

New Bridge Connects Trails Network on Both Sides of Sliammon Creek

In late 2017 Powell River Parks and Wilderness Society (PAWS) partnered with the Tla'amin Nation's Trails Group to participate in the establishment of a Tla'amin Trails Network of some 8 km of footpaths in the area around the Sliammon community.

In 2018 Tla'amin Trails Group successfully applied for funding of Phase 1 of a provincial/federal employment grant and hired four Tla'amin trail workers for 10 weeks. Phase 1 resulted in approximately 10 km of roughed-in hiking trails, including some finished trail sections getting built.

In March of 2019, the Tla'amin Trails Group received funding from the provincial government's Rural Dividends program for Phase 2 of the Tla'amin Trails Project. Tla'amin workers were hired in late spring and together with their partners PAWS, they completely upgraded the trails that had been established during the previous summer, and added two more kilometres of new trail linking the lower Phase 1 loop with the Sunshine Coast Trail near Little Sliammon Lake. They also built several smaller footbridges, benches, and a picnic table plus more than a dozen temporary laminated maps. We thank Trish Wilson for her help overseeing the crew.

In early 2020 volunteers from VIU's Tourism and Hospitality Class installed metal trail markers along the inner trail loop. Since then all trails have been tagged. If the markers are diamond shaped their general direction is northward toward the Sliammon Lakes. If the markers are square shaped, their general direction is southward and leads to the community, and ultimately to the waterfront.

Five of the linked trails are located on the east side of Sliammon Creek. A footbridge



BACK: Louie Tom and Cody Harry **FRONT:** Laurie Harry and Frank Wilson on the new bridge completed this year

needed to be built across Sliammon Creek to connect the east side trails with the one Keh ehk nek trail on the west side. During six weeks of July and August 2020 a crew of four (Frank Wilson, Laurie Harry, Cody Harry, Louie Tom and Mark Paul) was hired and guided by a couple of experienced trail builders they began the work at hand.

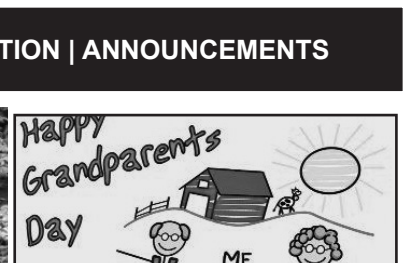
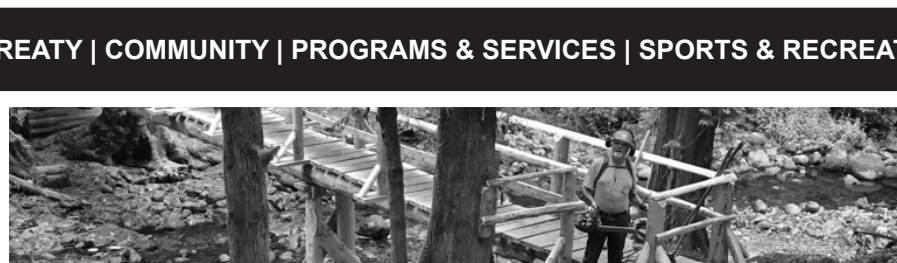
The crew cleared the area on the narrowest part of the creek where the bridge would be built and a professional faller came to remove two danger trees, as well as other trees that would become cedar bridge stringers, cribbage foundations and planks for the deck.

Then a track had to be built so the Nation's excavator could come in and move the stringers to the creek and lift them up onto the cribbage foundations (Thank you Thichum Forest). The crew manufactured planks, posts, railings, half-

rails, and braces for the bridge using materials on hand (Thank you Gerry for lending us your Alaskan saw mill). All of these materials were sourced on Tla'amin Lands, most within a 200 m radius of the building site. The cedar steps and stringers of the stairs were sawn in a Sliammon mill. Only some necessary hardware such as big spikes and rods did come from elsewhere. Anti-slip metal mesh will be installed on the bridge and board walks in the coming weeks.

The bridge now connects the Tla'amin Trails Network on both sides of the creek. We built wilderness furniture, such as another picnic table and benches at this recreation site which will help turn this magical place into a favorite spot to visit in all seasons. It will bring communities together. A handful additional simple benches will be built in the coming weeks along the trails so you can rest up for a bit

and then continue. **BRIDGE** (Continued on page 3)



Candidates for Hegus



JOHN STEVEN HACKETT

My vision for Tla'amin Nation the next four years... I see our Nation moving forward, growing, evolving, and re-claiming our identity.

We are in a great situation leading into the second chapter as a Self-Governing Nation... Tla'amin Nation. Tla'amin Nation holds 8,332 hectares of fee simple land, which is the highest level of ownership, we also manage additional 6,000 hectares of Community forest. Our Nation is the largest land holder in the Powell River area.

Tla'amin was one of 11 first Nations invited to renegotiate Fiscal Finance Agreement, due to the good financial policies and procedures our finance department follows. From these negotiations our Nation secured additional \$3 million per year for our Nations next block funding agreement... This is additional \$15 million to provide the community in services. I think we need to get creative at our Budgeting General Assembly or open house with to make this happen.

I want to work on focusing within supporting our staff to provide nation high level of program services. It's going to take the house post to support and advocate for the managers that work under their house post.. Letting, managers,,, manage. They should be the champions of their programs, and stand side by side with their House Post representatives,,, and answer any questions and give updates on their programs at the 2 General Assemblies the Nation hosts.

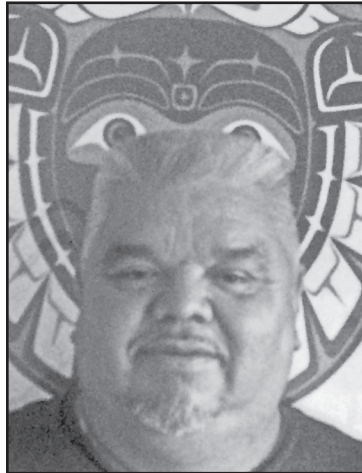
First item I that needs to take place is the posting of seats for the Finance Committee, to present this falls Audit to review Nations revenue and expenses for 2019-2020.

As Tla'amin Management Services is in transition with new manager, there will be few vacancies for the Holdings Board. The new Legislative Council will have to appoint couple seats through a posting to the citizens of the Nation.

Couple of many moving targets that needs to be addressed as soon as possible, after September 19th 2020.

Please review my videos I have posted to my social media site Facebook stating my platform and my experience. I encourage everyone to vote for who they know will be there for everyone equally. Please consider me, John Steven Hackett, I sincerely appreciate all of your support.

Emote
John Steven Hackett



VERN PIELLE

Ahjuhchepoht Tla'amin Qaymiexw

Hello all Tla'amin people, in and away from the nation.

I would like to talk to all members about the upcoming election and what I feel is so important. We need stronger communication between all of our entities, and opportunities to collaborate between all members. This includes building closer relationships with all entities (Health, Chichuy, TMS, Fisheries, waterworks etc). I envision healthier and more frequent reporting systems for our people.

My strong feeling is to reconstruct our legislature format, and change from four SR and four JR legislators, to eight equally elected leaders. I'm open to exploring options to make this a reality. I feel in these first four years of treaty, this is a system we found has been indifferent to our peoples needs. The treaty is a living document that we can revisit from time to time to make our nation stronger. This is something that elected officials can work on together.

I wish to uphold our Tah'ow (teachings) and bring them with us as we move forward. Our Tah'ow are about teamwork, being there for each other, and working for the whole nation. This includes having an open door policy, communicating regularly, honesty transparency accountability, and protecting the lands we got back through treaty. When I think about honouring our Tah'ow, I also envision our leaders setting an example by being part of informal but regular language classes. Language will bring back healing in our community that we will all benefit from.

Our nation is growing quickly, and our presence is being more and more known in this surrounding area. I will work to support all business ventures that this nation decides is in our best interest. I will support enhancing wellness and holistic health programs and support for our elders, youth, and families.

I believe in working together as a team in the best interest for all members of our Tla'amin nation.

In closing, I would like to say pah'ash ta qaymiexw, we are all one people. I am very passionate about this election, running for Hegus and legislature. I ask each and every nation members to get out and vote, and support me on election day.

Heth'sum mote ees. Cheh cheh ha thetch.
All my relations
Vern Pielle



DENISE SMITH

Hello. Ah-jus-wut.

My name is Kwyem Tomolx – Speaks for the people (Denise Smith). My grandparents were Lilly Bob (Timothy) and Gilbert Francis on my mother's side and Mary (Tom) and John George on my father's side. My parents were Irene

and David George. I have two sisters (Delana and Angela) and two brothers (Roy and Lee). I am married to Wayne (30 years) and we have three children (Jeremy, Caitlynn and Molly) and are expecting our first grandchild soon.

This election is happening at an un-precedented time in our history. I join you all in the feeling of disbelief. I never thought I would see the day when we were in this situation. It is a difficult time to be thinking about an election and I would like to start out by saying I hope you and your family are holding up during this worldwide COVID pandemic.

I am grateful for the health of our community. I also feel for all the families who have lost loved ones during this time. It has been very difficult not to be able to gather to offer comfort to the families, not to share food or give a hug. As we prepare for our children to return to school, I know our parents will have lots of questions and concerns. We will ask the questions and share what we learn. We all need to stay vigilant about these new rules – to keep our bubbles, wear the mask and wash our hands.

During nominations, I was honored to accept Uncle Floyd and Uncle Andy's nomination to run for Hegus. At the same time I respectfully declined a nomination for the Legislature. I want to thank Elsie Paul and Dillon Johnson for this nomination and their faith in me. However, I am serious about running for Hegus and I won't ask for your vote twice. There are many good candidates running for the position of Legislature and I wish you all well.

Being involved with our community for over 30 years, including two terms as Chief and many more on Council, I have witnessed much growth and change. We have become the largest landowner in the region. We have our own Laws and Regulations and we choose how to govern ourselves. We are growing and developing our Nation. Our operations have become more complex at the same time we've built in safeguards (ie. Financial Administration Law, the Constitution) to ensure that our future generations are protected.

As Hegus, I will be a vocal and visible defender of our rights and our territory.

I you have any questions you would like addressed please phone or email me at Kwyemt@gmail.com or 604-414-5557. I will make time for you.

