



Deception, Delays and Theft. The truth about tiskwat you won't find in history books.

By Davis McKenzie

The late Dave Dominic remembers his kookpa lived at tiskwat.

Speaking with researcher Sandra Isaac Dave recalled "My papa had a house there, on the other side of the mill where the break was. Tee'ouch, that was my dad's father."

Mr. Dominic's account is echoed in memories shared by early qathet region settler Mr. Courtney Powell, who told Mrs. E. Ross in 1973 "Well, there used to be a reserve down near the mouth of the river...Well I used to play with Sammy Adams and a bunch of kids down there you see...And they used to take me out fishing in their little dugouts you know. I'd never been in a dugout before."

tiskwat is also where the first ever mass was held in the 1850's.

Elsie Paul recalls learning from her grandparents that "When the missionary first arrived that's where they said the first mass right where the mill site is there. There were little cabins there, that's where people lived in when the first priest came and held the first mass right there. It was such a beautiful river."

In 1976 an archeological survey was completed in and around the qathet region and down towards Shíshálh territory. Prior to the dam, tiskwat was home to a productive sockeye spawning ground. Authors S. Acheson and S. Rile summarized their study as follows:



At the left on the foreshore, a Tla'amin home at the mouth of the river at Tiskwat

"...the Sliammon appear to have been relocated from the mouth of Powell River- Tiskwat- an important sockeye river, for the present site at Sliammon."

-S.Acheson & S. Rile (1976)

Oral history, archeological evidence, and eyewitness accounts by early settlers all point to the same conclusion- that tiskwat (big/wide river) was a principal settlement of Tla'amin Nation and should have been designated as a reserve. **So why wasn't it?**

A Lawless Land Grab

To understand how the lease and eventual sale of tiskwat could possibly happen requires historical perspective. In 1871, British Columbia entered Confederation through a sweetheart deal with Canada where First Nations got the short end of the stick.

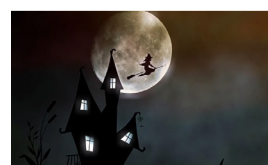
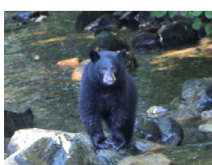
The federal government was desperate for BC to become a part of Canada and not the United States so they accepted three key terms set out by BC, mainly that Canada would:

1. wipe out BC's debt;
2. accept a population base figure much higher than the actual population of the province, so that BC would receive a per capita grant along the lines of those given to other provinces; and
3. construct a transcontinental railway (that initially was slated to end in Bute inlet)

Following BC's entry into Confederation, the new provincial government wanted to populate the province with settlers and stimulate industry.

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Tla'amin Fisheries Marine Closure in Effect

On September 21, 2023 Tla'amin issued a marine closure for gillnets in front of the community.

The closure is in effect until further notice and is meant to increase the percentage of fish who make it up the river to spawn.

When Tla'amin fish quotas are reached at the hatchery, the closure will be lifted.

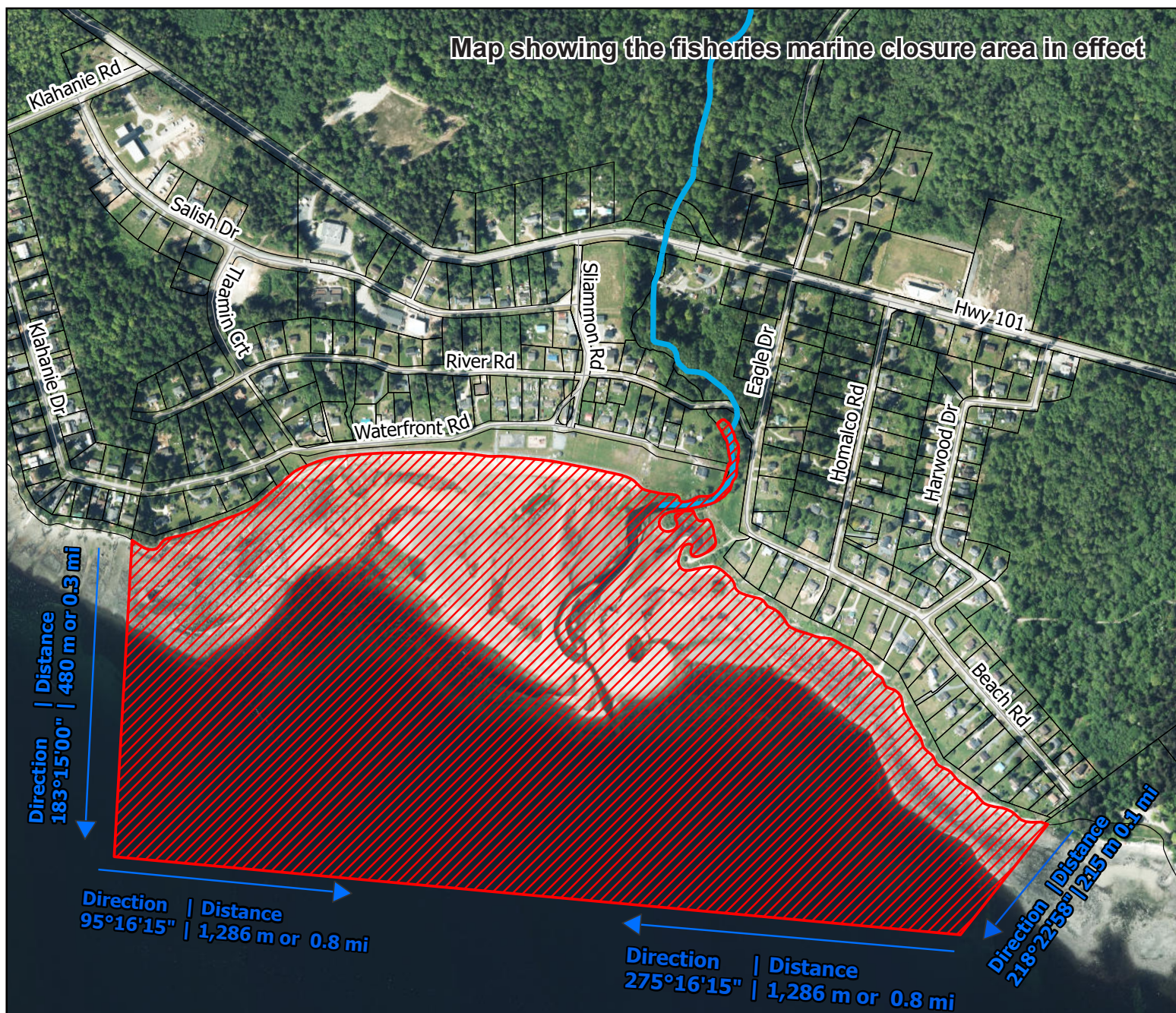
Climate change combined with a shortage of rain-water continues to impact the salmon run return every year. Other challenges for the fish are the seals, bears, and a range of feathered predators, that feast on the fish held up at the mouth of the river, and fronting waters. Tla'amin traditional food source is in the hands of mother nature and needs our help.

