

ORDERS OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

- O.080-2018** Order to amend Schedule 12 of the 2018-2019 Appropriations Act
- O.081-2018** Order to appoint Lyle Frank as Health and Social Services Manager
- O.082-2018** Order authorizing Manager of PIGA to sign TMEP Contribution Agreement
- O.083-2018** Order to approve Zoning Regulation Amendment RZ-2018-04
- O.084-2018** Order to approve Neighbourhood Plan Amendment NP-2018-02 and Zoning Regulation Amendment RZ-2018-02
- O.085-2018** Order authorizing Manager of PIGA to sign PGL contract
- O.086-2018** Order to approve a Funding Application for the TFN Community Evacuation Route Plan

COUNCIL'S CORNER

Winter 2018



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Building a strong future. Building a strong community.



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Tanya Corbet*

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Nikki Jacobs*

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Bryce Williams*

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Laura Cassidy*

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Andrea Jacobs*

2019 TFN GENERAL ELECTION

The 2019 TFN General Election has been called for Saturday, April 6, 2019. The nomination meeting is scheduled for 5pm on February 20, 2019 in the Rec Centre. Notices regarding the election will be mailed to Members and posted on the TFN website, in the weekly newsletter and at the Administration building. For more information about the election, please contact the Election Officer, Fred Schiffner, at fschiffner90@gmail.com or 1-800-813-2173.



EVENTS

Christmas Party

Executive Council Members attended the annual Christmas Dinner for Members at the Tsawwassen Springs Golf Course on December 11, 2018. The event included a great meal, plus face painting and a visit from Santa.

2018 Members' Gathering

The 2018 Members' Gathering took place from Friday, October 12 to Sunday, October 14 at the River Rock Hotel. On Friday, Executive Council hosted a dinner at the Longhouse and on Saturday, managers delivered updates and answered questions about their departments' activities over the preceding year. Executive Council presented on their activities and priorities on Sunday, covering many of the major milestones TFN achieved in 2017 and 2018. TFN's auditors and staff also gave a presentation on the audited financial statements. The weekend also featured

performances by RedPath and Member-led cultural activities. Thank you to all the Members who attended and contributed to another successful Members' Gathering!



James Jones of RedPath performs for Members on Sunday morning.



Loretta Williams leading a weaving workshop on Saturday evening.

National Aboriginal Veterans Day Community Ceremony

On November 8, 2018, Chief Williams and Executive Councillor Andrea Jacobs laid a wreath at the Aboriginal Veterans Day march and ceremony in Vancouver. On November 11, Executive Councillor Tanya Corbet and son James laid a wreath at the Remembrance Day ceremony in Ladner. More than 7,000 First Nations members served in the First and Second World Wars and the Korean War, and we are proud to remember and honour them.



Executive Councillor Andrea Jacobs and Chief Bryce Williams at the Aboriginal Veterans Day ceremony.



Executive Councillor Tanya Corbet and son James lay a wreath at the Remembrance Day celebration in Ladner.

Treaty Day 2019

Planning continues for the upcoming ten-year anniversary of the Treaty on April 3, 2019. Executive Council would like to acknowledge the excellent work of the Treaty Day planning committee, which has met several times to provide input and guidance. We look forward to hosting Members and invited guests at this important milestone celebration!

FINANCE

Property Tax Rates

In the fall, British Columbia notified Executive Council that it was removing the requirement that TFN use Delta's property tax rates. Instead, starting in 2019, TFN will have the authority to set its own property tax rates. This change will not affect Members' tax exemptions, which will continue until January 1, 2022. Executive Council directed staff to notify Non-Member taxpayers and provide information about the process TFN will use to set tax rates. This change will have important benefits: first, TFN can now set tax rates that reflect actual property values and the cost of delivering services on Tsawwassen Lands, and second, TFN will be able to provide certainty and stability to taxpayers.

Tax Transition Policy Workshop

Executive Council held an evening workshop on October 24, 2018 to discuss the end of tax exemptions for Members. Executive Council discussed ways of supporting Members through the transition period, including the Treaty Benefit offset guaranteed by the *Members' Guarantees Act*. Executive Council directed staff to continue working on a detailed transition plan and to continue providing updates as the work progresses.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

TFN Community Celebration of Healing

Executive Councillors Andrea Jacobs, Nikki Jacobs and Laura Cassidy attended the celebration event on November 17, 2018 at the Longhouse for individuals who had been through treatment or who were engaging with their healing journeys. This event was well attended and showcased the amazing strength, resilience and leadership within the TFN community. Executive Council looks forward to continuing this celebration annually.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

AFN and LCAC Meetings in Ottawa

In early December, Executive Councillor Tanya Corbet travelled to Ottawa to attend the AFN Special Chief's Assembly and take part in LCAC advocacy meetings on the Collaborative Fiscal Policy Process. These meetings were an opportunity to discuss

key federal initiatives and to advocate for Canada to adopt a new fiscal policy for funding TFN and other self-governing Indigenous governments.



