



2020 LAND FACING THE SEA

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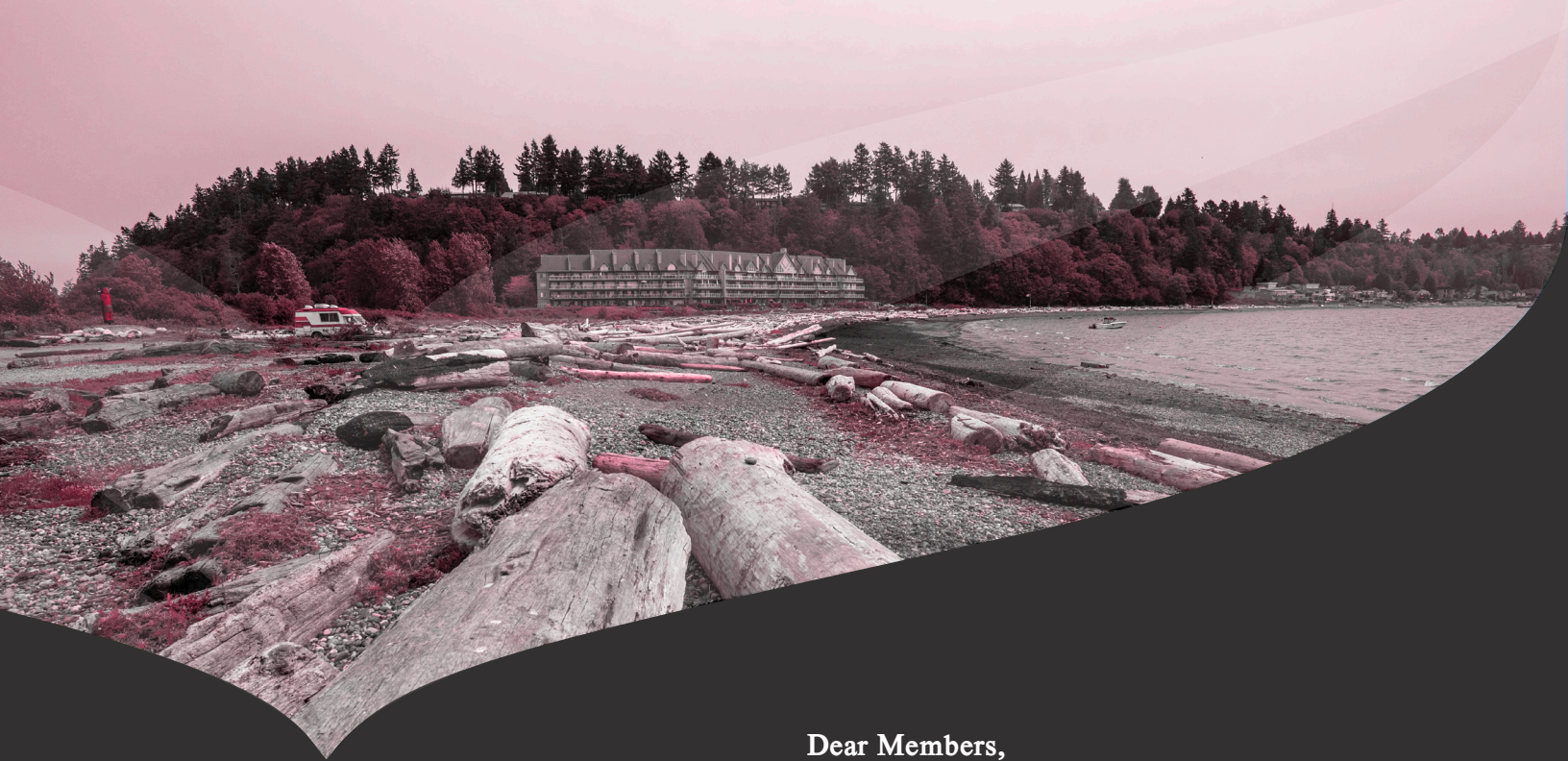
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TSAWWASSEN FIRST NATION

Events from 2020
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A MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Dear Members,

This Land Facing the Sea Special Edition is a high-level summary of the 2020 year. We have been facing two public health crises in B.C. and within our community: the COVID-19 pandemic and the overdose crisis. We know that these crises have been at the top of our minds for our Members. Our government is here to support you.

We know that throughout 2020, Members struggled. Members struggled with reductions in income, challenges connecting with family and not being able to cross the U.S. border.

