

# NEHMOTL "US"

AUGUST 2024

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## Education Provides Significant Returns to the Future of our Daycare and Preschool

The Department of Education recognized the need for trained Early Childhood Education Workers within our region, particularly for the Tla'amin Community Programs.

This led to a successful grant application, allowing us to host an all-Indigenous cohort of students within the community to receive this essential training.

Tla'amin Director of Education, Sophie Call, remembers how this evolved into a success story for all our students. "There was so much for us all to learn at first, both for our new university students and our education team. We had to push against some tough common barriers to post-secondary education access for Indigenous learners in order to create the conditions that would best support student success."

**Call Continued "We are very grateful for our relationship with Vancouver Island University, and particularly the tiwšɛmawtxw campus leadership and the ECEC instructional and support team, whose commitment to this cohort of students was demonstrated daily. We are so proud of the growth all of the students showed; they worked incredibly hard."**

In the first year of the program, every participant earned their Early Childhood Assistant Certificate (ECE-A), qualifying them to work in Preschools and Daycares. We proudly celebrate the achievements of our successful ECE-A graduates: Jada Benner, Angus Charlie, Shelby Elliott, Cara Galligos, Glynis Galligos, Audrey Green, Crystal Gustafson, Loretta Hanson, Deanna Jones, Amanda Louie, Caitlynn Smith, Jade Touchie, and Stephanie Williams. Additionally, we had the pleasure of welcoming a high school student, Talia Hackett, to the program. Through the dual credit initiative, Talia successfully completed her English 12 and earned an additional course credit.

After their first successful year, several students continued to excel, recently completing their



Left to Right: Emma Morgan-Thorp (English 12 Instructor), Kate Boyd (ECE Instructor), Cara Galligos, Shelby Elliott, Angus Charlie, Loretta Hanson, Jade Touchie, Amanda Louie, Carla Eiers (Program Assistant), Zora Soprovich (English 12 and English 127 Instructor), Tarra Tipton (ILRP)

Early Childhood Education Certificate (ECEC). A small family barbecue was held in their honor on July 11th at the Waterfront Park. We raise our hands to their jehjeh and loved ones who supported them along this journey.

Congratulations to Angus, Shelby, Loretta, Amanda, and Jade for their outstanding achievements. You are shining examples of what is possible with determined hard work. Additionally, Stephanie and Cara are just one or two courses away from earning their certificates as well. We're cheering them on to the finish line!

We further applaud Loretta for choosing to continue her educational journey to complete her Early Childhood Education Diploma this fall.

Already, the majority of the graduating class has been employed in our childcare programs at the CDRC and Children's House.

The Department of Education is proud to welcome these new capable and knowledgeable smiling faces who will be part of the team that educates and supports the chi chuy of Tla'amin Nation.

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## Tla'amin Governance House Updates

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## Water Restrictions

Tla'amin Nation & Klahanie Residents

**Effective Immediately (July 9, 2024)**

- Houses with even number addresses may water on even days of the month.
- Houses with odd number addresses may water on odd days of the month.
- Please limit the filling of swimming pools to twice per month.



**hegus**  
**John Hackett**

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I hope everyone is having a ᑲᐱᑦᑲᑦᑲᑦ.

Earlier this month I had a management meeting with MOTI Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure. This was an informal meeting with no agenda items.

We started the meeting with updates on areas we collaborate on such as the Crosswalk at the cousins House and extending the 30 KM/H zoon to the administrative building. MOTI updated us that the Lund Highway paving project is starting in late July. Be mindful of our children playing throughout the month of August.

We also talked about the Maintenance schedule so we can utilize Bridge inspectors, and timing schedule of other maintenance taking place. Another item that was discussed was updating the signs to ᑲᐱᑦᑲᑦᑲᑦ names, including renaming Sliammon road to Tla'amin Road.

### TMSLP

Select sand and gravel just wrapped up a big project at the airport runway and are preparing for a highway project on the paving of Lund highway.

### Thichum Forest Products

Thichum is just wrapping up a cut block before the summer heat. Thichum also informed the board that they are managing our annual allowable cut on a reduced cut to balance out the 5-year cut control.

Previously, Thichum took more of management control over marketing and cut block proformas Thichum was taking a more aggressive approach to the annual allowable cut. By reducing the harvest this balances out the flow of revenue.

### Lund hotel

Lund is broken out in 3 sections, Gas sales, Store sales, and the Bar, restaurant, and parking.

Gas sales are lower than last year's sales due to the weather leading into summer. Store sales is on par with last year with the Local residents and Savery residents.

Spring of this year more money was invested for upgrades and maintenance to the Hotel, showing a deficit. The first two quarters are usually slow, but we are hoping that this summer and early fall will turn this around.

The board has committed to schedule a strategy session pertaining to Lund hotel in the near future.

On July 19<sup>th</sup>, I was invited to witness the Provincial Recovery Bed Funding Announcement for qathet. The announcement is regarding Miklat Recovery and Together We Can Society obtaining funding from the City and Province to create 12 new fully government funded addiction treatment beds in Townsite adjacent to the Tla'amin land where the Alano Club sits.

