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## Countdown: Tribal Journey to Muckleshoot

### *Skippers and Paddlers Splash the Salish Sea on July 19th*

By Steve Gallagher  
Neh Motl Editor

After months of preparation, the Cheechlem Chi-Chia, Ohtaqken and Hehewshin will set their sights on Muckleshoot. A 450 kilometer sacred journey, that skippers and crew members have synced into their game plan to safely arrive in Muckleshoot, and be welcomed ashore, on July 30th.

"Honouring our Warriors Past and Present" Tribal Journey will be drummed a final send off at 6:00 a.m. at our Waterfront on July 19th.

"We have prepared our route map with the best information available", Drew Blaney explained. "We know from past experience, were always in the hands of mother nature. There are many nations that are participating in this event that celebrate the uprising of our culture. There are several stops along the way where gifts and stories form part of the protocol. We would like to thank our members for making the cultural gifts, sewing and beading crafts. We raise our hands for their hard work and dedication"

**On the eve of their launch, July 18th, a Tribal Journey Send Off Dinner will be served at the Salish Centre at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.**

Our hunting and gathering practices within our traditional territory is connected to the four seasons, and the thirteen moons. The road map for our survival year round. Our ancestors were one step ahead of the harvest, and prepared to gather resources for everyone in the community. Our highway corridor was the ocean, and our keys to our transportation was our paddles, that fueled our traditional canoes.

As anticipation of Tribal Journey becomes a reality, our sister canoes share a common vision. Be louder and prouder, reclaiming our culture that was banned and declared illegal, by the federal government.

Honouring our warriors past and present will strengthen our nations resiliency. Generations of teachings combined with traditional knowledge will awaken throughout the Tribal Journey.



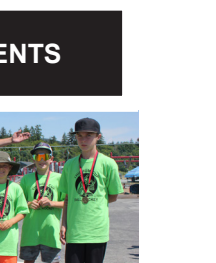
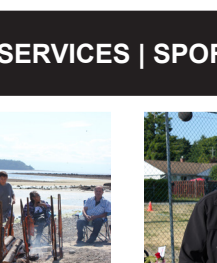
Months of preparation for Muckleshoot will deliver a cultural experience for many youths involved

## Hatchery Celebrates 45 Years of Operation

When the late Chief Joe Mitchell approached Floyd George to talk about restoring fish stocks in our river system, neither knew how significant that discussion would be for the nation to provide food fish.

"We would like to congratulate the Tla'amin 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", commented Lands Director Denise Smith.

Our community smoke house has benefited many families as a result of the hatchery being proactive.



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## Message from Hegus John Hackett



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Reflecting on our June community events was very uplifting by recognizing our nation's successes. I raise my hands to the past, present, and future generations that watch over us to remain "Tla'amin Strong".

On June 1st we celebrated the opening of our ᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ ᑲᐱᑦ which has long been a need for our community," It is humbling to witness this building delivered in such a good way, that fits the needs of our growing population. I would like to acknowledge all the amazing work that made this dream a reality. The pole carved by Randy Timothy Sr. and Ivan Rosypskeye is a perfect representation of our past moving us forward.

National Indigenous Peoples Day, was a huge success at the Waterfront Park on June 21st. Families were entertained with kids soccer, tug of wars and watermelon eating contests. Musical performances closed the evening with Frank Wilson taking it home. Our 7th year Tla'amin Treaty was recognized.

Our fish hatchery celebrated 45 years of operation on June 23

with project partners and community members, sharing stories recognizing the history of the survival of our hatchery. Great to see our youth being trained in the fishery to continue enhancing our precious resource.

June 29th, we recognized Tla'amin students at our Celebration of Success at Willingdon Beach. Transitions from Preschool to kindergarten, grade 7 to Brooks, grade 12 graduates, and post secondary completions were all recognized. Congratulations to all students and graduates, as your next journey has just begun.

Each celebration event was amazing to see everyone come together. In spirit of lifting and supporting our youth and honoring our elders and past ancestors.

Public safety is a priority for our nation. With ᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ - summer weather everyone must take precautions to keep our community safe. Please remove anything that would attract bears and abide by the fire restrictions. As the heat rises always stay hydrated and be conscious of heat exhaustion. Check on loved ones to make sure they are safe. Now that school is out for the summer, please watch out for children when driving.

Seven years ago, our nations were at a crossroads, we had a choice to stay under the Indian Act or become a Self-Governing Nation. Our Nation took a step out of the shadow of the Indian Act. Our Nation has grown in leaps and bounds in so many ways and is on the path of recapturing our identity and reclaiming our cultural practices. Our recent celebrations recognize the achievements when we all plan as "One Heart, One Mind, One Nation"



James Thomson Student were treated to bannock tacos while learning Tla'amin Culture



## Campfire Ban in effect

**Button Blanket Making**  
**Sunday and Monday**  
**July 9th and 10th**  
**10am - 7pm**

**at the culture portable**  
Please contact [sosan.blaney@tn-bc.ca](mailto:sosan.blaney@tn-bc.ca) for more information

If you are coming on Tribal Journey and need regalia, please come and get started!

This opportunity is for Tla'amin Nation members and those travelling with us on Tribal Journey

# Balancing Culture and Education Motivates One Tla'amin Nation Member

By Alisha Point

I am a member of Tla'amin Nation, with roots that also extend into Musqueam, one of the first peoples of what is now known as the Lower Mainland area, around UBC. I currently work for Tla'amin Nation as a student support worker, I teach ʔayʔajuθəm at James Thomson Elementary, as well as deliver language lessons to interested teachers and their classrooms within schools in SD47.

This year I will be attending the Tribal Canoe Journey, a yearly, nation-unifying cultural experience participated in by over a hundred different nations/tribes, or canoe families, from along the Pacific West Coast, and some joining from as far as Hawaii. I will be attending as an effort to further reclaim my culture, strengthen my self-motivation and strengthen the sense of community that comes from being part of a canoe family, and to work on all aspects of my health: physical, spiritual, emotional and mental.

I find the Tribal Canoe Journeys to be a dose of ʔimexʷ (medicine) that benefits one's health in a holistic way.

Born and raised in Vancouver by my tan (Mother) Arlene Point, čəjətən (Grandparents) Doreen and Alex Point, and čəpθtən (Aunts/Uncles), I experienced a metropolis of beautifully unique Canadian and worldly cultures, unfortunately often not my own. I could count in four languages, and ʔayʔajuθəm was not one of the languages: English (that should be a given), French, Spanish and Cantonese. Instead of learning the ways of my own people, I learned the basics of fancy dancing, a beautiful tradition of the Prairies First Peoples, and Chinese New Year Traditions, to name a few.

Upon my move to Powell River, I struggled with self-identity and didn't know the ways that even a good portion of Tla'amin-lifers were struggling to reclaim. It wasn't until living in our family's hometown that I started to connect to our community and culture, with the Tribal Canoe Journeys amplifying this connection.

Paddle to Muckleshoot 2023 will be the third canoe journey I have embarked on since my first, Paddle to Duncan 2008.

