



# NEHMOTL "Us"

June 2018

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## Housing Renovations Completed for Two Family Units

*By Paula Stewart  
Housing Department*

Tla'amin Housing is pleased to update the community on the most recently completed renovations in the Nation. With these renovations completed in May, our housing stock grew by two family units. This allowed us to offer 2 families on the waiting list long awaited homes. Due to the current rental Housing shortage in the Nation (and Powell River) Tla'amin Housing needed to come up with a solution that did not rely on Citizens moving away in order to fulfill the current housing needs. This Duplex on Holmalco Rd had been empty for more than a decade. The surrounding area had become overwrought with prickles and debris. Tla'amin housing had originally planned to demolish this home and strategize for future development on this property. When the home was stripped to the studs, the building was sound and the beams were strong and it made more sense to keep the existing framing and bring the rest of the structure up-to-date. This included new plumbing, heating, electric, and drywall. Previous tenants had experienced a flood and mold and rodent



activity was pervasive throughout both sides of the Duplex. This meant replacing the floors and cupboards and tearing out the bathrooms. Ongoing work to the property clearing and grass

seeding will make this property safer from pest and wildlife.

We utilized our own Tla'amin people for as much of the labour as possible. When we did not have the appropriate skill set to complete a task we turned to other local contractors. In addition to providing Tla'amin people with employment, this enabled us to keep our costs down. A majority of our materials budget was funded by last year's sale of the house on Beach Rd. We also relied on AANDC funding and a portion from the Nation, approved by Executive Council, to finish the project.

This Duplex will now bring in rental revenue, as will the other two recently renovated units. These funds are critical to the Nation for maintaining our housing units in good condition, and more. It is the Housing Departments goal to have more units renovated, however this will require full participation from tenants to stay on track with the monthly rents. Wouldn't it be great if all the homes in the Nation could get renovated? It is entirely possible.



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# Tla'amin Governance House Updates

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## Loggers Identified from the May Neh Motl

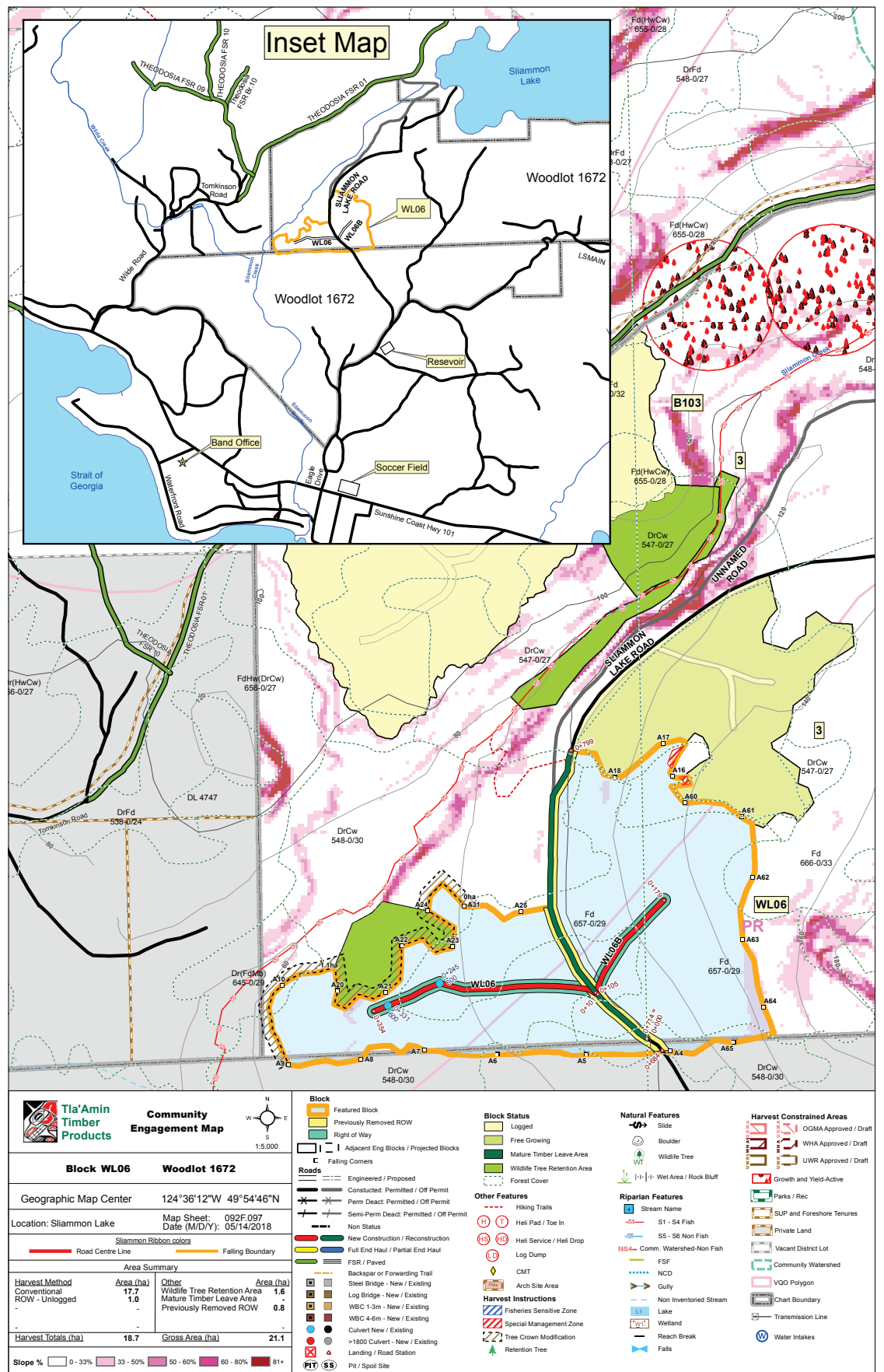


Back (L-R): Frizzle (Chilliwack), Eddie Paul (Sechelt), Sam Hackett, Walter Hackett  
Front (L-R): Dempsey, Rene John, Dave Dominic, Chuck Pielle (names provided by Fred Louie)

### 2018 Will Mark The 20 Years Tla'amin Nation Has Managed Provincial Crown Land Tenure Woodlot-1672.

During the last 5 year cut-control major accomplishments have been met.

- **Free to grow survey complete on 3 cut blocks**
  - a. Meaning logged stands have been restocked & are thriving
    - i. Planted, brushed, spaced, and surveys
  - b. Free to Grow status means all liabilities are met, and
- **Planting logged areas**
  - a. Generally re-plant trees to a 1,200 trees / hectare
  - b. This year's panting program was 85,000 trees were replanted
- **Revenue contributes to the nation in:**
  - i. Yearly Healthy Living Dividend / Christmas Gift Cards
  - ii. Tla'amin Nation Admin fund transfer
  - iii. Lund Moorage docks
- **2018 July – August there will be active harvesting of Cut-block WL-06 – Sliammon Lake Road**
- **2019 Spring there will be re-foresting the area – Tree Planting about 80% Douglas Fir – 20% Western Red Cedar**
- **Feathering boundary of Block 2 Little Sliammon Lake**
  - Visual quality
  - Wind Firming
- **Block 2 is fully reforested and is deemed Free to grow**
  - 10 year old stand
  - Trees range from 20-30 feet tall



## Invitation to Tla'amin Members

You are Invited  
to Lands Department Update



### Vancouver Session

WHERE: Atrium Inn  
2889 East Hastings Street  
Vancouver, BC

WHEN: Friday, June 8, 2018

TIME: 5:00 pm

### Victoria Session

WHERE: Sandman Hotel  
2852 Douglas Street  
Victoria, BC

WHEN: Saturday, June 9, 2018

TIME: 3:00 pm

#### \*DINNER PROVIDED FOR BOTH SESSIONS

Please RSVP with Serena Barnes at 1-877-483-9646 extension 150  
or by e-mail [serena.barnes@tn-bc.ca](mailto:serena.barnes@tn-bc.ca) by May 30th, 2018

#### AGENDA

- Up-date on Lands Department – Denise Smith
- Information on Permits – Building Permits, Plant Gathering, Wood Permit
- Land Laws
- Process on applying for new lot
- Up-date from Cathy Galligos – Director Lands & Resources
- Process on homeownership – Housing
- Citizenship Cards – Serena Barnes will be present to do Citizenship cards

TLA'AMIN NATION  
FOREST STEWARDSHIP  
PLAN  
LICENCE K3P



Plan presentation

June 21, 2018

11am – 3pm

Aboriginal Day Luncheon  
information booth  
Tla'amin Band Office

For more information, contact:

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Alysha Van Delft (604)695-5122 | [avandelft@aatrading.com](mailto:avandelft@aatrading.com)

National Aboriginal Day

June 21st



# 5th Annual Story to Song Workshop

By Steve Gallagher  
Neh Motl Editor

Five years ago an idea came to reality when Gail Blaney noticed a trend with grade 12 Students. Some were falling just short of a few credits to graduate and obtain their Dogwood Certificate.

Gail approached the principle at Brooks to share her idea about a three day workshop for Tla'amin students. To provide a cultural learning environment where students would participate from the early morning and continue into the evening each day. The principal agreed. The Story to Song Workshop is now celebrating its fifth year and our students are that much closer to achieving their graduating credit goals.