The commitment is providing priority to local Tla'amin citizens who may need our services, as well the sister nations, Klahoose, and Homalco, at no cost to the nation or the client.

Following the announcement, I had the opportunity to tour the building. The projected completion date is set for November.

I also attended all candidates meeting for our upcoming election. There were great questions from our citizens, also great answers from the candidates. I believe we there are strong candidates and potential for great panel of leadership.

To our canoe journey enthusiasts, we wish you all a safe and memorable journey. We look forward to your return home.

## Tla'amin Resource Committee Quarterly Meeting

(June 19, 2024)



***Moving Forward: Building and Strengthening Relationships with Powell River/Tla'amin Agencies Collaboration - Networking - Liaison – Navigate Indigenous clients.***

### Various Agencies:(pictured above)

- Vancouver Coastal Health – Tla'amin Indigenous Cultural Support – Indigenous Homelessness Outreach Worker – Decriminalization Proactive Outreach Worker
- RCMP
- Specialized Victim Services/Police Based Victim Service
- Tla'amin Child & Family Services
- Tla'amin Elder
- Legal Aid (new)
- Tla'amin Public Safety
- Department of Fisheries & Ocean
- Powell River Crown Counsel
- BC Emergency Health Services/Indigenous Cultural Advisor
- Ministry of Children & Family Development
- qathet Community Justice
- Poverty Law
- Work BC
- Transition House Society

**Verna Francis**  
**Tla'amin Justice Program**

## qathet Regional Cycling Association Charts Path for Reconciliation and Good Relations

*New trail system integrates ayajuthem and accessible runs for those just starting out.*

The qathet Regional Cycling Association (qRCA), previously known as the Powell River Cycling Association, has quietly been charting its path of reconciliation through a series of new initiatives that started with a name change in 2022.

qRCA Board member and Tla'amin citizen Craig Galligos explains that the name change came in April 2022 and was made in response to the Tla'amin Nation's invitation to local organizations to remove the harmful name Powell from their names.

"The decision to change the name of our Association was done to represent all members of the qathet region, and to show support and solidarity with the Tla'amin Nation" Galligos said.

### New trails open territory to Tla'amin members and the public

The Mount Mahoney trail system has been in operation since 2001 and has been maintained by volunteers for over 20 years. According to Peak News the rehabilitation and expansion of the trail system unveiled this June was aided by a \$360,000 grant from the Powell River Community Forest.

The entire new trail system was built in cooperation with Tla'amin Nation and included archaeological monitoring carried out by Insitu Archaeology in partnership with Tla'amin Nation monitors from the Tla'amin lands department. The qRCA struck a land-sharing agreement with Thichum Forestry which was backed by the province of British Columbia in 2023. This agreement set a strong foundation for the project, highlighting the importance of cooperation and mutual respect in land use and development.

Importantly the new trail network opens the area



This bridge over troubled waters is a new feature in the Mount Mahoney trail system installed as part of the expansion

to those who are new to mountain-biking as the previous trails were very high level and only accessible to very seasoned riders.

The qRCA also worked closely with the Nation's culture and language team to name the two most frequented trails in the network. Huge thanks to Betty Wilson and Gail Blaney who led the creation of a new mountain biking chapter on the First Voices App. This chapter features multiple terms for mountain biking in the local language, promoting the sport and promoting the language.

<https://www.firstvoices.com/tlaamin/categories/3c900c39-3e05-401a-a888-5a458ebcec94>

The opening ceremony of the new trail network was held on June 23, 2024 at the new Mount Mahony Parking lot and was led by Tla'amin Nation Culture Manger Drew Blaney, Betty

Wilson and Executive Councillor Erik Blaney, qRCA Board member Craig Galligos and his daughters Rylee and Talya also took part. At the opening Drew and Erik shared about the history of the area and the traditional trail networks used by Tla'amin ancestors. To open the trails in a good way, the brothers then shared a few songs with the audience of 150 attendees.

Through these initiatives, the qRCA is not only building trails but also paving the way for reconciliation and deeper community connections. By honoring Tla'amin culture, language and ancestors, promoting true partnership and environmental stewardship, the QRCA demonstrates what can be achieved when we come together with a shared vision and purpose.

## Construction of Our House: Cultural House ʔəms ʔayε



## qaymıx<sup>w</sup>qenəmšt immersion program pilot funded for another year

**Tla'amin Education is now signing up children in Kindergarten and Grade 1.**

Tla'amin Nation is gathering interest and names of children entering Kindergarten and Grade 1 who would like to participate in the qaymıx<sup>w</sup>qenəmšt (we are all speaking our language) program for the 2024-2025 school year.

This program introduces children to ʔayʔajuθəm in a language rich environment at a critical time in their development; for many it will build on the strong foundation acquired in Chi Chuy Pre-school. The results from our first pilot year are remarkable. Parents and families are amazed at how much language their chi chuy have learned.

