



Why Tla'amin Opposes Brookfield's 30-Year Power Export Plan

Message from hegus



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By Hegus John Hackett

I would like to express my deepest and heartfelt condolences to the Point, Harry, Louie, and Blaney families. Our leadership offers prayers of strength to you all and everyone affected by this tremendous loss in our community.

I am writing to share why Tla'amin Nation is firmly opposed to Powell River Energy Inc. (PREI)'s application to export all the electricity from the dams at tiskw̓at and Lois Lake to the United States for the next 30 years.

Our position is clear. This proposal undermines our traditional and treaty rights, blocks our plans to redevelop tiskw̓at, and ignores commitments PREI made to us in a 2023 Memorandum of Understanding. We have met with Brookfield (PREI) in good faith for years to build a relationship and terms of understanding. This application flies in the face of that progress.

Local power to renew the mill site

When the mill closed in 2021, Tla'amin spoke to our citizens and set our course: to reacquire tiskw̓at, regain stewardship, and redevelop the site for our Nation's future. Reliable access to power is part



In 1910 the dam at tiskw̓at changed everything for Tla'amin people. It cut off our fish supply, flooded our homelands and alienated the place where Tla'amin people lived and traded since time immemorial.

of that vision. PREI knows this, yet they are withholding consent on land transfers we already purchased from Domtar and limiting opportunities for redevelopment.

Misleading the Regulator

In its export application, PREI included letters that suggest Tla'amin's concerns have been resolved and that we support their plan. That is simply untrue. We have opposed long-term energy exports since 2022, and our submissions to the CER make that opposition clear. PREI's attempt to portray our Nation as supportive is misleading and undermines the integrity of the regulatory process.

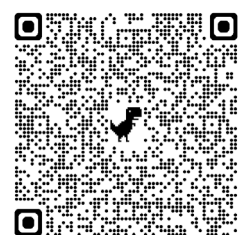
Not in the Public Interest

Granting this permit would tie up all our hydro power until 2055, with none of it guaranteed for Powell River, for B.C., or for Tla'amin. These licences were granted over a century ago to support local industry — the paper mill that once sustained thousands of families. That industry is gone. Brookfield now seeks to use those historic rights for a 30-year export scheme that benefits its U.S. affiliate, not our communities.

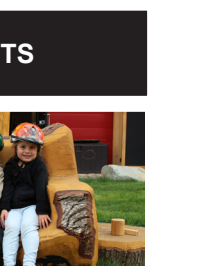
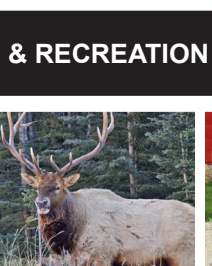
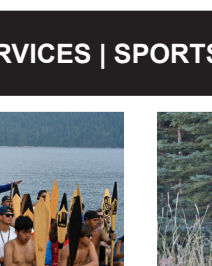
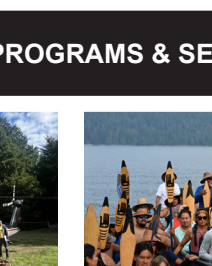
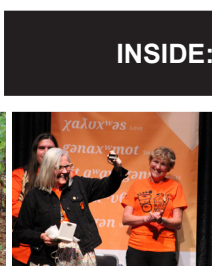
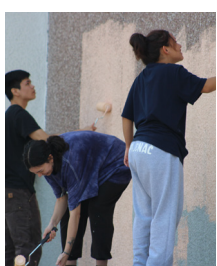
Please write a letter, we need to hear from all Citizens.

As of September 25th, 2,409 letters have been sent to the CER through the keepourpowerlocal.ca site. Tla'amin Citizens, neighbours, and allies are united in saying: keep our power local. We bear the costs of these dams — flooded lands, lost salmon, falling water levels — and we should share in the benefits.

The CER has now extended the deadline for public comments to October 9, 2025, at 3:00 PM PST. I encourage every Tla'amin citizen to add your voice before this date. It takes only a few minutes, but it makes clear that our Nation stands together for our rights, our lands, and our future. Scan the qrcode and use the form to send your comments directly.



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Historic Canoe Journey Returns to tiskwət

On September 6, a flotilla of canoes returned to the waters of tiskwət for the first time in nearly a century. More than 40 pullers from ʔaʔamun, Klahoose, ɣwɛmaʔkʷu, shíshálh, and Qualicum First Nations paddled 19 nautical miles from xwɛymamun (“the place you point your canoe towards”) down to the lake and river.

Tla'amin Culture manager kespal (Drew Blaney) says that “We organized this paddle to remember and reclaim our place on the lake.”

He continued “tiskwət was a major center of trade and commerce prior to the dam, a place that our neighbouring Nations have stories about and remember. We felt it was important and good healing to include them in this special day.”

The paddle was long and demanding. Pullers described the powerful feeling of being on the lake. They also had their strength tested with a full day pull that left them tired but proud.

Welcomed Home at tiskwət

As the canoes rounded the last corner near the Shinglemill, more than 100 people lined the beach to welcome them ashore. The moment was historic, and it's estimated that this was the first time in 100 years that Tla'amin canoes travelled this full route.

Alisha Dominic and Dion Marriott organized songs as the canoes circled the beach to show they arrived with peaceful intentions. Cuppy Joe Wilson welcomed visiting Nations and Tla'amin's own paddlers in ʔayʔajuθəm.

A few special shout outs from the day

- Chelsea Hanson skippered ohtaqken with guidance from Sherman Pallen.
- Brandon Louie and Johnson Adams skippered out of Goat Lake.
- Fire Chief Byron Harry took the helm of Cheechlem Chi-Chia for the final leg into tiskwət.
- Homalco, Klahoose, shíshálh, and Qualicum all had strong representation, with youth leaders like Sito (Alfonso Salinas) and Suzanne Van Ryk bringing forward the next generation of paddlers.



The next generation of pullers prepare to be welcomed ashore by Cuppy Joe Wilson after paddling 19 nautical miles

Support crews also played a key role. Special thanks go to Bryce McKenzie in the Brave 2, as well as Dillon, Jessica, and Harmony Johnson for providing boat support along the way.

“Bringing our people out in our own territory, paddling our own waters, is important to us,” said kespal. “It re-connects us with our lands and waters and reminds us of who we are as Tla'amin people.”



čičuy take in the exciting moment as the canoes arrive at tiskwət.

Paddle Carving

hosted by: Hoss and Sherman Pallen



Every Friday starting October 3rd

4:30 - 6:00pm
Gov House

This year our Culture Department was able to acquire 12 lengths of yellow cedar to be carved into paddles to be used on hehewshin and otaken canoes. Carving will take place in the large canoe tent outside of Government house. Tools will be provided however you are welcome to bring your own tools.



Coordinator: Dion Marriott
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feel free to get in touch!

Qathet Residents Get Hands On To Launch Youth Voices Community Mural



qathet čičuy seize the opportunity to breathe life into the community mural "kʷakʷem – To Be Alive" on the north wall of the bowling alley.

By Steve Gallagher

On Saturday, September 6th Tla'amin Youth artists greeted the general public in attendance and shared their vision for the anticipated community mural "kʷakʷem – To Be Alive" being painted on the north end wall outside the bowling alley on Marine Avenue.

Palnik, Donna Pallen blessed the ceremony with an opening prayer in front of the fifty attendees who gathered at the site anxiously awaiting to meet the young artists. The Youth Voices Community Mural project involved collaboration with support from local artists Meghan Hildebrand and Annie Robinson to complete the circle and meaning of qathet-working together.

Sherman Pallen was unable to attend but was recognized for his significant contribution providing traditional knowledge, story telling and supporting the youth along the way.

"This has been an amazing ride, and we haven't even started painting yet!" reflects mentor and artist Meghan Hildebrand. "What started as a conversation between friends rapidly became a collaboration, a mentorship project, a community builder and ultimately a dazzling, large-scale expression of Tla'amin creativity and resilience. We got to work with brilliant, thoughtful and talented Tla'amin artists and I can't wait to see where they take this."

After months of planning with qathet-based artist Meghan Hildebrand and Annie Robinson, Rhys Galligos, Makaela Gallagher, Kobe Galligos and Dion Marriott proudly introduced kʷakʷem – To Be Alive.

qathet residents eagerly lined up to get a hold of the paint brushes to apply their contribution to the mural as a symbol of their commitment to harmonize with Tla'amin culture and values.

Artist Statement - Rhys Galligos

kʷakʷem / kwa-kwem / To Be Alive highlights the historic and ongoing relationships *taʔəmən* people have with the natural world around us.

