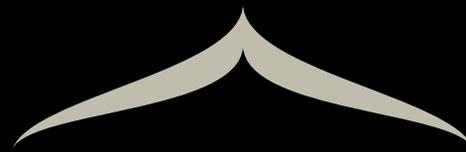


TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY
of the
TSAWWASSEN FIRST NATION
FINAL AGREEMENT



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TSAWWASSEN FIRST NATION



BUILDING

PROSPERITY.

SHAPING

OUR FUTURE.

OUR VISION

Tsawwassen Members are united, proud, and confident in our culture; are connected to and taking care of our lands and resources; and are healthy, self-reliant, and prospering.



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MESSAGE FROM
Chief Bryce Williams



Since the Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement (the Treaty) came into effect on April 3, 2009, Tsawwassen First Nation (TFN) has become a major economic force in Metropolitan Vancouver.



OUR TREATY PROVIDES US with the self-governing powers, clarity, certainty and transparency that our regional and investment partners have come to value and appreciate. It helped establish the foundation for developing good relationships and building transformational projects – neither would have been possible if we were still subject to the federal *Indian Act*.

To unlock the full economic potential of our lands, TFN has invested substantially in strategic infrastructure projects, including new roads, buildings and a state-of-the-art sewage treatment facility.

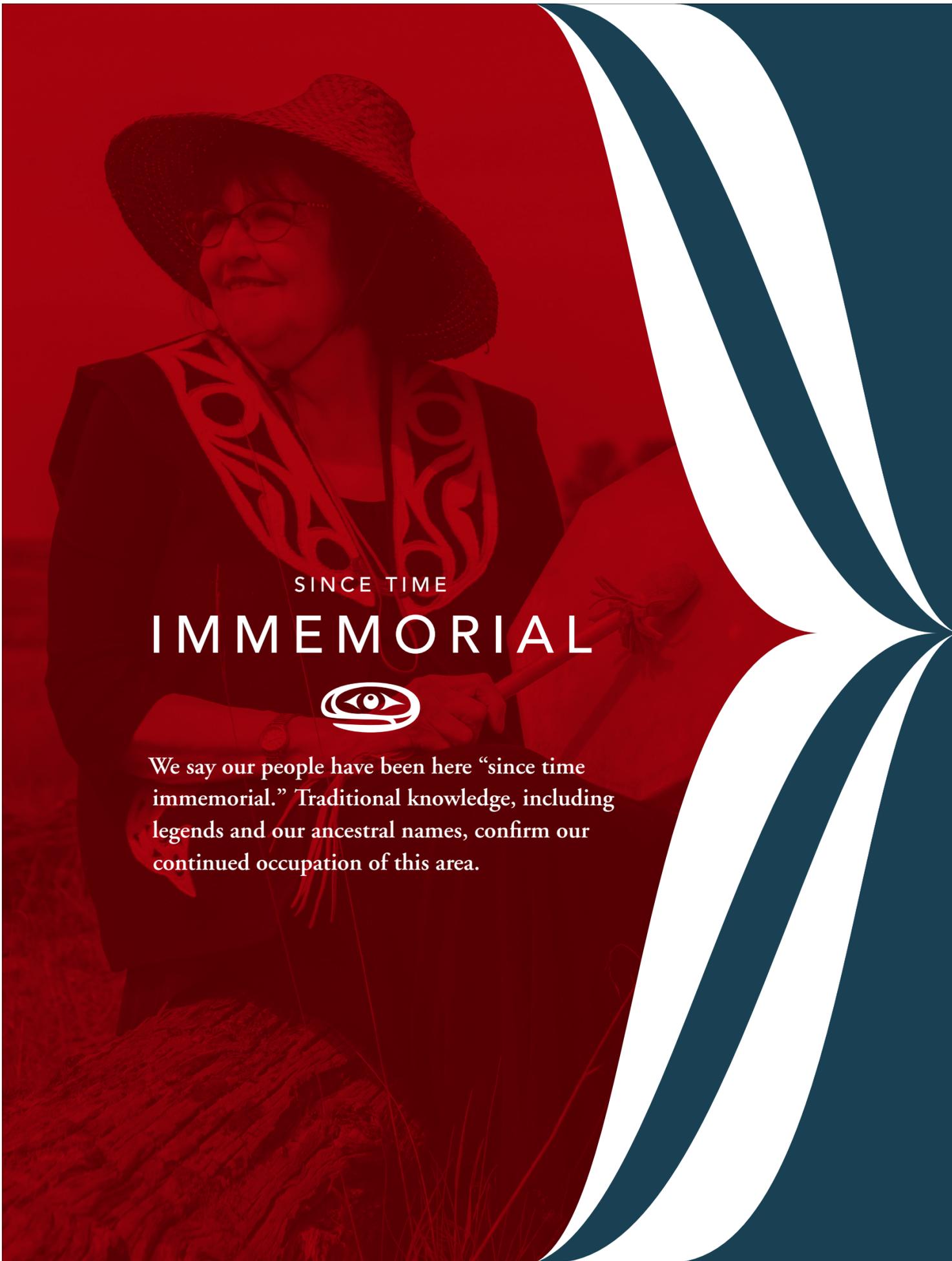
The opening of Tsawwassen Mills and Tsawwassen Commons brought widespread attention to our ambitious plans and progressive vision of self-reliance. We reached deals on our industrial lands to generate new revenue and provide jobs for our Members. Most importantly, we invested in new or expanded programs and services to address socioeconomic gaps and ensure access for all Members to the rights and benefits provided by our Treaty.