### The program has some changes

Based on observations made and feedback received from children and parents the 2024-2025 qaymıx<sup>w</sup>qenəmšt program **will now run on Tuesdays and Thursdays for a full school day.**

Teaching the full day means the qaymıx<sup>w</sup>qenəmšt program is evolving to include literacy and numeracy. These are the two big foundational curricular areas; teaching these in ʔayʔajuθəm opens the possibility of a full school week in the language and the eventual possibility of a full instructional school program in the language. These are early, small steps forward.



Frankie and Seth McWade, Paityn Harry, Nathan Rogers and Jordan McKenzie play some ʔayʔajuθəm bingo at the immersion wrap up celebration in June.

Tla'amin children in the 2024-2025 cohort will learn to read the orthography and make the sounds of its characters. They will engage mathematics in the language too.

This change to full days is also designed to provide our young learners with a more consistent environment with less moving around from place to place, enhancing their overall experience and learning outcomes.

Last year's SD47 grade one students (entering grade two) will receive enriched ʔayʔajuθəm in-

struction right at James Thompson this year to continue their learning journeys.

We invite all interested parents to express their interest and register their children by emailing Sophie Call, Tla'amin Director of Education, at [sophie.call@tn-bc.ca](mailto:sophie.call@tn-bc.ca), calling 604.413.7100, or just popping by the TN Education office at 6690 Sliammon Rd. across from Ahms Tah Ow.

Together, we can ensure that our language and culture continue to thrive through the next generation.

## Desolation Sound Archaeology Project

This is a brief update from our spring field season of the Desolation Sound Archaeology Project. Tla'amin Nation is leading an archaeological study to locate, record and protect the culturally sensitive archaeological sites in Desolation Sound. This two-year project is funded by a grant from the Destination Development Fund.

Before we started this work, a total of seventy-seven (86) archaeological sites were registered in the study area.

This spring we spent a month surveying new archaeological sites and revisiting existing archaeological sites that had not been updated since the 1970s. In the few days

surveying in one area, we observed a higher-than-average density of undocumented and under-documented archaeological sites compared to previous surveys.

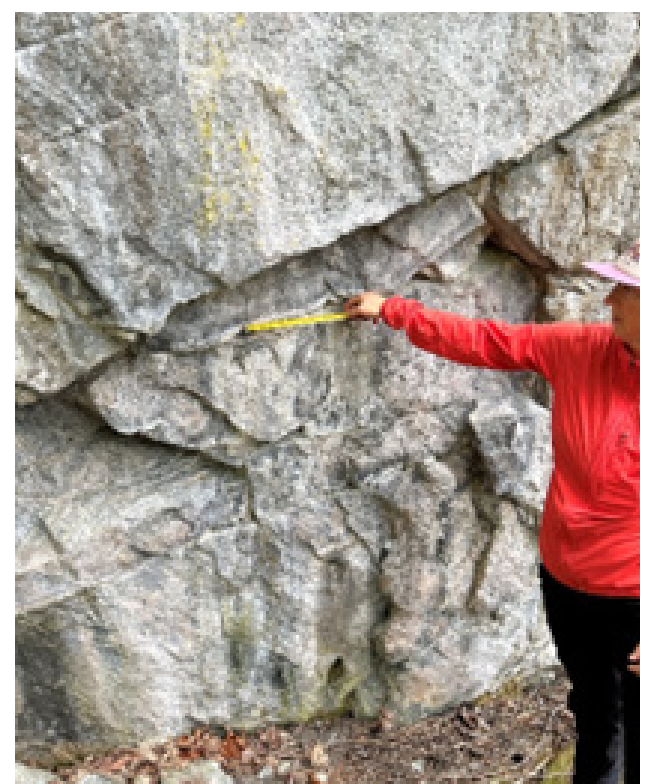
We found a total of twenty-seven (27) new archaeological sites and will be updating twelve existing sites. Since the project started last year, we have recorded a total of forty-four (44) new archaeological sites.

Field data from this last season is currently being analyzed and more details will become available this fall. Highlights from the 2024 spring survey include a new pictograph site shown using enhancements from D-Stretch

(Figures 2-6), two Heritage Conservation Act infractions, and thirty-three new culturally modified trees. Numerous new intertidal features were found including fish traps, canoe skids, and clam gardens. Many of these are new features of existing sites that will be updated.

Next steps are to work on submitting the forty new archaeological site forms from our 2024 spring field season to the Archaeology Branch to register the new and update the existing archaeological sites found this year.

**Colleen Parsley, MA  
Aquila Archaeology LTD.**



Undocumented pictograph showing a line and face

# Tla'amin Cultural Property Unearthed At Tiskwat Will Be Protected By New Protocol With B.C.

On June 28th the Province of B.C. and Tla'amin Nation signed qat<sup>ṭ</sup> x<sup>w</sup>ε<sup>?</sup>ε<sup>θ</sup>ot tisk<sup>w</sup>at (planning together for tisk<sup>w</sup>at) protocol which describes how the parties will work together to protect Tla'amin Cultural Property unearthed at the tisk<sup>w</sup>at mill site earlier this year.

The protocol was created for the mill site during provincially regulated environmental investigation processes conducted by Catalyst-Paper Excellence, the current site owner.

