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Tla'amin ʔayʔaʔuθəm Language and Culture Locked into Future Community Planning

By Steve Gallagher
Neh Motl Editor

On April 5th, we move forward into seven years of self-government. Tla'amin has had many successes since we lit up the night in 2016, as we burned the Indian Act, putting an end to being pawns of the federal government. We became decision makers responsible for improving and sustaining the quality of life for our future generations.

Many elders have since passed along our journey to self-government. Their wealth of knowledge continually reminded us of our shared responsibilities to uphold our traditional knowledge, culture and values. Their teachings defined our connection as Tla'amin people to our sacred lands and treasured resources. This has been our traditional way of life for thousands of years prior to contact.

Through our recent Comprehensive Nation planning efforts, elders, youth, off-lands members and community members, all echoed that language and culture must be a priority moving forward. čęčhatənapəšt . We thank (honor) you.

Our Child Development and Resource Centre already demonstrates a solid foundation infusing language and culture for our čī čuy.

At our elementary schools Tla'amin language classes are being offered to all students while learning how to drum and sing our nations anthem. What can we do to increase ʔayʔaʔuθəm in all we do?

At the Governance House staff have begun learning ʔayʔaʔuθəm on a regular basis. Every Tuesday, we challenge ourselves in an effort to learn a few words and phrases each week. Culture and language coordinators Drew Blaney and Randolph Timothy are taking the lead with the assistance from our elders at times.

The Four Sister Nations (Homalco, Klahoose, K'omoks & Tla'amin) have been working together to revitalize our shared ʔayʔaʔuθəm language. In the First Peoples Cultural Council Language Report, our fluency level has dropped to around 3.1



CDRC čī čuys Charlotte Williams, Remi Johnson, Ruby St. Amand have their bear face on during protocol

percent, which is scary to think about. Between Klahoose, Homalco and Tla'amin our population is around 2200 people. This means between our three communities, we have approximately 68 people who speak our language.

With the support of language and cultural programs offered by the nation, there will be opportunities to learn and speak the language. Many of us just hear the words, and understand, but are unable to speak or pronounce the challenging sounds.

When you read through the Neh Motl you will notice an increase in opportunities for community members to attend language classes, make cedar hats, button blankets, and work with cedar.

For the past few months, staff and leadership have been strategizing on how we might be able to extend more programs to our urban citizens and members. We are currently working through

some challenges related to logistics, staffing and funding to implement these programs more broadly moving forward.

Most recently, Tla'amin education agreement (TEA), signed by Tla'amin Nation and School District 47, provides a contract for the best educational outcomes for Tla'amin students. (page 2 of this Neh Motl)

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"We see in our partner a renewed commitment to this relationship and sense of accountability through their expanding Indigenous education department and staff, increasing inclusion of our language and culture in schools, their welcoming our participation on their board and strategic planning, and their plan to change their name. We are, of course, deeply invested in our students' development and wellbeing as Tla'amin children and the new TEA aligns with several goals identified in təms kʷənəmən (our vision), which is our five-year comprehensive nation plan. We raise our hands to those who have high expectations of them and care for their hearts and minds in schools day in and day out."

Jessica Johnson, School District 47 district principal of Indigenous education, said the agreement has been signed by both the Tla'amin Nation and School District 47 with a January 1 start date. Johnson said in 2022, the Tla'amin director of education and herself worked collaboratively and with others to put together the document.

"Fortunately, the [provincial] first nations education steering committee, over the past several years, has been working closely with school districts to come up with a great template, so that was the foundation of the TEA," said Johnson. "The distinction is with Tla'amin Nation being a self-governing treaty nation, there was a lot that needed to be revamped for the specific context here."

Johnson said there was a lot of consultation with and feedback from Tla'amin Nation. The nation's policy, governance and fiscal team went

through the document to provide feedback, she added.

The TEA sets out the parameters for the relationship between Tla'amin Nation and School District 47 as the service provider for education of the Tla'amin students, according to Johnson.

"It's an agreement that speaks to all aspects of that relationship," said Johnson. "One is the financial relationship, plus how we want to engage together and work together to contribute to the success of Indigenous learners, from Tla'amin, specifically."

In the document is a focus on a call to action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, said Johnson, as well as the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and the declaration on the rights of Indigenous people in BC. She said the TEA is meant to be a living document and as amendments are needed, the parties can work together. There is also an oversight team in place to make sure the TEA is being used and implemented at the school district level.

Johnson said there will be a presentation to school administrators in February to walk through some specific sections that would be relevant to administrators.

"The hope is that it is actually going to guide the relationship instead of being a nice thing to sign and then leave on the shelf," said Johnson. "I know the board of education is really committed to the relationship with Tla'amin Nation, as is the school district, broadly."

Johnson said about a third of the Indigenous school population in the schools is from Tla'amin Nation, with another third being Métis and the

other third being non-status or status learners from other communities around Canada.

"The TEA speaks to Tla'amin specifically, with the idea that what's best for Tla'amin students will be best for other Indigenous students, as well as all students," said Johnson. "It is meant to focus specifically on the Tla'amin student population with the overarching piece in mind."

Johnson said Indigenous education is not just for Indigenous students, it's for all, and the more people have an understanding of

Indigenous history, the more it will impact the region and the community.

Johnson said Tla'amin students can have achievement gaps and there are a number of contributing factors have led to that. She said the impacts of colonialism on Indigenous people, with bias, prejudice and racism, plus systemic barriers, contribute to that achievement gap, which is seen province-wide for Indigenous learners.

"We're definitely very committed to focus on closing that gap," said Johnson. "A number of strategies have come into play, such as student tracking, so we are aware of what's happening for students in terms of their social and emotional well-being, their academic success, and the challenges they might be facing."

Johnson said there is thought about how and what is expected of students, what is meaningful learning to Indigenous students, and how does the school district capture and validate the educational experience.

"There are so many ways that Indigenous students have been impacted," said Johnson. "There have been so many impacts, especially through COVID-19. The system can change to meet the needs of Indigenous students. We want students to be graduating, but beyond that, with dignity, purpose and options. We want to make sure their graduation is meaningful to them and that they are able to pursue whatever path they are passionate about.

"We don't just want to get the Tla'amin students through the system, we want the system to serve them."

Shared by PR Peak

Tla'amin Land and Resources Planning Update

It has been a busy 2023 for the Lands and Resources Department and just like that we enter Spring. Here is a brief overview of our current events.

The Tla'amin Lands and Resources team could not complete all the good work without leaning on each other and the other Tla'amin departments. I want to take a moment to raise our hands and thank all the departments for continuing to work together on this important work.

A special thank you to the Fire Department, Hatchery Crew, and the Public Yards Work Crew for being our feet on the ground and working together to complete the work that needs to be done.

The Hatchery Crew and the Public Yards Work Crew worked together to set the branches for herring roe. They went out and laid the branches down close to the shorelines of Cape Lazo North of Comox, and they were successful when collecting the branches with herring roe attached. Much appreciation to K'omoks Nation for granting the protocol. They brought it home to the Hatchery and were able to deliver out to the community. We appreciate all the hard work that was completed to ensure our community received some Herring Roe.



Thank you to Gerry Galligos for sharing his knowledge and wisdom and taking the youngsters out to teach them our traditional practices.

Goal 19 – Improve Food security – of the Tla'amin Nation Comprehensive Nation Plan.

Emergency Marine Mammal Response Training



The Lands and Resources Department supports ongoing training of staff, so they are able to participate in the protection and stewardship of our Territory.

March 20 -23, 2023, The Fire Department and Guardians were trained by DFO Paul Cottrell and Taylor Lenhart. They went out on the boat and learned how to place Satellite Tags



out on the ocean to help track the whales, then the second day they went to the Tla'amin Waterfront for a demonstration of Cetacean Stranding -also known as beaching (to learn how to save a beached whale). The last part of the training the instructor Dr. Raverty was not able to do it, so we will advertise a one-day event to do a Necropsy (Autopsy of a whale), which is a critical part of the stranding response. We will meet again in May or June to have an overview of this training and complete the Necropsy in the afternoon. Stay Tuned for a future date.