ʔagəm / tah-gum in our language is the word for both Sun and the Moon, as they are two parts of one whole. Being represented together in this design demonstrates the balance their relationship enacts and serves as an example we can follow in our own lives.

lamətohukt / lamuh-toh-hukt in our language is our word for wool blanket. These expertly woven blankets have been crafted in our communities and have served many great purposes for our people since time immemorial. The Sun cradling the Moon demonstrates balance and care, working in tandem, it gently pulls us in the directions we need to go to grow, guiding us on our paths while walking in *Our Way of Life*.

kʷakʷatəlaq / kwa-kwa-tel-aq is the general word for butterfly in our language. The one depicted in this design is more specifically a local species called the "clouded sulphur", a low-flying insect relative, who enjoys pollinating our plants and helping our medicines grow with help from the Sun's rays. Above the clouded sulphur, rests the North Star, bringing us guidance and light to follow through our darker nights.

Underlying these designs is a *xʷoxʷoʔəʔəč / xwoh-xwoh-peh-ech* (basket weaving) design. These baskets were also expertly woven and used in our everyday lives, as well as extravagant gifts, displays of artistry, and familial ties within our communities. These vessels were tightly woven, intricately designed. Some of these baskets were so tightly woven they were capable of holding water as well as any of our other finest treasures, without letting them fall. Including them in this design represents our dedication as a community and as *qaymıxʷ / qaye-mew-xw* people to hold the teachings of our ancestors, which these designs carry.



PROGRAMS & SERVICES



September 25th, 2025

We know that when our children succeed, our whole Nation succeeds. That's why we are creating the Tla'amin Parents Committee — a space for parents and caregivers to share experiences, ideas, and work together to support our kids.

“Parents and caregivers are first teachers; they know what our children need to thrive,” said Brandon Louie, Housepost for Community Services. “We cannot do this work alone. We need parents to step forward, share their voices, and help us tackle challenges like school attendance so our kids have the bright future they deserve.”

The committee will focus on strengthening school attendance and building stronger connections between schools, families, and the Nation. Meetings will take place monthly. Meeting will take place monthly to:

- Share family practices that support learning.
- Provide feedback to the Tla'amin Nation Education Team.
- Work with leadership, teachers, and service providers to remove barriers to attendance.
- Learn from one another and invited guests.
- Advise on big-picture education initiatives.
- Celebrate student successes.



James Thomson students Lawna Grade 4 and Lily Grade 7 are excited to meet new people this school year.

We are looking for diverse perspectives: parents and caregivers with children in local schools, Brooks, PIE, home schoolers, and those supporting neurodiverse kids. Grandparents raising grandkids are welcome too!

Meetings start October 16th and will be the first Thursday of the month, 5–7 pm in the Education Portable. Dinner provided, plus \$50 honorarium per parent/caregiver (paid the following week). Babysitter costs can also be supported. If you can't make every meeting, your voice still matters. Come when you can.

For questions or to confirm attendance for Oct. 16th, contact Sophie Call, Director of Education, at Sophie.call@tn-bc.ca.

čęęhaęę for considering this important role.

Basket Returned

Dave Lewis who returned a 75-year-old basket to us on behalf of his mother.

His mother is currently 103 years old and purchased it here in the village and used it for many years for family picnics. Our hands are raised in thanks for the return of this treasure.

Ryan Pielle is pictured next to Dave Lewis



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

When a student misses **2** days a month..

They will miss **20 DAYS** a year.

They will miss **30 HOURS** of math over the school year.

They will miss **60 HOURS** of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over **1 YEAR** of school by graduation.

When a student misses **4** days a month..

They will miss **40 DAYS** a year.

They will miss **60 HOURS** of math over the school year.

They will miss **120 HOURS** of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over **2 YEARS** of school by graduation.



Seeking skilled instructors for salmon & deer preserving workshops this fall

Are you skilled at canning and/or smoking traditional foods? Want to share your skills with other community members?

Please contact training@tn-bc.ca if you are interested in teaching. Instructor pay is \$500 per workshop.

čičuy New Playgrounds Provides Space For təms gje Learning Experience

This September a new natural playground designed to help Tla'amin čičuy to connect with təms gje (Our Land) opened to Tla'amin's child-care centre and Children's House.

The 100% grant funded project is backed largely by the Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement and other funding sources. Tla'amin secured and saved up the entire \$500,000 budget over the last couple of years.

Community Services Housepost Brandon Louie says "Hands raised to staff for securing the grant dollars for this important community improvement project. Our čičuy are never too young to learn about təms gje and our responsibilities to it. The more they learn about təms gje the more they will love and protect it."

The new playground includes many spaces for the čičuy to explore and enjoy, including places to climb, create, get messy, ride a bike, explore with their senses, or sit calmly in a serene, calming space that the land provides. The new playground will be a functional and beautiful built learning environment.

Angus Charlie is the Early Childhood Educator at the Children's House and recalls the exciting moments when playtime arrived.

"The kids just loved it when we first went into the new nature playground. They were just speechless and their faces just lit up as they stood by the door. All of the sudden the kids were running in all directions.

Some kids ran to the big wooden couch, the tree house, the new bike path, and they sandbox



Just Like Bob the Builder: (L-R) Rosalie Kinch, Westyn Gale, Ryder Galligos, Logan Hackett and Saydi Forbes are a well oiled machine stacking blocks while installing a ramp.

area. They were so happy! All you can hear was all the kiddos talking to each other to check this out look we got a new forest area. Just so much to see all at once and to take in.

They loved it so much we didn't even put toys in the yard yet. čičuy sure loved the nature and how everything is made out of wood and explored our new grass and sandbox area. They really enjoyed their reflection from the big mirrors on the fence. There was only a few of the wooden stumps and ramps out but they kept busy running around."

Director of Education Sophie Call says the project will support land-based, child-led play critical for early childhood development. "The outdoors offers the movement and sensory input kids crave, far beyond what indoor spaces can provide.



YOUR WATCHING TREEHOUSE: Westin Gale stars in this episode hanging out the window all to himself.

We want to draw our čičuy outside to a safe, age-appropriate space designed just for them. Land-based play sparks creativity, problem-solving, self-regulation, sensory engagement, and motor skills. Importantly, ʔayʔaʔuθəm is a land-based language rooted in the natural world, so this playground will also strengthen language learning for our čičuy and staff."

Community members are reminded that the centre's playgrounds are for use by program čičuy during program hours. Cameras are in place to monitor the construction site and ensure everyone stays safe.



BIG COMFY LOG COUCH: L-R: Logan Hackett, Ryder Galligos, Rosalie Kinch, Westyn Gale and Saydi Forbes take a group photo on their cool forest bench.

Tla'amin Marine Plan Community Engagement Update

The Lands and Resource Department is moving forward with the community engagement for the Marine Plan this fall. Key groups such as Elders, Super Harvesters, and Youth will be invited to share their knowledge and input. These engagement activities are being designed to gather input, share information, and ensure the plan reflects the values and priorities of the Nation. We encourage all community members to keep an eye out for upcoming updates and opportunities to get involved.

To kick things off, we are excited to announce a fun and creative way to get involved in the Tla'amin Marine Plan! We are launching a photo contest open to all Tla'amin community members.

What's it all about?

The ocean has always been at the heart of who we are as a coastal people. As we move forward with our Marine Plan, we want to make sure the voices, stories, and perspectives of our people are front and centre. Your photos will help us understand what the ocean means to you, your family, and our community - whether it's fishing, harvesting, swimming, paddling, beach walks, or simply enjoying the view.

Why a Photo Contest?

The Marine Plan is all about protecting, caring for, and making decisions about our waters in a way that reflects Tla'amin values and teachings. By sharing your photos, you're helping us weave community voices into the plan and show

the deep connection we all share with the ocean. Plus, it's a chance to have a little fun and show off your photography skills!

How to enter:

- Take a photo that shows what the ocean means to you.
- Add a short caption explaining the photo and if possible, include the location you took it.
- Send it to Layla.george@tn-bc.ca including:
 - Name:
 - Age:
 - Contact information:
- A sentence or two about what the ocean means to you.