“It is powerful to see and to hold these thousands year old cultural treasures,” said Hegus John Hackett. **“The recent discoveries at tisk<sup>w</sup>at reaffirm and confirm what our ancestors have always said – tisk<sup>w</sup>at was our home until very recently.”**

The Catalyst tisk<sup>w</sup>at mill site is currently subject to the site closure process in accordance with the Environmental Management Act. The environmental investigation process was triggered by the submission of the Site disclosure statement, a requirement for Catalyst-Paper Excellence’s sale of the property.

qat<sup>ṭ</sup> x<sup>w</sup>ε<sup>?</sup>ε<sup>θ</sup>ot tisk<sup>w</sup>at will help Tla'amin protect its cultural heritage at the site by ensuring the Nation’s voice in archaeological processes and cultural asset management decisions affecting Tla'amin artifacts.

Specifically, B.C. commits to a stronger stewardship role for Tla'amin Nation including a joint review process with the Tla'amin Nation



*Foundations of the pulp mill at tisk<sup>w</sup>at in 1910*

environmental and archeological permits; encouraging the employment of Tla'amin cultural and heritage and environmental technicians; and encouraging the inclusion of Tla'amin ethnographic, ethnohistorical and traditional land use and stewardship knowledge in all permit and process reviews.

The qat<sup>ṭ</sup> x<sup>w</sup>ε<sup>?</sup>ε<sup>θ</sup>ot tisk<sup>w</sup>at Protocol builds on and breathes life into the yix<sup>m</sup>ε<sup>t</sup>st<sup>m</sup> tisk<sup>w</sup>at (we are going to take care of tisk<sup>w</sup>at) MOU. B.C. and Tla'amin Nation developed the tisk<sup>w</sup>at MOU to support Tla'amin Nation’s environmental stewardship objectives at the tisk<sup>w</sup>at mill site.

Background The tisk<sup>w</sup>at mill site forms part of Tla'amin Nation’s former tisk<sup>w</sup>at settlement. The Tla'amin were forcibly removed from the site in the late 1800s to make way for the pulp mill and hydroelectric dam.

The dam eradicated one of the richest salmon runs on the south coast of B.C., upon which the Tla'amin people relied.

The site is subject to a land claim negotiation with the federal government, and it holds high archaeological and cultural value to the Nation.

The yix<sup>m</sup>ε<sup>t</sup>st<sup>m</sup> tisk<sup>w</sup>at (we are going to take care of tisk<sup>w</sup>at) memorandum of understanding was signed on October 27th, 2023, to chart a path for responsible site stewardship, intergovernmental cooperation and economic reconciliation, and to safeguard the future of tisk<sup>w</sup>at and prevent abandonment of the property.

The qat<sup>ṭ</sup> x<sup>w</sup>ε<sup>?</sup>ε<sup>θ</sup>ot tisk<sup>w</sup>at (planning together for tisk<sup>w</sup>at) protocol builds upon this MOU to care for recent archaeological discoveries at the mill site. The Protocol details how the two governments will collaborate on environmental and heritage protection processes and decision-making at the tisk<sup>w</sup>at mill site



Tla'amin cultural and heritage and environmental technicians sift through core samples at tisk<sup>w</sup>at

# PROGRAMS & SERVICES

## Cousins House Summer Students

Summer Student Recreation Workers at ʔayıştən ʔaye | Cousin's House Summer Day Camp. Their role involves ensuring the safety of our chuys, organizing and leading fun, inclusive activities that are enjoyable for all chuys, while ensuring they feel supported and connected to the community and culture”



### Makaela Gallagher

My name is Makaela, and I am a summer student working as a Heritage Field Worker. I have been working alongside the Culture and Heritage Technicians, or also known as the CHT's.

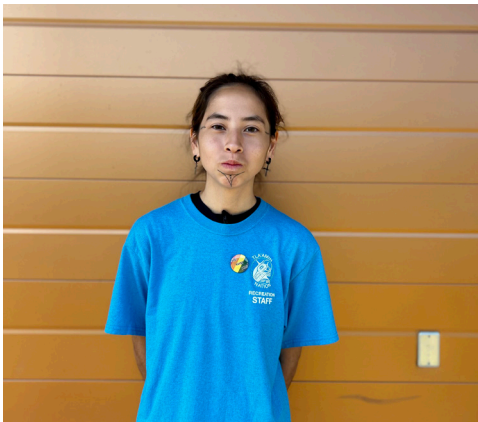
They have taught me how to identify, approach, and handle archaeological sites and tools used by our ancestors. So far, the most interesting part about this job has been seeing so many important archaeological sites right underneath places that we visit every day. It made me realize how important this field of work is, why the CHT's do what they do, and how important it is to look before you dig or build.



Damion Harry has adjusted very well teaming up with custodial staff at the Governance House. He is a fast learner and completes all his new responsibilities and is now able to oversee the Cousin's House entirely on his own without supervision. "Thanks for doing such a great job and being such an asset to the team," commented his team members.

### Easton Marriot

This summer I am working at the Tla'amin Hatchery, it's been a good work experience. The staff is fun, friendly and funny with lots of jobs to do, I've been enjoying learning the job duties such as sizing and categorizing the fish. I enjoy cleaning the freezer during the hot weather.