Goal 15 – Strengthen our presence and environmental stewardship within ?ems gije of the Comprehensive Nation Plan

Tla'amin Harvest Card and App

Reminder to update your Harvest Card by emailing citizenship@tn-bc.ca . Check your expiration date and update accordingly. All harvest should be reported online <https://ee.kobotoolbox.org/x/jm0TbGqC> . If you enter your harvest data you will be eligible for prize draws.

Reminder: You are required to record the length and sex of all hatchery-marked spring and coho salmon and return the heads to the Tla'amin Salmon Hatchery (hatchery marked fish are missing the adipose fin).

Goal 17 – Improve clarity and transparency of decision making related to the use of Tla'amin Lands and Resources of the Comprehensive Nation Plan

Tla'amin Food Security

We have started a monthly meeting to discuss the food security for the Nation and future planning around it. Tla'amin Community Services, Health Department, Lands and Resources, and project managers have been able to meet and bring our resources together to support one another on ongoing projects and deliverables to the community.



Climate Change and Food Security with 4 Nations is still ongoing. We are working together with 3 other coastal communities, Skidegate, Nuhalk (Bella Coola) and Namgis (Alert Bay) to ensure that we will continue to thrive off the natural resources in the face of climate change affecting our food sources. We are hoping to develop a plan to possibly bring back trading with other first nation communities, developing agricultural farming and more. Each community is currently conducting up to 100 dietary household surveys to compare to the previous dietary survey that occurred over 10 years ago. This data will assist in us developing a plan that works for our community. We have completed 50 surveys to date and are now opening them to all Tla'amin Residents to complete. \$60.00 per survey and an additional \$25 for completing part II of the 24-hour food recall portion of the survey.

Please call April Linton 604-483-9646 ext#154 or or email april.treacle@tn-bc.ca to set up an interview date to complete the dietary survey for your household living in Tla'amin.

Food, Climate and Biodiversity Project

Tla'amin Nation has been chosen to work with other Indigenous Coastal Areas around the world in a 6-year Partnership, to be funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, is to support and facilitate the development of viable solutions to global food, climate, and biodiversity (FCB) challenges. The Partnership will conduct research based on five case studies worldwide, including this us (Tla'amin Nation) in British Columbia (BC) Canada.

This research will thus support Tla'amin Nation priorities by conducting research that designs and investigates climate action plans which also strengthen the Nation's governing positions in reference to Title and Treaty rights and the self-determination of the Nation.

This case study will extend beyond the existing Climate Change and Food Security project that focuses on improving nutritional health. We will co-investigate with the Tla'amin First Nation and FNHA to answer the research question on "Whether and how the transformation of principles governing seafood supply, access or distribution could help provide nutritionally vulnerable First Nations people with affordable and available seafood in British Columbia."

Referrals

We have hired and welcomed a new Territorial Stewardship Manager; her name is Connie Graham. She will be leading our Referrals Team, which has been supported by Sandra Harry the Referrals Assistant. We have also now hired two full-time TUS Monitors, Jason Francis, and Scotty Galligos. We added to our team a casual TUS Monitor, Bradley Titian. Thank you to all the applicants that applied and congratulations to our new hires.

Now that spring is here, Reminder to Tla'amin, Klahanie and Southview Residents:

No New Digging on your property without consultation with our Referrals Team. Whether it is pile driving a new fence, digging a new garden, or excavating please email referrals@tn-bc.ca or call 604-483-9646 ext. #151 to determine if we have to send monitor out to your house to supervise the dig.

TUS Monitoring is Free for Nation members, this will assist in ensuring we are not digging up any Tla'amin Artifacts.

If you have a garden that has been dug in previous years you are welcome to rotor tilled or re-dug without TUS monitors.

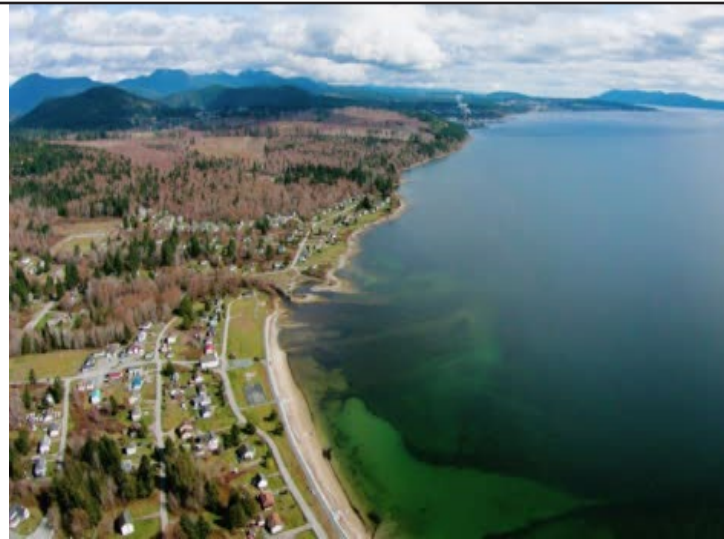
Cultural and Heritage Committee

We are still seeking available candidates to join our committee. Anyone interested please call April Linton 604-483-9646 or email april.treacle@tn-bc.ca ext# 154 or email culturecommittee@tn-bc.ca

Lands and Resources Open House

We would also extend an invitation to all Tla'amin community to come out on April 26, 2023, at the Salish Centre for the Next Open House for the Lands and Resources team. We would like to share with you what is happening in our department, and we always encourage feedback from the community to assist in ensuring that our community's desires for our Nation's future planning are captured. We must continue to work together as everything we do is interconnected with each other and the lands surrounding us.

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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 2023. We will have a short presentation followed by an open house of booths with Staff.



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4885 HWY#101
Tla'amin BC

April 26, 2023

Doors Open at 4:30pm

4:30pm – 7:00pm

Call for Interest: Members for the Culture and Heritage Committee

In accordance with the Tla'amin Culture and Heritage Law, the Tla'amin Nation is seeking interested Tla'amin Citizens and noncitizens residing within the Community, and on lease lands, to build a committee to assist decision-making and policy development concerning Tla'amin culture and heritage.

The Culture and Heritage Committee plays an important role in protecting our history and planning for the future of the Tla'amin Nation. Its mandate is to provide information to the Lands and Resources Department, fill knowledge gaps and/or recommendations regarding our laws and regulations. The Committee will also present reports to the elected leadership on culture and heritage activities of the Nation.

Being a member of the Committee is not expected to be a significant time commitment. Meetings are typically held four (4) to six (6) times per year. Committee members are provided honoraria for their time, along with reimbursement of reasonable expenses related to participation in the Committee.

The Committee will be comprised of:

- at least three individuals who are Tla'amin Citizens, one of whom is an Elder, and one of whom is an elected official;
- individuals who are knowledgeable about Tla'amin culture, language and heritage;
- individuals who have some familiarity with ᑕᓂᓂᓂᑦ (Ayajuthem) Tla'amin language;

- residents in Klahanie or Southview Leaseholders can apply (not a requirement for the Committee).

The Tla'amin Culture and Heritage Committee shall:

- Advise the Tla'amin staff and the Executive Council on matters relating to Tla'amin culture, language, and heritage;
- Carry out other roles as reasonably requested by the Director or Executive Council, and;
- Review all documents as requested and provide feedback.

How do I apply?

Please submit an application by Friday, March 31, 2023 at 4:30pm. Applications can be submitted via email culturecommittee@tn-bc.ca or at the Tla'amin Nation Governance office – 4779 Klahanie Drive. Please include the following:

- A cover letter that explains why you think you would be a good candidate
- Your resume

Selected candidates must undergo a satisfactory criminal record check, at the Nation's cost. If you have any questions, please contact April Linton at (604) 483-9646 Ext. 154

Thank you for your interest.

