



to determine the life span of trees, how to analyze tree rings for environmental damage and how to prevent trees from becoming extinct.

"After spending a week at UBC, I now realize that university can offer a student many different options and areas of study. I am very excited to be able to choose classes that interest me when I go to university," Susan said.

Linc Kesler, director of the First Nations House of Learning at UBC, commented that the University is working hard to develop great programs and courses in Indigenous studies, community planning, law, education, and many others for Indigenous students.

But he explained that none of that would matter if students after finishing high school do not know about them or about other possibilities at the post-secondary level.

"The Verna J. Kirkness Science and Engineering Program gives students from different Indigenous communities the chance to come to UBC and other universities to experience these possibilities first hand. We are so fortunate to have them here and share some time with them. It is always such an honor to have them on our campus," Linc said.

In addition to its aim to increase the number of Aboriginal students graduating from science and engineering programs, the Verna J. Kirkness Science and Engineering Program also encourages high school student interest in post-secondary study, including having participants make a positive difference in their home community.



## Celebration of Success 2017

June 14 – at Brooks there will be the unveiling of the Welcome Pole. Community members are welcome to come and share in the festivities. This will start at 10:30am on the front lawn of the school.

June 8th – 4pm-7pm will be the Celebration of Success Awards at the Salish centre. Students from Tla'amin, Klahoose and Homalco who are residing in Tla'amin and are in grade K-12 will receive an award IF they qualify using the following criteria;

An 'A' or a 'B' in Language arts, math, social studies, science or Sliammon Language. The tally for the awards will include all 3 terms. So, if you received an A in Language Arts 3 times, your reward will reflect this at the final tally.

As well. Those students with the best attendance for primary, intermediate and high school will receive an award. Just a gentle reminder that attendance is essential.

Top Sliammon language students for primary, intermediate, Jr. high school and senior high school will get an award.

ALL students MUST be accompanied by an adult. This event is to show accolades to the students for a job well done. Students receiving the awards will be given an invite to share with family members. Only those students who are given the invites will be receiving an award.

A beautiful roast beef dinner catered by the Lund hotel will be provided.

This year, we as education staff have observed a huge increase in student absenteeism. We ask that you, as parents, caregivers and family members discourage students from missing school if they do not have to. Please book appointments after school hours if possible. It is difficult watching students who fall behind and are frustrated with attempting to try and catch up on missing work.



LITERACY DAY AT JAMES THOMSON

# Health and

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**EH KWA'A'NUNS KYE'AMIEUX**  
"When the people in our community are well again, all around us will also be well."

# Wellness

## Healthy Happenings

*An update by Brendan Behan  
Tla'amin Health Director*



We continue to work with VCH to attract and hire a successful candidate for the NP role in Tla'amin that currently sits vacant although we are working with VCH on coverage issues. If you need follow up care please do not hesitate to call the clinic and add your name to the bookings list and you will be seen as soon as possible by the part-time locum NP.

Our newest addition to services is a Liane, the dietitian that is working out of Tla'amin Health on Wednesdays. We are so very happy to have her here to offer her expertise and guidance as we continue to strive towards wellness from all avenues.

Please remember that Tla'amin Health works on the principles of strict confidentiality and privacy so if you feel like you need any assistance do not hesitate to call and ask for whatever service you require.

Brendan

**EH KWA'A'NUNS KYE'AMIEUX**

"When the people in our community are well again, all around us will also be well."

As spring begins to offer some warmer weather and that blissful summer feeling begins to tease us with long bright warm days and there is a positive feeling in the air for all.

Tla'amin Health staff remain committed to continuing its strong tradition of offering its best services while always looking at ways to grow to offer more to the community. We are working towards some possible solutions to address the waitlist for spaces at the CDRC and are hopeful that licensing will allow for some growth in numbers.



## Elders Corner



### Tuesday June 6th- Elders Potluck Luncheon Social on the Beach.

We have invited the Elder Community from Powell River to join us for lunch at the Beach Gazebo. 11-1pm. Drumming, song and sunshine!

### Tuesday June 13- Elders Luncheon 11-1.

Summer social @ Health

### Wednesday June 14th: Brooks School Pole Raising and Feast.10:00-1:30 at Brooks School.

### Thursday June 15th 11-2pm-Willingdon Beach Elders Luncheon and Social.

Come join the Powel River Elders community for a beach luncheon at Willingdon Beach. Meet at Health by 10:30 for shuttle van to beach.

