



## Tla'amin Stands its Ground on Name Change

### *Treaty Day turns into an unexpected protest at City of P.R.*

By Steve Gallagher  
Neh Motl Editor

A peaceful protest was held by Tla'amin leadership, staff and members outside the City of Powell River's Mayor and Council Chambers. The protest was in opposition of a requested presentation to the Committee of the Whole defending Israel Powell's assimilationist policies towards first nations.

Prior to the April 5th Committee of the Whole session, a document was filed requesting funds to have a reputable British Columbian historian research the specific issue of Powell's commitment to advance first nations interests in BC. The Committee of the Whole format allows members of the public to provide input into a wide range of issues on their agenda.

As Tla'amin is aware, Powell River was named after Dr. Israel Wood Powell. His agenda included the creation the residential school in Kamloops where hundreds of missing children's graves were discovered. In addition Powell championed a ban of the potlatch, confiscating Indigenous lands, and personally collected and shipped cultural artifacts and skeletal remains to museums throughout the world. In his role, these harms continue to reverberate today.

Dressed in regalia, Tla'amin entered the meeting room to witness the discussion. As a result, the Committee of the Whole pulled the plug on that particular presentation. A drumming celebration ensued outside after the decision.

The community discussion on a "Possible Name Change" has a mandate for a public engagement process for conversations.



City Councillor George Doubt and Denise Smith share a few words outside the City of Powell River Mayor and Council Chambers

This presentation requested for discussion by a delegation to the Committee of the Whole agenda, flags other repercussions. It not only questions how First Nations in British Columbia were attempted to be "civilized" by Israel Powell's advocacy of assimilationist policies, but also suggests to defuse the public engagement process of a possible name change to the City of Powell River.

The filed presentation goes on to state, "My honest feeling about him is that he was a good man; who, much more often than not, wanted the best for the Indigenous people. I feel that if he (Israel Powell) were

here today, he would feel that he is being used as a scape-goat and I would agree."

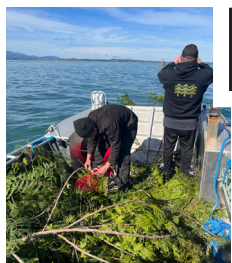
In a recent statement by Hegus John Hackett, "Place names have long been a contentious issue for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in the province. Now that we know what we know about Israel Powell, for Tla'amin, there can be no denying the need for a name change: it is not a matter of *if*, it is a matter of *when*."

Another important name change milestone was achieved on October 21, when Powell River City Council unanimously approved a vision document developed by qa t'hah

yeesht that formalized the creation of a joint-working group between Tla'amin Nation and the City to develop a name change process.

The document questioning the "facts" about previous presentations about Israel Powell is available on the City of Powell River's website.

If Tla'amin members/citizens have questions or comments for Tla'amin's Executive Council on the "Possible Name Change" please contact your legislators. Stay tuned for an announcement on our membership facebook page for a scheduled session to hear their feedback.





## Tla'amin Governance House Updates

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The Governance House  
will be closed for

*Victoria Day*  
Monday, May 23rd

## Message from our Newly Elected Legislator

Hello Tla'amin Nation,

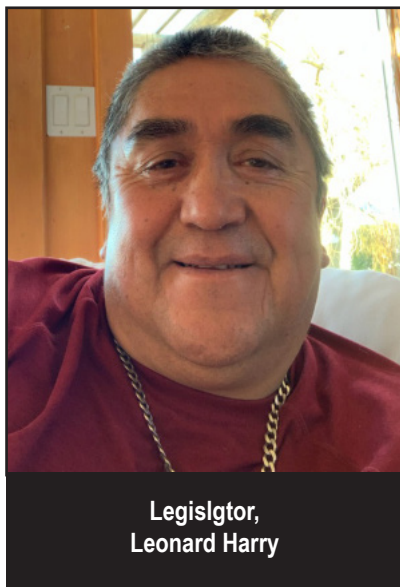
I would like to thank our citizens for coming out to vote. It is my hearts desire to serve my community and to represent you in a way that brings healing, unity and prosperity to all.

Everyone has something valid to contribute and it is important to me to hear what our community has to say.

I have a lot to learn, and I look forward to this process. I want to express my appreciation for our executive who have been challenged in ways never seen before and what an undertaking it has been for them to lead us through this past 2 years. Let this be a time of healing and moving forward and what that looks like for our Nation.

I want to support economic development that will provide jobs for our nation, but I would also love to see our citizens start their own businesses using their natural gifts and talents to support themselves and their families. We have the land and the resources to make this a reality and we need to support this in any way we can. Let us all take part in keeping our culture alive, teaching our next generation how to hunt and fish, that living off the land was our way of life not so long ago and although life now is very different, our history and how we lived is still essential.

In ending, I would like to share my prayer for us. Thank you to our heavenly father who loved us so much to give us life through his son, that the world will know this through our love for one another. Emote



Legislator,  
Leonard Harry



Tla'amin session on April 21st

## Name Change Discussion Addresses Concerns

**Why we are here:** This topic has been emerging. A lot of people that grew up here didn't know the origin of Israel Powell. Tla'amin has quarterly meetings with the City and the Regional District, which is known as C3 meeting, representing the three levels of government. We hosted this meeting and the discussion came up about the name change. The reaction from the City was they would have to have a referendum. Shortly after, the Kamloops Residential School graves were discovered and a lot of ugly truths came out. We issued a letter from Hegus to the City formally requesting a name change and voiced our concern about having a referendum. We voiced that it was not a question of "if" but a matter of "when".

There has been a groundswell of support from residents within the City, but of course there were those that will always be opposed. When you understand the issue of Israel Powell and his legacy, it undermines our origin to our territory. Stripping our ancestral names was just to make it easier for the outside settlers to pronounce. When you look at our surnames that is evidence of their character towards our families.

While our naming system went underground it did not disappear. When it comes to our place names it tells so much about our relationship to our waters and our lands. The names describe the places and what we historically did there. It truly defined our relationship to our homelands and territories.

The actual decision to change the name actually belongs to the city. We have a Joint Working Group that has been actively going through public engagement. A lot of concerns were heard with residents of the City and the Regional District.

The objectives of this work has a more to do than just a name change. It expresses a lot to do with shared understanding of the importance of place names, justice and all the experiences first nations have been experiencing over the years. Reconciliation is a big part of these conversations. We have been in discussion with different public residents and sectors. People had a lot of opinions and wanted to share them.

Through the survey that was undertaken, it provided us with some discussion points that will be shared with the Joint Working Group through a report. We were getting a feel of what peoples reasons were for our nations point of view. Some people thought of it as erasing the history of Powell River and some thought it was a great opportunity for moving forward together. We discovered some shared values of what the residents valued as well. Walking tours are being carried out to share more of our joint experiences. There is so much to learn through our public engagement activities through the month of May.

*"Israel Wood Powell's career with the Department of Indian Affairs was characterized by his advocacy of assimilationist policies designed to "civilize" the First Nations of British Columbia and create what he viewed as economically productive citizens."*

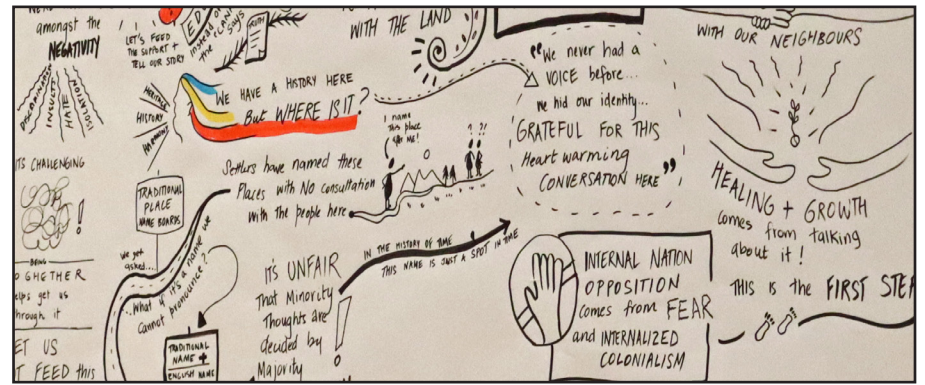
Israel Wood Powell's Legacy  
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# How this project came about

At the May 12, 2021 community-to-community-to-community (3C) meeting, Tla'amin Executive Council requested the City of Powell River consider a name change in light of the devastating legacy the actions of Israel Powell has had and continues to have on the Tla'amin people (see Who was Israel Powell section for more information). Because of the City's commitment to reconciliation, and through the agreements in the Community Accord, the City and the Tla'amin Nation have entered into a conversation to explore a possible renaming of the City through a Joint Working Group.

A new name has not been predetermined. Tla'amin Hegus John Hackett (elected leader of the Tla'amin Nation) expressed desire for a new name that is more respectful and inclusive and more reflective of both the oral history of these lands and the present-day collaboration between the Tla'amin Nation and the City. While part of this engagement process is to see if there is support among city residents to change the name of the City of Powell River, the Joint Working Group also sees this process as a way to:

- Foster positive conversations between residents about the values we share in a way that builds unity and pride.
- Develop a shared understanding amongst residents of the harms and negative effects of colonialism, past and present.
- Deepen understanding, commitment and pride amongst residents about truth, justice, and reconciliation in action.
- Develop greater community consensus and understanding about the role of place naming in building a more welcoming and inclusive community.
- Communicate to residents why consideration of a name change is important for our shared commitment to reconciliation.



The next few months will be an opportunity for dialogue, thought exchange and learning. We understand many of you are curious about a possible name change and what that might mean for our community.