Harwood Drive Subdivision

I have been investigating Teeshohsum looking for viable sites to build rapid housing on. There are a few sites that will work but not nearly enough to satisfy the need. I have mainly been focussing on Nation owned lots that are large enough to subdivide and build 2 homes on. The houses at 6598 Homalco Road are an example of this.

The last big housing development for the community was Harwood Dr. and that was almost 30 years ago. Teeshohsum is growing in population and we need to meet this demand while also housing those who aren't in adequate housing, or are facing homelessness.

The best solution is building on land that is close to water and sewer services so the development can happen sooner with less cost than building elsewhere. We are looking at incorporating lands outside of the community for more rural settings, but we have to have everyone in need housed first.

The Harwood Drive area is large enough to accommodate several lots in close proximity to each other for rapid building to take place. All the infrastructure is in place to tie into. There is a suitable area at the old gravel pit to act as a staging area and storage spot for contractors, so we can keep that congestion away from the public. There is also the opportunity to keep pushing the subdivision towards Gibson's Beach, for more phases of construction in the future.

That is why we chose this area for development. With it we can accommodate both Private and Nation owned homes in a quantity that will help ease the long wait lists.

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Sean McKinnon, RSC
Project Manager.

Harwood next steps

- In situ did 12 shovel tests that were positive for lithics and made 2 surface finds. We are screening the soil that comes off of those sites to further investigate.
- We are going to start the road from the top end of Harwood Dr. down to the playground.
- On going clearing of trees that came down and stockpiling as firewood for elders.
- Cleaning up Gibson's Gravel Pit to make staging/lay-down area.
- Eagerly awaiting Gwaii Engineering's design package.
- VIU Heavy Equipment Operator students hard at work training for 8 weeks.

Tla'amin Government takes next steps to acquire Future Acquisition Lands

On March 9, 2023, the Lands and Resources Department took representatives from BC to visit three parcels of Tla'amin Future Acquisition Lands: The Powell and Townley Islets Parcel, the Thulin Passage Parcel, and the Texada Island Parcel. Through the Tla'amin Treaty, these are parcels of land set aside by BC, that can be transferred back to Tla'amin through a purchase agreement, and that will be subsequently added to Tla'amin Treaty Lands.



The purpose of the trip on March 9 was to give BC representatives a better understanding of the significance of each of these parcels to Tla'amin. This important project has been a few years in the making, but we are finally building a solid foundation and getting this work implemented with BC.

The Future Acquisition Land maps can be found in the Tla'amin Final Agreement Appendices, Appendix I (pp. 237 – 263), which is available on the Tla'amin Nation website.

If you have any questions, please email Denise Smith at Denise.Smith@tn-bc.ca or Emily White at emily.white@tn-bc.ca

2023 SPRING CLEAN UP

TLA'AMIN COMMUNITY (t'ışosəm)

April 17th-20th (Monday to Thursday)
8:00am – 4:00pm

Disposal bins will be on Waterfront Rd near the Sewage Treatment Plant

KLAHANIE & SOUTHVIEW

April 24th-27th (Monday to Thursday)
8:00am – 4:00pm

Disposal bins location TBA

Guidelines:

- This spring clean-up initiative is for those residing in the Tla'amin community only. Do not accept waste from others.
- If you have your own truck, please bring your unwanted junk to the disposal bins. If not, please leave these items at the end of your driveway for pick-up.
- IMPORTANT: We cannot enter any homes to pack things out for you.
- Please empty all appliances before disposal.
- Items not allowed: regular household garbage, yard waste, construction/renovation waste.

* **Please do not pile up your waste sooner than April 17th** * Leaving garbage/junk out over the next few weeks will attract bears and rodents. It will also collect rainwater & increase the weight for disposal.

Message from Cultural Coordinator Drew Blaney

Culture Nights

Due to very low attendance at Culture Night on Wednesdays, we have decided to try out a new day, Sunday! Come out to the Cultural Portable on Sundays at 3:00pm to learn the songs and dances, and to prepare for Tribal Journey! Due to a busy schedule, Culture Nights will take place on April 2nd, 23rd and 30th Only.

Family Language Nights

Come out with the family to enjoy a fun night learning our language. Family Language nights will take place at the Cultural Portable starting at 5:00pm. Food is provided!

Family Language Night Dates: April 4th & 18th

Cedar Root Weaving

Betty Wilson will be teaching an introductory to cedar root weaving starting on April 14th. This will be a three day workshop and participants are asked to attend all three days. For sign up, please contact Drew Blaney at drew.blaney@tn-bc.ca or by calling (604)-483-9646 ext. 123. Registration will be on a first come- first served basis, however our programming will have a 'one per household' policy to ensure that all families can take part.

Dates: April 14th – 16th

Tribal Journey 2023

Skipper Training has taken place during the final weeks of March and canoe practices will begin in April. This year, Tla'amin will be sending two canoes on the canoe journey, and a large contingent of youth. There is still plenty of room for community members that wish to join.

Canoe Journey Meeting: 5:00 on Wednesday, April 26th
Cultural Portable

Leave Date: July 19th **Landing Date:** July 30th

Protocol: July 30th – August 5th



This totem pole will be raised at the new $\lambda\alpha\chi\lambda\alpha\chi\alpha\gamma$ η aye Elders & Accessible Housing project. Opening ceremonies to be announced soon. Left to Right: Carver Ivan and Cultural Coordinator Drew Blaney



**Good Food Box is April
18th, May 16th and June
20th**

CEDAR WEAVING

At the Culture portable

(next door to Ahms Ta'ow)

April 2nd, 23rd

May 7th, 28th

June 4th, 11th, 25th

12pm-3pm

Tla'amin Nation community members are invited to come and weave together!

Bring your own project or start a new one!

Some materials and snacks provided.

For more information contact sosan.blaney@tn-bc.ca or 778 992 015

Policy launched at Modern Treaties conference will ensure Treaty Nations are not left behind

Prime Minister signs new policy for Canada to meaningfully implement its promises in modern treaties.

Over 500 leaders and workers from modern treaty Nations gathered on unceded Anishinabe Algonquin territory at the Westin hotel in Ottawa February 28 to March 2 to tackle common treaty implementation problems and advance Indigenous self-determination.

The conference happens every two years and is hosted by the Land Claims Agreements Coalition. A group of 20+ land claim and treaty agreement holders spanning from Inuvik to Ucluelet.

Among the assembled Nations, Tla'amin was the new kid on the block and holder of the youngest treaty in the room. Although Tla'amin is only 7 years into implementation, members of the community spoke on numerous panels and in the plenary sessions.

Dillon Johnson (toqʷanən), Executive Councillor presented on Tla'amin's implementation journey alongside Bertha Rabesca Zoe from Tlicho and Daniel Quan-Watson, Deputy Minister from Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs. The panel highlighted some of the challenges and benefits that the treaty has brought. Councillor Johnson focused on community unity, stability in governance, and growth in jobs and economy.

"It is inspiring to be among treaty people," said toqʷanən "The conversation is really progressive, it's a solutions-based conversation because as self-governing Nations, we have no one to fall back on but ourselves."

Delegates attended workshops on diverse topics such as new policy for modern treaty holders to



Minister Mark Miller announces the new treaty implementation policy to conference delegates on February 28, 2023 ahead of a press conference on the topic.

maintain section 87 tax exemption, emergency management in a self-government context, preservation and advancement of Indigenous languages, collaborative self-government fiscal policy, and an Indigenous data toolkit.

Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, Hon. Mark Miller only had to cross the street from parliament to make an important announcement on February 28.

Speaking at the forum, Minister Miller said "You're here because you took a leap of faith with Canada [by signing a modern treaty], no one should be punished for that. Today we are launching a new Collaborative Modern Treaty Implementation Policy which represents a whole of government approach to honouring and implementing the treaties that you hold with Canada. It is a set of instructions to all of government to uphold treaties and make sure we are considering treaty Nations in everything we do."