Koa Wilson



Elizabeth Williams



Taryn Thiele

**Neh Motl caught up to some summer students that have been having fun learning new skills within the nation performing various jobs.**



Tia Francis



## OLC RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY



### Yakira Harry

Role: Junior Financial Analyst  
 Description: Participate in the preparation of the Q1 forecasting process. Support various policy initiatives including identify key policy issues. Participate in business process reviews. Ad hoc requests from the CFO.

# 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**



## Kohen Louie Returns from Austria

Earlier in April, 10-year-old Kohen Louie was selected to represent the 2013 BC Bulldog Team to compete in the 2024 World Hockey Championship in Innsbruck, Austria.

Being given the opportunity to travel to Europe to compete amongst international AAA Elite Hockey teams was truly a memorable and unforgettable experience.

Kohen & family would like to thank all that supported him along the way to achieve his dream!

## Dental Schedule

- Dr. Machin, August 15, 22 & August 29th.
- Dr. Gosnell August 12 and August 26th.

qathet Primary Care Network team is pleased to welcome Lindsay Zakkour as the Clinical Pharmacist (PCCP) starting July 15th.

*Lindsay will be connecting with Tla'amin Health and we hope to see her at least two days per month.*

Many health care providers in Powell River recognize Lindsay as their "go-to pharmacist" for her reliability and clinical expertise in solving their patients' medication-related issues.



### Primary Care Clinical Pharmacist Role

Comprehensive medication management services for patients with **complex conditions** to prevent and resolve medication-related problems e.g.: Optimization

- Substitution
- Change formulation
- Adjust dose or timing

### Education (patients and providers)

- Address barriers to adherence (behavioural change)
- Collaborate with clinical team to implement treatment plans
- Prescribe for minor ailments and contraception
- Renew prescription (2 years validity)

### NO dispensing

- Work with pharmacist and pharmacy

## 2024 Tla'amin Nation Elk Harvest

The 2024 Elk Harvest Allocation is a total of 17. The Nation will retain 8 Elk, leaving a total of 9 Elk for our Nation Community Hunters. **The allocation will be determined by Draw on August 23, 2024.**

**The Hunting Areas are as follows:** Powell River / Haslam Lake, Daniels River area and Theodosia River area

### To be eligible to enter the Draw, you must:

1. Be a Tla'amin Citizen /or have a #554 Status Number.
2. Be legally authorized to carry a firearm, **MUST** possess a Valid Firearms Acquisition Certificate (FAC) Card /or Valid Possession Only License (POL).

\*PLEASE NOTE: Draw Winners from 2023 are NOT eligible to enter this year's draw (regardless of if you were successful in harvesting an elk or not). The Elk Policy has been updated confirming that there can be only 1 Elk Draw Tag Winner per household.

### HOW TO ENTER:

E-mail: april.treakle@tn-bc.ca a clear picture of your valid FAC or POL Card no later than August 21st, 2024 at 12:00 PM (NOON) or leave a copy @ Front Desk of the Governance House. Your entry into the Draw will be the photo of your card.

## Message from čičyε Circle

### Education: The tool of today

On May 29, 2024, the čičyε Circle discussed low school attendance for Tla'amin čičuy and how Nation staff and Tla'amin families could work together to change this. The goal is for ʔəms čičuy to feel pride in who they are, and experience success. The Circle reminded us that even though residential schools disrupted the connection we have with ʔəms taʔow, we can work together to rebuild those connections.

The čičyε Circle discussed what motivated them to do hard things when they were čičuy, especially when they didn't want to. Here is a summary of what was shared, in hopes that it can support a parent, caregiver, teacher, or a čuy in whatever way is needed at the moment of reading:

### Generational healing

"I had no choice but to be motivated to do things because I was the oldest. I did what I was told and did what had to be done." This is a reminder that our people are extremely strong. Every čuy/youth today is here because of the hard work of those before them. Tla'amin are a people of generational healing. Knowing this history may provide encouragement to stay motivated for things such as education.

### Motivating words of adults

Other Circle members reflected: "Dad always taught me: you're not a quitter. When I feel like quitting or giving up, that comes to mind," and "My late dad used to say: if at first you do not succeed, try, try again. That kind of encouragement helped me."

There was also conversation about unlearning how they were talked to and doing better for their own grandchildren. One member said, "At residential school, you never heard: you're doing good. I love you. So today I try to use that with my grandchildren and daughters. Every time they come in I say: I love you. Start to bring that back. Let people know that they are worth something." These teachings bring to light the power that our words can have over an entire lifetime.

### Connection and togetherness

"I remember the importance of grandparents or aunties - someone who still remembers traditional values of hard work and living a good life. I feel like I've never been alone because of that." Another said, "I remember as a pre-teen, going out on the boat with my grandfather. It was something I looked forward to. And the water brings me peace now. It calms me."

There was a clear impact on all čičyε Circle members about the time adults spent with them, doing anything that needed to be done, or having fun. "That's what I cherish: remembering the teachings, remembering the stories. They used to take turns telling us stories every night." Quality time helps build a sense of trust and teaches responsibility with young people. Young people naturally want to be and do better when they are shown this type of love and attention.