Paddle to Duncan 2008 happened at a very new time in my life. I was 21 years old and adjusting to life with a baby boy, Landyn, who was a little over a year old at the time. I had been living in Tla'amin for a few years and I was a summer student assigned to the Tla'amin Nation Social Development Department when my supervisor and mentor, Maureen Adams, suggested I go on the canoe journey with the Gahnos canoe family.

Gahnos is the name of the canoe that brought our family safely to that year's destination in Duncan. Gahnos, means 'treasure' and was built with the help of a well-known and respected west coast Artist who is now deceased.

Being a new mom, my Grandparents weren't exactly on board with me participating and bringing my son along with me. I had to convince my kʷɔkʷpə (Alex Point), I told him that it was okay, that I was doing it to learn our culture. That did not exactly sell it to him. The winning argument was when I connected that his father, my čəčməqʷ (Great Grandparent) Alex Galligos Sr, was a canoe racer and that I wanted to practice the tradition of knowing and being on a canoe (see photo, above). That is when I gained his approval. Also, if it weren't for Landyn's čičiyəʔoʔ (deceased Grandmother) Rita and kʷɔkʷpəoʔ (deceased Grandfather) Lawrence attending the Tribal Journeys with us, it wouldn't have been possible.



Alisha Point's čəčməqʷ (great-grandfather) Alex Galligos Sr, is the third from the front in this photograph with the Sea King racing team, in front of ʔišosəm (Tla'amin Village), dating to the early 1900's

There are many parts that are vital to the mechanism of a successfully running canoe family. Aside from the canoe itself and its paddlers, there is the Skipper and the roadcrew, the organizers who made the journey possible and make sure things run smoothly the entire time. Prior to the Journey there is crafting for regalia and gift to give to communities that host us along the way, fundraising, canoe practices and meetings.

During the Paddle to Duncan in 2008, Gahnos was skippered by Melvin Mitchell and Mario Paul. As Skippers they navigated the waters and guided us through whichever weather conditions we faced, all while keeping our crew safe.

They also got us through the mental and emotional exhaustion that can happen from consistent early rising after long exhausting days, countless hours of paddling, sometimes working against the wind, rain and big waves, or working under an unforgiving sun, wishing for a breeze or to be anywhere other than in that canoe. From stories, songs, the spontaneous creation of funny songs to pass time, sharing of personal experiences, traditional teaching, mentorship and encouragement to keep going, your connection to people while on a canoe is of the pulrest, most human and is very rewarding, as it is hard to achieve those kinds of connections in today's world.

This year, we will make our way to Muckleshoot Washington. Over 450 kilometres in 11 days. We will paddle from ʔišosəm and make our way a little more each day. I will be with the čičtəm čičyε Canoe family, led by the Blaney family, as a student supervisor.

Things have come full circle. I am now a few years into learning and teaching ʔayʔajuθəm, working with an amazing Indigenous Education team on language revitalization efforts. I recently found some notes written by my language mentor Gail Blaney, the words were all related to the weather, ocean conditions and canoe commands and actions, further proving the importance of canoes and the ocean to our people.

I had the opportunity to complete the Big Canoe Skipper Training and will get to practice becoming a Skipper. My qəx (younger brother) will be attending as will my ʔajumiš (beautiful) blended family.

## Tla'amin Land and Resources Update

The Tla'amin Land and Resources Department is always busy with ongoing projects throughout the year which we highlight in the Neh-Motl as they are confirmed, and we have started the work. As it is now Summer, we wanted to comment on just a couple of areas that need attention for now. More to come throughout the summer.

### Culture & Heritage Law Implementation

There has been much discussion and work towards setting up a Culture and Heritage Committee that will assist in all the dynamics with implementing this law.

We continue to request that all new digging that happens with Tla'amin Nation, Klahanie, and Southview Residents to contact our Territorial Stewardship Department (Referrals Department) referrals@tn-bc.ca . We will then schedule a Tla'amin Culture and Heritage Technician on site to monitor your dig to ensure that no historical Tla'amin artifact or remains is found. There is no cost to Nation members or leaseholders for this service currently.

We thank you for your cooperation in this process of respecting our Ancestors and our Ta'ow as we continue to implement the Tla'amin Culture and Heritage Law.

### Boat Booking/Guardians Bryce McKenzie and Andrew Timothy/Lands Officer Gerry Galligos

Last Summer we were able to provide Family Boat Tours, unfortunately we do not have the funding to provide that option this year. With that stated there are many ongoing programs within the Tla'amin Governance House and the Tla'amin Health Centre that have funding to provide Group Boat Tours. Also, we are allowing with permission from the Lands and Resources Director Denise Smith to offer Boat Tours as Ruffled Door Prizes for certain engagements.

We have three boats available for program or project specific usage. We have the Crew Boat that fits 12 comfortably, we have the Landing Craft which can fit about 8 people not so comfortably and then we have the Ducks worth which can fit about 6 people.

All Boat and Boat Operator must be booked through the Lands and Resources Manager April Linton with as much notice as possible, preferably 2 weeks prior. All requests must be typed into an email and sent to **april.treakle@tn-bc.ca** Then she will get them invoiced accordingly for the boat tour.

Our Guardians and our Lands Officer have very busy schedules. We will be adding Tla'amin Nation summer students to work with them throughout the summer to learn valuable skills from each of them in their day-to-day activities. Where they will learn how to Stewart our Lands through their lenses with our traditional teachings as they educate the public about our traditional territory. The Guardian Watchmen and our Lands Officer are our eyes and ears on the water and on the land. We are grateful for their dedication and commitment to their work.

### Tla'amin Forest Resource Plan

We are hoping that you can reach out to us to plan a meeting with Tla'amin Families (minimum 7 members) to share your thoughts and experiences with us on our Tla'amin Forest Resource Plan (FRP).

### We would like to focus on eight focus areas of the FRP on the following topics:

1. Cultural Sites and Practices
2. Wildlife Habitat and Management
3. Ecosystem Health
4. Watershed Integrity
5. Community Resiliency
6. Sustainable Economic Development
7. Carbon and Climate Change
8. Recreation

If you have any questions or are interested in setting a meeting up please contact April Linton via email april.treakle@tn-bc.ca or you can call her at 604-483-9646 ext #154

## Unwin Lake Salmon Restoration Project

Picture this, salmon returning back to one of ʔəms giʔe (our territory) watersheds. That is our goal of our Unwin Lake Salmon Restoration Project. ʔaʔamun Nation and our partners, including Klahoose First Nation, BC Parks, DFO, Desolation Sound Nature Project, with technical support from Ecofish Research Limited and Aquilla Archeology, desire to restore historic passage to Unwin Lake to support the re-establishment of Pacific salmon populations.



