

COUNCIL'S CORNER

Fall 2018



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TSAWWASSEN FIRST NATION

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Building a strong future. Building a strong community.



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Tanya Corbet*



*Executive Councillor
Nikki Jacobs*



*Chief
Bryce Williams*



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Andrea Jacobs*



Weavings recovered from an archaeological site at Boundary Bay.

ARCHAEOLOGY

Archaeology Guidelines

In response to the discovery of ancestral remains at Tsatsu Gas, as well as significant archaeological work taking place throughout Tsawwassen Territory, Executive Council met with the ancestral remains group on July 18 to discuss cultural protocol as it relates to ancestral remains. Executive Council then directed staff to develop a draft regulatory and policy framework to clarify expectations, standards, and responsibilities for archaeological-related matters. Staff were also directed to bring back a report that includes rationale, job description and duties for an Archaeology Coordinator. Executive Council underscored the importance of including information in the Community Notice about archaeological work happening at Tsatsu Gas.

COMMITTEES & COUNCILS

Executive Council reviewed minutes from the meetings of Advisory Council held during the July to September 2018 period.

CORPORATE RECORDS

TFN Corporate Records Upkeep

Executive Council undertook the necessary work to ensure TFN's corporate entities remain in good standing, including by reviewing and approving the financial statements for TFN's active companies. Executive Council approved a resolution related to the audit of TEDC and the appointment of TEDC's directors.

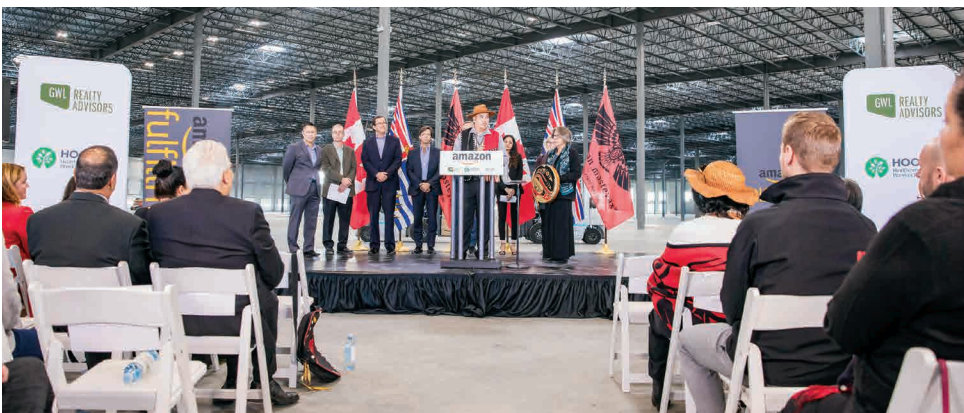
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Amazon Fulfillment Centre at GWL/HOOPP Site

This quarter saw a major economic development announcement for TFN: online retail giant Amazon will be opening its 450,000-square-foot fulfillment centre in Metro Vancouver on TFN Lands next year. This will be Amazon's first fulfillment centre ever built on lands leased from a First Nation.

At the announcement, Chief Bryce Williams said economic developments like these represent "reconciliation in action" for TFN Members. "The investments we've made in infrastructure, and the industrial and commercial projects that we're moving forward, are creating opportunity and contributing to our community's long-term economic sustainability... Initiatives like Amazon's Lower Mainland fulfillment facility have the potential to play an important role in a strong, prosperous, and united TFN."

Prior to the announcement, Executive Council approved the Development Permit for this important development.



ABOVE: Executive Council, CAO Rick Zerr, and Wilapiya (Barb Joe) joined development partners and government officials for a group photo in the new Amazon warehouse.

OPPOSITE: Chief Williams opened the event by welcoming Amazon to Tsawwassen Lands with remarks and a song following a prayer by Wilapiya.