LCAC leaders and staff, including Tejas Madbur, TFN Policy Analyst, meeting with Finance Minister Bill Morneau

First Nations Leaders' Gathering

At the end of November, Chief Williams and Executive Councillor Corbet attended the First Nations Leaders' Gathering to meet with provincial cabinet ministers. The Chief and Tanya made the case for provincial action in several areas, including improved mental health and child protection services at TFN, funding for police services and support for a proposed TFN education initiative. Before the Leaders' Gathering, Chief Williams and Tanya attended a full-day meeting of the Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations to discuss shared priorities and concerns.



Chief Williams and Executive Councillor Tanya Corbet and leaders from the Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations meeting with Premier Horgan and Minister Fraser

Panel Discussion on Funding for Women Entrepreneurship

Executive Councillor Corbet participated in a panel discussion on federal funding for women entrepreneurship. Tanya shared her perspective on the need for improved support for women

entrepreneurs and discussed some of the programs that TFN is offering to help all Members take advantage of business opportunities.



Executive Councillor Tanya Corbet participates in a panel discussion on Funding for Women Entrepreneurship. Credit: Emilee Gilpin for National Observer

Inaugural Meeting of New Delta City Council

On November 5, 2018, Executive Councillor Tanya Corbet attended the inaugural meeting of Delta City Council to observe the inauguration of Mayor George V. Harvie and members of Delta Council.

Fraser Salish Regional Meeting

On October 26, Executive Councillor Andrea Jacobs and Manager of Health and Social Services Lyle Frank attended the Fraser Salish regional leadership forum, where they met with other First Nations leaders and saw a presentation from Steven Point.

LANDS

Rezoning 2371 and 2369 Raven Lane

In the Fall of 2018, Executive Council directed staff to continue pursuing funding for a 5-unit social housing complex through CMHC's Section 95 program that would help create more social housing stock on TFN Lands.

Subsequently, Executive Council authorized staff to proceed with the rezoning of Lot 25 and Lot 26 (2371 Raven lane and 2369 Raven Lane) from Single Family Residential to Multi Family Residential, in support of future social housing on TFN lands if the funding from CMHC is received. Executive Council have requested staff to ensure that all units are wheelchair accessible and consider options for better utilization of space in the units.

Blue Bridge Buttress Replacement Contract

The wooden abutments at the Blue Bridge pedestrian bridge on TFN Lands are due for replacement. As per the *Appropriations*

Act approved by the Legislature, Executive Council has reviewed and approved an agreement with Mainroad Lower Mainland Contracting LP to get the abutments replaced as soon as possible. The bridge is expected to be repaired by early 2019, pending senior government approval.

TFN Community Transportation Study Update

In preparation for future changes happening in the TFN Development community, Executive Council directed staff to review the first transportation study, which is now considered out of date, and incorporate changes in the new study. Executive Council wanted to ensure that staff included bike and pedestrian access plans in the new study, since including TFN's bike paths/trails in the regional trail network will qualify TFN for greater funding opportunities. They have also asked staff to inquire about the quantity and frequency of buses that will be needed with the increased traffic in the study. Lands staff have been in communication with Translink staff and will keep them updated on TFN's transit needs. An RFP for the new transportation study has been issued and Lands Staff are currently reviewing submissions.

Aquilini Phase 2 Neighborhood Plan and Zoning Amendment

Executive Council approved the proposed neighbourhood plan amendment and the related zoning amendment after consultation with Members. These amendments will enable the sports field expansion with moderate density increase. With Executive Council direction to ensure coordinated development of open spaces, Lands staff have been taking a more strategic approach to the parks development program. Aquilini has committed to extending the existing sports field and help with construction of the fieldhouse (concept plan provided in Figure 1). Staff have confirmed that the fieldhouse will have a similar exterior design to the Youth Centre for visual cohesiveness as both buildings will be in close proximity.



Conceptual Plan of Aquilini Phase 2 showing the sports field expansion

TFN Housing Strategy

As per Executive Councils' direction, staff have been working on addressing the first objective of the Housing, Lands, and Infrastructure theme in the 2018-2023 Strategic Plan: to "create a comprehensive housing plan that takes advantage of our Treaty powers to prioritize member needs and pursue affordable ownership options, particularly for elders, young families, and off-lands members". In response to a range of concerns, including high costs of housing, high costs of home construction, and a lack of housing options; TFN staff have recommended creating an overarching TFN Housing Strategy.