### Tuesday June 20-Elders Luncheon11-1 Lunch and Social @Health

### Tuesday June 30th-Elder Bingo and Luncheon: Bingo and luncheon social.

### Community Garden Update:

Seedlings and bedding plants are being planted now, and the garden is shaping up. We need your involvement to keep up the good work for our community garden. Even something as small as watering the planter boxes for a few minutes each day.

## Intensive Case Management

Intensive Case Management (ICM) is a new outreach team in Powell River, B.C. aimed at helping those affected by problematic substance use. Nurses with experience in the field of addictions and mental health provide one-to-one addiction counselling; that is, talking about



people's goals and how they would like to be in control of their substance use. This information is then used to make a collaborative plan to help people reach their identified goals.

Intensive Case Management team members are specifically trained in approaching hard conversations about addiction in a safe, discrete and non-judgemental way. The information shared with team members is always confidential. The person we treat decides what they say, when to say it and what the information is used for. The person we see is always in control of the conversation and also in the treatment planning towards abstinence or reducing substance use.

The first meeting is a 'meet & greet' usually 45min to an hour long. The location is wherever the person is comfortable, often someone's own home or at our office. The person is welcome to invite those who are supportive to them in recovery. The topics are usually confidentiality, navigating the healthcare system, what resources are available, and what is most meaningful to the person. All ICM team members drive personal vehicles and dress in street clothes. Team members will have identification on them to show, but not visible to the public.

If someone is curious about ICM for themselves or a family/friend they can call an ICM team member through Mental Health & Addiction Services at Powell River General Hospital and/or complete a referral form which you can access a copy at; Tla'amin Health Center, all doctor's offices, Community Resource Center, Ministry of Family Development, RCMP, Community Mental Health 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Powell River General Hospital, Probation office, Poverty Law Advocate and Child, Youth, Family Services Society. If it is an urgent matter please indicate on the referral form and an ICM team member will contact you within 2-3 days. Contact the ICM team at 604-485-3300.

## June activities

**7th, 14th, 28th** – Family cultural night @ the CDRC from 5-6:30pm

**13th**- Dental hygienist in to apply fluoride @ the CDRC from 10am-noon (drop ins welcome!)

**21st** – Aboriginal Day @ the Governance Building

**22nd** – Sunscreen/bug off making session @ the CDRC from 5-6pm

## Happy June Happenings!

*Submitted by Brenda Pielle*

June is here and with it comes lots of year end activities to take part in. I'm wishing all of our students congratulations on completing another school year, and best wishes in the next steps for you. Some students are finishing post secondary or grade 12, some are finishing preschool, and others are everywhere in between. Keep up the great work for this last month and enjoy your year end field trips, concerts, ceremonies, and other celebrations!

The first Saturday in June is National Health and Fitness Day. This is a time to think about the physical activity levels of everyone in the family. When our children and youth have busy brains and busy bodies, and when they are growing and learning, it is so important to include physical activity in their every day routines. The weather is cooperating finally so all the more reason to encourage everyone to be outside. Exercise is so important for all of us, and especially for our young people. The first Saturday of every month there is a free community swim for the general public at the complex. It is from 2pm – 4pm and everyone is welcome. It is sponsored by the United Way, and it carries on through the summer. The next dates are: June 3<sup>rd</sup>, July 8<sup>th</sup>, August 5<sup>th</sup>, October 7<sup>th</sup>, November 4<sup>th</sup>, and December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Father's Day is this month, as well. Best wishes to all of the men in our community. Whether you are a father, yourself, or a brother, uncle, grandfather, or a good friend

to someone younger than you. Thank you for the many ways you take care of others in the community. This month is the time to think of your own health and make sure you are getting check ups for the various health issues that are particular to men. You are special to us and we need you to be well.

**YOU ARE INVITED:** The Powell River United Church is extending an open invitation to the Tla'Amin community to join us at our worship service at 10:30 am on Sunday June 18<sup>th</sup>. This is the church I attend, and we have been working on learning more about First Nations issues. On June 18<sup>th</sup> we will be having an Aboriginal Day theme and we will be starting a practice of recognizing that we gather on the traditional territory of the Tla'Amin Nation. Each Sunday after that we will acknowledge the territory at the beginning of each service.