The purpose of all this work is to support our Tsawwassen Members in building a strong community and economy for our people that is rooted in our culture, language, and tradition.

The Treaty gives us the tools to build our own prosperity and shape our future both as individuals and as a community. A strong economic foundation is critical to our vision. We now have an opportunity to play a leading role in the economic future of the region. Our community Land Use Plan lays out our vision for long-term, sustainable growth built on responsible development of our land base.

As a forward looking modern treaty First Nation, TFN is generating prosperity locally and regionally – for today and the future. The past ten years have demonstrated the vast potential within our community, hinting at the growth and progress that is yet to come.

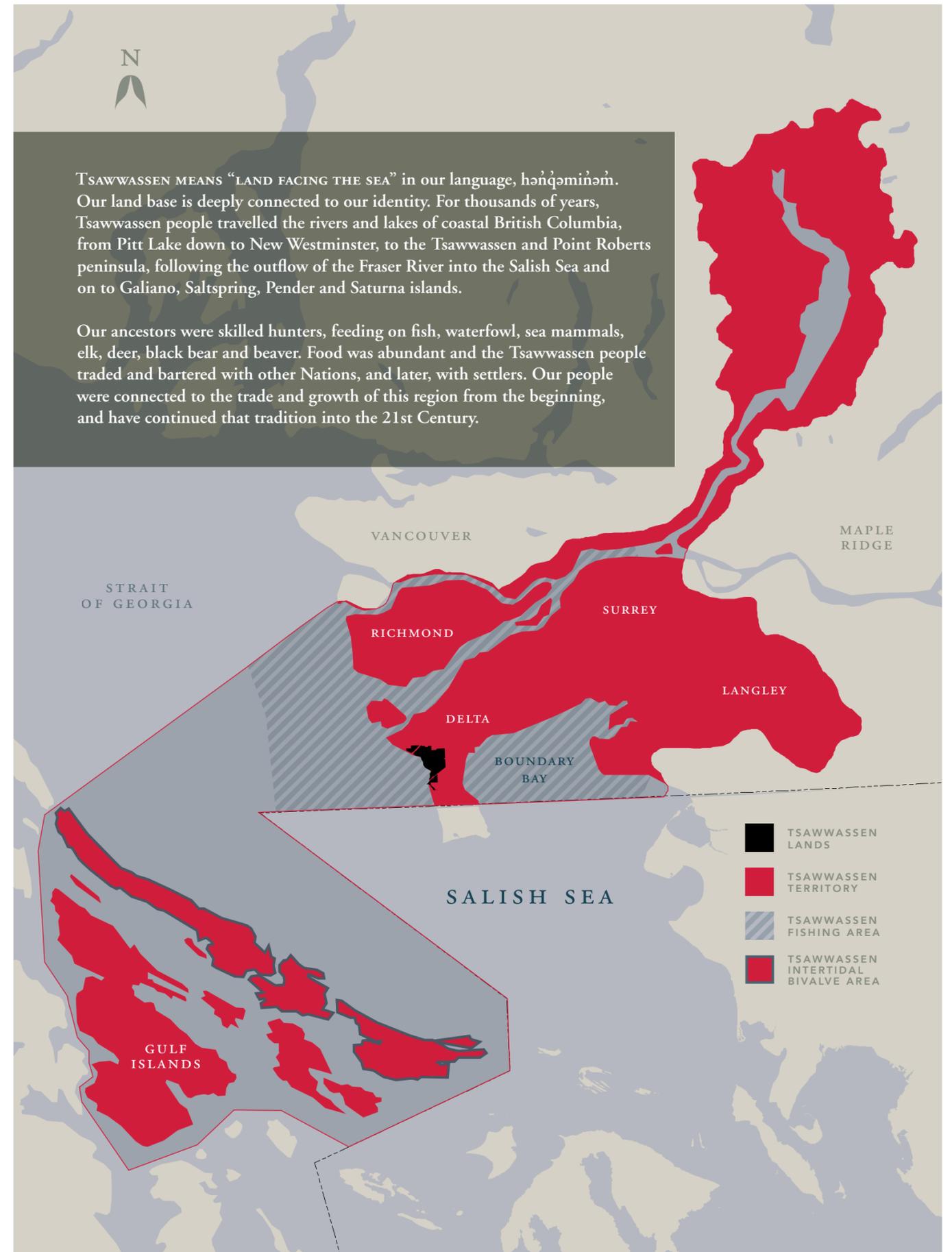
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SINCE TIME
IMMEMORIAL



We say our people have been here “since time immemorial.” Traditional knowledge, including legends and our ancestral names, confirm our continued occupation of this area.



Treaty negotiations, which began formally in 1993, are finalized. The agreement is ratified by Members and a transition period is set.

TFN, the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia jointly fund a \$9 million servicing project near Deltaport Way, representing the first step towards unlocking the economic potential of our Industrial Lands.