A "Housing Strategy" is a policy tool to outline how a government or other entity will respond to housing needs. Given that housing strategies are a commonly used policy tool for housing, granting agencies (such as BC Housing or CMHC) look favourably upon communities with housing strategies in place and it gives the granting agency confidence that the organization has considered how it will best use its organizational capacity and resources to deliver on any project supported by a grant. A "touchstone" document such as a housing strategy would also help TFN be successful in meeting its objectives related to housing through a coherent whole-of-government approach. After reviewing all details provided by staff, Executive Council has approved the staff recommendation and directed them to develop a TFN Housing Strategy.

Provincial Funding for TFN Multifamily Rental Housing Project

As per Executive Council's direction, Lands staff has been working with BC Housing and the Province since early 2018 to secure funding for the TFN Multi Family Rental Housing Project. Staff recently responded to the call for RFPs and sent in TFN's application in October 2018. As per BC Housing's public announcement on November 25th, 2018, TFN has received \$7.2 million in funding to build a 36-unit multi-family housing project on TFN Lands. It is one of the largest investments in a off-reserve program, TFN is considered off-reserve due to our status as a Treaty Nation. The Province will provide \$231 million to deliver more than 1,100 new homes for Indigenous Peoples, on and off reserve in BC, through the Indigenous Housing Fund and a total of 30 projects have been funded through the program. Thank you to Ruth Adams and Komal Shaikh for attending the announcement of this funding.

Amendments to the Policy for the Disposition of Falcon Way Lots and Rental Units

Executive Council has directed staff to begin updating the Policy for the Disposition of Falcon Way Lots and Rental Units. The proposed changes will help Members further simplify their home construction process on Falcon Way.

LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

TFN Mortuary Hut and Reinternment of Ancestral Remains

Under the direction of Executive Council, the Education and PIGA Departments are working together to determine a community consultation plan on this matter and will report back to EC. The Lands staff will also provide an updated report to Executive Council on the new cemetery.

LEGISLATURE

The Tsawwassen Legislature convened for its Fall Session from November 6 to November 13. Video recordings of the Fall 2018 Legislature sittings are available for viewing online at <https://livestream.com/tfn>.

Dual Roles Prohibitions for Corporate Employees Act

The Legislature enacted a new law during the Fall Session, the *Dual Roles Prohibitions for Corporate Employees Act*. This legislation extends the 'dual role prohibition' on Tsawwassen Government to corporations that are controlled by Tsawwassen Government. This means that, beginning in 2019, a Member cannot be an employee of a corporation controlled by Tsawwassen Government and on Executive Council. This prohibition will also include Legislators after the following election, likely in 2022. Corporate employees who accept an appointment to Executive Council after the next election (or are elected to the Legislature in the next election after that) will have the option of taking an unpaid political leave of absence for up to one consecutive term.

Resolutions Passed

During the Fall Session, Legislators passed two new resolutions:

- Resolution to review the process for budget amendments
- Resolution to prioritize Elders, people with disabilities, and the ill



Legislators in session. Credit: Salish Sea Sentinel

NATURAL RESOURCES

Commercial Crab Licence Draw

In December, staff held a draw at the Elders' Centre to reallocate one of TFN's commercial crab licences. Another commercial crab licence will be coming up for reallocation this year. Staff will circulate information about to apply for the licence later in 2019.

Problem Wildlife on Tsawwassen Lands

Executive Council have directed staff to address problem wildlife on Tsawwassen Lands such as raccoons. Staff will be undertaking a two-pronged approach on this issue, including an educational campaign for Members and residents on wildlife conflict prevention as well as trapping and relocating problem wildlife where possible.

Salmon Fishermen's Ball

On November 30, 2018, TFN hosted the Salmon Fishermen's Ball. The evening including dinner and games for families and a dance later in the evening. This was a great opportunity to look back over the past season and celebrate those who fish in the community. Thank you to all who attended!

POLICY

Program Eligibility Policy Workshop

On November 15, 2018, Executive Council held a policy workshop to review progress on the Policy Eligibility Policy. This work, which is based on extensive consultation with Members, is intended to clarify which TFN programs and services are available to Members and which are available to Non-Members as well. Staff are developing a program guide that will clearly set out the eligibility for all the programs and services that TFN offers.

