

## Restoring Salmon Habitat in Unwin Lake

By Cathy Galligos, Director of Lands and Resources

Unwin Lake is located approximately 12 kilometers north of Lund, at Tenedos Bay in the Desolation Sound. This lake contains land locked Kokanee fish, which means that these fish were very likely Sockeye fish historically. The current Unwin Creek was re-directed approximately eighty to one hundred years ago due to logging practices by the installation of an earth capped dam placed on the original gentle flowing creek. Unwin Creek is a short river, less than a kilometer that runs from Unwin Lake into the ocean at Tenedos Bay. With the change in the river, where the top section of the river now flows over rugged and steep rock, the salmon fry cannot leave or return to the river, thus resulting in the land locked Kokanee. Other salmon that frequent the river are Coho and Chum.

In February 2020, on behalf of Tla'amin Nation, I applied to the Environmental Damages Fund (EDF) through Environmental Climate Change Canada for \$136,860.00 in funding to cover costs of the required assessments and/or studies required on the lake and system to prove it may or may not be feasible to restore the salmon habitat. The funding was successfully approved and the studies and assessments that will be conducted are: Channel Bypass Design Survey, Fish Community, Fish Passage Assessment, Water Quality Assessment, Lake Productivity Assessment, Anadromous Fish Migration and Spawning Habitat Assessment. Work commenced in February concurrently with the water hydrology work.

Concurrently, on behalf of Tla'amin Nation, I also applied for \$50,000.00 in funding from the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) through the Forest, Lands, Natural Resources Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD) to support and fund the Water Hydrology Assessment. This funding was approved and the work began in February with the installation of a hydrometric gauge to measure water flow, plus a few of the other studies. The main objective of the hydrology work is to monitor total discharge out of the lake and into Unwin Creek.



Tla'amin entered into a contract with Ecofish Research Ltd., an experienced company in salmon habitat restoration and conducting scientific studies. They have many professionals on staff to carry out the studies over the one-year term. Scott Galligos was the successful applicant for the Tla'amin Technical Assistant on this project, whom will accompany and assist Ecofish Research on this project.

Delia Bekker, a local Powell River community member who has experience in restoring salmon habitat rivers in Desolation Sound, originally brought the idea of salmon habitat restoration on Unwin Lake to the attention of Tla'amin Nation in 2018. She attempted to start the process to restore the original Unwin Creek, which requires removing the earth capped dam but faced issues with the need to conduct thousands of dollars of studies and assessments required by government. The idea seems simple, to undo a problem that was created by a logging company, who did not need permission way back in the day to alter the original Unwin creek flow. But it is complicated to restore the original flow, even if it is to provide a chance for a possible future Sockeye salmon run. The opportunity to apply to the Environmental Damages Fund for funding in the Powell River area arose and projects

### Community Safety Law Passed

The Community Safety Law was passed by Tla'amin Legislative Council on April 21, 2021. It was posted for community review and was presented at an on-line meeting for questions and comments and then passed through three readings. It is now in force. The law enables Executive Council to pass regulations relating to services and also community safety. One of the first regulations being developed is an Animal Control Regulation to deal with potentially dangerous dogs. Council is committed to keeping our community safe and welcomes any questions or suggestions.

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## Happy Mother's Day on Sunday May 9th

"LIFE BEGAN WITH WAKING UP AND LOVING MY MOTHER'S FACE."

# 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**

## Elders Corner

Tla'amin Health Coordinator:

Doreen Hopkins

Phone # 604-483-3009 ext. 126

Yo (hello) we would like to start off by wishing Martin Jensen a very special "Happy Birthday" as he turns 90 on May 18th, 2021. We will begin by sharing Martin's struggles during the winter of 2020. Martin did not have enough wood to warm his home during this cold long winter season. We contacted people to help and we received responses from Gerry Galligos and Lee George (Hatchery). The hatchery responded by sharing part of their own firewood supplies they had already prepped and was already on hand at the hatchery. Gerry offered up his own time and labor. He fell a tree, bucked, split the wood, and then delivered the wood. We raise our hands to everyone involved. The elders would like to express their appreciation and give a shout out to Gerry, William, Lee, Scotty, and Joey in appreciation for all their hard work over and beyond the call of duty.

We have several elders with Birthdays in May. And we would like to give them a shout out and wish them a very happy birthday. Charlie Bob is celebrating his 80th birthday on May 3rd, 2021 – stop by, give him a honk and wish him a Happy Birthday. Elizabeth Blaney, Clare Noble and Rita Pimlott (Homalco) are also celebrating birthdays. To each of you, enjoy your special day.

We continue to encourage family members to do a check in with your elders to make sure they are safe and see that their needs are being supported. Spring is here, the birds are chirping, soon it will be Mother's Day, and it is a great time to stop by to visit and get some summer work done. Enjoy the warm weather, by help-

ing them cut the grass, clean the gutters and wash the windows or help them plant flowers.

Community spring clean-up has come and gone – great job to those that supported this program. Emote!

Next, it is with great sadness that we once again, have to say good bye to a dear friend, Tyrone Wilson (Tbone). Tyrone wore many hats in our small village; he was a Legislator, Firefighter, Manager for Aboriginal Fishery, Co-worker, last but not least a great Friend. He was thought of by so many as very ishnomot (a kind person) and he invested a lot of time working within the village. Time together was way too short, we will forever cherish many memories of you. The Tla'amin Elders will remember you for always delivering herring eggs, clams and fish with your kind, friendly and compassionate ways. We will not get a chance to say "Thank You" for all of your good work, but we can say travel well dear friend as you journey into the spirit world, Emma waeega, cha cha hum for a safe journey.

Finally, we want to thank our families and leaders at the Tla'amin Nation and Health for being so supportive and diligent about keeping the community safe during this 3rd wave of covid-19. In addition, continue to follow Health Minister Adrian Dix and provincial health officer Bonnie Henry's lead, they have shared with us ways to stay safe and healthy within our own bubbles – let us all make sure including our urban cousins, that we are applying those safety measures to our daily lives. When the supplies are received for the 2nd vaccine, notice will go out to community and appointments will be set up. As we continue to move through the pandemic, always remember to be kind. It has been a hard year for so many.

Emote jeh ah jeh (thank you relatives)

## Tla'amin Health Swim & Weight Room Exercise at PR Complex

Swim & Weight Room are open but you must preregister to participate @ 604.485.2891 or book online.

Currently every Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday, for the month of May, you can preregister for Swim or Exercise at the complex, must preregister 5 days in advance (due to Covid)

When registering by phone or online, sign in as Tla'amin member and be patient as reception registers you.

Must follow Provincial Covid guidelines.

Contact: Dawna Pallen, Health Promotion for questions @ 604.483.3009 x 122



## Job Opportunity

Powell River & District United Way is seeking a Program & Outreach Manager – Early Years to provide program, operations, administrative and communications support for the ORCA Bus program. Reporting to the Director, Community Engagement & Resource Development, this position is responsible for managing an established collaborative early years initiative serving all corners of qathet Regional District. This role is responsible for coordinating community partner programs and volunteers, developing and delivering new direct outreach services, and representing and promoting the ORCA Bus in the community. The incumbent will be the public face of the ORCA Bus -- present on site, connected with local agencies and families, and passionate about building a community where children ages 0-6 and their families thrive.

### How to apply

Please submit your resume and cover letter via email to [apply@unitedwayofpowellriver.ca](mailto:apply@unitedwayofpowellriver.ca) by midnight on Sunday, May 16, 2021.

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needed to be over \$100,000.00 and fish related. This was our great opportunity to obtain initial funding to see if there is a possibility for a future salmon habitat in the Unwin Lake and Unwin Creek system. It remains to be seen.

This Tla'amin Nation led project is a very exciting, interesting and important project for the Tla'amin community, the Powell River community, the natural environment and ecosystem, neighboring Nations, and future generations. We have reached out to many organizations

and partners to assist in this unique project and will need more help along the way. Some participants to date are the Powell River FLNRORD, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, BC Parks, and Klahoose First Nation.

In the summer of 2020, we brought the Summer Students to Unwin Lake for a summer BBQ for their final day of work, in which everyone enjoyed the day swimming and having a superb lunch. It was a beautiful day to bring the youth out on the land where they learned a bit about this unique project that may be a legacy.

Stay tuned.

## Message from Executive Council and Legislators

(April 8, 2021)

It is with heavy hearts that we regret to inform you of the passing of our fellow Legislator, colleague, and volunteer firefighter Tyrone Wilson. We would like to express our deepest condolences to Tina, their children and grandchild, as well as the Wilson, Hackett and Louie families at this sad time.