Gail Blaney explains. "The concept of Story to Song would involve some elders. The Outdoor Learning Center is the ideal location because it is free from televisions and other screens which are distracting. Not to mention it is a beautiful place to learn. The workshop is carried out at the Outdoor Learning Centre for two days and the third day at the Salish Center, so that the community can witness and participate. On their first day our elders share stories about the traditional mink, or historical stories about their experience growing up."

"Last year archives provided the story of the sea serpent that inhabited the area outside the Learning Center. The boys then created the song and the dance called the *Ihos Song* and now you see them performing it in the community. So the idea is for them to learn about some of their history,"

During the workshop the youth go out into nature for a half hour and break away from the other youth. They listen to what is inside their head and inside of their heart, and get to know themselves. It's a good way to disconnect and listen to what the birds, rivers or the streams may offer to them. The students then come back and everyone shares their experience. The elders are there and they offer that experience into the language, and sometimes it's just one word. They take that one word and then start with a tune or drumbeats and then a song emerges from there."



Not every student will leave with their own song because some of them are ready and some of them are not. But even if they don't come away with their own song they have at least participated in the process of it, and witness the unfolding of the stories. A lot of the students really enjoy learning about what it was like "Back in the day" and just hearing the elders talk.

A lot of this learning has to do with gratitude as well. One of boys really wanted to do a song about how proud he is to be a Tla'amin member. So they created a song about being humble and grateful for the offerings of our ancestors.

William Wasden has been our guest almost every year. William and Drew are two people with an alike mind, so they work very well together and feed off of each other.

Williams Wasden offered these words about his experience here in Tla'amin. "I was asked to help out with the youth about five years ago. In my teachings, if someone asked for help, then you go help them. Right away I asked if their elders could approve of me visiting here because I have no ancestry here. For me that is just about

respect for the people.

So here we are working on song composition and how to make songs, and it's pretty universal.

There was this love song and I remember my auntie had the recording. It belonged to Pelex Felix and we were told we could take it back. When we listened to the different songs in the church the recording was very similar to the love song.

Elsie Paul has been here since day one and we needed a fluent speaker to personalize the songs with the language. Now people can do these songs themselves.

Our people have been pretty resilient. We have never stopped potlatching and never stopped feasting. No matter what the Canadian Government tried to do to us our people just went underground, and now we just keep going. The torches are going to be passed to your young people and it will be up to them to move all this forward. This is something really positive to be addicted to. The key is to be respectful and have gratitude."

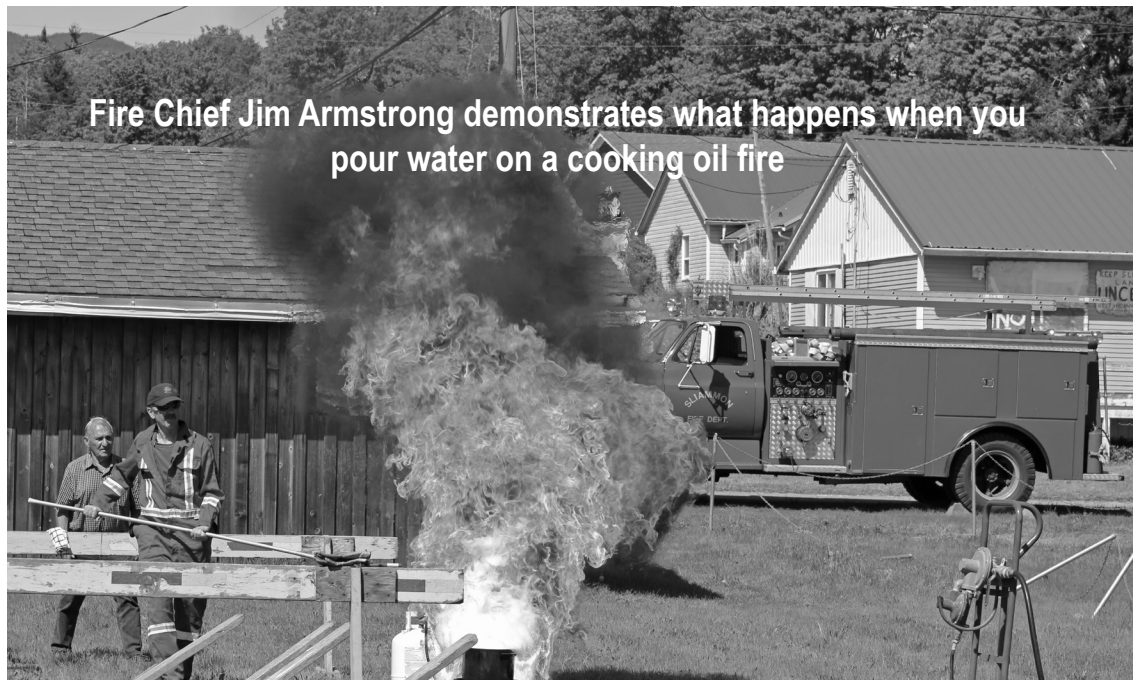
## Dinner and door prizes!



Tla'amin Management Services Lp  
Notice Of Annual General Meeting  
**Tuesday June 26, 2018**  
@ 5:00 Pm – Salish Centre

Reports on the following:

- 2017 Audited Financial Statements
- Current business activities
- New business initiatives



Fire Chief Jim Armstrong demonstrates what happens when you pour water on a cooking oil fire

# Tla'amin Fire Department

By Steve Gallagher  
Editor

On May 12<sup>th</sup> our Fire Department hosted a Safety Fair and Community Barbecue Meet and Greet at our Waterfront Park. Over a hundred people attended. Elders and youth especially participated and observed fire safety demonstrations and were able to get their hands on fire extinguishers to put out a contained propane fire in preparation of a real fire that could unfortunately occur in our households. Over the past year over 200 homes had fire extinguishers and smoke detectors installed as part of a first nations fire safety program.



In 2017, our nation hired Jim Armstrong a dedicated fire chief who has been busy recruiting volunteer fire fighters to strengthen the capacity of our emergency responders. Tla'amin firefighters receive B.C. Red Cross training and work closely with the B.C. Ambulance Service and Powell River Hospital to ensure their skill levels are kept at a high level.

During the Safety Fair, children and adults were taught how to use an ABC fire extinguisher to knock down a propane fire in a 3 by 5-foot tray of water. Participants learned the PASS acronym – 'pull the pin, aim the hose, squeeze the trigger, sweep back and forth.'

Firefighters also set up a real flaming cooking oil fire and showed how using water on the oil fire created a massive fireball above the pot. The safe way to handle a burning cooking oil fire is to cover the pan with a lid or cookie sheet, turn off the heat and avoid moving it until it cools down.

With summer quickly approaching, there were Firesmart displays about clearing tree debris from gutters and around your home, and discussion about expected province-wide burning bans and concerns about backyard burning.

The weather certainly participated as well as temperatures jumped up to 25 degrees. This temperature surge quickly reminded people that hot weather is on it's way and to always wear sunscreen, drink plenty of water and ensure your family wear hats.

## Klahanie and Southview neighborhood development

The last remaining 15 lots in Klahanie and 5 remaining lots in Southview are being cleared and sold by Tla'amin Management Services (formally Dev Corp) for 99-year leases. Clearing started the week of May 14 by Thichum Forestry but immediately had to stop when an active eagle's nest was found.



A 100-meter buffer zone was immediately established on 5 surrounding lots. This buffer zone is meant to protect the male and female eagle who take turns staying with the nest until the eaglet is ready to fly. These eagles are "urban" birds that have become habituated to all the activities that take place in this busy area including the noises from lawnmowers, weed eaters and vehicle traffic. Some lucky leaseholder in the future will have an eagles nest in their yard!



Show homes will be built on 3 lots in Klahanie in partnership with a construction company. We will post photos and stories over the next few months so you can see the changes happening on our leased lands. In total there are 110 lease properties in Klahanie and 20 lease properties in Southview. The goal is to sell the remaining 20 and with the housing market the way it is now we anticipate there will be no problem accomplishing this.



Work on the remaining Southview leases will start late July and beforehand an environmental technician will do a nest survey to ensure there are no active nests.

# Tla'amin Justice Update



*"Assist with: Transportation to and from court, apply for legal aid, navigate clients through the justice system, meetings with crown/prosecutor, probation/victim service appointments, family case conferences, lawyer referrals, dialogue circles/conflict resolution, Restorative Justice Forums, referrals to justice program for Alternative Measures Wellness Plan."*

-Verna Francis-

## The Day Schools Class Action

Christina Ruest the Law Clerk confirms that Gowling WGL took carriage of Day School Class Action in May, 2016 from Joan Jack and Louay Alghoul.

With respect to a status update regarding our class action, we are actively and aggressively pursuing the action. We are currently in discussions with the government to come to a resolution. No settlement has been reached at this time. If we can come to a resolution with the government, it will still take some time, as the Court has to approve the settlement. If we cannot reach a resolution, then we will have to go to Court and have a Judge decide the case, which could take many years. We have already had two preliminary court attendances and the action is scheduled to be certified in the fall. I have been asking people to contact me at the end of August for a further update.