ELECTION

Election Date for 2019 General Election

Executive Council has set Saturday, April 6, 2019 as the date of the next TFN General Election. A formal notice of the election will be published as required by the *Election Act* and information about the election, including key dates and information for nominating candidates, will be forthcoming.

EVENTS

Canoe Journeys

TFN hosted two canoe journeys over the summer. On July 8, Executive Councillor Nikki Jacobs welcomed the Pulling Together canoes ashore on the beach at Tsatsu, where Executive Councillor Andrea Jacobs and other TFN community members were waiting to greet the paddlers. Then, on July 19, the Tribal Journeys canoes were also welcomed by Nikki Jacobs, who later addressed the group of paddlers at the TFN Longhouse.

Orange Shirt Day

On September 28, TFN staff, members of Executive Council, and members of the Delta Police Department wore orange shirts designed by TFN Youth Vincent Stakaya Morgan in recognition of residential school survivors and those who are no longer with us.



Staff, members of Executive Council, and members of the Delta Police Department gather for a group photo on Orange Shirt Day.

2019 Treaty Day

Planning continues for Treaty Day 2019, which will mark the ten-year anniversary of the Treaty. As part of that work, Executive Council approved a plan to send invitations to elected leaders from Canada, British Columbia, and other First Nations. Additional invitations will be sent out to neighbouring municipalities now that BC's local government elections have taken place. Members of the planning committee are looking forward to marking ten years of Treaty with a memorable celebration involving both Members and invited guests.



The 2019 Treaty Day event will be a large-scale celebration commemorating the 10th anniversary of TFN's Treaty Effective Date (pictured).

FINANCE

2019-2020 Budget

Executive Council have directed staff to prepare the budget packages for review prior to the Christmas break. EC and the Legislative Assembly will review budget submissions in early 2019 and approve the operating and capital budgets by March 31, 2019.

Fiscal Financing Agreement

TFN is renegotiating our Fiscal Financing Agreement (FFA) with Canada and British Columbia. At the recommendation of staff, Executive Council provided direction on the specific priorities and interests that TFN should be pursuing in these negotiations. Ideally, our new FFA, once signed, will provide enhanced funding that better reflects the true cost of self-government and Treaty implementation.

HOUSING

Application for CMHC Social Housing

At the request of Executive Council, the Director of Lands provided an update on the status of TFN's application for funding under the CMHC Section 95 Social Housing Program. TFN could receive funding as early as November if we qualify in the second-round review of applications. Staff confirmed that this funding can only be used for social housing and cannot be rolled over into other projects.

Executive Council directed the Lands Department to continue pursuing funding for the multi-plex through CMHC's Section 95 program that would help create more social housing stock on TFN Lands.

Member Housing Funding

Earlier this year, Executive Council directed staff to identify sources of funding to address various housing needs. Staff reported back to Executive Council that CMHC has changed their funding programs to only service emergency home repairs for Elders, and that it bases its funding on concrete information collected by First Nations.

Executive Council directed staff to procure funding and apply to CMHC funding as well as other similar home repair funding programs.

Application for TFN Multi-Family Rental Housing Project Funding

Under the newly-announced Building BC: Indigenous Housing Fund (BC Housing), TFN is eligible to apply for grant funding up to \$200,000 per unit. The estimated funding TFN could receive from this grant is between \$7-8 million.

Executive Council deemed the TFN Multi-Family Rental Housing Project a priority intervention in serving the housing needs of the community. Executive Council has already facilitated project development by designating the TFN-owned lots 31 and 32 at the corner of Falcon Way and Tsawwassen Drive as the site for a Multi-Family Rental Housing Project and providing the land as a Capital Contribution for the project. Also, \$1,000,000 is committed in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Capital Budget towards this project. Executive Council also recently approved the rezoning of the site to accommodate the proposed multi-family development and directed staff to prepare the site for construction. In addition, Executive Council authorized an application to BC Housing for an Allocation Request under the 2018 New Rental Housing Units under the Building BC: Indigenous Housing Fund program.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations



Executive Councillor Tanya Corbet signed a Memorandum of Cooperation marking the official formation of the ABCMTN.