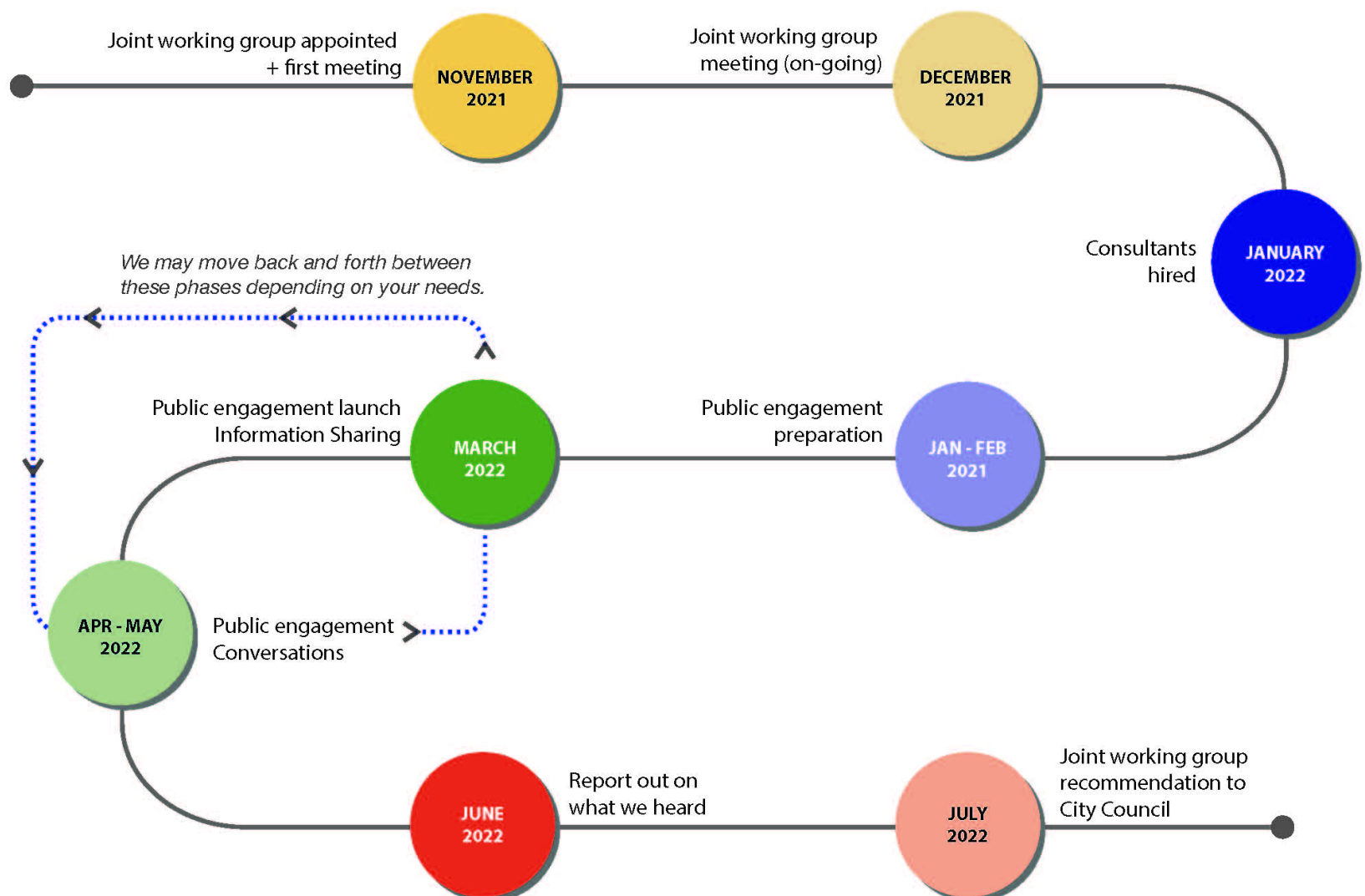
As we move into this work, we encourage everyone to approach this conversation with curiosity, kindness and respect.

Start conversations and ask questions. You may disagree with your friend or neighbour, and remember, you both love this place. Be curious.

This process will include sharing information and learning about what happened in the past. We do this so we can move forward in a good way together. There is a lot for everyone to learn in these conversations and throughout this process. Be open to learning.

We are still living in a global pandemic; people have suffered terrible losses and we are still trying to make our way through this. There is no place for racism in these conversations. We can agree to disagree with each other without bringing harm. Be kind and respectful. Questions and written submissions can be sent to [pnc@powellriver.ca](mailto:pnc@powellriver.ca).

## Community Conversation: Possible Name Change PROJECT TIMELINE



## Lands and Resources Department Update

The Lands and Resources Department is made up of:

### Fisheries Department

Hatchery and General Fisheries (territory).

- Lee George and Vern Wilson  
SEP (hatchery)
- Leonard Harry – Fisheries
- Richard Hackett and Simon George  
seasonal fisheries technicians

\*Note – there is a posting out for a Fisheries Manager

### Lands

Denise Smith, Lands Manager (Acting Director)

- Jodie Gallagher  
Lands Administrative Assistant

\*Note – there is a posting out for the Lands and Resources Director

We are also going to be bringing on a Senior Fisheries person to take on our Marine Plan. She is set to start in early May.

**Lands Registry Clerk** – Serena Barnes

### Traditional Ecological Knowledge

April Treakle, Coordinator

**GIS** – Jennifer Kesster

### Referrals

Derek Kowalchuk,  
Referrals/Archaeology Manager,

Sandra Harry – Referrals Assistant. TUS Field Workers Jason Francis, Scott Galligos, Mark Paul, Brad Harry

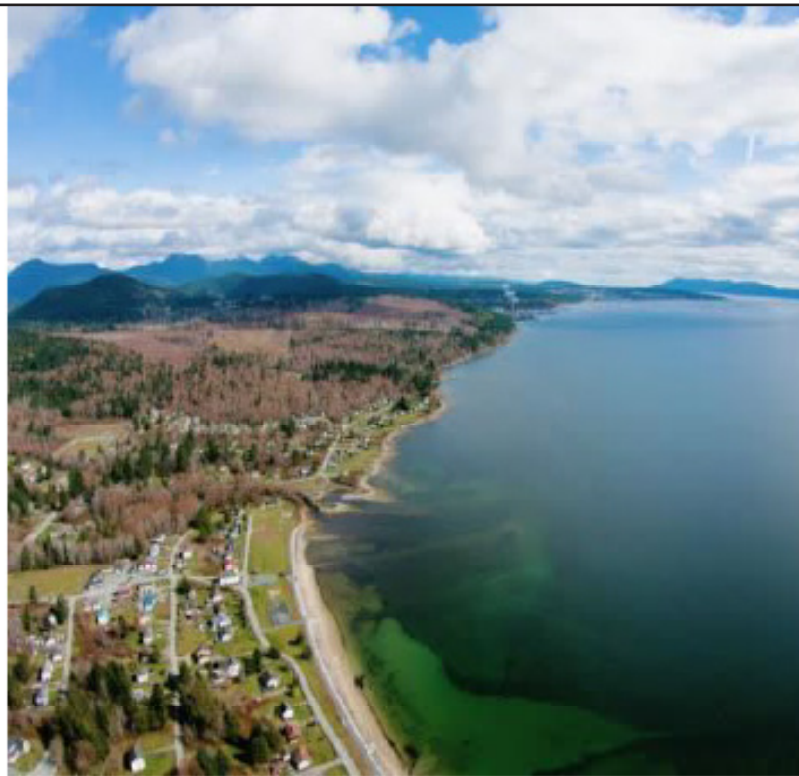
### Guardian Watchmen

Bryce McKenzie and Andrew Timothy

The Lands and Resources Department is a very busy part of our Government. We are responsible for Lands and Resources across the board for Tla'amin Nation. We have experienced a lot of growth and challenges since April 2016. Implementing the obligations of the Tla'amin Treaty is an ongoing task and keeping up with the workload is always challenging.

We have all experienced the pandemic and have had to adjust to these changing times. We have experienced losses in this time and welcomed blessings. We went through a heat dome and the impact on the resources. We are learning about and adapting to climate change, including studying the potential impacts of coastal flooding and wildfire mitigation. We will also be conducting a Climate Change Risk Assessment (See April Treakle's article). We are taking on our own planning for our Marine Resources and also participating in an Integrated Resources Management Plan for parts of our Territory. Previous Director Cathy Galligos started us on the Watershed Plan and this will be followed by the risk assessment. She also started us on exploring the possibility of sockeye re-introduction to Unwin Lake. This work has been ongoing for 2 years and we are excited to continue to explore this opportunity.

**April will be launching the Climate change/food security survey** – with a plan of interviewing 100 homes. We did a first go round a few years ago and this will be second one. April will



## TLA'AMIN LANDS AND RESOURCES OPEN HOUSE

### Introductions, Booth Displays, Dinner & Door Prizes

Everyone please come out and learn what is going on in the Land and Resources Department for 2022. We will have a short presentation followed by an open house of booths with Staff.



explain more. She is also working on Species at risk for Tla'amin – reviewing information and seeking to provide responses. April will also head up the Climate Risk Assessment work for us.

### The Referrals Department

We continue to study the river systems – annual stream walks in Theodosia and Okeover Rivers.

We participate in biomass surveys in Okeover to learn about the process and inform the governments about the health and abundance on this beach. We monitor Okeover beach during the late Spring and early summer months – to gather information on the number of visitors to the beach and to share public information on the requirement to have a license and the limitations to what can be taken. We do this in partnership with DFO – we understand that they can't be everywhere all the time so we share this work.

The Guardians work with BC Parks on patrolling and monitoring the park and our sensitive cultural sites. They will participate in archaeological surveys with BC Parks on an ongoing basis and

continue to respond to concerns/complaints about any archaeological damage or infractions.

We will participate in Harwood Island Shoreline Clean up in June with the School District. Last year we participated with the qathet shoreline clean up and also with the Ocean Legacy Shoreline Clean-up of beaches in our area.

