

COUNCIL'S CORNER

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TSAWWASSEN FIRST NATION

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Building a strong future. Building a strong community.



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COMMUNICATIONS

2018-2019 Service Plan

Executive Council reviewed and approved the content and layout of the 2018-2019 Service Plan. This document reports on the budget approved by the Legislature, including the key objectives and programs of each Tsawwassen Government department. This year, the Service Plan has been redesigned to convey information in a more engaging and concise way.



The redesigned 2018-2019 Service Plan. We are always interested in feedback, so please let us know what you think of the new look and feel.

BC Ferries Mural Update

BC Ferries has updated the murals of Tsawwassen Members in the Tsawwassen ferry terminal. Staff, working under direction of Executive Council, helped BC Ferries identify appropriate photos. Take a look for the murals the next time you're in the terminal!



Both of TFN's new murals are in the passenger terminal — one above the arrivals escalator (shown here), and another in the Berth 5 Lounge.

Branding Presentation

Executive Council reviewed and approved the new TFN branding and style guide. Staff have begun implementing the new 'look and feel' in several communications products, including the Service Plan, the Strategic Plan, staff business cards, and Council's Corner.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Tsatsu Gas Rebranding

On May 15, 2018, the TEDC Board of Directors approved a recommendation to move forward with the rebranding of Tsatsu Gas. Once completed, this project will see the gas station operate as a Petro-Canada station.

In June, excavation related to the project uncovered ancestral remains. Executive Council held an emergency meeting to determine how to address the discovery. Executive Council approved a plan to screen the remaining excavated material to ensure any remaining material is identified and handled according to cultural protocol and Tsawwassen and provincial law. Once this screening and cultural work is finished, work on the project will continue.

EDUCATION

Graduation Celebration

On June 25, TFN held our Graduation Celebration at the Tsawwassen Springs Ballroom. This annual event is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the achievements of Tsawwassen students at all levels. This year we recognized the following Grad Milestones: ten Grade 7 grads, four Grade 12 grads, five Post-Secondary grads, and three employment/training certificate recipients. Congratulations to all!



Proud family members watch as the grads and all TFN students are celebrated in the annual grad slideshow.



Grade 7 grad Hunter Schadow poses for a photo with Jen McCrystal and her granddaughter, Sloane.



Executive Councillor Laura Cassidy and Chief Williams congratulate the Grade 12 grads.

EVENTS

Treaty Day

Members celebrated the ninth anniversary of Treaty on April 3 at the Recreation Centre. Although the weather was chillier than usual, there was plenty of fun indoor and out, including tattoo and face painting, spring plantings and a pre-Aboriginal Day road hockey game. Two guests from Lower Kootenay First Nation performed dances as a gesture of thanks at the Treaty Day celebrations.

National Aboriginal Day

Executive Council directed staff to organize celebrations for National Aboriginal Day on Thursday, June 21 at the sports field. A sunny day and great family activities brought out a record crowd of Members, guests and leaseholders. The event included the annual crowd favourite, the Youth versus Delta Police ball hockey game, as well as the police barbecue, bannock, bouncy castles and children's carnival games. There was a very popular booth celebrating Tsawwassen history, culture, legends and language, and Legislator Loretta Williams worked with attendees to make paddle necklaces and key chains. We are grateful to the Members who joined in a traditional game of Slahal, as well as the Tsawwassen Drummers who helped to mark this celebration by sharing their songs.



Many Members participated in the Slahal game, which was a highlight of the National Aboriginal Day events..



The lovely weather and wide range of great family activities brought out a record crowd of Members, guests and leaseholders.



The TFN Youth team emerged victorious once again in their annual hockey game against the Delta Police.

Brunch with Executive Council

Executive Council hosted a brunch on June 23 at the Recreation Centre. A quarterly event, the Executive Council breakfast is an opportunity to share a meal, ask questions of Executive Council members, and discuss community priorities in an informal setting.



Executive Councillor Andrea Jacobs with Kevin and Alberta Jacobs.



Members and Executive Council enjoyed a delicious brunch and good conversation at this quarterly community gathering.



Executive Councillor Tanya Corbet visits with Elder Alvina Splockton.