Deceased students: As per the Information Sheet that I sent you today, our position is that compensation is owed to the estate of a deceased person, however this is an issue we will have to negotiate with the government. However, we encourage the estate trustee or family member to complete a form on behalf of their deceased family member.

As of to date, Tla'amin Justice program assisted with filling out and faxing 47 Day School application forms which might require additional information upon request from Gowling Law Firm.

If you attended Day School built on Tla'amin Nation Lands and haven't filled out form please contact Verna @ 778 762 5246 or I will leave forms at the front desk.

We also have two websites which we will be providing periodic updates on as the action progresses.

Indian Day School Class Action Website: <http://gowlingwlg.com/dayschool>

Representative Plaintiffs' Website: <http://www.indian-dayschools.com>

If you require further clarification or information please contact Christina Ruest Law Clerk at number listed below: or 1 844 539 3815

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## Recruiting Temporary and Permanent Foster Parents

please contact: MCFD office @ 604 485 0600 and ask for Angela Skilbeck or Verna Francis @ 604 483 9646 Ext. 113

## Programs

- SAM Program – Substance Abuse Management program for clients going through justice system and court ordered to participate in this 12 week group or one on one sessions with the justice worker, SAM program is for people who are struggling with drug and alcohol issues that is result of charges. Please call Verna 604 483 9646 Ext. 113 to book appointment for orientation to the program.
- **Healthy Relationship Program:** 12 session program to deal with domestic disputes or violence in a relationship regardless if your situation ends up in justice system. Please contact Verna for more information and book for appointment to start one on one sessions. In the near future I will be hosting a Healthy Relationship Program with Co-facilitator: John Louie. **All Indigenous people are Welcome!!!**



**Contact Agency:** Verna Francis  
**Days:** Monday – Friday  
**Time:** 8:30 – 4:30  
**Location:** Governance House  
**Work:** 604 483-9646 ext.113  
**Cell:** 604 578-8850  
**Fax:** 778 762-5246



## Criminal & Family Court

### Next Court Days:

June 5, 19, 2018  
First Appearance: 9:00 am  
Criminal Court: 9:30  
Family Court: 1:30 – 4:30

### Important Notice

Please call in advance for transportation to and from court and please bring your court documents particulars to court for duty counsel or lawyers to be able to assist.

## Crime Stoppers

Building a Healthy and Safe Community  
"We Want Your Information Not Your Name"

**1-800-222- TIPS (8477)**

Powell River Detachment:  
604 485 6255  
Tla'amin Liaison Officer: 604 414 3853

### Tla'amin Policing Program

**Officer: Cst. Chris Bakker**

Tuesday's – Friday's  
Office Hours: 9:00-12:00  
Noon  
Location: Tla'amin Governance House  
Contact: 604 414 3853

# Wishful Recycling Dreams Come True

Let's Talk Trash.ca

WHAT IS WASTE?



How many times have you gone to the recycling depot with *wishful recyclables*? You know, those items, usually flexible plastics, like chip bags and dog food packaging, that you hoped would be recyclable, but aren't. Well, as of June 1<sup>st</sup> your wishes might come true, at least in part.

Recycle BC, the non-profit that is responsible for much of our local recycling, is conducting a pilot project for the collection of 'Other Flexible Plastic Packaging' at all of Powell River's recycling depots. This new category includes a lot of the packaging that had previously been turned away, like:

*challenging items. Instead, they are collecting them in larger quantities so that research can be done into their recyclability. This begs the question, then, 'What will be happening to these plastics, if they aren't able to be recycled?' Recycle BC has shared that they will be transforming any unrecyclable flexible plastics into something called engineered fuel. Essentially, this is a small pellet form of plastic that can be used as a fuel source to be burned as energy in places like cement kilns. Burning plastics, however, is rarely a good news story, even though air scrubbers have seriously improved since the days of open pit incineration. Also, the more we burn, the less*

*cooking at home rather than getting take-away. After all these efforts, when you still can't avoid plastic packaging, be sure to keep it from the garbage can. Instead, bring it to any depot and ask depot staff to walk you through the complex game of 'what bin should this go in?'*

**Let's Talk Trash is the Powell River Regional District's Waste Reduction Education program. Send your waste reduction questions to [info@LetsTalkTrash.ca](mailto:info@LetsTalkTrash.ca)**

**STARTING JUNE 1, 2018**

**You can bring these plastics to the recycling depot**

On June 1st all Powell River Regional District recycling depots will start collecting Other Flexible Plastic Packaging.

This is a pilot program through Recycle BC. The collected materials will be used for recycling research and development and as engineered fuel.



POWELL RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT



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WHAT IS WASTE?

- stand-up plastic pouches (eg: frozen blueberries, baby food, hand soap refills, and sugar, etc.)
- crinkly wrappers and bags (eg: candy wrappers, cereal bags, cellophane for flowers, and cheese slice wrappers, etc.)
- flexible packaging with plastic seals (eg: fresh pasta packaging, pre-packaged deli meat, pre-packaged cheese, and ziplock bags, etc.)
- woven and net plastic bags (eg: mesh bags for avocados and oranges, and woven bags for rice, etc.)
- non-food protective packaging (eg: bubble wrap, plastic shipping envelopes, and plastic air packets, etc.)

Recycle BC hadn't been accepting these types of flexible plastics at depots because they are not recyclable, being made of layers of multiple types of materials, like paper, foil and different kinds of plastic. And, for full disclosure, Recycle BC has not yet uncovered how to recycle these

*we find any reason to reduce our consumption of these wasteful plastics. The only silver lining is that this engineered fuel will be used to replace coal-based fuel, which will reduce the amount of oil that needs to be extracted from the ground for fuel.*

*Plastic only came on-scene about 70 years ago, and it was a slow trickle at first. Now, we seem to favour plastic over glass and paper and even over reuseable containers. The truth is, that reducing our consumption of resources in the first place is the best path to honouring the earth. And beyond this, choosing reuse rather than favouring disposable goods, is even more planet friendly than recycling.*

*So, while this addition to your recycling options may change the size of your garbage bag, it isn't the ultimate answer. Having a full recycling bin isn't necessarily something to brag about. It's better still to avoid single use packaging in the first place. Try buying in bulk, bringing your own bag to the grocery store and deli counters, and*

## Qames ʔəms tala Settlement Trust

Are you a Tla'amin Citizen who does not live in Powell River, but would like to learn more about the **Economic Development Fund** of the Qames ʔəms tala Settlement Trust?



The Economic Development Fund is a separate investment fund allocated within the Qames ʔəms tala Settlement Trust. Its main objective is to allow for the pursuit and generation of economic opportunities for the Tla'amin Nation Citizens. These funds are intended to be spent on growing our economic base. The Trustees are responsible to administer the application process for the beneficiaries of the Tla'amin Nation.

The Trustees would like to plan up to two information sessions, one in Vancouver and one on Vancouver Island, depending on feedback from out-of-town Citizens. The sessions would take place between July and August and would focus on the Economic Development fund and the application process. This would be in preparation for the next Economic Development Application Intake, scheduled for October.

Trustees first need to gauge the level of interest before making plans to host an event.

If you are a Tla'amin Citizen who would attend an information session should the opportunity arise, please call (604) 414-7895 or email Kristi Thiele, Treasurer Trustee at [Kristi.Thiele@tn-bc.ca](mailto:Kristi.Thiele@tn-bc.ca) or Alisha Point, Secretary Trustee [Alisha.Point@tn-bc.ca](mailto:Alisha.Point@tn-bc.ca) Thank you!

# Tla'amin History from the Crossroads of Colonialism

## Part Five: Tla'amin Fishing

Elder Elsie Paul recalls, in her book *Written As I Remember It*, that many men in the Tla'amin community at Tišosəm (Sliammon) had powerful fishing boats that allowed them to engage the coastal commercial fishing industry in the 1940s and 1950s. In addition to logging, many Tla'amin men in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century worked as commercial fisherman in the coastal industry that supplied the world with canned salmon caught in the Tla'amin's traditional territory.

Of course, the Tla'amin had fished at Tišosəm for centuries. Tla'amin fishers of days gone by utilized large and intricately constructed stone 'traps' that worked by catching fish in tidal waters. As the tide fell, fish were trapped in the confines of the rock walls, and Tla'amin people would use spears and nets to catch them before the rise of the next tide. The remnants of these stone fish traps can still be seen on many of the beaches in Tla'amin traditional territory.

British Columbia's Indian Reserves, like the one at Tišosəm, were designed to protect Indigenous peoples' rights to maintain their fisheries. Indeed, many British Columbia reserves are too small for agriculture, and colonial officials recognized that Indigenous people on the coast obtained much of their food from the sea. However, as historian Douglas Harris argues, the government never properly protected the Indigenous right to fish in the open ocean, nor did they work to preserve fish stocks from the greedy nets of the commercial industry.