Located within Desolation Sound Marine Provincial Park, Unwin Lake is connected to kʷumqən (Tenedos Bay) and the ocean through Unwin Creek. However, to facilitate log transport between Unwin Lake and kʷumqən, Unwin Creek was altered by the forest industry in the early 1900's. The resulting outlet from the lake was straighter and steeper. These alterations resulted in reducing or fully eliminating migration of salmon into Unwin Lake. By restoring fish passage, this Project will restore salmonid runs to the system that will in turn provide ecological, economic, social, and cultural co-benefits to the region and the Nation. Our Project has been successful in securing approximately 1.7 million dollars over 4 years to complete this restoration project. On June 7, 2023, our project team visited Unwin Creek to jointly assess the barriers and discuss potential options for restoration. We had productive discussions on issues, concerns, and potential solutions from all partners. Over the summer, field crews will be working on gathering additional data from the creek and developing restoration options for the partners to consider. We are excited to report on the progress of this project and thank all those who made the day possible.

She can provide more information and send out an interview guide and set up a place and time that would work best for the family. We will have door prizes available per meeting, and then we are offering each family engagement to have their group to be placed in a draw for a grand prize of a family boat tour in our territory.

### WATCH Program with FNHA Partnered with Tla'amin Guardian Watchmen

We signed a Collaborative Research Agreement with FNHA who oversees the WATCH Program which stands for We All Take Care of the Harvest (WATCH). We signed with them in May and just a month later we tested bad toxins in Okeover Inlet. On June 19th, 2023, our Guardian Watchmen and a WATCH professional consultant Jay Pudota found alarming levels of Alexandrium Spp, a harmful plankton species that produces toxins responsible for Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning. We placed a community notice out to Tla'amin asking the community not to harvest any shellfish in and around Okeover Inlet until further notice. We are continuing to test and will update the community once we have more information. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact April Linton 604-483-9646 ext#154

### ELK HUNT – We are asking Citizens to get prepared for this years Elk hunt – The draw date will be announced in August Neh-motl.

We are asking Tla'amin Citizens to start getting prepared if interested in adding their name in this years 2023 Elk Hunt. To be eligible, applicants must apply in person at the Tla'amin Nation Governance Building when the draw is open. To be eligible, applicants must be a Tla'amin Citizen, be at least 19 years old, must possess a valid Canadian Firearms License (PAL, or a crossbow and must not have won in the 2022 elk draw.



**Everyone  
Welcome!**

Honouring our Warriors

# TRIBAL JOURNEY SEND OFF

**July 18th: Dinner at 5:00pm @ Salish Centre**

**July 19th: Canoes Depart at 6:00am**



**The Tla'amin Canoes will be leaving for Tribal Journey! Come out on July 18th for a send off dinner at the Salish Centre. Canoes will depart the following morning at 6:00am**

## A Student Profile of Hannah Harry

By Gerry Brach, Brooks Secondary Counsellor



Soccer is Hannah's life! She has been kicking a soccer ball around since she was able to walk. Hannah feels that soccer is in her blood as all her family members have played soccer. "I love the competitiveness of the game and am not scared to push people around."

Hannah plays defence for the Tla'amin Nation Women's Soccer Team which has started playing again after COVID. She trains three times a week for monthly Native Ball tournaments. "Our first tournament as a team was played in Victoria in March. We played well, as we made it to the consolation finals." Hannah hopes to extend her soccer career for as long as possible once she graduates from high school next year.

When Hannah initially transferred from the Christian School to Brooks at the start of Grade 10, she felt she was bullied because of her race. At that time, Brooks Vice-Principal Mr. Hull supported Hannah and helped

her with strategies and encouragement to overcome that obstacle. This year in Grade 11, Hannah loves coming to school as it excites her to be working towards her future plan of attending university. "I hope to attend either U.B.C. (Vancouver) or U.B.C. (Okanagan) to study sciences and math which will hopefully lead me to being accepted into medical school."

Hannah's favorite courses at Brooks are Chemistry 11 with Mrs. Balzer and Photography 11 with Mr. Bennett. She likes these courses as she enjoys learning the material in Chemistry and likes the creativity and freedom of her photography class. "I think that Mrs. Balzer has been by far the most understanding teacher in the way she teaches. Mr. Bennett's words are powerful and can easily speak to you." If Hannah could change one thing about Brooks, she wishes students were treated more as equals.

“ Don't be afraid to make friends and don't feel you have to stick with one goal in your life. - Hannah Harry ”

Hannah's Indigenous culture is very important to her. Initially she was raised not knowing anything about her culture, so this put her in a position of having to learn about it later in her life. "I started learning about the importance of the history and language of the Tla'amin Nation when I started attending Brooks in Grade 10."

Her personal motto is to live, laugh, and learn later. Hannah wants people to know that she generally cares about the well being of others, even if she doesn't know them.

In the next five years, Hannah hopes to be attending Medical School studying pediatrics. "Starting at a young age, I have always been good with kids." After graduating from medical school, Hannah hopes to first gain experience as a doctor somewhere in the world.

One day, Hannah would like to travel to Europe to view all the different types of architecture.

Her advice to younger students is: "Don't be afraid to make friends and don't feel you have to stick with one goal in your life."

Hannah is a well-rounded Grade 11 student who has a clear vision of what she wants to

## Qathet Regional Cycling Association

We hosted our second youth bike night with the Tla'amin Nation last night and it was a huge success. We had over 35 kids on bikes and well over 50 people attend the event down at the lower soccer field area.

A big thanks goes out to Hillary and Jordan Marciniak for leading rides and skills courses, Josh from Suncoast Cycles for tuning up bikes, Shaniah from the nation for helping organize and spread the word, SD47's Edgehill Rippers for lending out some bikes, and of course the Tla'amin Nation for hosting us on their beautiful land.

## 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.tlaamin-nation.com](http://www.tlaamin-nation.com), at the Governance Office, or the private Facebook page for Nation citizens/members: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/tlaamin-membership>

### 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](mailto:dividends@tn-bc.ca) or 604-483-9646 x 122





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# Qames Tala Settlement Trust

## Notice of Annual General Meeting

**When:** August 12th, 2023 @ 10 am to 12:30 pm

**Where:** Salish Centre and Via Livestream Webinar

**Who:** Tla'amin Registered Treaty Citizens

**Come out and be informed on the status of the Qames Tala Settlement Trust**

**Breakfast begins at 9 am.  
Meeting begins at 10 am.**

There will be a registration link to follow for citizens to join remotely. You will receive a zoom invite via email once your citizenship status is confirmed.

### Review of Trust Operations will include:

- Report from Cyndi Egan – Guardian for the Trust
- Financial status of the Trust for the fiscal year ending December 31st, 2022. Presenters Dixon Mitchell and Addenda Financial Managers
- Financial Audit results 2022 – Grant Thornton Auditors
- Economic Development Fund application process
- Q&A Session

## Prize Draws Throughout the Session

**We hope to see you there!**

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# Tla'amin Nation Executive Council Minutes

May 17, 2023  
ZOOM MEETING

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

**Resource:** Richard Gage, Tana Harry

**Guests:** Brandon Louie, Walter Martella, Steven Cramaro, Tom Koleszar

Hegus Hackett called the meeting to order at 9:02 am and Councillor Dillon Johnson provided the Opening Prayer.