We all loved Tyrone and Tyrone loved Tla'amin. We know the whole community is hurting badly right now. The ancestors have come to take him home while we are left to miss him.

There is work to do in the coming days to care for Tyrone and his family. We ask that everyone in the community do their part to help Tyrone on his journey home, in a safe way.

Boundaries and privacy are important right now, we don't have all of the answers but we know they will come in the days and weeks ahead. Our leadership is working closely with the family and medical personnel to make sure of it.

We are living in an exceptional time that sadly prevents us from wrapping the family in love according to our teachings. But your prayers will be heard and felt by the whole family at this difficult moment. We will come together when it is safe to do so in order to celebrate our loved one.

Services and support are being provided to the family and are available to our members. Please call 604 578 0447 if you need help.



## Join us for the 2021 Powell River Hospice Society Virtual Walk, Run & Hike for Hospice May 2-9!

This year's event will be taking place virtually. Create a team with your friends or colleagues, or participate by yourself. Walk, run or hike anywhere you like, anytime you like, and collect pledges to help support Powell River Hospice Society!

If you have any questions or need help registering, contact [admin@prhospice.org](mailto:admin@prhospice.org).

Please note that you are also free to make a donation anytime without actually participating in this event. All funds raised go towards sustaining the operations of Powell River Hospice Society.

"If you are unable to participate, you can sponsor me, as I can do the walk – You just need to make a pledge, by calling me and I will collect the pledge and submit to Hospice. My phone number is 604-483-6738."

Doreen Hopkins

Hello All, our dental clinics for our status members are full for May with a couple appointments left on Friday June 25th. If you currently have a dentist in town we ask that you see your own dentist as the demand is high for those who do not have vehicles or transportation and need to see Dr. Machin in our office. We will break for the summer and resume dental clinics in the fall. Please call Cathy for appointments. 778 657 5924



## Victoria Day Weekend

Governance House will be closed on Monday, May 24th

## Sun Safety

*Yay the Sun has been out blazing, here are some fun in the sun safety tip reminders while having fun in the sun.*

Remember to protect yourself all year around not just in the summer.

- Reflections off water, sand and concrete can increase the effect of UV rays. You need to protect yourself on cloudy days and when your swimming.
- Children learn best by example. Model sun protective behavior yourself at all times.
- In extreme heat, some medications may increase your health risk and or make you skin more sensitive to UV rays, if you are taking medication, consult your health care provider.
- Remember to cover up as the UV index is 3x higher or more, protect your skin as much as possible.
- Clothing
  - Wear light colored clothing.
  - Keep in mind wear long sleeved shirts and pants and wide brimmed hats with breathable fabric will help protect your skin against the sun.
- When wearing sunglasses make sure they provide protection against both UVA and UVB rays.
- Limit your time in the sun.
- Peak times of heat. Try to keep out of the sun between 11 a.m. and 3p.m.
- While out and about look for places with lots of shade ex: parks with lots of big trees.
- Remember to bring umbrellas or gazebo tents for shade.

### Using sun screen

- Put sunscreen on at peak times of heat (11 a.m. to 3 p.m.)
- Use sunscreen labelled broad spectrum and water resistant with SPF of at least 30.
- Drink plenty of cool liquids.
- The sun will dehydrate you, remember to drink lots of water especially when feeling thirsty.
- Remember to keep your pets hydrated and out of the sun as much as possible.

Friendly reminder to Youth between the ages of 7 to 14 years of age and parents with Children/Youth within this age bracket.

Child Youth Wellness Worker: Shirley Louie

My work schedule:

Monday to Friday

8:30 to 4:30

I can be reached at

Tel: Direct Line (778) 657-5919

**604-483-3009 ext: 104**



## Message from Tla'amin Executive Council and Health Director

***Eh Kwa'A'Nuns Kye'A'Mieux***

*when the people in our community are well again, all around us will also be well*

Tla'amin Nation remains closed to anyone who does not work or live in the community.

In response to the Travel Restrictions Order, our community's safety is dependent on not putting others at risk by travelling unnecessarily. Do not travel for non-essential reasons. Please recognize that negligent actions have devastating consequences for the health and safety of our small community.

Dr. Bonnie Henry stated "Do not travel beyond your community remains in place everywhere in BC, but we need to do more to discourage travel. The travel restrictions order has been enacted to restrict non-essential travel outside of neighboring health authorities until May 25, 2021 at midnight. Those in violation of the Order may be subject to a \$575 fine.

Please be kind to one another and remain vigilant as we continue to safeguard our nation from this third wave of Covid-19, with additional variants. Continue to practice physical distancing while you are outside, wear your mask, and continue to remain within your household bubble of family you reside with. Don't forget to wash and sanitize your hands frequently.

### Gentle Reminders

- **The curfew is shortened and now in effect from 11:00 pm - 6:00 am.** Only people that need to go to work, or obtain medical attention or related supplies will be permitted to leave their property during these hours.
- **Support Services:** For those in isolation requiring resources, including clinical and/or mental health and wellness needs can call: 604-578-0447. Those requiring harm reduction services and supplies can call 604-223-4430. In addition, you can try the 24hr support lines listed on our website: [tlaaminnation.com/support/](http://tlaaminnation.com/support/)
- Please continue to self-isolate and monitor for symptoms if you have been instructed to do so. If you, or anyone you know, is experiencing Covid symptoms such as fever, cough, fatigue, muscle pain, lack of appetite, loss of sense of taste or smell – you need to be tested! You can be tested in two locations:

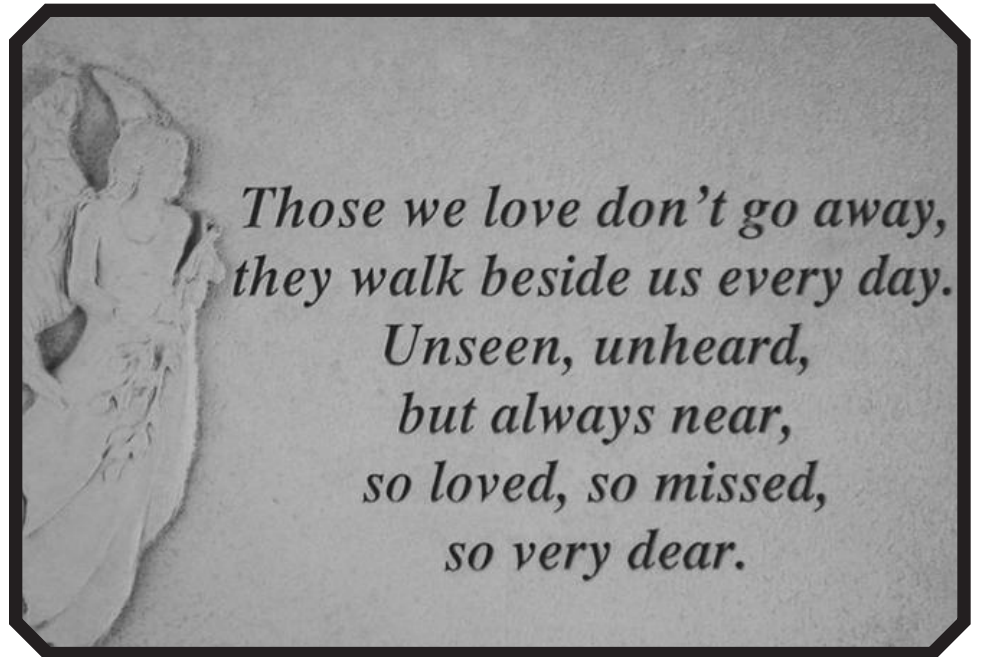
### DRIVE-THROUGH TESTING CLINIC -- NEW LOCATION!

Now at the Medical Clinic Associates, by appointment only. Register online at [pcomplexcclinic.com](http://pcomplexcclinic.com) (preferred) or call (604) 485-3572 between 9 am and 11 am Monday – Friday (except stat holidays).

### PR HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

Get tested here if you have severe symptoms, or cannot wait for an appointment at the Drive-Through Clinic. Register at the front desk.





*Duane Gilbert Francis*

*“Sniper”*

**Born: October 7, 1968**

**Spiritual Journey: February 28, 2021**

*Emawheega “So long”*

## Wellness Kits for Youth

*By Adam Gauthier*

In the recent months I have been fortunate enough to be hired as the Child & Youth Care Coordinator at the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) on the Mental Health & Wellness Team serving Vancouver Island’s Coast Salish Region.