As the commercial fishing and cannery industry grew on the coast of British Columbia, the Tla'amin faced increased competition for their sustenance and commercial fisheries. With the loss of the salmon spawn at Tees'kwat when the river was dammed in 1910, and the damming of Theodosia River in 1952, the Tla'amin lost several important fishing sites. This made commercial fishing much more central in the Tla'amin economy, and many wanted to operate Tla'amin fishing boats instead of working as



wage-labour with the bulk of the profit going to large non-Indigenous fishing outfits.

But commercial fishing was an expensive industry to engage. Elsie Paul remembers that it was the forced eviction of Japanese fisherman during the Second World War that gave Tla'amin fishers an opportunity to engage the industry. When the Japanese were forcefully evicted from the coastal region of British Columbia in the 1940s, their fishing fleet and equipment was auctioned off at fire-sale prices. The unfortunate disadvantage of the many thousand displaced Japanese fishermen became the advantage for Tla'amin fishermen looking to play a more independent role in the industry.

By the late 1940s, the Tla'amin fishing fleet required a permanent dock to tie up their boats. In 1948, Chief Tom Timothy, Don Harry, Alec Louie, and Johnny Bob petitioned the Department of Indian Affairs to use money in the Tla'amin's account for the purpose of "dredging and bulldozing a boat harbour in the mouth of the creek at the village of Sliammon." Without the new boat harbour, the Tla'amin fishers would have to anchor their fishing fleet off the coast of Tišosəm and row to shore. Leaving the ships in deep water also meant that they were exposed to heavy winds and currents, and many chose to dock at 'distant' ports like Lund or Powell River to avoid damaging their ships.

Much like other construction projects at Tišosəm, the dock was funded using money from logging surrenders at Tišosəm and at Harwood Island. Tla'amin loggers had been working for Johnson Logging Company for several years, and the stumpage and rental fees from this logging operation was used to pay for the dock.

By 1950 the harbour preparation had been completed, and construction on the floating dock began. Tla'amin loggers supplied the huge logs that became the structure of the dock. The decking, boom chains, and anchor cables that were used to build the dock cost \$450.

While it saved the Tla'amin fleet from the unpredictable waters of the strait, by 1956 significant repairs and improvements were required to maintain the dock. So much wear and tear had occurred (causing constant work to keep it floating) that Tla'amin Chief Jimmy Peters petitioned the government for funds to build a breakwater. To save money on the construction, Peters volunteered to do the work himself. The Johnson Logging Company agreed to lend Peters his cat logging tractor to move the boulders from the nearby beach. So good was the relationship between the Tla'amin and



Johnson that he agreed to lend the equipment free of charge.

The new dock allowed Tla'amin fisherman to house their boats in their own community, and to more efficiently engage the commercial fishing industry. They now sold their catch directly to canneries, meaning that they made much more profit than they did by selling fish indirectly to the owners of the boats they were hired to work on.

The fishing dock that once provided a safe haven for Tla'amin fishers has disappeared from Tišosəm. Today, few remnants remain of its existence at the mouth of Sliammon Creek. But the Tla'amin maintain an active role in the fishing industry. Several Tla'amin work in the commercial industry. The Tla'amin Salmon Hatchery just up the Creek from the old fishing dock was built in 1976 and provides fish to both Tla'amin people and to the long-term sustainability of the salmon fishery. The Tla'amin Final Agreement, which created the Tla'amin Nation in 2016, included funding to be used to purchase fishing vessels that will allow the Tla'amin to catch fish in their territory for domestic and cultural use. There were also funds allocated to purchasing commercial licenses so that Tla'amin fishers can once again assert their right to catch and sell the marine resources in their traditional waters.

The historical record about the fishing dock built at Tišosəm ends with the completion of repairs in 1956, but I am interested in hearing more about the Tla'amin fishing fleet in the 1960s and beyond. I will be attending Aboriginal Day in Tla'amin territory this June, and I would love to chat with anyone who has information about the fishing docks, or any of the other topics I have covered. Emote!

## An Invisible Space for Culture and Education

By Steve Gallagher  
Neh Motl Editor

As far back as we can remember our elders have been the cornerstone for sharing and passing down their traditional knowledge, language and holistic approaches to our future generations in order to thrive and prosper. This Valuable knowledge shaped our survival through culture and traditions while creating stories about Mink that are still shared today as bedtime stories. At an early age, toddlers can now hear about certain creations at our Child Development and Resource Centre during reading time. But where does all that traditional knowledge go from here? There are different options for Tla'amin traditional knowledge to move forward.

Omeasoo Wahpasiw was born in Ontario, (Cree, her mother is from Saddle Lake) and is now an Assistant Professor at the University of Prince Edward Island teaching Indigenous history. She has returned to Tla'amin where an important part of her graduate studies was undertaken over the past years (2011-2016). Omeasoo invested a lot of time at the old treaty office reviewing oral histories, interviewing elders and documented all the information into one dissertation to fulfill the requirements for her PhD at the University of Saskatchewan. The dissertation is known as "Tla'amin Housing Architecture in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century: An Invisible Space for Culture and Education.

"Because I grew up around a sweat lodge and teepees, those spaces were full of educational elements within them. The teepee represented the womb of mother earth,

the skirt of the mother, and the protection the mother offered her family. The sweat lodge had its own metaphors. It represented the sky, universe, centre of the earth, and the roles of human beings within. Because most people don't live in a teepee anymore, and other Indigenous peoples don't inhabit their historical Indigenous architecture, I often wondered, how do these cultural teachings happen with other first nations, without these invisible space for culture and education?" said Omeasoo.

"The reason it's called an invisible space is because when we are in a space together, it is creating a dynamic of interaction, but we don't pay attention to it. Space has an important impact on how we discuss, interact and learn from one another. I am looking at the spaces Tla'amin people had over the course of 1900-1970 and how that shaped relationships people had in the community. Especially with the way young people learned important teachings. For example, it's somewhat controversial about what people say about the longhouse tradition. Some people say Tla'amin did have longhouse and some people say you didn't. Because there aren't any pictures of a long house here, that is how invisible it is," concluded Omeasoo.



On May 8<sup>th</sup>, our Elders reviewed some of the content and findings within the dissertation and provided some of their perspectives that will help determine how this information can be further used, or if more research needs to be done in specific areas. Ethics at the Faculty of Education and Arts at the University of Prince Edward Island plays an important and responsible role. This is to protect the elders' individual confidentiality if they wish to participate or withdraw.

If anyone is interested in talking with Omeasoo directly can contact her cell number (902) 213-2336 OR via email at [omeasoo@me.com](mailto:omeasoo@me.com). If you text her she can call you back!

## Education and Wisdom (part 2)

"Our kids come from parents that were away at residential school, and they were not really good listeners when they got home because they were taught to not listen to Granny's stories. They were taught that, you know, what she was doing was backwards. So, the young people, when they got home, they didn't care about those old stories. They didn't care about the lessons they would learn from those old stories, and how that makes you grow up to be who you are because of the people that you came from. And they didn't know where they came from because



they were not taught about their family. They were only home for two months and then they were sent away again. So, they never really got to feel that really big group dynamics because everybody was all split up in the summer because they were all gone berry-picking. They were all gone to seasonal

jobs and that. So, in the summer times all the families were broken up again, so they didn't ever get that community feeling, the feeling of family. - Tla'amin Elder

This Elder, who grew up in the 1960s and 1970s, shared his understanding of community dynamics following the physical disruption of residential school. Growing up in the 1960s and 1970s there had already been several decades of day school and residential school attendance. Residential school divided children from their families and young Tla'amin people "were not taught about their families." Young people could not travel the territory, spend time with their Elders (including parents, aunts, uncles, and grandparents), and participate in any communal or spiritual life with

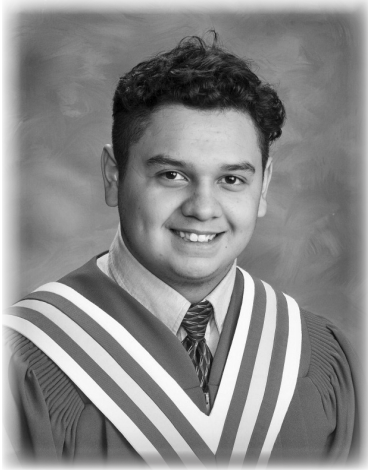
the community. When young people did return, they had been taught in residential school that if they listened to their grandmother, for example, "what she was doing was backwards." Finally, as this Elder mentions, "they never really got to feel that really big group dynamics because everybody was all split up in the summer because they were all gone berry-picking." Not only did residential school enforce an individualism in the lonely child, but community dynamics at home had also changed. And yet, there were still ways that some families kept their young people educated in a Tla'amin way.

Of course there were! I will tell you about them next time....