Deadline: November 28, 2025

Prizes: Every participant will be entered into a random prize draw to win marine related prizes! The winners will be pulled from two age categories as follows:

Youth (under 18): 3 winners

Adults (18+): 3 winners

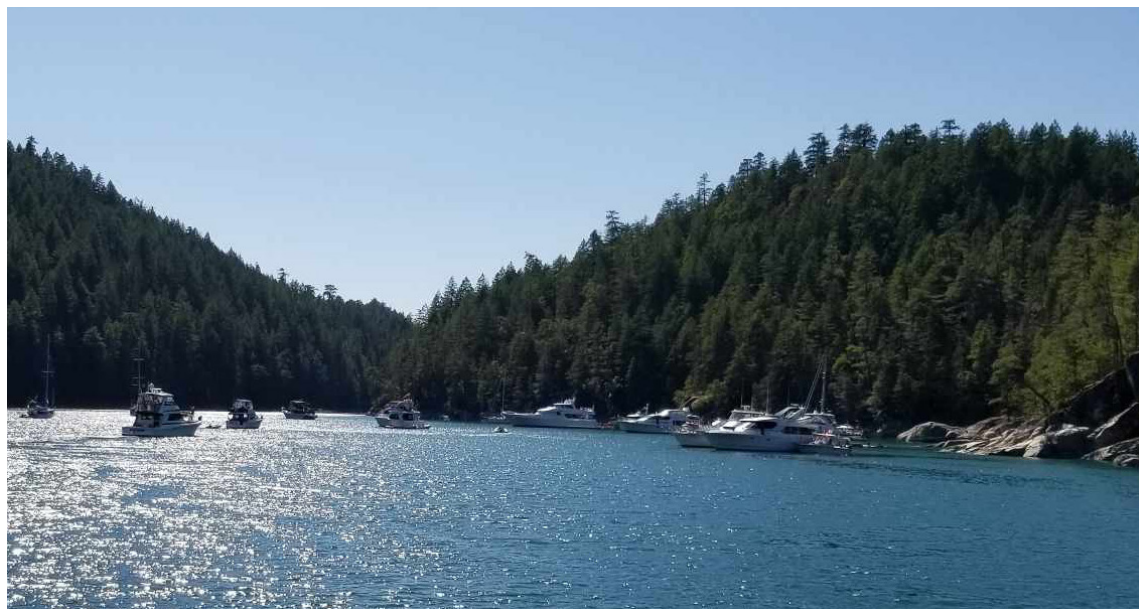
Examples of possible prizes include:

- Adults: a cooler, fishing rod or tackle box, dry bags, or Tla'amin Nation sweaters.
- Youth: kid's fishing rod, plushies, Tla'amin Nation sweater, or a waterproof phone case.

Multiple photos are welcome, but each person will only be entered once. Prizes will be awarded after the contest closes on November 28, 2025. Winners will be announced through the Tla'amin Membership Facebook page.

Where will your photos go?

With your permission, photos may be featured in the Neh Motl alongside Marine Plan updates, presentations, and community events. This is a way to celebrate our waters, our stories, and our people's voices.



Mural Artists Show off their talents in front of qathet resident on September 6th at the bowling alley



L-R: Rhys Galligos, Kobe Galligos, Makaela Gallagher and Dion Marriott



Artists coat the wall with primer before actually painting



Artists introduce themselves and the mural project to the qathet residents



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toqʷanən Salmon Restoration Project

Construction work successfully completed for habitat enhancement

By Sachi Ouchi

For many years Tla'amin Nation (TN) has been seeking opportunities to restore historically abundant salmon runs in the ʔəms giḵə (territory) to promote stewardship and support food security. The toqʷanən (Theodosia) Salmon Restoration Project was motivated from this desire and its goal is to restore and increase salmon fish habitat in the lower toqʷanən to support the Pacific salmon populations in the watershed by promoting fish passage at low flows. Furthermore, this Project relates to the broader initial goal the Nation is pursuing regarding stewardship (CNP Goal 15) and food security (CNP Goal 19).

This is a Tla'amin-led project that is funded by the Aquatic Ecosystems Restoration Fund. We are in our 3rd year of the project with a focus on conducting baseline data gathering and implementing restoration construction activities.

“The toqʷanən watershed is the heart of Tla'amin territory. Its main artery is called xʷətʔaʔmanən, meaning the river that is a door to our territory. Logging, a major landslide, and un-checked water use have eroded these lands, but it's not too late to begin healing by restoring the river. toqʷanən was, and still is, the first stop in our fishing season and its chum used to be so large they had to be cooked around the fire because they would fall in the smokehouse. This restoration project is part of our work to bring back the legendary large salmon that has sustained us since time immemorial and now need our help. With this effort, we're helping



Drone photo of the large wood structures that have been installed for salmon habitat in toqʷanən

to rebuild our terminal run chum and coho, so future generations can once again witness their abundance.” - Callum Galligos, Executive Council, Lands House Post.

This past August, construction activities were effectively and safely implemented. The team successfully installed 63 log structures into the river with a helicopter and constructed 2 Beaver Dam Analogues (BDAs) by hand. The log structures were installed in places in the river that lack complexity and cause issues for fish passage at low flows. Over time, these structures will promote better habitat structure for migrating adults, rearing smolts, and spawning salmon.

The BDAs were constructed in a location selected for its potential to hold water to be released at low flow periods which will support fish passage during those times. The BDAs will benefit fish by elevating water tables and help with water availability during hot, dry summers which will improve overall productivity for ʔoxʷay (chum) and ɣeytʰeqʷ (coho).

“I am delighted that construction work was successfully completed this summer and I feel very proud of our restoration team for pulling off a challenging project. This is a first of its kind for salmon restoration led by our Nation as we continue to steward our rivers. We will continue monitoring the restoration areas to

see how they benefit fish and fish habitat.” - Denise Smith, Director, Lands and Resources Department.

Next, we will be monitoring the restoration areas to see how they benefit fish habitat. We expect the log structures will promote deeper pools as the river scours the ground over time. We also expect the BDAs to aid in holding water in wetlands.

Over time, we should see these initiatives help with fish passage at low flows and therefore benefit ʔoxʷay (chum) and ɣeytʰeqʷ (coho) abundances in toqʷanən.

If you have questions or want more information, please contact Sachi Ouchi at sachi.ouchi@tn-bc.ca or 604-413-7236.



Large wood structure team standing with helicopter that installed the structures into toqʷanən



Helicopter transporting a log to the river for installation

Dr. Marie Wilson speaks to North of Nowhere: Song of a Truth and Reconciliation Commissioner

By Steve Gallagher

In honour of National Day of Truth and Reconciliation Dr. Marie Wilson, former Commissioner of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission visited qathet for two speaking engagements. The esteemed journalist and author addressed the qathet school district staff on September 19 and gave a free public talk on September 20th at the Evergreen Theatre.

Dr. Wilson has been on the road touring her 2024 best-seller *North of Nowhere: Song of a Truth and Reconciliation Commissioner*. The book recounts 7 years on the road with the TRC and what she learned from the testimony of nearly 7000 residential school survivors.

Before the keynote address Dr. Wilson spent an hour in the lobby at the Recreation Centre autographing her book and taking photographs with supporters and shaking hands with new friends.

Emcee, Tanner Timothy opened the ceremony introducing kespal, Manager of Culture and Heritage Drew Blaney. Kespal opened the event with a healing song.

"It seemed like we were in lock down forever and I was feeling a heavy heart," said kespal. "Once we were allowed to go outdoors again I needed some space to myself, I drove up the water and this song just came over me as if someone knew how I was feeling. I offer this song for all residential school survivors and their families."

To allow residential school survivors the chance to rest and take in the event, young people took ownership of big and important roles like the opening prayer. $\lambda\acute{\iota}\sigma\omicron\varsigma$ Dion Mariott provided the opening prayer in $\gamma\alpha\gamma\alpha\gamma\alpha\mu\theta\epsilon\mu$.

Tanner Timothy then brought every one's attention to the stage. Decorated with orange flowers, the stage set up was inspired by a young father and community member Brodie Jacobs - who acknowledged the young children taken to residential schools by placing a vase of orange flowers on the same stage a few years ago.

This time the garden of orange represented all residential school survivors from our Tla'amin territory, and how despite this hard history, our community continues to thrive and grow.

Marie Wilson's keynote focused on her experiences with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. She recalled growing up near the Sarnia Indian Reserve, remembering their fantastic baseball team, yet reflected that despite being neighbours, they grew up as strangers.

Dr. Wilson recounted key points that separated the TRC process from all other Truth and Reconciliation commissions. The first was that it was the only commission in the history of the world that was centered on the experiences of children. The second is that it was the first commission recounting abuses in the so-called "developed western world."

Marie dove into a short history of residential schools clarifying for the audience that the main purpose of residential schools was to remove children from the influences of their parents.



Dr. Marie Wilson addresses the audience on a stage with orange flowers in vases despite the history, our community will continue to thrive and grow.

The scale of the exercise said Dr. Wilson was unprecedented. "It involved 150 schools, 150,000 children and lasted for 150 years."

The very roots of the TRC were critical to revisit too. "The creation of the truth and reconciliation commission was a court ordered process," said Wilson. "We must remember it wasn't voluntary, or government's 'good idea', they were ordered to carry out the commission."

The courts ordered the TRC as the only way that First Nation's would get their side of the story on the record, said Wilson. "So the world would know what happened to First Nation's people. It was also designed to inspire ongoing reconciliation which was a huge mandate."

Following the keynote was a short question period and ceremony where Dr. Marie Wilson was blanketed by Tla'amin for continuing to speak to listeners and now readers across the county about her impactful experiences on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

As a special thank you for coming to the territory, Dr. Wilson was gifted with a beaded synthesizer pin designed by artist Emily White.