Ground breaking on 42-lot subdivision called Tsawwassen Shores, a partnership signed with Aquilini Development and the first of several residential developments made possible through Treaty that will ultimately bring thousands of new residents to Tsawwassen Lands. Tsawwassen Members vote in favour of leasing the commercial lands for development of Tsawwassen Mills and Tsawwassen Commons.

Three major projects announced on TFN's industrial lands, including a large warehouse facility, a container examination centre, and a cardlock truck fueling facility. TFN also completes the largest real estate deal in the province – and likely the largest non-resource agreement ever signed by a First Nation in B.C. – by signing a 99-year lease with Ivanhoe Cambridge for Tsawwassen Mills.

Tsawwassen Mills, one of the largest shopping centres in Canada, opens its 1.2 million sq. ft. of retail space to the public, with nearly 300,000 visitors arriving in the first week. TFN completes the Highway 17 widening project necessary to support access to Tsawwassen Lands.

Great West Life Realty oversees completion of a new 450,000 sq. ft. logistics facility, naming global distribution giant Amazon as their anchor tenant.



Treaty effective April 3. The Tsawwassen Legislature, in its first act of self-government, enacts the Tsawwassen Constitution and 22 laws, drawing down law-making authority in a wide range of areas. TFN joins the regional district and TransLink, becoming the first Treaty First Nation to sit on Metro Vancouver Board as a full member.

New Neighbourhood Plan designates 110 hectares for commercial and residential development, providing the necessary future tax base for our government services.

A 25-year lease is signed on 155 hectares of agricultural land with three farms, ensuring TFN's ongoing commitment to supporting local agriculture and food security.

