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TLA'AMIN NATION

Tla'amin Nation General Assembly & Grand Opening of ᑕᐱᐱᐃᐃᐃᐃ Program

JUNE 20 & 21, 2025





OUR TA-OW PRONUNCIATION

Learn to pronounce our 10 teachings that comprise Tla'amin values.

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COMPREHENSIVE NATION PLAN

Read more about Tla'amin Nation's goals and priorities.

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Welcome Message from Hegus John Hackett

čěčəhatanapeč jějě! Welcome to the 2025 General Assembly. This year's gathering is historic—not only are we coming together to share updates, hear from our government, and spend time as a Nation, we are opening the doors to ʔəms ʔaye, our new longhouse.

This is the first time since before the great fire that we will gather in a cultural house built on Tla'amin land. Our teams have been busy calling our treasures home from museums around the world. Now we get to be part of a moment that honours the vision of our ancestors. Regalia and drums are welcome and encouraged for the opening ceremony and protocol on Saturday.

Friday includes updates from our government and a special Tla'amin Management Services presentation, as well as a full afternoon of waterfront activities—from canoe pulling and cedar weaving to youth soccer and language classes.

To those who have travelled home from away: čěčəhatənapəč. Your presence makes this weekend even more meaningful.

ʔi mot.

ABOUT GENERAL ASSEMBLIES

General Assemblies happen two times a year and provide an opportunity for Tla'amin Citizens to meaningfully engage with their government and administration.

Assemblies are legally required and set out in the Tla'amin Constitution with the following purposes:

1. Consider and approve reports received from the Tla'amin Government and Tla'amin Public Institutions.
2. Determine general policy guidelines and directions for the Tla'amin Nation for the upcoming year.
3. Make recommendations by way of resolution.

The Spring Assembly provides an opportunity to review the Nation's budget; the Fall Assembly is for audit review and budget recommendations.



Agenda at a Glance

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THE PLAN FOR OUR TALA

The Spring General Assembly is your chance to learn about Tla'amin's 2026 Budget. Staff will present highlights from this year's financial plan, including priorities across housing, health, lands, youth and cultural programming. Ask questions, offer feedback, and help shape next year's investments.



ABOUT TLA'AMIN NATION

Tla'amin is a modern, forward-looking self-governing First Nation and part of the northern Salish ʔayʔajuθεεm-speaking people who have cared for this territory since time immemorial. Tla'amin has over 1,200 members, with 50% living in ʔišosəm. Learn more: www.tlaaminnation.com

ʔəms taʔow

ʔəms taʔow are the traditional teachings and laws that our ancestors lived by.



yiǫ aʔet *Accountability*

- ▶ Take what you can use and learn from every experience and criticism.
- ▶ Expect more of yourself than you do of others.
- ▶ Take responsibility for, and fix, your mistakes to make yourself a better person.



qʷεqʷaystowʔ *Communication*

- ▶ Always be careful of your words because they can be like weapons and can never be erased.
- ▶ Consultation must be meaningful, significant, and inclusive.
- ▶ Respect the teachings of others, even when you do not agree.
- ▶ Listen and learn first and speak last.



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ʔasəm qʷayigən *Discipline*

- ▶ Be an asset to your family and your people in the best way you know how through hard work.
- ▶ Every day brings a new lesson and an opportunity to make things better.
- ▶ Be self-sufficient; do not rely on others to take care of you.
- ▶ Make your mind and body strong so that you can overcome obstacles.



θaθxʷɫɪ *Fairness*

- ▶ Don't choose favourites among your children or your people. Ensure that they are treated equally.
- ▶ Be transparent in your deeds; people need to witness how things work.
- ▶ Holding on to grudges and anger only comes back to hurt you later.

OUR VISION

Tla'amin Nation is a healthy, thriving, self-determining, and culturally strong Nation that respects our people, water, lands, and resources and embraces ʔəms taʔow in all that we do.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to honour our ancestors and ʔəms taʔow through responsible stewardship of our territory and resources, with open and accountable decision-making in the best interests of Tla'amin people – past, present, and future.



gənaɣwʉ *Honesty*

- ▶ Be true to yourself and others.
- ▶ Don't participate in gossip because you do not know if it is true.
- ▶ Intellect should never overshadow wisdom and common sense.



pit qʷayɛgəns *Humility*

- ▶ Never praise yourself; if you are truly great, others will do that for you.
- ▶ Judge yourself first and learn from your mistakes.
- ▶ Have compassion for the plight of others; you have not lived their experience.
- ▶ Do not make fun of other people or similar bad things might happen to someone you love.