L-R Jaclyn Miller – Chair, qathet school district; Chair Clay Brander – qathet Regional District; Dr. Claire Grogan – Acting Provost and Vice-President Academic, Vancouver Island University; Legislator Dillon Johnson, Tla'amin Nation; Legislator Tanner Timothy; Acting Mayor, Rob Southcott, City of Powell River and front- Dr. Marie Wilson

Hundreds of paddles were carved and handed out representing our teaching principles moving forward into the future. They are also appreciated for bearing witness to the event,

- Respect - tiystəm
- Courage - gaɣt
- Love - ɣaɣuxwəs
- Truth - gənaxwmot
- Humility - pit qwayegəns
- Honesty- gənaxwθ
- Wisdom - λaxegən



Dr. Marie Wilson stands next to a couple of empty chairs set for our children that never returned home.

Meet the Tla'amin Housing Team

The Tla'amin Housing Department works together to provide safe, affordable, and culturally grounded housing for Nation members. Our team supports everything from tenancy and maintenance to long-term planning, advocacy, and energy efficiency. Here's a short introduction to each of our team members and what they do:

Ashley George – Maintenance Coordinator

Ashley is a proud member of the Tla'amin Nation; her roots are in the George and Harry families. She is honored to serve her community and brings with her extensive experience in administrative support. Outside of work, Ashley enjoys being outdoors with her family and furbaby.

As Maintenance Coordinator, Ashley oversees all housing repair and renovation activity across Tla'amin-managed units. This includes receiving and tracking tenant maintenance requests, scheduling inspections, organizing contractor work, and ensuring that repairs are completed in a timely and cost-effective manner. She manages work orders, codes and tracks invoices, monitors maintenance and renovation budgets, and collaborates closely with vendors, construction services, and other departments.

Lisa Wilson – Housing Administrative Assistant

Lisa grew up in Tla'amin and returned home to raise her son after many years away. She brings a diverse background that includes archaeology, accounting, hospitality, and technology. Outside of work, Lisa is a proud mom to a wonderful little boy and enjoys gardening, where she finds joy and relaxation in nurturing her plants.

Lisa has been in her role for nearly a year, where she is responsible for managing general inquiries and supporting internal administration functions. Her work includes drafting correspondence, preparing financial reports, maintaining organized filing systems, and overseeing record-keeping. Lisa also plays a key role in coordinating special projects, managing tenancy agreements, and recording meeting minutes with accuracy and professionalism.

Laura Brandsma – Tenant Relations Coordinator

Laura brings a strong background in case-work, Indigenous cultural support, and trauma-informed service delivery. She lived in Calgary before moving to the Sunshine Coast in April 2024. Her experience includes supporting youth, families, and community members through roles with Tla'amin Health and various organizations in Calgary. Laura is skilled in mediation, crisis response, and client advocacy, and is committed to fostering respectful, supportive relationships. She brings a calm, communicative approach to her work and a deep commitment to community wellness. She holds a BA in Sociology and Indigenous Studies from the University of Calgary and is currently pursuing her Master of Social Work.



L-R: Lisa Wilson, Laura Brandsma, Stuart Clark, Courtney Harrop, Bryce McKenzie (Lands), Sharon McKay, and Ashley George.

As Tenant Relations Coordinator, Laura is the first point of contact for tenants navigating tenancy concerns, complaints, or disputes. She supports tenants in understanding their rights and responsibilities, helps resolve issues before they escalate, and promotes stable, respectful housing relationships. Laura also collaborates with housing staff and other departments to conduct home visits, manage conflict resolution, and connect tenants to the support needed.

Courtney Harrop – Housing Support Coordinator

Courtney is excited to continue working with and for Tla'amin in this role. She is a proud mom of two amazing daughters and enjoys dogs, camping, solo travel adventures, reading books, and making tacos for anyone who will eat them!

As Housing Support Coordinator, Courtney provides housing-related support and advocacy for tenants and community members at risk of losing housing. She is the main point of contact for tenants in *łaxłaxay ʔaye* (the Elders' independent living facility) and helps with housing applications, rental subsidies, and accessing benefits. She also works closely with Health and Community Services to connect members with appropriate support such as home care, mental health, and financial assistance. Her role includes early intervention strategies, check-ins with Elders and vulnerable tenants, and helping members transition into or out of Nation housing.

Sharon McKay – Housing Manager

Sharon brings decades of experience in First Nations housing and is well known across the province for her leadership, strategic thinking, and deep industry knowledge. She has managed housing departments, supervised multi-staff teams, led new home construction projects from the ground up, and worked extensively in asset

management and policy development. Sharon is committed to fostering positive relationships, building capacity, and improving housing services in Indigenous communities.

As Housing Manager, Sharon oversees the day-to-day operations of the Tla'amin Housing Department. She supervises housing staff, coordinates maintenance and repairs, supports policy development, and ensures services are delivered with efficiency, transparency, and care. Sharon works closely with the Director of Housing to plan resources, develop budgets, manage projects, and engage with community members and partners to deliver safe, respectful, and effective housing services.

Stuart Clark – Director of Housing

Stuart brings over 20 years of leadership experience in housing, nonprofit management, and community development across Canada and internationally. He holds an MBA in Executive Management with a specialization in Leadership and has led large-scale initiatives in housing, justice, youth development, and community services. He has also worked in government, served on global nonprofit boards, and has a long-standing relationship with Tla'amin through collaborative work in health, housing, and harm reduction.

As Director of Housing, Stuart leads the implementation of Tla'amin Nation's long-term housing vision, including the 25-year Community Housing Service Plan. He oversees all housing programs, planning, and staff operations, ensuring that services reflect Tla'amin Nations's values, laws, and goals for community wellness and self-determination. Stuart is responsible for strategic planning, policy development, interdepartmental collaboration, and partnership-building with external agencies and funders.

Understanding Tla'amin Nation's Banishment Law

Q and A with Tla'amin Community Services Director Losa Luaifoa

By Davis McKenzie

Keeping our community safe has always been a responsibility we take seriously. Our Ancestors had teachings and practices to deal with people who caused harm, including the use of banishment when someone was a danger to others. This is captured and retold in many of our oldest stories.

In recent years, Tla'amin has put those teachings into written law through our *Community Safety Law (2021)* and the *Community Safety and Banishment Regulation (2022)*. Together, these give our Nation tools to protect Citizens and ensure we can live and work in safety.

Why does this law exist?

The law exists to deal with situations where individuals threaten the safety and well-being of our people. We have seen the impacts of violence, harassment, trafficking of drugs, and other harmful behaviours on Tla'amin Lands.

Tla'amin Executive Council heard the community's concerns and enacted this regulation to give the Nation clear authority to remove dangerous or harmful individuals. The goal is not punishment for its own sake. It's about protecting Citizens and ensuring the community remains a safe place for families.

Reasons for Banishment

A person can be considered for banishment if they have:

- **Been convicted of a violent offence, sexual offence, or drug trafficking; or**
- **Been found, based on credible information, to pose a serious threat to others, even if not yet convicted.**

This could include harassment, threats, or actions that endanger the physical or mental health of our Citizens including drug trafficking.

What does it mean to be Banished?

Being banished means that a person is not allowed to be on Tla'amin Lands for a set period of time because their behaviour has been found to be dangerous or harmful to others. A banishment is a serious step taken by Executive Council to protect the safety and well-being of Citizens.

When someone is banished, they may be ordered to leave their home on Tla'amin Lands and cannot attend community events, visit facilities, or take part in activities on the Lands. In some cases, they may still be able to access certain programs and services in other ways, but they are not allowed to physically be in the community.

Banishment is not permanent. It usually lasts up to one year at a time, and Council reviews the situation if it needs to be extended. A person who is banished can also apply to have the decision changed if their circumstances improve.

How does banishment happen?

Decisions are made by the Tla'amin Executive Council. Council reviews the facts carefully and must act reasonably and in good faith. Legal review is required before any decision is finalized. If a person is determined to be what is called a Designated Individual, Council can issue a Tla'amin Restraining Order. This order may:

- Evict the person from housing on Tla'amin Lands
- Ban them from entering certain facilities or areas
- Restrict them from contacting specific people
- In the most serious cases, banish them from Tla'amin Lands for up to one year (longer if they are convicted of a serious offence)

Can an Individual Appeal Banishment?

Yes, an Individual can appeal their banishment by applying directly to Executive Council for a modification, cancellation, or removal of the banishment. A designated individual can also request a Judicial review in the Supreme Court of British Columbia, at their own expense.

Can someone come back?

Yes. Tla'amin people may appeal their banishment through the review and appeals panel. Banishment is not necessarily permanent. Terms of banishment are anywhere from one year to five years. An individual can apply to Executive

Council to have their banishment lifted if circumstances change—for example, if they take steps toward healing or rehabilitation. Council reviews each case with legal advice, balancing community safety with fairness to the individual.

How will the community know who is banished? When someone is banished, Executive Council has the right to post notices in key community locations, at facilities, and share information with RCMP. To date, this has occurred at Gov House but is now being revisited. The law allows for the notice to be posted because Citizens have the right to know if a dangerous individual is restricted from our Lands.