TFN completes \$27 million sewage treatment plant, which provides self-sufficiency and adds capacity to future infrastructure projects. Grand Opening takes place in March of the following year.

TFN's Farm School celebrates its two-year partnership with Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU) by hosting a summer pig roast. The program teaches sustainable agriculture and traditional indigenous food systems.

A \$33 million Vancouver Fraser Port Authority container inspection facility nears project completion. The facility assists Canada Border Services Agents in inspecting containers arriving through Deltaport.

OUR TREATY OUR PROSPERITY





MOVING OUR MEMBERS
FORWARD

The Treaty enabled Tsawwassen Members to reclaim our inherent right to self-government and self-determination, allowing us to grow and prosper. However, it has always been important to celebrate Tsawwassen identity, pride and confidence, and to move forward in the “Tsawwassen Way.”

That is why it has been of utmost importance to use our growing Member revenues to invest in programs, services and infrastructure for our community. Guided by our ongoing five-year Strategic Plan, we intend to continue to develop and support Tsawwassen Members through improved funding for community-building, entrepreneurial capacity, health and wellness, and spiritual and cultural wellbeing.

Some tangible examples of how we have reinvested in the community include:

CULTURE & COMMUNITY

Since Treaty, we have made extensive investments in language and culture. We offer regular hənqəmihəm classes, integrate cultural activities into child and youth programs, and deliver expanded cultural programs for community Members. In 2012, we began hosting annual Members Gatherings, which provide an opportunity for Members living both on and off TFN lands to come together and share in friendship, kinship and tradition.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Our Member youth now have more places to play and grow and be nurtured by healthy activities with new sports fields and a playground. A new state-of-the-art Youth Centre will give young community members a gathering place year-round. Going forward, we have ambitious plans to continue investing in badly-needed infrastructure and new facilities.

SAFETY

TFN has established a progressive, respectful and effective relationship with the Delta Police. Through this innovative partnership, we have made significant strides towards improving the safety of our community and reducing Members' negative interactions with the justice system. Over the past five years, no TFN youth has been charged with a criminal offence.

EDUCATION

TFN pays the full cost of tuition and living expenses for any Member in post-secondary education in Canada. We will be expanding this program to all Members in 2019. Since 2010, TFN has more than doubled our annual spending on education, providing a further tangible example of how our development is enabling investments in our Members.

HOUSING

Each of our Strategic Plans since Treaty has emphasized the need to provide housing for Members, and our Land Use Plan is focused in part on ensuring Members living off-Lands can return home to TFN. To support this goal, we have used our jurisdiction over lands to implement the Falcon Way program, which provides lots to Members. We offer pre-construction grants, mortgage guarantees, and ongoing support to assist Members through the home construction process. In 2018, TFN secured funding to construct a new 36-unit multi-family apartment complex that will mean additional affordable housing for Members.

EMPLOYMENT & BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

Providing employment and business opportunities for Members remains at the heart of our ambitious economic development agenda. Wherever possible, we have sought out training and contracting opportunities for Members and their businesses. The unemployment rate at TFN dropped by 20% between 2011 and 2016, and today there are more employment opportunities on Tsawwassen Lands than Members available to fill them.

THE TREATY:

CERTAINTY, SELF-GOVERNMENT, OWNERSHIP

THE TSAWWASSEN FIRST NATION FINAL AGREEMENT (the Treaty) is a tri-partite agreement between Canada, British Columbia, and TFN. It is a comprehensive agreement that provides for the transfer of land and self-government jurisdiction to TFN. The Treaty came into effect on April 3, 2009 – 133 years after the *Indian Act* was enacted.

TFN was the first First Nation to achieve a modern treaty under the BC Treaty Process. Importantly, the Treaty gave us the tools to operate as a self-governing Nation with powers to create laws and make decisions on our land use.