On a broader scale we participate in the Coastal Marine Strategy and with the First Nations Leadership Alliance (made up of modern Treaty Nations) on common initiatives and interests.

We still have some work to do to complete the Theodosia Shared Decision-Making Agreement. This is outstanding from 2016. We need to update and amalgamate the 2 Land Use Plans into one comprehensive document. We need to develop a fulsome strategy for Fisheries throughout the territory. We need to recruit and train so that we have a good succession plan for staffing the lands and resources programs into the future. Lots going on!

LANDS MANAGER

LANDS REGISTRY

TEK COORDINATOR

GIS SPECIALIST

REFERRALS

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GUARDIAN  
WATCHMEN

ADD MORE GREAT  
INFO HERE!

SALISH CENTRE

4885 HWY#101  
Tla'amin BC

May 11, 2022

Doors Open at 330pm

4:00pm – 6:30pm

# Climate Change Health Risk Assessment Project 2022

I would like to take a moment and introduce the Climate Change Health Risk Assessment Project for 2022. This has been funded by FNHA under the Indigenous Climate Health Action Program (IC-HAP) for First Nation Communities in British Columbia

**Goal:** To Create a Climate Health Adaptation Plan for Tla'amin through Community Engagements via Field Trips and Boat Tours around Tla'amin Watersheds and Waterfront. As well as 2x Youth Workshops as well as some Interviews with Elders and Traditional Knowledge Keepers.

We are wanting to include each of the Tla'amin Entities, Knowledge Keepers, Elders and Youth to come together in an Advisory Working Group to advise, review and approve the documents throughout this project and to also include IRMP proponents to ensure we are working together.

The Results could also be shared with our Shared Territories to help guide them to engage in a Climate Change Health Risk Assessment Project in their area as well.

Stage 1: Establish a Climate Action Working Group

Stage 2: Climate Impact Assessment

Stage 3: Identify Adaptation Actions

Stage 4: Climate Health Adaptation Plan Implementation

Stage 5: Annual Plan Review

## Climate Change Food & Security Update

100 Household Dietary Surveys to be conducted from May to August 2022

We are in the final stages of hiring 2 Community Researchers that will be doing their training in Namgis the week of May 16 to 20th. It was postponed from April as the person in charge of the Methodology workshop was unavailable. So, we will get our researchers trained to conduct the dietary surveys that will be randomly selected for 100x Tla'amin Homes. We will contact the homes that were selected and set up interview times.

We have 3 surveys depending on age representation in the household, Adult, Youth and Children. There is also a chance to do an interview in regard to a 24 hour recall of the foods that were consumed within the household in the last 24 hours.

These surveys will be submitted to the Project Team and Research Students to collect the data from Tla'amin to support their scope of developing adaptation strategies for healthy fisheries and food security for First Nations in British Columbia under climate change Project deliverables.

## Booking Boats for 2022

It is important for all entities that wish to book Boat Tours or the use of the Boats through Denise Smith in the Lands and Resources Department. 604-486-9646 ext. 121

**We have 3 Boats available to be booked**

1. The Crewboat
2. Landing Craft
3. Ducksworth

These will be booked first come first serve as well keep in mind that this affects the boat operators daily schedule so, please book well in advance to ensure availability.

## Traditional Knowledge Keepers call out

Are you a Traditional Knowledge Keeper, Fisherman, Hunter, Plant Gatherer, Clam Digger? Do you have knowledge of Tla'amin Territory and interested in sharing your knowledge or learning more about how Climate Change is affecting our surrounding Tla'amin Resources? We need to hear from you.

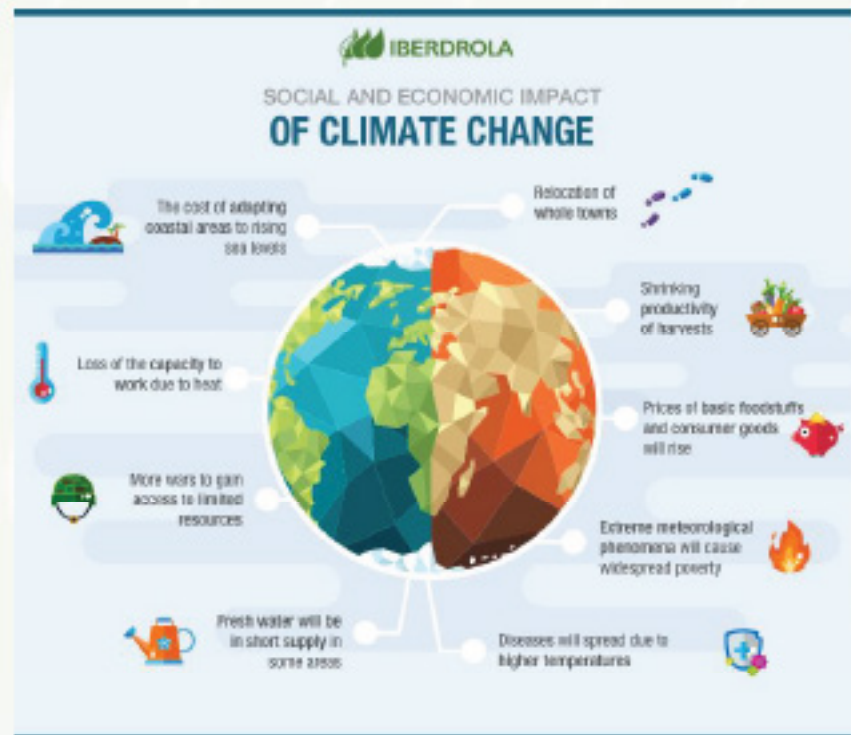
Contact me: April Treakle

Phone: 604-483-9646 ext #154

Email: april.treakle@tn-bc.caw

## TLA'AMIN CLIMATE CHANGE YOUTH ENGAGEMENT ON MAY 28, 2022

*We Invite the Tla'amin Youth Ages 13 to 18 to come contribute to our Climate Change Risk Assessment Project. Come learn and share your experiences with Climate Change*



**Salish Centre (Gym), 4885 HWY#101, Tla'amin**

**10:30AM Doors Open: 11am Start to 2pm End**

**Presentation, Interactive Info Sharing, LUNCH and Door Prizes**

# Food Distribution Update



A Tla'amin Nation food fish distribution took place on April 28, 2022 at the Salish Center – the Tla'amin legislature (council) financially supported this initiative. Pa'ajah Shellfish (under our business arm) contributed the oysters from our leases.

We were able to locally distribute prawns, oysters, halibut, elk, herring eggs and goose meat to all households in Tla'amin and our people who live in Powell River. The goose was from a

goose management initiative we participated in a couple of years ago.

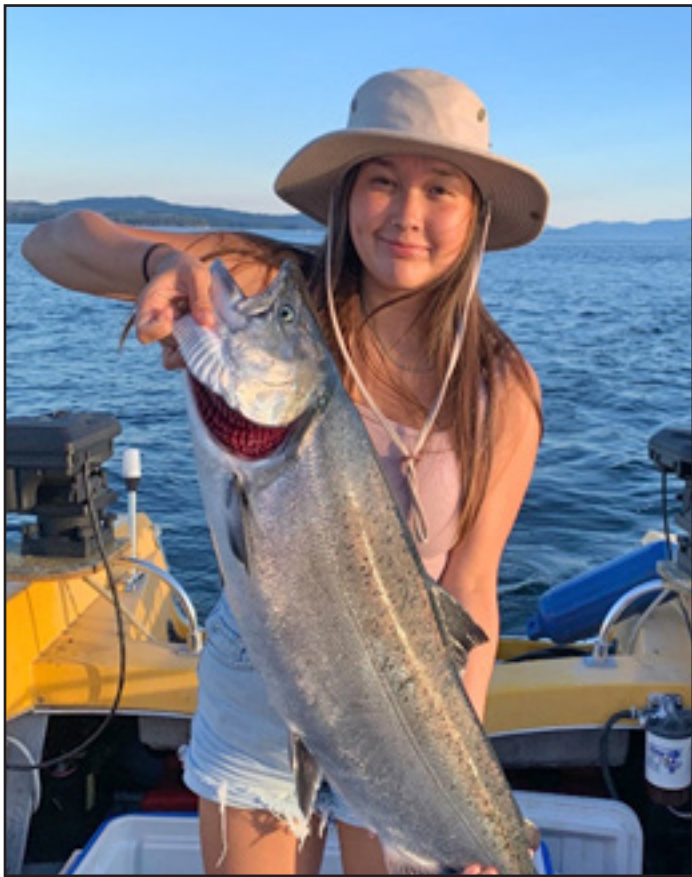
**We are planning for an urban (tuwusht) distribution in the future and we will send out a notice about where we will be and on which dates. We have not forgotten our relatives who don't live here.**

We undertook this distribution in the interests of food security. It has been a tough few years and has been a while since we have been able to distribute to our people. It was important that we do what we could to share these resources.

Many thanks to the fisheries, lands and guardian crew for all your help in coordinating and distributing. Cheh cheha thatch.

Denise Smith  
A/Director of Lands & Natural Resources

## A Student Profile of Lylee Tom



By Gerry Brach,  
Brooks Secondary School  
Counsellor

After spending last year at Ahms Tah Ow School, Lylee returned to Brooks this September. “Initially it was a difficult transition for me, but with a lot of support from Tyler Peters and Alisha Point, I am glad to be back.” Her favourite class at Brooks is Photography 11 with Mr. Bennett because she gets to express herself in a fun way. “Mr. Bennett is very encouraging and teaches in an exciting way.” Lylee also likes her B.C. First People course with Ms. Campitelli. “In Ms. Campitelli’s class I have learned to meditate and keep calm in situations that I find difficult. These strategies have helped me reduce my anxiety.”

This Grade 11 student likes to push her friends to get them out of their comfort zones. Being

very shy herself, and having shy friends, she likes to encourage them to express themselves more. “When my friends are happy, I am happy,” says Lylee.