I support Coast Salish children, youth, and families around the expressed needs of their mental health and provide resources of support in whatever way I can. One of the unique child & youth mental health initiatives that I have been able to create, lead, and manage is the Wellness Project. This Wellness Project has been to create Wellness Kits for Indigenous Youth across Vancouver Island began as a way to show love and pass along the gift of self-care. Each Nation and Organization has identified their youth demographics themselves, which includes on-reserve and those away from home.

I wanted to ensure that youth who were not with their families also received the Wellness Kits, including Indigenous Youth who are placed out of their Nation in foster care with Delegated Aboriginal Agencies. This brought me to work with Tla’amin’s very own Brooklyn Egan who works for NĪTU,O Child & Family Services Society.

The opportunity to reach Indigenous Youth together has been super special as we both are recent graduates from the University of Victoria and come from Tla’amin Nation. We were able to co-create the Wellness Kits set out by the youth and Brooklyn delivered them out to the Greater Victoria’s First Nations communities. This has been an honour to work alongside someone who shares the same sentiments and vision for brighter, healthier, and stronger Indigenous people.



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At WorkBC Powell River, we can cover costs of work gear, work tools, foot wear, childcare, and transportation.

*Contact us before your first day of work to learn more about eligibility and how to access these funds!*





This program is funded by the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia.

*Our family would like to congratulate Private Kyler Williams for his acceptance to the Canadian Army. We wish you the best of luck at the Military Training Centre in Meadford, Ontario. We are all so very proud of you!*

*Luv, The Williams Family*



SUMMARY OF RCMP CALLS FOR SERVICE FOR MARCH/APRIL 2021		
 <p>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.</p> 		
Powell River RCMP Non-Emergency (604)485-6255		In Case of Emergency Call 911
MAR 17	HOMALCO RD	Police responded to a report of a person in mental distress. Police attended, located the person and brought him to the hospital to get help.
MAR 18	HARWOOD DR	Police attended a residence with a counsellor from Tla'amin Health to check on an individual.
MAR 18	EAGLE DR	Police received a request for assistance at a residence.
MAR 20	EAGLE DR	Police received a request to locate an individual from Campbell River RCMP. Police attended a residence, but the individual no longer lived there.
MAR 20	HOMALCO RD	Police responded to a disturbance at a residence. All parties were spoken to, and then separated for the evening.
MAR 20	EAGLE DR	Police responded to a complaint of a loud ATV being driven around.
MAR 20	KLAHANIE DR	Police responded to a threats complaint.
MAR 21	HARWOOD DR	Police responded to a theft of a black electric scooter at a residence. Police spoke to possible witnesses and suspects, but were unable to locate the scooter. Anyone with information on this can contact the Powell River RCMP.
MAR 21	WATERFRONT RD	Police responded to a report that someone had shot a pellet gun at the window of a residence. Police attended and located a suspect. This matter is still under investigation.
MAR 21	HWY 101	Police responded to a report of a suspicious male at a residence.
MAR 24	RIVER RD	Police responded to a report of an abandoned 911 call. Police spoke to the owner of the phone, and determined that the call was made by accident.
MAR 24	HOMALCO RD	At the request of Tla'amin Health, police conducted a welfare check on an individual.
MAR 25	HOMALCO RD	Police responded to a report of a disturbance at a residence. After speaking to all parties involved, it was determined that an assault took place. A male was arrested and is facing assault charges. This matter is still under investigation.
MAR 26	HARWOOD DR	Police responded to a report of an unlicensed driver.
MAR 27	HOMALCO RD	Police responded to a report of a break and enter at a vacant house. A space heater was stolen from inside and a small amount of property damage was done.
MAR 27	HARWOOD DR	Police responded to a report of a gathering at a residence. Police attended and told everyone to go home.
MAR 30	EAGLE DR	Police responded to a report of a group of youth shooting BB guns at geese and crows.
APR 02	HARWOOD DR	Police responded to a report of a possible party at a residence. Police attended, but there was no one around. Patrols made, but police could not locate the resident.
APR 02	HARWOOD DR	Police responded to a disturbance at a residence.
APR 03	HWY 101	Police responded to a report of a suspicious person. A male was captured on camera in the yard of a residence near the rear door.
APR 04	HOMALCO RD	Police responded to a disturbance at a residence. Police spoke to all parties involved and determined that no assault had taken place.
APR 04	HARWOOD DR	Police responded to a report of a possible impaired driver. Patrols were made, but the vehicle was not located.
APR 04	WATERFRONT RD	Police responded to a report of an unlicensed driver. Police attended and located the driver at a residence.
APR 08	HOMALCO RD	Police assisted with a Coroners Act investigation.
APR 08	HOMALCO RD	Police received a report of a disturbance at a residence.
APR 09	HARWOOD DR	Police received a report of a break and enter that took place a few days earlier. This matter is still under investigation.
APR 09	BEACH RD	Police responded to a report of a disturbance at a residence. All parties involved were spoken to, and it was determined that no assault had taken place. Everyone was separated to prevent further problems.
APR 12	HWY 101	Police responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle. Police located the vehicle

## Youth Center Logo and Naming Contest

The portable next to the healing room has recently been renovated and used for youth programs. We are looking for Tla'amin youth to submit the following:

- 1) a youth center logo
- 2) name that represents youth and community of Tla'amin

We hope that once COVID restrictions improve, we can enjoy a formal opening and blessing together. We want the youth center to be a place where our youth feel welcome, respected, and safe. A place where our younger people can meet and participate in various activities and have access to resources and supports.

Our goals are to support the physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual well-being of our youth. Please remember that although many programs and annual events are not running right now, we are still here to support you. You can reach me (Leslie) or Shirley at

the Tla'amin Health at 604-483-3009.

### Beautiful Language

Our "beautiful language" Zoom sessions begin April 28th to June 2nd. Koosen, Sonya, and I look forward to meeting with you every Wednesday from 4:30-5:30 for some language and learning fun for families and children of all ages. Please email Leslie.louie@tn-bc.ca or find our beautiful language group on Facebook, and we will share the zoom link with you.

### May 3-9th, 2021 is Mental Health Awareness Week.

#GetReal about how you feel.

Name it, don't numb it.

Join us for the

70th annual CMHA Mental Health Week  
Get ready with our Toolkits! Together we'll #Get-Real.

Check out [www.mentalhealthweek.ca](http://www.mentalhealthweek.ca)

# *Tla'amin Nation Executive Council*

## *Zoom Meeting Minutes*

### February 17, 2021

**Attendance:** Hegus John Hackett, Erik Blaney, Dillon Johnson, Losa Luaifoa, Lori Wilson

**Legislators:** Gloria Francis, Larry Louie, Brandon Peters, Tyrone Wilson

**Resource:** Rod Allan, Sheena Rossi, Alex Sutcliffe (IT)

Hegus Hackett called the meeting to order at 9:08 am.

#### A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

1. Motion to adopt the agenda with the addition of the following items:

- Meeting Invites – Cllr. D. Johnson
- Security Update
- City of Powell River Street Naming
- Human Rights Code
- Treaty Implementation 5-year anniversary

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

2. Disclosure of conflict of interest: No conflicts declared.

B.MINUTES: Motion to adopt the February 3rd meeting minutes.

Discussion arising from the minutes:

Councillor D. Johnson recommended all action items to be separated in a list and included at the beginning of the minutes.

Motion to adopt the minutes of February 3, 2021.

**Moved by Councillor D. Johnson**  
**Seconded by Councillor L. Wilson**  
**CARRIED**

**C. PRESENTATIONS:** No scheduled items.

#### D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Administration & Finance

i. Indigenous Service Canada Funding Agree-

ment for \$44k re: Sanitary System for Powell River.

Motion to endorse ISC Agreement re: Sanitary System for Powell River for the amount of \$44k.

**Moved by Councillor D. Johnson**  
**Seconded by Councillor L. Wilson**  
**CARRIED**

#### ii. Theodosia Shared Decision Making

(Cllr. E. Blaney)

- Presentation from MIRR; Stefan Virtue, Nedinska, and Oliver Dan (Replacing Stefan Virtue)
- Discussion on Reasonable Opportunity Agreement revitalization
- Working towards an engagement framework
- Agreement was negotiated at the Round Table 4 years before Treaty implementation; It was negotiated that Tla'amin strike a shared decision-making agreement for the entire Theodosia Watershed, and Tla'amin would co-manage and have decision making authority equal to the provincial and federal governments
- Post implementation the Nation decided not to fund the round table, resulting in the agreement being watered down.
- Cllr. E. Blaney would like to see the round table revived, and re negotiate what the shared decision-making model would look like.

