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Tla'amin Nation Celebrates Completion of 24 New Housing Units for Elders and Citizens with Unique Needs

The first day of June was very significant for our Elders and family members. A gathering was held to celebrate the completion of ʕaxʕaxay ʔaye (Elders House). In addition to serving our elderly population, it will also house community members with unique accessibility challenges. It is strategically placed in t'išosəm next to our Tla'amin Health Center. Tla'amin Health and Housing teams will collaboratively support tenants living here.

Hegus John Hackett says, "The creation of ʕaxʕaxay ʔaye fulfills a 30-year-old vision of our Elders to age-in-place, close to their grandchildren and as active participants in community life."

"The 24 housing units for elders and citizens with unique needs has been an ongoing project for many years, said Elders Coordinator, Doreen Hopkins. "We had meetings weekly to identify and discuss the needs of the community. We wanted housing that is sustainable and available for our aging population, and those with disabilities to remain within our community. I raise my hands to everyone that had input and oversaw the completion of the project."

ʕaxʕaxay ʔaye features eight two-bedroom units, and sixteen one-bedroom units. Every single unit is designed to full accessibility standards. Three of the two-bedroom units are equipped with ceiling lifts and lowered counters for citizens that use wheelchairs full-time. The entire building exceeds green energy standards. There is an elevator, lobby with common spaces to connect with other tenants and staff, amenity deck and gazebo area for connecting with each other and nature, totem pole, and beautiful landscaping design. This building will support a core goal in our Comprehensive Nation Plan (CNP): enhance the viability and sustainability of the Tla'amin housing stock. We have a significant shortage of housing, and especially suitable accessible housing. This project will make an incredible impact on our housing and wellness goals.

Marlane Paul is the Tla'amin Nation Health Director. "ʕaxʕaxay ʔaye is the home that our Elders deserve. It is the creation of space that fosters wellness and safety and will strengthen and maintain healthy connection to each other, to community, to our culture and language, and ceremony. Tla'amin Elders have been driving this process for more than three decades. Being here to witness the completion of ʕaxʕaxay ʔaye is monumental for Tla'amin Nation who are better situated than ever before in their history as a self-determining Nation. Congratulations to all that made this possible!"



Tla'amin's Child Development Centre will foster intergenerational connections and programming for our elders to remain as active participants in community life

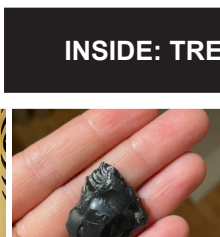
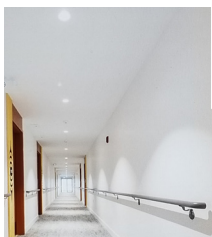
A totem pole stands next to the south entrance that depicts the creation story of the Tla'amin people - the 11 Dog Children. A woman is wrapped in a wool blanket holding a clam digging stick. At the top of her clam digging stick sits the first dog, the female. On her blanket sits two of the male dogs. On the top of the pole sits a spindle whorl with Raven looking down holding a clam shell. This was the clam shell that the lady used to re-start her fires. There are two more dogs on the spindle whorl. At the bottom of the pole there are 6 more dogs facing each other. The pole was carved by Randy Timothy Sr. and Ivan Rosyp-skeye.

"The ʕaxʕaxay ʔaye has long been a need for our community," commented Executive Council Dillon Johnson. "It is humbling to be able to see this building delivered in such a good way, after over a decade of dreaming about this beautiful place, where our Elders

and people with accessibility needs can remain in our community. It is a testament to the hard work of the strong team that we have in the Nation administration, and the project partners that we secured through good processes and relationship building. Hands raised!"

ʕaʔamin Nation would also like to acknowledge the amazing work of the project team who have delivered a beautiful project that meets the needs of our community. Luma Housing, Converge Construction, and Urban Arts Architecture have successfully worked together to deliver on-time and on-budget, while exceeding the needs and wishes of our community. čēčəhatanapešt ninije taθ ʔaʔəm. (We thank and honor you for your work).

ʕaʔamin Nation is extremely grateful to have been part of the CMHC Rapid Housing Initiative to make this dream a reality.



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Happy Fathers Day

Sunday, June 18th



Message from Hegus John Hackett



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As we start our ᑭᑭᑭᑭ June is Graduation for our Tla'amin titiwšem – students, also this month Tla'amin Celebration of success.

June 17th our Tla'amin titiwšem – students graduate from high school. A major accomplishment and a admirable milestone to achieve, your parents, family and Tla'amin community is very proud of all of you... ᑲᑭᑦᑲᑦ !!! you are all leading by example by demonstrating your commitment by Graduating.

This is one of many chapters that you will all complete on your journey as each of you will have the decision on setting the sights on the beginning of your next chapter.

The advice I have to offer is to all the grads, is to find balance, and set the cross hairs on your career and plan out your path to hit that target... but at the same time, take the time to take in the moments along the way. It the Journey that you will reflect on and will stay with you for a lifetime.

Take in and learn our Tla'amin ways, but at the same time explore and learn other cultures, you will all discover how diverse and beautiful life's journey is, through this you will also discover how valuable time is and the loved ones all around you.

Celebration of Success to take place at the Willingdon Beach venue on Thursdays, June 29th, 4:30-7:30 pm. Tla'amin will be hosting this Celebration to celebrate all our titiwšem – students from K-12 and post secondary.

June 1st marked the grand opening of ᑭᑭᑭᑭ ᑲᑭᑦᑲᑦ Tla'amin elders and extended care facility. Health is working collaboratively with the housing department to transition tenants into the new facility. This is a very special day because I remember when the elders brought this idea up at an AGM many years ago, now we have ᑭᑭᑭᑭ ᑲᑭᑦᑲᑦ here next to our Health Building. I would like to thank our Elders, our Health team for developing this vision, and Tla'amin Public Works department for managing the construction, and our contractors for their quick construction and building within the projected budget. This will provide Tla'amin 24 units for Elders and Nation members with unique needs.

June 23 our Tla'amin Hatchery will be celebrating 45 years of operation. The hatchery has been actively enhancing Salmon Habitat and Salmon Stocks not only in

Tla'amin Creek, but within the Theodosia watershed. This included monitoring of our food fish catch to not only monitor the salmon stocks, but to record that our Tla'amin citizens are utilizing our catch. Our hatchery staff also do stock assessments of both river systems as well. Please stop by to celebrate on June 23 for a BBQ and to take a tour, ask any questions you have for our Hatchery crew.

To wrap up the end of May I had the opportunity to make opening comments at the May Day celebration at James Thomson. This brought back so many great memories of the school and friends. I am so delighted to see that James Thomson still carries forward the tradition of the House Teams Eagles, Ospreys, Falcons, and Hawks. When I attended James Thomson, I was a Hawk. In good spirit I ended my opening comments with GO-HAWKS-GO!

I think this was the biggest reaction I ever got from making a speech. The kids just roared with excitement ☐ I could not stop smiling all day after the May Day Celebration.

Overall, the weather is getting hotter so please take the precautions to make these adjustments for this weather. Stay hydrated and limit your physical activities to avoid heat exhaustion. Be careful of any fire hazards and any potential hazards and keep an eye one the fire restrictions as these changes with the weather getting dryer and hotter. With the nicer weather enjoy the outdoors and everything our beautiful Tla'amin territory has to offer.

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Hegus John Hackett

Cost-of-living Relief Benefit and Healthy Living Dividend

Tla'amin Citizens and Members:

As part of the Nation's efforts to support all Tla'amin citizens/members with the increased cost of living, leadership has approved a *one-time* benefit to alleviate financial pressures related to COVID-19 and inflation for citizens/members living on and off Tla'amin lands.

The application for this one-time benefit will be combined with the Healthy Living Dividend application process. Citizens/members will apply for the Healthy Living Dividend and the Cost-of-Living Relief Benefit at the same time.

Forms are now available online at www.tlaamination.com, at the Governance Office, or the private Facebook page for Nation citizens/members: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/tlaaminmembership>

The disbursement for the Cost-of-living Relief Benefit by category, is as follows:

- a) On-lands Adults (\$600)
- b) On-lands Minors (\$250)
- c) Off-lands Adults (\$700)
- d) Off-lands Minors (\$300)

Off-lands citizens/members receive a slightly larger amount to compensate for not having access to specific programs/services that are only available on-lands i.e., the Good Food Box.