Emote!/  
Eskosi  
Omeasoo Wahpasiw

# Graduating

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Fernando Menendez



Hailey Galligos



Jade Touchie



Cara Galligos



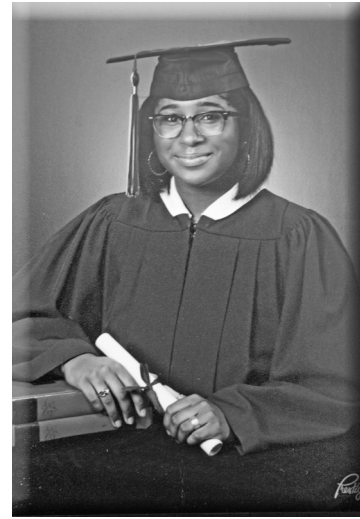
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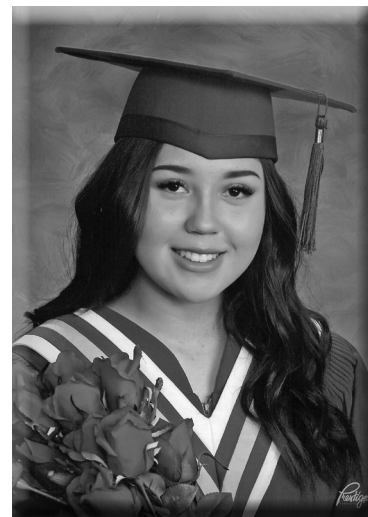
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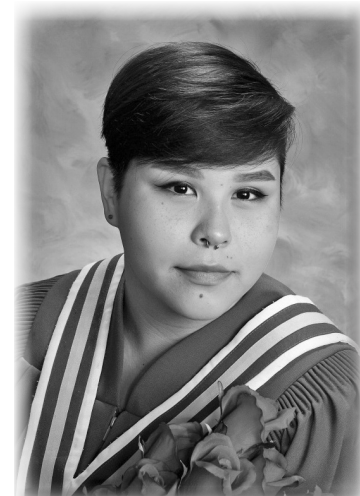
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Susan Silvey



Kendra Wilson



Kirsten Paul



ek Millenium Babies!

# Health and Wellness

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

**# Itstartswithme**

## Message from Tla'amin Health Director Nathan Jantz



### Gathering Wisdom

For a few days in May, I was fortunate to be a part of the Gathering Wisdom conference held in Vancouver. Gathering Wisdom is a chance to "learn more about promising practices from other communities across BC, discuss the role of health and healing in Na-

tion rebuilding, and discuss new opportunities in the areas of mental health and the social determinants of health."

Words of inspiration included: "We must own our own health... we have the solutions and resources", for example using "traditional diets to eliminate diabetes." Furthermore "being on the land is the biggest healer. Occupy your land, use the resources."

We were also informed of \$30 million dollars, jointly offered by the Province of BC, Government of Canada, and First Nation's Health Authority, to address mental health and wellness in First Nation's communities throughout BC. An exciting part of this funding will be the way it is distributed, by working with each individual community and providing funding for what is needed. Typically, we are directed on what to do with the money, this will be flexible and community driven!

One other important topic discussed was the higher rates of cancer in First Nation's communities. They reminded us of the importance of being screened for various cancers, as many of the high rates of cancer were in categories where early intervention can help save lives. We will be providing more information about cancer screening in the coming months.

Respectfully Emote,  
 Nathan Jantz



## Elders Corner June 2018

**Tuesday June 5th:** EDP Luncheon 11-1pm

**Tuesday June 12th:** EDP Luncheon 11-1pm

**Wednesday June 13th:** Westview Elementary Pole Raising Ceremony. @11 am. Meet at Health if you need a ride. 11 am 1pm

**Tuesday June 19th:** EDP Bingo and Luncheon. Bring a friend! 11-1pm

**Tuesday June 26th:** EDP Luncheon and special Guest Dr. Persaud. 11-1pm

**June 27th:** Elder Spaghetti Fundraiser @ Salish Center 5-7pm. Will draw for Elders Raffle and 50/50 draw at 6pm. Light entertainment provided. A minimum donation of \$5 per plate is

greatly appreciated. Volunteers greatly appreciated! All proceeds go to our Elder Gathering expenses.

**A thank you to all who support and volunteer at our Elder's events, we can't do it without you!**

**Community Garden:** Come Grow with Us! We are expanded and moving forward. Soon we will have our composting center up and running. This system should divert waste that would go to our landfill, and turn it into soil. We meet Thursdays behind the Ahms Tah Ow School and get dirty!

**Elders Gathering:** All registration forms should be in now. All registered Elders will receive a confirmation letter to confirm your entry.



Fire safety Demonstration



James Thomson May Day

## Family Support & Wellness

**W**ellness is having a balanced life spiritually, emotionally, physically and mentally. We need to practice these in order to have balance in our lives, so we can be healthy in our mind, body, soul and spirit; for our own well-being and happiness. The Family Support & Wellness program runs on this model of health with the following programs.

**Tuesdays** Self Care - Walking Group from 1 – 3pm  
Walking is very beneficial for any medical condition and all-around health, spiritual, mentally, emotional as well as physical. The Walking Group will be walking through safe hiking trails at Powell Lake, Willingdon Beach and the Track. Wear comfy shoes and bring water to keep hydrated. Walk with others and visit while enjoying nature!

**Wednesdays** Wellness Support Circle from 10 – 12  
This group runs weekly and is a spin off from the grief and loss program. We will continue to support each other with any difficulties we are having in our lives including grieving. This gives you an opportunity to be with others who are struggling also and helping each other cope with the problem at hand. You will learn practical tools to help you as well receive traditional teachings from our Elders through story telling.

**Thursdays** Social Group & Crafts meet 10 – 2pm  
This Group is a gathering where personal craft projects are done or if there is any specific occasion or other we work together on. For example, we have made scarves for the homeless women, purple hats for the Shaken Baby Syndrome and currently making hats for the homeless men. We also will be having cultural activity/teachings i.e. Medicines, berry picking, native crafts etc. If you are interested or would like to register in any of these programs call Sally at 604.483-3009.

## Introduction to Kayaking For Youth Ages 14-19

Space is limited, please register before **June 20<sup>th</sup>** with leslie @ 604-483-3009 ext. 104 Email: [leslie.louie@tn-bc.ca](mailto:leslie.louie@tn-bc.ca)

**Date:** June 29<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 8:30-3:00  
**Place:** Footprint Nature Explorations

We will meet at the Health Center and leave at 8:30 am. We will participate in introduction to Kayaking and learn techniques with a Paddle Canada certified instructor.

Some skills we will learn:

- Basics of Kayaking
- Wet exit and recovery for safety
- Team building skills and assisting one another.

Lunch will be provided. Contact Leslie for more info.

## Dental Clinics for June are Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup>

No dental clinics for July and August  
Dental clinics will resume in September 2018. Contact Cathy



Mattias Gallagher (age 7) is sure to have a sparkling smile with his regular visits to the Dentist at Health

## June activities

**June 4<sup>th</sup>**- Family Fun Event @ Salish Centre from 3-5pm  
**June 14<sup>th</sup>**-Fluoride Varnish drop in @ CDRC from 10am-12pm  
(for ages 1-6 with dental hygienist)

**June 15<sup>th</sup>**-Father's Day BBQ @ CDRC from 11-1pm  
Dana G - ECD Outreach coord

**Wednesday Girl's Group** - 7 to 14 years old  
Limited space available: **Registration required**

**Time:** 4:00 to 6:00 pm

**Location:** Tla'Amin Health.

*Snacks & Refreshments Provided*

*Come out and enjoy a fun filled evening of fun & games.*

Bowling, Movie Night, Cooking, Craft Night

### Recreational Activity Tuesday June 19<sup>th</sup> & 26, 2018

Pre-registration required

Location: Tla'Amin Health Services

Time: 3:30 to 5:30 pm

Family Event

Snacks & refreshments provided

**Thursday Night Ball Hockey will resume in the Fall**  
Have a safe and happy Summer.  
Shirley and Chris

## New Collaboration With The Tla'amin Nation



On May 8, 2018, Dr. Cedric Chauve and Dr. Veselin Jungic from the SFU Department of Mathematics were guests of the Tla'amin Nation. With their hosts, Ms. Betty Wilson, Ms. Gail Blaney, and Mr. Tyler Peters, they discussed a possible collaboration between the Tla'amin Nation and the PIMS-supported Callysto project led by Dr. Chauve. The outcome of this collaboration would be a learning resource

that would use modern technology to make the traditional Tla'amin basket designs and patterns accessible to elementary and high school students.

This promising collaboration would further deepen the relationship between the Tla'amin Nation and the SFU Department of Mathematics that has already proven very fruitful through many joint projects nurtured by the Math Catcher Outreach Program.

As part of their visit, Dr. Chauve and Dr. Jungic presented about the Math Catcher Program and the Callysto Project to the Board of School District 47.

## Language Course Offered

This course will introduce students to some of the patterns in ʔayʔajuθəm with a focus on learning the sounds of ʔayʔajuθəm and how to write the language, as well as understanding writing systems. We will also explore how words and sentences are structured and how this knowledge can be used in documentation and language teaching material. Topics that will be covered include:

- Learning the sounds of ʔayʔajuθəm and patterns of the sound system
- Learning to write ʔayʔajuθəm
- Word structure in ʔayʔajuθəm
- Sentence structure in ʔayʔajuθəm

The main goal of the course is for students to learn the sounds of ʔayʔajuθəm and become comfortable using the orthography, gaining skills useful for learning, documentation, and creating teaching .