**Action:** Cllr. L. Wilson will add as an agenda item to MIRR and FLNRORD.

#### iii. BMO Mortgage Update (Cllr. E. Blaney)

Discussion with John Perrera at BMO re: raising the Nation's \$300K Builder's mortgage cap with the branch.

Motion to Increase Facility Authorization amount from \$3M to \$5M and the Builder's cap from \$300K to \$500K.

**Moved by Councillor E. Blaney**  
**Seconded by Councillor D. Johnson**  
**CARRIED**

#### iv. Drug Testing Program (Cllr. L. Luaifoa)

Councillor L. Luaifoa is seeking EC's feedback on the implementation of a drug testing program for staff and elected officials.

Motion to request that staff provide a report to EC on the implementation of a drug testing program for staff and Elected Officials.

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

- Cllr. D. Johnson sees this as a support tool, in hopes people will reach out for help vs fear consequences
- Cllr. L. Wilson is in support, feels the existing youth and family programs can be more utilized and directed towards wellness.
- Cllr. E. Blaney is in support and states the Nation is liable for the safety of the staff.
- Legislator T. Wilson supports the idea.

#### v. Nehmotl/Flyer Deliveries (Cllr. L. Luaifoa)

Cllr. L. Luaifoa advised that the community notice will be delivered to households again and door to door flyers will be for urgent notices only.

Legislator T. Wilson recommends newsletter posts with legible reflective address #'s to be installed at the end of each driveway in the nation to alleviate COVID and safety concerns.

**Action:** CAO R. Allan will present previous research on mailbox costs and work with Steve Gallagher on expanding the mailing list to include in town membership.

#### vi. Action Items (Cllr. D. Johnson)

EC would like action items identified in each meeting to be provided at the beginning of the meeting minutes. It was also requested that meeting invites be sent out to all EC.

#### 2. Community Services – Security Update (CAO R. Allan)

- Contract with Castle Security for in office security starting Monday February 22nd until the end of March.
- The Director of Community Services is working on a policy for community patrol.

**Action:** Cllr. E. Blaney recommends training community members; will work with Director of Community Services in researching training programs.

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## EC Minutes (Continued from page 7)

### 3. Culture

#### i. City of Powell River Street Names

- Russell Brewer from the City is planning to alter bi-law so there is inclusion
- 2 streets need a name right now
- The City is seeking EC's preference on street name in the Edgehill area; Culture Manger Drew Blaney has made recommendations.
- Cllr. D. Johnson does not agree with any of the City's recommendations and would like to have a Tla'amin Place name, suggests a "Top of the Hill" (Ey oos")

EC supports Cllr. D. Johnsons recommendation.

#### ii. Human Rights Code; Indigenous Identity

- Attorney General office has sent an Invite to discuss a proposed amendment adding Indigenous Identity as a protected ground under British Columbia's Human Rights Code.
- Growing recognition that the current language of the code does not adequately reflect or address how indigenous peoples self-identify or experience discrimination.
- Would like to ensure Tla'amin has ample opportunity to collaborate on this important initiative and welcomes feedback.

### 4. Economic Development – EC Resolution #09-2021 re: Change of Directors/Officers of Tla'amin Holdings Inc., Tla'amin Timber Products Ltd., and Tla'amin Capital Assets Inc.

Motion to approve EC Resolution #09-2021.

**Moved by Councillor L. Wilson**

**Seconded by Councillor E. Blaney**

**CARRIED**

### 5. Emergency Services – Fire Hall

(Cllr. E. Blaney) Tabled.

The Fire department volunteers are seeking inclusion on the Nations Benefit plan.

Action: CAO R. Allan to research costs.

### 6. Health

#### i. COVID Vaccination Update (Cllr. L. Luaifoa)

- Meeting with FNHA and VCH Working on the Vaccine roll out plan; a whole community approach. Divided in three tiers

#### Tier 1:

Tla'amin elders 60 and over

Immune Compromised; heart or lung diseases or transplants, or medications such as immune suppressants or radiation therapy.

#### Tier 2:

Members 59 and under

Staff working in the community

#### Tier 3:

FN people living in region but not members

Day one of bookings is near full.

#### ii) Non-Insured Health Benefits (Cllr. L. Luaifoa)

- Seeking support in addressing NIHB needs for urban members who have to travel for medical reasons
- Cllr. E. Blaney suggests to seek what the process is with FNHA
- Cllr. D. Johnson recommends a navigator at Tla'amin Community Health Services to assist urban members with travel needs and concerns.

Action: Cllr. L. Luaifoa will reach out to FNHA and Health Director to identify options for the urban membership.

### 7. Housing

Clean BC Program – Contract Award (Cllr. D. Johnson)

- Program to replace heat sources in the community homes with heat pumps; oil heat and wood stoves being priority
- Cllr. D. Johnson recommends to award contract to Tempco given the current relationship with Tla'amin and also the magnitude and timeline of the program as there are strict prescribed criteria.

EC, by consensus, approves the award of the heat source replacement project to Tempco.

### 8. Public Works

#### i) Yard Works Posting (Cllr. D. Johnson)

- Seeking Executive Council's approval to hire 4 casual seasonal employees
- Starting April 1- September 30th Full-Time positions; working various village maintenance jobs in the community.

EC, by consensus, approves the Yard Works job posting.

#### ii) Land Request (45-man Camp) – Tabled.

- Request from Scott McLeod of Black Diamond Group to Craig Galligos on Friday, February 12th, 2021, requesting to lease Tla'amin land at the Log Dump in Teeskwat, to hold a 45-man camp/living quarters for a 2-year term starting April 1st 2021.
- Willing to hire qualified Tla'amin members to work in security, janitor and cooking (members to apply)
- Cllr. E. Blaney has concerns with sewage on the site
- Cllr. D. Johnson feels there are a lot of risk factors to consider.

### 9. Treaty Implementation – 5-year anniversary – Tabled.

- The CAO is seeking ideas on COVID safe celebrations

- Zoom celebration was recommended to share Tla'amin history and culture.
- Cllr. L. Luaifoa suggested a video be produced to share with the community.
- CAO would like to air the zoom on Shaw's local cable tv.

### E. HOUSE POST REPORTS:

#### 1. Lands & Resources -

Councillor L. Wilson reported the following:

- GIS technician Jennifer started on Tuesday February 16th
- Introduction to Emergency Oil Spill Response two-day training, confirming dates for end of February or early March.
- February 10th Referrals & NRC meeting, presenters from ministry of indigenous relations and reconciliation; Stefan Virtue, Nedinska and Oliver Dan on funding for referrals
- Presenters from Sechelt Chris August, also FLRORD re: Sechelt Land use planning and information sharing with regards to the overlap agreement with Tla'amin.
- March 10th next Referrals and NRC meeting; invite to MIRR

**Action:** propose to the ICWG; Lands Director Cathy Galligos hosted a forum regarding the Tla'amin watersheds and water licenses, with FLRORD and ministry of Environment etc. she is proposing to host another forum, request was sent to rod re: hosting.

- Lands Manager Denise Smith was in touch with Emergency Response coordinator Ryan Toms in the City of Powell River and there is an opportunity for funding for Fire proofing, "Fire Smart" Denise and Erik are coordinating to apply for the grant.; Cllr. L. Wilson would like to use funds to create a Position.
- Eel grass has been found at the proposed Powell River Sewer projects outfall site; Eel grass is a natural habitat for herring. Cllr. L. Wilson recommends and RP BIO and have the outfall site moved.
- FTO Agreement signed on Feb 3rd; Funds and two Forest license allocations to follow.
- On interview panel February 18th for 2 Guardian Watchmen positions and 2 Traditional Use Study positions.
- Cllr. D. Johnson would like to know EC's intention re: offer to renew FCRSA; would like to advocate for more

**Action:** CAO R. Allan to reach out to MIRR to see how they arrived at an agreement with other Nations

#### 2. Finance – Councillor E. Blaney reported the following:

- Meeting with TMS re: Board configuration and also looking at investment opportunities to create business opportunities for the nation.
- Audit findings still being addressed

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- Working on er funding program with Denise & Lands department; funding available for the Nation for training programs
- Discussions with Denise and the Hakai institute re: Marine use planning, trying to come up with a way to engage the Sister Nations, and also the main focus being on herring and herring habitat
- Meeting with Murray Browne re: Mortgage program for the Nation, and how the mortgages are registered and secured, outlining risk factors in securing mortgages.
- Worked with BMO on increased mortgage limits and working with Vancity and RBC
- Looking at Hiring processes; needs an overhaul to recruit staff.
- Lot 450 Jennifer Griffiths and Archeologists, identifying need for someone to compile the relevant information the nation has to present to Jennifer.
- School Board has an upcoming election; vacancy for indigenous participation
- Sister nation discussions: looking and economic development common theme, reviews of common practices and partnerships and ways to participate together. Joint interest on marine use planning with Homalco and klahoose.