## A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the May 17, 2023 Executive Council Meeting Agenda with the following changes:

- Item C.2 to be presented by Brandon Louie.
- Table C.3 UBCM Funding Application, which will be presented later in June.

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

## B. MINUTES:

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

1. Section C.3 Block Watch, under bullet point number four, replace the word policy with Police.
2. Section E. Community Services Update, under bullet point number one, update MNBC to BC.

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

## C. PRESENTATIONS:

1. Fieldhouse Landscaping (Brandon Louie, Project Manager, Public Works)

Brandon appeared before EC to seek approval to move forward with the Fieldhouse Landscaping work, under a new contract delivery and price. This included seeking specific approval on a contract of \$126,558.00 +GST to Augusta Recyclers Inc. The following background was provided:

- This landscaping scope was previously brought to the attention of Executive Council, under a proposal from Knox Construction (general contractor).
- E.C requested more work regarding cost assurances.
- After re-structuring the project delivery, and internally construction managing with a project manager. Public Works been able to break out the scopes of work and identify some

strong cost savings overall.

- Augusta Recyclers Inc. contacted Tla'amin to share new equipment they have procured that will meet the needs of our project.
- Tla'amin Construction Services (Plumbers) and Yard Works crew will be helping with some of the scope including the sprinkler system.
- Thichum Rock Truck and Excavator operator will be involved in the civil works by hauling materials off-site.
- Knox Construction price previously presented: \$723,000.00 + GST.
- New proposal for internal construction management and civil contract to Augusta: \$556,514.00 with a 20% contingency.
- As directed by the Nations Administration and Finance Policy, any other contracts that exceed \$100,000 for this project will come back to EC for approval.

Motion to award the civil contract to Augusta Recyclers Inc. in the amount of \$126,558.00 for the purposes of completing the next phase of work, specifically the soccer field and sub-service for the running track.

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

## 2. International Choral Kathaumixw

(Walter Martella, Kathaumixw Artistic Director and Steven Cramaro, Kathaumixw Chair, and Tom Koleszar, Kathaumixw past Chair)

Walter, Steven and Tom appeared before EC to provide an update on the International Choral Kathaumixw. The following was noted:

- Hegus received an invitation to speak at the beginning of the Gala Opening concert on Tuesday, July 4th at 8:00pm. Additionally, the PR Academy of Music requested a letter of greeting to be included in the Kathaumixw festival program. The letter would need to be submitted by Thursday, June 1st for inclusion in the program.
- Hegus agreed to speak at the Gala Opening concert and to provide some messaging to be included in the program.
- Legislator Brandon Peters made a suggestion for the Chief Dan George Prayer Song (also known as the Coast Salish Anthem) to proceed the Canadian National Anthem during the opening of the concert.
- Lastly, a request was made to hold a promenade concert at the Tla'amin Governance House.

**Next steps:** TN to work directly with Carrie Lani-gan directly to solidify planning and logistics.

**D. NEW BUSINESS:** None.

## E. HOUSE POST REPORTS

### Lands and Resources

- The April 26th Lands and Resources Open House was well attended with over 70 participants.
- Attended Tla'amin Joint Fisheries Committee Meeting on April 19th which focused on priorities for the committee and emerging issues, including Lois Lake Steelhead Aquaculture and the important of continued enforcement throughout the territory.
- Tla'amin Nation was successful in our application to fund the Unwin Lake Salmon Restoration Project (\$1.7 million over 4 years).
- Attended 4th meeting with BC Parks to discuss a region based MOU to deal with the operations within Desolation Sound Marine Park and the Copeland Islands. A draft MOU has gone to our intergovernmental team for review, with plans to present to EC later in June.
- The Desolation Sound Archeology Project was approved.
- The Natural Resources has been busy working towards deadlines identified in the ToR, including a local mine that has been unpermitted in our area for many years. A consultant is now retained to go over all the human health risk assessments as well as the best available technology assessments and methodologies to ensure our core values are understood and protected within our fishing area.
- Elk allocation was increased significantly this year to 14 elk; 5 bulls in Haslam, 3 bulls and 4 antlerless in the Daniels River and 2 bulls in Theodosia.
- Met with the Ministry of Forests Climate Change Division and discussed the Carbon Credit Program to look at ways to get carbon credits for changes in our logging practices. Our team is working on a few projects that can be used through our Forestry Landscape Planning Process.
- Bears are out! Urging community members to keep your garbage in a safe space until garbage day. There is also a compost bin located at the community recycling centre for food scraps.
- Fire season is here, category 2 burns are now prohibited.

### Finance

- Participated in TMS job search for the new CEO. First and second screening has been completed. Third screening to begin in the coming week.



# Employment Opportunity

## *Traditional Ecological Knowledge Coordinator*

The Tla'amin Nation is a modern, forward thinking, self-governing nation located on the beautiful upper Sunshine Coast (qathet Region).

### Position Summary

**Job Type:** Full-time, temporary ending March 31, 2026

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

**Reporting to:** Lands Manager

**Closing Date:** Open Until Filled

The Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) Coordinator coordinates ongoing funded projects such as climate change and food security with the Climate Change and Food Sovereignty for First Nations (CCFS4N) Project, Species at Risk (SARA), Food, Climate and Biodiversity (FCB) and more.

### Key Responsibilities

Performs all duties and responsibilities in accordance with Tla'amin policies, standards, practices and procedures as directed by the Lands Manager and the Director of Lands and Natural Resources. Maintains confidentiality as required pertaining to members, clients, employees and general matters of the Nation.

- Coordinates various funded projects related to traditional ecological knowledge.
- Coordinates and leads public engagements for the Lands and Resources Team.
- Completes Research activities from start to finish, such as creating and conducting surveys, interviewing experts and community members, develops and prepares reports.
- Establishes and maintains a data base of TEK resources and collected data.
- Builds and maintains positive working relationships with funding partners.
- Has proficient knowledge of Microsoft Office, particularly Word and Excel to prep tables, data entry and to create PowerPoint presentations

- Reviews Funding Contribution Agreements to create and follow work-plans to ensure compliance with funders
- Schedules meetings with project teams and relevant staff to harmonize work progress
- Takes accurate minutes of meetings for reference and action items
- Other related duties as assigned.

### Qualifications

- Post Secondary education related to Lands and Resources or Environmental studies combined with related experience within an Indigenous community.
- Knowledge of Tla'amin lands and cultural sites is an asset.
- Knowledge of Tla'amin culture and ta?ow (teachings).
- Knowledge of Tla'amin Nation's land laws and regulations.
- Experience managing projects.
- Experience working with elders, knowledge keepers and community members.
- Intermediate to advanced computers skills including MS Office.
- Acceptable Police Information Check.

### Working Conditions

Work is performed primarily in an office environment with some community engagement activities. Some travel to attend meeting and training.