**For registration see Betty Wilson.  
Course takes place first week of July.  
5 day course.  
Credits from university of Victoria.**



## International Aboriginal Youth Intern Project (2018-22)



**We are pleased to be offering International Youth Intern opportunities for the first time!**

If you are looking to develop your International experience in the areas of Environment and Forestry and/or Sustainable Development, then consider this opportunity to intern in Uganda. The First Nations Forestry Council is working with The Jane Goodall Institute of Canada, Fair Trade Carbon Uganda and Stratosphere International to provide intern opportunities in Uganda for the next four years.

FNFC is now accepting applications for the International Aboriginal Youth Internship program. We are accepting applications for a September start at the moment. If you have any questions about the program, please get in touch with our team at [workforce@forestrycouncil.ca](mailto:workforce@forestrycouncil.ca) (Keith Atkinson or Leigh Fox)

## Learning Our Tla'amin Language

Berry season is upon us, some words to use when picking or share with someone, practice them when ever you remember.

English	Phoentic	Orthograthy
SALMONBERRY	ten nek	ʔɛnɛk
STRAWBERRY	Heh gon	hɛgən
HUCKLEBERRY	Toh um	toxʷəm
BLACKBERRIES	chit toh when	čitoxʷɛn
SALAL BERRIES	Tah kah	ʔaqa
STINGING NETTLES	Seow seow	sɛwʃɛw

*Dawna Pallen for Tla'amin Language*

## FOOD SAFE SKILLS FOR YOUTH (15+)

**Date: June 4, 2018 (Pro-D-day)**

Time: 8:30am - 4:00 pm

Location: Tla'Amin Health

Please register with Leslie By May 25th @ 604-483-3009 ext.103 or by email @ [leslie.louie@tn-bc.ca](mailto:leslie.louie@tn-bc.ca)



## Thuy'she'num Tu Smun'eem Building a foundation for our youth

### Summer camp vision

Vancouver Island University and the 'Su'luqw'a' Community Cousins are hosting three four day summer camps for Indigenous Youth (Grade 8 to 12). Camps will be offered in the following VIU Campuses: Cowichan Campus (July 3 – 6); Powell River (July 16 – 19) and Nanaimo (August 7 – 10). The primary focus will be celebrating the education and cultural components that support youth/student's ongoing learning journeys. Elder teachings, land-based learning, exploring VIU's programs and campuses are just a sample of what our summer camp have to offer.



### Are you interested?

#### Eligibility

Are you a leader in your community, role model, interested in post-secondary education?

We are seeking twenty-five Indigenous youth from the five surrounding School Districts: Nanaimo-Ladysmith, Parksville-Qualicum, Cowichan, Port Alberni, and Powell River.

To apply fill out and submit the application form to:

Please email expressions of interest to [community.cousins@viu.ca](mailto:community.cousins@viu.ca).

Successful applicants will be contacted via email.

The costs for this program are fully covered by VIU & 'Su'luqw'a Community Cousins' supported by the Peter Cundill Foundation.

#### Program goals

Support Indigenous youth leadership and the importance of balancing both cultural and academic education.

Build community of peers from all over the Island.

Incorporate land-based learning opportunities taught by local Elders.

Offer a holistic education experience that includes cultural practices.

Development confidence, leadership, financial literacy, and life skills.

Support positive social contributions for their home communities.

#### Contact Information

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Community Cousins

Phone: 1-250-753-3245, local 2096

Email: [community.cousins@viu.ca](mailto:community.cousins@viu.ca)

## SafeTalk

Through SafeTalk we hope to give our community members the skills to:

- Spot situations where someone may be having suicide ideation
- Seeing calls for help that are often overlooked by people
- Break the silence that so often surrounds the topic of Suicide
- Use the TALK steps of intervention (Tell, Ask, Listen, Keep Safe)
- Know the resources available to someone with ideation both within the community and outside the community, and,
- Give communities the skills to aid people with ideation get further support.

Where: Tla'Amin Salish Center

When: Wednesday, July 4th 2018

Start & End Times: 10 am to 2:30 pm

Preparing communities to see the signs and prevent the worst.

Open to community members 13+  
This workshop is approximately 3-4 hours

There is no cost to attend this event

Interested in hosting a SafeTALK training session?

Contact the facilitators for details or to set up a training workshop in your community. Please

Contact:

Jenelle Williamson & Matthew Orrick

250.753.3990 Ext 270

[Jenelle.Williamson@itha.ca](mailto:Jenelle.Williamson@itha.ca)

[Matthew.Orrick@itha.ca](mailto:Matthew.Orrick@itha.ca)



#### SUMMARY OF RCMP CALLS FOR SERVICE FOR: April / May 2018

This summary of police calls for service is intended to advise community members of what is occurring in the community and to encourage community members to report all suspicious activities.



	Powell River RCMP Non-Emergency (604)485-6255	In Case of Emergency Call 911
APR 26	HWY 101	Police responded to a single vehicle collision north of Tla'amin.
APR 26	HARWOOD DR	Police responded to a report of an unwanted person in the residence.
APR 27	EAGLE DR	Police assisted Powell River probation with serving a summons.
MAY 01	HARWOOD DR	Police received a request to locate an individual, but the person returned home before Police arrived.
MAY 01	WATERFRONT RD	Police responded to a report of a suspicious person driving an ATV on Waterfront Rd.
MAY 02	HWY 101	Police responded to an erratic driver report.
MAY 02	EAGLE DR	Police responded to a theft report.
MAY 02	HWY 101	Police stopped a vehicle and found the driver was prohibited from driving. He is to appear in court on July 3, 2018.
MAY 02	WATERFRONT RD	Police arrested a male for breaching his probation order.
MAY 03	HARWOOD DR	Police responded to a disturbance.
MAY 03	BEACH RD	Police responded to a report of ATV's driving at high speed along Beach Rd.
MAY 06	HARWOOD DR	Police responded to a report of an impaired driver.
MAY 06	HARWOOD DR	Police responded to a report of a disturbance.
MAY 07	HARWOOD DR	Police responded to a report of a noisy party.
MAY 09	WATERFRONT RD	Police investigated an allegation of a historical assault.
MAY 09	HARWOOD DR	Police investigated an assault that took place a few days earlier.
MAY 12	HARWOOD DR	Police responded to a disturbance involving an intoxicated male. The male was arrested for being intoxicated in public and released the next morning without charge.
MAY 13	HARWOOD DR	Police responded to a request for assistance to locate a youth. Youth located by Police and returned to her residence.
MAY 16	HARWOOD DR	Police responded to a report of a noisy music coming from a residence.
MAY 17	HARWOOD DR	Police responded to an assault report.
MAY 20	HARWOOD DR	Police responded to a disturbance involving an intoxicated male. The male was arrested, lodged in cells, and then released the following morning without charge.
MAY 21	HWY 101	Police responded to a 911 call, which was determined to be false.

# Tla'amin Nation Executive Council Minutes

April 4, 2018

Council Chambers, Governance House

**Attendance:** All Executive Council

**Resource:** Rod Allan, Losa Luaifoa, Cathy Galligos, Shawn Louie

**CALL TO ORDER:** Hegus Williams called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** March 21, 2018 minutes were tabled to the April 18, 2018 meeting.

**B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** Motion to adopt the Agenda as amended.

*Moved by John Hackett  
Seconded by Lori Wilson*

**C. PRESENTATIONS:** A member addressed Executive Council (EC) regarding several outstanding housing issues.

**D. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Administration & Finance:** The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) requested consent from EC to continue with the current investments (\$1.6 million) for Tla'amin with RBC Securities. Consensus from EC for RBC to continue with the current investments for Tla'amin was received.

**2. Culture:** Hegus Williams advised that the posting for the Cultural Manager position closes on April 11, 2018 at 4:30 pm.

**3. Education:** Councillor Hackett reported that two applicants were interviewed for Early Childhood Education position with Chi Chuy Pre-school. The six-week position has the potential to be extended in September, 2018. Zoe Harry is the successful candidate.

- The CAO will schedule an Education Management meeting before the end of the current school year.

- EC expressed concern about students receiving funding to participate in graduation events prior to confirmation that they will receive their Dogwood certificate at the end of the school year.

**4. Elders & Youth:** Councillor L. Wilson advised that an Elders day trip to visit Lasqueti Island is being planned for in May by the Lands Department. Date to be confirmed.

**5. Emergency Services:** Councillor T. Wilson reported that he attended the Regional Emergency Executive Committee (REEC) meeting on March 22, 2018 and noted that evacuation planning was discussed.

## Fire Department Meet & Greet



**6. Fisheries & Hatchery:** EC inquired about the status of Tla'amin's food fish from Musqueam. Councillor T. Wilson to follow-up.

**7. Forestry:** Councillor Hackett reported that the operations from Mount Mahoney is in its last phase and near completion. A waste survey is required in that area before any firewood permits can be issued.

- Road-building is commencing in another area located at the head of Haslam Lake.

- The Mill site log dump is in full operation. Space will be congested as there are 3 licenses utilizing the dump.

**8. Transition to Self-Government:** The Strategic Forestry Initiative funding agreement for the amount of \$200,000 was signed.

**E. HOUSE POSTS**

**Lands & Resources – Councillor L. Wilson** reported the following:

- Nahmint Raider – One application was received for the deckhand position.