### 3. Community Services - Councillor L. Luaifoa reported the following:

- Feb 4th met with Director of Community Services Derek Yang, outlined vision for the department
- Feb 4th met with Nurse Melinda, Director of Community Services Derek, and Cllr. E. Blaney to go over layout of Salish center for the vaccination roll out plan.
- Feb 5th met with Hegus J.S. Hackett and Rita Alton Acting Dean for VIU: re: Aboriginal Services Plan, her role and wanting to know the Nations priorities. Rita talked about specific training for nations employees, and potential to mimic Ahms Ta Ow initiative in Westview.
- Meeting once a week for Vaccination rollout planning
- February 10th met with Hegus J.S. Hackett, Health Director Marlane Christensen and the Board of Division of Family Practice re: interest in working with Tla'amin Nation
- February 11th Leadership Chat; Positive Feedback from the community
- February 16th Vaccination planning meeting and Housing committee meeting
- Feb 23rd Citizenship committee meeting
- Feb 24th Organizational Chart review meeting

### 4. Public Works - Councillor D. Johnson reported the following:

- Re: Housing committee: highlight from meeting is Director of Community Services Derek Yang proposed a Complex Case

management team

- Leadership chat has good feedback; one recommendation from the chat was to have spring clean-up twice a year; the spring clean up program now falls under public works, so this year the department will assess the need and costs for possibly having two a year.
- Land Claims Agreements Coalition annual leadership meetings next week, Cllr. D. Johnson requested Hegus J. S. Hackett be added to invite email.
- Cllr. D. Johnson acknowledged Eugene Louie for representing Tla'Amin with an Opening Prayer and Remarks to a Nationwide Conference.

### F. HEGUS J. HACKETT'S REPORT

#### ENVIRONMENTAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION FUND:

- The EDRF is an environmental legal aid fund that enables residents of British Columbia to hire a lawyer to help them take legal action on significant environmental challenges in their communities. EDRF grants can be used to cover the hourly fees and hard costs of a lawyer, professionals, or a mediator/facilitator
- We can also fund the expenses of lawyers or experts, as outlined in an approved budget that is received with your letter of grant confirmation
- Stage 2 grant: This type of grant supports a more extended legal course of action, such as more complex or extended negotiations, court, or tribunal work. In Stage 2, you may apply for up to \$17,500 at a time.
- We will write to legal counsel for Mowi, Cermaq, and the Minister seeking their consent to be added as parties, we prepared our affidavit evidence for a motion, to be added as parties and for the injunction motion. This is where we bring up the Treaty obligations not being met, our constitutional right to our traditional diet is being infringed, our constitutional right to our traditional teaching pertaining wild salmon is being infringed with allowing fish farms operate within our territory
- Losa and I met with Acting Dean Rita Alton, academic and career planning Vancouver Island University Discussions on:
- Home care courses are coming to the PR campus specializing in varieties of areas like foot care, nutrition, and other certification courses supporting home care.
- We committed to linking our Community development Director Derek to the VIU Academic Planning Coordinator
- we committed to meeting quarterly to get updated from both our worker bee from each of our groups to keep the dialog open and information sharing up to date
- Tla'amin collaborated with Western Forest

Products to be removed from the city of Powell River Section-21 amendment.

- Negotiation Protocol Agreement signed and sent off
- PRD Family Practice Board of Director's Meeting – brief introduction
- Leadership chat with the community
- Strong tool to get feedback from our citizens
- Would like spotlights on each department with guest staff; Managers to answer questions provide updates pertaining to their department

### G. OTHER BUSINESS

Motion to call Legislative Assembly meeting for the SECOND READING of the Community Safety Law on March 3rd 2021.

Moved by Councillor L. Luaifoa

Seconded by Councillor D. Johnson

CARRIED

### H. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting.

Moved by Councillor L. Luaifoa

Seconded by Councillor L. Wilson

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 12:19 pm. The next EC meeting is Wednesday, March 3rd at 10:00 am.



## Sunday May 9th

# Tla'amin Nation Executive Council

## Zoom Meeting Minutes

### March 3, 2021

**Attendance:** Hegus John S. Hackett, Erik Blaney, Dillon Johnson, Losa Luaifoa, Lori Wilson

**Legislators:** Gloria Francis, Larry Louie, Brandon Peters, Tyrone Wilson

**Resource:** Rod Allan, Sheena Rossi, Alex Sutcliffe (IT)

Hegus Hackett called the meeting to order at 9:36 am.

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

1. Motion to adopt the agenda with the addition of the following items:

- Vaccination Clinic Update
- Delegation Request - PRISMA
- SPCA Memorandum of Understanding
- Request for name use – “qathet Safe”
- Calling of Legislative Assembly
- Enforcement Truck Purchase
- Compliance and Enforcement Funding Opportunity

**Moved by Councillor L. Luaifoa**  
**Seconded by Councillor E. Blaney**  
**CARRIED**

2. Disclosure of conflict of interest: No conflicts were declared.

**B. MINUTES:** Motion to adopt the February 17<sup>th</sup> EC meeting minutes.

**Moved by Councillor E. Blaney**  
**Seconded by Councillor L. Luaifoa**  
**CARRIED**

**C. PRESENTATIONS:**

Derek Yang, Director of Community Services, presented to Executive Council (EC) on Community Safety, specifically enforcement activities within BC/Canada.

**The following was highlighted:**

- The Province of BC is able to provide f\$75k in funding towards compliance and enforcement activities.
- Public safety revolves more around criminal and regulatory enforcement provincially and federally, whereas Community safety is focused more with local government or municipality needs that can have public safety elements in it.
- Indigenous Community Safety has an enforcement component to it, but is also more of a holistic approach to dealing with the social and quasi criminal issues. While there are similarities to local government enforcement activities, it also has provincial/federal types of regulatory work (fisheries, natural resources, etc.)
- Traditionally policing in Indigenous communities was provided by the RCMP. In 1992, the First Nations Policing Program (FNPP) came into force.
- The FNPP was created to address the need for more culturally appropriate police service delivery to Indigenous communities through Self Administered Police Services (SAPS) Agreements and Community Tripartite Agreements (CTA).

There are three options for EC's consideration:

1. Continue with Community Tripartite Agreement
2. Self Administered Policing Service Agreement
3. Tla'amin Nation Community Safety Officer Program

**Recommendation:**

- Establish Tla'amin Nation Community Safety Department
- Maintain Community Tripartite Agreement with RCMP and do not to pursue Self Administered Policing Service

**1. Delegation Request - PRISMA**

- Cllr. L. Luaifoa advised that PRIMSA has requested to appear as a delegation at EC and she is seeking approval for the delegation to appear at the April 7 EC meeting.

- EC, by consensus, approved the delegation request from PRISMA to appear at the EC meeting scheduled for April 7.

**D. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Administration & Finance**

**i. Audit Preparation 2020-2021 Update (Cllr. E. Blaney)**

- All outstanding issues resolved last week
- KPMG's draft of the audit has been sent to CAO R. Allan
- TMS audit has received approval from the Board
- Action: CAO to work with Dave Bond, KPMG to finalize the drafts for presentation to the Legislative Assembly for approval.

**i. Protocols for Cheque Signing (Cllr. E. Blaney)**

- Cllr. E. Blaney would like to review the protocol for cheque signing and recommends signers be stern with protocol and a designate time be established for signing.
- Cllr. D. Johnson agrees with Cllr. E. Blaney's recommendation
- CAO R. Allan reminded signers to always review back up documents when signing cheques and EFTs.
- Cllr. D. Johnson requested the backup documentation for EFTs be provided.

EC resolved that every Thursday, between 1:00pm-3:00pm, 2 signatories be available to sign for cheques and EFT's.

Action: CAO R. Allan to remind Finance of cheque signing protocol and update the department of the set time of every Thursday between the hours of 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm in the afternoon.