Outside of school Lylee enjoys the outdoors whether it is being on a boat with her dad or hiking local trails with her family and friends. “My family is my rock and are a big part of my life. They are all very supportive and encourage me to achieve my goals.” In addition to her family, her culture is also very important to Lylee as it connects her to her community. “My culture makes me feel closer to everyone.” As part of the Cheechlem ChiChia (Dancing Granny) Canoe Family, Lylee has experienced two Canoe Journeys. “My participation in the Canoe Journeys helped me get a summer job with the Nation and helped me to get to know people a lot better.” Lylee loves learning Tla’amin language and hopes to be able to speak it fluently one day. “Language is connected to who I am.”

Lylee singles out her mom, Donna as someone who has always been there for her, no matter what. “Having someone to support me has made an incredible difference in my life.” Her father, Lee has also had an important role in her life. “My father encourages me to be myself by spending time with me hunting, fishing, quadding and exploring my community.”

Future plans for Lylee may involve moving to Vancouver where she would like to reconnect with her older siblings. Lylee is also interested in studying Psychology, possibly at the University of British Columbia. Her dream career would be to help other people deal with their mental health and wellness as a counsellor or therapist. After completing her post-secondary training Lylee would like to return to the Nation to work.

Favorite places in Powell River include the different viewpoints around the city where she can appreciate the natural beauty of the area. Her dream vacation would be to travel to Europe with a friend and explore different cultures and cities.

Her advice to younger students is: “Don’t be scared to ask for help. Make sure your friends are travelling in the right direction.”

This energetic and caring student is definitely travelling in the right direction as she explores her identity, culture and future possibilities.



## Meet our Director of Education

Bonjour! I am thrilled to have recently joined the Tla’amin Nation as the new Director of Education. Already, I am hearing of all the great work being done in early childhood, school-aged, and post secondary education, and of all the exciting possibilities ahead. I am of French descent, with almost all my immediate relatives in Québec, and am passionate about the deep connection between language and culture and identity, belonging and overall wellness. I have recently moved to the qathet region to be closer to my partner’s family after living, learning, and working in the beautiful Northwest Territories for almost two decades.



Up north I had the opportunity to serve as a teacher, school principal, and school board coordinator; my most recent position was as director at the department of education where I was part of a team focused on bringing significant, locally driven changes to the school system to better serve communities, their learners and school teams. I am a keen listener and am eager to meet community members and hear from you all about the educational strengths, needs and dreams you have for Tla’amin education, so please don’t hesitate to come talk with me. It is my honour to get to serve here among you all.

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Sophie Call



## Shellfish Contribution

The oysters were contributed by Pa’aje Shellfish and were grown on our leases in Okeover Inlet. Thank you to our amazing oyster crew, Claude, Russell, Colton and our very own Dean Louie! (left) It was a rewarding to provide for so many community members. Our company was thrilled to be involved.

# A Staff Profile of gew-teechin (Melvin Mitchell)



By Gerry Brach, Brooks Secondary School Counsellor

gew-teechin was taught from an early age to be a helper. He believes that when you do good things people brag for you and when you do bad things people talk poorly about you. The people I know, do a lot of bragging about gew-teechin as he has been an incredible contributor to his Nation throughout his life.

At the age of 14, gew-teechin was encouraged by his family to work in the Tla'amin cemetery, learning how to help families deal with difficult losses. "Part of my duties were to talk with families four days before the funeral and to make the outside box to cover the caskets. I would also do some ceremonial work with cedar."

From the time he was 14, until he retired at 57, gew-teechin volunteered with the Tla'amin Fire Department. "During this time, I saw a lot of things that I wish I hadn't seen, but I was able to help a lot of people, so it was worth it."

His culture is very important to him as it is the basis of who he is. "I learned to carve by watching my grandpa. He carved dug-out canoe oars that were 18 feet long. He used to row or use a canoe fitted with a Easthop motor from Squirrel Cove on Cortes Island to Chilliwack where he would trade his oars for other desirable items."

Now a respected Elder, gew-teechin enjoys going to different schools in our community where he helps educate students regarding First Nations culture and ways. "In our language, our teaching is called our Tao. This is how we were raised by the elders of our community." As someone who is a red seal carpenter, gew-teechin teaches woodwork to James Thomson Elementary students and is currently helping Grade Five and Six students at Kelly Creek Community School to make paddles. He has recently started coming to Brooks Secondary to connect with First Nations students to help motivate and encourage them to graduate. "I know a lot of their parents and families, this provides me with more of an open door of communication with them."

Gew-teechin is the first generation in his family not to go to residential school. His father and two aunts were Kamloops residential school survivors. After graduating from Max Cameron Secondary School in 1979 he took Benchwork and Joinery at B.C.I.T. but was unable to find an apprenticeship in Powell River. He later went back to B.C.I.T. and Camosun College and completed his red seal in carpentry. He worked most of his adult career doing carpentry for the Nation. Both his father and grandfather helped him with his Tao teachings and encouraged him with his carpentry skills.

His philosophy in life is: "You don't have to be tall to be big in spirit or heart." When asked about times he stepped out his comfort zone and was proud of his accomplishments he responded with two examples. "When I completed the Great International World Championship Bathtub Race, Nanaimo, BC, in 1992 in honor of my late brother, Terry. Another time was going through a riptide entering Cowichan Bay as part of the canoe journey."

Gew-teechin is grateful to the Creator for his family and friends who are still with him. His advice to younger students is: "Make sure your shoes are tied on tight and always try to do your best."

I feel honored to have interviewed this respected Tla'amin Nation Elder.

## Greetings from Jaden Courtney

Hello! My name is Jaden Courtney. I am great grandson of Lena Galligos. My grandpa is George Courtney and my parents are Mary and Arnie Courtney. I am the oldest of the 5 Courtney boys and I have the best daughter in the world!



I work as an Urban Indigenous Liaison Officer with the RCMP based in Chilliwack. I work with 14 communities here in Sto:lo and Nlaka'pamux territories as well as urban folks here in town. I wear many hats but one of the most important things I do is work with our youth.

I am fortunate to be part of a team that can "go where the need is" as my boss and mentor Chris Gosselin says. This allows me to work with our youth both on and off reserve, in the public and private schools and with community programs such as Memiyelhtel Intensive Youth Support at Sto:lo Nation. I will find a way.

Last summer we received two Big Canoes with help from the Indigenous Policing Services team and they were launched in a naming ceremony by master canoe builder Chief Mark Point of Skowkale First Nation. This was a first for the RCMP in Chilliwack. Something I am very proud of but at the same time I struggle that it was 2021 and never done before.

On April 1st of this year, for the first time, we brushed off the Wave Eater and the West Wind at Coqualeetza before heading up to Cultus Lake for an afternoon on the water with youth and workers from Memiyelhtel. I am proud of the youth who attended the ceremony and who pulled with us. I am very thankful for Chuck Bisailon, honorary skipper, who helped with our teachings that day.

I am also thankful for elder Gary Williams who taught me that I had the canoes on the trailer backwards. They need to always face the direction we are going! You may notice that these are small Big Canoes with crews of only 8 each, but they work well to introduce our youth and staff to canoe pulling. The youth were all smiles and they learnt what it feels like to pull together. I'm sure it also had something to do with the turns and burns on the RCMP Jet boat after pizza!! Haha.. Emote!



# Culture Update

A totem pole is being prepared for the log dump at our Mill Lands. The pole was blessed on April 25th. After a two year delay due to Covid-19, the Tla'amin Cultural Department has finally started work on two totem poles that will stand proudly on our Tla'amin waterfront. These totem poles were first meant to stand to welcome paddlers for Tribal Journeys 2021, which was also cancelled due to the pandemic. One pole will now stand to honour the lives of those we have lost during the Covid-19 pandemic, as well as our residential school survivors. The second pole will stand as a welcome figure to all those that travel to our community in future years.



The poles were designed by world renowned artist Hereditary Chief Calvin Hunt from the Kwakiutl First Nation. The poles were designed in a similar style to historical poles that were standing over in K'omoks First Nation territory. We believe that Tla'amin would have had a similar style of carving to that of our K'omoks relatives. The welcome pole was envisioned by Tla'amin elder Eugene Louie, who wanted to see a welcome figure holding a paddle to welcome those coming for Tribal Journeys.

The totem poles will be carved at our Tla'amin log dump site at tiskwat beside the mill. Carving will take place Monday – Friday until mid-June. Everyone is welcome to come and witness the poles being carved. Please be cautious if you are driving down as the road is active with construction of the sewage treatment plant as well as active logging trucks.

## Cedar Bark Harvesting

We will be taking a group out to harvest Cedar Bark on Thursday May 12th at one of our Tla'amin cut-blocks. If you wish to come and learn, please contact Drew Blaney at [drew.blaney@tn-bc.ca](mailto:drew.blaney@tn-bc.ca) or by calling (604)-483-9646. Ext. 123

## Culture Nights

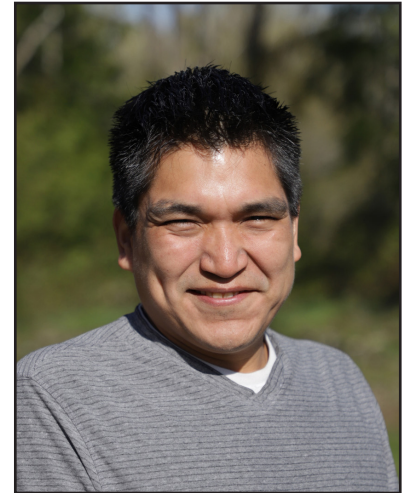
Culture Nights will resume every Wednesday at 5:00 at the Tla'amin waterfront. Bring a chair and your drum and come join!



