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TLA'AMIN NATION

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)**

**SHORELINE NATURALIZATION – PHASE 2  
DESIGN DEVELOPMENT & IMPLEMENTATION READINESS**

TLA'AMIN NATION  
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**Closing Date:** Not later than **4:30** pm Pacific Time on 27 March 2026

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### Guidelines for Proposal Delivery

An electronic copy of your proposal must be delivered by email to:

russell.brewer@tn-bc.ca  
Attention: Russell Brewer, CAO  
Tla'amin Nation

Email attachments should be clearly marked with the name and the address of the proponent.

## 1. INFORMATION FOR PROPONENTS

### a. Summary

Tla'amin Nation invites proposals from qualified multidisciplinary consultant teams to advance Phase 2 of the Shoreline Naturalization Project in t̓išosəm.

This project is funded through the UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) – Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate Adaptation (C1: Coastal Flooding Infrastructure Project).

Phase 1 technical studies established a nature-based (Green Shores) approach to shoreline risk management. The Phase 1 Shoreline Study report is available to interested proponents upon request to support proposal preparation. Access may require signing a Non-Disclosure Agreement, and the report must be used solely for the purpose of preparing a submission in response to this RFP.

Phase 2 will move this work from assessment to:

- Concept refinement
- Community engagement
- Design development (Issued for Permitting level)
- Regulatory and permitting support
- Implementation planning

The selected consultant will work closely with Tla'amin Nation's Comprehensive Nation Plan (CNP) Team.

### b. Background

TN is a modern, forward-thinking First Nation government at an exciting point in its history. In April 2016, the Nation restored self-governance through the BC Modern Treaty Process and ownership of 8,323 hectares of treaty settlement lands ("Tla'amin Lands").

As the primary settlement of Tla'amin citizens on Tla'amin Lands, t̓išosəm is currently home to approximately 815 residents, with recent census results projecting growth to about 965 by 2044. These figures are based on preliminary Nation-led census projections and account for both Indigenous and non-Indigenous residents in t̓išosəm. Tla'amin Lands are owned by the Tla'amin Nation in restricted fee simple, and the Nation has lawmaking authority with respect to management, planning, zoning and development on Tla'amin Lands.

The village of t̓išosəm is the primary settlement area and is subject to coastal flooding and erosion risks, which are expected to increase due to sea level rise and climate change. Shoreline naturalization is being advanced to reduce coastal flood and erosion risk, restore ecological function, discourage shoreline hardening, align shoreline management with Tla'amin Law, and provide greater clarity for leaseholders and landowners.

For more information, visit: [www.tlaaminnation.com](http://www.tlaaminnation.com)

## **2. REQUEST FOR SERVICES**

### **a. Nature of Services Required**

The consultant will deliver the following integrated services:

#### *Concept Design Development*

- Refine existing nature-based shoreline concepts (Scuttle Bay, Klahanie, Town Beach, East of Sliammon Creek).
- Develop two (2) concept visualizations suitable for community engagement.
- Prepare concept drawings to support review and decision-making.
- Ensure designs reflect coastal processes analysis and hazard projections.

#### *Design Development (IFP Level)*

- Conduct engineering and geomorphic analysis to advance a preferred option.
- Prepare Issued for Permitting (IFP) design drawings.
- Prepare a Design Basis Memorandum.
- Develop Class D cost estimates.
- Ensure compatibility with adaptive pathways approach.

#### *Regulatory & Permitting Support*

- Identify applicable federal and provincial regulatory triggers.
- Prepare permit application documents.
- Coordinate with regulatory agencies through review process.
- Provide technical responses to regulator comments.

#### *Implementation & Phasing Strategy*

- Develop a phased implementation roadmap (2026–2027).
- Identify pilot/demonstration opportunities.
- Provide sequencing and high-level costing.
- Align with CEPF funding constraints and reporting timelines.

#### *Community Education Materials*

- Prepare clear, user-friendly materials to support Nation-led engagement with shoreline leaseholders and landowners.

### **Tla'amin Nation Will Provide:**

- Leadership, decision-making, project management, and coordination through the CNP Team.
- Leadership in drafting and preparing deliverables and directing drafting support from other TN staff and consultants.
- All community and stakeholder engagement.
- Access to planning documents, laws, and GIS data.
- Guidance from Executive Council, Directors, the Lands & Resources Department and Technical Planning Group.
- Timely internal review of deliverables to ensure alignment with Nation priorities.

### **b. Qualifications**

The successful consultant/team should demonstrate:

- Proven experience in coastal engineering and geomorphology.
- Expertise in nature-based shoreline stabilization (Green Shores or equivalent).
- Experience working with First Nations governments.
- Knowledge of BC and federal permitting processes (DFO, Province of BC).
- Ability to deliver IFP-level drawings.
- Ability to produce plain-language materials for staff, leadership, and community audiences.
- Demonstrated capacity to deliver high-quality outputs on time and within budget.
- Experience working collaboratively with First Nations governments, preferably in BC.