The new treaty policy was created to solve common issues experienced by treaty partners including:

- Federal officials' poor understanding or lack of respect for upholding modern treaties,
- Federal officials' narrow interpretation of the obligations set out in modern treaties,
- A siloed approach to carrying out the obligations in modern treaties, resulting in inefficiencies and delays in implementation,
- Lack of coordination between the federal government and the relevant provincial or territorial governments, resulting in barriers to modern treaty holders' exercise of jurisdiction, among other challenges, and
- A lack of federal accountability mechanisms needed to stimulate the transformative behavioural change within the federal system.

Despite decades of modern treaty-making with Indigenous peoples across Canada, the federal government has never had a comprehensive policy for how it implements modern treaties.

The new policy called "Canada's Collaborative Modern Treaty Implementation Policy" was passed at the highest level and directs government employees across all federal departments to understand and honour modern treaties.

Highlights of the new policy

- establishes an annual meeting with the Prime Minister for modern treaty holders
- recognizes that modern treaties are under-resourced and affirms Canada's commitment to continue to collaboratively develop fiscal methodologies to meet modern treaty holders' expenditure needs.
- singles out the people responsible within government to implement modern treaties as "deputy heads" and directs them to:
- Ensure that modern treaty holders are able to effectively exercise their jurisdictions;
- Improve dispute resolution processes;
- Support the evolution of modern treaties to include advancements in laws and policies;
- Improve training for federal officials so that they better understand modern treaties and are well-equipped to work to ensure their promise are upheld; and
- Build accountability and oversight mechanisms that assess Canada's implementation actions and ensure they are living up to the promises in modern treaties

"As someone who works in government, I recognize the importance of this policy" said Executive Council member Lori Wilson, "these systems are big and hard to communicate through, strong direction from the Prime minister down through every level is effective. I was happy to wit

ness this historic moment and look forward a real change in how members of the federal public service interact with our Tla'amin government as a result."

Tla'amin staff member Emily White took part in the conference's youth learning and sharing track. Young people from modern treaty Nations took part in a treaty simulation hosted by the Gordon Foundation. The simulation offered crash-course on the operational intricacies of treaty implementation.

"Treaty is an intergenerational promise between governments, so it is vitally important that our youth are involved in these conversations around treaty and treaty implementation," said Ms. White "I look forward to applying everything I learned at the conference in our day-to-day work at home."



Emily White from Tla'amin's Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs Relations team shares a laugh with youth at the LCAC gathering.

Xwe'etay/Lasqueti Project: Indigenous Cultural Heritage Protection and the Local Planning Process

By Sean Markey, Madeleine MacLean, Dana Lepofsky (Simon Fraser University)

The Xwe'etay/Lasqueti Archaeology Project (XLAP) has been busy investigating the relationship between local planning processes and Indigenous cultural heritage (ICH). A saying that we've heard repeatedly – from both local and provincial level interviews, Indigenous and settlers alike – is that ICH is being, “lost at the pace of development.” The Archaeology Branch, of the Provincial Government, is ultimately responsible (in a terms of legal authority) for the protection of ICH. And, the law is clear: it is illegal to destroy or disturb Archaeological sites without conducting an official assessment. So, if that's true...then why is ICH being destroyed and lost so readily – and with it, the knowledge that it represents, going back since time immemorial, for Indigenous Nations? Research conducted by the XLAP project has some answers – and hopefully, some solutions regarding the role of the local planning process.



Andrew Timothy and Xwe'etay community members sorting through a midden, unknowingly disturbed 20 years ago. The land owner today is a big XLAP project supporter.

Local governments are responsible for the delivery of services and managing the development process. The tools available to local government planners are mostly regulatory by nature (e.g. permits, zoning, bylaws, community plans). Although local governments may, “recognize the heritage value or heritage character of a heritage property, an area or some other aspect of the community's heritage,” this only applies to built structures on the landscape rather than archaeological heritage.

The distinction between “heritage” and “archaeology” in both the Heritage Conservation Act (HCA) and the Local Government Act means that the Province considers Indigenous structures (e.g., middens, clam gardens, fish traps, house platforms, etc.) to be elements of archaeology, while settler colonial structures (i.e., heritage buildings, heritage towns) are considered “heritage.” Ultimately, this means that the powers granted to local governments to protect heritage only applies to colonial heritage. Furthermore, while the HCA automatically protects pre-1846 archaeological sites and belongings, the same does not apply to post-1846 archaeology and therefore disregards the value of contemporary Indigenous heritage.

Through the Islands Trust, Xwe'etay/Lasqueti can advocate for ICH protection measures in their Official Community Plan (OCP) and other bylaws. However, there is no regulatory requirement to do so. Advocacy statements are also not enforceable, and they do not have the authority to implement ICH management strategies. What this means is that the Islands Trust, and other local governments, are not allowed to create a specific development permit for the purposes of archaeological protection (and development permits are not required on Xwe'etay and many other non-metropolitan areas). The result: ICH is being lost or not appropriately accessed for information gathering purposes.

The XLAP project believes that many of the answers to this problem are solved at the local level. Below are our recommendations to improve the protection of ICH:

Indigenous heritage policy implementation: local governments should work with Indigenous Nations to support the implementation of Indigenous cultural heritage policies (developed by Nations) and uphold these policies in community plans and bylaws.

Regulation and enforcement: Authority should be granted from the Province to local governments to manage ICH, so that new bylaws can be created at the local level. New regulations must be designed in collaboration with both descendant and settler communities.

Defining Indigenous cultural heritage: the provincial government should amend their definitions of ICH to remove the discrepancies between heritage/archaeology, settler heritage/Indigenous heritage/archaeology, and pre/post-1846 archaeological heritage, so that ICH can be afforded equally robust protection measures as colonial heritage.

Community centred archaeology: CCA initiatives should increase and continue at the local level, to bring together Indigenous and settler communities, build relationships, foster learning, and continue building the knowledge base surrounding Indigenous heritage. CCA should be supported by higher levels of government but designed and implemented at the local level.

For more information, please see our project website (<https://www.lasquetiarc.ca/>), or contact Sean Markey, spmarkey@sfu.ca

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

March 13, 2023

The Honourable David Eby Office of the Premier
PO Box 9041 STN Prov. Govt.
Victoria, BC V8W 9E1

Sent via email: premier@gov.bc.ca

Re: Exclusion of Modern Treaty Nations from Growing Communities Fund

Dear Premier Eby,

I write as Hegus of Tla'amin Nation in response to your Office's announcement of the new Growing Communities Fund. The allocation methodology that your government has taken to implement this new fund is exclusive and discriminatory.

The intent of the Growing Communities Fund is to provide support to address the infrastructure and amenity needs of local governments across the province. The Tla'amin Nation is not a part of any regional district of municipality, and our government experiences and is responsible for community infrastructure issues just as other local governments are. Our program and service responsibilities and our financial obligations to our citizens and to non-citizen residents who live on our treaty lands are similar in many respects to the responsibilities and obligations of local governments in BC. The Growing Communities Fund is an excellent opportunity for the Province to acknowledge the responsibilities it delegated to Tla'amin Nation in the treaty.

Our Nation has been neglected for decades by both the Government of Canada and the Province of BC, having 'inherited' a lack of housing and essential community infrastructure, such as youth centre and parks. Our communities face gaps and our Citizens continue to suffer. The Growing Communities Fund is an excellent opportunity for the Province to acknowledge the infrastructure gaps experienced by Tla'amin Nation and other Modern Treaty Nations in BC.

At our November 29, 2022 meeting with you, Modern Treaty Nation Leadership expressed that we have and are seeing situations where our treaty rights and interests are being dismissed and ignored by the Province in its reconciliation work to implement the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP). You promised to ensure that Modern Treaty Nations would not be left behind, and you promised to follow and act on the commitments of our Shared Priorities Framework.

Your current method for the distribution of the Growing Communities Fund does not align with your commitments in our Shared Priorities Framework, including the commitment to provide "appropriate fiscal arrangements to fulfill treaty rights and obligations" and further indicates that our interests are being dismissed and ignored in the Province. Your current method for distribution of the Fund excludes Tla'amin Citizens and other residents who live on our treaty lands – the funding allocation is discriminatory and it must be reconsidered to include Tla'amin Nation and other Modern Treaty Nations.