tiyhɛgən mɛtəm *Integrity*

- ▶ Be a living example of the change you want to see in others.
- ▶ Trust is earned; make sure you are worthy of it.
- ▶ You have only one reputation; it should honour your Ancestors.



tiystəm *Respect*

- ▶ Your everyday life should reflect your traditional teachings.
- ▶ Teach your children to behave appropriately toward other people and in public so they will carry your values.
- ▶ Honour our ancestors and our connection to the territory in all of our work.
- ▶ Keep our children at the forefront of our planning and decision-making in order to ensure a sustainable future.



ʔaʔaθəm *Sharing*

- ▶ Interdependence and cooperation are what give us the strength to achieve great things together. When we share, we are not wasteful.



χəχgiyanən *Spirituality*

- ▶ Remember where you come from and that all things in Tla'amin territory have a soul and a purpose for being here.
- ▶ Strive for balance with your surroundings.

Meet Your Legislators



John Hackett
Hegus (headperson)

John Hackett was born and raised within Tla'amin Territory and resides in the ʔiʂosəm community. He completed the Natural Resource Technology Diploma Program at Nicola Valley Institute of Technology and went on to develop the Tla'amin Wildlife Harvest Plan. John has served the Nation in forestry, treaty negotiations, and as an elected leader. He has held the role of Hegus since 2020.



Tiy'ap thote | Erik Blaney
Legislator

Born and raised in Tla'amin, Erik is a long-time cultural leader and community responder. He has served as Fire Chief and was President of the Sliammon Development Corporation. Now in his second term as Legislator, Erik brings deep experience in economic development and public safety.



Gloria Francis
Legislator

Originally from Church House, Gloria has served the Nation for 24 years. She has a background in tourism and early childhood development and is a fierce supporter of youth sports and culture. As Legislator, she continues to advocate for the wellbeing of all Nation members.



Callum Galligos
Legislator and Lands and Resources House Post

Callum has a background in construction and quantity surveying. Since 2021, he has worked for the Nation as Building Maintenance Coordinator and Asset Manager. Now as Lands and Resources House Post, he brings technical skill and a deep commitment to stewardship.



toqʷanən | Dillon Johnson, BCom, MBA, CAFM
Legislator and Public Works & Capital Infrastructure House Post

Dillon holds an MBA from the Richard Ivey School of Business and is a Certified Aboriginal Financial Manager. Now in his fifth term, he serves as House Post for Public Works and Capital Infrastructure supporting Housing, Water, Wastewater, Asset Management, and Capital Infrastructure.



Losa Luaifoa
Legislator and Finance and Administration House Post

With two decades of senior experience in First Nations and municipal governance, Losa leads Tla'amin's Finance and Administration portfolio and is active on the Nation's Finance and Economic Development Committees.



łałom | Brandon Louie
Legislator and Community Services House Post

A Red Seal carpenter and project manager, Brandon has worked on projects that enhance community living spaces. As House Post for Community Services, he oversees Health, Child and Family Services, Social Development, and more. He is pursuing his Project Management Professional (PMP) designation.



Brandon Peters
Legislator

Serving his second term, Brandon is a curriculum consultant with the Vancouver School Board. He grew up in łiřosəm and brings teachings from Elders and family into his advocacy for Tla'amin's sovereignty and cultural authority.



Tanner Timothy
Legislator

Tanner is the youngest son of the late Jackie Timothy, Master Carver. A GIS Specialist, he is in his first term as Legislator. Tanner is passionate about strengthening governance and applying technology to the sustainable management of łəms giję.