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### Capital Budget Overview – COVID impacts (Cllr. E. Blaney)

- Cllr. Blaney noted he had a discussion with Davis McKenzie, Finance Committee Chair regarding the impacts of COVID to the Nation finances: what funding has been received, what funding has gone out, what is remaining and how it relates to capital projects on the go.
- Capital asset acquisitions set aside for 2020-2021 was \$5,185,000.
- COVID impacts has stalled the ability for some departments to spend the funds.
- Cllr. E. Blaney is hoping the Chief Financial Officer can outline the carry forward from the allotted funds.
- Cllr. E. Blaney states there is a need to work with managers and staff to set their operational and capital budgets and outline work plans.
- Cllr. D. Johnson recommends prioritizing necessities due to the rising costs as a result of COVID.

Action: Cllr. E. Blaney to review the quote policy with CAO R. Allan & Finance.

### ii. Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) Funding Agreement (for signature)

Approval to receive \$300K funding for post-secondary, social development, and community well-being.

### Motion to approve endorse Funding Agreement #30.

Moved by Councillor E. Blaney

Seconded by Councillor D. Johnson

**CARRIED**

### iii. Hiring Priorities (CAO. R. Allan)

- CAO R. Allan seeking clarity on EC's recommendation for critical hire priority list.
  - Cllr. D. Johnson feels there are a few more positions that could be added to the priority list including the Lands Director's requests.
  - EC prioritized the following hires:
  - Policy Inter-government Relations Manager – Posted by March 17<sup>th</sup>
1. Citizenship Coordinator – Posted by March 31<sup>st</sup>
  2. Chief Operations Officer – Posted by April 14<sup>th</sup>
  3. Funding Grant Writer – Posted by April 28<sup>th</sup>

**Action:** CAO R. Allan, to post Policy Inter-government Relations Manager by March 17th and postings every two weeks to follow.

### iv. Elders Care Facility – Urban Architecture (UA) invoice (CAO R. Allan)

CAO Rod Allan is seeking approval for an invoice from UA for an unbudgeted item that exceeds his limit of \$10k.

Cllr. D. Johnson noted that UA is the same company who did the design and scope for Elder's care facility and assisted with the application for the rapid housing initiative.

EC, by consensus, approved the UA invoice for \$33k.

### v. Organization Chart Review (Cllr. D. Johnson)

- Cllr. D. Johnson has been receiving requests from the Lands department for new crucial hires.
- Cllr. E. Blaney states the Lands and Resources position needs to be filled as soon as possible and review the policy around internal postings.
- Legislator T. Wilson seeks clarity on exactly what EC is looking for and is seeking a sense of job security as he feels there has not been any communications at all with the hatchery staff.
- Cllr. E. Blaney would expect the Lands Director to identify the needs and concerns of the Fisheries staff and ensure input is included in the Organization Chart review work.
- Cllr. D. Johnson suggests to table this item until CAO R. Allan meets with the directors

Action: CAO R. Allan to meet with Directors to confirm the Organization Chart reflects their department needs.

### vi. Xyntax Server (CAO R. Allan)

CAO R. Allan is seeking approval for an invoice for unbudgeted items from Xyntax (\$11,800) that exceeds his approval limit of \$10k.

- A new server is required for the Tla'amin Community Health Services Department.
- EC discussed the stability of Xyntax and Cllr. Blaney noted he felt they are stable as they are widely used.

EC, by consensus, approves the Xyntax invoice for a new server for Health.

**Action:** Hegus Hackett to confirm future planning with the Naut'samawt Board.

### vii. Executive Council Start Time (Cllr. L. Luaifoa)

Cllr. L. Luaifoa recommends the EC meeting start time be changed to 9 am from 10 am.

CAO R. Allan suggests EC meets weekly to help alleviate the length of meetings.

EC tabled the decision on weekly EC meetings.

EC, by consensus, approves the start time of EC meetings for 9 am.

### viii. Committee Structures (Cllr. L. Luaifoa)

Cllr. L. Luaifoa is seeking clarification that the I-CWG is the proper group to review the current committee structures.

Cllr. L. Luaifoa suggests Legislators be designated as the Chair of committees and each committee has an assistant to help with the administrative work of drafting agenda's, taking minutes, sending packages out etc.

ix. EC, by consensus, agrees that the I-CWG review the committee structures.

x. Calling of Legislative Assembly (CAO R. Allan)

xi. Motion to approve EC Resolution #12-2021re: Calling of a Special Legislative Assembly meeting for March 29<sup>th</sup> for the 2021-2022 Budget Presentation.

Moved by Councillor L. Luaifoa

Seconded by Councillor D. Johnson

**CARRIED**

## 2. Community Service

### i. Nation Drug Strategy (Cllr. L. Luaifoa)

Councillor. L. Luaifoa is seeking support from EC to delegate the Health Director to start the preliminary work in the development of a Nation Drug Strategy Plan. The strategy should encompass Harm Reduction, prevention, enforcement, etc.

- Cllr. E. Blaney recommends a presentation regarding Harm Reduction be brought back to the EC table.

- Legislator B. Peters would like to see a completely anonymous distribution of naloxone and tutorials of

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how to administer. Cllr. E. Blaney noted there are anonymous naloxone kits that have been distributed in the community and new needle disposal bins and some ground works being done to get drug testing packets to test for bad drugs.

EC, by consensus, supports the development of a Drug Strategy plan for the Nation which encompasses Harm Reduction, Prevention, Enforcement.

**Action:** Cllr. L. Luaifoa to organize a presentation re: Harm Reduction.

- ii. Vaccination Clinic Update (Cllr. L. Luaifoa)
  - 160 vaccines will be arriving tonight from Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) for elders 60+ and immunocompromised. The Vaccination Plan has been implemented for March 4 and March 5.
  - The Nation is still waiting for 460 vaccines from First Nations Health Authority (FNHA).
  - Welcome ceremony is scheduled for 8:45 am with the first vaccination administered to Hegus Hackett and Elder, Elsie Paul at 9:25 am. The last 6 appointments are scheduled for 3:45 pm.
  - Traffic control will be handled by Public Works and Cst. Bakker and the Community Greet will be present for security.
- iii. SPCA Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (Cllr. L. Luaifoa)

Cllr. L. Luaifoa advised that the MOU with the SPCA is drafted and ready for endorsement by the Nation. CAO Rod Allan is listed as the signatory.

Motion to approve endorsement of the SPCA MOU.

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

- iv. Name Request - qathet Safe (Cllr. L. Luaifoa)

Cllr. L. Luaifoa advised that the Transition House Society is currently updating website on the programs and services to reflect the needs of women and families and support systems in Powell River. The organization is seeking approval for the use of the name "qathet".

EC expressed no concerns with the use of the name "qathet" and were pleased to see the name being used.

EC, by consensus, approves the use of the name "qathet Safe".

### 3. Environment

#### Lasqueti Logging - Snaw-naw-as (Cllr. E. Blaney)

- Application by Snaw-naw-as Nation to access forestry tenure. Access given is on Lasqueti Island that allows for 97 Hectares and an annual allowable cut of 5,000 CM
- Lasqueti island looking for EC's stance and requested a response within 30 days from the date of letter (March 1<sup>st</sup>).
- No referrals have been presented to the Referrals Coordinator Shawn Tougas, or Lands Manager Denise Smith.

- Cllr. L. Wilson noted that any land that touches water is a potential archeological site and should have an archeological assessment. Also, there should be no roads or log dumps in the area

**Action:** CAO R. Allan to request all directions and recommendations be outlined in an email to him and he will present to Referrals Coordinator.

- i. Compost Facility Response (Cllr. E. Blaney) TABLED.  
Townsite residents are seeking a response re: Compost Facility being put in the area.

It was resolved that any inquiries be forwarded to Cllr. D. Johnson.

Cllr. L. Luaifoa advised that a Delegation Request has been received and is on the next EC agenda for review.

- ii. Flood Risk Assessment Funding (CAO R. Allan)

A resolution of the EC is required to support an application to the Union of BC Municipalities - Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for the development of a Regional Coastal Flood Adaptation Strategy.