According to hatchery manager Lee George "The fishermen are simply being asked to become part of the solution by observing the closure."

The community smokehouse will once again be available for families to traditionally process their fish this year. The extreme dry conditions have put a damper on the processing for now. Please contact the hatchery to get your name on the list as we patiently wait for the much needed rain.



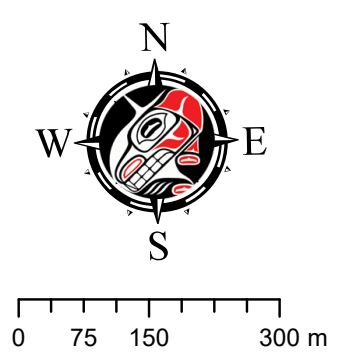
Very few fish have reached the Tla'amin Hatchery as of mid September



'tišosəm
2023 Salmon
Conservation
Closure

Legend

- Temporary Salmon Closure Area
- Land Parcels
- Local Roadways
- q'waq'wəm tišosəm (Sliammon Creek)



Scale: 1:8,000



Tiskwat above the falls. Prior to the dam, tiskwat was home to a productive sockeye spawning ground.

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The newly formed province issued a number of timber leases including a timber lease which covered a vast area, including what eventually became Lot 450, which ran from what is now known as Grief Point to Gibsons Beach. This lease was illegally issued before Tla'amin reserves were designated.

At the same time that Tla'amin lands were being taken up, the limited treaty making efforts made by James Douglas a few decades earlier had long been abandoned. In 1876 the Federal government and the British Columbia government created a Joint Indian Reserve Commission to deal with the "Indian Land Question" in BC. This was initially a cohort of three commissioners – one appointed by the federal government, one by BC, and one agreed upon by both governments – but after two years the governments agreed the process was too costly and the jointly appointed commissioner - Gilbert M. Sproat was given sole responsibility for Reserve designation in BC.

While the formula for allotting reserve lands across the Prairies had been six hundred and forty acres per family of five. Reserves in other provinces were settled with a minimum of 80 acres per family.

The BC government used the fact that most First Nations relied on fisheries to allot small reserves at

fishing sites, arguing that they did not need extra land. Later the governments would erode Tla'amin fishing rights so that the Nation ended up with almost no lands or fishing rights.

Strategic Delays

Tla'amin, Klahoose, and Homalco had petitioned government to deal with land designation for decades. In 1876 the Joint Reserve Commission reached Jervis Inlet, but instead of continuing up the coast crossed over to Comox and proceeded south.

Nevertheless, the Commission instructed the Province not to preempt land in Tla'amin territory until the commission could complete its work. The report read "All commissioners, nevertheless, joined in re-

questing the Provincial Government to withhold lands in the Sliammon and other districts...pending the return of the Commission, as soon as possible to adjust land matters in those districts"

Of special importance to Tla'amin at the time was its request for a timber lease. Reserve Commissioner G.M. Sproat advocated for swift resolution of the issue, warning that industry and speculators were circling the area. "...several influential persons in Victoria are interested in land speculations in connection with new discoveries on Texada Island, and a possible railway terminus at Bute Inlet, and they would rather that the Indians, even at this late period in the history of the province were left out in the cold for some time longer."

According to the Province's own laws, Indian settlements could not be pre-empted. However, the shape of the Tišosem village (old IR#1) that borders lot 450 reveals that it was the border of Lot 450 that defined Tla'amin reserve land which means that the lot shaped the reserve, not the other way around.

By the time Tla'amin reserves were surveyed in 1879, tiskwat and many other important areas of the territory had been sold. The six reserves that were surveyed allotted the BC quota of 20 acres per family. It wasn't until 1888 that Tla'amin's six reserves were registered by BC.

tiskwat, located on Lot 450 which had by then already been purchased by RP Rithet, was not designated as a reserve.



Tla'amin ancestors stand on the bluffs above the Shinglemill

How RP. Rithet obtained Tiskwat

In 1873, land speculator, contemporary of Israel W. Powell, and one-time Victoria Mayor, RP Rithet was granted a timber lease that encompassed lands from Grief Point to Gibsons Beach. For five years Rithet was repeatedly granted extensions to his lease despite not having lived up to its conditions. Conditions included construction of a mill within 12 months of a lease being granted, and a requirement that the mill be active for the term of the lease.

Tla'amin people, unaware that a timber lease had been granted to Rithet, had repeatedly petitioned government for their own timber lease. Upon learning that a timber lease had been granted encompassing the village site of tiskwat and adjacent to the current village site at Tišosem Tla'amin was moved to protest.

In the fall of 1878 Sproat received word of a "disturbance" at Lot 450. Tla'amin men went to the logging camp at tiskwat and commandeered all of the logs cut in vicinity of the village. The conflict spurred Sproat to pen another letter to government;

"Are these Indians, still without land 22 years after the establishment of the colony and 8 years after Confederation, not to have any, now, even, after what they most desired and repeatedly asked for, has been sold and placed beyond their reach."

Historical records show that Israel Powell used his position of authority as Superintendent of Indian Affairs to intentionally delayed the survey of Tla'amin, Klahoose and Homalco territory. Originally these delays by government had a lot to do with railway speculation and a promise of gold at sayayin (Texada). Powell dissuaded Sproat and the reserve commission from visiting Tla'amin saying it would "do more harm than good."

Despite repeated requests from Sproat to attend to Tla'amin, Powell would not give Sproat permission to travel to Tla'amin territory. Defying orders Sproat finally made it to Tla'amin in the January of 1879. This delay enabled industrial interests to illegally purchase Lot 450, which included tiskwat, the original home of the Tla'amin people.

In 1878 R.P. Rithet petitioned government to purchase outright a portion of his timber lease. The portion of land, later known as Lot 450 encompassed the tiskwat village. The law did not permit the purchase of Indian villages, yet Rithet knowingly included tiskwat in his application.

The application processed required that both purchaser and surveyor swear an oath in order for the purchase to be legally valid. Both Rithet and R.C. Cridge, as surveyor, had to swear among other things, that there was no Indian Reservation or Settlement within the confines of Lot 450.