Bryce and Gerry share a laugh while looking for herring eggs

# Randolph Welcomes Language Coordinator Role

By Abby Francis  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter.



Climbing down from Tla'amin's family tree project, Randolph Timothy Jr. has begun a new path as the Nation's new language coordinator.

"There had been a job posting late last year, so I had applied and a few months later I got an interview," says Randolph. Fast forwarding a couple months and Randolph said he was asked to wrap up the family tree project and start up the language program. "I was officially hired on March 23 and am starting to get things organized."

The family tree project is a system that shows all of Tla'amin's family ties going back about seven generations, with babies being born each year, the family trees never really end.

Randolph says while he is still helping the Sister Nations (Homalco, Klahoose, K'omoks) set up their family trees and adding the children born each year in Tla'amin, he hopes to promote the daily usage of ʔayʔajuθəm through his new role.

"I think it's really cool that the city has taken on using our place names and our language. Right now I have a great group of people who are the program's working group, who all range in level of fluency from fluent speakers to advanced learners, whose knowledge of the orthography also plays a key role, which will help organize the language program."

Randolph says the working group will consist of Elders Dr. Elsie Paul and Freddy Louie, Gail Blaney, Drew Blaney, Tla'amin's Culture and Heritage Manager, Dana Gustafson of Tla'amin's Child Development and Resource Centre, Koosen Gonzales of Jeh Jeh Media, UBC student Marianne Huijsmans, SD47 teacher Karina Peters. Betty Wilson and Randy Timothy Sr. are also key players that make up this group as they have been active since the beginning of the project about 20 years ago.

"Marianne is currently teaching language classes on Mondays that I will be attending online via zoom.

"I have also been given the green light to start up a language class for the Nation that will be open to all qathet residents, which I am currently sorting out."

The language class will educate all levels of fluency, which are broken into four levels: fluent, under-fluent, advanced learner, and basic learner. "Right now I'd say for myself I am an advanced learner, there is still a lot of ʔayʔajuθəm to learn," says Randolph.

"It is really important to preserve our language, because it is a language considered to be endangered. There are about five fluent speakers left in Tla'amin. I am excited but nervous about the future."

Randolph says the language coordinator is important for Tla'amin because the role and programs create a tool for ʔayʔajuθəm to carry on. "It's a tool to help reintroduce our language to citizens who don't know and want to learn. We are also trying to establish orthography usage into our computers and systems."

Orthography is the spelling system of a language, Tla'amin is working on putting ʔayʔajuθəm characters into the technology the Nation uses.

"I have a meeting coming up soon with the Sister Nations where we will decide how we will all move forward with the language projects, we want to work together because we all speak the ʔayʔajuθəm language," Randolph says.

# 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**

## Tla'amin Health Fair and Wellness Plan update



Please join us as we share out our collective wellness goals, and shine light on some of the programming that will help us reach them.

In Fall 2021, many Tla'amin people (qaymıx<sup>w</sup>) provided input into the next 7-year Wellness Plan for the Tla'amin Nation.



qat<sup>o</sup>aθot - to get together

May 7, 2022

9am - 12:30pm

Salish Center (gym)

brunch provided

For more information, please contact Tla'amin Health:

604-483-3009

Our ta?ow – including our language, teachings, spirituality and medicines – is who we are – and provides the tools for our health and wellness. Our ta?ow tells us that our health and wellness is inclusive of mental, physical, spiritual, emotional well-being, is connected to our relationships to territory (tums gijeh) and relations (jeh jeh), and spans across all stages of life and through generations.

# PROGRAMS & SERVICES

## Tla'Amin Wellness Beginner Spring Walking Group

Time to Soak up the Sun and Get Fit ☺

Beginner Level – Rain ☁ or Shine ☀

Tuesdays and Thursdays – April 26, 2022- June 2, 2022

1:00 pm @ Tla'Amin Health



\*\* Pre and Post Participation Questionnaire\*\*

\*\* You will be provided use of a fitness tracker to count your steps and exercise progress\*\*

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## TRADITIONAL MEDICINE CLASSES

with Dr. Jeanne Paul

### Spring Session

**May 9, 2022** from 8:30am to 3:00pm  
Harvesting in the morning; lecture in the afternoon.

**June 13, 2022** – Dr. Paul returns to process medicines with you

### Summer Sessions:

**July 4, 2022** from 8:30am to 3:00pm  
Wild-Crafting and Lectures

August 8, 2022 – Dr. Paul returns to process final products with you

### Fall Session

**September 12, 2022** from 8:30am to 3:00pm  
Harvesting, lectures, crafting

**October 3, 2022** – Dr. Paul returns to process final products with you

**This completes 1 year of the Beginner's Class = 60 Hours**

To register for these classes, please email Dr. Paul directly at:

**[redshawlpaul62@gmail.com](mailto:redshawlpaul62@gmail.com)**



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## Your personal toolkit



### Let's unpack the tools

- COVID-19 vaccines**  
Staying up-to-date with your vaccines, including booster doses, will give you the best protection against serious illness from COVID-19 and its variants.
- Masks**  
Wear a mask in places where it is required, if you are sick and cannot stay away from others, and as a personal choice.
- Open spaces, good airflow**  
Meet outdoors, open windows and doors to bring in fresh air and if possible, have good ventilation and air filtration systems.
- Clean hands**  
Wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer often, such as before eating and after being in public spaces or handling shared objects.
- Clean surfaces**  
Regularly clean things that are shared or touched often, like light switches, door knobs, cell phones, counters and toilets.
- Safer gatherings**  
If you want to take additional measures, consider smaller groups, stay apart, wear a mask and meet outdoors if possible.
- Treatment options**  
COVID-19 treatment options are available for some people who may be at higher risk of severe COVID-19. Check if you are eligible at the [BC Gov website](https://www.bccdc.ca)
- At home tests**  
Rapid test kits are available for free in pharmacies and testing centres to use if you have symptoms. [Testing](#) can help you access treatment quickly.

For more information on COVID-19, go to [bccdc.ca](https://www.bccdc.ca)

April 22

Tla'amin Child & Family Services Reform  
**łayšetštəm ʔəms čičuy Working Group**



Posted on: April 12, 2022

Callout for

# Tla'amin Artists

We need your help to create a logo that will represent the work Tla'amin is doing to reclaim and exercise our right to care for families in culturally safe and relevant ways.

### What is the CFS Reform?

Tla'amin is working to reclaim our jurisdiction over child & family services, including child protection.

### The Working Group

The tcWG is made up of Tla'amin staff, elders, and community members.

### Extra Info

Any questions or conversation can be had by contacting Ryan.

### Your Proposal

Please include your design with a narrative about how it relates to the work/working group name, your budget, a bio of yourself, and your contact information.

### łayšetštəm ʔəms čičuy

"We will wrap our children in a blanket." This was chosen to represent the new collective, cultural, and holistic approach that will be taken by Tla'amin when creating child & family services.

### How to Submit

Submissions can be sent to [ryan.pielle@tn-bc.ca](mailto:ryan.pielle@tn-bc.ca) or brought to Tla'amin Health to be left for Ryan.



### Contact:

Ryan Pielle | Tla'amin Health | C: (604) 414-4280 | E: [ryan.pielle@tn-bc.ca](mailto:ryan.pielle@tn-bc.ca)

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- Food & beverage product knowledge

**Shift Leaders**

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**EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

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We thank all applicants for their interest in this position; however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

# How the Salmon and their Protectors Survive

## Community Hatchery: PRSS Shares it's Struggles

By Abby Francis  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Powell River Salmon Society has had zero increase in funding from Ottawa in the past 40 years -despite being the one of the most measurably successful community hatcheries in BC.

Even with rising inflation, the federal government has not made any adjustments to the funding of the Salmon Society (PRSS).

Last June, then-Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) Bernadette Jordan announced a \$647.1 million Pacific Salmon Strategy Initiative (PSSI).

"This plan will guide investments and action in four key areas: conservation and stewardship, enhanced hatchery production, harvest transformation, and integrated management and collaboration," reads the media release.

So how much of this will the PRSS be getting?

Well, it's been almost a whole year since the PSSI funds were announced.

Salmon Society manager Shane Dobler says that answer is still the same: none.

DFO did not respond to qathet Living with a comment.

"We met with our local MP, Rachel Blaney, she wrote a letter and took it back to Ottawa, didn't really get a response, then recommended we create a petition," says Shane. "We are waiting on results for that now."

Year after year the Powell River Salmon Society releases thousands of salmon into Lang Creek.

But before those fish are released, the PRSS takes eggs from the previous years' spawning fish, incubates those eggs at the mill site, where the eggs grow from alevin to fry. Staff and volunteers transport the fry to the Duck Lake facility where the fish grow until the spring when the PRSS releases them into Lang Creek.

At the same time as the PRSS grows chum, chinook, and coho salmon, the society also has fundraisers, such as their winter raffle or tide guide.

The Salmon Society has enhanced qathet's salmon population back to health, and introduced a new species of salmon, chinook. The PRSS has grown about one third of all BC chinook salmon coming from community hatcheries.

Because of these enhancement efforts put in by countless volunteers, donors, and workers, the PRSS has created and maintained one of the very few stable salmon populations left in all of British Columbia.

The Salmon Society's programs rely more and more on fundraising efforts as time moves forward.

From buying fish food to the gas used for transporting salmon from site to site -to bigger projects such as the fish pump used to put the salmon into the trucks that take salmon from site to site.

"We are the grassroots, and our Salmon Society is built on stewardship. Where is the announced \$647.1 million PSSI for our industry going?"

North-Island Powell River MP Rachel Blaney says that the new fisheries Minister, Joyce Murray, is still figuring out what the PSSI program will look like.

"It's not completely verified, it looks like that money is going towards building new hatcheries. But it is the right time to be having those conversations about including community hatcheries, like the PRSS, in receiving some of that funding," says Rachel.