What is the Nation's Commitment?

Banishment is a serious step. It is never taken lightly. This law gives us a way to protect the safety of all Citizens while also leaving the door open for individuals to return in a good way once they are no longer a danger.

By carrying forward both our Ancestors' teachings and the tools of self-government available to us, we are working to make Tla'amin a safe place for everyone.

Scan the qrcode to review laws and regulations



Fall General Assembly offers a mix of social time, cultural activities, and accountability reporting

The Tla'amin Nation is excited to call all łaʔəmen (Tla'amin people) home for the 2025 Fall General Assembly, November 6–7, 2025. The Assembly will bring Citizens together to reflect on the past year, review the Nation's audit, and provide direction for the year ahead.

To check out the agenda and register for the assembly visit- www.tlaaminnation.com/GeneralAssembly



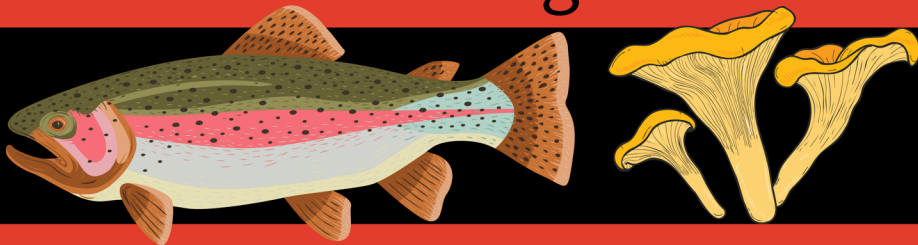
The Assembly will open with an Ancestral Food Burning and close with a Community Feast and Baby Welcoming Ceremony two cultural practices that remind us of the strength of our ʔəms łaʔow (our teachings) and the importance of honouring both ancestors and future generations.

Held in łaʔosəm with some sessions available on Zoom, the Fall Assembly is a time to engage meaningfully with government and administration, share voices and ideas, and celebrate as a Nation.

COMING THIS WINTER:

qaymix^W Cuisine

A traditional foods cookbook & harvest how-to guide



Do you have favourite traditional foods recipes, harvest stories, or photographs you'd like included in this book?

Submit them to Steve at nehmotl@tn-bc.ca with the subject line "cookbook."

SIGN UP NOW:

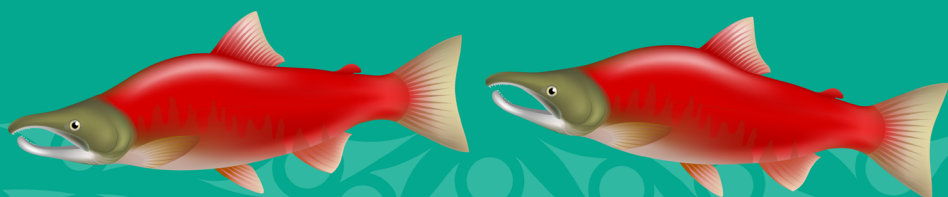
θəqay - Sockeye Salmon Canning Workshop

WITH INSTRUCTOR JOAN WILLIAMS

Learn to process and can sockeye salmon (θəqay)!
Saturday, October 11th 9am-3pm
Salish Centre kitchen

This training is part of the Tla'amin Traditional Foods Workshop Series for Tla'amin qaymix^W & immediate family members. Each participant will take home one jar of salmon and a filleting knife. Lunch provided. Space is limited - registration required.

Registration: training@tn-bc.ca



Salmon with Garlic Lemon Butter

This Pan Seared Salmon with Garlic Lemon Butter Sauce is one of the easiest tastiest dinners you can make! This salmon recipe requires minimal ingredients and it comes together so quickly.

Servings: 4 servings

Prep 10minutes minutes

Cook 10minutes minutes

Ready in: 20minutes minutes

Ingredients

- 4 (6 oz) skinless salmon fillets (about 1-inch thick)
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tsp olive oil
- 2 garlic cloves , minced
- 1/4 cup low-sodium chicken broth
- 2 Tbsp fresh lemon juice
- 3 Tbsp + 1 tsp unsalted butter , diced into 1 Tbsp pieces
- 1/2 tsp honey
- 2 Tbsp minced fresh parsley
- Lemon slices for garnish (optional)

Instructions

1. Remove salmon fillets from refrigerator and allow to rest at room temperature 10 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, prepare the garlic lemon butter sauce. In a small saucepan, melt 1 tsp butter over medium heat.
3. Add garlic and saute until lightly golden brown, about 1 - 2 minutes.
4. Pour in chicken broth and lemon juice.
5. Let sauce simmer until it has reduced by half (to about 3 Tbsp), about 3 minutes.
6. Stir in butter and honey and whisk until combined, set sauce aside.
7. Dab both sides of salmon dry with paper towels, season both sides with salt and pepper.
8. Heat olive oil in a (heavy) 12-inch non-stick skillet over medium-high heat.
9. Once oil is shimmering add salmon and cook about 4 minutes on the first side until golden brown on bottom then flip and cook salmon on opposite side until salmon has cooked through, about 2 - 3 minutes longer.

Plate salmon (leaving oil in pan) and drizzle each serving generously with butter sauce, sprinkle with parsley and garnish with lemon slices if desired. Serve immediately. (Serve with your favorite side dish)

Tla'amin Recreation

Month: October
 ʔayı́stən ʔaye | Cousin's House

For the latest updates and posts about our programs, be sure to visit our Facebook page, "Tla'amin Community Recreation."

School's Out Leadership Program (Ages 10–12)

Designed specifically for older youth, this leadership-focused program encourages confidence, communication, and cultural pride through fun, hands-on activities and mentorship. Participants will explore what it means to be a leader in their community while learning from Tla'amin values and teachings.

Program Highlights:

- Open to youth aged 10–12.
- Choose full-week registration or specific days that work for your schedule.
- Early dismissal days are included; however, Pro-D Days require separate registration.

Questions or Ready to Register?



Register at tlaamin.perfectmind.com or for more information email us at rec@tn-bc.ca.

Whisk It Up: Fall Edition

Ages 10 - 18 years

Join us for this exciting 4-session kids baking program, where young bakers can learn how to whip up a variety of delicious goodies! Each session will teach the kids essential kitchen skills while they create yummy sweet treats. It's a fun and hands-on way for them to explore their creativity and develop a love for baking. Don't miss out on the chance to make new friends and enjoy some tasty creations!

Location: Cousins House – Poho Room

Thursdays | 5:30 -7:00pm | Oct. 23 – Nov. 13 | FREE 4 Sessions

Elders Strengthening Program

Ages 55 Years +



This program is specific to Tla'amin First Nation Elders wishing to improve their fitness and mobility. Build strength, improve balance, and move with confidence! This low-impact class is designed for older adults and guided by rehab professionals to support safe, functional movement. All fitness levels welcome.

Instructor: On Track Physiotherapy

Wednesday | 10:30am–11:30am | Oct 22–Dec 03 | FREE 6 Sessions | Excluding Oct 29

Location: Salish Centre Gym

You can register online at tlaamin.perfectmind.com. Should you require any assistance, please email rec@tn-bc.ca, call 1-877-505-5139 or stop by Cousin's House between 10:00am–2:30pm Monday to Friday.

Learn to Play Pickleball

All Ages



Join us for a fun and welcoming 4-week Learn to Play Pickleball series designed specifically for members of the Tla'amin Nation community!

Whether you are brand new to the game or just looking to brush up on the basics, this program offers an inclusive space to get active, connect with others, and enjoy the fastest-growing sport in North America. Led by experienced instructors, each session will guide you through the fundamentals of pickleball—from rules and scoring to movement and strategy—with a focus on teamwork, wellness, and community spirit. All equipment is provided, and no prior experience is needed.

Instructor: Mary Charter

Tuesdays | 6:30pm–8:30pm | Oct 07–Oct 28 | FREE 4 Sessions

Location: Salish Centre Gym

Mat Pilates

Ages 16 Years +

Join Melissa for a mat Pilates class focused on strengthening the core, improving flexibility, and enhancing body awareness. Expect a series of controlled movements, emphasizing proper alignment and breathwork. Exercises will target deep abdominal muscles, glutes, and back, promoting stability and posture. You'll leave feeling lengthened, strengthened, and centered.

Instructor: Melissa Sloos

Thursdays | 4:45pm – 5:30pm | Oct 23–Dec 04 | FREE 7 Sessions Location: Salish Centre Gym

Spin & Strength



Ages 12 Years +

Spin and Strength is a full-body workout for Tla'amin citizens only that will start with an invigorating spin interval session that transitions into a strength training segment. This class offers the perfect balance of cardio and strength to help you push your limits and achieve your fitness goals. Open to all levels.