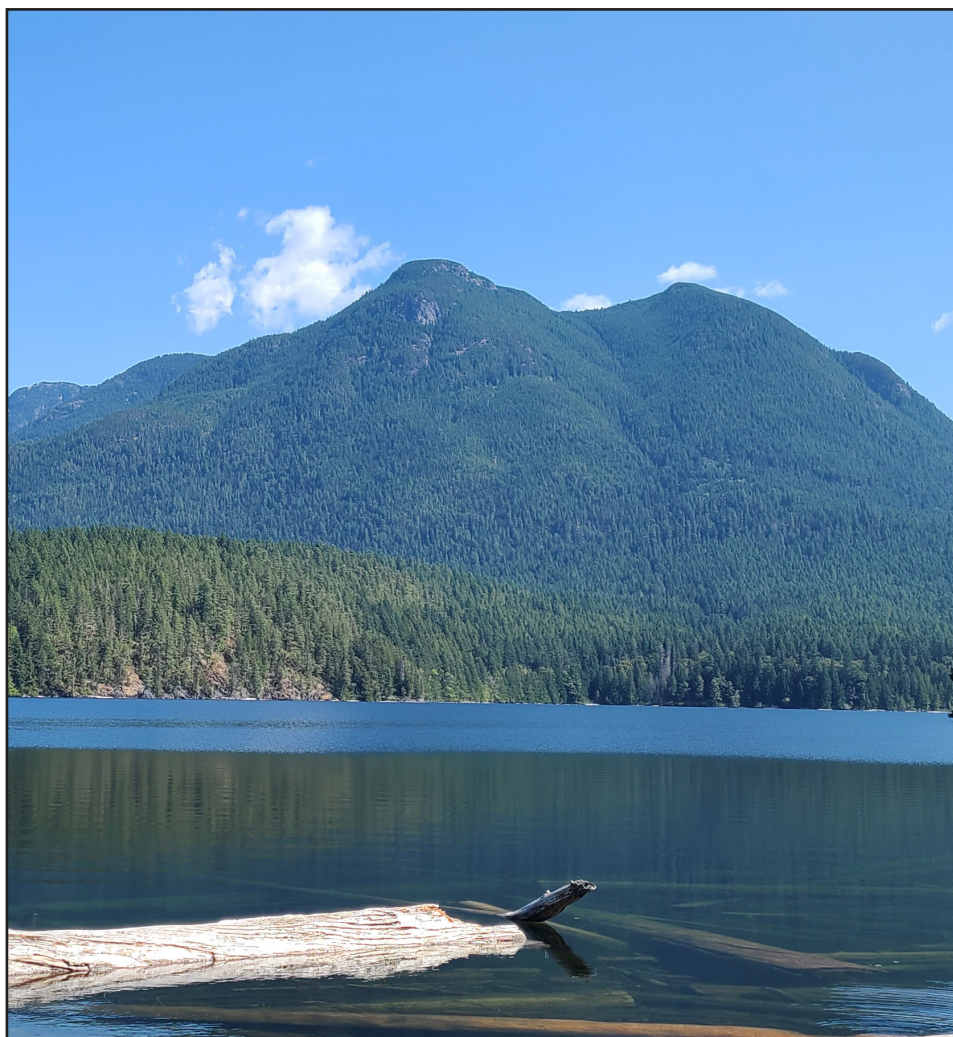
Thanks to the revenue from Thichum Forest Products, the **Healthy Living Dividend** will be \$500 per citizen/member for 2023.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact:

dividends@tn-bc.ca or 604-483-9646 x 122

Unwin Lake Project Receives \$1,697,551

(4 year project) will be provided from the Aquatic Ecosystems Restoration Fund.



Unwin Lake is located approximately 12 kilometers north of Lund, at Tenedos Bay in Desolation Sound. This lake contains fish that were historically sockeye but they became landlocked and are now referred to as kokanee. Unwin Creek was redirected in the past for logging purposes, and this has prohibited the salmon fry from leaving or returning to the lake. Coho and chum were also known to be in the lake.

The Unwin Lake project has been a collaboration between Tla'amin Nation, Klahoose FN, BC Parks, DFO and Desolation Sound Nature Project (with support from Eco fish – in proposal development – and Aquilla – for archaeological guidance). Thanks to all those in these organizations that have committed to this exciting project and working with us to secure funding.

We are pleased to announce that we were successful in applying for and receiving funding for the “Restoring Passage to Unwin Lake to Support the establishment of Historic Salmon Populations” Project. The funding in the amount of \$1,697,551 (4 year project) will be provided from the Aquatic Ecosystems Restoration Fund. We are very excited to continue this worthwhile project and reaching our objective of restoring runs to Unwin Creek in collaboration with our partners.

We wish to extend special thanks to Cathy Galligos and Jen McGuinness for providing the groundwork that has led to this project. We also acknowledge Delia Bekker and Scott Rempel for their participation.

We also thank Environment and Climate Change Canada and FLN-RORD (Sustainable Forestry Initiative) for funding the initial stages of this project. As a Nation, we value our river systems in our Territory and are very much looking forward to a successful outcome.

Building a Relationship - Partnering with the Tla'amin Nation

Theodosia off channel habitat restoration

When Tla'amin Nation approached Evolgen and Department of Fisheries and Oceans with a project to restore fish habitat in the Theodosia River, it is without hesitation that we agreed to provide our support.

The Theodosia Spawning Channel was developed by Tla'amin to improve and restore salmon runs in the Theodosia River. Throughout the year, the channel can become obstructed limiting fish access. The goal of the project is to reestablish fish access to off-channel fish habitat for spawning grounds for Chum salmon, Coho salmon and Chinook salmon and rearing habitat for juvenile Coho salmon, juvenile Chinook salmon, cutthroat trout and rainbow trout.

Starting in 2021, and for the next five years, twice a year Evolgen will provide support for the Tla'amin Hatchery Crew to travel to the Theodosia to remove any obstructions restricting fish access to the Theodosia River Spawning Channel, while providing additional resources to the crew to clear trails and improve access to the channels for conducting assessments and fish counts. During their first trip, Tla'amin successfully removed two obstructions from the spawning channel and reported that salmon were counted in the channel.

Evolgen recognizes that this restoration project is critical for maintaining the habitat and ecology of the Theodosia River, as well as being of cultural significance to the Tla'amin Nation.

Supporting local Indigenous business

Consistent with our values, Evolgen sought out to partner with local Tla'amin Nation-owned and operated businesses in B.C., supporting their rightful stewardship of their lands, while promoting the local economy.

Thichum Forest Products provides services for vegetation management and tree removal. In 2022, we engaged Thichum to remove trees and vegetation from the crest of the Horseshoe Dam and perform vegetation management on our transmission line. They applied creative solutions to both projects, improving outcomes and exceeding our expectations. Evolgen and members of the Tla'amin community were able to process the trees from the Horseshoe Dam into over 12 chords of firewood that were donated to Elders in the community.

Tla'amin are deeply committed to the land, resources, and economy of their territory which is reflected in their performance. Evolgen values the relationships we have built with the Tla'amin community and hope to expand these mutually beneficial partnerships. We look forward to collaborating with those who share our commitment to safety and the well-being of the community and are well positioned to make decisions that foster sustainable management of lands and resources.

TLA'AMIN COMMUNITY CRAFT NIGHT

Thursdays 5pm-7pm
At the Cultural Portable

(next door to Ahms Ta'ow)

We are currently sewing gifts for Tribal Journey 2023. Community members planning on attending Tribal Journey are encouraged to come out and help make gifts and work on their regalia!



Contact sosan.blaney@tn-bc.ca for more information

Hatchery Celebrates 45th Anniversary

Interviews With Floyd George and Lee George

FLOYD GEORGE

When was the hatchery first opened?

April 1st, 1977. It started when I was approached by Joe Mitchell. He said “We’re having meetings about a new program called the Salmon Enhancement program. They wanna do something about the decline of the salmon stocks. If you’re not to busy you’re welcome to come and sit in the meeting.” I asked him where at? He said the clinic. I went and it was Glen Calvert, Joe Mitchell, and myself. We talked about the program objectives: collect eggs, incubate them at the hatchery, feed them and release them. When the program first started, they picked 4 locations: Cowichan, Sliammon, Kispiox, and Nimpkish, they were the first 4. And then one year later there were 28 on the coast. It was a really good learning experience for a lot of people. We didn’t know anything about Biology. And although we ate fish all our lives, we didn’t really understand the fish: how many eggs, different sub species, that there’s a dominant species for each stream. The program started - I was all by myself. I had an old machete for a tool. What do I do? I asked. They said “you gotta walk up and down this creek and look at the creek and see if there are any log jams, any garbage or anybody dumping stuff into the creek.” I walked up and down Sliammon Creek quite a few times. Went to all the little creeks that were going to the old dam. Walking around with a machete and then they said I had to take samples. They gave me a kit for taking water samples. But I made a mistake. I took samples on Friday and sent them away on Monday. They said no you’re supposed to send it away right away. And we were putting the samples in the old clinic. Corrine Mitchell was the nurse there,



Vern and Scott collecting eggs

Joe Mitchell’s wife. And then we got waterproof notebooks. That was like our first real tools of the trade. It was a learning experience. Like myself I’m not very good with figures. But Scotty and I used to do all the calculations for the feed rate and everything. The growth rates. Taking samples, sub samples and everything. I think me and Scotty did quite well with our numbers thanks to the calculator. One thing that was comical one time. Doug Lofthouse was our biologist. We were adding things to the program, we had a fisheries budget. He said, “How much is in your training dollars Floyd?” I said about \$3,000 give or take. He said “You know what, we should just send you to Japan. Send you to Hokkaido, maybe work there a couple months.” I said “Sure!” but I didn’t go. We were just joking around.



Hatchery crew back in the day flex their dorsal fins

and Moose. We got the materials for the Quonset hut. We built it. What a performance. There must be 10,000 nuts and bolts in that building. One guy was on the outside, one guy was on the inside holding the wrench and the other guy had like a little jack hammer. And we said “next one! Next one! Next one!” We kept on doing that. Installing the first three panels was very comical. We had our first egg take that year. I think we were supposed to take 1.2million eggs. You’re only limited to what you’re supposed to take, and I think we released 250,000 fry. And that first year we actually counted the release of the fry, we didn’t do it by volume or by weight. We had a little dish pan, little net, and a counter. We sat there and counted the fish out into the creek. Now they do it by volume.

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Who are the key people that you remember working at the hatchery?