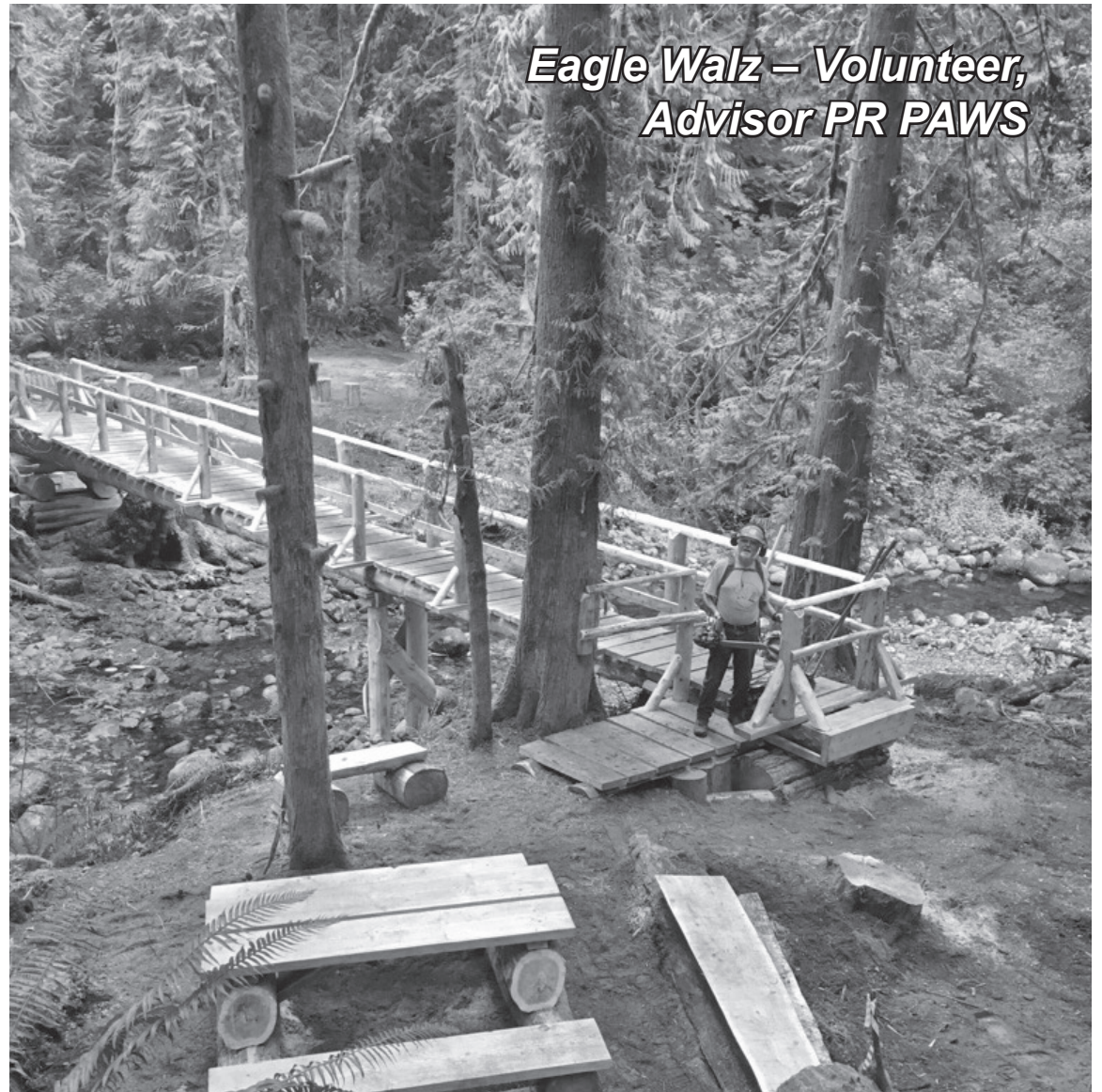
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Further, Tourism Powell River and PAWS are aiming at creating paper maps of the trail system, and Tla'amin Trails Network brochures for distribution this fall and a new trailhead kiosk will be built this fall complete with map and Tla'amin interpretive information. The dozen temporary signs erected last year will be replaced with similar larger permanent aluminum signage. First Credit Union contributed a donation last year for the purpose of helping with signage.

The best way to hike to the bridge is to park near the gym or against the far edge of the recycling centre parking lot. Cross the highway and look across for the kiosk (yellow gate). Please do not block the gate to the right. Follow the logging road beyond the gate and head uphill for 300 metres where you will see the turn to the right of Keh Ekh Nek trail. Follow the markers attached to the trees. About 100 metres in you come to a fork in the trail. The footpath is clearly signed with frequent red metal markers. Keep following them. After about 20 minutes of walking along near the rim of the creek valley the trail turns downhill and in a couple of minutes the view opens up and you will see the creek and its bridge. A maximum number of three or four people is requested crossing at a time. Enjoy this new recreation feature in good health and spirits and help keep it in good shape.

There will be a grand opening of the bridge on September 5, 2020. 11:00 am. Please join us in the opening and come out and enjoy these beautiful trails.

Denise Smith – Lands Manager
Eagle Walz – Volunteer, Advisor PR PAWS



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Message from the Fire Department

The month of August was a very mixed bag of weather with some very hot days and some rain and thunder showers that brought some lightning causing a couple of small fires in our territory. The Tla'amin Fire Department would like to thank the BC Wildfire Service for their continued support in battling the remote brush fires in our TSL and would like to raise our hands to you in appreciation.

August also saw 2 bad dope alerts triggering our department to be on high alert for first responder calls relating to drug overdoses in the community. People are reminded that if they are using, to carry a naloxone kit with them at all times as well as use some of the other tools available through the local harm reduction programs with Vancouver Coastal Health and use the lifeguard app if you have a cellular phone (<https://lifeguarddh.com/>).

September and October are looking like some very busy training months with the Hazmat Operations Course, First Responder Level 3 and some pumper training happening. We are always looking for new recruits and welcome anyone interested to come by the fire hall on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm to take a tour and have a chat with one of our members about what its all about.

September is also a good time to look at changing all of your batteries in your smoke detectors and cleaning your chimneys in preparation for the colder months. If anyone needs assistance in changing their smoke detector batteries, please let us know and we would gladly come and assist you with changing them (firehall@tn-bc.ca) or message us on facebook.

Hope everyone has a happy and healthy fish harvesting season

Chief Blaney

Candidates for Hegus



CLINT WILLIAMS

**Clint Williams
2020!**

**Greetings to all
of our Tla'amin
JehJehs!**

We have come a long way on our journey together, and we still have many more amazing things to accomplish in the very near future as we continue to build the Tla'amin Nation. We have had some re-

markable accomplishments as a community to date and I was very proud to stand and work with you all through the tough situations; and even more so as we continue working towards the ultimate goal of providing a better, brighter future for our current and future generations.

I feel that team work needs to be a large part of our focus for this upcoming term, as we have started to drift apart in certain areas of our operations and we need to get back to the original focus and goals of Tla'amin-izing everything. Our team concept needs to see the elected representatives working with staff and community to understand matters before we can improve upon them.

The current work that is being done on the Comprehensive Nation Plan is a tool that can make this possible. This project should be the voice of the people and be providing direction to all Tla'amin people as to what we want to see currently and well in to the future.

This is all a work in progress and we are on such a great path right now, but there is always room for improvements!

As we are just completing our first four year term as the Tla'amin Nation there has been many wonderful things accomplished this term. The work has not always been easy, there were some very challenging times during this term and there always will be. I have always tried to be the voice of reason for all of our people; what we do for one we must do for all! I have and will continue to live by these words.

I will be happy to meet with you as families, individuals, in person, by phone or zoom meetings if you wish to speak to me prior to voting.

I humbly ask for your support on September 19th, 2020 ! Please contact me to set up a date and time at thewilliams32@shaw.ca or call (604) 483-3220.

What is a Comprehensive Nation Plan (CNP)?



A CNP is a strategic document created by our community to assist us in embracing change and planning for a better future. The CNP provides direction to leadership and administration across a broad range of areas, touching on all aspects of community life. We are working together to update our 2007 Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP). To update our plan we are reflecting on our past, celebrating our accomplishments, and building a roadmap for success based on a unified vision for Tla'amin Nation into the future.

What We've Been Up To

We continue to work hard through the summer months to gather input from Citizens/members, staff and leadership. We've had to get a little creative to engage our community given the ongoing pandemic. Here's a snapshot of what we've been up to:

- Check out the Tla'amin Facebook page to see some **videos** we've created to help get the word out and spread awareness on the CNP
- We hosted a **drop-in tent events** to gather perspectives and feedback related to safety on Tla'amin lands, communications with community members, and priorities for Tla'amin Nation
- Our Community Liaisons conducted **phone interviews** with many of our urban community members in Vancouver/Lower Mainland to gather off-lands perspectives and inputs
- We continue to host regular meetings with the **CNP Working Group** for ongoing guidance and direction

Next up is a virtual drop-in event (ZOOM) for our off-lands Citizens/members on September 16 from 4 – 6 pm!!! Register with Steve Gallagher, CNP Coordinator.

Note: if you are unable to attend this event but still want to participate, please let me know and we will connect with you directly.

Also stay tuned for more community engagement activities through the summer and fall months. In the meantime, we value and continue to use community inputs to help craft the CNP and to identify goals and priorities for the new plan.

Want More Information or Become More Involved?

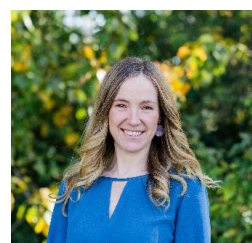
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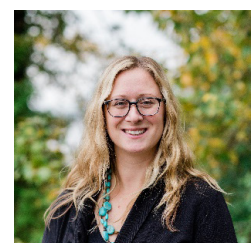
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Our Planning Partner

We have partnered with Dillon Consulting Limited (DCL) to support us with the CNP. The DCL team has been working with Tla'amin Nation since 2013, beginning with our Land Use Plan for Treaty Settlement Lands. DCL is an employee-owned Canadian company that has been in operation for over 75 years. They specialize in working with Indigenous communities across the country in the areas of planning, engineering and environmental services with over 20 offices to support this work, including their Vancouver office. Andrea Nokleby and Caroline Wrobel are leading the DCL team that is supporting us with this important work.



Andrea Nokleby



Caroline Wrobel

Candidates for Legislature



CYNDI PALLEN

Cheeche he tun nah' petch' My name is Cynthia Pallen, and I was given the name Chennay in honor of my great Grandmother, Jeannie Bob, wife of my great grandfather Bob George.

My Dad is the late Joe D. Paul, Tok kunannen Chegachemoth and my mother Agnes Paul, Chelth. I have one son Mario Brandon Paul, Tla'amin Chegachemoth, my grandchildren are Jayden Paul, Mateo Chegachemoth, Jordyn Rose Paul, Kingston Paul. I come from a very large family, and close kinship in Tla'amin. There is a strong saying that goes "we need to know where we are from in order to know where we are going. I speak of the past, or lands and our home. This is where our Jeh'jeh's reside, our close kin, family and ancestral lineages.