### Our traditional teachings

While it is important to address when a čuy faces challenges (like with school attendance), they also discussed the importance of addressing what is going well. They said, "Reinforcing messages of good behaviour, hard work, getting up early, and chores."

"Joe Mitchell used to say: In today's world, education is the tool. Any job you go for, you have to be qualified. It's like when you build a house, you need the tools to build it. Education is the tool of today." A core value of Tla'amin culture is to be constantly learning. Whether it is at an institution like school, spending time with elders, or learning from peers, a new lesson is never wasted. One Circle member shared, "We'd go to Harwood Island to camp. My grandfather showed us how to make a shelter with branches." Another noted, "My grandparents taught me the language. I believe that the language is what will keep our culture. At canoe journeys we can learn from other communities too." In today's world, there are countless sources of information to learn from. The most sacred knowledge, however, that can't be found anywhere else in the world, lies with our elders.

### Gentleness and love

One message was consistent: gentleness and love. One member shared, "What I learned from my Dad was always to share what you had, and to be very gentle. He was always calm. Always giving. So that's what I try to do today. Share what I have and give what I can. I pass that onto my kids and grandkids. Let them know that we're thinking of them. That's very important, to be in communication with everyone so they don't feel isolated." Another member agreed, stating, "They never raised their voice. They were my example."

### Carrying this learning forward

There is no simple answer to getting our čičuy to school. Every family and every čuy is different. But, with these teachings, we might improve from where we are today. Whether you're a parent, caregiver, support worker, teacher, or friend, following these teachings may help the čuy in your life:

- Help them learn their history. This can be motivating to continue the generational work that's been started for them.
- Use positive language. Tell them they are smart and capable every day.
- Spend quality time with the intention of connecting and teaching/learning with them to build their confidence and security.
- Directly teach your čičuy how to exist in a good way. Give them responsibilities. Attend to both their positive and negative behaviours.
- Find as many as many sources of education/knowledge as you can, especially with older people.
- Always love first, and approach things with gentleness.

We thank the čičyε Circle for sharing these teachings, which we can carry forward in our families today.

### Translations:

čičyε (cheech-yeh) grandmother  
ʔəms (uhms) our  
čičuy (chee-choo-ee) children  
taʔow (tah-ow) teachings  
čuy (choo-ee) child

## čičyε Circle 27 June, 2024

**Present:** John Louie, Jerry Francis, Sally Dominick, Pauline Paul, Sherry Bullock, Evie Tom, Doreen & Alex Point, Brenda Pielie.  
**CFS Staff:** Lisa Williams, Alex Souch. **Chair:** Janet Newbury.



- Opening Prayer.
- Check in.

### Tla'amin Service Model:

- The draft service model was reviewed and discussed.
- The čičyε circle made recommendations for the final phase.
- Action: Update service model.

### čičyε Teaching about education:

- Reviewed draft teaching.
- čičyε circle made recommendations to include responsibilities.
- Action: Update draft teaching and submit to neh motl.

### Updates:

- ʔaʔumet agreement orientation being developed.
- Beginning of CFS Policy development

**Next meeting date:** July 30, 2024.



The Trust is looking for a Youth Trustee (age 19-25 years of age) monthly honoraria paid.

Interested individuals please contact the Guardian Cyndi Egan for additional details at

[guardian@tlaamintrust.com](mailto:guardian@tlaamintrust.com)

# Recent Hires at the Tla'amin Government

**Anthony Fast**  
HR Generalist



Anthony will be the primary HR contact/day-to-day support for the following teams: Administration, Finance, Lands & Resources, Public Works & Capital Infrastructure, Housing.

I'm so excited to be a part of the team at Tla'amin Nation! A little about me: my wife and I moved to qathet in February 2023, and we've been loving it ever since. We've made some wonderful connections with people, and the profound beauty of the region has been a joy to explore. When I'm not at work, you're likely to find me at the climbing gym, at the beach, or at home playing board games or video games with friends.

My educational background is in Psychology, and I earned my BA from the University of Victoria, where I also worked in Residence Life & Education as a student-staff member, helping establish a welcoming environment and orienting new students to campus living.

Most recently, I worked at a non-profit organization called Credit Counselling Society, helping people by providing information and guidance about their finances and sharing options for dealing with debt; I worked directly with clients on the Operations side for just over three years, and then moved into the People & Culture (HR) team for four and a half years.



**Dion embraces the Skipper role on the canoe journey**

**Terrance Wagman**  
Government Secretary



Terrance is originally from Ontario, where he was conferred a Bachelor of Laws degree (LL.B.) from Osgoode Hall Law School, and Called to the Bar as a Barrister and Solicitor in the Province of Ontario, and as an Officer of the Superior Court of Justice and the Ontario Court of Appeal. He has since become a Barrister and Solicitor in British Columbia, and is an Officer of the courts in the Province.