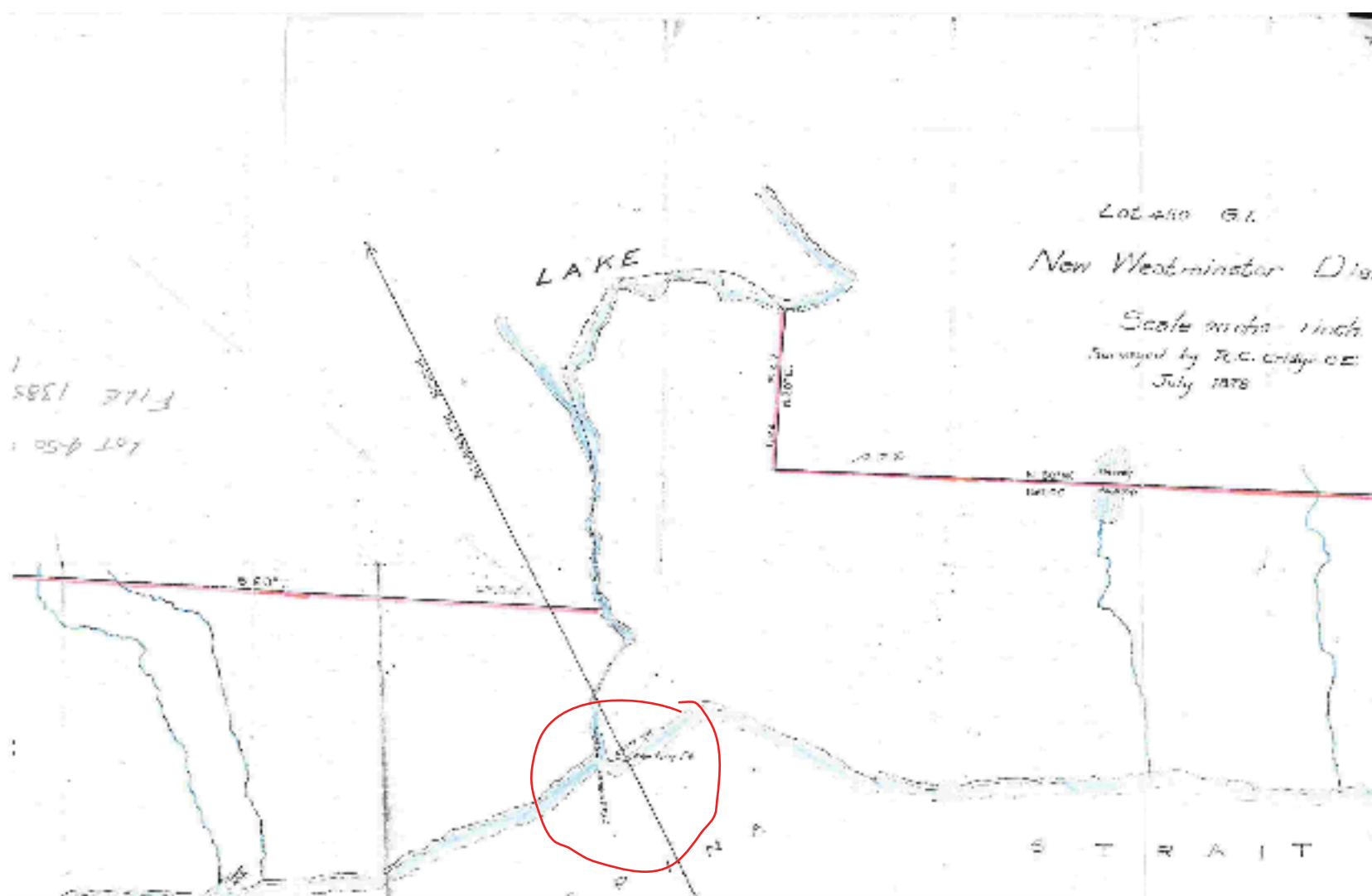
In swearing the oath Rithet and Cridge lied, knowing well that the original survey contained the village of tiskwat, which was not available purchase. The crown grant could have been revoked on this information alone, not to mention the five years of non-compliance with the conditions of the original timber lease.

By the time Tla'amin was designated six reserves in 1879, tiskwat had been sold.

A combination of factors had led to the sale of tiskwat including:

1. the stalling of the reserve commission by the province. The commission didn't reach Tla'amin until 1879 even though Sproat had been requesting to go since 1876;
2. the provincial government's decision to repeatedly extend Rithet's timber lease despite his not meeting its conditions; and
3. the forgery of documents, and commitment of perjury to permit the purchase of tiskwat.

Please read the November issue of the Neh Motl to learn about Tla'amin's vision for the future at tiskwat.



1878 survey of lot 450 by R.C. Cridge labels "Powell River" as Teeshqout Creek, the survey identifies the settler camp but fails to identify the Tla'amin village at tiskwat.

Community Language & Culture Programming Starting in October

Culture Afternoons: Sunday afternoons at the Salish Centre, 3-5 pm

Come out and participate in cultural activities on Sunday afternoons open to all Tla'amin members. During culture afternoons we learn songs and dances, stories and more. Attend all Culture Afternoons in one calendar month to be eligible for a door prize! (Please note there will not be programming on Sunday, Oct. 29th.)



Community Crafting Nights: Mondays, 4-6 pm, culture portable (next to Ahms Tah Ow)

Join Sosan Blaney on Monday evenings for a variety of cultural crafting projects from beading, weaving, and regalia making. All ages welcome! Refreshments provided. For more information, please contact Sosan at Sosan.blaney@tn-bc.ca

Community Language Classes Wednesdays, 5-7 pm, in the culture portable (next to Ahms Tah Ow)

The Tla'amin Culture Department is happy to provide community ʔayʔaj̓uθəm language classes with Alisha Point starting on October 4th. These classes will focus on learning our orthography writing system, and basic words in our language. These classes are open to all ages. Materials, and food will be provided during these classes. You can contact Drew Blaney at drew.blaney@tn-bc.ca or Alisha Point at alisha.point@tn-bc.ca for more information, or to sign up for classes.

Culture Committee

The Tla'amin Culture Committee will resume starting on Wednesday, October 18th. Please note that this Culture Committee is separate from the Culture and Heritage Committee which supports the Lands Department. The Cultural Committee provides guidance to the Cultural Department regarding our programming, projects and more. If you are interested in being a part of this committee, please contact Drew Blaney at drewblaney@tn-bc.ca



Enforcement Officers Verjall Ham fires the bear banger while Arnie Courtney prepares to be charged

Public Safety On The Rise With Black Bears

Hiding in the middle of this apple tree on Waterfront Road is a black bear. The bear arrived overnight, stayed for an all you can eat buffet and got comfortable. as benign as it seems, the bear will attack when provoked.