I am interested in taking on the role as a Tla'amin Nation Legislator. I feel with my background knowledge and experience, I have the capacity to work with our nation, our community of Powell River and contribute towards the broader perspective in our society as a whole. Should I be a successful candidate I look for to working with our people of Tla'amin as we continue building a stronger future for our children and families. We have always stated as First Nations Peoples, we are working in the best interest of our children as Tla'amin people. I believe we have the capacity to work together in a good way. I recognize, as a people we have had our challenges in the past... I am aware of the treaty process as we became a sovereign nation. I actively attended many forums, meeting and gatherings in Tla'amin to prepare for this huge change that took place. As a Tla'amin community member, I was at the forefront when our nation moved into Tla'amin Health Transfer 1996, and Land Code transfer agreement. Both of these changes came about the same time.

Within the Health and Human Services, we as Tla'amin Health Staff and Traditional Wellness Team worked together to build programs and services that are reflective of the needs of the community. The goal was always to have services that are culturally sensitive to meet the needs of our people. I am very proud to have had the experience of working closely with our Health Executive and Traditional Wellness Team who work together to develop and implement policies, and health standards for service delivery. Through this process, Tla'amin Health Services became Accredited, with a goal in mind of raising the standards of care. In saying this our people still faced a lot of challenges... in accepting this change. Our people hold strong to the teachings and the knowledge of our elders and this process and change had to be adjusted accordingly through time. The goal was always to improve and to strengthen programs and services. I know today, how important it is to build relations and seek the input from our people. *Chennay – Cynthia (Cyndi)*



DILLON JOHNSON

ʔaječxʷut! My name is Dillon Levi Johnson, and my Tla'amin name is toqʷanən (tokwonon). My mother is Jeannie (Paul) Bassett, my father is Gordie Johnson, and my čičiyeʔ is Elsie Paul and my kʷukʷpə is the late William (Willie Dave) Paul.

I am seeking your support in this election for the office of Legislator. I did serve on Council for three terms from 2010 to 2016 and took a break from politics over this past four-year term. During this time, I served on two Boards of Directors, one provincially with the Aboriginal Finance Officers Association of BC, where I was the President for two years, and one nationally with the First Nations Financial Management Board, where I currently serve as the Vice-Chair. I've also been busy in my regular line of work providing consulting services to First Nations communities, where I've had the privilege to help out on a lot of interesting and meaningful projects and initiatives. Most notably, for the Tla'amin Nation this work includes negotiating our 5-year funding agreement, advocating for Treaty Loan Forgiveness and Gap Closing Funds, and coordinating grant applications for new infrastructure. These initiatives have made over \$30 million available to Tla'amin over the next 5 years. At this time, I feel that the best way I can help my Nation is at the elected leadership level.

I'm running for election to what would be my 4th term as an elected official for our community. In my previous terms I've demonstrated that I can treat everybody with respect, be a strong representative for Tla'amin, speak well to the issues, lead change, collaborate well with others but also take a stand when morals or ʔəms təʔaw are being overlooked. Now that I've moved back to Tla'amin with my family, I hope to rejoin the leadership table and focus on the important work that our Nation needs to carry out in a short amount of time. My vision over the next four years is focused on:

- Addressing health and safety issues, most importantly the drug dealing and substance abuse that are hurting families and bringing our community down. Also doing what we can to prevent COVID-19 spread.
- Providing options for housing for Tla'amin people. Different types of social housing, rental housing, and home ownership is required to meet evolving needs, population growth, and to let people move home.
- Providing opportunities for our "off-Lands" Tla'amin people who don't live here to participate in Tla'amin Nation affairs, benefit from the Treaty, and come home to visit our territory.
- Build recreation programs and facilities. We were once known for our athletics. Today, our youth are looking for stuff to do and fun/safe places to go. We need more activities, sports and summer camps.
- Reviving our language and culture. Promoting the learning and practice as much as possible.
- Examining and making some changes to the school system. Our students are falling way behind.
- Preparing for the tax exemption expiry. Paying property and income taxes will be a big adjustment.
- Ensuring that the many planned capital projects (e.g. Assisted Living/Elder's Facility, Multiplex, Cultural Centre, etc.) are carried out in a responsible, fair and a transparent way. Capital projects are very risky.
- Being in a position to acquire the 1,000 hectares of future Acquisition Lands available in the treaty.
- Revising the Tla'amin Citizenship criteria to reflect what Tla'amin people think is important for our future.

Those are the top-10 headline items in my view, and they will require understanding, bravery, commitment and discipline from the next group of elected leaders. We as Tla'amin people need to prepare for the future, take care of one another, and ensure our Nation, lands and resources can sustain the generations of Tla'amin people to come.

I would be honoured to receive your vote for Legislator on or before September 19, 2020. čěčhatenapeč,



GLORIA FRANCIS

To Elders, Youth and community members

I have accepted the nomination for one of the legislative seats . I have had the privilege to serving my community for 20 years and hope to serve you once again .I believe I have the experience needed to serve my community .It has been a challenging and rewarding experience for me . I will do my best to assist all community members who ask for my assistance with issues or concerns .I will keep an open mind during discussions , i am always open to new ideas and believe that staying positive for the community is significant .I would like to continue working on building a better , successful future for our band members .I would always make time to listen and support anyone needs and ensure that people are heard .My 33 years of sobriety gives me the opportunity to promote a healthy lifestyle and present the community with a positive role model .

I support

- following policy and procedure
- Education
- Small business development
- Youth and their activities
- Community safety
- Tla amin band members preference for job opportunities
- Equality for all

I believe that qualities needed to serve are

- trustworthy
- honest
- accountable
- committed
- approachable

whoever forms the new hegus and legislators needs to try to make the right choices so as to improve the community .

ON SEPT 19
re elect Gloria Francis

International Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day

September 9th has been chosen as the day to think about Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). It is the ninth day of the ninth month and this is to honor the nine months of pregnancy that are a very delicate time when a new life is being formed inside of a woman's body.



Tribal Journey's Cultural Update

Tribal Journeys 2021 Update

We are now 11 short months away from hosting Tribal Journeys 2021. Our summer students have been busy preparing gifts to give away to our guests during their stay. A new campsite is being built and plans are being put together to host this event at the Powell River Recreation Complex. As of now, we are planning to welcome guests during a soft landing at Willingdon Beach on July 26th 2021. The final landing will be on the shores of Tla'amin on the morning of July 27th 2021. This will be followed by a welcome dinner at the Powell River Complex, and opening protocol. Daily protocol will then follow for the next 5 days starting every day at 9:00am. We are expecting anywhere from 85-105 canoes to reach our shores for this event. So far, we have 15 canoes that have registered and as time goes on, we know there will be a lot more registering their canoe families to participate in the amazing event.

Registered Canoes

1. 7 Waters
2. Cariboo Metis
3. Cariboo Metis
4. Carvers Camp
5. Hesquiaht First Nation
6. Hesquiaht First Nation
7. Klahoose First Nation
8. Oliver Canoe Family
9. Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe
10. Quileute Ocean Going Canoe Society
11. Samish Indian Tribe

12. Snohomish Blue Heron
13. Snohomish Blue Heron
14. Swinomish
15. Wakeman Sound

Covid-19 Update

Our planning committee has set a date of May 31st, 2021 to decide if Tribal Journeys will go ahead. This will be a difficult decision for our team, but we would never put our community in harms way. We have also started to plan and make alterations to how we will host this event. Changes include taking out the buffet food line to serving pre-packaged meals, adding hand washing and sanitizing stations and offering water bottles to our guests instead of having water refill stations. In the case that we would have to cancel, we would then pass the hosting duties on to the next host in line and prepare to host Tribal Journeys in the future.

Future Hosts

- 2021 – Tla'amin Nation**
 2022 – Muckleshoot Tribe, Washington
 2023 – Warm Springs, Oregon
 2024 – Suquamish, Washington
 2025 – Lower Elwha, Washington

Cultural Program Update

Cultural Programs will look considerably different starting in September. All of our classes are preparing to move online. You might have noticed that Culture Nights were being done via Facebook live starting back in March. We will continue to do Culture Nights live on Facebook, as it was very successful in reaching many community members both here in the nation, and away in places like Vancouver, Victoria and even down in Seattle and Tacoma. We will also

be distributing a couple of CD's to community members starting in October with all of the songs of our Tla'amin people. It is our hope that you learn these songs so we can sing them loud and proud during Tribal Journeys 2021.

Project to Identify Unmarked Graves

The Tla'amin Nation is undertaking a project to identify the unmarked graves in the Tla'amin cemetery. On September 11th, you will see work being done using ground penetrating radar to help identify all of the graves within the cemetery. With our cemetery being close to capacity, this work will help ensure we do not accidentally dig a grave where one of our ancestors might already be buried. The company that will be conducting the work is called Scanplus who specialize in ground penetrating radar and GPS technology. With this work being so important for our nation, we are seeking the knowledge of our elders to guide us through this project. After the work is completed and the graves are identified, we will be placing crosses on each of the grave sites. If you know of any graves that are your family member, or wish to have a new cross made for an existing grave please consult with one of us who are working on this project. This project is being spearheaded by multiple departments including the Tla'amin Lands Department, Public Works, Cultural Department & Executive Council. Please contact Carmen Galligos or Drew Blaney if you would like to hear more about this project.

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Candidates for Legislature



I respectfully ask for your support in this election.



JOLENE SUTCLIFFE

I was born and raised in Tla'amin (my maiden name is: Jolene Louie). I live in the community with my husband Alex and our two kids (Alexander and Cora).

My parents are Dorothy and Buddy Louie. My grandparents are the late Annie and Dave Dominick and the late Violet August; and Peter August.

After graduating high school, I travelled and lived in Australia for a number of years. I came home and got a post-secondary

education, obtaining a Diploma in Public Relations where I learned important skills such as interpersonal communications. I am now currently working to complete a Bachelor of Commerce degree.

For the past 7.5 years I have had the honour and privilege of working for our Nation in the Finance department. In that role, I work hard to implement the Tla'amin Finance and Administration Law and to uphold the Tla'amin Constitution and other laws. Prior to my role in Finance, I worked as the Post-secondary Education Coordinator, supporting our students.

Outside of work, I enjoy volunteering. I currently serve as the Chair of the Parish Education Committee at the elementary school where my children, nieces and nephews go to school. As chair, I seek to build relationships, facilitate dialogues, carry out a solutions-oriented approaches to challenges and engage in fund-raising for school needs.

There are many issues of importance requiring our collective attention. Issues that directly impact on the daily lives of our Citizens, and also on the working lives of our administration staff. Although I am committed to addressing a wide-range of matters affecting us as Tla'amin Citizens, for the purposes of this introduction, I would like to focus on the following:

Supporting Good Governance

As an elected official, I will work to support the fullest, most effective implementation of our Tla'amin laws and new governance structure over the coming four years so that it works for our families and for future Tla'amin Citizens. This includes supporting our experts in the exploration of new economic development opportunities to support our governance activities. I am also committed to seeing the development of a community-driven communications strategy to enhance ongoing, consistent communications and engagement among Tla'amin Citizens and our Nation's government to strengthen accountability and transparency.