**Here is a poem in honour of our fathers:**

*Every great father knows that how much time you spend with your family is more important than how much money you spend on them.*

*That kids grow up faster than you realize; spend time with them now, and cherish every moment.*

*That it's more important to know how to fix a child's broken heart than anything around the house.*

*Every great father knows that what you do as a father today will be with your children throughout their lives.*

*That in any difficult time, the best thing you can do is just be there.*

*That you have all of the wisdom, love, and insight you need to help your children become the kind of adults that both you and they will be proud of.*

**Written by: Edmund O'Neil.**

## Tla'Amin Words of the Month

Some colors in Tla'amin to practise and share with your family

English	BLACK	RED	WHITE	YELLOW
Phonetics	Puth	Tah Them	Puk	Kla Sem
Orthography	pəθ	'tat <sup>ə</sup> em	pəq	λasem

We meet on **Tuesdays** for **Language and Basket Weaving** at 3:30 over at the Cultural Building. Drop by and talk with us in tla'amin.

Language classes end June 13, 2017.

*Dawna Pallen  
For Tlaamin Language*

## Canoe Journey Prep Inspires Learning (BY PR LIVING)

For generations, the Tla'amin people have relied on oral story telling to pass on history, teach important lessons, and sustain their culture and identity. Learning how to sing different songs important to the Tla'amin people and the stories attached to these songs is one of the reasons that Gail Blaney was inspired to create a story-to-song workshop four years ago.

"When students hear a welcome song, they don't understand the meaning of the words," she said. "Here, they learn the words and the meaning and the dance that goes with it."

Last month, 45 students, elders and other members of the Tla'amin community attended a two day story-to-song workshop at SD47's Outdoor Learning Centre.

With the help of Elsie Paul, Devin Pielle and Drew Blaney, the students transformed stories to songs. "They helped with the words and the drumbeat," Gail explained adding that it is important to pass on the teachings of her people. A young couple sitting in the middle of the circle started laughing. "They are composing a love song for their wedding."

"The teachings," said Gail, "are generational."

She recalled how she used to bring her own children with her when she went somewhere



to learn about the language or weaving. "The children are learning while their parents learn."

Gail loves how teenagers seem to lose their inhibitions during these workshops. "There is no judgment," she said. "Every single one of them got up and danced."

Students who attend this workshop receive credits towards high school graduation or community hours. "When I first planned this I noticed that many kids were short one or two credits to graduate from high school and most would not go back and finish next year. It seemed like such a shame."

This year, story-to-song focused on the Tribal Journey as it happens this summer and some members of Tla'amin Nation will be in the two canoes that leave Powell River and go to Campbell River in late July/early August.

Students worked collaboratively on hats, paddles and drums. They learned new skills and had fun in the process.

At the canoeing station, manned by John Louie and Drew Blaney, students learned how to hold a paddle, how to come ashore, and the language they need to get in and out of a canoe. Of course, they got to spend some time on the

water too! The language station was run by Elsie Paul, Devin Pielle and Maggie Wilson.

At the story station, UBC linguist Marianne Huijsman and Karina Peters helped students discover stories. "Each group learned a different story," said Gail. "The next day they had to teach their story to the rest of the group."

At the weaving station, they helped weave four cedar hats with Sosan Blaney. "You need a cedar hat on a tribal journey," said Gail. And the paddle carving station, led by First Nations Carver Ivan Rosypskye and carver Phil Russell, saw the creation of four paddles.

Students worked well into the evening making drums and drumsticks.

Gail says the workshop creates a special space for students and members of the Tla'amin community to come together, learn and share. "This is a collaborative effort between SD47 and Tla'amin Nation."



### Lunch & Learn: Communicating With Health Professionals

**When:** Once a month on Wednesday

**Wednesday, June 7th**

**12:00-1:00**

**Where:** Tla'Amin Community Health boardroom

**What:** Enjoy a nutritious lunch while learning about a different health topic each month. The focus will be on prevention, early recognition and management.



### Cooking With Kids

Some of our children who participated in cooking with kids. Great activity for young ones, they really enjoy learning to use utensils safely, measure, & some cooking, learning to make pizza, chicken nuggets, etc. all homemade. We will be starting sessions again in the fall.

*Emote, Dawna Pallan*

### Dental Clinic

Dr. Machin is taking the summer months off so I am currently setting up appointments for this September/October. We do have a few people on the wait list - Priority is given to children. Thank you for your patience. For appointments call Cathy @ 604 483 3009 extension 248.



