



## 2017-2018 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

After extensive review and discussion, Executive Council approved the *2017-2018 Appropriations Act* (the budget) for presentation to the Legislature. The budget, which was approved by Legislature with minor amendments, contains funding for a number of important new initiatives, including:

- **New capacity in the Lands Department.** This will allow the Lands Department to offer improved services to Members, providing better support in a number of areas, including Member housing.
- **Construction of a new Youth Centre,** and planning and design work for a new Elders Centre.
- **Improvements to Elders programming and facilities,** as well as the hiring of a second Elders Worker.
- **A Member Community Housing project,** which will see TFN partner with Colliers and Atira to research, plan, and build new housing for Members on Tsawwassen Lands.
- More capacity for **Member communications,** including funding to develop a new website.
- Development of an **electronic data and record management system** to organize and manage Tsawwassen Government records and information in accordance with best practices.

## By-Election for Vacant Legislative Seat

On March 7, 2017, Jason Morgan resigned from the Legislature. Executive Council directed staff to call a by-election for May 25, 2017, and appoint Fred Schiffner as Election Officer.

## Legislature Regalia

Executive Council contracted Loretta Williams to make new regalia for the Squiqel and Feather Runners, and repair old regalia for previous Squiqels. The new regalia was presented at the first meeting of the Legislature in spring 2017.

## Legislator's Resolution on Video-Taping Sessions of Legislature

Under the direction of Executive Council, staff pursued options for live webcasting Legislature sessions so Members living off Tsawwassen Lands would be able to watch and listen to the sessions remotely. Staff conducted a pilot webcast during the spring 2017 session, and will webcast the special sitting of the Legislature in May/June 2017.

*Legislature at the fall 2016 session.*



Executive Council at the spring 2017 session of the Legislature  
L-R: Laura Cassidy, Nikki Jacobs, Chief Bryce Williams, Andrea Jacobs, and Tanya Corbet

## ʔəy̓ sweyal, Tsawwassen Members.

This issue of *Council's Corner* contains a summary of significant decisions made by Executive Council from April 2016 to March 2017.

Moving forward, Executive Council will resume reporting to Members in summary format on a quarterly basis.

**Building a strong future.  
Building a strong community.**

## MAJOR INITIATIVES & KEY PRIORITIES

### FACILITIES PLANNING

The growing population of Members and Non-Members living on Tsawwassen Lands means that many of our facilities will need to be replaced soon to accommodate the community's needs. TFN has begun a process to develop a Facilities Plan through community consultation that will guide the design and construction of several major facilities over the next few years.

Executive Council has now reviewed the first phase of the Facilities Plan, including input from Members, and made a number of critical decisions around location.

Executive Council has budgeted for the immediate design and construction of a new Youth Centre adjacent to the new sports field, as well as design of a new Elders Centre, to be at the site of the former sewer treatment plant.

### LEGACY TRUST

At its fall 2016 sitting, Legislature approved the *Trusts Act*, which committed TFN to putting lease and business revenues into a Legacy Trust for the long-term benefit of TFN Members. Executive Council followed up by approving the Tsawwassen First Nation Member Legacy Trust Agreement with the TFN Trust Society, establishing the Legacy Trust as of January 2017.

The Legacy Trust is the fourth trust managed by the TFN Trust Society, which also manages the Minors', Settlement, and Fisheries Trusts. All the members of TFN's Finance and Audit Committee are directors of the Trust Society. In addition, Executive Council appointed Jessica O'Rourke, Ryan Daum, Colin Ward, and Aaron Collins as Society directors.

### MEMBER HOUSING PROJECT

Executive Council has directed staff to move forward with a process to begin construction of new housing units for Members, built by TFN. Colliers has been contracted as the construction management consultant, and Atira will be responsible for property management once the units are ready. Under Executive Council's direction, staff have begun work on a business plan development process and feasibility study with Colliers and Atira to address this very important need of TFN.

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A Member's home under construction on Falcon Way.

## MEMBERSHIP ACT

The *Membership Act* review process has moved forward significantly since the fall 2016 session of the Legislature. Executive Council sent a consultation package with a ballot to Membership, and Members voted on four questions on February 27, 2017.

Members voted in favour of amendments on all four questions, which prompted Executive Council to arrange for a special sitting of the Legislature this year to consider proposed amendments to the Act. Two dates (May 31 and June 5) have been confirmed for the first and second meetings of the Legislature, and two additional dates (June 7 and 12) have been set as tentative.