"In summertime, the presence of black bears increases", warned Enforcement Officer, Arnie Courtenay. "Shortly after hibernation and the bears really start to feed."

Public safety for Tla'amin members intensifies during the summer when the blackberries are depleted, and the fish are unable to go up river due to the lack of rain. Fruit trees become easy pickings for the bears to obtain their daily calories intake, before retreating back to hibernation.

Bear bombers are loud but quite often will not send the bear running.

Co-existing with black bears is a yearly challenge for our community. Here are

some simple tips for reducing the risk of a confrontation with black bears in your backyard,

- Keep your garbage indoors prior to disposal to the bin.
- Ensure you lock the bin before you leave.
- Keep your trees free of fruit as soon as possible.
- If a bear is frequently in your yard keep your dogs indoors.
- Stay on high alert as bears will look for something to eat in your back yard once other food sources get low.
- Do not get between a mother bear and her cubs to avoid being attacked'.
- Always look up when you walk near trees

Fire Department Update

On September 13th, the Tla'amin Fire Department responded to an emergency 911 call and was dispatched to Eagle Drive.

Upon arriving at the fire scene, a big stump was discovered slowly burning and smoldering in a thick blackberry bush that was difficult to access. The stump had branches that appear to have been stacked on top.

The smoke was detected in the area for days by members in the area, but it was difficult to locate. The fire had a head start and was going for a couple of days.



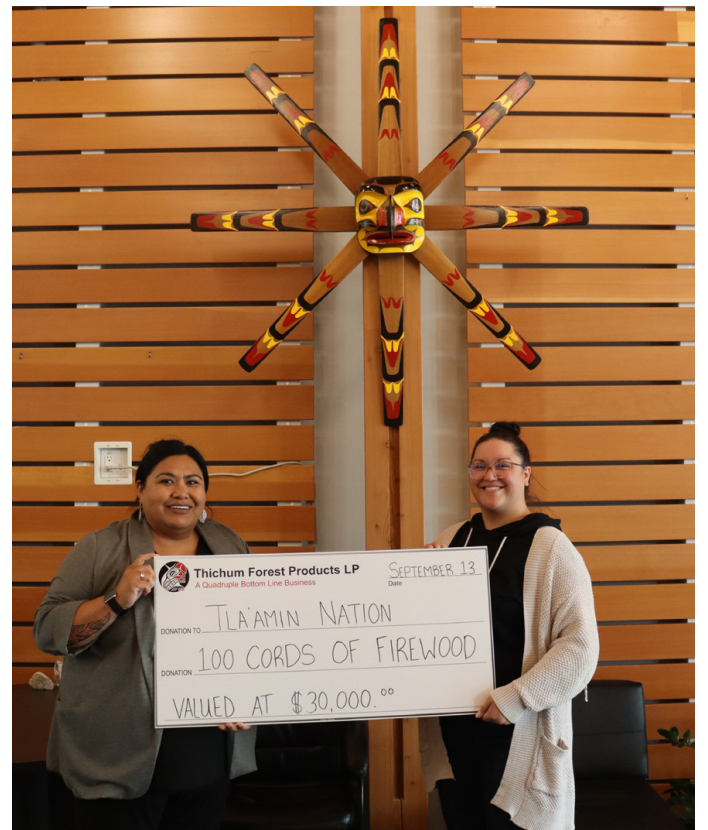


2023 Tla'amin Firewood Programs provide discounted wood to Citizens

September 14, 2023

On September 13th Thichum Forest Products, a Tla'amin Nation subsidiary, donated 100 seasoned cords of firewood to Tla'amin Nation valued at \$30,000.

This donation will allow Tla'amin to provide free firewood through an Elders and unique needs program, one of three firewood programs offered this year.



Director of Community Services Losa Luaifoa (left) accepts a donation of \$30,000 worth of firewood for Elders and members with unique needs. Kaycee Mitchell (right) presented the donation on behalf of Adam Culos General Manager of Thichum Forest Products.

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ELDERS AND UNIQUE NEEDS

Elders (60 years and older), citizens with unique needs, and social assistance clients who have a woodstove are eligible to receive one free cord of seasoned fir delivered to their homes.

Door-to-door deliveries for eligible citizens will begin on September 25th. Please make sure you have a cleared area in your yard to receive your cord of wood. The yard works team is available to re-split and stack wood for those citizens who need extra help.

Please contact Pam Wilson for any questions pam.wilson@tn-bc.ca or call (604) 413-6869.

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HALF-PRICED FOR TLA'AMIN CITIZENS

Discounted firewood of up to three cords per household is available to Tla'amin citizens for purchase. Citizens pay only \$150 (half price) for a cord of seasoned fir delivered to your home. In order to access the *half-priced program* you must have a woodstove in your home.

To receive a discount code for half-priced program please contact Pam Wilson pam.wilson@tn-bc.ca or (604) 413-6869. Shortly after, you will be contacted by with an estimated delivery date.

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CUT YOUR OWN

The usual permitting system is in place for citizens to cut their own wood. The Edgehill woodlot opens September 21, 2023 for two weeks. The woodlot will be monitored by Tla'amin enforcement team and permit checks will happen at the gate.