FINANCE

2018 Annual Utility Rate Regulation

On May 8, 2018, Executive Council approved the 2018 Annual Utility Rate Regulation. The rates increased slightly over the 2017 rates based on the cost to deliver those services. For 2018, residential properties will continue to be billed a flat rate for utility services. In future years, TFN will explore billing on usage as new residential developments have water meters installed.

2018 TFN and TEDC Audits

Executive Council reviewed and approved the plans for the 2018 audit of TFN and TEDC.

FISHERIES

Commercial Salmon Licences

In April, Executive Council approved the process for allocating TFN's four commercial salmon licences. Staff held a draw for the licences, and then began working with the winners to transfer the licences to their vessels. Executive Council also approved a recommendation to formalize the allocation process in a policy to ensure clarity and consistency going forward.

First Fish Ceremony

On July 5, Natural Resources staff hosted the First Fish Ceremony at the Longhouse. The ceremony continued at the Tsawwassen dock and on the river, where Members performed the "Feeding of the River" ceremony to ensure the protection of TFN fishers.



Sienna Tetreault prepares to release one of the First Fish back into the river.



Victoria Williams drums and sings a song as the Youth get ready to feed the salmon to the river.



Chief Williams, Brayden Holtz, Jason Morgan, and Seth Williams took one of the three boats out for the "Feeding of the River."

GOVERNMENT SERVICES

Regalia

Executive Council directed staff to work out the logistics for providing Traditional Regalia such as paddle vests and shawls for the various groups representing TFN at public engagements, including Legislators, drummers and singers, and Elders. Executive Council also directed staff to order contemporary vests or jackets with TFN logos for Legislators. Staff were also directed to look at options for a flag pole in front of the Administration Building.

Police Services Value for Money Study

Executive Council directed staff to assist in setting up focus groups for a police services study commissioned by the Delta Police Department and conducted by Simon Fraser University's professor Curt Griffiths and his team. TFN pays approximately \$2 million per year for Delta Police services, and Executive Council is looking at ways to ensure that TFN is getting "value for money." Executive Council wanted Dr. Griffiths' study to look at whether Members would like to see the Delta Police involved in any additional activities, and what role DPD could play in improving the quality of life at TFN.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations

In May, Chief Williams and staff attended a meeting of the Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations. This group comprises Tsawwassen, Tla'amin Nation and the five Maa-nulth Nations. By working together, our Nations can help raise the profile of modern treaties in BC and advance shared interests related to implementation of our respective final agreements.

Collaborative Fiscal Policy

Tsawwassen continues to take part in the collaborative fiscal policy process between Canada and self-governing Indigenous governments across Canada. This important project is an opportunity to reshape how Canada funds modern treaty Nations such as Tsawwassen, ensuring that our fiscal relationship better reflects the true costs of self government.

National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG)

On behalf of TFN, Executive Council accepted an invitation to participate in the planning of the Lower Mainland MMIWG hearings, along with Squamish, Musqueam, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations. Chief Williams and Executive Councillor Tanya Corbet attended a planning meeting on February 21, Executive Councillor Nikki Jacobs spoke as a witness at the opening ceremony in Richmond on April 3, and Chief Williams attended the closing ceremony on April 8, where he shared a song.

TFN Members Ruth and Jessecia Adams participated in the opening ceremony as cedar bough layers, and the TFN Youth drummers and singers shared beautiful songs at the ceremony.



TFN Youth drummers share a song at the opening ceremony of the MMIWG hearings.

Recognition and Implementation of Rights Forum

In April, Chief Williams and Executive Councillor Corbet attended a forum in Vancouver to discuss Canada's and BC's new approach to recognizing and implementing Aboriginal rights. The forum involved a number of discussions about how both Canada and BC can contribute to improved implementation of modern treaties, including Tsawwassen's.

Revitalization of the Provincial Environmental Assessment Process

BC is reviewing and updating its Environmental Assessment process. Executive Council approved participation by staff at a workshop hosted at Musqueam to learn about the review and discuss and provide feedback about how the environmental assessment process should be changed.

Shoreline Stabilization Project

Staff presented information to Executive Council about the shoreline stabilization project being carried out by BC Ferries on the ferry causeway. The project is designed to address erosion on the causeway beach. The project will result in temporary closure to the boat launch and beach access. Completion is scheduled for September 2018.