Artists Holly Campbell, Cliff Gurniak, Karl Morgan, and Jody Wilson at the mall opening event.



Ship-to-shore container cranes at Roberts Bank.

## ROBERTS BANK TERMINAL 2

Executive Council reviewed updates from staff regarding the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project. Executive Council took a strong position in respect of Terminal 2, directing staff to indicate to the environmental assessment panel that Tsawwassen Government has a number of concerns with the proposed project, including risks to crab and salmon habitat, impacts on harvesting rights under the treaty, impact on marine mammals and cetaceans, marine safety, water quality, and other issues. Participation in the environmental assessment is ongoing.

## TSAWWASSEN MILLS OPENING

The opening of Tsawwassen Mills in October 2016 was an important milestone for TFN. Before the public opening, Executive Council arranged for a private tour of the mall for Tsawwassen Members, and directed staff to organize a celebration for the Tsawwassen artists who contributed artwork to the mall's interior. During the opening events, Executive Council leveraged the regional and provincial media coverage to draw attention to the mall's significance to TFN's long-term community development plans.

## ADMINISTRATIVE

### Interim Chief Administrative Officer

In February 2017, Tom McCarthy moved on from his position as Chief Administrative Officer after ten years with TFN. While the search for a permanent replacement is underway, Executive Council approved the necessary changes to appoint Tom Fletcher as the Interim Chief Administrative Officer, including authorizing him to act as the primary signing officer for TFN, appointing him to the Finance and Audit Committee, and appointing him a director to the Trust Society.

## ADVISORY COUNCIL

Advisory Council continues to meet regularly, representing Membership and providing feedback and input to Executive Council and the Legislature on policy and legislative matters. Between September 2016 and March 2017, Advisory Council met 15 times. The current elected Members of the Advisory Council are: Ruth Adams, Kathy Genge, John Peter Morgan, Angeline Splockton, Dawn Williams, Liana Williams, and Merle Williams.

## COMMUNICATIONS

### Improvements to Member Communications

As part of TFN's commitment to transparency and accountability, Executive Council directed staff to proceed with a number of projects aimed at improving Member communications, including changes to the Community Notice and Council's Corner, installation of outdoor notice boards on Tsawwassen Lands, and a review of consultation materials.

In addition, Executive Council directed staff to pursue live webcasting options to ensure Members living off Tsawwassen Lands can watch and listen to Legislature sessions, beginning with the upcoming special sitting in May/June 2017. Funds have also been budgeted to build a new TFN website in the coming year, intended to offer increased functionality and ease of use.

## CULTURE

### Four Corners Poles Ceremony

Planning and preparations for the Four Corners Poles Ceremony are underway, and Executive Council has approved moving the boundary marker initially designated for 52<sup>nd</sup> Street and 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the newly-acquired land at Brunswick Point. Once the poles are complete, they will be installed at the farthest corners of Tsawwassen Lands, and then blessed so they will protect our lands and community.

### Longhouse Renovations

Executive Council directed staff to improve the safety, efficiency, and durability of the Longhouse by conducting renovations to restore the roof, remove the cupolas, and install custom-built wood stoves and steel chimneys to ensure the main floor stays warm during winter months. These renovations were completed in fall 2016.



Participants and staff of the TFN Joint Venture Owners' First Nation Youth Work Experience Program in front of the Longhouse.

### Remembrance Day Ceremony

Executive Council requested that staff plan to prepare a special notice for the next Aboriginal Veterans Day on November 8, 2017, featuring photos of TFN veterans and possibly Native beaded poppies.

### Repatriation of Remains

Executive Council approved a \$150,000 funding agreement with developer Mosaic Homes to support the repatriation of ancestral remains and construction of a mortuary hut for final storage of the remains.

Executive Council has also instructed staff to meet with Semiahmoo First Nation to discuss the repatriation of Tsawwassen ancestral remains from Simon Fraser University, which have been situated there for over 15 years.

## EDUCATION & TRAINING



*Violet Splockton and Kiersten Joe at the Tsawwassen Mills opening event.*

## Labour Market Funding Strategy — 2017-2018

Executive Council secured an agreement between TFN and Service Canada to receive employment and skills training funding directly from Canada, rather than through ACCESS Employment. Once approved, the funding received through this agreement will allow for greater control and flexibility to tailor programming and maximize benefits to Members.