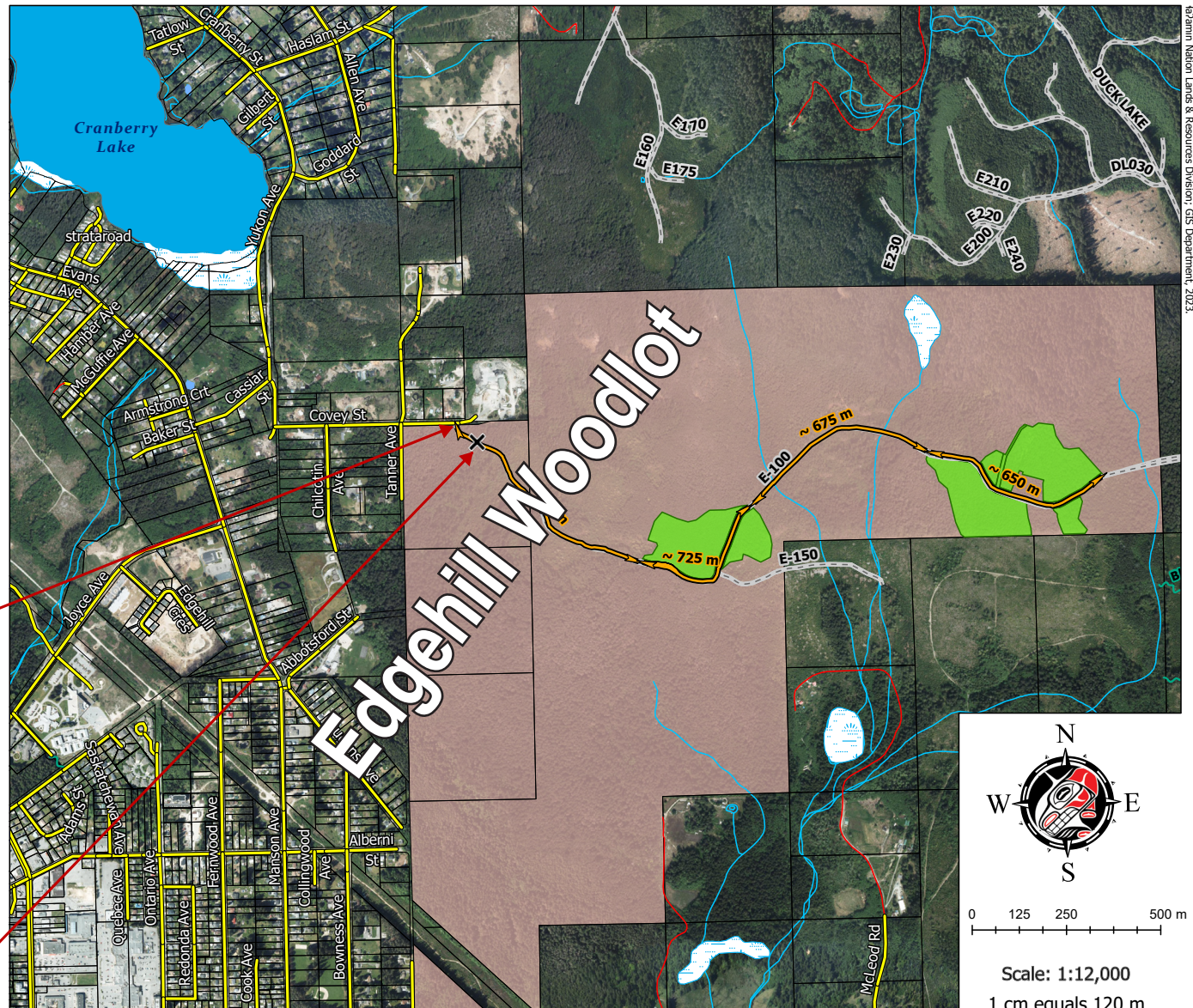
Citizens can pick up maps and apply for permits at Tla'amin governance house.

For operating hours and other questions about woodlot access please contact April Treakle at april.treakle@tn-bc.ca (604) 413-6916.

This summer is one of the driest on record please avoid smoking in the bush, use a chainsaw in good running order, and be cautious and aware of your surroundings when bucking wood; sturdy ground, proper PPE. imot!

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Firewood Salvage
Access Map**

Legend	
	Tla'amin Lands
	Salvage Block TSL-005
	Land Parcels
	Wetlands
	Lakes
	Stream Network
Roadways	
	Local
	Recreation
	Private
	Trails (Registered)
	Forestry (Tenure)
	Thichum Road Section
	Gates



Edgehill Woodlot Open

September 23rd - October 5th

Tla'amin Citizens and Residents that live within the Treaty Settlement Lands (Klahanie & Southview) are now able to harvest firewood at the Edgehill Woodlot. Firewood harvest permits can be obtained at the Tla'amin Governance House.

Eligibility:

- You must have a woodburning appliance /or smoke house to be eligible, unless you have been delegated by another Tla'amin Citizen / or Resident.
- If you are a designate, both you and the person designating must apply in person at the Governance House to receive the permit and you must carry a copy of the designation with you to show the gate monitors.
- The maximum that each permit holder can take away is Three (3) Regular Truck Loads. We will be keeping track.

We will have a monitor there from 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, 7 days a week for the duration. We will only have one gate entrance from Covey Street. Please Note: 3:00 PM will be the latest you can enter the Woodlot, as the **GATE WILL BE LOCKED at 4:30 PM SHARP.**

Permits will only be issued at the Tla'amin Nation Governance House, Monday to Friday, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM.

Please see Receptionist for Permit & Map.

Thank you,
April Treakle
Lands and Natural Resources Manager
Phone: 604.483.9646 Ext #:154

ᑭᓇᓂᓐᓂ Nation - Woodlot License Plan

Thichum Forestry is engaging on a replacement Woodlot Licence Plan (WLP) for Woodlot 1672, held by the ᑭᓇᓂᓐᓂ Nation. The WLP replacement process requires a 30-day public and review comment period, where comments are received and submitted to the Province of BC - Ministry of Forests (MOF).

The woodlot is located north of the community of ᑭᓇᓂᓐᓂ, extending across a 600 ha area below ᑭᓇᓂᓐᓂ Lake. The WLP includes sections of Provincial Public - (B) and Treaty Settlement Land - (A). The plan is available for review and comment for a period of 30 days starting on the date this advertisement is first published. Following the 30-day review and comment period, the plan will be submitted to the Province of BC - Ministry of Forests (MOF) for approval. All comments received will be included in the final submission to the Province unless directed otherwise by the commentor. Thichum and the ᑭᓇᓂᓐᓂ Nation will accommodate comments and feedback after the review and comment period but they will not be included in the submission to the MOF.

The WLP will be made available during normal business hours from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday at the following location:

Attention: Shawn Tougas
Thichum Forest Products LP
4885-B Highway 101
Powell River, BC
V8A 0B6

To ensure a company representative is available to discuss the plan and receive comments or to request an electronic copy via email, interested parties should contact Shawn Tougas at shawn.tougas@tmslp.ca. Written comments should be clearly labelled "Tla'amin WLP".

New Job Listings on <https://tlaaminfirst.bamboohr.com>



Youth and Family Advocate

Closes October 6, 2023, no later than 4:30 pm.