Questions? Tla'amin leadership can be emailed at heyhegus@tn-bc.ca

TLA'AMIN MANAGEMENT SERVICES PLENARY

Friday, June 20 | 11:00 AM

Location: Salish Centre

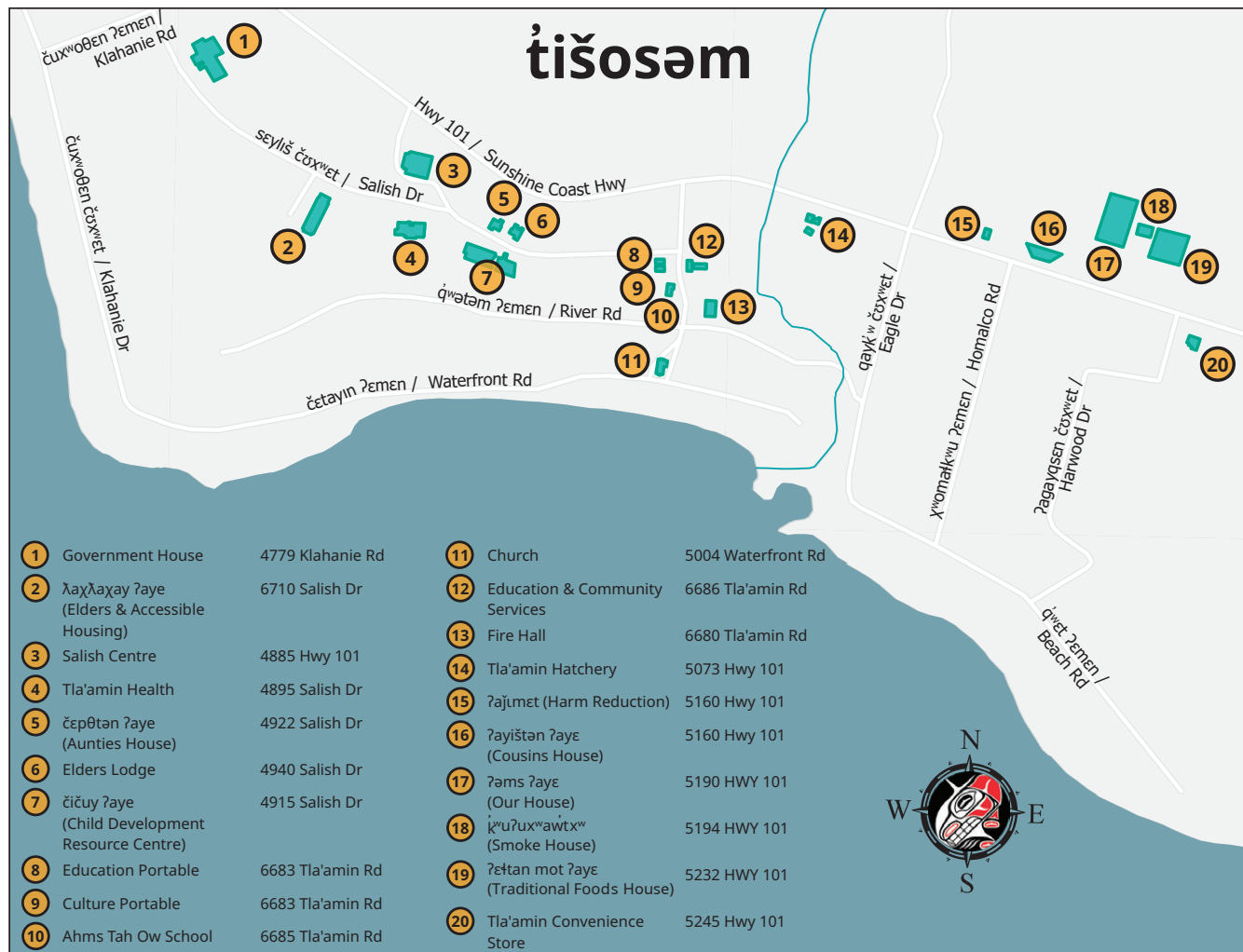
Tla'amin Management Services (TMS) is the economic development arm of the Nation. Join us for a presentation highlighting major TMS initiatives. Come learn about Nation-led ventures that are building jobs, generating revenue, and advancing Tla'amin sovereignty.

This year's plenary will include a guided discussion for Tla'amin Citizens under a non-disclosure agreement (NDA) to learn about a significant new business proposal currently under negotiation. This is a unique opportunity for Citizens to ask questions before decisions are finalized.

NDA materials will be provided on site. Auditors will also be available throughout the day to answer questions and provide clarification on the Nation's financial statements.

ASSEMBLY PROGRAM

MAP



Tla'amin Nation GIS Department; Lands and Resources Division 2025.



HEALTH SCREENING

Visit Tla'amin Health Friday from 1:00–4:00 PM for drop in health screening

Drop into Health for a consult with one of our health staff. We're offering blood pressure checks, and cholesterol and hemoglobin A1C screening. Visit with our nursing staff for a range of health information and supports, including guidance on cancer screening, sexual health, STI prevention, immunizations, and chronic disease management. Screening saves lives and improves quality of life. Early detection of disease can prevent serious consequences such as heart attacks, strokes, and accidents due to sensory impairments.