Instructor: Paloma Kwiatkowski

Session #2 |

Wed 4:45pm–5:45pm | Oct 22–Dec 03 | FREE 7 Sessions

Location: Salish Centre Gym

Youth Nights Ages 13–18 years

Youth Nights – A Space for Indigenous Youth to Connect, Create & Celebrate.

Youth Nights are for Indigenous youth and their invited friends to connect, create, and have fun in a safe and welcoming space. With activities like art projects, games, sports, and field trips, the program supports mind, body, and spirit while offering chances to engage with Traditional Teachings and knowledge keepers. Snacks are provided, and youth are encouraged to share ideas and check Facebook for bi-weekly schedule updates.

Instructor: Adriana Zastre

Thu & Friday 5:00 – 9:00 pm

Sept 5 – Dec 19 | FREE 32 Sessions

Location: ʔayı́stən ʔaye – Cousin's House ǵ ayk w (Eagle) Room

Tla'amin Youth Attend Right to Play National Gathering and Youth Leader Symposium



From August 11–15, 2025, Tla'amin Nation youth Elizabeth Williams along with Hunter Westgate, and Youth Recreation Leader Adriana Zastre, attended the Right to Play (RTP) National Gathering and Youth Leader Symposium in Scarborough, Ontario.

Right to Play is a valued funder of the Tla'amin Youth Nights Program, supporting initiatives that empower youth through drop-in sport, culture, and play-based learning.

Workshops were delivered by the Center for Healing and Justice through Sport (CHJS), a national nonprofit working to ensure all youth and athletes can access healing-centered, inclusive sport experiences. CHJS sessions explored brain development, how children and youth learn, and emphasized fair play and meaningful connection through sport-based games.

The Painted Turtle Arts Camp facilitated a vibrant creative workshop with activities spanning visual arts, music, dance, drama, energetic games, fitness, and health.

Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment (MLSE) Foundation hosted Symposium participants at a downtown Toronto gym where they run summer camps. Youth had the opportunity to engage with Raptors basketball coaches who led warmups and games focused on skill-building, teamwork, and fun.

Participants also joined specialized breakout sessions in program planning, Lego design, leatherworking, and creative facilitation. These sessions provided hands-on experience and inspired new ideas to bring back to their communities.

Upon reflection, Elizabeth Williams shared:

"I feel more confident in recreation and my abilities to lead the kids through activities that benefit their health and wellbeing."

Hunter Westgate expressed:

"The symposium hosted the exact training I know our recreation team needs, and I am incredibly grateful to have had the opportunity."

The group returned home with new skills, meaningful friendships, and exciting plans for a culture exchange and pen pal program with youth from Squamish and Aamjiwnaang First Nation.

TLA'AMIN PUMPKIN CARVING COMMUNITY EVENT

FAMILY EVENT - ALL AGES WELCOME

Get creative with your family at the Salish Centre during our pumpkin carving event! Enjoy an evening of fun, including a pumpkin carving contest, face painting, dinner and dessert!!

FRIDAY OCTOBER 24TH 2025

5:00PM - 8:00PM @ SALISH CENTRE



During this family event, we kindly ask that all chuy's remain with their parents or family members for the duration of the gathering. Thank you for your understanding!

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED - PLEASE REGISTER AT TLAAMIN.PERFECTMIND.COM

"It was a summer camp leader's summer camp! We got to meet like-minded youth and leaders who work in community just like us, while participating in skill building and training. It's always great to meet the funders behind our programming and give them feedback. It was extremely rewarding to see Elizabeth and Hunter shine and grow."

— Adriana Zastre, Youth Recreation Leader

FACEBOOK PAGE AND STAYING UP TO DATE

As our programs begin, please be aware that changes can happen unexpectedly. While we do send emails to participants, we encourage you to follow our "Tla'amin Community Recreation" Facebook Page for the latest updates. We regularly post reminders and important information about program changes to keep everyone informed.



Youth nights are a great way to make friends and enjoy activities that connect you back to the land in a safe and educational environment.

Meet Kayla Reed

Indigenous Success & Ahms Tah Ow Teacher



I'm excited to join the qathet Indigenous Education family this year, working as the Indigenous Success Teacher. Previously, I taught English First Peoples and Social Studies at Brooks.

I grew up in the qathet region, and I am Métis with family roots in Manitoba. I moved back to qathet two years ago after completing my Bachelor of Arts in Geography and Indigenous Studies and a Bachelor of Education. I'm passionate about supporting youth in the classroom and the community, and I look forward to meeting and working alongside Tla'amin learners at Ahms Tah Ow on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Contact Information

kayla.reed@sd47.bc.ca

Specialties

Social Studies & English

Schedule

Tuesday: 3:30-5:30

Thursday: 3:30-5:30




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Book Reading

We're excited to share a special storytime session with ošil (betty wilson) as she reads from her beautiful book, "Iaget hiyt toxwum / Herring to Huckleberries." This reading brings to life traditional knowledge, culture, and connection to the land—woven through rich storytelling and vibrant language.

Whether you're here to listen, learn, or simply enjoy the rhythm of the words, we invite you to settle in and experience this meaningful journey from herring to huckleberries.



 ʔəms nəm app

 October 13, 2025

October Prize

View all of this month's teachings by October 31st for a chance to win a prize valued at \$250! More details will be shared soon.

Learn more



Download the app



Welcoming Katarina as our Youth and Family Development Worker

Welcome Katarina Ducaiova to her new role as Youth & Family Development Worker with the Child & Family Services team. Katarina will be working with families as well as one-on-one with caregivers and youth to support building wellness inside our homes. Katarina, Jasmin Menendez, and Tyler Peters now make a team of 3 YFDW's working for our Nation.



Hello, my name is Katarina Ducaiova and I am honored to have been entrusted with the position of the Youth and Family Development Worker within the Tla'amin nation.

I have been working in the field of outdoor and experiential education for number of years, instructing youth adventure programs as a Youth and Family Support Worker and wilderness guide for various family focused organizations across Canada, Alaska and Europe.

Developing my education in outdoor recreation and mental health has allowed me to gain life experiences and knowledge, develop meaningful programs, and learn what it means to be an integral part of a healthy community.

My desire is to serve the Tla'amin women, men and their families with a listening ear, an open heart and a helping hand while recognizing the values and supporting the needs of our community.

My hope is to build relationships that are about and for the people - working with each other to be whole physically, mentally and spiritually.

I am looking forward to having an opportunity to connect, walk and grow together.

Stay tuned for Halloween announcement on our membership Facebook Page





I'm happy to introduce to you Keno the Magical Cat. I hope you like his costume.

When I was younger Halloween seemed like a magical and scary night. Going door to door all dressed up and receiving candies was quite something.

Keno has a message for the kids:

"Have fun getting scared and spooked but always remember safety first. Carrying a flashlight and putting some reflectors on your costume are great ideas. I have a pet dog who is hiding right now because the Halloween season makes him nervous. If you have a pet dog, a pet cat, or any kind of pet, please keep them indoors on Halloween."

Happy Halloween from your friend,
Dustin Preiss
Tla'amin Member, Artist

Łasəm (tosum) means strong in our tla'amin language, and a word that carries the heart of everything I do.

Where strength is medicine

October is a time of excitement for many families, especially with Halloween approaching. Costumes, community gatherings, and of course, candy are all part of the celebration. But while treats bring ʔiʔ qʷayigən (happy), it's important to remember moderation. Eating too much šukʷa (sugar) can affect our children's energy, mood, and sleep and over time, it can contribute to weight gain and even diabetes.



Here are a few ways to enjoy Halloween more mindfully ʔεʔεjemaθot (To heal oneself or change your life):

Set limits: Allow a few treats each day rather than unlimited candy. Help the children by making sure they are nice and full before going out trick or treating by nourishing a healthy, balanced meal with carbohydrates, protein and healthy fats. Help by storing the extra candy in a place where they won't find it to help themselves. Limit juice and pop, and help share more water instead.

ʔajustawł (Trade) it in: Create a "candy ʔajustawł (trade)" where children can swap sweets for non-food rewards like games, toys, or activities. Our dentist down the street offers money for how many pounds of candy the families bring in.

Offer healthier options: Consider handing out fruit cups, granola bars or protein bars, or fun non-food items like glow sticks and stickers. Make sure to communicate that having too much candy/sugar isn't good for you.

As a mother of two daughters I know strength is not just built in the gym, it's built through the choices we make for our families every day. This Halloween, let's enjoy the season with joy, mindfulness, and healthier traditions that keep our bodies, hearts, and spirits strong.

Charlene Muskego is a member of the Tla'amin Nation and lives in Treaty 6 territory with her husband and children from Cold Lake First Nation. Her late mother is Elsie Wilson, and her late sister is Kristina Wilson. She owns Tosum Ltd, which empowers individuals through fitness, nutrition, and personal transformation. As a wellness-focused business, Tosum Ltd's mission is to nurture health, body, and spirit, which aligns with good medicine.