LANDS

Falcon Way Lots Rezoning

On April 24, 2018, Executive Council passed Order 022-2018 to allow construction of coach houses on Falcon Way lots. This was achieved through approval of a new zoning designation: RS3 Single Family (500 m²) Residential for Falcon Way lots. The previous zoning designation for this area did not allow coach houses.



The new RS3 Single Family (500 m²) Residential zoning designation allows for the construction of coach houses on Falcon Way lots.

Member Housing Lot Rezoning

On April 24, 2018, Executive Council passed Order 021-2018 to rezone the Member housing site, Lot 31 (2247 Tsawwassen Drive) and Lot 32 (2271 Tsawwassen Drive), from RS1 – Single Family Residential (900m²) to RM3 – Multi-Family (Comprehensive) Residential. The RM3 zoning designation allows multi-family development on this site. This was a necessary step as part of the Member housing project.

Good Neighbour Regulation Amendment

On May 29, 2018, Executive Council passed Order 036-2018 to amend the Good Neighbour Regulation. The amendments are to address noise concerns by limiting construction hours between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on weekdays, and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays. Construction on Sundays is not permitted unless the construction is regarding a residential building or structure and undertaken personally by the owner or occupier of the premises between 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP

Gift Baskets for New Members

Executive Council approved a letter of welcome and baby gift baskets to be sent to TFN newborns when they are approved for enrolment as new Tsawwassen Members. The baskets are to include practical baby gifts as well as cultural items. Older children and adults will receive appropriate welcome gifts, as well.



New Tsawwassen Members will now receive welcome gifts, such as this basket for a newborn, upon approval for enrolment.

Selection of Enrolment Committee Member

Executive Council appointed Chrystalynn Gurniak to the Tsawwassen Enrolment Committee to replace Janet Hearl, who stepped down after seven years of service. Congratulations to Chrystal Gurniak, whose knowledge of TFN culture and families will be a great asset to the committee. Our hands are raised to Janet Hearl for her years of dedicated work with the committee, and to all the Members who allowed their names to be put forward.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Indigenous Community Planning and Team Coaching Workshop

On May 4, members of Executive Council and the Tsawwassen Legislature, along with some TFN staff, attended a workshop led by Chris Derickson, elected Councillor of the Westbank First Nation. This engaging, informative session was hosted by TFN and sponsored by Naut'sa mawt Tribal Council.

TAXATION

On May 16, the Tsawwassen First Nation Property Taxation Authority — comprised of three Executive Council representatives and two non-Member representatives—convened to review and approve residential property tax rates on Tsawwassen Lands.

TERRITORY MANAGEMENT

Ancestral Remains in Boundary Bay

In April, ancestral remains were discovered during a project to install a storm sewer pipe near Boundary Bay. TFN cultural staff and Members visited the site and performed cultural ceremonies. TFN and Semiahmoo First Nation engaged with Delta to identify measures that would minimize future disturbances to remains and artifacts, and to ensure that cultural protocol is being followed.

TRUST SOCIETY

The ten members of the TFN Trust Society's board of directors, which includes all the members of Executive Council, met on May 29 to review and approve the 2017 financial statements of the Society. On June 17, the directors presented the financial statements to the members of the Society at the Society's annual general meeting held in the TFN Recreation Centre. This was the second year since the Society bylaws were changed, making members of the Legislature the members of the Society, and opening the AGM to all Tsawwassen Members. Both the meeting of the board and the AGM heard presentations from the Society's auditor and investment advisor. The Society's financial statements will also be presented to Tsawwassen Members at the Members Gathering. Meanwhile, Executive Council directed staff to distribute 20 percent of the 2017 net income from the Legacy Trust to Tsawwassen Members, as required by the Trust Agreement and Operating plan. That distribution, which came to \$33 per Member this year, is anticipated to grow as the new Legacy fund has been invested with investment management firms.

A GROWING GOVERNMENT



The Tsawwassen Government continues to grow, with 11 new staff members joining us between April and June 2018.

Corporate Governance

Simmi Uppal is a *Governance Clerk*. Simmi brings with her years of experience providing senior level administrative support, most recently with the City of Burnaby. Her main role is to provide support to Executive Council.