## Vancouver Sun Run

The Vancouver Sun Run is Canada's largest 10K and the 2nd largest timed 10K in the world. More than 50,000 runners take part in the 10K run every year. 51,419 Sun Runners celebrated the 26th year of the event in 2010.



Happy to have completed another year of Annual Sun Run, a healthy physical activity!!

*Cyndi and Jordyn*



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### Strong Woman

Next gathering is on Wednesday, June 28th from 430 PM – 630 PM. We will be talking making natural hand salves.

Please register with Shelley or Kim at health.

The strong woman group is a time for women to talk about health and wellness, share ideas and concerns, learn about our community and its resources and sit down to a meal together.

## Parenting Teen Program

To all families,

For the next month (June, July)

I will continue with the Parenting Teen Program "How to talk so teens will listen" & "How to listen so teens will talk". This will be completed within the next three weeks. I have been working in collaboration with Shelley Chaney of Child and Youth Services within my role as Family Preservation over the last couple of months.

As I move forward I will be implementing cultural activities over the summer months.

I would like to ask all families I have worked with to please call me at the office; I would like to meet with you to talk about activities and programs for summer.



*Cyndi Pallen, MSW, RSW Aboriginal Child & Family Counselor  
604 483 3009 Ext 230 Toll-Free 1 888 271 5555 Fax 604 483 2466*

*Happy Fathers Day on June 18th*



Jordyn Paul of Tla'amin First Nation presenting Tla'amin Nation-Hegus Clint Williams with a plaque gifted to OHTAQKEN Canoe Family from Nisqually Tribe of Olympia, Washington. Tribal Journey 2016.

## Tribal Journeys 2017

This photo depicts an honor system practiced by our ancestors who travelled the waters for thousands of years. Through sharing culture, and songs we have worked to put into practice the teaching "in which we pass on to youth" one is to honor your elders' and community who support you.

Through participation, of Tribal Journey's we can pass on positive teachings through our TAOW, teaching of being on the water, learning protocol, patience, paddling, teamwork, team building, healthy boundaries and more.

SEEKING YOUTH & PARENT to come on the journey this year, located on VANCOUVER ISLAND. August 2017, the We Wai Kai Nation will stand together to welcome canoe families into the territories. For more than 20 years,

Tribal Journey has provided a framework for cultural revitalization and experience aimed at supporting youth through the process. The canoes will arrive Saturday August 5, into Campbell River, public community feast will be held. The host community anticipates 75-100 canoes, with more than a thousand on shore to witness history in the making.

Tribal Journeys event celebrates histories, cultures, and families and weaves them together. This next August, the We Wai Kai and the We Wai Kum nations will welcome canoe families from around the world to both Quadra Island and Campbell River. The 2017 Tribal Journeys web site can be viewed on line.

"The theme last year 2016, was "Don't forget the waters". This year the theme is "STAND TOGETHER"

## SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT COORDINATOR

TN is seeking a Summer Youth Employment Coordinator to oversee the TN summer student program. Temporary position will extend to end of August 2017.

### The coordinator will:

- Ensure that all participants meet employment criteria for youth program.
- Coordinate interview times.
- Contact PR businesses to solicit work placements for students.
- Prepare orientation process for successful participants.
- Assign worksite placements for students as appropriate.
- Monitor progress of students in their various positions, conducting periodic visits to work-sites.
- Coordinate evaluations with worksite supervisors.
- Provide monthly reports re: student progress.
- Create employment files for all participants.
- Other duties as assigned.

### Qualifications:

- High School Graduate preferred.
- Previous experience in a supervisory position preferred.
- Experience dealing with youth.
- Must demonstrate mature judgement and attitude.
- Professional demeanor as successful candidate will be dealing with local businesses.
- Valid BCDL.
- Must be in good standing with the Tla'amin Nation.

\*Salary to be determined.

\*Individuals of Tla'amin ancestry will be given preference.

\*We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those who are short-listed will be contacted.

Please forward resumes and cover letters to: Jessie Peters at [hr@tn-bc.ca](mailto:hr@tn-bc.ca) or you may submit it in person at the Governance building by **Friday, June 09, 2016 at 4PM.**

## Summer Student Positions

Tla'amin Nation (TN) is seeking students for an 8-week summer employment program.