God there’s been so many people. I think everybody got to be a piece of the pie. There were a lot of good workers. Almost everybody in the nation. We had a stream clearance crew. As the program developed more, we had different programs, like the FREDy Program (Fisheries Related Economic Development Program). A lot of people worked at the hatchery. International students, summer students, we even had the John Howards Society Program – that’s for people who get into trouble and need to do community hours, and we worked them at the hatchery, sort of like a diversion. Moosey was one of our first workers. We worked really well together.

Any lessons learned?

Quite a few. We learned as we went along, like floods, die offs with the eggs. A good learning experience like, they’re very, very delicate the eggs. Lack of oxygen, lack of water. Cleanliness. Everything has to be disinfected when you are doing work. You just can’t get up and go home because it’s 4’oclock or 5’oclock. You gotta clean up your stuff when you are finished. It’s quite a change as you know for natives. Usually, you go out there and catch a fish, cook over a fire, give the guts to the birds and the fish. But this [operation] is amazing, everything must be kept in order.

So, you were the first manager? How long were you the manager for?

Yes. 33 years.

The design of the hatchery, where did that come from?

Our biologist said that ours was a Japanese Style Chum Hatchery. And then Glen Calvert says “we’re going to have to build a Quonset hut. They are building one right now in Abbotsford. We’ll go for a daytrip; see how they are building it.” So, we left in the morning. And we got there, and those guys finished the Quonset hut already. So, we came back and me, Roy,

HATCHERY CELEBRATION
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Denise Smith Director of Lands & Resources

Closing remarks?

[The hatchery] is a good program. We started the Salmon Enhancement Program and it's still going. Same with the Fire Department (*which started around the same time). You know there's sometimes you get greed. I just hope the government. I hope all user groups who are involved with restoring and safeguarding the natural resources all over the coast, I hope everybody has the same objective, keeping everything in balance.

Lee George Interview

How long have you worked at the Hatchery?

I started work at the hatchery with Uncle Floyd back in 1986. That means I have been at the hatchery for 37 years this year.

When did you become manager?

The manager position. I think I started in 2008. Not 100% sure though.

Who were key people you remember working at the Hatchery?

The crew over the years were: Floyd George, Glen Paul, Phillip Timothy, Richard Harry, Vern Pielle, Roy Francis, Kevin Timothy, Jerry Francis. We have had several employees over the years through proposal writing and many summer students including world youth exchange programs sponsoring students from all different countries.

Hatchery Staff

Present day we have me, Vern Wilson, Leonard Harry - AFS, Simon George & Richard Hackett. The two junior staff are now fulltime employees, they will float into various job duties related to fisheries that will help support other departments within our government structure.

Goals for the future of the Hatchery

The hatchery will be instrumental in the delivery of its fisheries programs that support community needs. The hatchery will need to expand its operations to support food fish needs in its territory. With the assistance of Salmon Enhancement Program, we can seed other river systems in its territory that will in turn generate higher food fish numbers for community use.



We would like to congratulate the Sliammon Hatchery on being in operation for 45 years! We commend the past and current staff on the many years of service and the work to continue to support and enhance the salmon stocks in our river systems. The crews have enthusiastically shared their knowledge with the students every year, international students, and the general public. They have supported our community in providing food fish for our tables, shared cultural knowledge with the smoke house, and been caretakers of our salmon. We acknowledge our past employees including Phillip Timothy, Richard Harry, Roy Francis, Glen Paul, Jerry Francis, Scott Galligos and the late Tyrone Wilson and Vern Pielle. Your work carries on.



Message from Fisheries and Oceans

On behalf of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, it is my great pleasure to offer our congratulations to the Tla'amin Hatchery on the occasion of its 45th anniversary.

The Tla'amin Hatchery has been a key player in salmon enhancement in British Columbia for many years, and their work has had a tremendous impact on the health of our salmon population. Their dedication to their work is commendable, and we are thrilled to see their success.

We sincerely hope that the Tla'amin Hatchery continues to thrive for many years to come, and we offer our thanks for their important contribution to salmon conservation in Canada.

We also want to recognize the partnership between the Tla'amin Nation and Fisheries and Oceans Canada in managing and enhancing the salmon populations in the area. This collaboration has been vital in ensuring sustainable fisheries and the protection of important salmon habitats.

The Tla'amin Hatchery has not only been a leader in the field of salmon enhancement, but they have also played an active role in promoting environmental stewardship and education in their community. Their outreach programs have inspired many young people to see the importance of protecting our natural resources and to get involved in conservation efforts.

Once again, we extend our warmest congratulations to the Tla'amin Hatchery on their 45th anniversary. We hope to continue our partnership with them for many years to come, working together to ensure a bright future for our salmon populations and our environment.

Best Regards

Jim Wilson
Community Advisor
Department of Fisheries and Oceans.
Sunshine Coast and Powell River

Fund raising for Soccer

Hello everybody! I am offering my services within the qathet territory such as power washing, lawn mowing and weed trimming. I can be reached at 604-414-9701.

I am fund raising to travel to various soccer tournaments as I am a volunteer coach and referee.

emote/gilakasla!
David Moon



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We are beyond grateful to the hatchery staff and the łaʔamin community for enriching the learning of SD47 students over the past 45 years.



SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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More Information :

See the Tla'amin Nation Website Job Postings for details about these positions. Applications will be accepted until **Monday, June 12th, at 4 pm.**

Send Your Resume and Cover Letter :

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Contact :

604-413-6955 Ext. 103

Any questions about this employment opportunity please cotact Tarra Tipton, Education and Employment Counsellor.

Did you know? You can book time with Tarra to write your resume, cover letter and interview practice!



Allies of Tla'amin Used the Force on May 4th to Counter Concerned Citizens in qathet

"It's been 10 months since the joint working group released its report on a possible name change. Tla'amin Nation commends the hospital, school district, Vancouver Island University and numerous other institutions and businesses who have acted decisively on the report's recommendations. We echo MP Rachel Blaney's call to the Government of Canada to release the name Powell from our electoral district in order to uphold the dignity of all who live here."

On May the 4th, over a hundred allies of the Tla'amin organized Nation organized a peaceful demonstration at the City office to let the "Concerned Citizens" and the qathet region know we are not silent on any name change processes.

Today's demonstration is to not only support the recommendations of Possible Name Change Joint Working group, but also the possibility of renaming the electoral district as requested by Rachel Blaney to the Boundary Commission.

Tla'amin Executive Council raises their hands to our allies for standing with us in unity and reminding our neighbors in the qathet region that we have historic ties to our territory.



Executive Council Dillon Johnson Speaks to the Need for Better Funding for Community Infrastructure and Language Revitalization

Leaders from each of the 27 self-governing and modern treaty nations in Canada were invited to meet with the Prime Minister. Ten of the leaders spoke to the Prime Minister and other federal ministers about shared issues, priorities and challenges.

TLA'AMIN FOREST RESOURCE PLAN FAMILY ENGAGEMENT INVITATION

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

The Tla'amin Nation is in process of developing a forest resource plan for the ʔəms giḵḵ (Tla'amin Territory) that will guide how forests are managed, in alignment with Tla'amin culture, laws, and Ta'ow. The ʔəms giḵḵ Forest Resource Plan (FRP) team has identified eight focus areas and is looking to conduct detailed engagement with Nation family groups to ensure the plan is capturing the necessary values on the land base. The eight focus areas of the FRP include:

- Cultural Sites and Practices
- Wildlife Habitat Management
- Ecosystem Health
- Watershed Integrity
- Community Resiliency
- Sustainable Economic Development
- Carbon and Climate Change
- Recreation

This is a long-term plan that will set the foundation for how the land is managed for many generations into the future. Please let us know how your family group would like to participate in this important discussion.

For each booking we will provide appetizers and a Grand Door Prize per Family Meeting



We are requesting for you and your family to share your thoughts and experiences with us on our Forest Resource Plan

Please contact April Linton for booking or more information

April Linton
604-483-9646 ext#154

Minimum 7 adults per meeting to provide feedback



Dillon Johnson speaks to the crowd at the celebration on June 1st while our čičuy prepare to take the stage

Update from the Xwe'etay/Lasqueti Archaeological Project:

Obsidian (Volcanic Glass) and Ancient Trade Relations on Xwe'etay

For the ancestral peoples of the Pacific Coast, obsidian (volcanic glass) was a highly valued raw material because it could be used to make razor-sharp cutting tools. However, for many parts of the coast, where there are no ancient volcanos, good quality obsidian cannot be found locally. Thus, people had to rely on long-distance trade networks to access this valued item.

Luckily for archaeologists, it is possible to determine the origin of the obsidian from which the artifact was made. This is possible because the magma (molten material) associated with each volcanic eruption is composed of a distinct combination of minerals. Once scientists figure out the distinct combination of minerals associated with the eruptions from each volcano, they can match the makeup of the archaeological artifacts with the minerals from each source. By figuring out the source of the obsidian of several obsidian artifacts found throughout a region, we can begin to understand ancient trade and social relations.

As part of the Tla'amin-SFU Heritage and Archaeology project that took place from 2007-2013 (<https://www.tlaamination.com/archaeology/project.html>), we sent several obsidian artifacts to the lab that we recovered during our excavations. More recently, as part of the Xwe'etay/Lasqueti Archaeology Project (www.lasquetiarc.ca) we submitted more artifacts from private collections from Xwe'etay to determine the source of the obsidian. Since we haven't yet found small chips of obsidian on Xwe'etay, we assume that the artifacts were not modified in shape locally, but were transported to this region in their current form.