Health, Wellbeing and Social Justice

Supporting our administration in making available a range of healthy, positive activities for our youth. I am particularly interested in establishing a youth council so that our young people can learn about our Nation's governance structure and have a tool to provide focused input on issues of importance. I also believe it's important to enhance opportunities to support our Tla'amin families and administration in dialoguing with interested members about tough issues (substance and alcohol use) to support members in making healthy, informed choices. Also, as our community has experienced an increase in property crimes/thefts. I am

committed to re-examining programs such as, "Community Block Watch" and to working with our Justice experts to find ways to introduce a similar program to support efforts to make this community safer place to live.

Enhancing Work Place Safety and Satisfaction

Our administrative staff work hard to meet the needs of Tla'amin Citizens, and to support the operation of our Nation's government. We rely on our staff for effective daily operations and it is important that they enjoy a safe and positive work environment. I believe that with a newly elected government, the time is right to engage staff in an initiative to explore staff concerns/challenges and improving the work-place environment.

I am committed to providing straight-forward, compassionate and innovative leadership. I hope this appeals to you and that I can count on your support.

LARRY LOUIE

VOTE LARRY LOUIE X
ELECTION 2020

Respected Elders and community members: Ah juch Xwut?

On April 5, 2016 we began our journey as a Self Governing Nation for our community. I have worked diligently with our current governing body respectfully, voicing my opinion, making sure I was heard and recorded for the record. As your representative, I am fully aware I work for you and the betterment of our community.

As Tla'amin moves forward, I am enthusiastic about continuing as your representative for the next four years. If re-elected for a second term I still bring honesty, hard work and transparency to the table. I am approachable and non-judgemental. Should I be re-elected, this will be my second term as a Legislature/Executive Council for the nation.

My parents were Sarah Tom and Edward Louie. My grandfather was Alec Tom who is the son of Chief Tom Timothy. He spoke to me in our language, taught me traditional and cultural values, a history being carried forward. He also demonstrated the value of "hard work"

In 1969, I graduated from Carson Graham Sr Secondary in North Vancouver. After graduating, my main interest at that time was soccer. I played junior, senior and later joined the Pacific Coast League. In 1969 I was selected to play in the Canada summer Games Under 21 team in Halifax, Nova Scotia where we triumphed as gold medal winners. Also, during this time, I played for the White Caps known then as Vancouver Spartans and traveled extensively. I strongly believe in the importance of sports especially for our youth. Keeping active and engaged in positive activities is a positive both mentally and physically. Interaction with peers is a plus!

In the years following, my work as a professional driver had me traveling throughout Canada and many states in the U.S. I drove through many reserves and our community presents the most pristine. For this, I thank each of you for maintaining your property with pride.

Currently, as your Tla'amin representative, I would like to respectfully acknowledge our elders in their senior years, both here in our community and afar. Without their voices, we wouldn't be so rich in the information used to reach where we are positioned today. Regretfully, and saddened, this year we have lost a number of our community members. My sincere condolences to their families and friends during this tragic time.

As your Executive council, my House Post model consists of several departments; Social Development, Justice, Health & Wellness, Culture and Education. It has been challenging at times, but I have persevered in an attempt to achieve goals.

Moving forward, there will always be room for continued improvement in each of the above programs. I support each of the departments under my post. Additionally, this work is necessary for the wellbeing of our community especially during this pandemic of Covid 19. It is imperative our health and its administration be functional and current with all aspects of health including the Covid 19 news. Most importantly, the staff are considered frontline workers.

The facility for Elders Assisted Living is currently in discussion and in the planning stage. This is a very important project that all details need to be examined. A suitable construction of the building is necessary especially the staffing. The feasibility study is continuing.

As we move forward, taxation will be a huge factor. I believe and support more workshops in this area to inform our community how their future will be affected. This is new for our community and I believe in preparedness.

As a legislature, we have no authority with staff, therefore there is no micromanaging within the administration. I hear and I listen. I may not always agree with decisions been made, but most importantly, it is without political interference.

Importantly, I promote Education – Education is necessary for all students in their chosen careers. It is also important for those who may choose to return home and seek employment in various positions. We as a fast advancing governing nation welcome you!

Mentorship –I advocate for our people!!! Especially towards our post secondary graduates. For the past year, I have been very vocal to include in our discussions, and at our meetings, the possibility of mentoring our own community members in various positions. This will and can be an opportunity for our graduates to be mentored in a suitable position based on their qualifications. To date, our Implementation Group is currently in discussion to set the guidelines/policy toward this important topic as was discussed pre-treaty. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the candidates for Hegus and Legislature for the upcoming 2020 Election. Best of luck to all!

If you have any questions, suggestions or new ideas, please contact me at 1-604-788-3036 or at home 604-483-4437 Emote.

LORI WILSON

Hi Tla'amin Nation

I am running for Legislator in our election and I hope you will vote for me. First, I would like to share with you a little about my family values. My parents are Don and Connie Wilson. My dad's parents were the late Charlie and Nora (Galligos) Wilson. My mom's parents were the late Charlie and Elsie (Pallen) Francis. My sisters are Allison and Trisha Wilson. My daughter is Monica Sparrow and my son is Tyrell Duhamel. My granddaughter is Kayda Sparrow. It was my mom and her parents who taught me the principles of work ethic and integrity. It was my dad who taught me how to strive for a higher education and how to drive after my goals and be ambitious. I thank my family for their teachings. At 29 years old I went back to school for 11 consecutive years and earned a Natural Resources Technology Diploma, Bachelor of Science in forest resource management and Masters of Science in forest resource management with a specialization in First Nation Forestry Agreements. Upon graduation I studied for 5 years and became a Registered Professional Forester. Since February 2020 I have been working for the BC Provincial Government as a First Nations Reconciliation Advisor. Strong families build strong communities.

I hope you will vote for me in this election because this elected term (4 years) is crucial to our collective well-being and stability of our Tla'amin government. In the next elected term (September 2024) our tax exemption benefit will no longer exist and our residential land taxation will start for home owners. Taxation is the biggest impact from our Treaty Agreement and we need strong elected leaders this term to help our Nation prepare for this. I am willing to put in the hard work that our Nation needs.

Our economic development department now called Tla'amin Management Services needs to developed into our strongest link. We need a diversified economic development portfolio with multiple streams of revenue coming to the Nation. We need to excel in the business world and have a strategic plan for our best parcels of land so we can utilize the best business venture on it (the best use for our best land).

We need to vote in good leaders who demonstrate a high standard of conduct. They also need to show a high standard of honesty and prudence for making good decisions. We need to vote for good leaders who behave in a correct way, not only when everyone is looking, but also when no one is looking. And we need to elect leaders who can set this example for our children and grandchildren, so we can look back at our work and say when we were elected leaders of our Nation, we implemented this Treaty with integrity. Please vote for me as your Legislator. I am available for questions and dialogue during the evenings and weekends, please email me to set up a date and time Lori.Wilson@tn-bc.ca.

In this elected term I hope our ceiling will be the next elected term's floor. Thank you, Lori Wilson

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

Celebrating Grandparents Day September 13th

We only have to look at the expression on someone's face when she or he talks about his or her grandparent to know how important grandparents are to the health and well-being of our families. Ask an adult about his or her grandparents, and you will see a twinkle in the eyes, a smile on the face, and a warm glow as a person thinks back on wonderful childhood memories of time spent with grandparents. "My granny taught me how to make fried bread..."; "my grandfather had a favorite jigging hole and he knew how to find it. We always caught rock fish when we went to his jigging spot"; "we used to go to my Chi Chia and Kookpa's home for family dinners and we listened to stories after dinner for hours..." Do memories such as these ring true for you?

Grandparents provide such a special role in the life and work of a family. They hold knowledge about culture, language, and traditions. Grandparents have a different kind of patience with children, than their parents do. Grandparents have gained wisdom about children and about parenting, and they can look at things that seem like problems in a different way, from a different perspective. Grandparents experience a special kind of joy when they are in the presence of their grandchildren. It is like grandchildren hold an extended amount of hope for the future, and an opportunity for grandparents to pass along teachings that will survive longer in time.

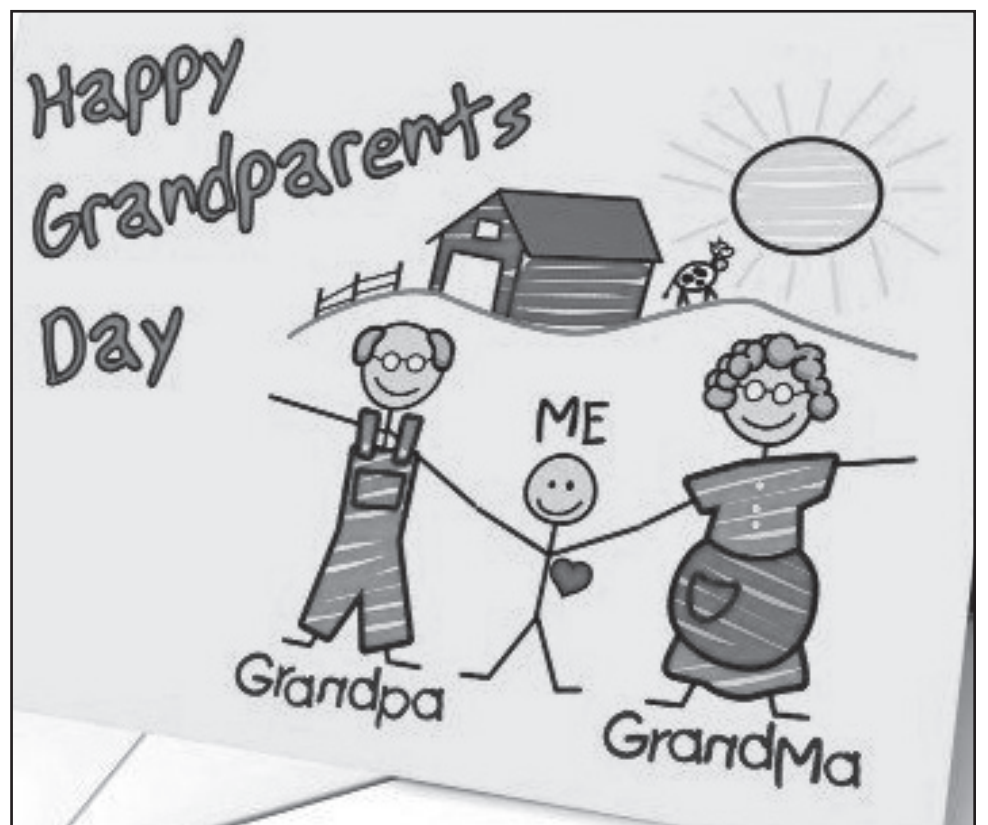
Our children love their grandparents instantly upon meeting them at their birth. There is a special bond that seems to be inherent in all of us. How many of our young children say to us, "Can I sleep at Chi Chia and Kookpa's house tonight?"