Students must:

- Be between 15 – 30 years old or turn 15 by the end of 2017.
- Be returning to full-time studies in the fall.
- Have above average attendance.
- Have passing grades.
- Be in compliance with school policies (must not be expelled or suspended)
- Have a strong work ethic and desire to work.
- Be available to work (students with summer school obligations may be waitlisted)
- Submit report cards



**Students will be placed in various Departments of the Tla'amin Nation to gain work experience in:**

- Public Works
- Hatchery
- Lands Department
- Tla'amin Administration

**Summer students will also be given the opportunity to be placed at various businesses throughout PR.**

Please forward resumes and cover letters to: Jessie Peters at [hr@tn-bc.ca](mailto:hr@tn-bc.ca) or you may submit it in person at the Governance Building by **Friday, June 23, 2016 at 4PM.**

\*Individuals of Tla'amin ancestry will be given preference.

\*We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those who are short-listed will be contacted.

## **Why Does Attendance Matter? National Center for Educational Statistics**

Every school day counts in a child's academic life...Every school day counts in a student's life. While research substantiates the importance of teacher effectiveness on student academic success, even the best teacher cannot be effective unless students are present in class. Regular attendance is essential to providing students with opportunities to learn, and these opportunities are limited when students do not attend school. A missed school day is a lost opportunity for students to learn.

The primary rationale for high-quality attendance is the relationship between student attendance and student achievement. Students who attend school regularly have been shown to achieve at higher levels than students who do not have regular attendance. This relationship between attendance and achievement appears early in a child's school career. A recent study looking at young children found that absenteeism in kindergarten was associated with negative first grade outcomes such as greater absenteeism in subsequent years and lower achievement in reading, math, and general knowledge.

Research shows that attendance is an important factor in student achievement. Poor attendance has serious implications for later outcomes as well. High school dropouts have been found to exhibit a history of high levels of absenteeism throughout their school years. These differences in absentee rates were observed as early as kindergarten, and students who eventually dropped out of high school missed significantly more days of school in first grade than their peers who graduated from high school. In eighth grade, this pattern was even more apparent and, by ninth grade, attendance was shown to be a key indicator significantly correlated with failure to complete high school graduation.

# What's Happening at Your Historic Lund Hotel

By Kurt Pyrch, General Manager

Historic Lund Hotel

As of the writing of this article, May has been a great month with the Shellfish Festival about to happen. We'll report on that next time, but for now let's review the month that's been.

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, we started opening for breakfast on a daily basis. We may be a little biased, but we think we have the best breakfasts on the Sunshine Coast. You owe it to yourself to try one of our fantastic breakfast entrée's like Eggs Benedict, Bannock French Toast or just a simple and delicious Bacon and Eggs. We're sure you will love the food as well as the view.

Mother's Day was a great success. We introduced our Mother's Day Brunch to rave reviews from our customers. Sales were excellent and we will be using the same format for our Sunday Brunches, from 9 - 1 every Sunday.

Summer, so long delayed with wet cool weather, arrived full force for the May Long Weekend. Sales were up, the Fuel Dock was in full swing and Lund was full of people coming and going. It was wonderful to see a return of families coming into the General Store, buying ice cream and water shoes and sun screen and all of the other things that go into a fun family weekend. If the long weekend was any hint of what's to come, then another busy summer is upon us.

The Lund Hotel was very proud to be able to serve a West Coast Feast at the first Annual General Assembly of the Tla'amin Nation in the Salish Centre on May 12th. It was an honor to be able to provide the service at such an important event and to see so many happy people. It was a great opportunity for so many of our staff to get involved and contribute.

Room sales continue to be ahead of last year in both occupancy and revenue. June is shaping up to be a very good month and if we continue to add room nights the way we are, we should see continued improvement over last year.

This time of year is also the time when new staff either have or soon will be joining our team. It's nice to see fresh faces eager to start working, but what really makes me smile is all the staff who are returning. Gas Dock, General Store, Restaurant & Pub. All have seen staff return, ready to greet their old customers.

June will see further improvements in our Food and Beverage as new menu items and new menus come out in time for the busiest of the summer season. Watch for new features, new specials and new "take out" items to help serve the thousands of customers that come through on a daily basis.

We just increased our services on the gas dock. We've added a fridge in the office so that we are now able to sell cold bottled water



## The Historic Lund Hotel is the Gateway to Desolation Sound

and soft drinks to our dock customers as well as snack items like chips and candy. This will make it very easy for customers to just grab a few things without having to leave the dock. We've also added new meters to allow us to sell water by the litre as an improvement to our water service. This will make it more affordable to our customers that only need a small amount of water for their boats and charge a fairer price to the customers who want to take hundreds of litres away.