### How to Apply

**Please apply online to :** <https://tlaaminfirst.bamboohr.com/careers/96>

OR

**In person, or mail to:** Attn: HR Department, 4779 Klahanie Rd., Powell River BC, V8A 0C4

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

- Finance Orientation planned for Legislators on June 7th to review roles and responsibilities post treaty.
- The next Finance Committee meeting is June 15th.
- Notice coming out soon for upcoming dividend and covid distribution.

### Community Services

- Attended Prime Ministers Forum in Ottawa and spoke to the need for a better approach to infrastructure funding. Met with Minister Miller to talk about tiskwat, language funding, forestry, and updating the treaty.
- 16 CDRC staff had professional development training for everyone in the ECE program. They attended a conference and workshop in Vancouver.
- Nurse Practitioner at Health is now onboarded.

- Opening ceremony is scheduled for Elders and Accessible Housing Project on June 1st at 11:00am.
- Public Safety/Education Open House BBQ on Saturday, May 27th 1-3pm at the old Forestry Building.
- Hands raised to the Public Works team for getting the crosswalk set-up at the Cousin's House.

### Public Works

- Attended the Regional Hospital Board Meeting, the main agenda item was the approval of the 2022 fiscal year financial statements.
- Housing Committee meeting discussed the screening for potential tenants for the Elders and Accessible Housing Project.

**Hegus' Report:** Tabled.

### ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting at 10:03 am.

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

**The next regular EC meeting is Wednesday, June 7, 2023**



# New Horizons Indigenous Association

## Honouring Our Survivors—The Journey Forward



Join us at the **Salish Centre** on **July 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup>** for a journey in healing and learning. The New Horizons team will be delivering 3 days of Culture, Healing, and Learning that is focused on the journey forward for those community members impacted by the Residential School Crisis.

Workshops will be followed by a cultural burning on **July 13<sup>th</sup>** to honour our loved ones.

### Daily Schedule

#### **DAY 1**

##### **Opening Circle**

During the course of the three days we will be exploring a wide range of healing topics related to the impacts of IRS. It is important that we start that work strongly connected to our culture. After the opening prayer (provided by a Tla'amin Elder) we will introduce our facilitator and the team. Our medicine women will be there to start us off in a good way and the team will spend some time connecting with our participants so we can tailor the workshop delivery to meet our participant's needs. We will start and end each day in the circle.

##### **Lunch**

##### **Resilience:**

Throughout the 3 days workshops our Medicine Women/Cultural Healers will be booking time for participants to access traditional healing. Our connection to our culture and traditional ways strengthens us as Indigenous people and this powerful healing resource is a very important part of the work.

##### **Trauma and Coping Skills**

Participants will come together with the support of traditional healing support and clinical support to discuss trauma and explore coping contemporary and traditional mechanisms.

##### **Closing Circle**

#### **DAY 2**

##### **Wellness Check-in**

##### **Addictions:**

The impacts of IRS have brought many of our people into addiction with a huge impact on their lives and the lives of their loved ones. The workshops focus on addiction issues as they relate to our people who survived residential school. Lead by qualified Addictions Counsellors this workshop will provide an opportunity to discuss harm reductions; support options for individuals and families; and help to understand the nature and impacts of addiction.

This workshop gives our people a safe, non-judgemental space to discuss this very difficult topic.

##### **Lunch**

##### **Concurrent Conditions & Anxiety**

Along with addictions our people experience other concurrent conditions including anxiety as a result of the impacts of IRS. This workshop lets people explore these issues and learn coping mechanisms that could reduce these impacts.

##### **Closing Circle**

#### **DAY 3**

##### **Wellness Check-in**

##### **Honouring Our Loved Ones**

We will provide the opportunity to do a burning to honour our loved ones who did not make it home from Indian Residential School or didn't survive their trauma caused by IRS. We will set the table for a traditional burning ceremony.

##### **Lunch**

##### **Culture and Closure**

We will all come together with a traditional activity (weaving, singing and drumming, knitting) and share about our journey of the three days.



If you require further information, please contact Verna Francis @ 604 778 762 5246 or email: [verna.francis@tn-bc.ca](mailto:verna.francis@tn-bc.ca)

# Let's Talk Trash.ca

WHAT IS WASTE?



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## Recreation or Wreck Creation?

These days the beaches, lakes, and trails are calling and we are more than ready to respond with a heart felt YES! It's in our nature to be immersed in nature and we want to keep it pristine for our next visit. All too often, our best laid plans to recreate can tax the planet far more than we ever intended. Getting informed and planning ahead can lighten our tread on the trails and beyond.

Camping is a fantastic way to commune with Mother Nature unless you leave behind a mess for her to clean up. Follow the 'Pack it in, Pack it out' rule even when it comes to compost. Food scraps and napkins are both an eyesore while they degrade and an attractant drawing critters of all sizes to abandoned campsites and trails. Bring a seal-able container to take these home to a backyard composter or for drop off at participating depots. The same goes for recyclables. After a night of celebrating around a campfire (when they are permitted), the best thanks we can offer the spot that hosted us is to take our drink cans and bottles with us. Having a simple 3 bin system for separating compost, recyclables and trash as they are created is the most easeful way to ensure they get to where they ought to.

Sometimes you just need to get away even if it's overnight to a local campsite. Instead of buying all the gear for what might be an annual event, see if friends and family can loan out equipment you don't have. When you're sure you want to invest, look into outdoor gear second hand outlets for a great selection of lightly used, reasonably priced gear.

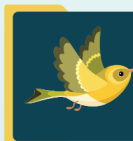
Propane tanks are a part of summer, but they do not belong in curbside or depot recycling. When your small tank is empty or large tank needs retiring, bring them to the transfer station and advise the attendant of what you have. Canisters are highly flammable even when empty as they remain under pressure. Each year fires are started in recycling bins when improperly disposed of pressurized tanks explode during the baling process.

With the sun blasting, some are slapping on sunscreen to prevent a night of tossing and turning. Before we run to the store to stock up, consider these low waste alternatives. Seek shade in peek sun periods. Hats and clothing are also not to be underestimated. When using these for sun protection (SPF), the best options are tight weaves of silk, wool, polyester, or nylon. Keep fabric dry as wet clothing loses up to 50% of its protective quality. Also, never overlook the sunbrella – an umbrella used for shade. You might even bling it up with the kids to get them into using it. If a squeeze tube of sunlotion makes its way into your life, it must eventually make its way into the garbage can as squeeze tubes are not recyclable in BC.

When choosing a sunscreen, avoid ones containing compounds harmful

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## Games To Play in the Car



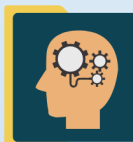
### BIRD COUNT

Simple game of counting birds. When someone sees a bird they call out "Bird". Keep a running tally. Once everyone is good at identifying any bird you can make it harder by only calling out specific birds such as an eagle, robin, seagull, etc., in ?ay?ajuθəm or English.



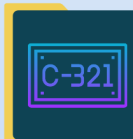
### I SPY IN THE CAR

This is another simple game that you can play on short or long trips. The rules can be changed to suit the environment. For example, you can only pick things in the car. Or you can only pick things that you won't just drive by quickly and cannot be guessed.