In my work I see how extremely helpful grandparents are in our community. Che Che ha thetch to the grandparents who help parents who are raising a child with special needs. Grandparents provide respite for parents by taking over the care of children for a period of time. When parents are not able to look after children for one reason or another, grandparents often step in and provide another safe home for children to spend time in, or to grow up in. Che Che ha thetch to the grandparents who keep our

community together, in some circumstances, by preventing children from having to live elsewhere in foster homes.

I hope you have some time to either spend with your own grandparent, or to bring your children to spend time with their grandparents. It might be fun to have your child(ren) make a card or a gift to give to the grandparents in your lives. Let's remember our cultural teaching of helping our elders by spending Grandparents' Day working in our elders' yard or house or wherever our grandparents need help. On September 13th I will be thinking of my late grandparents. I will also be remembering my late great grandmother who lived to be ninety eight years of age. My great grandmother lived in Regina, Saskatchewan and she came to visit us in Victoria each summer. She gave me my first diary and shared ideas with me about what to write in it.

My great grandmother used to write letters to me and she often sent a five dollar bill in the birthday cards she sent to me, which was always exciting to receive. She had a high pitched soft voice and she always said, "right-oh" instead of good bye. I always hear "I love you" when I hear someone say, "right-oh" now, as it was her love that I heard when my great grandmother said those words. My grandmother spoke so highly of her mother, especially when she described what living through the Depression was like and how her mother worked so hard to make meals for her four children, her husband, her mother-in-law and mother-in-law's mother who lived with them, as well as her husband's co-workers



or soccer buddies who were often brought over to their house for a meal. Most of all I will be thinking about how my great-grandmother, my mother's parents, and my father's parents all gave so much love to me when I was a child, and made me feel special. I am thankful for the people who have been and still are grandparents to my children, and I feel blessed to have two children in our community call me, "Nana".

I lift up my hands to all the grandparents and elders in our community. Give yourselves a hug and a pat on the back. Please know how special and valued you are. Celebrate all of your wonderful qualities and enjoy a beautiful day on Grandparents' Day.

Brenda Pielle
 Youth and Family Advocate

Candidates for Legislature



LOSA LUAIFOA

Losa Luaifoa for Legislator

AhjechXwut, my name is Losa which is Coast Salish and Samoan for "Rose". I want to first acknowledge my amazing life givers - Patricia and Frank. I am blessed and ever grateful for their incredible love and support. I am the granddaughter of the late Joe Dave and Agnes Paul who both were Tla'amin and whom we all miss dearly. I am married and am Mama to one amazing spirited little girl name Senibuatoka (Seni).

I am seeking your support for Legislator. I've been fortunate to have witnessed many achievements at the Legislative table over the last few years and I've also seen the challenges and weaknesses as well. I believe I have a distinct and clear understanding of the direction our Nation must go, not only from a staff person's perspective, but also from a community members' perspective.

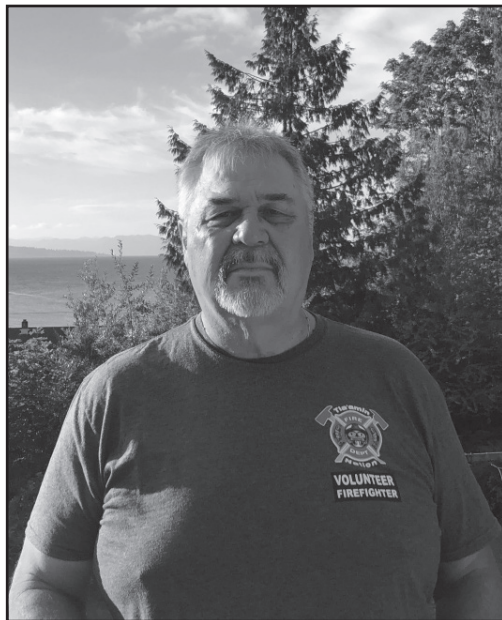
My desire is to continue to help build an effective and strong Administration that supports staff to ensure that you, our citizens, are provided the best service in the fairest of ways. This work will not be done overnight but I feel confident and excited about the next four years and the work that will be achieved.

I have a few diplomas that I achieved by the time I was 20. Those diplomas were the gateway to securing the amazing positions I've held. I worked for a non-profit political organization that represented urban Aboriginal called the UNN for many years, then I moved on to work with the Tsawwassen First Nation, known for signing the first urban treaty. The City of Surrey was and is the fastest growing city. I worked in the Legislative Services department closely w/ the Mayor and Council. The one wish I always had with each job was that I was home working as hard as I was, for my own community.

Just before I moved home almost three years ago, I had a nice house with my husband and a plan to stay with the City of Surrey where I had amazing opportunities to advance. My job now with the Nation popped up somehow and I applied. Moving forward, I ended up here and once settled, I had a plan that didn't include running for an elected position; however, I believe we have callings in life and we either rise up to the challenge of these callings or we take a seat. I accept this challenge (and it's a big challenge) with an open heart and mind. It is no fluke that I ended up here today. My past work and life experiences were preparing me for this very opportunity.

I ask that you trust that my few years of sitting at the table w the elected officials of Tla'amin and my many years of experience in First Nations and local government qualify me to be a Legislator. I ask that you vote on September 19 and make me a part of the team that will level up our Nation this term.

With COVID-19 our lives have changed and as we adapt to new ways of living, I wish you all well as we get through this pandemic. My sincere well wishes to all the other candidates!



WALTER PAUL

My name is Shehpahthes'es (aka Walter Paul) My mother is Elsie Paul, my father is William Paul and I am from a family of 8 siblings. My wife is Noreen Paul (Galligos) and I have 4 daughters and 3 grandsons. I have accepted the nomination for Legislature and have the knowledge, experience and determination to be a strong voice for Tla'amin for the next four years.

I would like to start by saying I hope you and your families are staying safe and well during this global pandemic. We've never experienced anything like this and it's hard to believe that we can expect many more months, if not years, of this new normal. In the uncertain times we are in with Covid 19, I believe leadership must be diligent in keeping the community as safe as possible and lead by example- enforcing the very roles that are agreed to at the leadership table.

As a first responder and volunteer fire fighter with 35 years' experience, community safety is my number one priority. My concern is not only Covid-19 but also the overdose pandemic. As a frontline worker in the fire department and witnessing it first-hand I have seen the devastating effects on families and our community. There is not one family here in the village or away from home that has escaped its impacts. I believe the time is now to act on this issue. It's time for open and frank discussions on this topic, no blame, just solutions.

Real two-way communication is paramount to growing and moving the Tla'amin Community forward. That's why improved communication is my second priority, and by this I mean defining the line of communication between citizens and government. For example, Who do I ask my question too? How do I receive a response? Will I receive this in a timely fashion? Is confidentiality guaranteed? The most vulnerable in our community need a voice supported by clear and timely processes to communicate their questions and receive answers from our government.

The third priority is creating more training-to-employment opportunities for our young people. We've never been more stable financially as a Nation. Tla'amin now has training dollars allocated to an external organization on our behalf and now is the time to negotiate for this funding to be administered by the Nation directly. Through community planning and labour market research we need

to map out the jobs of the future that will allow our young people to stay in our territory and thrive here.

Outside of the community I'm currently serving on the board of the First Nations Emergency Services Society and have served 4 years as chairman of Nawt'sa'maut Tribal Council and 4 years as training advisor with VANASEP and First Nations Employment Society.

Here at home I've had the privilege of serving 24 years in leadership, including two terms as Hegus. I'm confident that most of you have had the chance to see how I approach leadership and I'm committed to bringing the same cooperative approach to the table in all future discussions. Thank you for taking the time to read this message. I wish all candidates good luck.

čēčēhaθēč - I thank you.



Goodbye from Orla

I've had the pleasure of being the Home & Community Care Co-ordinator nurse for the past two months, and my last day in this position is Friday, August 28. Ciara will be returning as the HCC nurse on Sept 14. I am grateful to all the clients, Elders, colleagues, and community members I have connected with and worked alongside during my short time here.

čēčēhaθēč - thank you

Sincerely,
Orla

Red Cross Equipment

The Red Cross is now accepting equipment rental returns with very limited hours. The next equipment drop-off will be Thursday, Sept 10, from 8:30 AM-10:30 AM. A Red Cross truck will be parked in the Community Health Centre back parking lot of the Powell River General Hospital. If you are not able to transport your Red Cross equipment on that date, please contact Tla'amin Health before Tuesday, Sept 8. The Home & Community Care team will make arrangements to pick up the equipment from your home and return it to the Red Cross.

Thanks,

*Orla Adams, RN, BScN, BA
Home Care Coordinator (HCC)
Home & Community Care
Tla'amin Health Centre*

Jays Foundation

Youth and Family Four Week On-line Challenges

Jays Care weekly Challenges are designed to engage children, youth and families to participate in fun weekly challenges that earns you points towards the monthly prize.

Here's how it works:

Each week there will be 1-2 challenges for you and your families to participate in. Challenges run from Monday to Sunday and all photos must be sent to Leslie by Sunday at 7pm to be eligible for points. Complete one or both challenges for more points!

Each activity is worth 5 points and each family member that participates will gain you one extra point as well. (Invite your chias, kookpas and jeh jehs for more points! (Please remember to practice social distancing and stay safe! or complete both challenges for more points!

Some of our summer students have been busy gathering and painting stones to place in the beautiful trails that surround the Tla'Amin Community.

The first challenge will be the Tla'amin Trail (across the store) it takes about 30 minutes there and back. There will be several stones along the way and one at the top for you to find to share a picture. Or send me any picture of your camping, or summer fun activities.

Extra points! Find the stone numbered 1-10 in Tla'Amin Language and practice your counting skills with the chuys!



The second weekly challenge will be to walk across the waterfront walkway (find painted stones) or find three nature items and send me pics, for extra points find a way to include Tla'Amin language (video or drawing)

The Third week will be any outdoor activity of your choice, or walk laps at the Timberlane track, send me pics!

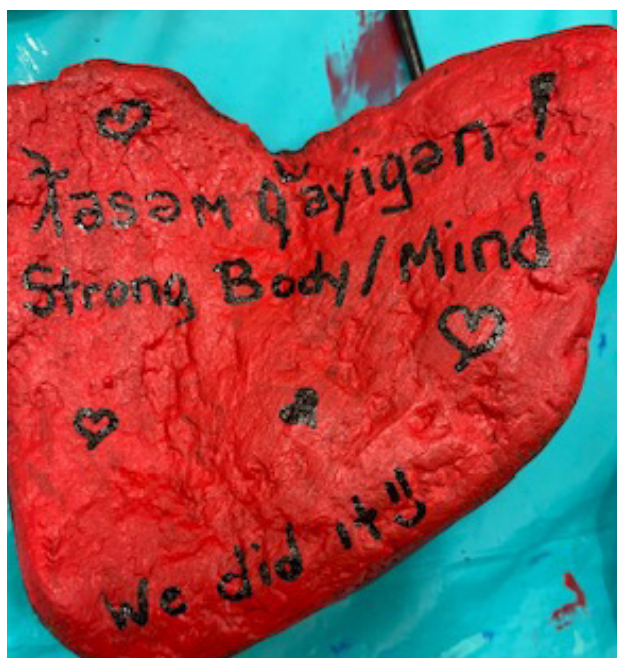
The fourth week will be to check out the new bridge that was built across the Tla'Amin Creek, connecting the eastern and western sections of the Tla'Amin Trails Network or send me pictures of the family using the Jays Foundation at home activity kits (info below).