The middle of June will also see our Gas Dock open till 8:PM for the summer season. The long warm nights see an increase in late boat traffic and the later hours will allow us to better serve our customers. Our General Store is now open till 8:PM every evening and will stay open till 9:PM from late June through the busy summer season.

And just in case a late evening snack or dinner is what you need, our kitchen stays open till 8:PM every night except Friday and Saturday when we stay open till 9:PM. Pub service will be until 9:PM most evenings, Friday and Saturday till 10:PM. We will be open a little later through the busy summer and plan to be open till 10:PM every night.

And finally in closing for this article, the hotel has continued it's ongoing 'clean up', 'fix up' and 'improvement' schedule. Painting, repairs and general deep cleaning have continued and of particular note, we have recently re-surfaced one of the parking lots to better serve our customers. It is the lot next to the bakery and the job was very well done. When you come out for the Shellfish Festival you will be sure see it for yourself.

We are proud of the job that our staff is doing here at the hotel and we are looking forward to

another busy summer. We hope to see all of you here at some point and hope you enjoy the services we have to offer. And remember, if you have friends and family visiting and they need a place to stay, don't forget to recommend the hotel.



Lund parking lot was recently resurfaced

## Meeting Minutes of the Executive Council

April 5, 2017

Lund Hotel

**Attendance:** All Executive Council

**Resource:** Rod Allan, Kelly Rankin and Judith King

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** Hegus Clint Williams called the meeting to order at 8:46am

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** March 20, 2017 minutes

**Moved by John Hackett  
Seconded by Lori Wilson**

**3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** Motion to adopt the Agenda

**Moved by John Hackett  
Seconded by Lori Wilson**

### 4. ORDERS OF COUNCIL:

4.1 TNO-EC # 08/2017 Home Ownership for Gilbert Francis, approval of 5044 Waterfront Rd.

**Moved by John Hackett  
Seconded by Tyrone Wilson**

4.2 TNO-EC 10/2017 Land Ownership of Lot 80 for Gilbert Francis

**Moved by Tyrone Wilson  
Seconded by Lori Wilson**

### 5. RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL:

5.1 TN Resolution # 10/2017 for approval of the funding proposal to Canada for Socio-Economic Gaps Research, Phase 1 for \$37,000.

**Moved by Lori Wilson  
Seconded by John Hackett**

5.2 TN Resolution 11/2017 to call a Special Meeting of the Legislative Assembly.

**Moved by Larry Louie  
Seconded by Tyrone Wilson**

### Presentation:

Kelly Rankin, CEO of Tla'amin Capital Assets Inc. attended the Council meeting to discuss a business opportunity with Sunshine Coast Investment. Under the business development model when a new business is planned, Kelly is required to bring information for Council consideration and eventual approval. The purpose of the investment company is to research and develop opportunities in Powell River. The plan includes development by the partner who will share 50-50 in any ventures with Tla'amin Nation. A joint account will be established by Sunshine Coast Investment and they will deposit funds for start-up development. Future investments will be on a case-by-case basis. A new name will be created for the joint-enterprise. Kelly will distribute copies of the agreement. He is giving Council an update today and doesn't require a Motion. Lori has asked for monthly updates on this business. The next Economic Development and Operating Board meeting date is April 25th at 4:30pm.

### 6.0 NEW BUSINESS:

6.1.1 Finance - The proposed budget for educational activities was reviewed. Funds come from own-source revenue (OSR). The events are Celebration of Success and Story to Song.

6.1.2 Finance - Soccer players wish to volunteer to raise funds for their sport activities. Denise needs help with garbage pick-up around the community.

6.2 Education - Budget approval of request for extra-curricular school activities proposed by Gail Blaney. Council agrees with the budget by consensus. Funds come out of OSR.

6.3 Social Development - There are some citizens who are frustrated about housing. There is an appeal process in place for clients to receive help with their residency issues.

6.4 Public Works/Environment - Former Klahanie store site is under environmental assessment for contaminants which may be under and on the other side of the highway.

6.5 Fisheries - The prawn license offer to lease is a lower amount than previous years.

6.6 Forestry - The TSL Block No. 1 (right-way) allowable cut has started. Crown license planting is being done and the Rainforest Company is doing regular planting of trees. The job is also training our young people. Clint is looking for a summary of the supervision and the training accomplished. Discussion began on who is leading the project. Clint will talk with Lori after meeting about putting the issue on Thichum agenda.