### MEMORY

Pick a subject such as "things that you drive past", "school", or "camping". Then the first person starts and says a word that goes with the topic such as "pencil", then the next person says "pencil, ruler", then the next person says "pencil, ruler, teacher", etc. Once this is mastered you can do it in alphabetical order.



### LICENSE PLATE LETTER FIND

As you drive past vehicles everyone can search for letters or numbers that the driver identifies. For example, count how many "A's" or "8's" everyone finds.



### COLLABORATIVE ORAL STORY TELLING

As you drive create a story with everyone in the car. The first person can start with an opener such as "Once upon a time...". Then everyone takes a turn to add a sentence. Keep going until the story concludes. It gets pretty silly.



†a?amun Education Department



to ocean life as well as those that contain known hormone disruptors, like oxybenzone. Natural sunscreens can be made by combining ingredients like coconut oil (SPF 5), with Zinc Oxide (SPF 2 – 20 depending on ratio used), red raspberry seed oil (SPF 25 -50), or carrot seed oil (SPF 35).

***There is still a lot of summer left to enjoy. Let's make sure we aren't wrecking creation while we are recreating!***

Let's Talk Trash is contracted by the qathet Regional District to deliver its waste reduction education program. Learn more at LetsTalkTrash.ca or contact the team with your waste related questions and inspirations at info@LetsTalkTrash.ca



Thichum Cup youth took to the courts before the mens final

## WE ARE HIRING



**Tla'amin Lake Contracting**

A MERAKI AND THICHUM PARTNERSHIP

### Accounts Payable & Receivable Administrator

#### Experience & Qualifications:

- Post-Secondary education in Accounting/Business or Finance related field considered an asset
- 1-2 years' experience as an AR or AP clerk
- Excellent working Knowledge of Microsoft office program suite. (Excel, Word, Outlook etc.)
- Familiar with ERP use/accounting programs considered an asset.
- Strong work ethic, attention to detail and positive team attitude
- Active problem solver able to multi-task and prioritize with minimal supervision
- Exceptional interpersonal and communication skills

#### About the position:

- This is a part-time, permanent position. Depending on experience and skills there is the opportunity for a full-time role with expanded duties.
- This role will follow a hybrid work structure where employees can work from home but will be required to work from the office as needed based on demand and specific work tasks



**Location: qathet Regional District**

**Email Resumes: [frladmin@merakiresources.com](mailto:frladmin@merakiresources.com)**

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- The position allows for some remote work but will be required to come into the office as needed.

#### What we offer:

- Great and safe work environment
- Professional development and upward career mobility.

#### Requirements:

- Post-Secondary education in Business Administration, Accounting or other related field is considered an asset
- Prior experience working in an office is required
- Excellent working Knowledge of Microsoft office program suite. (Excel, Word, Outlook etc.)
- Strong work ethic, attention to detail and positive team attitude
- Active problem solver able to multi-task and prioritize with minimal supervision
- Exceptional interpersonal and communication skills
- Familiar with WCB and other safety regulations considered an asset.
- Experience in forestry considered an asset.

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# 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**

## Hereditary Chief and Renowned Child Welfare Activist Mary Teegee spends two days in Tla'amin Territory

By Davis McKenzie

On June 12, over sixty members of Tla'amin Nation enjoyed an Elk stew dinner, some ʔayʔajuθəm bingo, and a presentation from nationally recognized Indigenous Child Welfare expert Mary Teegee



**Teegee is a hereditary Chief from Takla Lake First Nation and serves as Executive Director of Carrier Sekani Family Services (CSFS).**

Mary Teegee nationally renowned advocate for Indigenous Children and Families shares wisdom and advice June 12 at the Tla'amin Salish Centre.

CSFS is based in Prince George and provides culturally safe health and social services to 11 Dakelh communities. She manages over 250 staff and provides services to 13,000 members.

Teegee and her legal counsel Scott Smith spent two days in the community discussing Tla'amin's plan to assume jurisdiction in matters of child welfare as described in the Comprehensive Nation Plan.

### Not standing down, it's about survival of the tribe

Teegee says "As a hereditary chief my sole job is to ensure survival of the tribe and that starts with children." Teegee takes this sacred responsibility seriously.

The over-representation of Indigenous kids in government 'care' can be traced back to a century of destructive policy, including residential schools and the 60's scoop. These policies were designed to undermine decision-making of Indigenous families. It is something that Teegee has spent her life fighting to reverse.

Along with Cindy Blackstock and others, Teegee has taken the government of Canada to court over 30 times and has won every time. She was involved in the establishment of Jordan's Principle and the recent 23-billion-dollar settlement on Indigenous child welfare. Teegee notes that Canada is the only "first world" country to be taken to court for discrimination against children.

Doing this work for over 25 years Teegee shared some great advice with Tla'amin, who is early in its journey to jurisdiction.

### Take it slow, the conditions are favourable

Tla'amin has a few options to assume jurisdiction over child and family services. Among them, the Tla'amin final agreement, Bill C-92, and new provincial enabling legislation, all of which are being explored under a five-year project funded by Indigenous Services Canada.

Ryan Pielle is Tla'amin's Child Welfare Reform Coordinator and is leading the team charged with advancing goal 10 of Tla'amin Nation's Comprehensive Nation Plan. Pielle brings a combination of traditional knowledge and formal education and training to the job. He is among a growing number of young Tla'amin professionals with experience and expertise in this important area of work.

Setlakus Harmony Johnson and Dr. Janet Newbury are helping out too.

Teegee met with the team for two, half-day, technical sessions while she was in the territory and said that Tla'amin is doing the right thing by building capacity in advance to taking over responsibility for child and family services.

"Due diligence is owed to future generations. Learning as you go is important to building a system that will be safe for Tla'amin kids. Remember, we always had the skills to take care of our kids, we just didn't have the resources to breathe life into our laws. That is changing."



**Dave Moon and Amy Timothy getting ready to play some ʔayʔajuθəm bingo. The bingo game was created by Jeh Jeh media and features words focused on family and wellness.**

Mary Teegee (Continued on page 14)

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Mary Teegee (Continued from page 13)

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## Jurisdiction is not a magic wand

Having jurisdiction and exercising it are two different things according to Teegee. And exercising legal jurisdiction through a coordination agreement with other governments should be a last step, not a first one.

She says that some early adopters of Bill C-92 have yet to exercise their authority in meaningful ways, even though they have created laws quickly. There is a misperception that this is what we need to do to take care of Tla'amin children.

But, according to Teegee we would be better served to continue putting our energy into re-connecting with our teachings and each other, getting stronger and building capacity before rushing ahead.



Lynn Galligos and Doreen Point are members of the Tla'amin čičyε circle which is aiding in the design of a made-in-Tla'amin child and family services model.