Working on the Tla'amin Child and Family Services team and reporting to the Health Director, The Youth and Family Advocate (YFA) works with Tla'amin youth and families to continue to keep their child(ren) healthy, well, and safe. The YFA also collaborates with other service providers to strengthen and resource families, prevent child-out-of-home placement and ensure safety of children. This position has a designated office space at Tla'amin Health. Work will be completed both on and off-site as required. Key Responsibilities include:

Family preservation and reunification:

- Complete introductory/intake sessions with clients
- Develop positive and healing relationships with the Tla'amin community and its families by always centering dignity
- Work with families to reconnect with healthy ways of being such as developing parenting, self empowerment, and relationship skills
- Coordinate with other Tla'amin Health and Nation staff to ensure wrap around services for all Tla'amin youth and families
- Provide goal-oriented support rooted in traditional teachings that strengthen family structure within the home
- Collaborate in the development of Family Care Plans with MCFD, and provide the supports needed to complete plans and keep them up to date
- Refer families to both internal and external services that center family wants and needs
- Advocate for clients when interfacing with Child Protection, Health, Education, Justice, and other systems including attending court appearances and appointments with the client as needed
- Build relationships with service providers to facilitate a positive experience for families
- Keep up-to-date, clear, and confidential records to the standard of Tla'amin Health
- With support from the Administrative Assistant, process funding/service applications on behalf of the families
- Supervise visits between adults and children when it is required by MCFD
- Attend family emergencies and outreach, as appropriate and as required

Read more or apply at <https://tlaaminfirst.bamboohr.com/careers/108>

The Child & Family Services Reform Coordinator

Closes October 6, 2023

The Child & Family Services Reform Coordinator is a member of the Child & Family Services team that operates from Tla'amin Community Health Services in collaboration with the Community Services department within the Nation. The position is integral to creating family-centered, proactive, culturally grounded, and strength-based supports to children, youth and their families. Key Responsibilities include:

1. Develop a full understanding of work to-date towards child welfare reform at the Tla'amin Nation.

- Reviewing previous work, including but not limited to: a) Indigenous Services Canada/ISC proposal for 5-years of child welfare reform funding (2021); b) łołtayumštəm report (2019); c) Tla'amin Community Health and Wellness Plan and Cultural Framework; d) Wrapping our Ways Around Them (2020); e) all deliverables to date on the Tla'amin child & family services reform.
- Participating in child welfare related professional development opportunities as they arise.
- Meeting with and learning from Tla'amin leadership and Child & Family Services team.

2. Implement 'year three' to 'year five' of the ISC proposal for child welfare funding. Duties include:

- Maintaining and empowering the Čičyε Circle to guide culturally based decision-making
- Collaborating with the technical team in the creation of a child & family services reform strategic plan, and develop evaluation framework
- Hiring and coordinating consultants and/or content experts for: development of strategic plan, legal counsel, communications, and external evaluator.
- Collaborating with the interdepartmental team to draft new child and family services policies and legislation that clearly reflect Tla'amin-centered ways of working

Read more or apply at: <https://tlaaminfirst.bamboohr.com/careers/107>

čepθtən House Coordinator

Closes October 6, 2023

čepθtən is the word to describe Auntie or Uncle in the Tla'amin Language. The čepθtən House Coordinator manages, operates and coordinates stays for families in a respite home situation. The respite home provides a private, safe place for families and provides emotional support and life skills development as needed by individual families. The Coordinator's key duties include

- Coordinating the čepθtən House calendar for all family/youth stays
- Ensure that privacy for families who are staying at čepθtən House is respected and protected
- Build and maintain productive and healthy working relationships with staff and programming both inside and outside of the Nation

- Assist families with the move in and move out procedures and ensure that čepθtən House remains in good working condition between stays for the families
- Provide assistance to family's staying at čepθtən House such as, but not limited to, emotional support and life skills development as needed by the family
- Connect families with relevant supports as well as liaise as needed
- Keep updated case files and accurate statistics on family stays

Read more or apply at: <https://tlaaminfirst.bamboohr.com/careers/106>



Verna Francis centre is honoured for her 14 years of service as the Tla'amin child welfare designate for MCFD matters. Verna passes the torch to the new Child and Family services team headed by Ryan Pielle.

qathet tes pa'pem – “Working Together.”

Building and Strengthening Relationships with Powell River and Tla'amin Agencies

Tla'amin Nation honoured Verna Francis this month for her many years of services as the Designated Representative for all matters related to the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD).

For over 14 years, any family involved with MCFD had Verna as a support and she worked to ensure that Tla'amin families were getting the best services possible. This is a huge task for anyone to take on.

During this time Verna maintained great working relations with outside agencies and set a standard moving forward and continues to serve our families the best way that she can.

Verna was honoured with a special paddle at the quarterly Tla'amin Community Resource Committee. The meeting included a ceremonial hand-off of the responsibility as designate to Tla'amin's new Child & Family Services team.

The multi-agency table includes all of the key service providers within the qathet region and include sharing of best practices.

The meeting opened with a prayer from Elder Doreen Point, and a traditional welcome song, followed by a traditional meal. New faces often attend and are interested in learning more about the Tla'amin community. Every agency who attends the Tla'amin Community Resource Committee provides a service to Tla'amin.

The table is also a place for problem solving. Sometimes agencies aren't able to help with clients specific needs and will look for support from other community partners.

Also included in justice program is culturally sensitive training to non-indigenous agencies working on and off Nation. Programs include

- Alternative Measures
- Healthy Relationship Training
- Restorative Justice Practice
- Community Policing Program
- Civil Family Mediation

Tla'amin Community Resource Committee

- Powell river MCFD – Ministry of Children & Family Development
- PR – RCMP – Tla'amin Liaison Officer, Staff Stg., Indigenous Policing Island District officer.
- qathet - Community Justice Youth Program
- PR - Probation
- Tla'amin Health Case Manager Navigator
- qathet – Stopping the Violence Program
- qathet – Specialized Victim Services
- PR - Policy and Intergovernmental Relations
- PR – VCH Support Worker
- Tla'amin Elder
- PR – Administrative Crown Counsel
- PR – Poverty Law
- Tla'amin Child & Family Services Welcome Ryan Pielle
- Tla'amin Men's Support program
- qathet – MHSU Services, Acute & Community Operations
- PR – Sexual Assault Services Program
- Tla'amin Enforcement Program
- PR – Lift
- PR – Ambulance

Alexandrea Souch is Tla'amin's new Family Civil Mediator



My traditional name is thinxškya. My english name is Alexandrea Souch and I proudly come from łaʔəmen Nation.

I would like to introduce my role as the Family Civil Mediator. I am excited to step into this role because it bridges my training and

passion together.

I'm very passionate and driven about supporting łaʔəmen families and community. Family mediation is about helping families navigate unresolved conflict and finding solutions together.

The process is non-judgemental and uses a strength-based approach to empower families through healthy relationship building.

More support services from family mediation services include workshops, and resources offered at Tla'amin Government house:

- Guardianship
- Parenting arrangements
- Child support arrangements
- Navigating and support of family law
- Support in Court on family matters
- Resources for family lawyers
- Family healing circles
- Workshops: Cultural, parenting after separation course, Single parenthood, co-parenting and much more.