Tosum Ltd, founded by Charlene Muskego of the Tla'amin Nation, is more than just a fitness and nutrition business; it is a movement rooted in strength, resilience, and culture. Our mission is to empower individuals through fitness, nutrition, and wellness, helping people reclaim their health and confidence while honouring body, mind, and spirit.

My why is simple as a mother, my 2 daughters are my reason, my drive, and my heart. They remind me daily that strength is not just built in the gym, it's built in the heart, in the love we give, and in the family we nurture. I know first-hand the power of breaking intergenerational traumas, finding strength through movement, and creating stability for the next generation. As a mother, coach, and natural bodybuilder for the last 11 years and still, I still believe in teaching others that strength is medicine. Through Tosum Ltd, I help guide people to live healthier, more balanced lives while embracing the resilience within them.



ALL WELCOME

**Community Garden Work Parties
in the Ahms Tah Ow garden**

Garden Winterizing Workshop

Wednesday October 8th, 3:30-6:30pm

Help prepare the garden for garlic season!
We will remove the raised beds and grass, then till to prepare the soil for planting.

Garlic Planting Workshop

Saturday October 11th, 10am-1pm

Learn how to amend soil by adding all the things that garlic needs to thrive! We will plant garlic, which will grow through the winter and be ready to harvest next summer.

**TOOLS, HOT DRINKS, &
SNACKS PROVIDED.
NO REGISTRATION NECESSARY.
BRING A WARM JACKET & A FRIEND!**



Tla'amin Nation Master Drainage Plan PROJECT OVERVIEW

BACKGROUND:

Many coastal First Nations, including Tla'amin, are dealing with the impacts of climate change, flooding, and stormwater. Two drainage studies (2008 and 2021) examined these issues in our community.

At the time, there wasn't the budget or staff capacity to act on the recommendations. Since then, the Nation has built up its planning, public works, and land development teams to make sure studies like these lead to real action.

Now Tla'amin is revisiting and updating those studies. Using both past data and new technical surveys, we are creating a master drainage plan that reflects community growth today and prepares for future generations.

Gwaii Engineering and their sub consultants have been engaged by Tla'amin Nation to survey the field and develop a stormwater model. This model will not only identify issues, but will also model scenarios that may improve those issues. Gwaii and their associates have collected extensive field survey data and are currently constructing a working model.

This work will help the Nation:

- Identify areas where flooding or blockages may occur
- Explore possible solutions and test them in the model
- Prioritize investments in upgrades and maintenance
- Strengthen bylaws, permitting, and operational practices

DID YOU KNOW?

Flooding is one of the biggest challenges facing coastal Nations across BC. By planning ahead, we can better protect our homes, lands, and community for future generations.



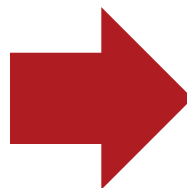
COMMUNITY INPUT

The master drainage plan is not just a technical study—it is a tool to support the Nation's decisions for years to come. The final plan will help guide both annual budgets and long-term investments in drainage systems. Community voices are an important part of this process. Consultation will focus on residents and landowners who are directly affected by flooding or drainage issues, ensuring their knowledge and experiences are included. By combining technical data with community input, the Nation can make stronger, more practical decisions that protect homes, lands, and infrastructure for future generations.



PAST SURVEYS (2008)

Surveys were conducted by the Nation to gather information from residences in 2008. This information is still being used today and will help inform the collection of new data in 2025, as well as confirm repeat and pre-existing problems.



FUTURE SURVEYS (2025)

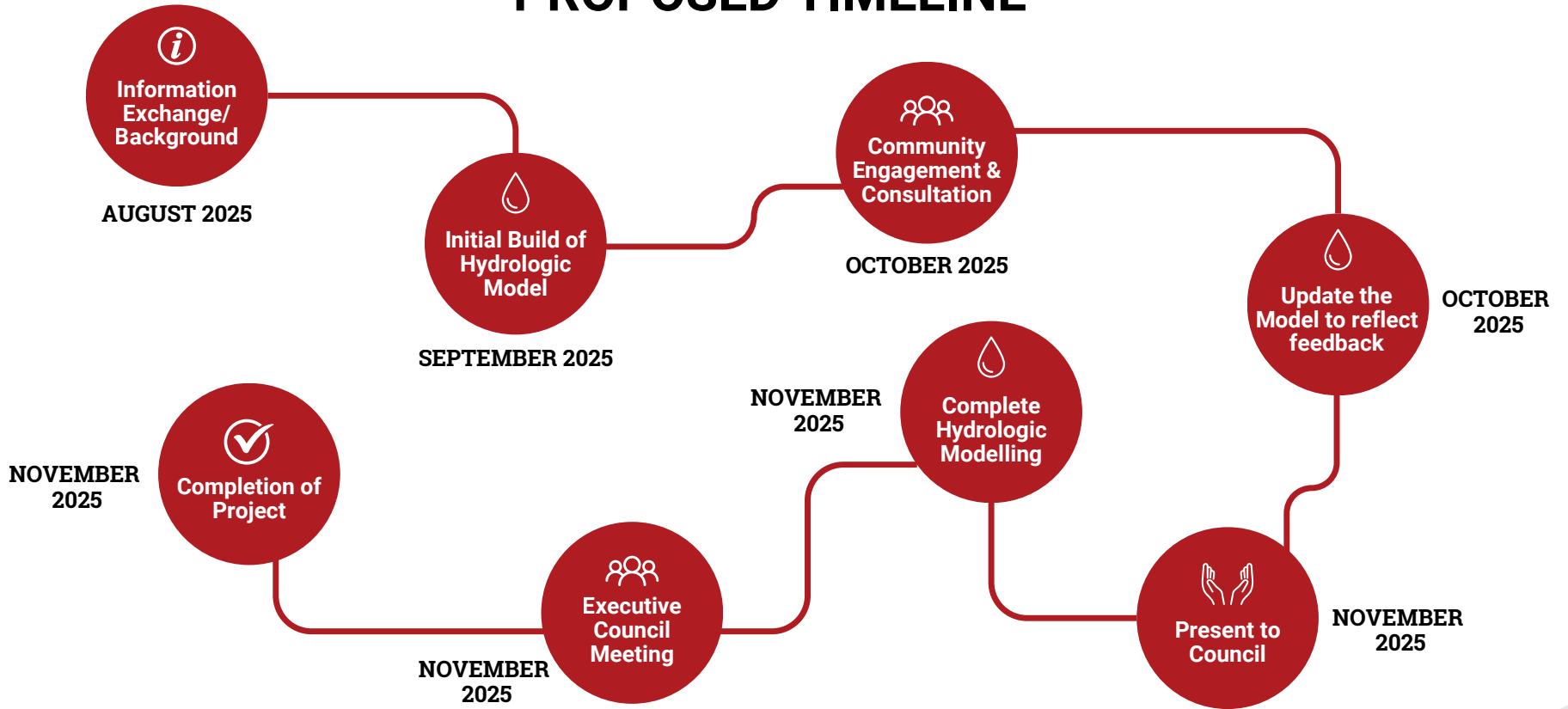
This year, we'll be reaching out to community members to gather updated information on stormwater. Forms will be sent out to collect your input on impacts, concerns, priorities, and specific locations. Community members who are more directly affected will also have the option of a phone call with our team, to ensure their voices are heard and their experiences included in the plan.



Tla'amin Nation Master Drainage Plan

PROJECT OVERVIEW

PROPOSED TIMELINE



www.gwaiieng.com



SUMMARY OF RCMP CALLS FOR SERVICE FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2025

This summary of police calls for service is intended to advise community members of what is occurring in the community and to encourage community members to report all suspicious activities.



Powell River RCMP Non-Emergency (604)485-6255		In Case of Emergency Call 911
AUG 19	WATERFRONT RD	Police responded to a report of a youth who had not returned home at the expected time. Police were notified that the youth had returned home.
AUG 22	HWY 101	Police responded to a report of a possible impaired driver. Patrols were made, but the vehicle was not located.
AUG 26	HOMALCO RD	Police responded to a disturbance at a residence. After investigating it was determined that no offence took place. One person was given a ride home to prevent any further problems.
AUG 27	HWY 101	Police received a third hand report of a historical assault. After an investigation, there was no evidence that any assault had taken place.
SEP 01	EAGLE DR	Police responded to a report of a disturbance at a residence. Police attended and spoke to all parties and determined there was no offence. One person was given a ride to a family member's house to prevent further problems.
SEP 02	EAGLE DR	Police received a request for assistance from Tla'amin Fire Department at a residence. While en route, police were advised that they were no longer needed.
SEP 02	RIVER RD	Police received a harassment report. The caller only wanted to speak to police and did not want any follow-up completed.
SEP 06	HWY 101	Police responded to crash notification from a vehicle. Police attended and located the vehicle, but there was no damage observed. The owner was also checked and did not have any injuries.
SEP 06	SALISH DR	Police responded to a report of a possible breach. An investigation was completed, but there was not enough evidence to prove a breach took place.
SEP 08	SALISH DR	Police assisted with a Coroner's investigation.
SEP 09	WATERFRONT RD	Police assisted with a Coroner's investigation.
SEP 10	RIVER RD	Police responded to a report of a breach of conditions.
SEP 11	RIVER RD	Police responded to a report of an unwanted person at a residence. Before police could get to the home, the person left on their own.
SEP 13	BEACH RD	Police received a report of a vehicle collision. Both parties had exchanged information, and the damage was under \$10,000 so no police report was required.
SEP 13	KLAHANIE DR	Police received an ongoing harassment complaint. An investigation was completed, and it was determined that no criminal offence had taken place.
SEP 15	WATERFRONT RD	Police responded to a report of an assault. This matter is still under investigation.