Terrance is deeply passionate about serving the Tla'amin Nation. He is committed to providing dignity and respect to all; and, to immerse himself in deep study of the history, culture, customs, traditions, and practices of the Tla'amin Nation, for which he now has the honour, privilege, and pleasure to serve.

**Avi Bhatoolall**  
Intermediate Business Analyst



"Hello, Neh Motl readers!  
I am happy to be joining the Tla'amin Nation as an Intermediate Business Analyst.

I have been living in the qathet region for the last 4 years and been ever grateful since to be surrounded by the nature and people. I have previously worked in Human Resources and Employment Services through the local WorkBC office. As an analyst, my goal will be to support our growing organisation and improve organisational processes. Outside of work, you might find me walking our dog, paddleboarding or hiking around!"

Powell River RCMP Non-Emergency (604)485-6255		In Case of Emergency Call 911
JUN 20	HWY 101	Police received a report of a threatening e-mail that was sent. Police attended and viewed the e-mail which was rude, but determined not to be threatening.
JUN 20	HWY 101	Police responded to a report of a large theft from a business. This investigation is still ongoing.
JUL 01	SALISH DR	Police responded to an alarm at Tla'amin Health Services. After checking out the building, it was determined that the alarm was accidental.
JUL 02	WATERFRONT RD	Police responded to a disturbance at a residence. As a result of the investigation one person was arrested and lodged in cells. He was released without charge the following morning.
JUL 03	HWY 101	Police and Tla'amin Public Safety responded to a report of an injured bear. Patrols were made, but the bear was not located.
JUL 05	HARWOOD DR	Police responded to a report of a possible breach of conditions. Police attended and determined that no breach had occurred.
JUL 06	HARWOOD DR	Police responded to a disturbance at a residence. Police spoke to the complainant who wanted it reported for information only.
JUL 06	RIVER RD	Police responded to a request for a wellbeing check. Police attended and determined there was no safety concerns.
JUL 06	HWY 101	Police responded to a disturbance at a residence. Police spoke to the complainant who advised that everything had calmed down and police were no longer required.
JUL 06	HOMALCO RD	Police responded to a request for assistance with a civil matter.
JUL 07	HOMALCO RD	Police responded to a request to keep the peace at a residence.
JUL 10	HARWOOD DR	Police responded to a report of an assault at a residence. This matter is still under investigation and police will be forwarding charges to crown counsel.
JUL 11	HWY 101	Police responded to a report of a theft and breach of conditions. This matter is still under investigation.
JUL 16	WATERFRONT RD	Police responded to a disturbance at a residence. Both parties were spoken to and advised to stay away from each other to prevent further problems.
JUL 18	HWY 101	Police conducted a traffic stop on Hwy 101. After speaking to the driver, police believed they had been drinking. A breath sample was obtained, which resulted in a 3-day driving prohibition.
JUL 18	EAGLE DR	Police responded to a report of a possible breach of conditions. An investigation was completed, and it was determined that no breach actually took place.
JUL 18	TLA'AMIN CRT	Police responded to a request for a well being check. Police attended and determined there was no concerns.
JUL 19	HWY 101	Police responded to a report of an abandoned 911 call. Police attended and determined the call was made by accident.

# UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Register at: [training@tn-bc.ca](mailto:training@tn-bc.ca) or (250) 858.2739



## OFA 3

Successful participants will be qualified to work as a WorkSafeBC OFA Level 3 First Aid Attendant.

**August 19th-23rd & 26th-30th, 8:30am-4:30pm,**  
in the Education Portable at 6683 Sliammon Road.  
**Just a few seats remaining!**

## Class 4 Driving Practice

Instructor-led practical training on the Tla'amin Nation van.

Four sessions available this fall:

- September 13th, 9am-12pm or 12:30-3:30pm
- October 11th, 9am-12pm or 12:30-3:30pm

**\*Participants must have a Class 4 learner's license & clean driving abstract.** Meet at ʔayıštən ʔaye / Cousin's House.



## Mental Health First Aid

MHFA First Nations is intended for First Nations people; it is also recommended for anyone who works with First Nations.

**September 9th-11th OR 12th-14th, 9am-4pm**  
Location TBD

**\*Participants must attend the entire training.**



## ICBC-Certified Air Brakes

**October 25th, 6-10pm and October 26th, 9am-3:30pm**  
at the Education Portable

Taught by Darryl Dickins, 1st Class Driving School:  
“Our state of the art Air Brake Board allows us to build, demonstrate, and test a modern air brake system, giving our clients an interactive experience and clear understanding of how the system works.”



## ʔəms nəm

### Sexual Health

Willow Dunlop shares her knowledge on informed decision-making, harm reduction, boundaries, communication, bodily autonomy, and more.

The program focuses not only on preventing negative outcomes but also on promoting safe sexual experiences.



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Aug 12th, 2024

### August's prize

View any of this month's teachings by August 31st to be entered to win a spa gift card.



Need help? Have questions? Call or text: 613-888-7986, or email: [hello@checkingin.co](mailto:hello@checkingin.co)

## Education Assistant and Community Support Certificate Program

STUDY IN YOUR COMMUNITY  
September 2024 to April 2026



### Program

The Education Assistant and Community Support Program includes both theoretical studies and practical applications for working with people who have disabilities, across the lifespan.