## Post-Secondary Education Policy

Executive Council updated the Post-Secondary Education Policy to provide improved support to Members who are enrolled in university, college or skills training programs. These updates expand the policy's definition of eligible institutions, increase the maximum amount of financial support, increase the amount for books and supplies, increase the living allowance, and define the number of years for which TFN will provide support during each type of post-secondary program.

## Scholarship Opportunities

Executive Council is working with developers to obtain scholarship funding to support post-secondary education opportunities for Members. To-date, TFN has secured annual scholarship agreements from Chevron (\$2,500 per year for up to five years) and Westshore Terminals (\$2,500 per year for up to four years), and developed procedures for awarding each of the scholarships.

## EVENTS

### Christmas Dinner

On December 5, 2016, Executive Council hosted a community Christmas Dinner for Tsawwassen Members and their families at the Tsawwassen Springs Golf Course ballroom, featuring gifts delivered by Santa and a family photo booth.

### Members' Gathering

The 2016 Members' Gathering was held at the Westin Airport Hotel. Attended by 159 Members, the event included a ceremony to mark the official opening of the new boardwalk; a celebration of the artists featured in Tsawwassen Mills; workshops on program eligibility, community facilities, land tenure, taxes and the proposed expansion of the Roberts Bank port; and TFN's Annual General Meeting.

Based on Member feedback, Executive Council has directed staff to plan for a two-and-a-half-day Members' Gathering and Annual General Meeting at the River Rock Hotel in 2017.



*Members and guests look on as Frank Campbell shares a song at the boardwalk opening event.*

## Treaty Day and National Aboriginal Day

An event celebrating the seventh anniversary of Treaty Day was held on April 3, 2016, with lunch and family fun activities. It was also an opportunity for a special thank-you presentation to the Members of the Legislature who served from 2013-2016.

National Aboriginal Day was celebrated on June 21, 2016, at the TFN Recreation Centre with family activities that included a beading workshop, drumming, TFN vendors, our annual street hockey game, and the Delta Police BBQ lunch.



*Dawson Baker and Constable Mike Grandia celebrate a game well-played at National Aboriginal Day 2016.*

## FINANCE

### Fiscal Financing Agreement Extension

Executive Council authorized signature of an agreement to extend the Fiscal Financing Agreement with Canada and BC for an additional two years. The Fiscal Financing Agreement sets out the funds that Canada and BC will transfer to TFN to deliver important community services, such as health, social development, and education programs and services.

### General Fund Investment Manager

In the past, the Trust Society and TFN have used a single investment manager to invest both the trust funds managed by the Society and general funds managed by Tsawwassen Government. The creation of the Legacy Trust prompted Executive Council to review that strategy. Executive Council decided it would be prudent to split its investments between two managers, and directed staff to work with the Trust Society to find a second investment manager to help ensure the most effective investment of TFN funds.

## HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES



*Elders Alberta Jacobs, Ruth Adams, Ann Johnson, and Helen Campbell at the Tsawwassen Mills artist recognition ceremony.*

### Elders' Services and Programming

Executive Council approved the hiring of a second Elders Worker, which is expected to happen by summer 2017, as well as opening the Elders Centre four days per week. Other items approved by Executive Council in the 2017-2018 budget include new furniture for the Elders Centre, expanded Elders programming, and the addition of a monthly dinner for Elders.

### Recreation Passes

Executive Council approved the necessary funding to provide Members with access to Delta recreation centre facilities by summer 2017. Staff are working to finalize the details of this new program, which will be announced in the near future.

### Respite Care

Executive Council approved the creation of policies for a respite program for TFN Members. Executive Council directed staff to return with specific program and policy recommendations based on consultations with families and Elders.

### Social Assistance and Treaty Benefits

Executive Council approved changes to the *Income and Social Assistance Regulation* to eliminate conditional reductions of Treaty distributions. The regulatory changes mean that Treaty distributions, Minors' Trust payments, and Elders' Benefits no longer count against monthly income for Persons with Disabilities (PWD) or Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers (PPMB).

## Traditional Healing and Counselling Services

Executive Council approved the hiring of two traditional healers and two contracted counsellors to further enhance the range of support available to Members.

## INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

### Joint Council Meetings

For the purpose of discussing issues of shared concern and identifying areas of potential collaboration, Executive Council has directed staff to pursue joint council meetings with Delta Council, the Delta School District, and the Musqueam Indian Band Council. The meeting with the Delta School District is just one component of ongoing collaborative efforts to prepare an action plan for better supporting TFN students in Delta schools.

### Ottawa Trip

Chief Williams and senior TFN staff travelled to Ottawa in May 2016 to meet with federal cabinet ministers. During these meetings, Chief Williams advanced TFN's interests on several key files, including infrastructure funding, community facilities, tax sharing, and environmental protection of the Fraser River.

## JUDICIAL COUNCIL

Executive Council appointed Bruce MacDougall, third Legal Member, for a second five-year term until 2022, and appointed Leif Nordahl, Accounting Member, for a second five-year term, until 2022. Paul Fraser QC is the Judicial Council Chair, Anja Brown is the Vice-Chair. Laura Baird served as the Tsawwassen Member on the Council from 2013 until April 2017. TFN is currently seeking a Member to fill this role.

## LANDS

### Boardwalk Completion

Aquilini Development Corporation front-ended the construction of the new boardwalk and the Lands Department was successful in acquiring two grants from the provincial government and TransLink to reduce the cost of construction by almost half. This is a beautiful asset for all to use and links the breakwater through to the new Tsawwassen Mills mall.

### Consolidated Planning and Development Fees Regulation

Executive Council amended the *Consolidated Planning and Development Fees Application Regulation* to meet current needs and standards.

### Lands Department Review and Growth

Executive Council initiated a review of the Lands Department in fall 2016, with the goals of improving services and responsiveness to Members who are independently undertaking small housing and property projects, as well as to the development industry operating on Tsawwassen Lands.

Outcomes of this review include Executive Council approving a substantial staffing increase (13 new employees), which includes a Member Services function to assist Members with applications, zoning, and subdivisions, as well as additional resources allocated to support Members who are working directly with developers. These new positions, which will bring services primarily in-house (rather than relying exclusively on consultants), are all expected to be filled over the course of the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

### New Temporary Lands Department Office

To accommodate the Lands Department's continuing growth, Executive Council approved the purchase of a prefabricated office space. The department moved to its temporary new home at 2460 Falcon Way in March 2017.



The Lands Department's temporary office space on Falcon Way.

### Sewer and Drainage Regulation

Executive Council approved numerous amendments to the *Sewer and Drainage Regulation* to meet current needs.

### Sports Field Phase 2 and Welcome Pole



Endless hours of fun and games await at the new sports field!

Phase 2 of the TFN sports field is now complete and open for use. Features of this new phase include the children's playground, fitness circuit, and a sport box for lacrosse, hockey, and basketball.

Executive Council directed staff to plan for an opening event on May 23, 2017, and a welcome pole carved by Karl Morgan will be installed and unveiled in summer 2017.

### Tsawwassen Farm School Road Access



Deana Jacobs with a fresh harvest of leafy greens at the farm school.

Executive Council approved contributing some funds toward the construction of an access road and entrance for Kwantlen Polytechnic University's Tsawwassen Farm School to accommodate increasing use.

## NATURAL RESOURCES & FISHERIES

### BHP Billiton Engagement Agreement

Executive Council authorized the Chief to sign an engagement agreement, and directed staff to engage with the proponent and Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, in its role as regulator on the project, with a view to defending Tsawwassen's Treaty rights. Staff will examine and respond to a number of studies that will inform the proponent on the financial and technical feasibility of a proposed potash export facility at Fraser Surrey Docks.

### Commercial Fishing Licenses



Steve Stark checks his crab traps.

Executive Council directed staff to engage Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) to discuss changing the length restrictions on commercial fishing licences. In the past, TFN has used the commercial fisheries funds established by the Treaty to purchase and lease licences on a rotating basis to Members. Current licence restrictions, however, mean that the maximum length of a licence is shortened each time a licence is transferred to a shorter boat. Staff continue to engage with DFO on this issue, and will provide updates to Executive Council on an ongoing basis.

## New Fraser River Access

Executive Council took a tour of TFN's newly-acquired Brunswick Point water lots, and directed staff to budget for a planning exercise—including Member consultation—to determine what to do with the lands. Executive Council also approved applications for water lot and upland lease tenures for construction and maintenance of a dock, which will support access by TFN to the Fraser River for food, social, and ceremonial fishing.