We urge your government to reconsider its approach to include Modern Treaty Nations in this community investment fund.

Yours truly,

Hegus John S. Hackett



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Friday, April 14; 6-10pm
Saturday, April 15; 8am-4pm

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Contact Tarra Tipton at tarra.tipton@tn-bc.ca



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March and April Weekend
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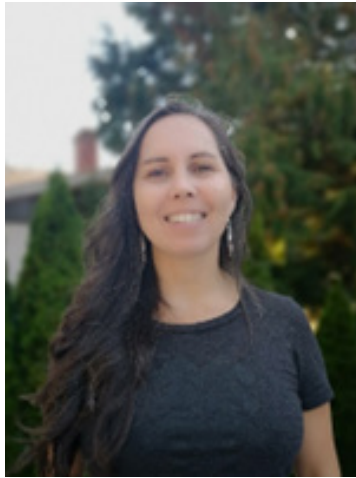
REGISTER NOW!
EMAIL NOREEN PAUL
noreen.paul@tn-bc.ca



This totem pole will be raised at the new $\lambda\alpha\chi\lambda\alpha\chi\alpha\gamma$?aye Elders & Accessible Housing project. Opening ceremonies to be announced soon.

SPRING EDUCATION CHECK-IN

With Spring Break now passed, your Department of Education would like to know how we can support this final and important stretch of your child's school year. In the coming weeks, Cindy Mitchell, the Student Success and Wellness Caseworker on our team, will be calling every family with kids in K-12 to see how things are going and offer to help in any way we can to see every Tla'amin student reach their fullest potential!



Tla'amin Nation would like to congratulate the following students on his/her educational goal and wish well on future endeavors !!

1. **Chantal Carta** who completed Level one and two Culinary Arts VIU Nanaimo Campus.
2. **Courteney George** who completed Health Care Assistant Program at Powell River Campus
3. **Jack Gustafson** who completed Health Care Assistant Program at Powell River Campus.
4. **Sadie Timothy-Grigg** completed Practical Nursing Diploma at CDI College Vancouver
5. **Brittany Vivier** completed Indigenous Holistic Wellness and Addictions Diploma at NVIT Vancouver Campus

Louise Dominick
Tla'amin Nation Post Secondary Coordinator

What's happening in April?

April 4
Early Dismissal - 1:45pm

April 12
Jersey Day

April 13
Cross Country
at Edgehill - 1:00pm

April 14 & 21
Spelling Bees

April 20
Student Led Conferences
- Noon Dismissal

April 27
Cross Country
at Sunset Park - 3:30pm



\$730 for Earthquake Relief

Students in Brendan Maguire's Grade 5/6 class hosted a bake sale to raise money for earthquake relief in Turkey and Syria. They are donating \$730 to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank charity.

Assumption Catholic School is hiring!

On-call staff (certified teachers, certified EAs, responsible adults, custodial)
Contact Principal Lisa Berg to apply:
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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

If you have a child that turns 5 before the 31st of December 2023 they can be registered NOW to start Kindergarten for September!

For further information or help please contact Gina Francis at gina.francis@tn-bc.ca

tla'amin Education
Departement

Kindergarten Health and Wellness Fair

Save the Date!

25 April
2023

Available appointment times will be sent home soon.



Salish
Center

For further info please contact
Gina Francis at:
gina.francis@tn-bc.ca

TLA'AMIN CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES REFORM



CALLOUT TO QAYMLX^w PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

ARE YOU A PARENT OF YOUNG CHILDREN, FROM TLA'AMIN OR A SISTER NATION?

Please join us at one of two focus group opportunities:

- **virtual:**

Tuesday, April 18.
12:00 - 1:00pm. contact Ryan for link (details below)

- **in-person:**

Wednesday, April 19.
11:30am - 1:00pm in the qathet room at Tla'amin Health.
Please register in advance.



WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

- We will protect your anonymity.
- You will receive an honorarium for your time.
- You will help shape future Child & Family Services for all Tla'amin people.

CONTACT **RYAN PIELLE**, CHILD WELFARE REFORM COORDINATOR, FOR MORE INFORMATION OR **TO REGISTER**.



(604) 414-4280



ryan.pielle@tn-bc.ca

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



Conversations about change in Child and Family Services Reform

The Child and Family Services Reform team hosted two drop-in info sessions on Monday, March 27th: one in the morning for Tla'amin Health staff, and one in the afternoon for Tla'amin Nation staff.

As the Tla'amin Nation continues on its journey to assert jurisdiction over Child and Family Services, we are continuing conversations about what has changed, what has not (yet) changed, and what people would like to see in the future. Keeping lines of communication open among staff

can ensure community members receive consistent messaging about the services that are available.

Staff drop-in sessions included information on: the path to jurisdiction, how to get involved, current reporting process, and how to support clients. If you have questions or would like more information about any of these things, please contact Ryan Pielie, the Tla'amin Nation's Child Welfare Reform Coordinator: ryan.pielie@tn-bc.ca or 604-414-4280.



This totem pole will be raised at the new ɫaxɫaxay ʔaye Elders & Accessible Housing project. Opening ceremonies to be announced soon.

Elders Corner

Tla'amin Elders Coordinator
 Doreen Hopkins
 604-483-3009

Elders Luncheons:

Elders Luncheon

Date: April 11th, 2023 (Tuesday)

Location: Dragon House Restaurant

Call to Reserve your seat

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Guest: Arthur Arnold, Dutch-born conductor Co-founder and Artistic Director of the Pacific Region International Summer Music Association (PRISMA Festival & Academy)

Elders Luncheon

Date: April 25th, 2023 (Tuesday)

Location: Tla'amin Health

Guest: Open

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Gentle Stretching

Kimberley Gage (Tuesdays)

April 11th, 18th, 25th, 2023
 May 2nd, 2023

Location: Tla'amin Health Building

Time: 9:35a.m. to 10:20 a.m.

Quilting Workshop

(Quilts will be gifted to Residential Survivors)

April 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th , 2023

Location: Gym

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Lunch: 12:00 noon

Registration required – join us if interested in learning how to Quilt – please contact Doreen Hopkins

Free Tla'amin Swim and Skate at Recreation Complex



These activities is for our Tla'amin members.

The swim is open 7 days a week at the complex.

This includes, the exercise room, aquacise & skating with skate rentals included.

These programs are open with the complex hours.

When signing in with these activities, make sure you are signing with family, if you have your child/ren, grandchild, a family member.

This helps to ensure we are cutting down some costs. The sheet has area for all ages, can you make sure you print or write clearly. Please don't let your child sign in.

**For information: Dawna Pallen, Health Promotion
604.483.3009 extension 104**

DENTAL CLINIC

Dental Clinics for April are as follows, April 12, 14, 18 & 21st. Please contact me for any appointments.

I would also like to introduce our new dental hygienist Shawna Sutton who will be coming in on Thursday April 13th from 1 – 3 p.m. for children 0 – 5 years. Shawna will be doing parent education, screening and fluoride varnish if necessary.

Any one wanting an appt for their little ones please call Cathy @ 778 657 5924.
Contact: cathy.paul@tn-bc.ca

MEN'S GROUP PLANNING SESSION

An evening for men to get together and plan the activities for the Men's Group. This group is your group and what you would like to see happen.

April 4 @ 5:00 PM

**Tla'amin Health Qathet Room
Snacks and refreshments provided.**

For more information contact:

**Frank Osawamick
Men's Support**

604-483-3009 Ext. 113

Men's Support Update

Hello Tla'amin Community. It has been a while since updating the community of the Men's Support program. Partially due to COVID-19 protocols and ensuring our community members remain safe. With that in mind, here are some activities I am planning.

Individual Support

For those of you seeking more directed or individualized supports, I am always open to meeting with you one-on-one to discuss and to support your emotional and social needs. Or to connect you with other mental or physical supports! Tla'amin Health will welcome a second Nurse Practitioner (NP) in mid-April. Tristan Pratt, NP, will soon be available for those men seeking the clinical supports of a male practitioner.