"The Salmon Society is creative and has done



(Left to Right) Volunteers Lisa Gaudreault, Laura Terry, Tom Krivanek and Ron Maintland are using a seine net at the Duck Lake facility to scoop up salmon fry for their release into the creek.

very, very good work with the wild salmon. I want to see these funds go towards community hatcheries like PRSS. I believe this is the way to go if we want to save wild salmon."

Rachel says her letter was asking the Minister to review the PSSI and include current hatcheries in receiving some of the \$647.1 million funds.

"The House of Commons requires a certain format for petitions, so we worked closely with the PRSS to create this. I took the petition on Friday (April 1). It usually takes about 45 days to review before we get a response," says Rachel.

The PRSS's challenge with DFO doesn't just stop at funding.

Shane says that DFO representatives have asked Salmon Society staff to clip the salmon they raise to identify the salmon as hatchery fish.

Clipping is a DFO initiative to manage fish stocks, and for DFO scientists to use in reports comparing wild to hatchery salmon populations.

However, hatchery workers have to clip every single individual fish, meaning a lot of time is spent clipping the millions of young salmon.

"We told them we would clip our fish if they paid us to do so, because how would we do it for free? They don't even pay for our fish food. Even at 10 cents per fish to clip? We have also invited DFO several times to come and clip our fish if that is what they want. To this day DFO hasn't clipped the fish that they want clipped."

Shane says the PRSS's prides itself on the accomplishments the team has, which is driven by the community.

"We have had many community successes in the last 40 years, and the next one may be our most important. We will work towards positioning our organization in a self-sustaining manner. The same as we have done for our salmon returns."

To do this, the Salmon Society created a foundation.

The Salmon Preservation Foundation (SPF) is the newest addition to the Salmon Society.

The SPF provides the legal structure to raise funds for the society to use. "The creation of the SPF is designed to accumulate the necessary funds through fundraising and donations," Shane says. "The primary purpose is to accumulate sufficient capital, the income stream from which would ultimately fund the annual operations of the PRSS. Self sustainability is our long term goal."

The SPF team of directors includes Rusty Kempe, David Morris, Cory Carr, and Jamie Zroback.

"Our goal has always been the same: Survive. The salmon and our organization."

"I started as a volunteer in highschool, I have been lucky enough to have worked with just about everyone who's ever been a part of the PRSS, we want to make sure this historical community effort and achievement continues.

"We want to keep building ambassadors for our programs to keep up the pace we've set for ourselves. If we continue to be very fortunate to get as much community support as we do, we'll still be around in 50 years."

### Elementary Students visit Tla'amin Hatchery to release some fry and learn about the value of cedar in early spring



# Let's Talk Trash.ca

WHAT IS WASTE?



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## 5 Eco Myth Busters

By Ingalisa Burns  
Let's Talk Trash

We live in the information age and can drown in facts about disease, climate change, and political controversy at the click of mouse. When we're busy, it is easy to understand why many of us take news and social media posts at face value, rather than questioning sources. Today we take a look at five common myths when it comes to managing objects at the end of their lives.

1. Wet Wipes are never flushable, even if the label says so. As much as the manufacturers would like us to believe, the truth is that wipes clog pipes no matter what they are made of. The durability of wipes means they get caught in both household plumbing and at waste water treatment plants – doing costly damage at both. As more of these are flooding the market, they are causing major problems of back up and break down for home owners and municipalities. Instead of using wipes, bring a sprayable hand sanitizer and cloth with you for times you feel you need a waterless 'rinse'.

2. Dryer lint contains microplastics. Because most of us wear at least some clothing made from synthetic materials - nylon, fleece, spandex, polyester, and acrylic to name

a few, our dryer lint inevitably contains plastic micro fibres. These first get washed straight down the washing machine drain (unless you use a Guppy bag or attach an effluent filter to your drain). They then get collected in your dryer's lint tray. Lint should be placed in the garbage, not your compost, lest you wish to start growing plastic food.

3. Biodegradable is not the same thing as compostable. Biodegradable simply means that something breaks down into smaller pieces of itself, which everything does and so it is meaningless. Certified compostable, however, means that something will break down into food for the soil, aka microorganisms, fungi, etc. That said, even certified compostable plastics are problematic as they can take longer to break down than a composting facility will allow for. They also can lower the quality of recycled plastics, when they are incorrectly placed in recycling bins. Best to avoid even compostable plastics, and aim to reduce consumption overall, instead. Toting your own reusable bag and water bottle around is a great step in this direction.

4. Cigarette butts contain plastic filters. Rather than being an acceptable form of litter, cigarettes need to be seen for what

they are – plastic, not to mention their toxic contents which are capable of killing fish in aquatic environments. Always dispose of extinguished butts in the garbage.

5. Many plastic products are not recyclable. This includes things like plastic lawn chairs, garden hoses, zapstraps, and children's plastic toys. The Recycle BC program that receives our printed paper and packaging recycling at depots is not for plastic products. Small appliances, however, are accepted at Town Centre depot and the ReturnIt depot on Duncan (Sunset Coast Bottle Depot), and small electronics are accepted at Augusta Recyclers and the ReturnIt depot. If you're looking for the latest information on recycling, you might find the following resources helpful:

qathet Regional District's Waste Wise Guide\City of Powell River's Waste Wizard

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# Home at last—the series

This is the second in a series of six monthly articles, produced in collaboration with social planner Meriko Kubota (City of Powell River, qathet Regional District and Tla'amin Nation), qathet Living editor Pieta Woolley, filmmaker Claudia Medina, several local nonprofits and, of course, the individuals who graciously agreed to tell their stories.

These are success stories—locals who have found housing solutions in spite of a record tight market and scarcity of affordable public or private housing.

Everyone involved in this project hopes these stories inspire locals to work towards decent, stable housing solutions for all our neighbours.

Tell your housing story at [participatepr.ca](http://participatepr.ca)

**Two couples co-owning a property?**

## Not so pie-in-the-sky

Five years ago, Jesse Firempong, 34, her partner, Charles Latimer, and another couple, decided to co-buy a three-acre property and house in Lund. Since then, they've learned oodles about negotiating mortgages, the benefits of living collectively, conflict resolution, and the potential for small groups working together to solve at least part of qathet's housing crisis.

**On moving here:** Charlie and I have lived in Lund since 2019. But we actually bought the property in 2017. It took a couple of years to get up here.

Our jobs didn't allow us to work remotely, but we were able to negotiate a probationary period of six months where we came back to the office in Vancouver every two months at our own expense. It was pricey. But then COVID hit and no one really cared if you were in the office.

I should say, also, that if we were buying today, in 2022, I don't think we could afford it because the prices have gone up so much.

**On figuring out finances:** In 2017, I was still in my first full-time job, but I didn't have a lot of savings. So the idea of owning a home wasn't even on my radar. When Charlie raised it and we talked to our friends Kathryn Colby and Jim Elliot, about co-owning a property, I still felt like it was kind of a pie-in-the-sky idea. All four of us were buying without intergenerational wealth—without help from our parents.

So we went to CCEC, a credit union in Vancouver, and talked to them. They helped us figure it out—getting our paperwork together, withdrawing from our RRSPs (they have to be paid back within 15 years), and helping us with the legal fees. The credit union was the game-changer. It seemed like they cared about who we are and what we were trying to do, and were really thinking about our circumstances.

It didn't feel like a cut and paste cookie-cutter mortgage. It felt conversational, personal and communal. They really walked us through each step of the process. As someone who doesn't have a high degree of financial literacy and knowledge of land ownership, I found it super helpful.

**On hiccups:** We all fell in love with this one property we saw. But unfortunately the old log cabin with the old wood stove didn't qualify for insurance and a mortgage and we didn't have the cash to buy it outright. So we ended up buying our current property—which is just five minutes up from the beach. It's just really mossy and beautiful and it just kind of felt right.

**On letting the vision evolve:** When we first moved, we all shared the two-bedroom house. Then my partner and I got married, so our co-owners renovated a storage shed on our property and turned it into a beautiful tiny home.

They lived in that for two years, and we offered to switch, but they really loved it. They embraced it. But with our families growing, more space was needed.



**The new lund is a lot like the old lund: Jesse Firempong and her crew are trying out a traditional mortgage for a non-traditional group-buy situation—for both affordability and community.**

So we're turning the two-bedroom home into a duplex. They are two much-smaller homes, but they're really cozy.

**On sort-of-communal living:** It's like having a built-in support system; a bit of a safety net. There's always someone there to lend a hand, or help run errands. But we also do things separately, because it is a lot of energy to manage everything collectively—a lot of communication, a lot of collective decision making, a lot of time.

So we share tools and the shop, and manage our recycling and waste together, and that kind of thing. But then we have separate garden areas so everyone can putter at their own pace, and live the life they want to live.

Every few months we have an 'estates general,' where we have breakfast together and talk over what needs to be done. If there's a danger tree that needs to come down, or upgrades, or electrical or plumbing work, we talk about that. We all bring different skills to the table.

**On conflict:** We've definitely had points where we wanted to do things differently. But we are two couples, so we each have a sounding board where you can turn things around and look at them from different angles before having a conversation with a co-owner.

I think it's good to be mindful of who you are choosing as your co-owner to make sure that you have the same values and you care about the same things. The most important thing is to handle tension and conflict with openness and curiosity.

**On small-town living:** A thing I like about small towns is you get to hang out with people you might not meet in the city. I really valued that, having grown up in rural Ontario. You just learn to appreciate all different types of people and personalities, because that's who is in your community. You just have to get along. It gets you out of your bubble and assumptions.