When we put it together, the obsidian sources tell us about broader regional trade and social relations, as well as the position of Xwe'etay in the physical and social center of the Salish Sea. At the regional level, there is a distinct pattern where obsidian in ancient settlements north of Powell River on the Sunshine Coast and in Desolation Sound primarily comes from Mount Silverthron above Kingcome Inlet in Kwakwaka'wakw territory and Anahim Peak in Dakelh (Southern Carrier) territory in central BC. Obsidian from Nch'kay (Garibaldi) in Squamish territory –the only source of obsidian in the Salish Sea – is occasionally found in sites around Powell River but not further north. Of note is that both Nch'kay and Kingcome obsidian, while highly valued, would have been harder to work with since the glass has small inclusions (called “phenocrysts”) that make it more difficult to craft into tools. Because of this, both of these toolstones are not traded as far from their source as other types of obsidian.

Although Desolation Sound, the Sunshine Coast, and Xwe'etay are all within northern Coast Salish traditional territory, the array of obsidian sources represented on Xwe'etay suggests the island had a unique place in regional trade and social relations. The eight obsidian artifacts from the island that have been sourced come from Glass Buttes and Whitewater Ridge in Oregon (5), Nch'kay (2), and Timber Butte, Idaho (1). Artifacts include unmodified small cobbles and as well as finished tools (projectile points, hide scraper). Notably, none of the northern obsidian sources that are relatively common in archaeological sites in Desolation Sound and on the Sunshine Coast (Kingcome Inlet, Anahim Peak) have been recovered on Xwe'etay. This in turn suggests that at a broad regional level, the ancestral peoples of Lasqueti were more closely affiliated (at least for trading) with cultural groups to the south than to the north. These social relations allowed the people to access the higher quality obsidian from Oregon and Idaho.

What is so remarkable about the Xwe'etay obsidian collection is the diversity represented; this is especially notable given that there are so few artifacts in our sample (that is, with a larger sample, we expect to find more different sources). Adding to its uniqueness is that a small cobble found at the extreme south end of Xwe'etay is the only example in all of BC of obsidian from Timber Butte, Idaho.

The diversity of highly valued obsidian sources on Xwe'etay can only be explained by the island's position in “the middle of everywhere” in the Salish Sea. That is, being physically central meant the ancestral peoples of Xwe'etay were able to access the best quality obsidian from a source as much 900 km away, as well as the more local Nch'kay obsidian. It also means the people of the island were ideally situated to be the locus of regional social relations in the Salish Sea and beyond. Thought of in this way, each obsidian artifact is as valuable today as it was in the past: it provides an opportunity to imagine and appreciate the breadth and complexity of the relations that supported Indigenous ways of life for generations.



Lands & Resources: Why is Cultural Monitoring so Important?

The Lands and Resources Department asks that all Tla'amin members and leaseholders on Tla'amin Lands contact the department before doing any new digging on your property so a Culture and Heritage Technician can monitor. The reason for this was recently made very clear when a disturbed Ancestral burial was discovered in tišosəm (tee-sho-sum). The Ancestral remains were discovered when one of our Culture and Heritage Technicians was screening soil piled on the site and was immediately reported to the homeowner, Lands and Resources management, and Executive Council. A team of archaeologists was brought in to help recover the Ancestor so that they could be recovered and protected. Tla'amin Nation's Culture and Heritage Department also provided guidance and ceremony to take care of this Ancestor spiritually during the work.

Many artifacts were recovered as part of this process, including bone point needles, scrapers, and an intact projectile point (photo attached). Very early investigation of the Ancestral remains showed wear marks on the teeth consistent with cedar bark processing; we believe this person may be a čičiye (*chee-chee-yay* or grandmother) and a weaver. The Ancestor will be reburied in a safe location so that their rest is not disturbed again.



Special ʔimot (*emote* – thank you) to Culture and Heritage Manager Drew Blaney, the team from In Situ Archaeology, and the homeowner for working together to ensure this Ancestor could be properly cared for and secured. Also, čěčəha^əčšt (*cheh-cheh-hath-esht* - we raise our hands to you) to our Culture and Heritage Technicians for finding this Ancestor and working diligently to ensure their care and safety.

If you are planning any new digging on your property, please contact referrals@tn-bc.ca to have a Tla'amin Culture and Heritage Technician on site. There is no cost to Nation members or leaseholders for this service.

Let's Talk Trash.ca

WHAT IS WASTE?



Ingalisa

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Abby

Shoreline Microplastic Monitoring with Tla'amin Guardian Watchmen

On a choppy and wet Friday, although not too long ago, May 5th, a small crew made up of Tla'amin Guardian Watchmen, Ocean Legacy Foundation and Let's Talk Trash seafarers set out to undertake the second monitoring of two culturally significant sites; a south west facing aspect of Ahgykson (Harwood Island) and in the estuary at the head of tox^wnač (Okeover Inlet). Each monitoring site consists of a 100 metre stretch of shoreline.

Along the most recent high tide line, a 100 meter stretch of shoreline then has 4 quadrants randomly selected. Each quadrant is measured into a half metre by half metre square. Within this square, 2.5cm of the top layer is excavated and placed into a large bucket. This material is then closely examined to identify pieces of microplastic that range in size from 1mm to 5mm. Any plastic found within this size range is col-

lected and will be cleaned, counted, and recorded once out of the field. This method of surveying aims to monitor what is floating on the surface of the water.

The goal is to monitor each of the sites 2-4 times per year, ideally once each season. Findings are uploaded into a global database and the results can be used to provide data for decision making and to guide policy change as well as providing baseline information. Hopefully, citizen science initiatives such as this can help to inform and encourage banning the use of expanded polystyrene

(foam/styrofoam) in aquatic environments. This material is primarily used as flotation and is very challenging to clean up once it's released into the environment and quickly starts to break down.

MP Rachel Blaney currently has a motion in the House of Commons (M-80) that requests the Federal government take immediate measures to ban the use of this material in construction of floating structures in the aquatic environment and to establish an action plan to phase out all legacy foam floating structures across all aquatic environments in Canada.

If you come across marine debris and would like to access the qathet Regional District's Ocean Plastic Depot, please visit oceanplasticdepot.ca or email info@letstalktrash.ca for more information!



tox^wnač samples 2022 (3 nylon line filaments and 167 pieces)



Quadrant #2 Ahgykson 2022
Microplastic fragments



Quadrant #1 Ahgykson 2022
Glass, plastic filament & fragments



Quadrant #2 Ahgykson 2023
Glass pieces

DID YOU KNOW? Tla'amin Nation has other Facebook pages you should see!



Tla'amin Nation Facebook Pages

Tla'amin Nation has two active Facebook pages. One is for **citizens/members only** and one is public. Meeting notices, announcements and important information are often shared through Facebook so please make sure to join the **private page** shown below.

Here is a visual to help you find it:

Find the "Search Facebook" engine and enter: Tla'amin Nation Membership, click JOIN

PRIVATE PAGE

PUBLIC PAGE

Some other Nation Facebook pages to follow:

Tla'amin Community Recreation

Tla'amin Child & Youth Wellness

Tla'amin Fire Department

?ajumet Harm Reduction Circle



THICHUM Thichum Forest Products LP



Tla'amin Urban Peoples Forum



Tla'amin Healthy Families (?ajews group)



Tla'amin Convenience Store

Celebration of Success

Come Celebrate all our students from Pre-K to Post Secondary!

**June 29th, 2023
at
Willingdon Beach
4:30pm-7:30pm**

BBQ Meal, Salads and Refreshments Provided




Everyone Welcome

Congratulations! To all our Students, you made it! It's time to celebrate all the hard work that led to this joyful occasion. The educational journey is a long, steep climb, so take a moment to be proud of your accomplishments and celebrate with your friends, family and community.


SKILLS TRAINING

Discover new possibilities with Skills Training!

Contact us at WorkBC Centre Powell River to see if you qualify for funding and to learn more about other opportunities!

 #103-4511 Marine Ave

 Work BC Powell River



 604-485-7958

 workbcpowellriver





GATHET STOPPING THE VIOLENCE COUNSELLING INVITES YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN ONE OR BOTH UPCOMING WORKSHOPS...

Grounding workshop for women. When we are not rooted in the Earth, we are not grounded, resulting in feelings of anxiety or fear. Nature is the greatest healer, so this workshop is designed to help us feel connected and safe again with the rhythm of the Earth's heartbeat.

 **When:** Thursday, June 15th – 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
 **Where:** Shelter Point Beach

A **Feng Shui Ocean Dip workshop** will follow the Grounding Skills workshop and has been designed to deeply purify our psyche and help us feel renewed with the power of water. The workshop is based on ancient Feng Shui traditions and Indigenous teachings.

 **When:** Thursday, June 29th – 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
 **Where:** Tla'amin Beach at the Gazebo

Cost: FREE, fully sponsored by gathet SAFE



Tia and Hunter at the Musqueam Youth Tournament WWK U 16 team 2nd place. Tia won an all-star award

Taking Indigenous Youth Soccer Development and Dreams to the Next Level with the “Tla’amin Strong” Mini-Pitch Initiative



VANCOUVER, BC – Hope and Health, in partnership with Vancouver Whitecaps FC and Scotiabank continues to take soccer for social impact to the next level with the activation of the “Tla’amin Strong” Mini-Pitch. Tla’amin Nation is a Coast Salish tribe inhabiting the Pacific Northwest Coast, just north of the city of Powell River in British Columbia.

Hope and Health is best known for their Hope and Health at Home “H3” community-based programming delivered in partnership with Indigenous communities, along with their popular annual community camps delivered in partnership with the Vancouver Whitecaps FC, bringing together 300+ Indigenous children and youth for a fun filled day of a blend of soccer skills and drills and cultural activities- with 2023 will be their 10 year Community Camp anniversary (due to the global pandemic).