Members reported a reduced ability to practice culture, and balance childcare and work responsibilities if working from home.

With the community struggling with a range of issues, Executive Council wanted every Member to know that they were not alone. It was beautiful to see Members step up to help one another, and our hands continue to go up to each and every Member.

Executive Council continues to prioritize the health and safety of the community. There were closures and checkpoints enacted at the start of the pandemic and while the numbers rise and fall, we take our response measures very seriously.

Executive Council misses everyone dearly. We miss our gatherings and sharing meals, all of our events, and watching the children play. We know that social distancing is important, but we also know that our culture embraces us all being together. The pandemic has been difficult for everyone as we all try to adjust to this new way of life. We would like to once again thank Members for their important contributions to our Government. Your input and continued participation in our institutions, programs and services are essential to our decisions and direction of this Nation.

We want to provide transparency and updated information to our Members and share how hard the Nation has been working through this challenging year. By reading through this document, you can get a sense of what your Government has been doing for you within the last year. There will be more detailed information about departmental activities when we publish the 2020/21 Annual Report, which will cover the period from April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021.

With another year behind us, Executive Council is very excited about the next quarter and year to come. With your continued support and help,

we are moving forward, together as one Nation, as one people, as one family. Please expect quarterly publications of Land Facing the Sea over the 2021 year.

Together we have to continue to face this pandemic, and we believe that together we can overcome this. To the people of Tsawwassen First Nation, thank you for keeping our youth, our elders and community safe. Continue to stay safe, stay respectful to one another and stay kind. This pandemic is a journey we are on- it is not our destination.

As an active First Nation with so many ambitious projects and plans, it's easy to forget that the fuel on which we run is the hard work of our dedicated staff, many of whom are Members striving to make our Nation a better place to live, work and play. We thank our administration for all their hard work.

We can only prosper as a Nation if we work together. Please, join us in that goal as we move forward into the next year. We promise to never stop listening, and we will all get through this together.

We will remember 2020 as the pandemic year. Below are some actions we took to support Members, and stay connected as a community.

All of the video messages can be found on Tsawwassen First Nation's YouTube.

March 19, 2020: A Video Message is released from Chief Ken Baird to address the TFN community around the onset of the pandemic.

March 23, 2020: A Video Message is released from Chief Ken Baird to provide an update to Members on a COVID-19 financial support measure for Tsawwassen Members.

March 30, 2020: A Video Message is released from Chief Ken Baird to leaseholders on the COVID-19 Safety Plan.

April 7, 2020: A Video Message is released from Chief Ken Baird on road closures.

April 27, 2020: A Video Message is released from Chief and Executive Council to send messages of support to the Tsawwassen community.

May 11-13, 2020: The Tsawwassen Legislature is called into session to make some COVID-19 related updates to the Property Taxation Act.

May 27, 2020: A Video Message is released from Chief Ken Baird and Councillor Steven Stark to update the community about the first ever virtual session of the Tsawwassen Legislature.

September 8, 2020: A Video Message is released from Chief and Executive Council to TFN Members regarding COVID-19 pandemic and the overdose crisis.

September 16, 2020: A Video Message is released from Chief Ken Baird regarding the confirmed COVID-19 Case on TFN Lands.

September 17, 2020: A Video Message is released from Chief Ken Baird explaining the new checkpoint on TFN Lands.

October 5, 2020: A Video Message is released from Chief Ken Baird regarding the speedy recovery and excellent response to the confirmed COVID-19 case within the Tsawwassen First Nation community. Chief also talks about the partial opening of community parks.

October 24, 2020: Annual General Meeting (AGM) virtual Zoom Meeting.

November 3, 2020: A Video Message is released from Chief Ken Baird regarding TFN's Tax Panel and the upcoming release of material for Members.

November 5- November 26, 2020: Executive Council calls the Tsawwassen Legislature into session.

December 18, 2020: A Video Message is released from Chief and Executive Council wishing happy holidays and a happy new year.

SIGNIFICANT DECISIONS

COVID-19 Measures Implemented by beginning of September 2020:

- Provided two financial distributions to Members since the start of the pandemic.
- Rent deferrals for renters of TFN-owned properties.
- Property tax penalty deferrals.
- Provision of iPads to youth and Elders to facilitate education and activities in the remote environment.
- Support for youth and at-risk Members including the Moms Circle, Wellness Fridays, Traditional Healing, a harm reduction campaign and targeted outreach to the most vulnerable.
- Provision of groceries to Elders and other Members in need to protect health and safety.
- Implemented a local traffic only approach within residential areas (Vehicle Checkpoint)
- Implemented pedestrian right of way on residential streets to allow for social distancing.
- Closed parks and other high-traffic public spaces to slow the spread of COVID-19.



