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## **Amazon Selects Tsawwassen as Site for First-Ever Fulfillment Facility on First Nation Lands**

*Over 450,000 sq. ft. e-commerce facility on Tsawwassen Lands set to open in 2019*

**TSAWWASSEN, BC** – Tsawwassen First Nation (TFN) welcomed Amazon to their Lands with today’s announcement of the online retailer’s newest Lower Mainland fulfillment facility, set to open next year on TFN industrial lands. The Tsawwassen fulfillment facility will be Amazon’s first-ever situated on lands leased from a First Nation.

Amazon will occupy over 450,000 sq. ft. of space within Delta iPort, a new industrial park developed by GWL Realty Advisors (GWLRA) on behalf of project owner, the Healthcare of Ontario Pension Plan (HOOPP). TFN and HOOPP signed a 60-year lease agreement on the 23.3-acre parcel in 2017.

“This is a promising advancement that will continue to unlock the potential of TFN as a leading development partner and as a key economic driver in Metro Vancouver, and we’d thank our partners GWLRA and HOOPP for their roles in bringing this exciting agreement to fruition,” said TFN Chief Bryce Williams. “For our Members, TFN’s economic development represents reconciliation in action. 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.”

“We are pleased that Amazon has chosen Delta iPort as its newest Metro Vancouver distribution facility,” said Paul Finkbeiner, President, GWLRA. “In an industrial real estate market as constrained as Metro Vancouver, meeting the needs of Amazon for facility size and location requires creative thinking. By working in partnership with the Tsawwassen First Nation, we were able to create an innovative solution for both Amazon and for our client, HOOPP.”

“We are excited to continue growing in British Columbia and especially in the Lower Mainland community known for its talented and diverse workforce dedicated to innovation,” said Glenn Sommerville, Director of Amazon Operations in Canada. “Our ability to create hundreds of good-paying jobs with great benefits is thanks to the network of support we’ve received from community leaders, project partners, and fantastic customers.”

There is immense potential on TFN Lands for business partnerships, which GWLRA and Amazon have mutually identified with this project. The close proximity of TFN’s industrial lands to Deltaport and major arterials will provide Amazon, as well as all current and future TFN partners and tenants, with a critical logistics solution for the Metro Vancouver market.

This newest development is part of TFN's success story which is based on a vision to create a better community for TFN Members by strategically leveraging opportunities created by their Treaty. Industrial, commercial, and residential developments on Tsawwassen Lands have been made possible through TFN's significant investments in infrastructure, including a new \$27 million, state-of-the-art sewage treatment plant and the continued servicing of the lands for further development.

For inquiries or more information about future business opportunities with TFN, please visit <http://tfnedc.com/>

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### **About Tsawwassen First Nation (TFN)**

Tsawwassen First Nation is a Coast Salish First Nation community located in southwest British Columbia. In 2009, Tsawwassen Members ratified the first urban Treaty under the BC Treaty process, providing TFN with self-government jurisdiction and land ownership on a renewed land base. TFN's economic development initiatives include developing TFN's land assets to create a sustainable economy for TFN by generating revenues and creating jobs and business opportunities for TFN Members.

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