It was a similar community camp and new relationship with Tla’amin Nation last summer that was the catalyst to make this Mini-Pitch possible. “It was such a joy bringing the Hope and Health dream team to visit Tla’amin to kick-start the revitalization of soccer for their community through the Tla’amin Nation 1st Annual Hope and Health Community camp,” said Deana Gill, CEO of Hope and Health, “We were so inspired by the community- their vision, the talented youth soccer players, the beautiful new youth center and space dedicated to sport, recreation and wellness...we asked how may we support? How about a Mini-Pitch?! And here we are less than a year making this magic happen together- thanks to our amazing partners”.

The Tla’amin Mini-Pitch is breaking ground this week for site preparation and the opening ceremony will take place this summer, along with the 2nd Annual Tla’amin Hope and Health Community Camp. Stay tuned for the dates to be confirmed.

By 2026, the “Be the Change” Mini-Pitch Initiative will see 13 mini pitches across communities providing innovative, high quality and inspiring play environments to continue to engage Indigenous youth (and all ages) in the beautiful game and to develop soccer technical skills, along with activating a “5V5 Champions” League across nations.

Hope and Health has enhanced our current H3 program delivery to incorporate 5V5 specific game techniques, player development and coaching methodology. The 5V5 will be fully utilized in H3 program delivery and we will also support the start-up of the Hope and Health “5V5 Champions” league. This league will assist to accelerate Indigenous athlete development and be a recruitment pool for all soccer partners (academies and university levels). The pitches are being built in partnership with Musco Mini-Pitch System™ modular sports solution, with the site prep supported by Binnie and Knox Contracting.

About Hope and Health

The Hope and Health movement utilizes the beautiful game of soccer and mentorship to inspire hope, as well as improve the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health and life conditions for Indigenous children and youth. Our team is committed to come together as one heart, one mind to maximize sport as a tool for reconciliACTION and social impact in relation to the Canadian Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Calls To Action, specific to Sports and Reconciliation (87-91) and beyond given the holistic benefits. Our vision is for Indigenous children and youth to carry themselves with pride and confidence, achieve their highest potential and dream big. Learn more here: <https://www.hopeandhealth.org>

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



Tribal Journey Meeting "Honoring our Ancestors"

Tuesday, June 13th
5:00 PM @ Tla'amin Salish Centre.

All participants are asked to be there. There will be forms for US travel insurance, and other important documentation.

Dinner will be provided

All ages are welcome, although canoe pullers need to be old enough to handle the long, hard days on the water. Information packages are available.

For more information contact Drew Blaney at 604 | 483 | 9646 ext.123

Elders Corner

Tla'amin Elders Coordinator
Doreen Hopkins
604-483-3009 ext.126

A warm hello to the Tla'amin Elders.
Summer weather is here!



Walking Group

4 week program for 60 minutes at the Gazebo on the waterfront

Date: June 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th.
(Tuesdays) at 10:00 a.m.

Required: Comfortable walking shoes, hats, sunglasses, and water.

Walk at a pace that is comfortable for you!

Elders Luncheon at the Lund Hotel

Date: June 19th, 2023

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Agenda:

1. We will be gifting quilts to residential Survivors on two different dates: June 19th, 2023, and September 30th, 2023.

We will be contacting residential survivors to schedule the date they will receive their quilt. You are welcome to attend to witness the gifting.

2. Honor MMIW with a song
3. University British Columbia Pharmacy will be here to share information

Please come and join us for a Summer BBQ of Hamburgers and hotdogs.



čičyε Circle meeting

(April 27, 2023)

Present: Chair: Ryan Pielie. Members: Elsie Paul, Jerry Francis, Doreen Point, Sherry Bullock, Brenda Pielie, Evie Tom, Gladys Osawamick, Pauline Paul, John Louie, Rose Adams, Sally Dominick. Support: Tabatha Berggren, Janet Newbury.

Opening prayer and check-ins

Upcoming workshop

- Personalized memos were distributed and discussed

Upcoming celebration

- Developed a plan to honour past work supporting our families

čəpθtən House preparation

- In advance of official opening, a small burning on the grounds behind the building will take place. After that, a brushing will be facilitated by the čičyε Circle.

Writing bios

- Members were provided with templates to write brief bios, to support enhanced communications about the čičyε Circle's work

Updates

- Negotiations continue with MCFD towards development of an interim agreement

- Two new positions have been posted to continue growth of Tla'amin's Child and Family Services (CFS) team

- The Pathfinder program at the Ombudsperson's office is available to support complaints about municipal or provincial public services

- Community engagement continues, as part of a comprehensive needs assessment, helping us move strategically towards Tla'amin-led CFS

Next meeting: June 1, 2023

łayšetštəm ʔəms čičuy Working Group meeting

(April 25, 2023)

Present: Ryan Pielie, Randolph Timothy, Emily White, Tabatha Berggren, Shaniah Hillis, Brooklyn Neuman, Janet Newbury

Opening reflection, introductions, and check-ins

MCFD negotiations

- Local protocol agreement is signed
- Draft interim agreement in progress

Changing CFS team

- The team continues to grow and change. A new Mental Health clinician position is being filled
- Two new positions are currently posted (CFS Manager, and CFS team Administrative Assistant)
- More new positions will be posted in the coming months

Pathfinder, BC ombudsperson

- Wendy Simon and her team from the Pathfinder Program at the BC Ombudsperson's office introduced their services regarding filing complaints about public services.

- The Pathfinder team supports Indigenous individuals and communities to file complaints. They also investigate complaints, provide recommendations based on investigations, and follow up on recommendations made.

- They are willing to visit the Tla'amin Nation to provide information and support for front line staff and senior management

- For more information: <https://bcombudsperson.ca/about-us/our-indigenous-services/pathfinders>

Engagement

- Updates were shared about community engagement on CFS reform to date
- Future engagement will center parents of young children, youth, and whole community
- Will continue reaching out to Elders and Sister Nations
- Needs assessment
- Phase one of comprehensive needs assessment for CFS reform is under way by way of community engagement and quantitative data analysis
- Next phases will clarify program, service, and infrastructure needs moving forward

Action item

- Coordinate a visit to Tla'amin Nation by Pathfinder program

Next meeting: May 30, 2023

This month's čičyε circle teaching

I'd like to talk about my experience with the legal adoption of my grandson. Going through the Ministry and the courts took a really long time. That's why I wanted to join the čičyε Circle. I was really happy that we - as the Tla'amin Nation - are working to take that over, and that we have a say about what happens to our children. So now hopefully our children will get to stay here, and not have to go into foster care. That was my big concern. I just knew he was going to be with me, even if I had to quit both jobs. My family, especially my mom and sister, were with me every step of the way. They supported me with everything, emotionally and practically. My mom always knew when I was having a hard time.



My grandson has gotten a lot of love from the both of us, my mom and me. And family. He knows his extended family and he knows his culture. He knows he belongs here. I don't know if he would have had that if he'd gone into foster care.

I really want people who are going through something like this to know they're not alone. I was fortunate to have my mom and sister with me every step of the way, so I didn't really feel alone. But there are people who might not have family, so they could approach somebody in the čičyε Circle if they have to. That was my initial reason for joining: to be there if anybody needed help or somebody to talk to who had gone through it. If you can help one person, it's a big thing.

Sally Dominick, čičyε Circle member

child and family services

KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE with Carrier Sekani Family Services

Please join us! Learn about Tla'amin-led changes to our Child and Family Services, and **learn** from other First Nations communities' ways of supporting children and families. And to have some food and **fun together** in the process!



Mary Teegee

- Welcome
- Early bird ʔayajuθəm bingo
- Dinner and screening of video
- Presentation by Mary Teegee of Carrier Sekani Family Services, followed by Q and A
- ʔayajuθəm bingo game 2 and full card



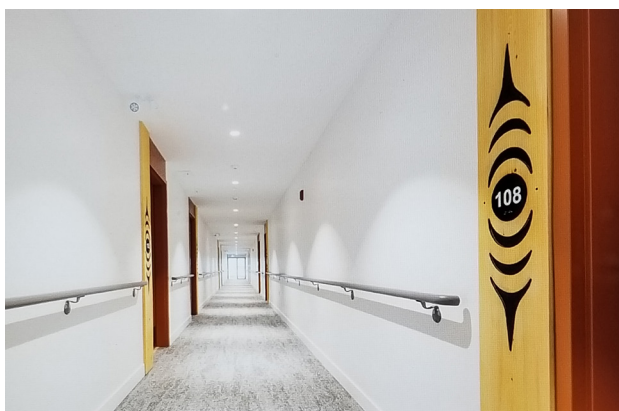
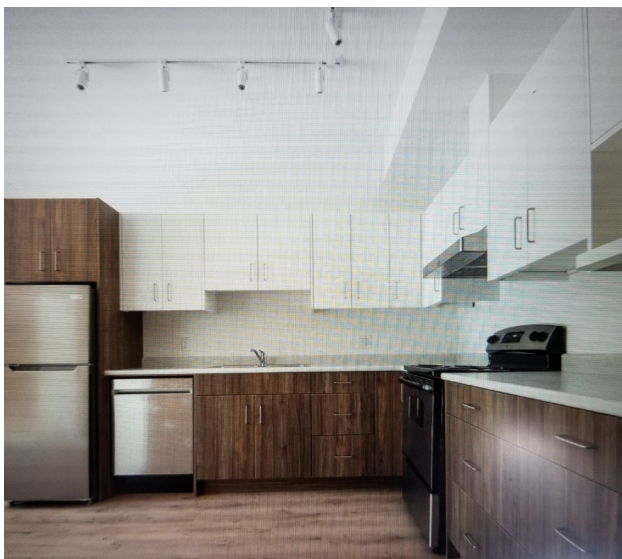
5-8 pm, Monday June 12, 2023

Salish Center
Tla'amin čičuy and family wellness




Photos Brett Hitchins or Brett Hitchins courtesy of Urban Arts Architecture.