RIGHTS AND LEGAL CERTAINTY

Aboriginal rights as defined by the judicial system, the Government of Canada and other jurisdictions are confusing and difficult to understand. This can result in a low level of legal certainty for Indigenous people and their property, which discourages investment and undermines development. With the Treaty, rights to our land and self-governing jurisdiction are clear and detailed, ensuring we have a high level of legal certainty.



LANDS

Prior to the Treaty, we had little control over our own lands and resources, which were owned by the federal government and known as a “reserve.” Under the Treaty, we have reclaimed 724 hectares of Tsawwassen lands, giving us direct control and ownership. Tsawwassen’s traditional territory – which we do not control directly but retain certain rights, such as for hunting and fishing – comprise approximately 10,000-square kilometres of the south-west quadrant of the Lower Mainland. For 80 years after the effective date of the Treaty, TFN has the first right of refusal to buy up to 278 hectares of Brunswick Point in Delta.



NATURAL RESOURCES

The Treaty gives us the right to harvest wildlife, migratory birds and plants for food, social and ceremonial purposes within our traditional territory, including those areas located within national and provincial parks. In addition, we own all subsurface resources such as gravel, sand, minerals and petroleum under TFN lands.



GOVERNANCE

The Treaty provides the ability for TFN to make its own laws across many jurisdictions. This includes laws relating to governance, natural resources, land management, and social programming, including health care, education, social assistance, child and family services and others. We have taken this jurisdictional capacity and turned it into reality by enacting 29 laws, including 23 on the Treaty’s effective date.



FISHERIES

We have the right to catch fish, crab, and harvest water plants for food in our traditional territory for social and ceremonial use, and the right to trade and barter fish and aquatic plants with other Indigenous people in Canada. In accordance with the Harvest Agreement, we operate our own fisheries for commercial purposes in approved areas of the Fraser River. We have a guaranteed annual commercial allocation of salmon, set as a percentage of the annual total catch for the Fraser River.



TAXATION, FINANCIAL BENEFITS AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

TFN received several financial settlements, comprising a Capital Transfer, an Implementation Fund, and other specific funds and payments. TFN also receives ongoing fiscal transfers from the federal and provincial governments for the operation of programs and services, although that funding is subject to an own-source revenue agreement. TFN continues to have direct taxation powers with respect to property taxes. Member exemptions for property and income tax will end in 2022, while transaction tax exemptions ended in 2017. However, we maintain the ability to negotiate tax-sharing arrangements with federal and provincial governments.

PROSPERITY
THROUGH
RECONCILIATION

The Treaty has provided us with the tools to put in the hard work required to realize the true potential of our Nation.

It has given us the ability to build prosperity and shape our future as individuals and as a community. A strong economic foundation has been critical to this success. Our community Land Use Plan lays out our vision for long-term, sustainable growth built on responsible development of our land base.

CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE WAS FIRST NEEDED to support not only the Tsawwassen Mills and Commons mall developments, but the full build-out of the Land Use Plan. TFN completed its \$27-million state-of-the-art sewage treatment plant, and made improvements to significant road and utility services, to create the necessary foundation for exponential growth. Almost \$100 million has been invested in community-wide infrastructure improvements, to date.

Our 2014 land lease agreements with Ivanhoe Cambridge (Tsawwassen Mills) and Property Development Group (Tsawwassen Commons) comprised the largest non-resource development deal ever signed by a B.C. First Nation. The 2016 opening of the Tsawwassen Mills and Commons malls was one of the largest commercial retail developments in Canada, boasting more than two-million square feet of commercial retail space. The malls attracted nearly 300,000 visitors in the first five days alone.