Grassroots work and practices seeded by culture and teachings is the road to jurisdiction. Teegee advises "Good practice, makes good standards, makes good policy, makes good laws." She says you need to have capacity to accept responsibility, and often this means looking back to move forward.

Teegee was excited to learn about Tla'amin's čičyε circle that has been guiding child and family service reform since day one and said the establishment of the circle was similar to her agency's work with hereditary chiefs.

"Jurisdiction in its simplest form, is your ability to make decisions. So, think about how you used to make decisions and see what parts make sense to return to."

## Building trust with community

CSFS does not investigate Dakelh families or participate in child apprehension.

Teegee advised that it's important not to replicate MCFD systems that have caused harm to Indigenous families.

Maintaining trust with Dakelh families is her number one priority "We need that young single mom to trust us, and she is not going to trust us if she thinks asking for help will result in her kids being taken."

And that's the beauty and benefit of listening and going slow, according to Teegee. "Children are our most precious resource, the ability to make decisions about their lives is one of our basic Indigenous human rights. We have to make sure we are ready to do that in a careful way that respects our sacred trust to one another."



Tla'amin Child Welfare Reform Coordinator Ryan Pielle updates members on steps being taken to resume responsibility for Child and Family Services.

Pielle said of the visit, "Tla'amin is growing at a very fast pace, and pretty soon we'll be able to take on Child and Family Services. It's very inspiring to see the work that other Nations and agencies like Mary Teegee's are already doing in the field. I look forward to integrating Mary's knowledge into the work we're doing at Tla'amin."

Teegee is also the writer and producer of For Love, a documentary that details how Indigenous communities are taking back jurisdictional control of their children in order to ensure that their unique and diverse cultures are preserved for generations to come. For Love is available for streaming on Netflix and Amazon Prime.

What steps has Tla'amin taken to reassume responsibility for Child and Family Services?

- Convening the čičyε circle for cultural guidance, including surfacing ta?ow specific to this work;
- Convening the łayšetštəm ?əms čičuy Working Group for practical guidance;
- Developing and opening čepθtən House so we can take care of each other when and how we need it;
- Interviewing Tla'amin kids in care, caregivers and parents to learn about their experiences;
- Recruiting Tla'amin foster parents and caregivers;
- Creating new positions to grow the CFS team;
- Achieving interim agreements with government to give the Nation more say when MCFD gets involved with Tla'amin families.
- Pursuing additional funding so we can build according to our needs and ways; and
- Conducting a needs assessment and doing other strategic work to plan for the future.



Jade Smith, Araya Gonzalez, Remi Johnson and Rielle Johnson at the Salish Centre June 12, 2023.

# čičyε Circle meeting

(June 1, 2023)

**Present:** Chair: Ryan Pielle. Members: Elsie Paul, Pauline Paul, Rose Adams, Jerry Francis, Doreen Point, Alex Point, John Louie, Sherry Bullock, Brenda Pielle, Evie Thom, Lynn Galligos.

**Support:** Janet Newbury.

Opening prayer song and check-ins

Carried forward from last meeting:

- Writing bios – let us know if you need help
- čεpθtən House brushing ceremony June 8th at 9am
- Celebration for staff member

**Upcoming:**

- Carrier Sekani Family Services knowledge exchange: community event evening of June 12
- Pathfinders info session (June 27 @ 1:30pm) and investigations (June 28 by appointment)
- Interviews with parents of young children (whole month of June)

- Discussion re: new Circle membership
- Reviewed draft summary of learning from May 7-9 workshop – send revisions and suggestions

**Action items:**

- Ryan will check with fire department re: burning at čεpθtən House
- John will invite staff and youth from ʔayiš house to join brushing at čεpθtən House as a way of teaching our young people
- Janet will check in with members re: writing bios and next month's čičyε teaching.
- Ryan will set a time for staff celebration and let čičyε Circle members know
- Ryan will follow up with potential new čičyε Circle members re: application process
- Janet will revise summary of learning based on feedback from the Circle

**Next meeting date:** June 29, 2023 @ 11:30am

# tayšetštəm ʔəms čičuy Working Group meeting

(May 30, 2023)

**Present:** Ryan Pielle, Marlane Paul, Emily White, Cindy Mitchell, Brooklyn Neuman, Shaniah Hillis, Sophie Call, Janet Newbury

Opening reflection/prayer

Introductions and check-ins

**Upcoming events:**

- Caregiver recruitment event: Tla'amin Health, May 30 – providing information for people interested to learn how to be a foster parent and/or a čεpθtən House Caregiver.
- CSFS knowledge exchange: June 12-13 – there will be a whole community event on the evening of June 12, as well as staff sessions during the days
- Pathfinder, BC ombudsperson visit – community info session about filing complaints about public services at 1:30 on June 27
- Pathfinder, investigation interviews - Call to book an appointment at 1-800-567-3247
- Interviews with parents of young children – we'd love to hear what parents of young children experience as supporting the wellness of their families

**Updates:**

- čičyε Circle workshop: Update about process and learning from May 7-9 workshop
- MCFD negotiations: Update about agreement negotiation process
- The Tla'amin CFS team can support families involved in court under the Family Law Act, contact Ryan for support

**Action items:**

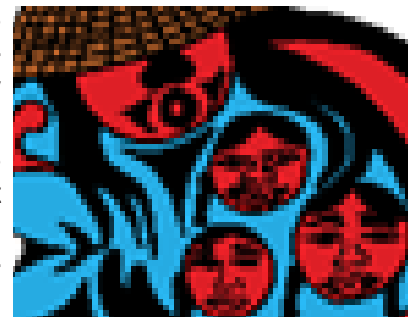
- Update questions for Carrier Sekani Family Services based on input from this meeting
- Share invitations to participate directly with parents of young children
- Prepare for Pathfinders visit

**Next meeting: Tuesday, June 27 @ 9am**



# This month's čičyε circle teaching

One of the things is always starting off by introducing yourself. I carry my grandfather's name, yaxwum. His name was John Louie also. That was my Dad's Dad, and his wife's name was Monta.



I was one that was impacted by the residential school. I was taken away at age 5 until I was 13. I think that has a lot to do with what has happened to our children. We never had a parent in those places, and the parents or grandparents suffered also. They held a lot of stuff in, and the ones that went to residential school held a lot of stuff too. So, the silence was passed on from generation to generation and the teachings never flowed through. A lot of those individuals never had the opportunity to share.

During that time there was no connection to our culture, our teachings, our taʔow. We were taught other things; we were only spoken to with negative words. That kind of thing has been passed down, too, but it isn't our way. We were forced to learn something that wasn't ours. So: I don't want to speak to my sons or daughters that way because I don't want them to hurt, so it's a different kind of silent. The Elders a long time ago would be silent in respect, but the ones that went to residential school would be silent in anger. Residential school, the sixties scoop, the Indian Act - it's a cumulation of these different systems we were put under. And the ones that grew up to have families didn't know how to love. They were trying to kill the pain inside them. Then a lot of kids were being taken away by the Ministry – and now we have generation after generation of people not learning how to parent in a traditional way.