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PROGRAMS & SERVICES

				Elders (łaxłaxay ʔaye) Opening		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Parent Tot Swim lesson @complex 11:00 Preschool field trip to JT School		Alyssa Speech and Languages Nancy - OT Services Preschool class- swim 			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Parent Tot Swim lesson @complex 11:00		Anneke Physio services Fluoride Varnish Application Drop Inn 10:00- 12:00		Chris Lightfoot Speech and language services Father's Day BBQ @ CDRC	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Parent Tot Swim lesson @complex 11:00		 Indigenous Peoples Day		Preschool  Gradation	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
	Parent Tot Swim lesson @complex 11:00	POP Up Event Sun & Swim Safety outside čičuy ʔaye **Prizes**	Anneke Physio services		Chris Lightfoot Speech and language services	

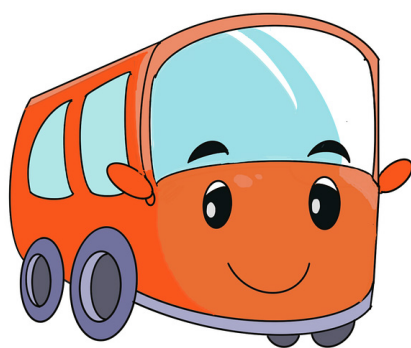
<p>June Class Theme's <u>titol čičeyiš</u> <u>Little Hands</u> circles, squares, & Father's Day</p>	<p>ʔεʔεmaš jłšjłšen <u>Walking Feet</u> Father's Day, sinkʷə (ocean), water play</p>	<p>čičuy <u>Preschool</u> sinkʷə (ocean) qʷεt (beaches) </p> 
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Tla'amin Health Free Shuttle Bus Available to All Tla'amin citizens

We are now Operational 4 days a week
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays
Contact: Health reception @ 604 483-3009
to book in advance day and time slot

Leave

Tla'amin Health Centre	Leave North End of mall
9:15 am	9:45 am
10:15am	10:45 am
11:15 am	11:45 am
Break	Break
12:45 pm	1:15 pm
1:45 pm	2:15 pm
2:45 pm	3:15 pm
3:45 pm	4:15 pm



*Route starts @Tla'amin Health facility for 1st pick up
Proceeds on Salish Drive
Proceeds to waterfront bus stop for 2nd pick up
Proceeds up Sliammon Road and over River Rd bridge
Proceeds up Homalco Street
Stops across Cousins House @ bus stop for 3rd pick up
Proceeds to HWY 101 bus stop past the store for 4th pick up
Proceeds to town



COVID-19 Spring Booster Vaccine Clinics

Fridays- June 2,9,16,23, 10:00-12:00

Thursday June 29 10:00-12:00

Location: TLA'AMIN HEALTH CENTRE

To book your appointment call the Health Centre at 604 483-3009

First Nations Health Benefits

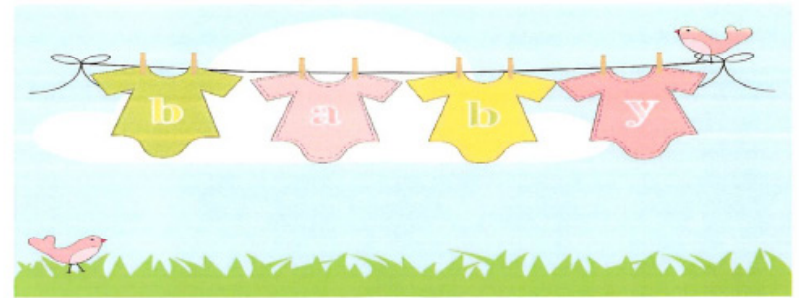
Items and services that fall under six health benefit areas:

1. Dental (dentures, fillings, root canals, night guards, crowns dental surgery, Orthodontics)
2. Vision Care: eye wear, exams
3. Medical Supplies and Equipment (walking aids, foot orthotics, hearing aids, diabetic & heart patient devices)
4. Pharmacy (prescription drugs)
5. Medical Transportation – Medical appointment out of town
6. Mental Health – eg, counsellors

Please inquire with Jaime Harry our Health Benefits clerk regarding the eligible amount and terms

Direct line (604) 900-9422
Email: jaime.harry@tn-bc.ca

You could also check the website
<https://www.fnha.ca/benefits>
 or pick up a copy of the Health Benefits Guide @ Health



Tla'amin Health Pre & Postnatal Group

May to August 2023

Wednesdays from 10:30-12:30 at Tla'amin Health

Date	Topic of the day
May 10	CANCELLED
May 24	Yumi Ball – Sign Language for Babies
June 14	Chris McPhee – Mother Goose Introduction
June 28	Brian Bompreszi – Infant CPR and Choking
July 12	Anneke Gutter – Promoting Gross Motor Development
July 26	Meghan Molnar - Dietician – Feeding solid food, Questions & Answers
August 9	TBA
August 23	TBA

Contact: Dawna Pallen for information @ 604.483.3009

JUNE 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28 Canoe Practice	29	30	31	1 Craft Night 5:00@ Cultural Portable	2	3
4 Cedar Weaving 12- 3 pm @ Cultural portable Canoe Practice	5	6 Family Language Night 5 – 7 pm @ Cultural portable	7	8 Craft Night 5:00 @ Cultural Portable	9	10
11 Canoe Practice	12	13 Family Language Night 5 – 7 pm @ Cultural portable	14	15 Craft Night 5:00 @ Cultural Portable	16	17
18 Cedar Weaving 12- 3 pm @ Cultural portable Canoe Practice	19	20 Family Language Night 5 – 7 pm @ Cultural portable	21 National Indigenous Peoples Day Celebrations	22 Craft Night 5:00 @ Cultural Portable	23	24
25 NO CANOE PRACTICE	26	27 Family Language Night 5 – 7 pm @ Cultural portable	28 Language Talk @ Library Canoe Practice	29 Craft Night 5:00 @ Cultural Portable	30	1

*Canoe practices will be scheduled based on the tides; practice times will be posted on Facebook closer to each practice day.

Tla'amin Nation to map Desolation Sound Marine Park

Archaeological project will protect ancestors and visitors to the Territory.

Tla'amin and Klahoose Territory
June 5, 2023

Tla'amin Nation is starting work this week on a project to identify, protect, educate, and divert visitors from vulnerable archeological sites in Desolation Sound.

Hegus John Hackett says that the project is urgently needed "We are proud of our territory and want to continue to share this special place with visitors in responsible ways. The fact is, 50 years, and millions of visits after the establishment of the park, we continue to see the resting places of our ancestors damaged and pillaged. Since 2010 alone, eight of our burial boxes have been desecrated."

The two-year project will include approximately 83 days of archeological assessment and is made possible with a \$0.5 million investment from the Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport – Destination Development Fund, and with additional investment from Tla'amin Nation.

"Our government is committed to protecting culturally significant sites and supporting reconciliation in action," said Lana Popham, Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport. "By supporting the Tla'amin Nation through the Destination Development Fund, we are protecting important ancestral archeological sites, and creating a sustainable tourism industry that everyone can enjoy for years to come."

The first phase of the project includes archeological mapping, site work, carbon dating and cataloguing of artifacts. This project team will also revisit 93 archeological sites recorded during the establishment of the park in 1973. The oldest of which is 7800 years old.

Director of Lands, Kwyem Tomolx Denise Smith explains that the second and third phases of the project include essential land use planning, zoning and public education activities. "Cataloging is just the beginning, having laws with teeth and monitoring in place will ensure our ancestors and their belongings are protected and can rest in peace."

Tla'amin acknowledges BC Parks for their ongoing partnership with Tla'amin to carry out this important work and thanks Destination BC for their help in achieving the grant.

Council member Tiy'ap thote Erik Blaney says that he recognizes and appreciates the growing interest, care, and awareness that visitors bring to the territory. "Visitor

education, kiosks and wayfinding installations will be in place to move visitors away from sensitive sites," he explains "Disturbing a burial site changes the course of a person's life and can even impact their children and grandchildren. This work will protect both visitors and our ancestors."

The public is encouraged to learn more about [Tla'amin Culture and Heritage Law](#) and report culturally significant sites by contacting Connie Graham connie.graham@tn-bc.ca.

Additional Background

- Established in 1973 without the permission of Tla'amin and Klahoose, was then the largest Marine Park in BC and was marketed as a place to explore the unspoiled beauty of the coast.
- There are over 250,000 visitors to Desolation Sound Marine Park every year
- Desolation Sound Marine Park has multiple confirmed village sites located within its boundaries where thousands of Tla'amin people lived year round
- Tla'amin Nation's Culture and Heritage Law sets standards and processes for the establishment, conservation, protection, and management of Heritage Sites on Tla'amin Treaty Lands, including public access to those sites.

Media Contact:

Davis McKenzie
778-834-7934

A tent platform in the heart of Desolation Sound Marine Park. Image courtesy Destination BC.