**EC Resolution #10-2021** re: 2021 Regional Coastal Adaptation Strategy.

**Motion to approve EC Resolution #10 -2021.**

**Moved by Councillor L. Luaifoa  
Seconded by Councillor D. Johnson  
CARRIED**

- iii. Emmonds Beach Report (Cllr. E. Blaney)

- New property owner started ground work on the archeological site at Emmonds Beach.
- Significant damage to the archeological burial site has occurred where 6 burial sites have now been impacted.
- The report from the archaeologist has been sent to EC for review.
- Cllr. E. Blaney recommends EC flag in Tla'amin's referrals process, no approval of any developments and apply strict requirements.
- EC expressed concern and disappointment for the desecration to the site that has occurred. It was noted that a Tla'amin member was working with the developer and was aware of the existence of the archeological site. Cllr. E. Blaney is seeking to make formal recommendations and to ensure there is no more work done until a license has been issued from the Archaeological Branch.

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### 4. Forestry

Forest & Range Revenue Sharing Agreement 2021 Renewal (Cllr. D. Johnson)

The current FCRSA agreement expires March 5. The current offer is \$451,110. Cllr. D. Johnson recommends the Nation accept the offer and begin negotiating with BC for the next agreement

EC, by consensus, agrees to endorsement of the agreement.

### 5. Justice and Enforcement

i. Animal Control Regulation (Cllr. L. Luaifoa) TABLED.

**Action:** Cllr. L. Luaifoa to inquire if the SPCA has any feedback on the proposed regulation.

ii. Compliance and Enforcement Funding Opportunity

EC is requested to endorse a Letter of Intent for a \$75k funding opportunity with the Province to explore compliance and enforcement. Funding to be used for engagement, research and capacity regarding enforcement and community safety initiatives.

EC, by consensus, approves endorsement of the agreement.

**Action:** CAO R. Allan to sign agreement

### 6. Lands

Enforcement Truck Purchase - CAO R. Allan reported that the Lands Department is seeking approval for the purchase of a Ford F 350 that is not budgeted. The price is \$63,013.44

The heavy-duty truck is required for hauling boats. The current truck used for hauling is being used by the Guardian Watchmen program.

Cllr. E. Blaney noted that the truck will require upgrades to make it a safety vehicle with new tires, flashing amber lights and bigger decals.

**Action:** CAO to direct the Community Services Director to discuss upgrades to safety standards with the Lands Manager.

### 7. Treaty Implementation

Update on Treaty Day Video: Cllr. L. Luaifoa advised that Alex Sutcliffe is working on a video for the 5-year anniversary of Treaty. The video will be approx. 7-10 minutes long.

## E. HOUSE POST REPORTS:

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

- New Hires: April Treacle and Duane Hanson, Traditional use study coordinator and Surveyor on 6-month pier funding term.
- Andrew Timothy and Bryce McKenzie new Guardian Watchmen
- New GIS Technician Jennifer will hold 3 internal sessions March 1st, 3rd, and the 4th; to educate staff on GIS and how it works and seeking dialogue for GIS needs and wants.
- Lands department working on job descriptions and work plans.
- March 10th NRC meeting; presentation from Karen Fediuk. Karen will be working with Shawn and Denise on application for Marine Use Planning funding.
- Denise Smith has been working with BC Parks staff on Cultural Sensitivity training. Open invite to EC for the following meetings:
  - March 22nd and March 29th: Fish and Fish Habitat Protection Program has implementation of amended Fisheries Act presentations, asking to present on interim codes of practice, cumulative effects, offsetting and banking policies and prescribed works and water regulations.
  - March 3rd: Wildfire Risk Reduction Project meeting with wildfire reduction forester re: fuel management prescriptions around future acquisition lands in Cranberry
  - March 25th Meeting with major Forest Licensed holder
  - March 24th Craig Road encroachment meeting
  - March 10th: Referrals in the morning and Natural Resources Committee in the afternoon. 2 presenters in the morning: Connected Coast Sea Cable Communication Project and MIRR Devin Carter, Oliver Dan and Brian James presenting on the Reasonable Opportunity Agreement, in afternoon Karen Feduk and Lori Chan presenting on Climate change and Adaptation project focusing on traditional food security.
  - March 4th Afternoon Lands Director Cathy holding a water meeting
  - Registered for Our Gathering on March 10th and 11th
  - March 29th Joint Fisheries Committee meeting.

**2. Finance** – Councillor E. Blaney reported the following:

- Following up with Finance committee re: number of memos, reviewing nation accounts and how they are set up, sources of funds and looking at purchasing options process going forward.
- Reviewing Capital Budget, trying to sort out where TN is at and looking at wishlist and what is allotted for the year.
- Researching operational and capital budget templates; important tool for department heads to put together annual 5-year operations and capital budgets.

- Organizing land purchasing options and attending regular Ec. Dev. meetings
- Following up with Hiring panels, a number of panels put together for recent hires, reviewing current hiring policy outlining its strengths and weaknesses.
- Reviewing incoming emails re: Lands issues working with Lori and Denise
- Linking Hakai institute with Lands department re: Marine use planning; work coming up could involve the Sister Nations re: Marine Use Planning for the entire area of TN territory.
- Cultural Awareness training with BC Parks
- Ongoing HR issues, onboarding and reviewing the organization chart and funding around the new positions.
- Sister Nations meeting with Ec Dev managers on March 17th; seeking to formalize a Guardian Watchman program within the Sister Nations and reviewing what it will look like for TN financially.
- Reviewing training costs, FNESS has new funding opportunities for emergency services. And Community First Aid program, which Fire Chief Byron Harry is currently working on to present to EC. Cllr. E. Blaney recommends that TN take the Governance course, that informs elected leadership what their roles and responsibilities are in case of an emergency; all hazards, forest fire, land slide etc.

### 3. Community Services - Councillor L. Luaifoa reported the following:

Meetings attended:

- Harm Reduction
- Land Encroachment
- Organization Chart
- Vaccination Roll out planning
- Department staff meetings
- Discover Powell River is requesting the use of photos of Tla'amin to include of the magazine. EC, by consensus, approved sharing some photos.

### 4. Public Works - Councillor D. Johnson reported the following:

- Paula Stewart is no longer working with TN as the Housing Manager. Paula was acknowledged for the work she has done for the Nation over the years and EC wished her the best in her future endeavors. Richard Gage will be acting Housing Manager.
- Attended Regional Transportation Service Exploration Working group meeting with the qathet Regional District and the City of Powell River exploring a new transportation bus service, similar to "UBER". Also looking at different transportation services from Powell River to the Lower Mainland.

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bus service, similar to “UBER”. Also looking at different transportation services from Powell River to the Lower Mainland.

- It could be another month before the bid for the compost facility is finalized.
- Sent an email to Approving Officer Tom Knight at the City of Powell River re: the No Build covenant and haven't had a response, CAO R. Allan to follow up.
- Participated in Land Encroachments meeting
- Richard Gage shared with EC his monthly report to EC; highlight is TN received \$200K in slippage funding from CMHC for health and safety repairs and will be used for the priority list of homes with health and safety issues.
- Archeological work happening along River Road due to sewer conveyancing project.

## F. HEGUS HACKETT'S REPORT

### Land Encroachment

- Land encroachments on our Nation Land holding up some of the final exterior surveys
- a handful of encroachments, on Craig Road, Okeover (Licences of Occupation/Aquaculture), and Private property off of Southview Road
- Province is not offering solutions and is expecting Tla'Amin to sort out these encroachment issues with the private land owners other than suggesting land swapping which is not a solution
- Leadership reviewed the encroachments case by case and provided Lands Director Cathy with input to resolve the encroachment issues

### Fish Farms Judicial Review:

- Submitted affidavit through Villani and associates
- Information needed to be gathered and drafted into an affidavit. Homalco and Klahoose are submitting their affidavit as well.

### LCAC/Minister Bennett Meeting

- Opening Comments from Minister Bennett.
- President Eva Clayton, Nisga'a Nation and LCAC Co-chair (general comments + Interpretation Act)
- President Aluki Kotierk, Nunavut Tunngavik and LCAC Co-chair (general comments + MTIRC)
- Chief Dana Tizya-Tramm, Vuntut Gwitchin Government (general comments + need for National Modern Treaty Implementation Policy) (6-8 min)

- Chief Roberta Joseph, Trondek Hwech'in (acknowledgement & appreciation for negotiating loans repayment) (6-8 min)
  - Discussion on the need for National Modern Treaty Implementation Policy
  - Acknowledgement & appreciation for negotiating loans repayment
- ### Finance Committee
- Trial Balance review, current position – Jolene
  - Additions to treaty settlement lands-strategy to acquire funds,
  - BMO Mortgage Builder's Cap increase from \$300K to \$500K
  - Budget and Capital planning process for 2021/2022
- ### Compliance and Enforcement Funding Discussion
- Discussion of proposed opportunities to use \$75,000 that has recently been approved to support Tla'amin engagement in compliance and enforcement discussions with the province
  - Opportunities could include but are definitely not limited to:
    - Negotiation and capacity support – in a participation agreement
    - Compliance & Enforcement research and training
    - Wildfire suppression
    - A stronger Archeology role in our territory
    - Overlapping duties Buster Range – Crown Community Forest Tenure Area vs TN Lands.
    - Summer beach monitoring and report
- ### Holdings and Operating Boards
- 2019 audited statements were presented to the holdings & operational boards
  - From the review the Audit was passed to present in this years General Assembly
  - The audit confirmed there were lack of controls in place with no intervention from the former board
  - From this review we were assured that TMS will currently follow tighter protocol relating to documentation and finance approvals
  - With the new appointed board members, I feel confident we are heading in the right direction
  - 2020 Audit process is already started and is targeted to be on time this year.