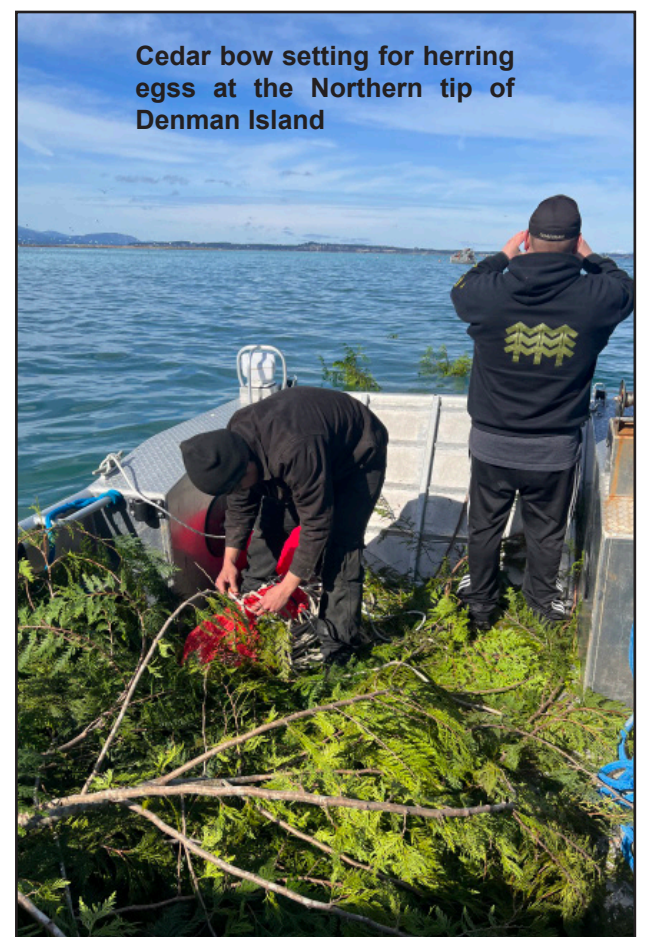
**On becoming a Lundie:** It has a history as a hippie community, so that felt inviting. Especially as a person of colour living in a really small town, that was a consideration for me. It's just always something to negotiate, living in rural Canada. It's all about finding a good community, and people here have been amazing and I definitely feel very welcome.

**On stability:** For most of my life, I was someone who was very nomadic. The idea of putting down roots makes me feel like... I'd rather fly than put down roots. But I've had a change of perspective. It's having a really solid partner who I can build this awesome foundation with, and build a

whole life on it. **On housing privilege:** Because we have land, we were thinking about ways we can share it with people who don't have land. Like, can we have tenting platforms? Or other buildings? Seeing how many people in Lund don't have access to stable housing, both from a buying and a renting perspective, it's made me conscious about having a response to that. The responsibility that comes with home ownership is how to be a better, contributing member of my community.

There is a lot more security with home ownership. It really takes the burden off. But yeah—I'm still wrestling with the privilege of land ownership and what it is to be a good community member, because the disparity is very real.

I'm also learning about ways we can decolonize our land ownership, if that's even possible!



**Cedar bow setting for herring eggs at the Northern tip of Denman Island**



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### Eligibility

- Tla'amin Nation member
- Enrolled in an accredited full-time or part-time Communications, Public Relations, Marketing or Journalism course in 2022-2023.

### To apply

Please submit a copy of your acceptance letter from the accredited post-secondary institution along with a covering letter explaining your career choice and how it contributes back to our Nation as a whole.

Applications or questions may be addressed to [davis@becomingclear.ca](mailto:davis@becomingclear.ca) no later than June 15, 2022.

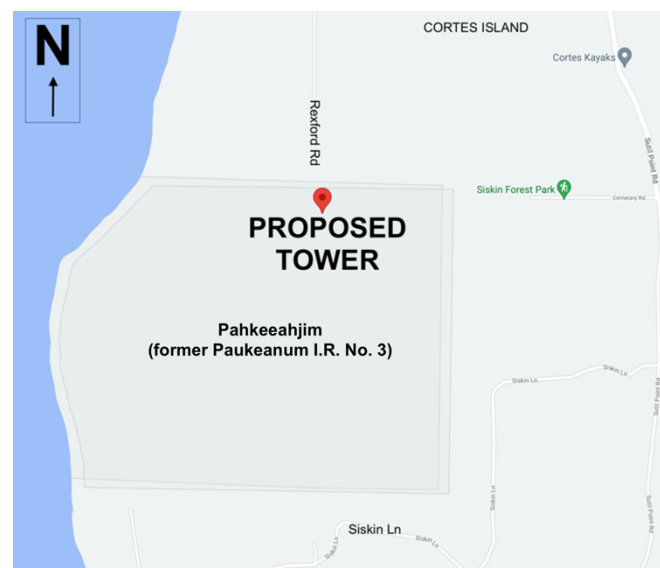
## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED TELUS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY 63.1-METER TALL SELF-SUPPORT TOWER STRUCTURE

**PROPOSED STRUCTURE:** As part of the public consultation process required by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED), TELUS is inviting the public to comment on a proposed telecommunications facility consisting of a 63.1-meter tall self-support tower and ancillary radio equipment situated on Pahkeeahjim (former Paukeanum I.R. No. 3) on Cortes Island, BC.

**COORDINATES:** 50.051722, -124.988048

**PUBLIC MEETING:** TELUS will host a digital public meeting via the Webex application on **Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 5:00-6:00 pm**. Please note that during the public meeting there will be two (2) presentations, including a presentation at 5:00 pm and another presentation at 5:30 pm. Each presentation will be followed by a question and answer period. **For details regarding how to join the Webex meeting, please contact the TELUS contact listed below by no later than Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

**TELUS CONTACT:** Further information can be obtained by contacting:  
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# POWELL RIVER REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

## NAME CHANGE

### WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The Powell River Regional Hospital District is seeking public feedback regarding changing its name to qathet Regional Hospital District.

Members of the public who live or own property within the Powell River Regional Hospital District boundaries are invited to submit feedback on the proposed name change. Please ensure all feedback submitted includes your full name and mailing address. Anonymous submissions will not be accepted or considered.

You may send your feedback in the following ways:

**BY MAIL OR IN PERSON:** Regional Hospital District Board of Directors  
#202-4675 Marine Ave  
Powell River, BC V0N 2L2

**BY EMAIL:** [administration@qathet.ca](mailto:administration@qathet.ca)

**BY FAX:** 604-485-2216

The deadline for receiving feedback is June 15, 2022. Please ensure all feedback is received by the deadline in order to be included for consideration.

Personal information provided along with feedback is collected pursuant to section 26 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* for the purpose of enabling members of the public to provide feedback on the proposed name change and to enable the consideration of that feedback. Any personal information you provide in your feedback, as well as all content of feedback will become part of the public record, be made available for public inspection, be published on a public agenda, and forwarded to the Province of BC.

To view the project timeline, staff reports and other background information, please visit [qathet.ca/hospital-district-name-change/](http://qathet.ca/hospital-district-name-change/) or contact the qathet Regional District Administration Department at 604-485-2260 or [administration@qathet.ca](mailto:administration@qathet.ca).

**qathet Regional  
Emergency  
Preparedness**

## GET READY STAY READY

**Emergency Preparedness  
Week**

**May 1-7, 2022**

Being prepared for an emergency is important year-round but this week we encourage you to take action!

Together with community leaders, first responders, all levels of government and local organizations, we can create community resilience and help our community members who face disruptions return to their life and work sooner.

**Get Ready**  
Know the risks  
Make a plan  
Get an emergency kit

**Stay Ready**  
Request a free Emergency Preparedness Workshop for your community group or organization by calling 604-485-2260.

**We will be testing the  
Community Notification System  
on Tuesday, May 3, at 1:15 pm**  
Not registered yet? Visit [qathet.ca](http://qathet.ca)

Scan this code to sign up for alerts

[emergency@qathet.ca](mailto:emergency@qathet.ca)



# Israel Wood Powell's Legacy (Part III-Conclusion)

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Submitted to:  
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This report was prepared by Know History Inc.

**Image credit:** Harry Rowed, "Powell River (B.C.), View of the town of Powell River, B.C.'s pulp and paper plant with a log pond in front of it," July 1944, National Film Board of Canada, Library and Archives Canada, 1971-271-NPC.

Powell River, British Columbia, was named after Dr. Israel Wood Powell.

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the purpose, requisite appropriations will have to be made in some way for purchasing them. It is to be regretted that the Indians were not suitably provided for in the early history of the Colony, and before available locations were alienated from the Crown.

Powell also sought adequate water rights for reservations, seeing access to water as an essential tool for improving the land. In 1886, when the

Commissioner of Indian Affairs gave First Nations bands or their agents permission to apply for water records and claim water rights on their lands, Powell immediately saw to it that applications were submitted for most of the groups in the Upper Fraser Canyon.

This relatively generous position on land and water rights was in line with Powell's paternalistic view of Indigenous communities. In his annual report for 1875, he endorsed moving the Songhess band to reserves with valuable fishing stations and ample land. While there were benefits for the Crown to keep the Songhess close to Victoria, Powell reasoned that by allowing them to maintain access to their traditional harvesting areas, Canada would keep the Songhess people happy and ensure their assimilation into Euro-Canadian society:

Should difficulties occur they are at any season easily reached, either for the purpose of satisfying their complaints or punishing their misdeeds, and hence they are not wanting in respect or admiration for Her Majesty's law and power. Notwithstanding this however, it is important that Reserves which may include many of their most valued fishing stations should be set aside for them without delay, in order to prevent possible intrusion and consequent disturbance. Justice and fair dealing with a due allowance for the perplexity possible to their primitive nature in regarding our different roadways to attaining the

## Land Question

Shortly after establishing the British Columbia branch of Indian Affairs and instating Powell as Superintendent, the federal government set about solidifying reservations for the First Nations

William Duncan's "industrial village" at Metlakatla operated under the idea that civilization can be achieved through economic development and material prosperity. Duncan kept order over the community through a series of explicit social and religious rules, including mandatory education of children, a ban on any acts of giving away property and painting faces, and instructing residents to be clean, industrious, and peaceful. Richard Daly, "Being and Becoming in a World That Won't Stand Still: The Case of Metlakatla," school in Coqualeetza in 1886.