Executive Council directed staff to consult with the Natural Resources Advisory Committee (NRAC) on a draft policy for the new dock. Staff incorporated NRAC's input and are finalizing insurance for the dock, after which staff will return to Executive Council for final sign-off on the policy. A new dock has now been constructed to replace the dangerous dock (removed) and will be installed by the end of May 2017.

## Protecting Sensitive Plant Areas

Executive Council approved and oversaw construction of the fence that protects sensitive plant areas along the foreshore beside Tsawwassen Drive.

## Registration of the TFN Patrol Boat

Executive Council approved registering the new TFN patrol boat as *Súꞥex;n;m*, which means “to keep a lookout” in *hən̓q̓əm̓iṇ̓əm̓*. *Súꞥex;n;m* will serve as a patrol vessel for Tsawwassen Fisheries.



*Súꞥex;n;m* will help the Natural Resources Department keep a lookout over Tsawwassen Fisheries.

## POLICY & REGULATORY MATTERS

### Community Vote Regulation Approval

Executive Council enacted a Community Vote Regulation under section 45 of the *Government Organization Act*. The February 27, 2017 *Membership Act* vote was held under the terms of the new regulation.

### Draft Poultry Regulation



Options for poultry regulations are being developed for consideration by Executive Council.

Executive Council directed staff to prepare options for regulating poultry on Tsawwassen Lands. In response, staff are developing a comprehensive set of options for review by Executive Council, which may include standards around the number of poultry that may be kept, the dimensions and location of enclosures, registration requirements and enforcement methods. Any policy or regulatory decision on this issue would be subject to further consultation with Members.

### Recreation Centre and Equipment Booking Policy

Executive Council directed staff to consult with the Advisory Council and other users on potential changes to the Recreation Centre and Equipment Booking Policy, including whether to introduce a damage deposit increase for renting the hall, tables and chairs, and a requirement to secure a licence if serving alcohol.

### Street Name Policy

Executive Council approved a policy for naming streets on Tsawwassen Lands, as well as a bank of approved street names for developers to choose from.

## TFN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (TEDC)



Brayden Holtz enjoying a great day out on the water.

### 2016 Annual Shareholders Resolutions for TEDC

Executive Council approved the annual resolutions regarding the appointment of auditors, the election of directors for TFN Economic Development Corporation, the resignation of Tony Jacobs as a director of the Company, and the appointment of Laura Cassidy as a director of the Company.

### New External Director on TEDC Board

Under the direction of Executive Council, the TEDC Board put forth a shortlist of preferred candidates to fill a vacant position. Executive Council conducted interviews with shortlisted candidates, which resulted in their selection and appointment of Joe Olivier to the Board.

Joe is the Regional Vice-President of Commercial Financial Services, BC, with Royal Bank of Canada, and a member of the Fort William First Nation. He brings 20 years of commercial banking experience, and currently leads RBC's Real Estate Commercial Banking team and Aboriginal Banking teams in British Columbia.

## Structure and Terms of Reference for TEDC Review

Executive Council appointed Doug McArthur as the Project Lead for the review of the economic development functions at Tsawwassen First Nation, and approved the draft terms of reference.

## TERRITORY MANAGEMENT

### Capacity Funding for Reviews of Major Projects

Executive Council endorsed capacity funding agreements to support Tsawwassen participation in the review of several major projects, including the environmental assessments of the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project, the George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project, and the Patullo Bridge Replacement Project. This participation is necessary to protect Tsawwassen's Treaty rights, the integrity of the environment, and to identify and confirm economic opportunities for Tsawwassen business entities and Members.

### George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project

Executive Council directed staff to engage with the Province on the George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project, including development of an accommodation agreement to identify the project's potential impacts on Tsawwassen's Treaty rights and to set out Tsawwassen's access to project benefits. Discussions are ongoing with the Province regarding economic opportunities and environmental monitoring.

### Implementation Committee Work on Technical Amendments to Treaty Appendices

Executive Council approved technical amendments to a number of Treaty appendices. These technical amendments implement agreements made during negotiation of the Treaty related to the ownership of a water lot and the process for addressing future accretions to Tsawwassen Lands. Executive Council will introduce these amendments for review by the Legislature during its fall 2017 session.