Men's Group – Planning Meeting April 4th!

In response to the numerous requests for the Men's Group to start again, a planning session will be held on April 4, 2023 (see flyer) to begin the process of starting up the group again. It will be helpful to have input from the men wishing to participate on what activities they would like to see during this group time. This is your

group, and your input is needed. Looking forward to seeing you at 5pm on April 4th in the main meeting room at Tla'amin Health.

Moose Hide Campaign Event May 11th!

The Moosehide Campaign is an event to bring awareness to stop violence against women and children. This event will be held on May 11, 2023 with the hopes of having the men of our community gather in support of this issue. I will share more details about when and where we will meet on May 11th in next month's Neh Mot!

Men's Health and Wellness Week – Father's Day BBQ June 18th!

The last two events for Tla'amin Men's Health and Wellness week have been successful and I hope to plan for something a little different this year to promote men's health. As usual, the event will be during the week prior to Father's Day on June 18 and ending with a Father's Day barbeque. More details to come!

These are just some of the highlights for 2023. Other activities will be planned by participants and the community will be updated as the group progresses.

**Frank Osawamick
Men's Support**

čičyε Circle meeting

(March 9, 2023)



Present: Chair: Ryan Pielle. Members: Elsie Paul, Doreen Point, Alex Point, Brenda Pielle, Pauline Paul, Jerry Francis, Lynn Galligos, Gladys Osawamick, Rose Adams, Sherry Bullock, Evie Tom. Guests: Janet Newbury, Randolph Timothy. Opening prayer/reflection, and check-ins

Workshop #1 'What we heard' summary report:

- Participants signed release for recording forms.
- The group reviewed the draft 'what we heard' report
- Discussion:
- The approach to teaching is gentle at very young ages, building strong connections between babies and caregivers, in order to set the foundation for them to receive and embody teachings as they continue to grow.
- Knowing who you are is an important part of raising strong Tla'amin children and families.
- Every child is a special gift from the Creator; acknowledging and honouring this is important.
- Healing is important; rebuilding intergenerational connections is necessary to bring these teachings to life.
- Writing these teachings down is an important step in sharing them more widely and integrating them

in all we do.

- Dates for workshop #2 are set.

MCFD agreement updates:

- While Tla'amin pursues the longer term process of exercising jurisdiction over Child and Family Services, MCFD has jurisdiction. We are creating interim agreements to improve service delivery in the meantime.
- A draft interim local protocol agreement has been drafted and is ready for approval
- A draft interim provincial agreement is currently being drafted

Action items:

- Ryan to follow up with workshop participants who were absent from today's meeting to sign release for recordings
- Ryan to hold orientation session with new čičyε circle members
- Edit 'what we heard' summary report to a) attribute names to quotes and b) consistently use positive language
- Coordinate logistics for workshop #2
- Randolph will call on čičyε circle members to teach traditional cultural practices as part of language programming

This month's čičyε circle teaching

By Rose Adams, čičyε circle member



"Everything has energy; everybody has energy. We need to take care of each other's energy and our own.

Make sure that you're aware of what's going on around you. It's a judgement call whether you engage with that energy or not. If I didn't think I was in the right energy for something, I would step away and take care of myself. In order to be responsible and to get myself in the right energy, I would have to do self-care; look after myself with integrity.

Self-care would involve taking care of the body, and the mind as well. It would also mean taking care of the words that you say, taking care of your thoughts. Yes, even your thoughts come into play. And when you're caring for children, all of these things come into play, even before the child is born. Definitely when the child arrives, you would have to take care of your thoughts and your actions. And even more so when you're a grandparent.

We need to be very aware of where we are at in life, and make the best call for the children because they're innocent and they don't necessarily have the words to speak up for themselves. Children don't necessarily have the words to use to be able to say: you're not giving me 100%. So, we have to do it for them. We should always be at our best when we are speaking up for them, because it's the children that will pay the highest price if we aren't. We need to be more aware of our own energy and the energy of anybody else we're with. Taking care of energy, taking care of self is crucial."

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4895 Salish Drive, Powell River BC

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www.selfmanagementbc.ca 778 657 5924

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CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES REFORM

IF YOU HAVE A CHILD SAFETY CONCERN

CONTACT CENTRALIZED SCREENING FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT (MCFD) DIRECTLY:
1 (800) 663-9122

WHILE THE TLA'AMIN NATION IS UNDERGOING A LONGER-TERM PROCESS OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES REFORM, THIS REPORTING PROCESS REMAINS UNCHANGED

For more information, please contact Ryan Pielle, Child Welfare Reform Coordinator, Tla'amin Nation:
ryan.pielle@tn-bc.ca or 604-414-4280

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

APRIL

Child Development Resource Center &
čičuy ʔaye
Children House
Monthly Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2  WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY 2ND APRIL INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK DAY 	3  Wear blue world Autism Day!	4 Mother goose in the titol čičeyiš Little Hands 	5 Anneke Physio services	6 EASTER egg hunt for daycare čičeyiš 	7  GOOD FRIDAY	8
9	10  Easter Monday 	11 Mother goose in the titol čičeyiš Little Hands	12 Alyssa Speech and languages services and Language fun story time Nancy visits for OT services	13 Fluoride Varnish Application Drop In 10:00- 12:00 	14	15
16	17 Moe the Mouse in čičuy Preschool 	18 Mother goose in the titol čičeyiš Little Hands	19 Anneke Physio Services	20	21 Chris Lightfoot Speech and language services	22 
23	24 Moe the Mouse in čičuy Preschool	25  Kindergarten Health & Wellness Fair Gym	26 Alyssa Speech and languages services and Language fun story time Nancy visits for OT services	27	28  FASD work shop with BC Aboriginal Childcare Society CDRC CENTER CLOSED	29

“The CDRC, , čičuy ʔaye (Children’s House) and Pre school will be closed for staff professional development on Friday April 28th “ for the full day.

Announcement from the Qaməs ʔəms tala Settlement Trust “Our money is put away safely”



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The Economic Development Fund of the Trust is a specific investment fund included within the Qaməs ʔəms tala Settlement Trust Deed for the Nation. The purpose of this specific fund is to assist Tla’amin Citizens with starting a new business or growing and enhancing an existing business.

The process is open to accept business applications from April 3rd to April 14th, 2023.

The Handbook and Business Application form for April 2023 are located on the Qaməs ʔəms tala Settlement Trust website. Please use the handbook to assist you in completing your application.

Go to www.tlaamintrust.com for more information on the application process.

If you have any questions about the applications process, please reach out to Kristi Thiele Treasurer at treasurer@tlaamintrust.com or Ann Paul Secretary at secretary@tlaamintrust.com

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The Trustees for the Qaməs ʔəms tala Settlement Trust
Ann Paul, Kristi Thiele, April Linton, Jasmin Menendez, Beth Harry

Canada Dental Benefit HOW TO APPLY



Who qualifies?

Families with children under 12 and an adjusted family net income under \$90,000 without employer-provided dental insurance.



Where to apply?

Scan the QR code above, or visit: www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency. You will need a My CRA account in order to apply online.



What do I receive?

Depending on your income, up to \$1300 per child.

IMPORTANT INFO:

- The payment will not reduce other federal income-tested benefits such as the Canada Workers Benefit, the Canada Child Benefit, and the Goods and Services Tax Credit.
- You must keep receipts in case you are ever asked to prove you actually went to the dentist.
- You must have filed your 2021 income tax return.
- You must receive the Canada Child Benefit.

FOR QUESTIONS AND ASSISTANCE, CONTACT MY CONSTITUENCY OFFICES:

- POWELL RIVER: 604 489 2286
- CAMPBELL RIVER: 250 287 9388

INCOME UNDER \$70,000:

- \$650 for dental care services received between Oct 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023
- \$650 for dental care services received between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024

Total: \$1300 per child

INCOME BETWEEN \$70,000 - \$79,999:

- \$390 for dental care services received between Oct 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023
- \$390 for dental care services received between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024

Total: \$780 per child

INCOME BETWEEN \$80,000 - \$89,999:

- \$260 for dental care services received between Oct 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023
- \$260 for dental care services received between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024

Total: \$520 per child

Let's Talk Trash.ca

WHAT IS WASTE?