While Powell's position as Superintendent did not give him direct control over matters such as reserve size and placement, he did wield a considerable amount of influence over the decisions made in Victoria and Ottawa. Throughout the 1870s and 1880s, Powell found himself playing the role of advocate for larger reservations, in opposition to the provincial government.

The Royal Proclamation of 1763, issued by King George III to claim British territory in North America, set the groundwork for the treaties and reserves that were created in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries in Canada. The Proclamation declared all land to be owned by Indigenous

peoples until it had been ceded through treaty and purchased by the Crown. Prior to confederation, British Columbia had a number of treaties established by the Governor of British Columbia James Douglas. When Douglas retired, James Trutch took over, reducing the size of several of the reserves established by Douglas's treaties. This set a precedent for small reserve sizes in the province.

When British Columbia joined Canada in 1871, the creation and negotiation of reservations fell into the hands of the federal government. In 1873, Canada issued an Order in Council for the British Columbia government to set aside 80 acres for every First Nations family of five. The Province felt this was excessive and would limit economic growth, countering with 20 acres per family. Powell disagreed with the Province's stance and made known his feelings that 20 acres would severely limit prosperity for First Nations. While eventually the federal government amended the Order in Council to be 20 acres, Powell continued to challenge the provincial government on reserve sizes into the 1880s. In 1882, he wrote,

It would appear desirable, and only justice, to afford Indians, who are clamoring for lands and who are deprived of proper reserves, every encouragement to obtain them. Certainly the natives of those portions of the Province just referred to, are in great want of allotments, and as the Commissioner can find no Crown Lands for

superiority of the Christian Race, and civilizing habits, will then render them contented, law-abiding - in most instances industrious and useful citizens.

He also wrote of the importance of allotting appropriate reserves in order to protect "White" settlers.

Fortunately too, for the past security of the Whites, Indians are divided into small bands under as many chiefs, and I am not aware of any instance where the different tribes of one nationality or tongue, have been able to combine in any united movement under one Chief, or head, either to act on the offensive or defensive. No doubt present complaints among them on account of the deficiency of the Reserves chiefly exist among the Indians of the Interior, who depend for support almost solely on pastoral lands and small cultivable contiguous areas. From those people, I have had frequent evidence of the serious dissatisfaction which prevails amongst them, and which if not allayed, may possibly culminate in something more to be dreaded and of greater difficulty to control.

In Powell's view, good relations with the First Nations population must be cultivated through "forming Reserves at the favorite [sic] places of resort of the several tribes," otherwise risking a dispute "more disastrous than any calamity to which the colony is liable."

While Powell took issue with settler incursion on Indigenous lands in some of his writings, at times he made exceptions to this stance. One notable case is the dispute over a 15,000 acre parcel of land known as Lot 450, situated on traditional Tla'amin, Klahoose, and Homalco territory, and encompassing several traditional villages and seasonal sites. In 1874, land speculator and Victoria politician Robert Paterson Rithet purchased the timber lease to this land under what some authors and academics have called dubious circumstances. The Tla'amin expressed their concerns over logging around their villages to Indian Land Commissioner Gilbert Malcolm Sproat. Sproat agreed that the government should cease sales of the Tla'amin territory before official surveys could be made of their reserves. When Sproat brought these complaints forward Rithet was allowed to purchase the timber lease under the condition that a mill be built on the site, which he failed to do before fully purchasing the lot in 1878. Rithet also came to know about the land while on a speculative visit with a business associate under false pretenses. The resulting sale came before an inquiry and was known as the Texada Scandal.

Powell, the Superintendent was dismissive of Sproat and the Tla'amin's concerns, and dissuaded the Commissioner from visiting the Tla'amin to attempt to reach a compromise.

Some authors have suggested that Powell's inaction on the issue is because he and Rithet were personally associated. While no official record linking these two men has been found, both were members of the Masonic order and belonged to the Vancouver and Quadra Lodge, and were very likely acquainted with one another as members of Victoria's upper class. Even if his laxity was unrelated to knowing Rithet personally, Lot 450 and the lands of the Tla'amin, Klahoose, and Homalco Nations were highly sought after for their economic potential and probably represented areas of potential industry to Powell, who was strongly in favour of the "civilizing" effects of industry on Indigenous peoples. During his time as Superintendent, Powell completed several tours of inspection up the Northwest Coast to the Indigenous communities living there. While the official reason for these visits was for Powell to acquaint himself with the people his office oversaw, Powell had an ulterior purpose: the collection of artefacts.

The removal of sacred and ceremonial objects from Indigenous communities has a long history in Canada and British Columbia. Colonists and collectors alike roamed the Northwest Coast in the nineteenth century seeking cultural objects to add to ethnographic collections and museum displays. The re-housing of these objects in non-Indigenous museums and galleries has created painful legacies for Indigenous communities. Grand Chief Ed John explains,

These drums carry a spirit. They tell the stories of the maker. They become more than objects. They have a spirit in them. It belongs more than just a cultural object, they become part of who we are as indigenous people ...

Sometimes when it is housed in a place like as beautiful as it may look, you know, those spirits are feeling locked up.

Powell was a somewhat prolific collector of Indigenous artefacts, for both his own collections and those of institutions. He showed interest in collecting as part of his official duties early in his career as Superintendent, recommending on a visit to Haida Gwaii in 1873 that the province begin amassing Haida art to form the basis of a provincial collection. One of Powell's first collection assignments was for the Montreal Geological and Natural History Museum in 1879, for which he accumulated over 350 artefacts while completing an inspection tour as part of his duties as Superintendent on the naval ship HMS Rocket.

Powell's largest collection effort came later in his career, in service of the American Museum of Natural History (AMNH) in New York. Powell was offered a contract by a museum representative while on a visit to Victoria in 1880. The director of the museum, Albert Bickmore, sent Powell a laundry list of items that they wished for him to gather on his official visits, including skulls, objects of worship, and old stone tools. Bickmore emphasized in his instructions to Powell that the museum wanted objects that were used for worship, rather than those made for sale. Powell collected Bickmore's requested objects between 1880 and 1885, with most of the artefacts arriving in New York in 1882. How he acquired these items is unclear, though doing so while under the official title of Superintendent may have facilitated the process.

In total, Powell's collection for the AMNH numbered 791 pieces, including a 68-foot-long war canoe from the Haida Gwaii islands. This canoe remains in the AMNH collection, despite Grand Chief Ed John on the removal of sacred objects from the community context. Though the Montreal Geological and Natural History Museum no longer exists, the museum's collections were transferred to Ottawa in 1881 and appear to have been eventually absorbed into the collection of the Canadian Museum of History in Ottawa. Requests from the Haida for its return, just one of many repatriation efforts spearheaded by Indigenous communities to correct misappropriations of their cultural artefacts.

**Conclusion:** Israel Wood Powell's career with the Department of Indian Affairs was characterized by his advocacy of assimilationist policies designed to "civilize" the First Nations of British Columbia and create what he viewed as economically productive citizens. While Powell's work at times aligned with the interests of Indigenous groups, namely in the defense of larger reserve sizes, his support for increased surveillance over First Nations, the creation of residential schools, and banning traditional practices often worked against Indigenous communities in the province by limiting their personal and communal freedoms. In his 17-year tenure as Superintendent of Indian Affairs for British Columbia, Powell drove these harmful policies forward through his reports to Ottawa and correspondence with federal and provincial lawmakers. He believed these policies were to the benefit of First Nations, but his work and legacy were ultimately part of a system whose primary goal was to extinguish Indigenous culture and identity.

# General Assembly (Spring)



**Place:** Salish Centre  
**Date:** Thursday, May 26, 2022  
**Time:** Doors open: 4:30 pm  
**Dinner:** 5:00 pm  
**Presentations:** 5:45 pm

The General Assembly is to present the 2022-2023 Budget to the community.

Tables of information regarding current Nation initiatives will also be set up.

The event will be live streamed for those who cannot attend in person.  
<https://tlaaminnation.com/tnga>



## čėčəhatanapəč

I wanted to take the time to thank Brandi Marriott and her crew for all their hard work running the Breakfast, Lunch and other food programs.

Especially for supporting me in a time of need.

Audrey Green

*Happy 5th Birthday  
Kaius!  
Love your family*

čėčəhaθəč (Welcome!)

## Community Conversation: Possible Name Change

Tla'amin Executive Council requested the City of Powell River consider a name change. The City and Tla'amin Nation have formed a Joint Working Group, based on the Community Accord, to conduct public engagement about this request.

qweyqwayštəm  
(Let's talk!)

### Upcoming Engagement Events!

Thank you to everyone who participated in April's walking tours, film discussions and interactive open houses!

**What's happening in May and June.**



**Public meetings:** We are currently organizing public meetings for people to share their different views about the possible name change. Details to come! Check the project website for more information: [www.powellriver.ca/pnc](http://www.powellriver.ca/pnc).



**Invite us to come to you:** Reach out to invite us to your meeting. We can give a short presentation about the project, answer any questions you may have, and listen to what you and your group has to say. Email [pnc@powellriver.ca](mailto:pnc@powellriver.ca) to coordinate.



**Human library:** Borrow a human book and have a one-on-one conversation about Tla'amin citizens, reconciliation and the possible name change. Check the project website for more details and to register: [www.powellriver.ca/pnc](http://www.powellriver.ca/pnc).



**Self-guided resources:** We will be sharing resources for on-going learning and information sharing on the project website.



**Project email list:** Sign up for the project email update list to get the latest information about the project at: [www.powellriver.ca/pnc](http://www.powellriver.ca/pnc).

*We look forward to being in  
conversation with you!*