## **3. SUBMISSION INFORMATION**

The successful proponent must meet the requirements set out in the RFP and Information For Proponents. Proponents shall submit the following information with their proposal:

- i. Executive Summary demonstrating understanding of project
- ii. Identification and CV's of the key members of their team/company
- iii. Summary of experience in working in specific areas with First Nations
- iv. Work plan and approach to meeting requirements
- v. Cost estimate/quote, hourly rates, description of the basis, timing and terms of proposed billings
- vi. Examples of previous deliverables.
- vii. Minimum of two (2) references and their contact information

#### 4. EVALUATION

This section details all the criteria against which proposals will be evaluated. Tla'amin Nation reserves the right not to select any proposal.

Proponents should ensure that they fully respond to all criteria to receive full consideration during evaluation.

A shortlist of proponents may be contacted for an interview.

##### a. Criteria

Proposals not demonstrating that they [substantially] meet the following criteria may be excluded from further consideration during the evaluation process.

- i. Requirements - How the proponent meets the RFP or tender requirements and specifications.
- ii. Qualifications - The proponent qualifications and how the qualifications relate to the contract or services requested.
- iii. Cost - While Tla'amin Nation reserves the right to not select the lowest bid, the cost of each bid will be considered.
- iv. See a detailed breakdown of the evaluation criteria in section 8

Proposals for this RFP which substantially meet/ meet all of the criteria will be evaluated as follows. Consideration will be given to a submission with First Nations representation providing that all the criteria are met. Tla'amin reserves the right to not select any proposal. Tla'amin reserves the right to keep all proposals received confidential.

<b>Proposals which meet the minimum criteria will be further evaluated against the criteria as follows:</b>	<b>Weight</b>
Understanding of Project and Approach	10%
Relevant Experience and Qualifications	15%
Team Composition and Capacity	15%
Engagement and Collaboration	5%
References and Past Performance	5%
Quality of Deliverables	20%
Cost and Value	30%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

## **5. TERM**

The contract will commence upon award and must conclude no later than February 28, 2027, in accordance with CEPF funding requirements.

## **6. REFERENCES**

Tla'amin Nation may conduct reference checks of the successful proponent. TN will not enter into a contract with any proponent whose references, in the opinion of TN, do not confirm the information provided in the RFP.

## **7. INQUIRIES**

All inquiries must be submitted by March 6th, with responses issued and consolidated in an Addendum posted on March 13 to ensure equal access to information for all proponents during the tendering process. All responses to the RFP and any inquiries regarding the services of the anticipated contract or the administrative details of the RFP are to be directed to:

Russell Brewer, CAO

[russell.brewer@tn-bc.ca](mailto:russell.brewer@tn-bc.ca)

778-762-0172

## **8. EVALUATION CRITERIA**

### **1. Understanding of Project and Approach (10%)**

- Clear understanding of Phase 2 Shoreline Naturalization objectives, including advancing nature-based concepts to IFP-level design.
- Strong methodology for integrating design development, engagement, and permitting within timelines.
- Demonstrated awareness of coastal flood and erosion risks in tišosəm and adaptive pathways approach.
- Feasible work plan and schedule aligned with grant completion requirements.

### **2. Relevant Experience and Qualifications (15%)**

- Experience delivering coastal or shoreline stabilization projects, preferably nature-based solutions.
- Proven ability to prepare IFP-level drawings and permit-ready documentation.
- Experience navigating BC and federal shoreline permitting processes.
- Experience working with First Nations governments and affected shoreline landowners or leaseholders.

### **3. Team Composition and Capacity (15%)**

- Qualifications, expertise, and availability of proposed team members.
- Demonstrated ability to deliver on time and within budget.
- Cultural competency and experience working respectfully with Indigenous communities.

### **4. Engagement and Collaboration (5%)**

- Evidence of collaborative approach with client teams.
- Sensitivity to cultural protocols and community values.
- Commitment to knowledge transfer and capacity-building for Nation staff.

### **5. References and Past Performance (5%)**

- Strength of references from comparable projects.
- Documented success in achieving similar deliverables and outcomes.
- Ability to adapt and problem-solve in complex planning contexts.

### **6. Quality of Deliverables (20%)**

- Clarity, accuracy, and implementability of past deliverables (samples or references).
- Ability to produce plain-language tools, training materials, and community-facing communications.
- Innovation and best practices brought to technical analysis and planning support.

### **7. Cost and Value (30%)**

- Overall competitiveness of the fee proposal.
- Transparency of pricing structure, including hourly rates and billing practices.
- Demonstrated value-for-money considering scope, quality, and expertise offered.