Ingalisa

Tai

Abby

BACK TO THE LAND

Going back to the land is really a retracing of our steps. Not so long ago in earth's story, we hadn't yet left. We all had mud in our boots and dirt under our fingernails. Asphalt and cement hadn't separated us from the soil. Buildings hadn't obscured the forests. Freeways hadn't blurred the trees.

We all inherently feel the poetry of a sunset and the expansiveness inspired by a clear night sky. No one needs to convince us of the beauty in a flower. When we find ourselves inside staring at screens, zipping around in cars and shopping under harsh lighting much of the day, we are inevitably veiled from the truth of our relationship to the natural world. We begin disregarding the very mother that breaths into our lungs, quenches our thirst, nourishes our bodies, and holds our dreams.

What are the consequences of this disconnection? Like all undernourished relationships, the strain is bound to show eventually. When we don't spend quality time with someone we stop knowing them. We lose the thread of what's important to their wellness, too.

Relating to nature may seem a strange concept. What does a tree have to do with me? A lot, it turns out. Beyond the obvious ways that they house and warm us, they are habitat for creatures great and small and exhale the very air we breathe. The communication and care that trees offer each other is also astounding and worth witnessing closer up than we usually do.

Our relationship with the natural world is never neutral. We are connected to and dependent on her. Earth is a wholistic system and we are a part of it. Normally this would be a symbiotic experience, but humanity's overconsumption is borrowing from the future stores of energy needed to continue the perpetual cycle life. The strain is being felt planet-wide.

If we believe our food comes from stores, clothes from the mall and medicine from the pharmacy, we are sorely disconnected from reality. Getting reconnected to what it costs the earth for us to live usually leads us to live more simply. The temporary pleasures we receive by extracting her very life blood may only be questioned when we see our vampiric actions slowing the earth's pulse. No other creature takes more than it gives back. Reducing our consumption eases our burden on the earth that sustains us.

Spring is the perfect time to reconnect with the land - to come out of our hibernation and let our pallid complexion be kissed by the sun. Find a trail. Dig in a garden bed. Sail the waters. Point out a constellation. Visit a farm. Watch the birds. The richness of this relationship can't be underestimated.

Let's Talk Trash is contracted by the qathet Regional District's to deliver its waste reduction education program. Contact them at info@LetsTalkTrash.ca or see their available community resources at LetsTalkTrash.ca

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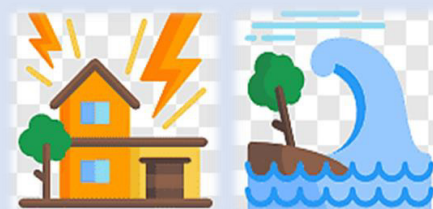
Student Basic Rate \$40.00

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Emergency Preparedness Week

May 1 -7 2023



LET'S BE READY TOGETHER!

Stop by at the Salish Centre to learn about emergency plans and how to get prepared.

8:30am - 4:30pm

Door Prizes up for grabs!

Snacks & Refreshments provided!

For more info: Jenny Freeman @ (604) 413-6828 ext. 137



Tla'amin Nation Emergency Management Call 911 in an emergency

Tla'amin Nation Executive Council Minutes

December 14, 2022
ZOOM MEETING

Attendance: Hegus John S. Hackett, Dillon Johnson, Erik Blaney, Losa Luaifoa, Lori Wilson, Leonard Harry, Gloria Francis

Regrets: Brandon Peters; Larry Louie

Resource: Richard Gage, Tana Harry

Guests: Sean McKinnon, Grace Adams, Jenny Freeman
Hegus Hackett called the meeting to order at 9:01 am and Councillor Erik Blaney provided the Opening Prayer.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the December 14, 2022 Executive Council Meeting Agenda with the following changes:

- Add approval of 'Approval of ISC Funding Agreement #21' under Administration & Finance
- Move agenda item C.4 to In-Camera

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

B. MINUTES:

Motion to approve November 16, 2022 Executive Council Meeting Minutes.

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

C. PRESENTATIONS:

1. Harwood Subdivision Civil Feasibility & Design (Sean McKinnon)

Sean appeared before EC to seek approval on the Harwood Subdivision Civil Feasibility & Design. The following was noted:

- Following EC approval, Public Works would award the feasibility study to Gwaii Engineering Ltd.

Motion to approve the Harwood Subdivision Civil Feasibility and Design as presented in the RFP by Gwaii Engineering Ltd.

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

2. Alliance Leadership Meeting (Grace Adams, Implementation Manager)

Grace appeared before EC to provide a presentation on the Alliance Leadership Meeting scheduled for December 22nd. The following was noted:

- In January 2022 the Alliance technical team was given instruction by leadership to explore restructuring.
- Adopt mission statement and guiding principles.
- Changing current administrative structure to hire an Executive Director and administrative support role.
- Include four elements in their governance structure: leadership direction, management oversight, working groups and fiscal and liability oversight.
- Pursue the development of a hybrid corporation.

3. Perspectives on Emergency (Jenny Freeman, Emergency Management Coordinator)

Jenny appeared before EC to provide a presentation on Perspectives on Emergency Management. The following was noted:

- The Nation has shown its resilience over the last few years as we've gone through a few small-scale emergencies.
- Recommendation to put together a community engagement session around Hazard Risk Vulnerability Assessment.
- It was raised to identify food security in our emergency management planning.

- In the event of losing power and access to heat, having seasoned firewood ready for elders and community members.

D. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Administration & Finance

i. Executive Council Meetings (Legislator Gloria Francis)

- A suggestion was raised to incorporate more opportunities to meet in person for the Executive Council meetings.
- Virtual meetings currently support our urban Legislators.
- Concerns were raised regarding the audio of the Legislator Room Owl System.

Action: Government Secretary to work with IT on the Legislature Room audio

ii. General Assembly (Richard Gage, CAO)

- Audited financial statement walkthrough for Legislative Assembly approval in mid-January. This will allow sufficient time for KPMG to go from draft financials to final financials.

iii. Approval of ISC Funding Agreement #21 (Councillor Losa Luaifoa)

- Home Community Care Funding in the amount of \$30,407.91

Motion to approve ISC Funding Agreement 2122-BC-000021 as presented.

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

2. Community Services

i. Dividends (Legislator Gloria Francis)

- Legislators can be involved in the determination of the Dividend amounts by reviewing the budget, laws and relevant policies to make informed recommendations to Executive Council. This includes requesting attendance to House Post meetings such as the Finance Committee etc.
- This year the Christmas Dividend was raised to \$150, which in previous years was \$50.

ii. RCMP Letter of Expectation (Councillor Losa Luaifoa)

Motion to approve RCMP Letter of Expectation as presented.

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

3. Education

i. Name Change for Powell River Christian School (Councillor Lori Wilson)

Action: Richard to follow-up with Sandra Harry to determine next steps.

C. HOUSE POST REPORTS

Lands and Resources

- DFO has been engaging TN on several issues including the PSSI Hatchery Infrastructure.

- Thichum Forestry has a new partnership with Meraki which means a brighter future in forestry for our Nation.
- Commercial herring opening at midnight on December 13th.
- Community is encouraged to email herring recipes to heyhegus@tn-bc.ca
- Elk was caught in the Daniels Valley for the community freezer.
- Remembrance Day for Lost Species took place at the Brooks and Patricia Theatre over the weekend.

Finance

- Conducting interviews for Finance Controller position.
- Conducting interviews for the Junior Finance Accountant position.
- Deadline to submit Christmas Dividend application is December 20th.