Jays foundation provides at home kits including, a foam bat, foam balls, activity drills and workbook and arts and crafts for the younger kids. There are limited kits sent to each community so please sign up as soon as possible by emailing Leslie @ leslie.louie@tn-bc.ca, or phone 604-483-3009 ext.103 so that I can deliver your kit to your home.

Photos can be texted to Leslie at 604-223-7555 no later than Sunday evenings at 7PM. Emote

There will be weekly prizes drawn as well as a grand prize at the end of September, once all points are totalled. Emote stay safe, and have fun!

Leslie Loue
Youth Wellness Coordinator



An Update from the Child Development Resource Centre

I trust this newsletter finds you and yours healthy and practicing Covid-19 precautions at this uncertain time.

We are currently operating at 60% (3 days/week). As Covid-19 cases are again on the rise in BC, we do not anticipate opening to full capacity any time soon. We will continue to reassess the situation in the coming months, but the safety of Tla'amin families is our top priority.

- Previously, the CDRC was running one childcare program and only had spaces for children of Tla'amin Nation employees who were considered essential AND who had been registered with the childcare programs prior to the Covid-19 closure.
- Now, as we open up the older childcare program to, there may be spaces for children of Tla'amin Nation essential workers, Tla'amin families who may require additional support, and children of essential health care workers.
- That said, childcare spaces are again only open to families registered with the CDRC before the Covid 19 closure.
- If you are currently on our waitlist prior to the Covid 19 closure, you remain in order on the waitlist. Priority will be given to siblings of an already registered child within our childcare programs.
- Our Little Hands program has a limit of 8 children (60% capacity) and operates Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday (60% of the work week) from 8:30am to 4pm. This program is currently full and will have a waitlist if we receive any more requests.
- Our Walking Feet program has a limit of 16 children (60% capacity) and operates Monday, Wednesday & Thursday (60% of the work week) from 8:30am to 4pm. There is room in this childcare program.
- The pre-school program is tentatively operating 3 days/week.

If you have any other questions please feel free to contact the CDRC, and thank you for your understanding in these uncertain times.

Thanks,
Rose

Update from Tla'amin Health

As summer comes to a close, we are again seeing increases in Covid-19 cases in BC. We must continue to uphold safety measures within our homes and community in order to keep Tla'amin people safe.

We must **Stay Strong and Stay the Course.**

Shannon MacDonald, Acting Chief Medical Officer for the FNHA, shares the following.

“This is not the time to lower our guard. This is why the FNHA’s recommendations remain in place: maintain physical distancing and wear a mask when you can’t, wash your hands frequently, and avoid gathering in large numbers. We must continue to do this for the sake of the most vulnerable among us, especially our Elders, our language holders, and Knowledge Keepers.”

As cases have risen, more people are wearing face masks, and some businesses in town have made face masks mandatory, but the rules around mask use can be confusing. The following is some information about mask use that is consistent with public health advice at this time.

- Face masks are only necessary for situations where physical distancing (6 feet or 2 meters) is not possible, such as prolonged periods in indoor settings.
- Face masks are not necessary for outdoor settings where physical distance can be maintained.
- Face masks do not protect the person wearing the mask, rather they prevent the person wearing the mask from infecting others. Therefore, you are not ‘safe’ from infection if you are wearing a mask, and no one around you is wearing one.
- It is especially important to wear face masks around Elders and those with underlying health issue when physical distancing is not possible.
- For those travelling out of Powell River for health, face masks are mandatory on all flights and will become mandatory on BC Ferries starting August 24th.
- **Most Importantly**, face masks should be considered a last resort, when all other safety measures fail. It is much more important that people **maintain physical distancing, wash their hands frequently**, and use hand sanitizer when hand-washing is unavailable (such as when grocery shopping in town). Lastly, people must **stay home if they are feeling sick.**

As Covid-19 cases rise in BC, we must stay informed and lean into the strength of our Tla'amin teachings for guidance. We can lift our spirits by coming together in small, physically distant groups, and by getting out on the territory.

***Be well,
Tla'amin Health***

Tla'amin Elders Activity (age group 60 and over)

Instructor: Kimberley Gage -SHIFT FITNESS

Activity: Gentle Stretching – no equipment

Chairs will be provided

Location: Back side of the Health Bldg.

Time: 9:00 am to 9:45 am

When: every Tuesday starting:

- August 25th, 2020
- September 1st, 2020
- September 8th, 2020
- September 15th, 2020
- September 22nd, 2020
- September 29th, 2020
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We will need participants to sign an agreement, making sure everyone is aware of the new requirements due to Covid – 19

NEW RULES DUE TO COVID-19

- doing workouts outside rather than inside
- gloves and/or masks for those who want to use them, Instructor, Kimberley will wear a mask if requested however we think it’s important for anyone with hearing loss to be able to see her lip movement.
- sanitizing the equipment (for us this would just be the chairs) before and after each session
- exercise areas/zones for each participant to ensure social distancing (the chairs would serve as zones for us)
- markings to show directional flow of traffic to avoid people bumping into one another (create one way in and one way out)
- asking participants to leave unnecessary belongings at home
- asking participants to not attend if they are feeling unwell (in addition I will not come if I’m feeling unwell)

Please call Doreen Hopkins to register. 604-483-3009 ext. 126.

I would like reiterate wear your mask wherever you go and keeping a journal of who you talked to at the end of the day every day. Keep your respectful distance. This is very serious flu like systemic virus and very contagious. Thank you for you’re co-operation . Refrain from large gatherings, and please use your face covering in public places.



***Emote
Larry Louie***



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 47 (POWELL RIVER)
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August 28, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

This is an update to my letter of August 21, 2020 outlining our now approved Restart Plan (click [HERE](#) for the link) for the 2020/21 school year.

We hosted a successful Virtual Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, August 26th (click [HERE](#) for the link) to collect more feedback to inform our plan moving forward. We know that many families, staff, and students are anxious about school start up. I can assure you safety and providing a quality learning experience is our priority. Through our planning and feedback we have compiled an extensive questions and answers document (click [HERE](#) for the link) that we hope will clarify many of the important issues that have arisen through our deliberations.

Please reach out to your Principal or email info@sd47.bc.ca if you have any concerns or questions.

This is a new experience for all of us and we need your help, support, and feedback to get children back to a regular school routine that is comfortable and sustainable as we work through these unique times.

Yours truly,

Dr. Jay Yule
Superintendent
Board of Education
School District 47 (Powell River)

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Open invitation to participate in the tišosəm ʔayʔajuθəm panel

We are seeking people who know the orthography of ʔayʔajuθəm. The nation is creating a panel of elders and fluent speakers who are able to review the spelling of our language for the First Voices project.

Our goal is to have a member from each family in our village so we can hear the diversity of our language and how it's been taught. This will include a monthly meeting to review the revisions we plan to make.

Please contact me at sonya-harry@tn-bc.ca

Ph: 604-483-9646 ext. 146

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Disability Employment Month in BC



WorkBC Centre Powell River is committed to building inclusive work environments in our local labour market. Call or email us at 604.485.7958 or workbc@liftcommunityservices.org to learn more about how our services may support you in your career journey.

Back to School

A new experience for all of us

Learn about the Restart Plan

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Tla'amin Nation Executive Council Minutes

July 22, 2020

Executive Council Chambers

Attendance: Hegus Williams, John Hackett, Larry Louie, Tyrone Wilson, Lori Wilson
Resource: Rod Allan, Losa Luaifoa

Guests: Miel Creasey, Sheryl McCumsey, Pesticide Free Powell River

Hegus Williams called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to adopt the agenda with the addition of the following items: 1) Health Update

*Moved by Councillor T. Wilson
 Seconded by Councillor J. Hackett
 CARRIED*

B. MINUTES:

*Motion to adopt the July 3, 2020 minutes.
 Moved by Councillor J. Hackett
 Seconded by Councillor T. Wilson
 CARRIED*

Discussion arising from the minutes:

- Fisheries: EC discussed organizing a winter meeting with other Nations/Bands that sell fish to make pre-arrangements for Tla'amin, if needed. Early sockeye runs begin in May.

C. PRESENTATIONS:

1. Miel Creasey, resident, and Sheryl McCumsey, Pesticide Free Powell River, provided a presentation to EC via Zoom. (Due to technical difficulties, the Power Point presentation referenced was not visible to the group and will be circulated to EC later). The delegation was in attendance to seek clarification on the Nation's response to Western Forest Product's pesticide use plan.

Miel advised that Sechelt Nation responded and have huge issues with the plan. It was also noted that a petition against the proposed plan is being circulated and has 200 signatures of concerned residents and members who do not support the plan.

Councillor L. Wilson noted that the concerns should be expressed at a higher level of planning, with Forest Landscape Planning citing that the issue is with WFP and their lack of public engagement.

EC referred the delegation to the Community Advisory Group of WFP and will follow-up with staff about the referral.

2. Tla'amin Management Services LP (TMSLP) – 2019/2020 Financial Audit

Philip Lee, Chief Executive Officer, TMSLP, pro-

vided a brief update on the 2019-2020 Financial Audit for TMSLP noting that the audit has been delayed for a few reasons including the hiring of the Financial Controller (FC). The FC will start on August 14.

D. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Administration & Finance

i) **Funding Agreement 1617-BC-000107 re: Post-Secondary Funding**

EC, by consensus, endorsed the Contribution Agreement.

ii) **Membership Transfer Request**

EC reviewed the membership transfer request for a member. Based on membership eligibility criteria being met, EC approves the membership transfer request.

Motion to approve EC Order # 21.

*Moved by Councillor T. Wilson
 Seconded by Councillor L. Wilson
 CARRIED*

2. Economic Development:

- Financial Controller for TMSLP has been hired and starts August 14.
- Operations team is working with 17 students in Lund.
- Concerns around delayed KPMG report on TMSLP audit.
- Operations and Standard Operating Project for each business is underway for every function within TMSLP.

3. Elders and Youth:

Care Facility: an information package is being created to share with our Elders regarding the care facility. The architects have recommendations for a more ideal layout than the current three-wing layout. A presentation is scheduled for August 17.

4. **Emergency Services:** Update: Category 2 burning restrictions will be implemented by Friday, July 24. Restrictions include no big pile burns will be allowed.

Action: Notice of information to be sent out to the community also to include emergency contact numbers.