Education and Skills Development

Nancy Halsey is an *ECE Worker* (part time) and has extensive experience as an ECE Worker as well as being a Supervisor in a local daycare.

Samantha Woodliffe is an *ECE Worker*. Sam comes to us with a wealth of knowledge, as well as both personal & professional experience in the Early Childhood Education field.

Catherine Huber is an *Educational Support Worker* (Part time) tutoring and providing youth centre support. After graduating from a Special Education Assistant Program, she has worked as a Behaviour Interventionist across Surrey and also as a Special Education Assistant with the Surrey School District.

Finance

Oliver Journel is an *IT Coordinator* and will assist staff with deskside support and troubleshooting. Oliver has a degree in computer sciences and in-depth experience providing IT hardware and troubleshooting support.

PHOTO: Left to right: Robin Buss, Jordi Nickolet, Oliver Journel, Roberto Di Lorenzo, Kris Patel, Priyanka Roy, and Shamim Uddin. (Not pictured: Nancy Halsey, Samantha Woodliffe, Catherine Huber, and Simmi Uppal.)

Lands and Engineering

Robin Buss is a *Lands Assistant* and has demonstrated customer service and administrative experience. Her primary focus will be business licenses and animal licenses and general lands department front counter functions.

Kris Patel is a *Planner I* and has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science with a Minor in Geography. He is currently enrolled in SFU's Urban Studies Graduate Program. He will play a supportive relating to the Land Use Plan as well as existing residential neighbourhood and industrial plans.

Priyanka Roy is a *Planner II* and brings substantial knowledge in architecture, planning and sustainability, as well as experience in project management, community engagement and affordable housing. Priyanka's primary focus will be member housing and policy planning.

Roberto Di Lorenzo is a *Utility Operator* and comes to TFN from working with the City of Langley and has many years of experience. Roberto takes care of TFN's water and sewer underground piping and lift stations.

Jordi Nickolet is a *Senior Engineering Assistant* and brings 16 years of experience in civil engineering. He will assist us with preparing proposal, reports, specifications, tender documents, and overseeing contracts.

Tsatsu Gas

Shamim Uddin is a *Gas Station Manager*. Tsatsu Gas (a TFN owned business) is happy to have Shamim join us in our journey to retrofit the Tsatsu Gas station to a rebranded Petro-Canada site. Shamim has 13 years previous managerial experience running high volume Petro-Canada sites.

ORDERS OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The following Orders were passed by Executive Council during the April to June 2018 period:

- O.020-2018:** Order to appoint acting Director of Finance and Tax Administrator
- O.021-2018:** Order to approve RZ-2017-04 rezoning of Lot 31 and Lot 32
- O.022-2018:** Order to approve RZ-2017-05 for a new RS3 Member housing zone along Falcon Way
- O.023-2018:** Order to authorize signing of the Memorandum of Cooperation concerning Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations
- O.024-2018:** Order to approve the Multi Year Financial Plan
- O.025-2018:** Order to approve documents in connection with Onni Subdivision
- O.026-2018:** Order to approve Annual Utility Charge Regulation (2018)
- O.027-2018:** Order to Issue Environmental Protection DP-2018-02
- O.028-2018:** Order to Issue Commercial Mixed-Use Form and Character Development Permit (Big Splash Water Park)
- O.029-2018:** Order to Issue Industrial Form and Character DP-2017-08
- O.030-2018:** Order to adopt the Annual Rates Regulation (2018)
- O.031-2018:** Order to approve TMJV site fill contract for GWL site
- O.032-2018:** Order to amend Schedule 12 of the 2018-2019 Appropriations Act (2018)
- O.033-2018:** Order to issue Industrial Form & Character Permit DP-2017-07
- O.034-2018:** Order to issue Multi-Family Residential Use DP-2017-12
- O.035-2018:** Order to amend the Offsite Levies Regulation
- O.036-2018:** Order to amend the Good Neighbour Regulation
- O.037-2018:** Order to approve purchase of Tempest software
- O.038-2018:** Order to appoint Chrystalynn Gurniak to the Tsawwassen Enrolment Committee
- O.039-2018:** Order to issue Environmental Protection DP-2 017-11