Alex can be reached at (604) 414-3211

čičyε Circle Meeting 30 August 2023

Present: Chair: Ryan Pielle. **Members:** Elsie Paul, Rose Adams, Gladys Osawamick, Lynn Galligos, Brenda Pielle, Alex Point, Doreen Point, Sherry Bullock, Sally Dominick, Pauline Paul, Evie Tom. **Support:** Janet Newbury. **Guest:** Tarra Tipton

Opening prayer and check ins

Updates:

- Ryan Pielle is the new Child and Family Service Manager
- Interviews are taking place this week for a Child and Family Services Administrative Assistant
- The team will continue to change and grow
- There is now a Child and Family Services page on the Tla'amin Nation website: <https://www.tlaaminnation.com/child-and-family-services/>
- Celebration scheduled for Verna Francis, to honour her previous work as Community Designate
- Education Department request:
- Current ECE students are going to be the next cohort of Early Childhood Educators. They are requesting support from interested čičyε Circle members to a) oversee and advise on curriculum and assignments, and b) be guest speakers for the final year of the cohort to support them to learn Tla'amin ways.
- Review of second čičyε Circle workshop summary of learning:
- The first summary is now made public on the CFS page of the Nation website
- The second one was reviewed in this meeting up to the bottom of p. 8
- Discussion: It is important for foster parents to know how to actively provide opportunities for the children in their care to learn their own culture – how can this be integrated into policy and practice?

Action items:

- Ryan will speak to HR about circulating job postings as a flyer for all future CFS positions
- Janet will circulate Tarra's contact information with the notes from this meeting and information about staff celebration
- Ryan will book space for next meeting
- Ryan will carry forward the request for access for cultural teachings to Tla'amin foster children (with MCFD, with CFS team, and with Tla'amin Nation Cultural Safety Orientation planning)
- Carry forward: Finish reviewing second workshop summary of learning (starting bottom of p. 8) at next meeting

Next meeting: September 27, 2023 @ 11:30 at Council Chambers in Governance Building

'tayšētštəm ʔəms čičuy Working Group 29 August 2023

Present: Ryan Pielle, Dillon Johnson, Sophie Call, Cindy Mitchell, Emily White, Adam Gauthier, Christine Parsons, Shaniah Hillis, Brooklyn Neuman, Courtney Harrop, Janet Newbury

Welcome and check in

Overview and discussion of work-to-date in the following areas:

- Develop a strong base of foundational knowledge and practices based in taʔow to guide the work and to strengthen children, families, and caregivers
- Access all funding to which Tla'amin Nation and/or Tla'amin children and families are currently entitled
- Develop agreements to free up space for Tla'main to continue building internal capacity
- Build up programs and services and other mechanisms to support Tla'amin families to be well
- Develop law/protocol and other political and legal mechanisms to strengthen Tla'amin-led approach to taking care of Tla'amin children
- Develop a robust data and information management system

Next steps: Based on learning to date, draft a Tla'amin system of care to continue moving the work forward.

Next meeting: 31 October, 2023

This month's čičyε circle teaching



Brenda Pielle
čičyε Circle
member

The benefits of living Intergenerationally

"My name is Brenda Pielle. I was born and raised in Victoria BC and my ancestry is British. I was fortunate to marry into the family of t'əpʷət (Thupwuut), the late Susan Pielle. Through my marriage I gained a daughter Jodie, son Troy, and later a son in law Steve and grandchildren Makaela and Mattias. All are members of Tla'amin Nation. My late husband Wayne was a member of the Klahoose First Nation as are the boys we had together: Tyler and Russell. I am honored to be participating in the čičyε circle which supports Tla'amin Nation in the direction of developing child welfare practices that will belong to the community.

When I think of families and traditional teachings, I am reminded of a conversation I had with my late mother-in-law who spoke of the benefits of living intergenerationally. Before European contact when families lived together, there was a lot of built in support for parents, and many opportunities for children and youth to learn from their grandparents. I can relate my memory of Sue's comments to when my children were six and nine and my father lived in our home. I asked my boys to put their toys away and get ready for a bath. They continued playing. Then their grandfather said, "excuse me, boys, I just heard your mother ask you to do something...you better get to it." They quickly jumped up and got ready for the tub. The way they responded to that grandparent voice was a big help to me. I noticed this when I used the traditional language, too. I only knew a few phrases but just as my boys responded quickly to their grandfather's voice, they also did to their ancestral language. I could say "let's go sit down" and they might linger. If I said, "kwaga hošt kwanačim (kwagahosht quanichim)", they came to the table.

When I was taking courses on child development, I was impressed with how much ancient indigenous cultural teachings held knowledge that was just recently being discovered by psychologists in the modern world. For example, that the brain development of a baby is improved so much by the amount a baby is held, touched, and made to feel safe, secure, and loved. First Nations people have been wearing their babies for all time: having ways to have the baby wrapped right onto the mother's body so that hands could be free for other jobs. Keeping our children and youth close to us by talking with them every day, teaching them who their relatives are, and showing them how to work with food and various materials, are cultural ways that keep that feeling of security and love going for all the growing up years.

I have so much respect for these teachings, and I encourage you to keep them going: welcoming support from grandparents, using traditional language with our kids, and holding, carrying, cuddling, connecting with, and teaching our young ones as often as possible. Lots of love to all."



Paul August, Kyle McGee and Simon George provided the Haslem community tag



Community Elk 2023



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

Elders Corner

Coordinator –Doreen Hopkins
(604) 483-3009

Tla'amin Elders Tuesday Luncheons

October 3rd, 2023
October 17th, 2023
October 31st, 2023

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Location: Tla'amin Health Building

Need a ride

Please call so we can schedule pickups for Tuesdays.

Please call to confirm if attending, as we do serve lunch.

You are invited to join us and share any suggestions you have for the Elders program.

Fall COVID-19 & Influenza Vaccine

October 25, 2023
Tla'amin Salish Centre
Time: 10:00-3:30 p.m.

For 12yrs. and older

Clinics for 6mos-18yrs will be held at Tla'amin Health at a later date. Seasonal Influenza vaccine is recommended annually for those 6 months of age and older.

COVID-19 vaccine is recommended for:

- anyone 6 months of age and older who has not received a COVID-19 vaccine.
- anyone 6 months of age and older who has had a previous COVID-19 vaccine 6 months ago or longer.
- anyone 6 months of age and older who has had the COVID-19 virus 6 months ago or longer.

Please contact Tla'amin Health for more information 604 483-3009

1. Book your own appointment online at: tlaaminhealth.janeapp.com
2. Call health at 604.483.3009 and we can set up an appointment.
3. Family Champion or Lead: A family member gathers names of those in your family who want to be vaccinated. Your lead can either book family appointments online or call Tla'amin Health to book.