5. **Health:** An unscheduled conference with the Health Minister will occur today. There are no plans to fully open the office again yet.



unveiling of cultural informative signs at Tux'wnech (Okeover Arm) Park.

EC discussed ways to address access and visitors to the Nation throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. A community watch program was suggested.

It was recommended that signs be relocated to be more front and centre and enforcement staff be more aggressive.

Action: CAO to explore blocking the entrance to the village from the highway to the lodges and explore a community watch program.
 Meeting resumed at 12:51 pm.

6. Lands:

EC Order #30-2020 re: Lund Road Specific Claim

The drainage issue with Lund Road has been reviewed. Drainage issues cannot be linked to the establishment of Lund Road. (side road referenced in the document is Salish Road).

EC is requested to provide the authority to the legal team to initiate the specific claim for Lund Road. Hegus Williams noted that accumulative impact of the highway passing through the Nation has not been mentioned and needs to be included for consideration.

Motion to approve EC Order #30-2020 re: Lund Road Specific Claim.

*Moved by Councillor J. Hackett
 Seconded by Councillor T. Wilson
 CARRIED*

7. **Taxation:** All payments have been received. Invoicing for water (leaseholders) is scheduled for August, 2020.

HOUSE POSTS:

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

- July 22 – Hardwood Island fire debrief meeting at 1:30 pm.
- Archeology branch reported human remains found on Texada Island. Request for a visit to the new found site has not been set yet.
- Okeover sign unveiling event has not been set yet.
- August 19 – meeting for unaddressed environmental pre-treaty issues.
- July 29 – 10 am for tribal journey camp-site meeting (view lands to prepare for event).
- August 5 – Natural Resources Committee meeting at 3 pm.

2. **Finance** – Councillor J. Hackett reported the following:

- 2020-2021 Nation Financial Audit is delayed due to the TMSLP audit.
- Completed write-up for the Nation's Annual Report.
- Did some homework for the Comprehensive Nation Plan (CNP) and submitted a video clip promoting the CNP work.

3. **Community Services** – Councillor L. Louie reported the following:

- Inquired about update on First Nation's Health Authority's request regarding use of the lodges.
- Community Services House Post meeting will be scheduled.

4. **Public Works** – Councillor T. Wilson reported the following:

- July 23 - Regional Housing Needs working group meeting.
- Fire department: Acknowledged the Fire department for dealing with the fire on Harwood Island.
- Meet with the Director of Public Works regarding the Public Works department.
- Transportation meeting was cancelled.

E. HEGUS' REPORT

Meetings/events attended:

- Marine Use planning session led by Layla George. Fisheries/Lands and Forestry staff attended. Discussion points: Funding possibilities, identifying treaty rights, archaeological sites, existing marine plans. Committed to draft a Terms of Reference for the new project.
- Implementation Working Group with presentation on the CNP. Highlights from meeting include: 1) CNP Framework document, summer engagement



SUMMARY OF RCMP CALLS FOR SERVICE FOR JULY / AUGUST 2020

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 |
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| JUL 21 | HOMALCO RD | Police responded to a report that a vehicle was taken without the owners consent. The vehicle was located and returned to the owner. |
| JUL 23 | RIVER RD | Police responded to a report of an assault. As a result of the investigation, two people were arrested and will appear in court in October. |
| JUL 24 | HARWOOD DR | Police responded to a report of a disturbance. All people involved were located and spoken to. No charges were laid in this instance. |
| JUL 24 | HWY 101 | Police responded to a report of an erratic driver. |
| JUL 25 | WATERFRONT RD | Police received a report of an impaired driver. The driver was located, and a breath sample was obtained. As a result, the driver was issued a 90-day driving prohibition. |
| JUL 26 | WATERFRONT RD | Police received a report of an erratic driver in a driveway. |
| JUL 26 | HOMALCO RD | Police received a report of a possible impaired driver. The vehicle was located and stopped. A breath sample was obtained from the driver, which resulted in a 90-day driving prohibition, and 30-day vehicle impound. |
| JUL 28 | SALISH DR | Police assisted Tla'amin Health. |
| JUL 28 | HARWOOD DR | Police responded to a report of a hit and run of a vehicle that was parked in a driveway. |
| JUL 30 | HOMALCO RD | Police responded to a report of a disturbance. Police attended and spoke to everyone involved. As a result, a male was arrested for breaching conditions he was on at the time. The male has been charged and will appear in court. |
| JUL 31 | HOMALCO RD | Police received a call requesting information. |
| AUG 01 | BEACH RD | Police responded to a report of a disturbance. |
| AUG 02 | SLIAMMON RD | Police responded to a report of a possible breach of the Quarantine Act in relation to COVID-19. Police attended, but the suspects had already left. |
| AUG 02 | RIVER RD | Police responded to a report of a party with screaming and yelling at a residence. Police attended and located a male who had been walking on the street screaming. The male was intoxicated and went home with a family member. |
| AUG 03 | BEACH RD | Police received a report of a group of 3 ATV's driving on the road. |
| AUG 03 | WATERFRONT RD | Police responded to a report of a possible impaired driver. Police attended and located the vehicle, but the driver had no longer in the area. |
| AUG 03 | BEACH RD | Police received a report of an unlicensed driver. |
| AUG 04 | WATERFRONT RD | Police responded to a report of a possible impaired driver. Police attended, but did not locate the vehicle. |
| AUG 05 | HOMALCO RD | Police received a report of harassing posts on Facebook. |
| AUG 06 | HOMALCO RD | Police responded to a report of a suspicious occurrence. |
| AUG 07 | WATERFRONT RD | Police responded to a report of a suspicious occurrence. |
| AUG 07 | HWY 101 | Police responded to an alarm at a residence. While en route Police were advised that the alarm was false and Police attendance was not required. |
| AUG 14 | HWY 101 | Police responded to a report of an erratic driver. The driver was located and warned about their driving. |
| AUG 15 | SALISH DR | Police received a report of a suspicious vehicle. Police attended, but the vehicle was gone on arrival. |
| AUG 17 | HWY 101 | Police received a request for assistance with a neighbour dispute. |
| AUG 19 | WATERFRONT RD | Police assisted MCFD with an interview. |
| AUG 19 | HOMALCO RD | Police responded to a weapons complaint at a residence. |

plans and next steps. 2) Laws and policy – mentorship program/policy discussion, homeownership discussion and 3) Citizenship memo; testing knowledge (tabled).

- Western Forest Products – discussed potential volume that Tla'amin is pursuing as a result of the license renewal. Different methods on how to allocate the volume either by expanding the COMFOR or the TFL were discussed. Tla'amin shared that expanding the COMFOR is the preferred option. Not in the decision stages yet. WFP and Tla'amin are working together in hopes that the outcome benefits both parties.
- Email from Innergex advising that BC Hydro's buying power has been lifted.
- July 21 – Care Facility meeting. Revised plan to potentially move away from the original three-wing layout. Next meeting is July 22.
- Prawn season is closed. The Tla'amin boat's daily average was approximately 220 lbs. per day including the 7 days that workers did not make it out to check the gear. Total weight is 7,356.8 lbs. for the season.
- Human remains were accidentally dug up in the Gillies Bay area of Texada Island.

There may be a potential field trip and recommendations requested of the Nation in the near future.

- Care Facility meetings continue.
- SFU archaeological study on Lasqueti Island. Field study has been delayed to next summer as a result of COVID-19.
- Probyn Log Ltd. contract has been signed with a 30% deposit and 10% hold back applied. Total contract value is: \$2,259,000.

Upcoming meetings:

- July 27 – passing of Tribal Journey talking stick from Nanaimo.

F. ADJOURNMENT

*Moved by Councillor J. Hackett
Seconded by Councillor T. Wilson
CARRIED*

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am. The next EC meeting is Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 9:00 am.



Enforcement Unit, Guardians and the Beach Monitors

1. Enforcement (Arnie Courtney , Gerry Galligos)

Since the announcement of the Covid19 virus earlier in the year, and all the measures that were put into place by all levels of government shortly thereafter, there was a definite decline in activities that would have otherwise been encountered in and around our Territorial Lands during the same time period. This all changed dramatically when the summer months came upon us and the numbers of tourists who chose the sunshine coast to vacation seem to explode, and with that brought a number of issues that our Enforcement team had to deal with. Those reports were mainly of illegal camping, vehicle speeding through the community (Hwy 101), poaching on our beaches and lease tenures, squatters and people trespassing after the community was closed because of Covid virus concerns. Additionally, there are continued concerns of nuisance dogs in the community, as well as bear sightings. There continues to be a few dog owners who fail to keep their dogs confined to their properties and allow them to roam around the community causing nuisance to other homeowners, as well as those community members trying to enjoy a walk in the community. Let's try and be more responsible as dog owners. In regards to bear sightings and concerns, there are measure we can take to be "Bear Aware" and reduce habits of bears. I have brochures from Wild-safeBC that offer some great tips to homeowners that I will try to include in the Nehmotl.

I would also like to make mention of the exceptional work by so many in our community on 16 March this year who responded so quickly and compassionately in the rescue of approximately 16 Pacific White Sided Dolphins who became trapped on our beach. The efforts of so many was praised by DFO and the media for the quick response and effective methods to re-introduce the Dolphins back into the ocean, and with no fatalities. I would also be remiss not to mention the exceptional work by so many from Enforcement, Guardians, Tla'amin Fire department, Public Works and so many other community members who responded so quickly and effectively dealing with what could have been an extremely destructive fire on Harwood Island a few months ago. Good job by all!!

Since the beginning of March until the end of end of August this year, the Enforcement Unit has responded to 32 calls in and around the community.

- Dog Complaints – 7
- Illegal Camping – 5
- Squatters – 3
- Illegal Firewood – 2
- Abandoned Vehicle – 2
- Bear Complaints – 7
- Illegal Garbage Dumping – 2
- Disturbance (Dirt bike) – 2
- Careless Use of Firearm – 2

2. Guardians (Lawrence Harry, James Williams)

The Tla'amin Nation hired two Guardians on the 21 June and will work until the 21 September patrolling and protecting our waters and beaches. Our Guardians conduct daily patrols with the use of a newly purchased 20 foot Duckworth aluminum boat. Their patrol areas include Harwood Island, the Copeland Islands, Grace Harbour, Theodosia, Texada Island, Okeover Inlet and Powell Lake. Our Guardians are tasked with identifying anyone illegally camping or poaching on our Territorial Lands and waters, as well as the frequent patrols of our known archaeological sites. Our Guardians have worked jointly with BC Parks Rangers, as well as a joint patrol with



Pacific White Sided Dolphins became trapped on our beach on March 16th

the Klahoose Nation patrolling the coastal waters. Our Guardians played an instrumental role in the 13 July fire on Harwood Island shuttling equipment and Tla'amin Firefighters from Lund to Harwood and also making direct contact with a local Tug Boat (Seymour Crown) and crew to assist with their on-board fire-fighting equipment. Outstanding job!! The Guardians also spent some time on Harwood island conducting a garbage clean-up and bringing back as much as their boat could safely carry for proper disposal.