The courses provide students with the skills and knowledge to work as an Educational Assistant in schools and as a Support Worker in community settings with people who have disabilities.

### First Semester - University Prep Sept 2024-January 2025

The first semester is organized to give students the chance to get the prerequisites for entry into the EACS program.

The focus will be on successfully completing English and developing some adult study skills that will be needed throughout the program.

There will be time to get everything ready for admission into the program with lots of support:

- Two reference letters
- Resume and cover letter
- A criminal record check
- Interview with TN Education team

After the Prep Semester, students will complete 3 semesters of the EACS program from January 2025 to April 2026, including two practicums.

### Supports

#### Financial Support

- The Nation will pay for tuition, books, and any student fees
- The Nation will provide Tla'amin students a monthly living allowance: \$1725 or \$2155 for someone with dependants
- We can also help you apply for bursaries or scholarships

#### Study Support

- A program coordinator will support students every step of the way, in their classes and scheduled study blocks
- Instructors will be carefully selected and provided cultural safety training
- Elders will be present to provide a calming presence, teachings, and encouragement
- The Nation's education team will be there to help every step of the way

#### Study Tools

- The Nation will provide students a quiet classroom space with free wifi, school supplies, as well as a laptop to use for the duration of the program

#### YOUR JOB

- To prioritize your studies
- To be present for all classes and study blocks

Contact TN Education at

604.414.3252

[sophie.call@tn-bc.ca](mailto:sophie.call@tn-bc.ca)

## TEST-DRIVE A CAREER IN ROAD-BUILDING

The RoadShow is touring across BC, featuring a 34' trailer packed with simulators and virtual reality technology so anyone can experience first-hand what it's like to work in the industry.

- ✓ Road-Building
- ✓ Road Maintenance

**August 13th, 2024**  
9am - 3pm

**6690 Sliammon Rd.**  
Education Building

To Register Email: [jessie.peters@tn-bc.ca](mailto:jessie.peters@tn-bc.ca)

Call Number: 604-483-7122

## Back-to-School

### School Uniform Orders

Get Your Order Forms Today!

- Pick up in person at 6690 Sliammon Road (Education Office), or
- Email Noreen Paul at [noreen.paul@tn-bc.ca](mailto:noreen.paul@tn-bc.ca) to receive them electronically.



## BACK TO SCHOOL



To Get Your Allowance Forms

- Pick up in person at 6690 Sliammon Road (Education Office), or
- Pick up in person at 4779 Klahanie Drive (Gov House), or
- Email Noreen Paul at [noreen.paul@tn-bc.ca](mailto:noreen.paul@tn-bc.ca) to receive them electronically.



## ALLOWANCE FORMS FOR

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Available: August 1, 2024  
Due: September 30, 2024



**Happy Birthday Dianne Francis who celebrated her birthday with family on July 19th**



Sunrise: February 12, 1953

Spiritual Journey: May 29, 2024

On behalf of the family of the late Rose Ann Louie, we would like to thank the community for all your support during the recent passing of our mom, Rosie.

First, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our family and friends who were by our side, bringing and sharing food, laughter and love. Aunty Marie, Gladys, Donna, Evie, Sandra, Elaine, Trista, Shanna, Melissa, and Jolene, your support has been invaluable to us. Thank you to Koosen and Ryan Pielle for drumming for Mom during her last few days with us and for your kind words of comfort and traditional knowledge.

Thank you, Losa, for all your support; Alex and Eileen, for the slide show and photos—Davis, for the agenda; and Shanna, for the pamphlet. Sally L, thank you for all your support

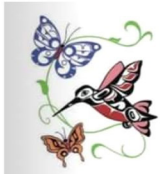
and the crew at Willington Creek for years of love and care for Mom.

To my co-workers – the education team for the beautiful keepsakes and Melvin for the additional paddles. Larry Hanson and Frank Wilson for sharing songs. Cheryl B for the blanket.

Thank you to Ryan, Gary G, Shawn F, and Ta’Kaiya for the songs at the service, Roy F. for the eulogy, pallbearers, kitchen help, and all the community for your donations of food and comfort over the weeks. Also, thank you to Gene Louie for your guidance with the burning.

Our apologies if we have missed anyone. Our hands and hearts are raised to you all.

čěčhaθeč - I thank you, Leslie, Shawn, Wade and family.



Lorraine Wilson Memorial Fund

**Now Accepting Applications**

One \$1,000.00 Bursary available to any Tla’amin citizen pursuing post-secondary education or a trades program

To Apply:

Send a 500 word essay about yourself, your goals, and what your culture means to your educational journey, to [lwmemorialfund@yahoo.com](mailto:lwmemorialfund@yahoo.com)

\*Applications must also include proof of acceptance into program

Deadline to apply: September 30th, 2024  
Successful candidates will be announced shortly thereafter



To our son  
Having you as our son  
has been one of the  
Greatest gifts life has  
given us.

For all that you have  
been ....  
For all that you are and  
For all that you’re yet  
to be  
Love Mom & Dad