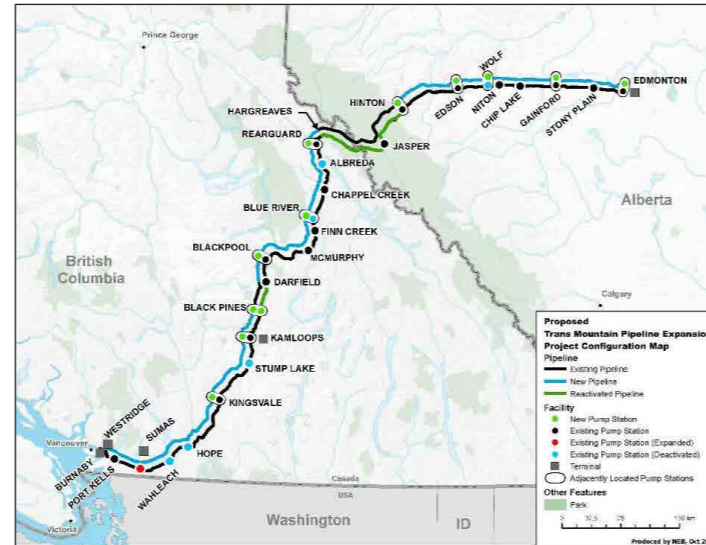
TERRITORY MANAGEMENT

Territory Management Capacity Building

Executive Council approved a proposal to enhance TFN's Territory Management capacity. As part of this project, PGL Environmental Consultants will mentor current staff, provide advice on improving TFN's referral review processes, and help engage the community to identify Valued Components (VC) that should be assessed and monitored when future projects are proposed for Tsawwassen Territory.

Territory Management Community Consultation

Several major projects are being proposed for Tsawwassen Territory, including Roberts Bank Terminal 2, the Trans Mountain Expansion Project and the Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project. Executive Council has directed staff to consult with Members about these projects, especially the mitigation measures that should be taken to reduce negative impacts if the projects are approved. If you would like to learn more about these projects or the consultation that staff will be doing, please contact TFN's Territory Management Coordinator, Victoria Williams, at vwilliams@tsawwassenfirstnation.com or (604) 948-5225.



TFN is participating in the reconsideration hearing and consultations on the Trans Mountain Expansion Project

Trans Mountain Expansion Project

Executive Council approved TFN's participation in two processes related to the Trans Mountain Expansion Project (TMEP): the reconsideration hearings on project-related marine shipping and renewed consultations with First Nations. In October, Chief Williams met with the federal Minister of Natural Resources to discuss TFN's position on the project and the need for meaningful consultation, including with Members, to address TFN's concerns. As part of the reconsideration hearings, TFN has reiterated its earlier concerns about the project's impacts on Treaty rights, including the risk of a spill or accident on TFN's fishing and harvesting rights. Staff have also been preparing for the consultation process, which is expected to begin in late January.

A GROWING GOVERNMENT

Education and Skills Development

Suzette Smith joins us as our new *ECE Worker*. She is a Member of the Kispixox Band in northwestern BC. She has her Early Childhood Education Certificate and was the Daycare Manager and Post-Secondary Education Coordinator at the Gitanyow Independent School.

Tia Williams joins us in the new role of *Archeology Coordinator*. Tia is a TFN Member and was doing contract work as an Archeology Field Technician for TFN as well as work digitizing archival materials for the Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs. She also has completed aboriginal studies with Langara in the Associate of Arts Degree program.

Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs

Ashly Frances Van Steele is our new *Policy Analyst 1*. Her diverse experience, including work as a Ph.D.'s Research Assistant in the field of Indigenous archaeology, as well as work as an Aboriginal Child Protection Worker, provides a solid background for Ashly to contribute within TFN's policy team.

Engineering

Shawn Jacobs is our new *Engineering Technologist* and is a TFN Member. He is a graduate with distinction of the Civil Engineering Technology program at BCIT. His directly relevant experience as General Manager for Raven Excavation and Underground Servicing has allowed Shawn to hit the ground running and provide an immediate and positive impact on meeting the engineering team's deliverables.

Martin Meyer, our new *Facilities Maintenance Worker*, is a Red Pheasant Cree from Saskatchewan. He is a veritable 'jack-of-all-trades' bringing mechanical, construction, inventory control and electronics skills to the Facilities team.

Corporate Governance

Maryanne Adams has joined our Admin team as an *Office Assistant* and is a TFN Member. She has customer service experience with T'statu Gas and covers reception and provides clerical and administrative support, including her valued work on the TFN Community Notice.

Health and Social Services

Wendy Brewer has moved from working with TFN for over five years through a contractor, to joining our team as an employee in the position of *Home and Community Care Nurse*. She has a Bachelor of Science degree and is a Registered Nurse with a specialty in foot care.

Lyle Frank joined TFN in the capacity of *Manager of Health and Social Services* only to unexpectedly pass away shortly after making a positive impression on his team and the community. Lyle was a member of the Blackfoot Nation and brought over 30 years of experience in Indigenous health, wellness and social development. Although he will be missed, we know he will be embraced by his ancestors on the other side.