- An Open House for Harwood Island development is planned for mid-May, 2018 to provide more information and respond to concerns and inquiries from members.

- A portion of the Sliammon Lake road has collapsed. A meeting of staff is planned to discuss the road and waterline re-alignment.

- The Lands Manager and Councillor L. Wilson are coordinating with UVIC on a second TUS project for the summer.

- Westview Treaty Settlement Lands (TSL) parcels – inquire with Tla'amin Management Services (TMS) on the status of a plan for TSL parcels and confirm when a presentation to EC can be provided.

- The Lands Manager requested the creation of a Lands Officer position.

- Health parking lot – paving will need to be done later. The CAO will inquire with BA Blacktop about the timeline to complete the Salish Drive connection only for now.

- A Building Inspector agreement with the City of Powell River has not been signed and based on feedback from Tla'amin, the City is questioning if services should continue. The Lands Director is to meet with the other two building inspectors for Powell River to gather information. The current Building Inspector has Level 3 certification and it was questioned whether Tla'amin requires Level 3.

- Trespass on TSL at Craig Road - a house situated on the lot line of TSL is non-conforming by 2 metres. EC suggested that the homeowner be provided the opportunity to purchase the small parcel of land.

- Received a request from a community member interested in purchasing one acre of Treaty Settlement Land adjacent to their property for the purpose of growing a garden. The member was advised to forward a request in writing to the Lands Department.

**Finance – Councillor Hackett** reported that a Taxation meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 6, 2018 from 10 am to 12 pm and a Finance meeting on April 27, 2018 at 10 am.

# Tla'amin Nation Executive Council Minutes

April 4, 2018

Council Chambers,  
Governance House

## Community Services – Councillor L. Louie

presented the following update from Nathan Jantz, Director of Health:

- Submitted an application to Vancouver Coastal Health for \$150,000 per year for three years to:

A) hire elders to teach the Tla'amin language to children in daycare

B) assist with Family Preservation and

C) for cultural camps for 8-weeks per year at the outdoor learning centre.

- Re-organization of office spaces for nursing staff.
- Melinda Hasselback has been hired as the replacement for the Chronic Disease nurse.
- Attended the South Coast caucus conference in Vancouver on March 1-2, 2018.
- Attended a Quality Improvement forum hosted by FNHA.
- Attended the Sechelt elder's visit.
- Many policies (Donations/Support for Athletes/Compassion Travel) do not exist. It was noted that these policies do exist.
- Some challenges at the Health centre include:

A) lack of seats for transportation of community members (elders and day camps). Received many requests for a mini bus or larger van and

B) according to the new Collective Bargaining Agreement, staff are required to use up their holidays before the end of the fiscal year.

- Priorities for the next month are as follows: A) work on the recommendations from the Accreditation, B) look into a fraud case and, C) begin the process of a feasibility study completed for an Elders Care facility.

## Public Works – Councillor T. Wilson

reported that the Fire Hall is seeking recruits for membership. The number of volunteers needed is 15.

## Economic Development – Hegus Williams

reported the following:

- Tla'amin is exploring an opportunity to produce Cannabis with

a Vancouver company.

- Lund Hotel opened on April 3, 2018.

The Northwest Hardwoods mill tour with EC is scheduled for May 8, 2018 in Mount Vernon.

A quote from Pierre Mathieu will be reviewed at the April 5, 2018 TMS Board meeting for the Lund wharf. It was noted that previous plans have not been successful.

## F. HEGUS' REPORT

Meetings/events attended in March:

March 23 - Vancouver Island University re: Tla'amin is interested in offering a training program in enforcement specific to the needs of Tla'amin.

March 28 - Cannabis legalization and consultation session with the Province.

A funding agreement (\$25,000) from Steelhead (Huu-ay-aht) will be provided to Tla'amin for the purposes of community consultation as the first step towards community engagement.

Klahoose Nation has requested \$25,000 from Tla'amin to participate in a global museum tour to look for human remains in the museums.

Stanley Darland is interested in putting together a cookbook for Tla'amin.

Upcoming meeting: April 11, 2018 - City of Powell River and Tla'amin Executive Council at the Governance building at 9 am re: to discuss consent for TSL and a service agreement for Edgehill parcels and hospital lands.

## G. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by John Hackett  
Seconded by Tyrone Wilson

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm. The next EC meeting is Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 10:00 am.

## Fire Department Meet & Greet



## INFORMATION BULLETIN

For Immediate Release  
2018FLNR0126-000948  
May 17, 2018

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations  
and Rural Development  
BC Wildfire Service

### Some open burns to be restricted in Coastal Fire Centre

PARKSVILLE – Effective at noon on Friday, May 18, 2018, Category 2 open burns will be prohibited throughout the Coastal Fire Centre's jurisdiction, with the exception of the Haida Gwaii Natural Resource District and the "Fog Zone".

This prohibition will help prevent human-caused wildfires and protect public safety. It will remain in effect until Oct. 20, 2018, or until the public is otherwise notified. A map of the affected area is available online: <http://ow.ly/CPeC30k2k0J>

The Fog Zone is a two-kilometre strip of land along the outer coast of Vancouver Island, stretching from Owen Point (near Port Renfrew) north to the tip of Vancouver Island and around to the boundary of the District of Port Hardy. This strip extends inland two kilometres from the high-tide point. A map of the Fog Zone is available online: <http://ow.ly/bCJc30caLul>

These prohibitions apply to all public and private land unless specified otherwise, for example in a local government bylaw. Please check with local government authorities for any other restrictions before lighting any fire.

Specifically, the Category 2 prohibition applies to:

- the burning of any material (piled or unpiled) smaller than two metres high and three metres wide
- the burning of stubble or grass fires over an area less than 2,000 square metres
- the use of fireworks, firecrackers, sky lanterns, burning barrels or burning cages of any size or description
- the use of binary exploding targets (e.g. for rifle target practice)

This prohibition does not ban campfires that are smaller than a half-metre high by a half-metre wide, or apply to cooking stoves that use gas, propane or briquettes. A poster explaining the different categories of open burning is available online: <http://ow.ly/znnv309kVj5>

People lighting a campfire must maintain a fireguard by removing flammable debris from around the campfire site and they must have a hand tool or at least eight litres of water available nearby to properly extinguish the fire. They also must ensure that the campfire is completely extinguished and the ashes are cold to the touch before leaving the area for any length of time.

Anyone lighting larger fires (Category 3 fires) or more than two fires of any size must comply with open burning regulations and must first obtain a burn registration number by calling 1 888 797-1717. They must also check venting conditions before lighting a Category 3 fire. If venting

# Schools Close on June 29th

Please Drive Carefully and Watch out  
for our Children

# Facts About Bald Eagles

**Scientific name:**

Haliaeetus leucocephalus

**Average weight:**

2.7 to 4 kg (males)

4.5 to 6.8 kg (females)

**Average wingspan:**

more than two metres

**Average lifespan:** 25 to 40 years

**Did you know?**

When a bald eagle loses a feather on one wing, it will lose a feather on the other in order to keep its balance!

**Physiology**

The bald eagle isn't bald. The word "bald" actually comes from the word "pie-bald" which is used to describe something that is spotty or patchy. Adult eagles are dark brown and have white feathers covering their heads and tails. They also have hooked yellow beaks, large talons, and oversized feet equipped with small spikes, called spicules. Together, eagles use these body parts as their own type of fishing pole. Eagles also have a super sense of vision, allowing them to see four to seven times farther than humans.

Young eagles are called eaglets and are light grey and fluffy when they first hatch. Their feathers turn dark brown when they're about 12 weeks old and ready to leave the nest. The feathers on their heads and tails won't turn white until they're about four years old. Life can be challenging for young eaglets, and nearly 50 per cent don't survive their first year.

**Habitats/Behaviours**

Bald eagles make their homes in forested areas near large bodies of water. This environment ensures good fishing and large trees for nesting. Eagles also tend to seek areas that are isolated from humans.

The bald eagle is the only eagle exclusive to North America. Eagles are at the top of the food chain and have no natural enemies. When bald eagle populations dwindle, it's likely because humans have interfered with their natural habitat.

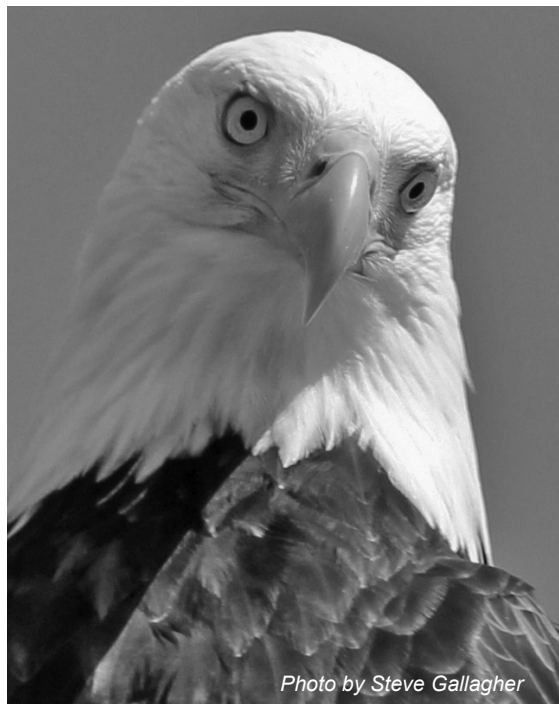


Photo by Steve Gallagher

The bald eagle is Canada's largest bird of prey. It gets its food by direct capture, scavenging and stealing prey from other animals. Its diet consists primarily of fish. However, if fish are scarce, eagles refuse to go hungry and instead feast on rabbits, squirrels, birds and even young deer!