## YOUTH

### New Youth Programming

The Yo Bro/Yo Girl youth empowerment program began earlier this year, with Executive Council's endorsement. The mixed martial arts-based program is "designed to motivate and equip youth with the tools and resiliency to avoid drugs and violence, pursue education, and set positive goals for the future."

## ZONING & DEVELOPMENT

### Development Permit for Dewatering Line

Executive Council granted permission for JJM Construction to install a dewatering pipe crossing Tsawwassen Drive near the Longhouse, which will remain in place from January to June 2017.

### Great West Life Development Permit

Executive Council issued a form and character development permit to Great West Life. The building permit will be issued and they will start construction very soon at the Industrial Park.

### Mosaic Rezoning Approval

Mosaic Homes has proceeded past their consultation stage and is finalizing their overall development plans (in compliance with the Neighbourhood Plan) to build approximately 300 housing units south of Highway 17 and east of the south portion of Tsawwassen Drive.

### Onni Rezoning Amendment Approval

Onni Group has also proceeded past their consultation stage, and has now finalized plans to build approximately 1400 housing units between Falcon Way and Blue Heron Way, adjacent to Salish Sea Drive.

### Approval of the Second Subdivision of TFN Commercial Lands

The Approving Officer has approved the second subdivision to allow for the servicing and development of the Tsawwassen Commons outdoor mall. Many stores have already opened, with more anticipated to open over the next 18 months.



# LEGISLATURE

## ABOUT THE LEGISLATURE

The Tsawwassen Legislature is the highest body of the Tsawwassen Government. It consists of 13 Tsawwassen Members, elected at a general election, plus the Chief, for a total of 14 Members. The duties of the Legislature are to discuss and make laws, which form the fundamental organizing principles and expressions of Tsawwassen Government. As part of that function the Legislature passes an annual budget, which is a key part of the accountability structure of Tsawwassen Government.

There are normally two sessions of the Legislature each year (spring and fall). Each session lasts approximately 2 months; the number of meetings during each session varies, depending on the number and complexity of the bills and/or resolutions that are before the legislature during a given session. All meetings of the Legislature are open to the public.

The current members of the Tsawwassen Legislature are: Chief Bryce Williams, Tanya Corbet, Nikki Jacobs, Laura Cassidy, Andrea Jacobs, Steven Stark, Sheila Williams, Jesseca Adams, Ken Baird, Valerie Cross-Blackett, Louise Ahlm, Loretta Williams, and Victoria Williams. (A by-election will be held on May 25, 2017 to elect the 13<sup>th</sup> Tsawwassen Member to Legislature.)

In fall 2016, the Legislature elected Andrea Jacobs as the Siquel. The Siquel is responsible for chairing sittings of the Legislature, maintaining order, and ensuring that Legislators have a fair opportunity to speak.

## Fall 2016 Session Recap

During the fall 2016 session, the Legislature enacted Bill 003-2016, the Trusts Act, and approved the Trust Operating Plan. The following resolutions were also passed:

- R.011-2016 Resolution to review consultation process
- R.012-2016 Resolution to undertake a comprehensive review of Tsawwassen Institutions
- R.013-2016 Resolution to consider drug testing

## Reponses to Legislators' Resolutions from Fall 2016

Executive Council approved a report to Legislature responding to resolutions from the fall 2016 session. The report indicated that Executive Council had directed staff to dissolve the Housing Committee; continue ongoing work to support and review the effectiveness of Tsawwassen institutions, including recent work to support Advisory Council and reconstitute the Consultation Committee; continue recent work to improve the consultation process; and, provide proposals for prioritizing consultations—devoting significant resources to the most important issues, while streamlining others.

In response to the drug testing resolution, Executive Council sought legal advice on the feasibility of such a program and determined that a drug testing program for elected officials should not be implemented at this time due to legal and policy challenges.



## Spring 2017 Session Recap

During spring 2017, the Legislature enacted two bills: *2017-2018 Appropriations Act* (the budget) and *Goods and Services Tax Act*. Legislators also passed three resolutions:

- R.001-2017 Resolution to review distributions
- R.002-2017 Resolution to develop an implementation plan for all tax exemptions
- R.003-2017 Resolution to reinstate a Housing Committee

Executive Council has directed staff to review and prepare options for each of these resolutions, and Executive Council looks forward to reporting on its progress to the Legislators at the fall 2017 session.



Ruth Adams and Feather Runner Jennifer Lingren at the fall 2016 session.