3. Beach Monitors (Andrew Timothy, Scott Galligos)

The Tla'amin Nation has hired two Beach Monitors in response to an ever increasing number of people poaching on our beaches. The vast number of the summer arrivals are from the Vancouver and Richmond areas. The majority of these visitors come on to our lands and beaches with valid shellfish harvesting licenses, but many do not. Over harvesting shellfish is a common encounter even with those who do have Harvesting Licenses. Our Beach monitors have provided some statistical numbers from the Okeover Provincial Park area from the 31 July to August 18 that clearly emphasize the challenges we face as a Nation.

- Number of license inspections – 416
- Number of valid licenses – 316
- Number of non-local harvesters – 416
- Number of violations – 20 +
- Amount of clams harvested – 19,000
- Amount of Oysters harvested – 3800

In addition, the Beach Monitors worked jointly with BC Parks on one file where 3 individuals were caught over harvesting clams and oysters by hiding full buckets in the bushes while they continued to harvest. A fine of \$1,000.00 was issued.

As mentioned these numbers are from a 2-week period only and from one location. Good work by our Beach Monitors in making a difference out there.

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Arnie Courtney
Enforcement Officer
(604) 316-4271

Signs Unveiled in Tux'wnech

BC Parks

I wanted to share a little information about an event that took place at Tux'wnech (Okeover Arm) Park on Friday, 07 Aug 20. Here are a couple pics of the event as well as digital copies of the signs. BC Parks replaced some cultural informative signs in the Tux'wnech (Okeover Arm) Park which were originally installed in the 90's. We worked with the Tla'amin Nation on upgrading the text with appropriate information

and using some Tla'amin language and place names. The Nation invited Hegus Clint Williams, a few elders, the Guardian Watchman, Tla'amin enforcement officers, beach monitors, Okeover Harbour Authority members, some FLNROD staff and some other Tla'amin members. A welcome, drumming and song opened the event followed by some words from Tla'amin members, Denise Smith, Hegus Williams and elders. Senior Park Ranger Jen McGuinness introduced the signs and were unveiled by Jen and hegus Williams. The event was closed with a circle, song and drumming. Despite a little bit of rain it was a very positive and powerful event and I was very thankful to be present.



Tla'amin Nation elders and leaders participated in the unveiling of cultural informative signs at Tux'wnech (Okeover Arm) Park. The Signs were updated with our language and are there to inform the public about the History and use and occupation of the area. Tla'amin Nation thanks BC Parks for this valuable work.



Lands Department Hires Referrals Co-ordinator

"Shawn recently started in a new role as Referrals Co-ordinator in the Lands Department for the Tla'amin Nation. Shawn grew up on the hill-sides of the Okanagan Valley on his family's organic apple orchard. He is a Registered Professional Forester and has a Bachelor of Commerce degree from Dalhousie University, an Environmental Planning diploma from Selkirk College, and a Master's of Sustainable Forest Management degree from UBC. He has lived on the coast for the last several years working in forestry and land management as a consultant and with the provincial government. Shawn is looking forward to getting set with their busy workload!"

Water Protection Plan Needs Your Help

"Water Committee – Tla'amin Nation Lands and Resources department is developing a Water Protection Plan for water and fish habitat for the Tla'amin lands over the next 5 months. We have an opening for 2 community participants to sit in on 6 committee meetings. If you are interested in providing your input, values, knowledge and learning about water protection and fish habitat, please contact Cathy Galligos at cathy.galligos@tn-bc.ca or 604-483-9646 ext. 119. "

4,000 Years of Clamming

You are standing on a mound of clam and mussel shells that was once 330 metres long and 2 metres deep. It is the result of over 4,000 years of shellfish harvesting and processing by ƒaʔamen (Tla'amin), ʔoʔos (Klahoose) and ʔ'emaʔk'u (Homalco) Indigenous people. To ensure a continued supply of ʔoʔo (clams), Indigenous people harvested at different locations each time they visited. Tla'amin maintained, farmed and harvested clam gardens which exist throughout their territory.

Tla'amin ate clams fresh or preserved the meat so they could eat it throughout the year. To prepare clams for storage they steamed, roasted and then dried the meat in the sun.

Illustration: Nola Johnston

Stay Safe - Have Fun

www.bcparks.ca



Senior Park Ranger Jen McGuinness and Hegus Williams introduced the signs and were unveiled



Notice of Annual General Meeting

- Date and Time: Saturday, September 12 (10am – 11:30am)
- Physical Location: Tla'amin Gym
- To connect remotely using the Zoom software:

Zoom Room Meeting ID: 942 7705 8976 and the Passcode: 885906

- To call: +1 778 907 2071 and the Passcode: 885906

(long distance charges may apply)

Due to COVID-19, the Trust Annual General Meeting was postponed in April. The gym will be set up to allow for the appropriate social distancing, have hand sanitizer available, and will not be serving a buffet breakfast. Bottled water/juice, and some pre-packaged snacks will be available. There is a limit 50 citizens in place, due to pandemic protocols. We respectfully request kids stay home so adults may attend and listen to our reporting at the gym.

Agenda:

- Welcome
- Update from the Trustees
- Update from the Guardian
- Grant Thornton – review of the 2019 annual audit
- PBI Actuarial – Investment Advisor update
- Addenda – Investment Manager update of COVID on the investments
- Q&A period / Closing remarks

Door prizes!! – those on Zoom will qualify!

6 x \$100 Grocery gift cards - GRAND PRIZE is a CHROME BOOK

Must be present to win!

The Trustees look forward to seeing you, or having you login remotely.

Please email Kristi at Kristi.Thiele@tn-bc.ca for any questions or clarifications you may have.



Exciting CALL OUT: Homalco, Klahoose, Tla'Amin, and K'òmoks Members

“Interns in Radio Broadcasting”

The AUPE Cultural Enhancement Society and CKCC The Raven FM 100.7 radio station are looking for two committed individuals interested in training for career opportunities in broadcasting. Internship skills development include:

- Radio Production
- Editing
- Recording
- On-Air Voice
- Interviewing
- Documenting
- Journalism

This is unique and exciting training! Using stories & history in our shared Ayajuthem language you will be creating on-air radio features such as:

- “Word of the Day”
- “Cultural Vignettes”

The training will be for 14 weeks totaling (480 hours) with a start date in early September. The internship will be PAID and we encourage youth and adults from all sister nations to apply!

Please apply with an expression of interest & resume!

This training supports full ownership and capacity build for our nations in the sharing of traditional cultural knowledge, language sharing and revitalization!

If you are interested in radio production and process, please submit a letter of interest and resume to Brenda Hanson at brendah@theraven.fm or call 778-585-5259 for further information.

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Alec and Pete share a moment at the sign unveiling ceremony in August

Inconvenient Truths about Convenient Packaging



Ingalisa

Tai

Abby

Let's Talk Trash.ca

WHAT IS WASTE?

It's been a long day, so you reward yourself with some take-out. After indulging in your favourite meal, you may be faced with a buffet of plastic leftovers. Styrofoam to-go containers, plastic utensils, ketchup packages, straws, lids, and the plastic bag that wrapped it up in a neat bundle are now yours (and mother nature's) to deal with. You certainly didn't set out to accumulate this plastic karma, but there it is staring you in the conscience.

You want to do the right thing, and begin attempting to sort it all out into recyclables, compostables and garbage when along comes the inevitable barrage of questions: Can this compostable plastic lid go in the recycling? How clean does this to-go container need to be? Are straws recyclable? Can recycling justify my single use habits? The temptation to toss it all into the trash in an act of frustration is a reality for many. After all, what does it really matter?



Happy Birthday "Mrs. G"

September 17th

Love your Family

Consider these inconvenient truths. According to the Plastic Pollution Coalition:

1. Plastic is a material the earth cannot digest. Every piece of plastic ever created, still exists.
2. Plastic accounts for 90% of all the trash floating in the ocean.
3. Disposable plastics are the main source of plastic pollution.
4. Every year 17 million barrels of oil are used to make plastic water bottles.
5. Canadians use between nine and 15 billion plastic bags a year.
6. 200+ cities worldwide have plastic bag bans.

If your eyes glaze over at the sight of these statistics, you're not alone. But what will it take for us to curb our addiction to the apparent convenience of single use plastics? Will a crisis of conscience affect our habits or do we need bans and bylaws? Or will it take a systemic collapse for us to take off our rose coloured plastic lenses?

What remains clear at the end of the day, surrounded by an ocean of plastic at our feet is this: we can all do better. Where will you start?

The great news is that there are plenty of simple ways for us to conveniently stop or at least reduce our use of the excess plastic packaging in our lives. We know many of them already, it's just a matter of adopting some new habits. Bringing a refillable water bottle is a great way to curb our needless plastic consumption. Plenty of creeks and water stations are nearby when thirst kicks in our need for a refreshing drink. Even in the days of Covid-19, we can veer around using plastic grocery bags by filling our own bags (many stores are once again allowing this), using a cardboard box from the store, or filling our shopping cart and wheeling it to our car to pack items into boxes and coolers there. If a bag is absolutely needed, you can opt for a paper bag in some shops.

Beyond these more common habit fixes, we can also shop locally rather than online more, to avoid the heavy packaging sometimes associated with online shopping. Local crafts people and farmers offer such quality goods that you may find things breaking less, and nutrition going way up as a bonus. We also skip all the greenhouse gas creation when we buy locally produced items.

Other quick tips are to buy in bulk, purchase clothing made from natural fibres, and borrow rather than buy tools that you aren't going to use all that often.

It doesn't take much to affect great ripples of change. Now more than ever, we are seeing that even the smallest of things can have a big impact on the globe. The same goes for our relationship with plastic. As convenient as it is for us, it ends up being inconvenient for the planet.

Governance House
will be closed for
Labor Day

Monday, September 7th





ELECTION INFORMATION

September 19, 2020

Attention Tla'amin Nation Citizens:

On behalf of Executive Council, please see the following important information:

Members will be able to vote the following 3 ways:

- 1) **POLL STATION** - Salish Centre from 8 am to 8 pm. Citizens are asked to bring picture id. If you do not have picture id, Membership staff will be present to confirm your identity with the Electoral Officer.
- 2) **ELECTRONIC VOTING** – voting by computer (online) will start on Sept 11 and closes at 8 pm on September 19. You will need your Citizenship number (1 to 4 digits number), email and phone number to vote online at: <https://onefeather.ca/nations/tlaamin>. If you do not know your citizenship number, please call Pam Wilson at 604 483 9646 ext. 114.
- 3) **MAIL** – ballots are currently being sent out to be returned to OneFeather by mail.

All information about the election is available at
<https://onefeather.ca/nations/tlaamin>

If you have any inquiries, call the Electoral Officer, Nicole at:
250- 384-8200 or 1-855-458-5888