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FOR THE LOVE OF THE GAME – SOCCER AT THE ASSEMBLY

A legacy of hard work and champions

Soccer has always had a special place in the heart of the Tla’amin people. For generations, it’s brought us together and today’s players come from a long and proud lineage of hardworking champions. Whether you played in tournaments of the past or are cheering on your grandchildren today, you are part of a long and proud Tla’amin soccer legacy. The Spring Assembly will include two opportunities for delegates to take in the beautiful game—a child and youth tournament and a co-ed friendly game.



Čičų GA Youth Soccer Tournament

Friday, June 20 | 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Location: ʔayłštən ʔaye (Cousin’s House) at the ʔišosəm Sports Field

Come out for an exciting evening of youth soccer with age-based brackets for children and youth. The tournament is designed to be fun, inclusive, and a celebration of healthy activity and Tla’amin pride.

AGE BRACKETS

- ▶ Mini’s U6: Ages 4–6 years (will play during 15-minute intermissions)
- ▶ U10: Ages 7–9 years
- ▶ U13 – U18: Ages 10–18 years

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- ▶ Games consist of two 20-minute halves with a 15-minute intermission
- ▶ U10 and U13–U18 will play 7-a-side
- ▶ Each team will play 2 games
- ▶ Mini’s play short exhibition matches during breaks

FREE for all our young players!

- ▶ Tournament t-shirt
- ▶ Hot dog & drink

PRIZES AWARDED FOR most goals, best goalie and most sportsmanlike

Food vendors will be on site, so bring some cash and enjoy local eats. Bring your chairs and your voices—let’s cheer our čičų on!

Friendly Co-Ed Match

Saturday, June 21 | 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

Location: ʔayłštən ʔaye Soccer Pitch

The Tla’amin men’s and women’s sides will host a co-ed friendly match as part of our General Assembly festivities. This spirited game brings together players of all ages and skill levels in celebration of unity, teamwork, and a shared love of the game.

BBQ lunch will be served.

Please bring your chair, your water bottle, and your best cheer voice.



ACTIVITIES DOWN THE WATERFRONT

Friday, June 20 | 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

ḷenəmštəm (We will BBQ Fish) Demonstration Waterfront Beach

Drop by the waterfront throughout the afternoon to learn how to make ḷen. Clint Williams and Joan Williams will show members how to cut and hang fish for an open fire BBQ.

Canoe Pulling (2:00 PM, 3:00 PM, 4:00 PM departures)

Experience the rhythm and unity of pulling on one of our Nation's ocean-going canoes. Each departure takes up to 16 people. Lifejackets provided. No prior experience necessary.

Boat Tour to ʔagayqsən (Harwood Island) (1:30 PM, 1:45 PM departures)

Join our Lands department for a boat tour to ʔagayqsən. Learn about place names, harvesting sites, and oral history. Waterfront departures 1:30 and 1:45 PM. Bring water bottle and a chair for your time on the island. Returning at 3:45 PM and 4:00 PM.

Outdoor Language Class (1:30 PM – 3:00 PM)

Join Alisha Point for an introduction to ʔayʔajuθəm orthography. Learn how to recognize and pronounce the common characters used to express the Tla'amin language. Space limited and registration required.

Cedar Root Weaving Demonstration (1:30 – 3:00 PM)

Ošil Betty Wilson will provide a cedar root weaving demonstration at the tents down the waterfront. Come for a visit and learn about our traditional practice.

Cedar Basket Making Workshop (2:00 PM – 4:00 PM)

Learn to make a cedar basket using the inner bark of taxəmay (red cedar). Sosan Blaney will guide this hands-on workshop. This tactile workshop is open to all ages, and supplies are provided. Space is limited and registration required.

ʔayʔajuθəm Bingo (3:00 PM – 4:00 PM)

Back by popular demand! Callers Ryan and Kosen Pielle will host ʔayʔajuθəm bingo to help everyone learn Tla'amin words and phrases (even some spicy ones!).





ON THE LAND TOURS

Friday, June 20 | 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Boat Tour to toqʷanən (Theodosia)

Explore the heart of our watershed with this boat trip to toqʷanən. Learn how Tla'amin is working to protect this important spiritual and harvesting site, possibly as an Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area (IPCA).