CDRC Afterschool and Summer Fun Program Changes

The CDRC will not be providing Summer Fun programs this year. All Summer Programs will take place at the Cousins House.

Our last day for After School Group will be Thursday June 29th and all Afterschool Programs will move to the Cousins House as of September 2023.

The CDRC and Childrens House will be closed June 21st, 2023, to celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day.

If you have any questions, please contact Leslie Louie Early Childhood Education Manger at 604-483-3009 ext.115



Mark Your Calendars

MEN'S HEALTH WELLNESS WEEK June 13-16

Breakfast on June 13th
Salish Centre

BBQ on June 16th
CDRC

Participants enter you name in the prize draw
Prizes to be drawn at the BBQ

**HAIRCUTS
CHIROPRACTOR
FOOT MASSAGE**

Appointments with Nurse Practitioner &Dietician Nurses

For more information contact Mens Support
(604) 483-3009 Ext. 113

Dental clinics

Wednesday, June

14th, Friday June

16th and Wednesday

June 28th.





TLA'AMIN RESORTS AND ACCOMMODATIONS INC.

Housekeeping Attendants

The Lund Resort and Marina, Lund, BC

Located on the Sunshine Coast in the quaint setting of Lund, the gateway to Desolation Sound. We are seeking team players to deliver exceptional service, while supporting one another in achieving our goals. To excel in this role, you must possess a strong work ethic, professionalism, and an unwavering commitment to delivering exceptional service. Under the direction of the Housekeeper Manager, you will be responsible for promoting a positive experience to all our guests.

JOB REQUIREMENTS:

- Respond to guests/staff inquiries and complaints, in a prompt and courteous manner.
- Strong ability to communicate effectively with employees, guests, and owners.
- Possess the ability to work independently and follow instructions.
- A professional appearance and positive, can-do attitude, with a team focus.
- A high attention to detail and proficiency.
- The ability to work in a fast-paced environment.
- Consideration for team members and valuing teamwork
- Ability to perform physical work, stand/walk for long periods, and lift 50 lbs.
- Drivers license beneficial but not required.
- Availability to work mornings, afternoons, weekends, and/or holidays.
- Previous experience preferred but willing to train the right candidates.

DUTIES:

- Clean all areas of guest rooms including, bathroom, bedrooms, seating areas and patios.
- Change all linens including sheets, duvet covers, pillowcases and towels.
- Gather laundry and transports to the laundry room when needed.
- Responsible for housekeeping duties and routines in all areas of the facility including resident rooms and common areas.
- Personal responsibility for safety use of all equipment
- Knowledge of chemicals, cleaning products, including correct handling practises.
- Report any/all maintenance issues.
- Daily restock of all supplies and amenities.
- Ensure privacy and security of guest rooms.

Thank you for applying to be part of our team, only applicants considered for the position will be contacted for an interview.

Job Type: Full-time and Part Time
Wage: \$21 Hour based on experience.

Email: elaine.tom@tmslp.ca
Address: Tla'amin Management Services LP
 4885 Highway 101, Powell River, BC V8A 0B6



THE LUND RESORT AT KLAH AMEN

a place of rest and refuge

Cashier/Store Clerks

TMSLP Vision

To be leaders in sustainable business in the region

TMSLP Mission

To create responsible and profitable business enterprises

When you work within the Tla'amin Management Services Group of Companies, you will not only embark on a unique life experience but take on the rare opportunity to impact the future and lives of our Tla'amin Nation citizens and members.

We support the cultural wellbeing, humility and ongoing personal development of every employee to build highly effective teams that serve our Nation.



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We are seeking experienced cashier/store clerks, to be responsible and reliable, to deliver all facets of the hospitality operations as well as providing excellent customer experience at the Stockpile Market. The successful candidates will be able to demonstrate teamwork and willingness to grow with us as we fulfil our vision to be leaders in sustainable business in the region, and the preferred destination for both visitors & locals.

KLAH AH MEN meaning *our people*

QATHET meaning *working together*

Our Values: Honesty, Sharing, Discipline, Integrity, and Respect.

Where culture, spirit, land & history connect.

Responsibilities:

Handle cash, credit, or check transactions with customers.

Scan goods and collect payments.

Stocking of shelves.

Issue change, receipts, refunds, and tickets

Count cash at the beginning and end of shifts to ensure amounts balance, including sufficient change.

Make sale referrals, cross-sell products and introduce new ones.

Resolve customer complaints by providing appropriate information.

Greet customers professionally and pleasantly when entering or leaving the premises.

Maintain clean and tidy checkout areas and clean store areas as needed.

Keep reports of transactions.

Process returns and check to see if items are damaged.

Be able to deal with customers' questions and try to solve issues that arise.

Bag, box and/or wrap packages.

Pleasantly deal with customers to ensure satisfaction.

Qualifications:

Point of sale Systems (POS)

Interpersonal Communication/Written and Verbal Communication.

Time Management skills.

Good knowledge of Products

Professional telephone etiquette

Great Customer Service, friendly and courteous.

Able to handle Dispute resolution.

Must be Dependable.

Punctuality is a must.

Flexibility for shifts and weekends.

Stay hydrated this summer
Drink Plenty of Water



Please submit the following for consideration:

1. Cover letter (optional)
2. Your resume

Applications can be submitted to Elaine Tom @
email: elaine.tom@tmslp.ca

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



Employment Opportunity

Referrals Coordinator

The Tla'amin Nation is a modern, forward thinking, self-governing nation located on the beautiful upper Sunshine Coast (qathet Region). We offer competitive compensation, a comprehensive benefits plan, pension plan, generous paid time off and opportunities for professional development.

Position Summary

Job Type: Full-time, permanent

Hours of Work: Monday – Friday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Department: Lands and Resources; Crown Land Referrals

Reporting to: Territorial Stewardship Manager

Closing Date: Open until filled.

The Referrals Co-ordinator is responsible for receiving and responding to referrals in a timely manner. Referrals are sent to Tla'amin Nation via the Tla'amin Connect online portal daily from various proponents, including provincial and federal governments, local governments, small and large businesses, corporations, and individuals. The Referrals Co-ordinator will respond to referrals received by the Tla'amin Nation and work with the Lands & Resources Department staff to collect any relevant information that is needed to effectively respond to the referral.

Common referral types include forestry, fisheries, aquaculture, mining, utilities and infrastructure, wildlife management, residential development and construction, energy projects, water licenses, moorages, archaeological studies, community planning processes, bylaw amendments, recreation & tourism, environmental assessments, and more.

Key Responsibilities

Performs all duties and responsibilities in accordance with Tla'amin policies, standards, practices and procedures as directed by the Territorial

Stewardship Manager. Maintains confidentiality as required pertaining to members, employees, and general matters of the Nation.

Duties include:

- Managing referrals via the Tla'amin Connect online portal, including intake, review, document management, communication, and timeline tracking.
- Analysing referrals using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data.
- Implementing Tla'amin Laws and policies, Tla'amin ta?ow (teachings), and relevant provincial and federal regulations.
- Reviewing technical reports and liaising with consultants for specialist feedback.
- Liaising with Tla'amin Nation departments, Provincial, Federal, and local governments regarding referrals and information sharing files.
- Generating reports as needed for the Territorial Stewardship Manager, Lands and Resources Department Manager, and/or Executive Council.
- Communicating concerns to proponents and/or government regulators to ensure Tla'amin stewardship standards are met, and Treaty rights are protected.
- Liaising with other Indigenous Nations with overlapping territories.
- Other tasks as required.

Qualifications

Required Skills/Experience:

- The preferred candidate will have a diploma or degree in Natural Resources, forestry, anthropology, First Nations studies OR 2 - 4 years work experience in a land management office or referrals position.
- The ability to work individually on projects and as part of a team.
- Problem solving skills.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills; ability to speak and explain issues to a wide audience.

- Basic skills for analyzing spatial data and understanding of GIS; training will be provided.
- The ability to complete tasks in a timely and professional manner.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Excel and Word at an intermediate level.
- Experience working with First Nations.
- A Class 5 Driver's license is required.

Other Important Skills:

- Knowledge of Tla'amin traditional territory and neighboring Nations' traditional territories.
- Knowledge of locations on land and ocean or possess the ability to be able to locate areas identified in the referral.
- Knowledge of Archaeological Features (culturally modified trees, shell midden sites, burial sites, archaeological wet sites).
- Knowledge of various provincial and federal Acts (e.g. Wildlife Act, Environmental Management Act, Species at Risk Act, Heritage Conservation Act, Mines Act, Forest and Range Practices Act, Land Act, Water Sustainability Act, etc.) and Tla'amin Nation Laws and how to interpret them.

Working Conditions

Work is primarily in an office environment and may involve some fieldwork. Working arrangements may include remote or hybrid work upon request and approval from leadership.

How to Apply

Please apply online by sending your resume and cover letter to: <https://tlaaminfirst.bamboohr.com/careers/90>

OR drop-off/mail Attention to: HR Tla'amin Nation, 4779 Klahanie Rd, Powell River, BC, V8A 0C4

We thank all applicants for their interest, however only those shortlisted will be contacted.