Back in the day, the kwukwpa, the čičyε, and the čεpθ would look after the young ones. They were always around family. Even though the parents were hunting or fishing or gathering, the family was still intact because the grandparents had a responsibility with the kids. The old people would show you how to do things. They'd hold you and give you all that love. For me, it's about teaching our kids our way. When we do our ceremonies - we've done them for thousands of years – that's how we take care of each other, how we look after each other.

You have to be proud of who you are. What are the values our people have? Honour, respect, care, love. Our taʔow taught all those things. If we can bring that to the little ones, we're going to be better off. We can do it. It's going to be a combination of learning, not only for children, but for the parents and also the community. How can we make those changes in a good way? We instill those values in everything that we do. We've got a long way to go, but we're in a better place than we were. If I'm doing something better, maybe my great-grandchildren will be better off because of it. That's how the change will come.



yaxwum (John Louie), čičyε Circle member

# PROGRAMS & SERVICES

We would like to say welcome to summer. We would like you to bring a extra set of cloths because we get wet dirty čėčėhaθėč <3

Child Development Resource Center  
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Children House

Monthly Calendar  
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			Orca Bus Time 10:00 - 11:30 Where: the CDRC parking lot.	Parent Tot Group 9:30-11:00 Alyssa SLP			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			Anneke Physio		Chris SLP		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		Orca Bus Time: 10:00 - 11:30 Where: the CDRC parking lot.	Parent Tot group* guest speaker: Alyssa SLP				
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
	Anneke physio		Chris SLP				

## Tla'amin Health Pre & Postnatal Group

June to September 2023

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

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the Month

Date	
June 28	<b>Brian Bompreszi</b> – Infant CPR and Choking
July 12	<b>Anneke Gutter</b> – Infant Physiotherapist Promoting Gross Motor Development
July 26	<b>Meghan Molnar - Dietician</b> – Feeding solid food, Questions & Answers
August 9	<b>Chris McPhee</b> – Infant Development Mother Goose songs for babies
August 23	<b>Traditional Activity</b>

# MEN'S GROUP



**STARTING JULY 4, 2023 @ 5:00 pm**

We will be gathering every two weeks in the Qathet Room at Tla'amin Health.

**Snacks and refreshments will be provided.**

Come and enjoy some activities. A great way to connect with other men in a good way.

**Contact:** Frank Osawamick, Men's Support  
Tla'amin Health  
604-483-3009 ext. 113

# Tla'amin Elders Corner

What a month June was – so busy! It seemed like we were trying to make up for all the lost time during covid.

Reconciliation was our word of the month. We were able to gift 30 Residential Survivors quilts on June 19th, 2023. This took place at the Lund Hotel. We will be gifting the remainder Residential Survivors later in the year. We will contact each survivor as the time nears. The gifting of the Quilts would not have been possible without the support of Nina Mussellam, (local contact) and Vanessa Genier (Founder and CEO of Quilts for Survivors) We appreciated having the Traditional Skill Builders class & teachers witness the gifting.



- Thank you, to Doreen Point for her opening prayer.
- Thank you, to Cyndi and her group for the welcoming song.
- Thank you, Ta'Kaiya Blaney for her heartfelt songs.
- Thank you, to each one of you who attended, making this gifting special and memorable.
- Thank you, to UBC Pharmacy for contributing to the cost of the luncheon.
- A heartfelt thank you to Beverly Dixon and John Louie for all your support.
- Thank you to Sally Louie's group, and Denise Smith.

Each and everyone of you contributed to the success of the gifting of the quilts. In addition to gifting of the quilt event, the Tla'amin Elders also supported the Fours Tides walk/run fundraiser. I walked on behalf of the Tla'amin Elders, and we were able to raise \$3,520.00 for Hospice.

The funds will be utilized for Four Tides Hospice operating cost. The name change Powell River Hospice was changed to Four Tides Hospice in consideration of reconciliation. There is a cost that comes with the name change and our fundraiser will help to cover some of the costs for the name change.

**We will have lunch for the Tla'amin Elders on July 11th, 2023, at Tla'amin Health, please join us. Time from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Cheh eht Thum Kwa'no meh  
Doreen Hopkins – 604-483-3009

## Dental clinics

Friday, July 7

Tuesday July 11th

Friday July 21.



## Indigenous Day/Tla'amin Day was a huge success



Thanks to the many hands that worked together to organize the activities. A huge thank you to the following sponsors: Tla'amin Lake Contracting, First Nations Health Authority and Clark Wilson and also a big thank you also to Assumption School for the use of equipment for the children's events.

## Celebration Of Success at Willingdon Beach



PRESCHOOL GRADUATES



GRADE 7 GRADUATES



GRADE 12 GRADUATES



DENNY AND LORETTA HANSON

## Thichum Cup Hockey Tourney



## Congratulations to the Braves

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Loretta Hanson Wins NHL prize package to Game 2 of the Stanley Cup Final in Vegas

It was an exhilarating trip of a lifetime I won from Kellogg's Frosted Flakes and the NHL. I entered it online and just by fluke won the grand prize: a trip for the winner and 3 friends, round trip airfare (economy) accommodations for 2 nights and 3 days and a \$200 Visa gift card to use as I wish.

We had excellent seats behind the goalie and got to spend 15 minutes with the Stanley Cup.



Happy 3rd birthday to my granddaughter Abigail !

Love from Chi Chi

## TLA'AMIN COMMUNITY CRAFTS

10am - 7pm  
July 10th - 14th Mon-Fri  
At the Cultural Portable  
(next door to Ahms Ta'ow)

The culture portable will be open all day in the week leading to take off for people wanting to complete hats, button, blankets, headbands and other regalia for Tribal Journey.

Craft nights we'll be paused until the fall after this week.



Contact [sosan.blaney@tn-bc.ca](mailto:sosan.blaney@tn-bc.ca) for more information

Effective Thursday June 29 that 12:00 noon, Category 1 Open Fire (campfires) will once again be prohibited in the Sunshine Coast Natural Resource District.

All other prohibitions remain unchanged

Anyone found in contravention of an open fire prohibition may be issued a violation ticket for \$1,150, required to pay an administrative penalty of up to \$10,000 or, if convicted in court, fined up to \$100,000 and/or sentenced to one year in jail. If the contravention causes or contributes to a wildfire, the person responsible may be ordered to pay all firefighting and associated costs.

To report a wildfire, unattended campfire, or open fire violation, call 1 800 663-5555 toll-free or \*5555 on a cell phone.

For the latest information on current wildfire activity, burning restrictions, road closures and air quality advisories, go to: <http://www.bcwildfire.ca>

School's Out For Summer

Watch for children when driving



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## Report Your Catch at the Hatchery

For our data collection at the hatchery, remember if you submit your data you will qualify prizes if you win the draw. We also need length of fish, and if it is male or female, and if it has a missing adipose. I need the head and the tail, if it is wild I just need the tail. You can drop it off at the hatchery with all the information that would be awesome. You also need to pickup a data sheet its much easier.