Hike and Plant Identification Walk

Join Brad and Sherry for a guided walk focused on identifying medicinal and food plants. Learn about responsible harvesting practices and cultural teachings connected to the land.

paʔaje Shellfish Tour and Visit to toχnəč

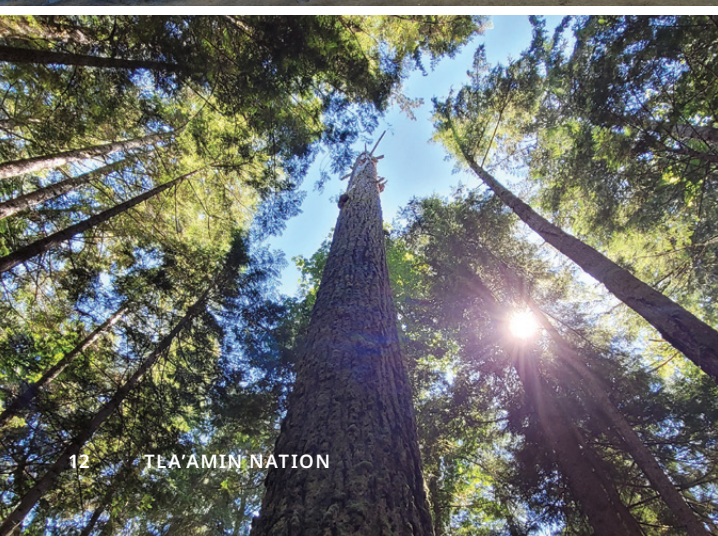
Visit paʔaje Shellfish for a shoreline walk to learn about shellfish harvesting, environmental stewardship, and traditional food systems. Includes a stop at the culturally significant site of toχnəč.

Thichum Forestry Tour

Go behind the scenes with the Thichum team and see some active harvesting and learn about the Nation's 300-year Forest Resource Management Plan. Discover how Tla'amin forestry supports both conservation and economic development.

Community Tour of ʔi išosəm

Join Director of Public Works Carmen Galligos on a bus tour of ʔi išosəm to see new housing, infrastructure projects, and community services. Learn what's going on in each of our buildings and how Tla'amin is creating a healthy, modern, self-governing Nation.





SPECIAL SCREENING: TƏM KʷAΘ NAN (NAMESAKE)

Friday, June 20 | 7:00 PM

Location: Patricia Theatre

Duration: 90 mins

Join us for a special screening of təm kʷaθ nan (NameSake), a new documentary produced by the Tla'amin Nation that asks a powerful question: **"What is your name?"**

This film chronicles Tla'amin Nation's 2021 request for the City of Powell River to remove the name of Israel Wood Powell—a man responsible for enacting residential schools, the potlatch ban, and land dispossession including Lot 450. Through interviews, oral history, archival material, and footage of public meetings, the film captures a community reckoning with truth and responsibility.

Directed by Tla'amin citizens **Eileen Francis** and **Dr. Evan Adams**, and funded in part by **TELUS Originals**, təm kʷaθ nan shines a light on the power of names, places, and memory in the journey toward truth and reconciliation.

Hegus John Hackett says, *"This film is shaping up to be a real eye-opener and I suspect it will put our town and this issue on the map nationally and globally."*

Seating is limited to ticket holders – please arrive early as we have a waitlist.

Q and A with Directors will follow the screening.

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Saturday, June 21 | Begins 9:00 AM

Location: ᑭᑭᑭ ᑭᑭᑭ, ᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭ

ᑭᑭᑭ ᑭᑭᑭ means “Our House”—and for the Tla’amin people, this new cultural house marks a new chapter in the Nation’s cultural restoration. It’s the first of its kind built on our lands since the great fire and was created through years of planning and community guidance. This space is for ceremony, for connection, and for the generations to come.

Reminders:

- ▶ Regalia and drums encouraged for morning and evening ceremonies
- ▶ Bring a chair and water bottle



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čéčhaθeč to InSitu for your generous support of the ʔəms ʔaye grand opening feast.

InSitu is a strong partner to Tla'amin Nation, working alongside us to care for our ancestors and our cultural treasures that reveal a deeper story of our lands and people. That same respect for our history will carry into your support for this special day.

Your contribution will provide dinner for ʔəms ʔaye grand opening feast including many of our traditional foods allowing our members, Elders, youth, and guests to gather and share a meal together in celebration. This will be more than a meal, it will be a homecoming. A moment to celebrate our relationships, culture, and language as we open the doors to ʔəms ʔaye for future generations.

Your further in-kind donation of archeological services to care for our collections in the new museum are deeply appreciated, ʔimot.

We are grateful for your ongoing partnership and for standing with us on this important day.

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