In July, Executive Councillor Tanya Corbet represented TFN at the announcement of the Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations (ABCMTN). The goal of this new group will be to share information and work collaboratively to address implementation issues shared by TFN, Maa-nulth First Nations, and Tla'amin Nation. By supporting cooperation, the ABCMTN will leverage our collective influence to engage British Columbia to make progress on a wide range of issues related to implementation of our respective treaties. At the

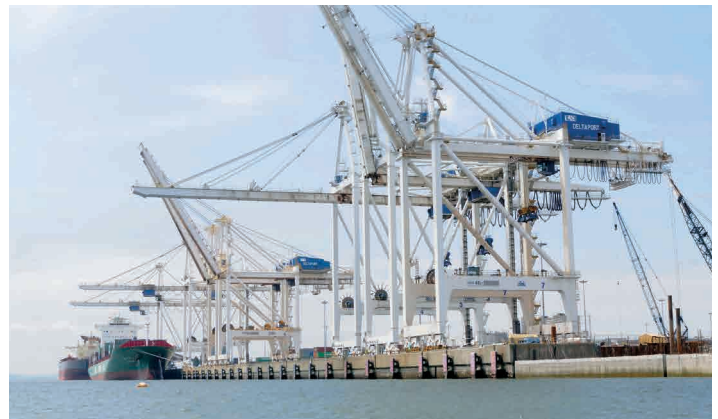
announcement, Executive Councillor Corbet said: "This alliance is about strengthening how we work together as modern treaty Nations in British Columbia. It is an opportunity to build on the nation-to-nation relationships established through our treaties by tackling some of the biggest challenges that have arisen through the implementation process."

AFN Annual General Assembly

Executive Councillor Corbet attended the Assembly of First Nations' 39th Annual General Assembly from July 23-26 in Vancouver, where she cast a ballot on behalf of TFN for the AFN Election for National Chief.

Review of Port Authorities

In September, Executive Council received a letter from Minister Marc Garneau. The letter explained that Canada will be undertaking a review of port authorities, including the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, and it invited TFN to take part. Executive Council directed staff to accept the invitation and to engage with Canada to advance TFN's interests in this important process.



TFN will be participating in a federal review of port authorities, including the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority.

Union of British Columbia Municipalities Conference

In September, Chief Williams attended the 2018 Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention in Whistler to meet with provincial Cabinet Ministers and local government leaders. The Chief used these meetings to raise TFN's concerns and interests on issues such as the George Massey Tunnel replacement, access to funding for police services, and grants for TFN's housing and facilities projects.

Presentation to Canada School of Public Service (CSPS)

In September, Chief Williams and Executive Councillor Tanya Corbet hosted a visit by senior federal government executives. The group was on a tour sponsored by the CSPS to learn about leadership in public service. The Chief and Tanya presented information about TFN and the Treaty, highlighting how self-government has allowed TFN to pursue our vision of self-determination. This meeting was

also an important opportunity for the Chief and Tanya to engage with senior decision-makers within the federal system on issues of importance to TFN.

JUDICIAL COUNCIL

Resignation of Vice-chair Anja Brown

Executive Council reviewed a report regarding the resignation of Judicial Council vice-chair Anja Brown because of her appointment as a judge in the BC provincial court. Executive Council approved a letter congratulating Anja Brown on her appointment along with a small thank you gift for her service.

LANDS

Service Agreements with City of Delta

Executive Council approved the Drainage and Irrigation Service, Boundary Road Service, Water Service, and Dike Maintenance agreements with the City of Delta for a five-year term to expire in June 2023. These service agreements allow TFN to provide for the growing needs of our community in a planned manner.