Community Services

- Participated in Ottawa meetings with senior federal officials including Natural Resources Canada, DFO, Crown Indigenous Relations related to the future of tiskwat.
- Meeting with MCFD to present the Health and Wellness Plan and Letter of Understanding.
- Scheduling a Legislative Assembly Meeting to complete the second and third reading of the Citizenship Law.
- Tla'amin Education Agreement has been approved by TN and has been sent to the School District.

Public Works

- The 24 unit Elders Facility is on budget and on schedule with a completion date of June 2023. The housing staff are working together with health staff around potential units.
- Work continues to get the Traditional Foods and Culture Centre project for tender.
- Winterizing has begun for the emergency housing trailers.
- Renovations at the Elders Lodge and Education building are complete.
- Chimney cleaning program is being organized with more information to follow.

Economic Development

- Economic Development Committee re-scheduled for December 20th.

Hegus' Report

- Attended BC Cabinet Leadership and First Nations Leadership Gathering on November 29th and 30th.
- Urban Christmas Gathering was a great turnout in Victoria and Vancouver.
- As we reflect on the year coming to an end, hands raised to our elected leadership and all the success and lessons learned.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting at 11:07 am.

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

The next regular EC meeting is Wednesday, January 18, 2023.

Tla'amin Nation Executive Council Minutes

January 18, 2023 ZOOM MEETING

Attendance: Hegus John S. Hackett, Dillon Johnson, Erik Blaney, Lori Wilson, Leonard Harry, Gloria Francis, Larry Louie

Regrets: Losa Luaifoa, Brandon Peters

Resource: Richard Gage, Tana Harry

Guests: Denise Smith, Sachi Ouchi, Grace Adams

Hegus Hackett called the meeting to order at 9:04 am and Dillon Johnson provided the Opening Prayer.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the January 18, 2023 Executive Council Meeting Agenda with the following changes:

- Table the December 14, 2022 Executive Council meeting minutes
- Add 'Forest Museum' under Forestry

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

B. MINUTES:

Motion to approve December 14, 2022 Executive Council Meeting Minutes – Tabled.

C. PRESENTATIONS:

1. Marine Plan Project (Denise Smith and Sachi Ouchi)

Sachi appeared before EC to provided a presentation on the Marine Plan Project. The following was noted:

- EC would like to engage with Sister Nations on the Marine Plan Project.
- The Province is developing a Coastal Marine Strategy which will address things like crew ships grey water dumping in our traditional territory.
- There will be good funding opportunities available to support this work.

2. January 25, 2023 DFO Bilateral Meeting (Grace Adams and Sachi Ouchi)

Grace and Sachi appeared before EC to provide a pre-brief to the upcoming DFO Bilateral Meeting on January 25, 2023. The following was noted:

- This is an opportunity for TN leadership to communicate TN's interest and positions to have a broader discussion with DFO on salmon aquaculture in TN's territory.

Action: CAO to discuss resources and availability with the Director of Lands and Resources.

D. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Administration & Finance

i. CIF Fund (Legislator Gloria Francis)

- The Finance Committee will be scheduling a Finance Orientation with members of the Legislative Assembly to include the budget cycle and approval process as well as addressing the purpose of funds such as the CIF fund.
- More details on the Community Improvement Fund can be found in the Administration and Finance Law, Section 34.
- Legislators are encouraged to bring their budget recommendations to the Legislative Assembly forum as we head into fiscal planning for 2023/2024 for things such as sports/extracurricular support.
- The process of multiyear and five-year operational plans to support the CNP is another opportunity to address sports/extracurricular support.



Morning Protocol with the čičuys at the Child Development and Resource Centre

ii. ISC Amending Agreement #22 (Councillor Losa Luaifoa)

Motion to approve ISC Amending Agreement 2122-BC-000021 in the amount of \$51,320.00 as presented.

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

C. HOUSE POST REPORTS

Lands and Resources

- The open net pen transition is in public consultation right now. DFO is looking to wrap this up in June.
- More consultation being done around the old growth deferral process. Lands and Resources will be putting together some dates for consultation.
- Territorial Stewardship Manager and Referrals Coordinator positions were posted. Resumes were short-listed and interviews are being scheduled for the end of the month.
- Seeking input from TN community for photos or stories related to tiskwat, our original village site. Please forward to erik.blaney@tn-bc.ca

Finance

- December 15th Finance Committee Meeting to go over the budget and audit. Looking to schedule a Finance Orientation with members of Legislative Assembly.
- Next Finance Committee meeting scheduled for January 24th.
- General Assembly scheduled for January 31st to review the audited financial statements with TN citizens.

Community Services

- Working on funeral protocol pamphlet. Aiming to have a draft done at the end of January to present to elders in February.
- New position will be posted in the Justice department. More details to follow.
- Finalizing an agreement with SPCA around animal control.

- For Health, the collective bargaining agreement for the union is up for renegotiation.
- Health is getting a new health practitioner and currently working to convert some additional clinical space by April. FNHA has provided \$200,000 in funding for this work.
- On the child and family services reform, there is a committee call out for a youth or young adult who has experience with the foster care system.
- We received funding from FNHA for \$600,000 to allow our 3–5 year old daycare program to be free of charge and implement some more services to develop that program.
- Traditional skill builder program will be kicking off on January 31st. This is a full semester of land based culturally embedded programming.
- Weekly language classes will become available for TN staff.

Economic Development

- Lund Hotel is being closed as of January 16th. They are doing inventory to determine what can be absorbed by the store and any perishable items will be donated to the food box program within the Nation.

Hegus' Report

- Welcome Scott Taylor to the Finance team.
- TN Audited Financial Statements were approved by the Legislative Assembly and will be presented to community.
- VIU reached out to TN in November of 2022 to discuss to possibility of establishing a campus on Tla'amin Nation lands. We are currently in the early stages of this discussion.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting at 10:54 am.

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

The next regular EC meeting is Wednesday, March 8, 2023



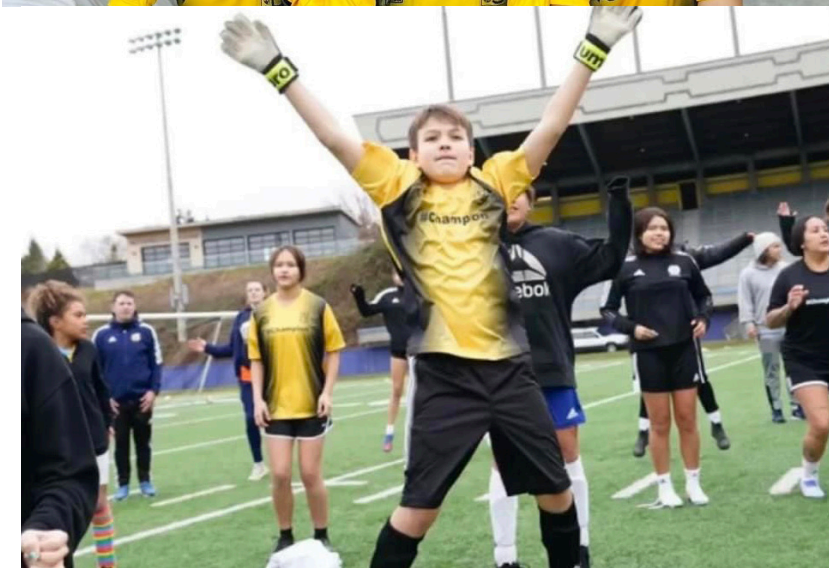
5 week hockey camp for Tla'amin players in March sporting nation jerseys



"We are so beyond proud of the U-15 PR Queens not only did they win the Girls Global Game and they went undefeated in the Queens Cup Tournament winning gold medals and the Queens Cup... each and everyone one of you ladies put all your effort and whole heart into each game, the coaches Julie, Suzi, Kaila did an amazing job along with us parents. Thanks to the visiting teams Marlina Hanson Jordana Gravelle love you ladies and we look and forward to watching the two of you become great hockey players."



Congratulations to Eugene Souch & U15A Kings on the Silver metal in the BC Provincial U15 Hockey Championships



Health and Hope hosted the Boot Camp at UBC Thunderbird Stadium over Spring Break