6.7 Cultural - Language protocol discussion took place. Budd asked about the budget system for First Voices and talked about the dictionary project (through the SHIRK grant). Clint suggests a sit-down discussion. Action: Rod

6.8 Youth - Newsletter has a posting for a youth ambassador. Naut sa'mawt Tribal Council is also looking for a youth representative.

6.9 Transition to Self-Government - A joint letter with Tsawwassen regarding access to the MFA pooled borrowing regime was reviewed and will be sent to Finance Minister de Jong. The letter was approved for signing by consensus.

### House Post Reports

Lands & Taxation [Rep - Lori] A Natural Resource Committee meeting took place last Friday. Regarding Nation vessels, it is hoped the beige boat can be sold, the Nah Mit Raider can be repaired and the Wan-nock sold. There is \$1.1 M for licenses and recommendations. There is a large seiner for sale and an enforcement vessel is required. The seiner purchase will need to have a business plan and approved by Executive Council.

Finance and Administration [Rep - John] Operations Board meeting took place with Craig Galligos giving an update on Island Timberlands and Thichum log dump work. Tla'amin citizens were involved with all aspects of the work. Tees Kwat Land Holdings financial statements were reviewed. The new Lund employees were noted. A Theodosia sharing-protocol meeting took place. As decision-making plans are completed, Tla'amin must find ways to have input into the sharing protocol.

Health / Community Services [Rep- Larry] Larry requests a discussion on the lack of office space at Health building. Also, expansion of the Health parking requires Council to meet Health staff soon.

### Hegus' Report:

1. The Saskatchewan and Kelowna trips were highlighted by Hegus.

2. On March 27, OPUS engineers reviewed the budget and identified any potential future costs.

3. Jolene Landsdowne from Vancouver Coastal Health and Brendan toured the Nation.

4. City of Powell River engineers met with Tla'amin to discuss future billing charges for hook-up.

5. April 1st, the Millpond, Lund Hotel and Oyster Plant were toured to seek a suitable building site.

6. Elders Gathering coordinator to coordinate the Campbell River event. Rod suggests Budd.

7. Clint had a discussion with a talented cartoonist who would like to do a T-Shirt venture at Lund.

8. Clint met with individuals interested in a new fuel service. They are assessing fuel demand here.

### Other Business:

1. Old Hospital lands discussion concluded that the Nation will send a letter to the City of Powell River indicating Council is willing to accept the lands as Treaty Settlement Lands.

2. Discussion on advertising in the Neh Motl. It was asked 'What type of outside [the Nation] ads are welcomed. Using 40% of PR peak rates, we would give outsiders the opportunity to advertise in the Neh Motl. Political ads may be a different price.

3. Library agreement specifies an annual user cost of \$4,604. Council accepts that amount.

Motion to temporarily adjourn the meeting in order to call the Legislative Assembly at 10:50am

**Moved by Lori Wilson  
Seconded by Tyrone Wilson**

**Motion to resume the Executive Council meeting at 2:54 pm**

**Moved by Lori Wilson  
Seconded by John Hackett**

4. There is a First Nations Housing & Infrastructure conference. Rod will send the notice to Executive Council and Tyrone Wilson will attend.

5. The option of appointing an acting Hegus while the Hegus is away was discussed. John will be the acting Hegus.

### ADJOURNMENT

**Moved by John Hackett  
Seconded by Tyrone Wilson**

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm

# Interesting Facts on Ladybugs



- Ladybugs are both male and female
- A ladybug can live up to a year long.
- There are two sets of wings. The outer set is the hard shell for protection, and the inner set are what it uses to fly.
- Ladybugs are very helpful to a garden as they eat aphids and mites, which are bugs that are harmful to plants.
- An adult ladybug can eat up to 50 aphids in a day.
- Ladybugs taste and smell with their antennae.
- A ladybug lays its egg on a leaf. They are yellow eggs that turn white.
- They come out of the egg as larvae (Lar-VEE). If there is just one, it is a larva.
- The larvae resemble tiny black alligators.
- The larva sheds its outer skin, which is called molting. This happens after it has eaten too much that its skin becomes too tight.
- After the larva is done molting, it becomes a pupa.
- Ladybugs are a type of beetle.
- Some ladybugs have no spots and others have up to 20 spots.
- To help defend themselves, ladybugs play dead. They also can release a yellow fluid that other bugs find stinky.
- The color of the ladybug sends off the message to its predators that it may taste bad or be poisonous.
- During winter ladybugs hibernate together to stay warm.
- When the temperature is near 60 degrees Fahrenheit or around 16 degrees Celsius, the ladybugs become active.