## G. OTHER BUSINESS

### H. INFORMATION - Referrals Summary (Cllr. E. Blaney)

Cllr. E. Blaney working with Referrals Coordinator re: upcoming referrals in the agenda package for EC for review.

## I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting.

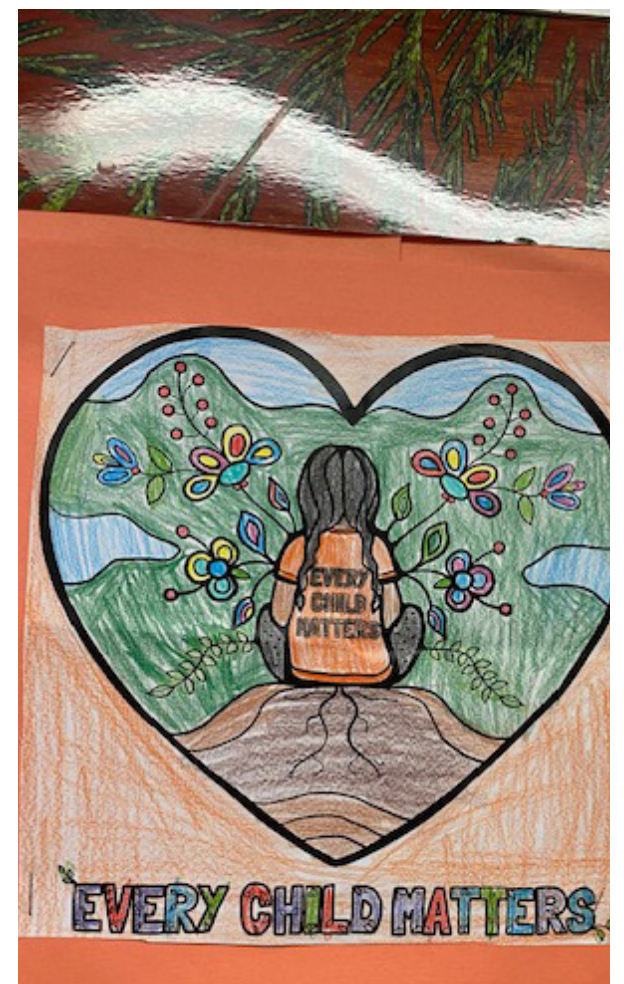
Moved by Councillor L. Wilson  
Seconded by Councillor E. Blaney  
**CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm. The next EC meeting is Wednesday, March 17th at 10:00 am.

# James Thomson

## Reminder from James Thomson:

- May 12th: Spirit Day – Rainbow Day
- May 17th: Climbing Wall arrives at JT
- May 21st: May Day – more info TBA
- May 24th: Victoria Day STAT – no school

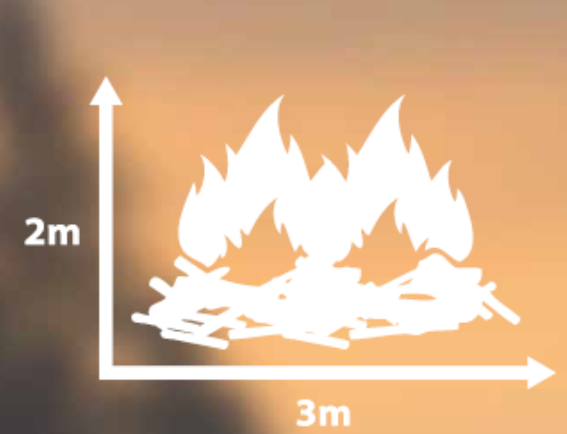
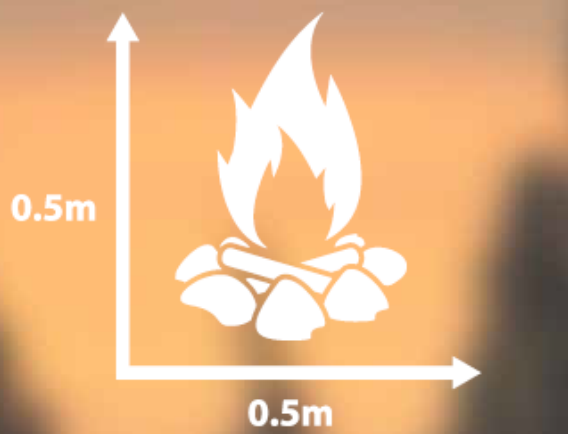


# OPEN FIRE REGULATIONS



40% of B.C. wildfires are human-caused and therefore preventable

## CAMPFIRES, CATEGORY 2 FIRES AND CATEGORY 3 FIRES: WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?



### CAMPFIRE:

- Any fire smaller than 0.5 metres high by 0.5 metres wide

#### REGULATIONS:

- You must have ready access to 8 litres of water or a shovel for the entire time your campfire is lit.
- Your campfire must be completely extinguished and the ashes must be cool to the touch before leaving the area for any length of time. (Hot coals can reignite the fire.)
- During campfire prohibitions, only a CSA- or ULC-approved portable campfire apparatus may be used, and the flame height must not exceed 15 centimetres.
- You must build a fire guard around your campfire.

### CATEGORY 2 FIRE:

- 1 to 2 concurrently burning piles no larger than 2 metres high by 3 metres wide
- Stubble or grass burning over an area less than 0.2 hectares

#### REGULATIONS:

- A fuel break must be established around any Category 2 burn area.
- Fireworks are banned when a Category 2 fire prohibition is in effect.
- Burning barrels are banned when a Category 2 fire prohibition is in effect.
- At least one person equipped with a fire-fighting hand tool must monitor the fire at all times.

### CATEGORY 3 FIRE:

- Any fire larger than 2 metres high by 3 metres wide
- 3 or more concurrently burning piles no larger than 2 metres high by 3 metres wide
- 1 or more burning windrows
- Stubble or grass burning over an area greater than 0.2 hectares

#### REGULATIONS:

- A fuel break must be established around any Category 3 burn area.
- Monitor your open burn to ensure that the fire doesn't spread beyond its intended size.
- You must have a burn registration number to light a Category 3 open fire. Call the burn registration line 1 888 797-1717 to obtain one.

## GENERAL REGULATIONS:

- Never burn in strong wind conditions.
- Your fire must be extinguished before leaving the area.
- Always keep your fire a safe distance away from nearby branches, wood and other combustible materials.
- Do not conduct Category 2 or Category 3 burns when venting conditions are "Poor" or "Fair". Always check here first: [www.bcairquality.ca/readings/ventilation-index.html](http://www.bcairquality.ca/readings/ventilation-index.html)

\*Further bans and restrictions can be implemented at the BC Wildfire Service's discretion.

Anyone found in contravention of an open fire prohibition may be fined up to \$1,150. If your fire escapes and results in a wildfire, you may be fined anywhere from \$100,000 to \$1 million and be sentenced to one year in prison. Please check with local government authorities for any other restrictions before lighting any open fire.

Please report wildfires by calling \*5555 or 1 800 663-5555.

# Emergency Preparedness Week

May 2 to 8, 2021

## Am I prepared?

Emergency Preparedness Week happens every year across Canada during the first full week of May.

This week, be sure to take time to discuss the importance of emergency preparedness with family and neighbours, understand the hazards that exist where you live and make a plan.

Visit [qathet.ca](http://qathet.ca) to access personal and community preparedness resources including templates to get started. Be sure to get a copy of your *Community Evacuation Guide*.



## NEW COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

The qathet Regional District is implementing a new Community Notification System. During an emergency event, the system can share important public safety messages by phone, email or text message. To help our community stay aware and be prepared, we encourage all residents to register for regional community notifications.



REGISTER TODAY:

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