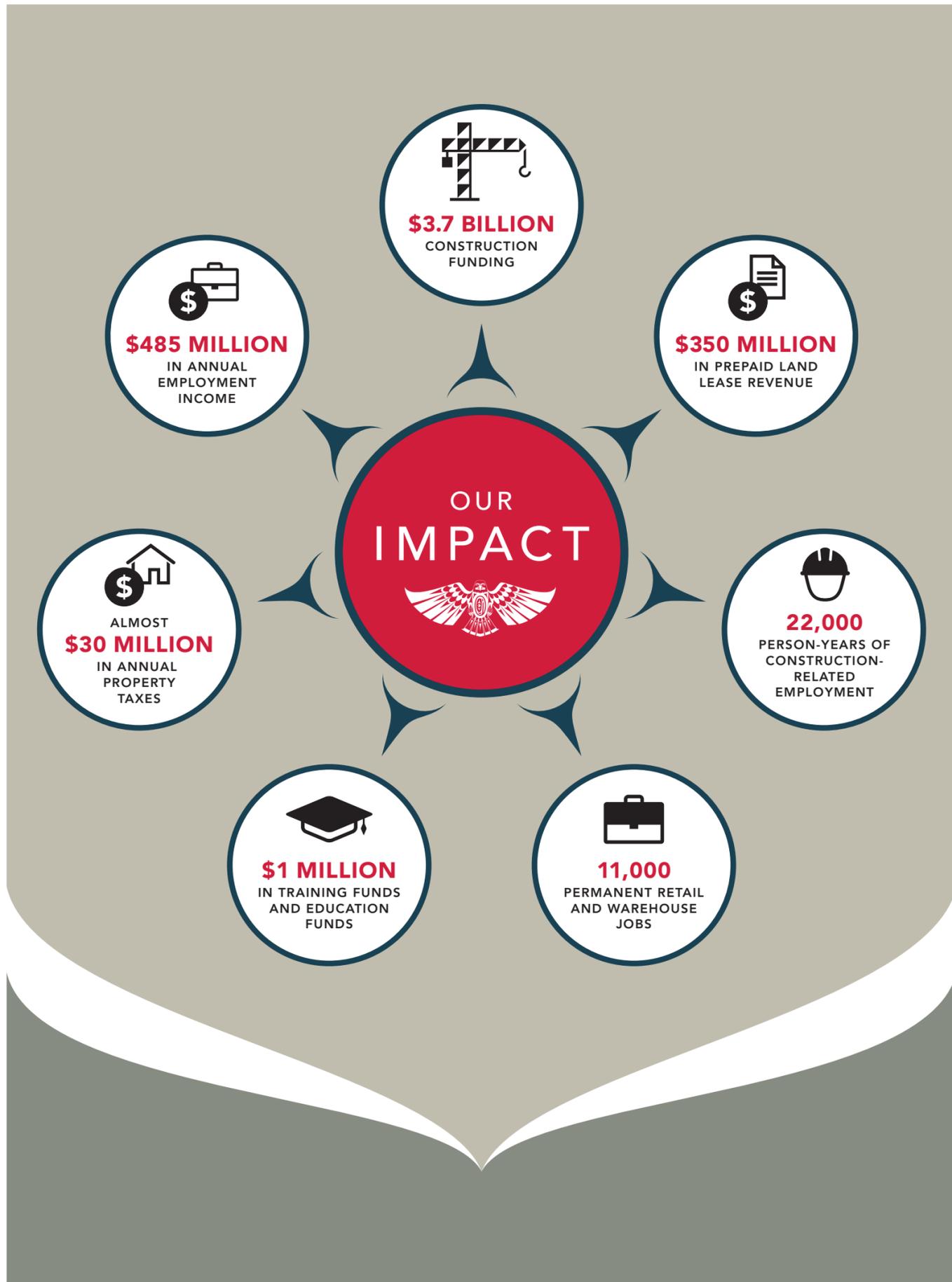
A master-planned, mixed-use community of up to 2,800 residential market housing units is also in development. The second and third phases are underway and expected to bring thousands of new residents to Tsawwassen Lands.

The first 40-hectare phase of our 120-hectare industrial development is nearing full lease-out. We have leases with Great West Life, Chevron, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority and Euro Asia. In addition, Amazon recently announced a 450,000-square-foot fulfillment centre.

TFN is also moving forward with new capital projects, including new youth, elder, recreation and community centres, another administration building, and examining the potential for a school.

TFN's growth has provided tangible benefits, not only to our Members, but also for people across the region. This prosperity is a modern representation of meaningful reconciliation.







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