OUR JOURNEY through WINTER FIRE SAFETY

COOKING SAFETY

- Keep a Fire Extinguisher in the Kitchen
- Put a Lid on a grease fire & turn off the stove
- Don't Leave cooking food unattended
- Keep Kitchens clean & tidy

HOME HEATING SAFETY

- Never use oven, Gas Range or BBQ to heat your Home
- Never Leave Space Heaters unattended
- Keep Wood Stoves and Chimneys CLEAN
- Always use DRY Firewood in your Wood Stove

CANDLE SAFETY

- Put out Candles before going to bed or when leaving home
- Don't Leave Burning Candles Unattended
- Place in a sturdy holder
- Keep candles away from flammable materials

SMOKE ALARMS & CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

- Install Detectors & Alarms in your Home
- Change the BATTERIES as needed and Test them MONTHLY
- REPLACE ALARMS & DETECTORS every 10 YEARS
- Have a HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLAN

CHECK ON YOUR ELDERLY & NEIGHBOURS

- Spend time Together
- Clear House Numbers
- Shovel walks & driveways
- Bring Food & medicine

Other tips:

- Keep out of REACH OF CHILDREN & PETS
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Wood Stove Changeout Rebate Options:

ELECTRIC INSERT REBATE	WOOD STOVE REBATE	PELLET STOVE REBATE	HEAT PUMP REBATE
\$400 rebate available to change out a wood stove for an electric insert.	\$500 - \$1000* rebates available to upgrade from old wood stoves to new, efficient models.	\$750 - \$1,500* rebates available to convert from wood heat to a pellet stove.	\$1000 - \$2000* rebates available to install a heat pump.
DECOMMISSION REBATE \$300 rebate for removal of pre-2005 wood stove with no replacement.			
PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED			

The **qathet Regional District** is working toward having old, smoky wood stoves that contribute particulate matter into the air replaced with healthier heating appliances.

Please contact **Let's Talk Trash** to find out more information about program requirements. Call **604.485.2260**, email **info@letstalktrash.ca** or visit **qathet.ca/community-wood-smoke-exchange-program** to learn more.

**Incentive amounts available to First Nations through the Wood Smoke Reduction Program 2023*

Let's Talk Trash.ca

WHAT IS WASTE?



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Your Pet's Planetary Pawprint

How green is your pet? Your furry or feathery friends accumulate more than dust bunnies around the house. Before you know it, you could be tripping over their plastic toys, empty food bags, or exercise balls. We want to pamper our pets, but does that have to mean trashing the planet?

Just how big is your pet's pawprint? Recent estimates are that dogs and cats may be responsible for up to a quarter of the greenhouse gas emissions caused by animal agriculture. And that is just for the production and transportation of their food. Beyond this, many seemingly fun animal toys are plastic heavy, and that doesn't even account for their ample packaging.

So, what to do? How can we reduce the impact our animal companions inadvertently have on the planet? In the natural world, all critters are able to live in balance with their surroundings. Nothing goes to waste. Somehow, when we bring these beloved beings into our homes, they get out of balance with the earth. The good news is that there are ways to raise an environmentally conscious pet, or should we say pet owners? Here are a few healthy habits to introduce to help green your pet:

- Buy quality meat from a local butcher. Bring your own reusable container to further reduce waste.
- Gift them toys made of natural materials like sinew, feathers, bone, hemp rope, organic cotton and cardboard.

- Reuse items from the recycling or things on their way to the thrift store, upcycling them into pet toys, blankets and beds.
- Spend time rather than money on your pets.
- Use litter made from newspaper, pressed sawdust or the like, rather than absorbent synthetic pellets.
- Avoid plastic poop bags, including compostable plastic bags. Instead, train your pet to go off trail, or bury their waste for them, where appropriate.
- Purchase a backyard digester for animal waste. The Green Cone is dug into the ground and has a basket base. Waste is digested by microorganisms in the soil, with little to no odour created. The leachate produced is able to feed surrounding plant roots. Contact Let's Talk Trash to learn more.

Helping your pet come back into balance with its surroundings is perfectly possible, and may even result in a happier, healthier furball, as you reduce their exposure to chemicals and increase the freshness and quality of their diet.

Let's Talk Trash is the qathet Regional District's waste reduction education program. Learn more at LetsTalkTrash.ca or contact the team at info@LetsTalkTrash.ca

VANCOUVER ISLAND UNIVERSITY
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Traffic Control Person (TCP)

Fall 2023

Thursday and Friday Oct. 26 - 27 | 8am - 430pm



Sessions: 2
Instructor: Liz West
Location: tiwšɛmawtx™ campus
Course Code: QFLG 002 F23R70

Train to be a Traffic Control Person (also known as a flag person or signaller)

Become a critical part of a construction team by training as a Traffic Control Person (TCP) to WorkSafe BC standards.

Get the basic knowledge and skills required to perform traffic control for construction, maintenance and utility work in BC. To date, this is the only approved TCP training course for all roads in BC.

3 easy ways to register

- Online**
pr.viu.ca/programs-courses
- Call**
604.485.2878 or 1.877.888.8890
- Visit**
7085 Nootka Street,
Powell River

VANCOUVER ISLAND UNIVERSITY
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ICBC Certified Air Brakes course

Fall 2023

Friday Nov. 3 | 6pm - 10pm
and Saturday Nov. 4 | 8am - 4pm



Sessions: 2
Instructor: 1st Class Driving School
Location: tiwšɛmawtx™ campus
Course Code: QAIR 002 F23R70

Get your on-highway Code 15 air brake endorsement

If you are driving an RV, small truck, or bus with air brakes, this course is critical.

You will learn the benefits and safety measures air brakes provide heavy vehicles and you will build, demonstrate and test a modern air brake system with an interactive experience including the audio and visual aids of a fully functional air brake board.

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Looking for Harvesters and Gatherers to Join our Team

As a member of our dynamic Lands and Resources Advisory Group, you will provide advice and feedback on valuable projects we are working on. We will meet once every three months and you will be compensated for time.

- Tla'amin Territory Forest Resource Plan
- Tla'amin Marine Plan
- Adapting to Climate Change
- Other various initiatives

Please reach out to April Linton (604) 483-9646 ext. 154 or april.treakle@tn-bc.ca if you are interested.



Qames ʔəms tala Settlement Trust “Our money is put away safely”



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

The process is open to accept business applications from October 3rd to October 13th, 2023.

The Handbook, Business Application, and Letter of Good Standing for October 2023 are located on the Qames ʔəms tala Settlement Trust website. Please follow the handbook closely to assist you in completing your application.

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

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

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Braedyn Louie playing for Junior A Nanaimo Buccaneers

Braedyn Louie and Tanner Burt a couple of Powell River boys grew up together playing hockey. Now they play against each other in the VIJHL when the Nanaimo Buccaneers vs Glacier Kings. Braedyn has started out to a great year following his hockey dreams. We wish you the best this year in Nanaimo.



Happy Halloween
Tla'amin