Telus Fibre Optic Upgrade

Telus will be conducting a Fibre Optic upgrade on Tsawwassen Lands. Executive Council approved the work with stipulations, including the requirement for approval by Member landowners prior to undertaking work to deal with overgrown lines or other obstacles. Executive Council also directed Telus to work with staff to ensure clear communication with Members about the forthcoming work.

Onni Development Permit

Executive Council approved the Order for the issuance of Multi-Family Residential Development Permit for the development of a townhouse project and amenity building on Lot 66, to the Onni Group. As in other projects, Coast Salish Art by a TFN artist will be integrated into this development and ḥə́n̓q̓əm̓iḥə́m̓ language text will be added to signs, including for Tsawwassen Landing and the townhouse site project name.



LEGISLATURE

2018-2019 Fall and Spring Legislature Scheduling

Executive Council called the Tsawwassen Legislature into session starting on November 6, 2018 and closing on November 15, 2018, unless otherwise determined by the Legislature. Executive Council also set the dates for the spring session, calling the Legislature into session starting on February 12, 2019 and closing on March 7, 2019, unless otherwise determined by the Legislature. Both sessions will be held at the Tsawwassen Recreation Centre. Legislature sessions are also livestreamed, meaning they can be watched online at livestream.com/tfn.

NATURAL RESOURCES & FISHERIES

Canoe Pass Dock Management Policy

Executive Council reviewed and approved the policy for managing the TFN dock at Canoe Pass. The goal of the policy is to achieve fairness while also maximizing Member access to this new facility. Over the coming year, staff will review the policy based on the 2018 fishing season and, if necessary, propose changes to the policy for EC's consideration.



Executive Council approved a Canoe Pass Dock Management Policy in July.

A rendering showing the proposed space for public art by a TFN artist, as part of Onni's Phase 1 townhouse project.

Oceans Protection Plan Coastal Environmental Baseline Program

TFN has submitted a funding proposal to the federal government's Coastal Environmental Baseline Program. The proposal is for a bivalve research project in which TFN's scientific advisors would train Members to test bivalves in Tsawwassen Territory. The goal is to better understand the effect of climate change on bivalves and expand TFN's capacity to collect environmental data and contribute to the management and conservation of natural resources.

REPORTS & PUBLICATIONS

Strategic Plan 2018-2023

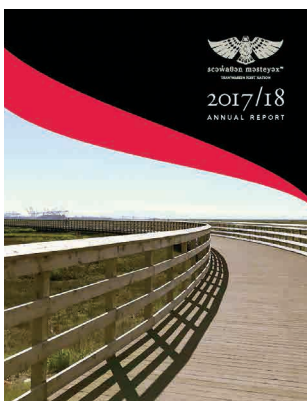
Following approval of the Strategic Plan by the Legislature in the spring, Executive Council directed staff to design and publish the Strategic Plan for distribution to Members. Staff worked with a graphic designer with the aim of designing the Strategic Plan so it is appealing and easy to read. Going forward, the Strategic Plan will guide Tsawwassen Government by setting out TFN's long-term vision and strategic goals.



TFN's Strategic Plan 2018-2023 will guide the work of the Tsawwassen Government over the next five years.

2017-2018 Annual Report

Executive Council reviewed and approved the 2017-2018 Annual Report. The report reflects the new look and feel of Tsawwassen communications material and has been updated to convey key information in a more accessible way. The Annual Report was distributed at the Members' Gathering, and is now available on the TFN website.



If you didn't get a copy of the 2017/18 Annual Report at Members' Gathering, you can check it out on the TFN website, pick up a hard copy from reception, or call to request a hard copy be mailed to you.

YOUTH CENTRE

Youth Centre Update

Executive Council has spent a considerable amount of time reviewing the detailed plans and budgets of this important community investment. The new Youth Centre will be a high-importance, post-disaster building that would shelter the community in the eventuality of a natural disaster. Executive Council approved the Order to purchase seasoned and hand-crafted fine-grain Western Red Cedar logs required to construct the new Youth Centre from Durfeld Logs and Timber. Further, Executive Council also directed staff to apply to the Government of British Columbia for a Free Use Permit to obtain 250 cubic metres of Western Red Cedar timber. Lastly, Executive Council signed the Order to approve the Youth Centre project budget of \$ 6,870,000 for the design, tendering, and full construction of the facility. The ground densification contract has been awarded to TFN Construction/Matcon Civil Joint Venture and work has begun on-site.



