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<u>Chief Bryce Williams looks forward to implementing TFN's</u> <u>community vision following election victory</u>

Tsawwassen, B.C. – Tsawwassen First Nation Chief Bryce Williams today thanked his community for participating in the 3rd general election in Tsawwassen First Nation's self-governing history. "I appreciate that the last several months have been a trying time for our community," said Chief Williams "We have continued to move forward in the face of uncertainty and tragedy. Now that this election is over, we look forward to healing and getting on to the important tasks at hand; building a sustainable economy and revenue base to secure a healthy, promising future for our community. Our continued success would not be possible without a wonderful staff team and the ongoing engagement, interest and participation of every Member of our community. I wish to thank the 73% of eligible Tsawwassen Members who took the time to vote and participate in building their community."

Chief Williams also thanked all the candidates who ran in the election. "I would like to thank all the candidates who took the time to share their energy and ideas for Tsawwassen First Nation. I want to particularly thank the other candidate for Chief, former Chief Kim Baird. Her commitment to the TFN community is reflected in the promising future that we look forward to. I wish her all the best, and hope she will continue to contribute to building TFN's future for many years to come."

TFN's vision and mandate is clear, said Chief Williams: moving forward with our important economic development projects in order to generate the wealth needed to improve the health and wellness of the community. "I have had the opportunity to speak with many of our community Members over the past few weeks." Chief Williams stated. "It is clear that they want us to move forward with these projects, but at the same time, I received a strong message that we cannot forget about our Members. We need to continue to deliver quality services, and we must continue to innovate on service delivery, to improve on terrible Indian Act programs. We must ensure that we grow and heal as a community. We have a unique opportunity to create an amazing future at Tsawwassen First Nation. But we must be ready for it. My commitment is to work with the new Government and our strong staff team to prepare for and realize the opportunities that lie ahead."

The new term of Tsawwassen Government formally begins on April 21st, 2013.

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