We have a Winner!

Congratulations to all our lucky members who took home some great prizes over the summer

Sockeye Slayers Draw On Facebook

1st Prize
Carmen Galligos
Filet Knife

2nd Prize
Meil Creasey
Coleman Cooler

3rd Prize
Kaylei Blaney
\$50 Gift Certificate from Tla'amin Convenience Store



Back to School Winner On Facebook

1st Prize
Ethan Adams

2nd Prize
Kaius Galligos

3rd Prize
Estelle Williams



July Harvest App Winner

Callum Galligos

Hatchery August Winner

Daryl Galligos
Paul Vivier



Ahms Nem July Winner

Sally Dominick
\$250.00 Fresh Co. Gift Card

Ahms Nem August Winner

Sosan Blaney
\$250.00 Skwalwen Gift Card

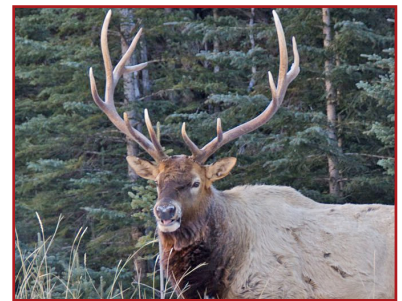


Congratulations to the 2025 Elk Draw Winners

A live draw was held on August 28th, 2025 at Tla'amin Government House in accordance with the Tla'amin Elk Policy. 36 entries were received, congratulations to the 2025 Elk Draw Winners.

Haslam Harvest Area

1. Bull Davis McKenzie
2. Bull Leslie Ann Louie
3. Bull Wayne Noble
4. Bull Clint Williams
5. Bull Walter Paul
6. Antlerless Russ Francis
7. Antlerless Chad Galligos
8. Antlerless Gerry Galligos



Theodosia Harvest Area

9. Bull Ashley George
10. Bull Harmony Johnson

Tla'amin Nation will also harvest elk in the following Areas for Tla'amin Community food storage.

- Daniels Harvest Area 4 Bulls and 3 Antlerless
- Haslam Harvest Area 1 Bull and 1 Antlerless

Harvesters & Fishers!

Please remember as the weather is getting better, low tides are in season and more people are out harvesting and fishing; don't forget to record your catch on the Harvest App to win some great monthly prizes!



Scan the QR code for easy access to the App. If you forgot to report the last time you harvested, it's not too late, just update the date!

Also, if you can, Tla'amin Nation Fisheries collects DNA samples to support our understanding of fish travel habits to make management decisions for Tla'amin terminal salmon.



If you can, measure from the tip of the snout (upper jaw), in a straight line with the fish laid in a natural position to the edge of the caudal (tail). Record the lengths to the closest millimeter. Once measured, bag and label the head and tail and drop off to Leonard at the Hatchery!



TLA'AMIN MANAGEMENT SERVICES LP

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 6, 2025

PLEASE JOIN TLA'AMIN MANAGEMENT SERVICES LP AND COMPANIES FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

COMPANY REPORTS & UPDATES of Tla'amin Businesses

1. AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
2. DOAN GRANT THORNTON
 - 2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 - 2024 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DINNER SERVED 5:45 PM

Prize draws

qathet School District

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**Local School Calendar
2025-2026**

2025		
Tuesday	September 2	Schools Open
Friday	September 19	Professional Development Day
Tuesday	September 30	Truth and Reconciliation Day
Monday	October 13	Thanksgiving Day
Friday	October 24	Professional Development Day (Provincial)
Monday	November 3	Parent Teacher Interviews at Elementary Schools
Tuesday	November 11	Remembrance Day
Friday	December 19 Dec. 22 to Jan. 2	Schools close (end of day) for Winter Vacation Winter Vacation
2026		
Monday	January 5	Schools Re-open
Friday	February 13	Professional Development Day
Monday	February 16	B.C. Family Day
Friday	March 13 March 16-27	Schools Close (end of day) for Spring Break Spring Break (March 26 & 27 - in lieu for two summer Pro-D days)
Monday	March 30	Schools Re-open
Friday	April 3	Good Friday
Monday	April 6	Easter Monday
Friday	May 15	Professional Development Day
Monday	May 18	Victoria Day
Friday	June 26	Administrative Day, Schools Close

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY:



Canadian Firearms Safety Course

WITH TRAINERS GERRY KIRKHAM & GORD GEMMELL

Seats are still available in the October 19-20 training at the therapeutic riding clubhouse in Paradise Valley.

To sign up, contact Gerry:
gunner.gk@outlook.com

Cost of training & manual may be covered for Tla'amin citizens. Contact the Tla'amin Nation Education Department to apply: training@tn-bc.ca



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Economic Development Fund Grant Application is Now Live!

- Online submissions are due by October 24th, 11:59 pm.
- Hard copies must be dropped off at the Tla'amin Governance Building by October 24th, 4:30 pm.

For more info visit:
www.tlaamintrust.com/grants

Application Support: Business Development Professional, David Chong, is available by appointment to help with your application and business plan.

- Email: dchong111@gmail.com
- Phone: 778-952-8310

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remembering Alex Point

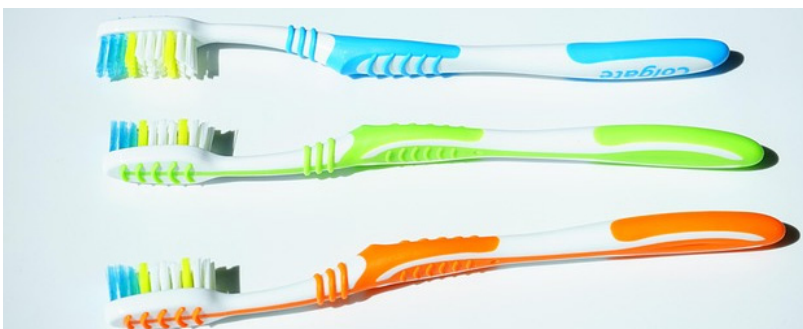
What a beautiful community I come from. Thank you for the support during our difficult time, I don't think we can thank you enough. The health care workers, the first responders who were so gentle and kind with papa ❤️, our family and friends, the hands-on helpers preparing for the service, the pallbearers, the people who shared their songs. With the utmost respect, thank you ❤️



Papa was such a cornerstone in our family. With Gran, two of the most beautiful people I am lucky to call my Grandparents. They made a magnificent team, Papa was the good cop and Gran was the bad cop because she could say no and keep us in line. Papa loved

garage sale-ing and thrift stores in Vancouver, I remember so many instances of cruising around with him in Vancouver. I consider myself lucky to have had him in my corner for 39 years of my life. I'll treasure my memories of him forever. Memories of clam digging trips and waking him up when I had a bad dream, he would come sit at the end of my bed till I fell back asleep. He was my true hero. Thank you creator for Papa, please wrap him in all the love and happiness he deserves. četθəm kʷunome. ɣaλnomεč. I took this photo in Gold River. With a broken heart I thought of my papa and this view reminded me that he is just like the sun, which seems to disappear, but it is always there, even on the darkest days and nights.

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We thank (honor you for your work)



Dental Appointments Available in October

Oct 7th & 8th	Dr. Gosnell
Oct 21nd, 22nd	Dr. Gonell
Oct 28th, 29th	Dr. Gosnell
Oct 31st	Dr. Machin

Contact Cathy Paul 604-414-8716



Grateful Hearts, Growing Minds

This fall, we give thanks for our students, families, and community.

- ♥ Learning rooted in gratitude and connection
- 📍 Kindergarten - Grade 7 | 🌐 www.assumptionpr.ca

Get Involved with the Tla'amin Trust!

Call for Trustee & Youth Trustee!

- Are you a Tla'amin Citizen interested in getting involved?
- Join the Qames ʔams tala Settlement Trust!
- Participate in quarterly meetings and monthly teleconferences.
- Receive an honorarium for your time and commitment.

We Are Seeking:

Youth Trustee (19-25)	Trustee (25+)
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How to Apply:

- Send an expression of interest to the Guardian at guardian@tlaamintrust.com



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