It's believed that bald eagles choose one mate for life. To impress each other, males and females perform special courtship dances in the sky. The dance involves locking talons and cart-wheeling through the air.

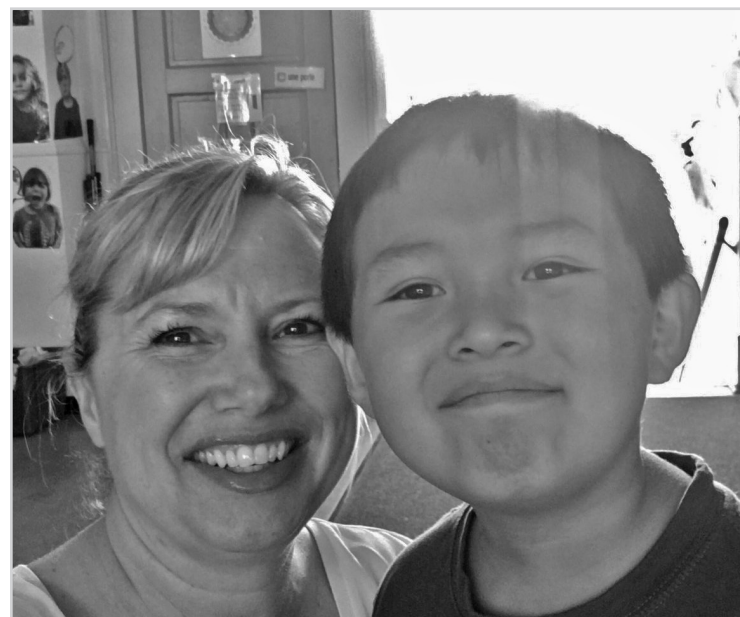
**Range**

Bald eagles that breed in areas that don't freeze in the winter are likely to stay in the same habitat year-round. Eagles that nest inland generally migrate to coastal wintering areas. Others migrate from northern breeding areas to southern wintering areas.

Most of Canada's bald eagle population is found along the Pacific coast of British Columbia. Healthy eagle populations are also found in the boreal forests of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and northwestern Ontario. Small groups of eagles also make their homes in Cape Breton and along the coast of Newfoundland.

## Lylee May Day Speech

Welcome to our elders, parents and guests we have here up on the stage. It has been an amazing time being Ambassador. I am thankful for being given the experience this year. I have learned a lot about myself and about our school as a community. It was a great way to spend my last year at James Thomson. I wish all the luck to the new ambassadors in the year to come...THANK YOU, have a great May Day.



## Congratulations Mattias Gallagher Good News Call of Day

Reading scores way up! So proud of the work he has done this year! Principal Marshman  
#readinghero #andareallygoodboy



*time  
to  
grill*

dippers and saucers



## BBQ Hot Smoked Salmon with Maple

A terrific barbequed salmon dish, grilled on cedar planks and basted with a maple marinade.

(serves 4)

### INGREDIENTS

2 untreated cedar planks, for smoking

1 medium onion, roughly chopped

½ cup maple syrup

salt and pepper

4 5-oz portions of salmon fillet

lemon, for accent



### DIRECTIONS

1. Immerse the cedar planks in cool water for 2 to 3 hours before grilling.

2. Using an immersion blender or mini chopper, puree the onion and maple syrup together (alternatively, you can grate the onion using a box grater and stir this with the maple syrup). Add salt & pepper and pour this over the salmon portions. Cover and chill the salmon for a minimum of 30 minutes, up to 2 hours before grilling.

3. Preheat the grill to medium high, and place the cedar planks on the grill for 2 minutes. Place the salmon fillets on the heated planks, 2 per plank and baste generously with any of the maple marinade that is left in the dish. Cover the grill and cook the salmon for 8 to 10 minutes, then remove and serve with a splash of lemon.

## BBQ Safety Tips

### Do

- Keep your grill at least 10 feet away from your house
- Clean your grill regularly
- Check for gas leaks
- Keep decorations away from your grill
- Keep a spray bottle of water handy
- Keep a fire extinguisher nearby

### Don't

- Turn on the gas while your grill lid is closed
- Leave a grill unattended
- Overload your grill with food
- Use indoors



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TRIBAL COUNCIL  
ADVISORY SERVICES

### WHO should attend?

Anyone who either has a business idea, or would like to learn about owning their own business.

### WHAT will you learn?

- How to evaluate a business idea and identify your customers
- How to create a business plan using simple, easy to use learning materials and hands on practice in fun, informative workshops
- How to seek out and successfully access funding for Indigenous business

### WHAT will you receive?

- Guidance by an experienced Indigenous entrepreneur facilitator
- Individual mentorship sessions and communication to ensure you receive maximum support and feel empowered to move ahead with your business idea
- Visits from Indigenous guest entrepreneurs to help you learn from the experiences of others
- A special graduation celebration with family and friends



## Entrepreneurship Program

Join Naut'sa mawt Tribal Council, North Vancouver Island Aboriginal Training Society (NVIATS) and Destinee Barrow from Sharing Circle Educational Programs for a 4 week workshop designed specifically for Indigenous Entrepreneurs.

**June 15 - July 7 2018**  
**The Historic Lund Hotel, Lund BC**

1436 Highway 101, Lund, BC (outside of Powell River)

<b>15-16 JUNE</b>	Friday 4 pm - 9 pm and Saturday 9 am - 3 pm Entrepreneurship 101- Social Innovation, Social Enterprise and For Profit Businesses- The Business Plan
<b>22-23 JUNE</b>	Friday 4 pm - 9 pm and Saturday 9 am - 3 pm Communications in Business Business Planning 1, Market Research Business Planning 2, Connecting With Potential Customers
<b>29-30 JUNE</b>	Friday 4 pm - 9 pm and Saturday 9 am - 3 pm Making Sense of Business Financial Documents- Costs and Budgeting- The Marketing Plan
<b>6-7 JULY</b>	Friday 4 pm - 9 pm and Saturday 9 am - 3 pm Legal Structure, Laws and Liability in Business- Taxes and Aboriginal Business- Hiring - Best Practices- Graduation Celebration July 7th 12- 3 pm

[Register Now](#)

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## Happy 8th Anniversary to our daughter Brandi & Craig Marriott

June 16, 2010.

Wishing you lots of happiness and love.  
Love, Dawna, Calvin & Sabrina & family



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## June 14 - July 15

GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C	GROUP D
Russia	Portugal	France	Argentina
Saudi Arabia	Spain	Australia	Iceland
Egypt	Morocco	Peru	Croatia
Uruguay	Iran	Denmark	Nigeria
GROUP E	GROUP F	GROUP G	GROUP H
Brazil	Germany	Belgium	Poland
Switzerland	Mexico	Panama	Senegal
Costa Rica	Sweden	Tunisia	Colombia
Serbia	Korea Rep.	England	Japan



## Happy Fathers Day Sunday June 17th

### 1st Round Games

Thursday, June 14 Russia vs Saudi Arabia  
 Friday, June 15 Portugal vs Spain  
 Saturday, June 16 Argentina vs Iceland  
 Saturday, June 16 France vs Australia  
 Sunday, June 17 Germany vs Mexico  
 Sunday, June 17 Brazil vs Switzerland  
 Monday, June 18 Tunisia vs England



**Consolation Winners in Cowichan**



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 'We Will Tell A Story'

### Indigenous Day

June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018  
 5:00pm  
 @  
 Tla'amin Salish  
 Centre

**Tickets \$25.**

Tickets available from  
 Cheechlem Chichiya Canoe  
 Family members & at the  
 Tla'amin Convenience Store.

Contact: Drew or Gail Blaney  
 @ 604 483 9669

Celebrate Indigenous Day with the Cheechlem Chi-Chia Canoe Family where a rich display of culture will be performed through stories, songs and dances!

#### Performances Include:

- Simone Blais - Traditional Metis Jigger from Toronto
- Duane Hanson - Klahoose First Nation Musician
- Albert Hackett - Tla'amin First Nation Musician
- Tla'amin Nunkum Dancers sharing age old stories through song & dance
- Dr. Elsie Paul – sharing stories

**Dinner: Your choice of Sockeye Salmon or Elk Stew with Roast Potatoes, Bannock, Green Salad and your choice of dessert.**

There will also be a silent auction with some amazing prizes, a 50/50 draw, games & door prizes so be sure to bring cash to play!



Dear Mom, your beautiful life was a blessing and your teachings were received and shared by all. You are a shining star in the heavens and your sparkle lives on! You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure! We are still connected Mom, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, Sister, Auntie, Friend, you are always in our hearts & minds!

**We All Love You Forever!**