## After School Program

Monday to Friday – 3:05 – 4:30pm. Children are met at the bus stop by Ahms Taow and walked up to the CDRC. They have a healthy snack and do outside activities. Call Rose for more information on rates and registration.

**Summer Program** (July & August): Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. 8:30am – 4:30pm. Kindergarten to Grade 6. You must also register for this exciting summer program. Call Rose for more information on rates and registration.



# Hehewš in: The Way Forward

SPECIAL RECONCILIATION LUNCHEON

Date: Sunday, June 25th

Time: 1:00 – 4:00pm

Place: Tla'amin Sališh Center

Truth and Reconciliation

“Let us find a way to belong to this time and place together. Our future, and the well-being of all our children rests with the kind of relationships we build today.” Chief Dr. Robert Joseph, Gwawaenuk Nation



From a non-native perspective, we have joined together to honour and bring light to the teaching of First Nations as we are aware of colonialism and the impact it has had on the people, the land, spirituality and the devastating intergenerational effects of many generations of children and families who are still suffering today. We have begun a process of reconciliation from a non-indigenous perspective and would like to call all people of the Tla'amin Nation (from youth to elder) to come to a Special Reconciliation Luncheon, we are calling Hehewš in “The Way Forward”.

On this day, we will work to create a safe environment for opportunities to share teachings of your culture and to honor your ancestors of this land. We would like to move forward to engage non-indigenous people at every level of society to open dialogue about reconciliation and create a unique opportunity in supporting the resilient community of Tla'amin peoples and all First Nations people of Canada. We have taken the initiative with the support of your Men's Support Worker John Louie and Aboriginal Child and Family Counselor Cyndi Pallen, who are both significant in bringing forth reconciliation gathering from an Indigenous perspective. We acknowledge the work completed so far and moving forward would like to be a catalyst for supporting reconciliation from a non-indigenous perspective moving forward to build relationships with First Nations peoples that facilitates a stronger place for future generations to come.

## You Asked For It!

Tla'amin Housing Department is pleased to offer Interac payments for your rent now.

Please come in during office hours and use our convenient option to pay your rent. Cash and Cheques still accepted, of course!



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## MAKARA JOANNE GALLAGHER April 24-June 20, 2012

One sunny morning Lady Luck came our way,  
She was bright red and spotted as we helped her home that day.  
Her paper wings closing as she landed on me,  
I held her up loosely for others to see.  
The wind picked up and started to blow,  
and we knew our little Lady Luck would soon have to go.  
So we cried; "Lady Bug, Lady Bug, fly away home!"  
She opened her wings and left us standing alone.  
It wasn't long that I started to see,  
millions of Lady Bugs smiling at me  
Remembering our baby girl!  
Love Mommy & Daddy and your brothers and sisters



Congratulation Father T for winning the Sacred Heart Church 50-50 fundraiser drawn at the Tla'amin Governance House on May 2nd. The jackpot was \$135.00



Happy Anniversary to my daughter Brandi & Craig Marriott on June 16. Love you 2, Love Dawna & family.



Happy 7th Birthday to our beautiful daughter Kendall.

Love always Mom, Dad & Braedyn

YOU ARE INVITED

DAWNA DION

CARVING PROGRAM  
WRAP UP LUNCH

ART PRESENTATION  
TO BE HELD:

DATE: SAT. JUNE 17  
TIME: NOON-3PM  
AT THE  
SALISH CTR

CHARLIE MOOSIE

HOSS SANDY

celebrating traditional arts

Darren Joseph Arts

## From the Education Staff

*We would like to wish all a safe and happy summer!*

*It's time to say, "Good-bye."  
Our year has come to an end.  
We've made more cherished memories  
And many more new friends.  
We've watched your children learn and grow  
And change from day to day.  
We hope that all the things we've done  
Have helped in some small way.  
So it's with happy memories  
We send them out the door,  
With great hope and expectations  
For what next year holds in store.*



**Brad and Melvin pull to victory at the James Thomson May Day**



Please do not put out your garbage until Friday morning as these bears have been creating a mess in our yards and will return to cause more trouble for our community.