Artistic rendering showing the view of the new Youth Centre from the playground.



TFN/Matcon has begun work on the ground densification at the new Youth Centre site.

A GROWING GOVERNMENT



Education and Skills Development

Jesse Bierman, our new *Parks and Recreation Coordinator*, has related experience in Indigenous communities, a university degree, two certificates in Indigenous studies, and solid experience in mentoring/leading recreation teams.

Raven Wilson, our new *ECE Assistant*, is a TFN Member and began working as a summer student. Raven has now joined us in the regular full time capacity of ECE Assistant based out of the Smuyuq'wa' Lelum Early Childhood Development Centre.

Finance

Mark De Mello, our new *Director of Finance*, and brings extensive experience and expertise in strategic planning, financial management, computer systems, business process improvement and the development of creative solutions in public and private sector organizations.

Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs

Maheegan Armstrong, our new *Policy Analyst II*, is Oji-Cree and has a Bachelor of Arts and a law degree. Maheegan will assist in tackling our long list of outstanding policy updates and will work collaboratively with many departments.

Heather Gibbs, our new *Development Coordinator*, has significant experience applying for and securing grants for First Nations. She will develop a plan to identify and prioritize TFN's funding needs in order to access the many funding opportunities that are available to support our work.

Lands and Engineering

Armando Lopez-Samcam, our new *Gardener*, comes to us with many years of experience in gardening and horticulture. His primary goal will be to assist us in looking after the many trees, flowers and other plants on our lands.

PHOTO: Left to right: Mark De Mello, Raven Wilson, Armando Lopez-Samcam, Heather Gibbs, Jesse Bierman. (Not pictured: Maheegan Armstrong.)

ORDERS OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

- O.040-2018** Order to approve Delta Drainage and Irrigation Servicing Agreement
- O.041-2018** Order to approve Delta Water Services Agreement
- O.042-2018** Order to approve Delta Dike Maintenance Agreement
- O.043-2018** Order to approve Delta Boundary Roads Agreement
- O.044-2018** Order to amend the Social Housing Land Availability Regulation No. 4
- O.046-2018** Order to amend Schedule 12 of the 2018-2019 Appropriations Act
- O.047-2018** Order to appoint Director of Finance and Tax Administrator
- O.048-2018** Order to enact the Canoe Pass Dock Management Policy
- O.049-2018** Order to amend the Articles of TEDC
- O.050-2018** Order to appoint Mark De Mello as director of TEDC
- O.051-2018** Order to amend Schedule 1 of the 2018-2019 Appropriations Act
- O.052-2018** Order to issue Multi-Family Residential Development Permit to Onni Group (DP-2016-19)
- O.053-2018** Order to approve the purchase order for Western Red Cedar Logs
- O.054-2018** Order to approve to execute Free Use Permit
- O.055-2018** Order to approve TMJV Contract for Ground Densification Works
- O.056-2018** Order to issue Industrial Form and Character Development Permit to GWL (DP-2018-06)
- O.057-2018** Order to approve NRP Grant Application
- O.058-2018** Order to call the 2019 General Election
- O.059-2018** Order to call the Fall 2018 Session of the Tsawwassen Legislature
- O.060-2018** Order to call the Spring 2019 Session of the Tsawwassen Legislature
- O.063-2018** Order to approve certain HOOPP Realty Inc. property transactions, TFN Industrial Lands
- O.064-2018** Order to amend Executive Council Order 011-2018
- O.065-2018** Order to authorize a funding application to BC Housing
- O.079-2018** Order to approve Budget for new Youth Centre