TLA'AMIN THUNDER U-10 DUNCAN CHAMPIONS

Tla'amin Nation Executive Council Minutes

May 3, 2023
ZOOM MEETING

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

Regrets: Erik Blaney, Brandon Peters

Resource: Richard Gage, Tana Harry

Guests: Connie Graham, Denise Smith, Sachi Ouchi, Chris Bakker, Paula Perry, Arnie Courtney

Hegus Hackett called the meeting to order at 9:08 am and provided the Opening Prayer.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the May 3, 2023 Executive Council Meeting Agenda with the following changes:

- Add 'Tla'amin Grads' under D.8 Education (Legislator Gloria Francis)
- Table April 5, 2023 Meeting Minutes
- Add 'ISC Amending Agreement #27' under Administration and Finance
- Move D.16 'Block Watch' under C.3 Presentations

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

B. MINUTES:

Motion to approve March 8, 2023 Executive Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

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

C. PRESENTATIONS:

1. Interfor Proposed Tensure Dispositions (Connie Graham, Territorial Stewardship Manager)

Connie appeared before EC to provide a briefing on Interfor Proposed Tensure Dispositions. The following was noted:

- Interfor Corp. is looking to subdivide and sell several forest licenses (RFL) in the Arrowsmith Timber Supply Area and the Sunshine Coast Timber Supply Area (TSA). The licenses in the Sunshine Coast TSA are proposed to be transferred to Klahoose Nation and shishalh Nation.
- The Ministry of Forests has engaged with Tla'amin Nation (TN) regarding potential impacts to Treaty Rights and title from the disposition of these RFLs. They have bundled these applications together and are looking for TN feedback on all RFL transfers before any of them can proceed.
- Klahoose and shishalh Nations are eager to proceed with the license transfers in the Sunshine TSA for their respective economic development. Given the existing protocol agreements between our Nations, shared stewardship values, and minimal projected impacts to Tla'amin resources and Treaty Rights, staff recommend the following next steps:

Request a Letter of Assurance from Tsain-ko Forestry Ltd/shishalh Nation that they will not propose to harvest volume under licenses RFL 19224 and RFL 98515 within the shared territory with Tla'amin. Once received, staff recommend that Tla'amin Nation sup-

port the license transfers to Tsain-ko Forestry/shishalh Nation. Note: Tla'amin Nation was granted a NRFL with part of the licence in the shared territory with shishalh. This may need to be addressed as part of these discussions.

Develop a signed commitment letter to focus on tenure acquisition and management according to shared territory protocols with Klahoose Nation. This should include a commitment to work collaboratively in the shared territory on forest stewardship with an ability for each Nation to lead in licenses held by their respective forestry companies. Tla'amin currently has tenures in the shared territory and may acquire more in the future.

Schedule a follow up meeting with Klahoose to facilitate the above and resolve any other details surrounding the license transfers. Staff recommend exploring the establishment of a Shared Territory Working Group.

Once a commitment letter is drafted, staff recommend providing support for the subdivision of RFL A19220 and subsequent transfer to Klahoose Nation.

2. Marine Plan Project 23/34 Workplan (Sachi Ouchi, Marine Planner and Denise Smith, Director of Lands & Resources)

Sachi appeared before EC to provide a presentation on the Marine Plan Project and seek feedback on proposed plan for 2023/24. The following was noted:

- The primary goal for fiscal 2023/24 is to complete the necessary pre-planning process activities according to our Marine Planning Process and Outline V5. This will provide the foundation for future years of the Project and, given the relatively small budget, is reasonable to complete in this upcoming fiscal year. The secondary, technical goal is to describe the current marine planning context for Tla'amin Nation and gather existing information.
- To achieve the goals as outlined above, the team will complete the following activities and associated deliverables:
 1. Develop overall project management and governance structures
 2. Continue project engagements and develop an Engagement Strategy
 3. Finish collating existing information and data into data infrastructure
- In March 2023, Sachi and team will plan to come back to EC to update on progress and seek further feedback.

3. Block Watch (Constable Chris Bakker and Constable Paula Perry)

Chris Bakker and Paula Perry appeared before EC to provide a presentation on a Block Watch Program. TN Enforcement Officer Arnie Courtney joined as an observer. The following was noted:

- The program was launched just over a year ago and the only active neighborhood in Powell River currently is Wildwood. The overall goal is to recruit more Block Watch Captains to get more blocks involved.
- Block Watch is volunteer based and consists of

a Block Watch Captain, neighborhood residents and the local Police.

- The main objective of Block Watch is for communities to partner with the Police to build safer neighborhoods by encouraging residents to take a proactive approach to crime prevention and safety and reduce the opportunities for crime.
- The Block Watch Captain is not time-consuming and does not require individuals to be always home. The primary function of the Block Captain is to set up communication between neighbours and to serve as a link between the Police coordinator and participants. Additional duties include; conducting one neighborhood meeting per year, maintaining the Block participant map, and maintaining a record of reports to Police.

Next steps: Losa to organize a follow-up meeting with Paula and Chris.

D. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Administration and Finance

i. ISC Amending Agreement #27

- FN Child and Family Services Prevention \$326,875.00
- FN Child and Family Services Representative Services/Immediate Measures \$148,009.00
- Wastewater Sanitary Servicing to Powell River (Design) \$383,328.00

Motion to approve ISC Amending Agreement 2122-BC-000027 in the amount of \$858,266.00 as presented.

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

2. Education

i. Tla'amin Nation Grads

- Legislator Gloria Francis inquired as to why the Nation is not sponsoring the full cost of Tla'amin Nation Grads celebration and dinner.
- It was noted that a contribution of \$1100.00 was previously approved to support this year's grad class with staff, cake, and general supplies for a grad celebration.

Action item: Losa to determine when and why the Nation stopped sponsoring the full cost of TN grad event and bring back to Executive Council.

E. HOUSE POST REPORTS

Finance

Attended Property Tax Authority meeting to set-up budget for our land lease holders.

- This August we will have a Human Resources Director working full-time for the Nation.
- TMS job competition in process for a CEO.
- Next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2023. There is an opportunity to fill a community representative seat that will be forthcoming.

Community Services

- Lots of developments on the acquisition of tiskwat to reclaim our village site and turn it into an economic success and determine salmon restoration. Leadership is actively seeking more funding opportunities from Canada and BC to understand the environmental liabilities and develop a strong business plan from an economic lens. Making good progress to convince our government treaty partners to provide capacity funding.
- A communication has been sent out for ample opportunities to be a part of the Tribal Journeys this year.
- Concluded interviews for a Managers of Education. Sherry Mattice was the successful candidate and starts with the Education department on May 8, 2023.
- Concluded interviews for the Training and Skills Coordinator.
- CBC is going to be accepting our TN Citizenship Cards as identification. More information to be forthcoming.
- Open house and barbecue is scheduled for Saturday, May 27th for Community Services and Education.

Public Works

- Water and wastewater infrastructure replacements planning is underway to determine which systems should be replaced this year.
- Planning to replace/upgrade our water tanks.
- Annual housing tenant inspections are currently underway and as a part of the process all the tenancy agreements are being updated.
- Process mapping has started to begin across departments.
- Job posting was released for a full-time janitor with all the new buildings opening up.
- Air conditioning units to be installed at Health, CDRC, and our portables before summer.
- Planning for the next major housing renovations is underway and work continues on the Salish Drive duplexes.
- Harwood and Theodosia cabin repairs are planned to start soon.
- The street number signage project is planned to start in May. The community will be informed through door-to-door notice.
- Yard works and village maintenance spring clean-up is now complete.
- Re-routing of the trail entry to the eagles crossing away from the cemetery project will be starting this month.
- Dam replacement is still on hold until we wait to hear back on the results of our funding application. There are plans in place for installation of a temporary solution to block logs from building up at the dam until we can move forward with the full replacement.
- The new cemetery road improvements are complete. The fence installation is underway.
- Ministry of Transportation will finish the cross walk and flashing lights this month.
- Hope and Health Mini Pitch is underway and planned to continue throughout the month of May.
- CDRC playground installation is complete, and the tricycle loop and fencing installation will be completed this month in addition to kitchen renovations.

Hegus' Report

- On April 20th the shíshálh Nation released an update on the archaeological research project including the results on the ground penetrating radar investigation. Hands raised to the shíshálh Nation for their commitment to resolve this work.
- TN leadership invited representatives from the federal government of Canada to reassess Tla'amin Specific Claim to tiskwat. The goal is to have the specific claim to be accepted by Canada to acknowledge the illegal alienation of tiskwat village and the surrounding timber lands. If Canada acknowledges that Tla'amin was displaced unlawfully, we will be able to move to a discussion government to government to negotiate a suitable compensation that is acceptable to the Tla'amin Nation.
- MP Rachel Blaney proposes that North Island Powell River be renamed to North Island qathet. Our government has a strong long-standing relationship with Rachel's office. Hands raised to Rachel for her continued effort to make this positive change and for her leadership to support reconciliation in the district.
- A special session of the Legislative Assembly was called for a first and second reading to begin the process of amending our treaty agreement. The policy change enables the continuation of the tax exemption under section 87 of the Indian Act in modern treaties. This change impacts on both Nations in treaty negotiations and Nations, like Tla'amin, with concluded treaties.

**Motion to adjourn meeting at 10:42 am.
Moved by Councillor L. Wilson
Seconded by Councillor D. Johnson
CARRIED**



Tla'amin Elders take in the Opening Ceremonies at ʔaxʔaxay ʔaye



Tla'amin Elders brush the totem pole with cedar boughs at the opening ceremony



Carvers Ivan Rosypskeye and Randy Timothy Sr.

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TLA'AMIN WATERFRONT



BANNOCK COMPETITION

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LIVE MUSIC

OPENING CULTURAL PERFORMANCE AT 4:00

BBQ AT 5:00

3V3 SOCCER AT 6:00

FIREWORKS AT 9:45