Financial Information

Tsawwassen First Nation, along with other modern treaty governments in British Columbia, advocated for COVID-19 emergency funding from the federal government, early in the pandemic, and has received \$230,000 in direct financial support for COVID-19 related expenditures.



Next Steps

Conducted a COVID-19 Support Survey of all Members aged 19+ to assess the needs of Members and shape future pandemic response measures.

Continue government operations in a mixed remote/on-site environment, with an emphasis on protecting residents and staff by ensuring social distancing, safety protocols and conducting a self-health check prior to leaving home to go to the workplace. Questions in the health screening questionnaire were circulated to all TFN staff.

Continue advocacy with treaty partners to ensure adequate financial resourcing for response measures and priority access to any future vaccine.



SPOTLIGHT ON A PRIORITY FILE: GETTING READY FOR THE EXPIRY OF THE TAX EXEMPTION

TAX PANEL & TRANSITION

Tax Information Sheet Series: Tax is a complex issue to communicate about. Tsawwassen First Nation government published a series of information sheets in 2020; one of many tools the Tax Panel will be using to inform Members of its work.

This series included these topics:

1. Role and Process of the Tax Panel
2. Tax Impact overview
3. Information about property tax
4. Information about income tax
5. Information about child benefit
6. What we've heard



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TAX TRANSITION

The Tax Panel is made up of the following Members:

Kim Baird TFN Member and consultant on Indigenous matters

Dillon Johnson Tla'amin Member and consultant on Indigenous fiscal and self-governance matters

Trudy Warner Huu-ay-aht First Nation Member and consultant on Indigenous matters

The panel is supported by Tsawwassen First Nation Staff and accounting and tax experts. The panel has reached out to the Nisga'a Nation to hear about and learn from their experience with the end of the tax exemption under their treaty.

Since the Panel has been in place, it has been engaging with Executive Council and the Advisory Council in depth on issues related to the end of the TFN tax exemption. The Advisory Council meetings were open to other community Members, including Legislators. These sessions provided great insight and are allowing the panel to make recommended strategies for impacts that will be presented to Executive Council. These recommendations will try to balance the different views and circumstances of TFN Members.

In addition to these information sheets on tax literacy, Members had and will continue to have the opportunity to view webinars and other forms of audio/visual communication techniques.

After the Tax Strategy is complete, there will be more communication about how the strategy will be implemented with an opportunity to have one on-one briefings and family information sessions in Spring 2021.

CHIEF AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WERE A PART OF MANY EXTERNAL MEETINGS IN THE YEAR OF 2020

INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETINGS OF 2020

CHIEF KEN BAIRD

METRO VANCOUVER

Board of Directors | 14 Total Meetings

COVID-19 Response & Recovery Task Force | 9 Total Meetings

Mayors Committee | 2 Total Meetings

Council of Councils | 3 Total Meetings

Indigenous Relations Committee | 4 Total Meetings

UBCM Indigenous Relations Committee | 10 Total Meetings

George Massey Crossing Task Force Meetings to resume in 2021

Climate Action Committee | 10 Total Meetings

Water Committee | 10 Total Meetings

TRANSLINK

Mayors Council | 11 Total Meetings

Finance & Governance Committee | 10 Total Meetings

DELTA POLICE BOARD

Board of Directors | 4 Total Meetings

NAUTSA MAWT TRIBAL COUNCIL

Board of Directors | 6 Total Meetings

COUNCILLOR STARK

represented TFN at the BC Indigenous Advisory Council on Agriculture and Food and the Port Community Liaison Committee

COUNCILLOR CROSS

represented TFN at the Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations Table

COUNCILLORS CASSIDY & AHLM

participated culturally in blessing events on Lands throughout the year of 2020



SOME NEW FACES AT TFN

The Tsawwassen Government hired several new staff Members over the year in 2020.



Sunjiv Sahota

New Nurse Practitioner at Tsawwassen First Nation.



Taylor Baker

Joined PIGA/GS as a Policy Intern. Taylor previously held this position during the summer of 2020, and is rejoining part-time as she continues her studies. Taylor is a TFN Member!



Twyla Smith

Joined the PIGA/GS Team as a Policy Supervisor. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Communications and a Masters in Public Policy, both from Simon Fraser University. She brings professional experience working for BC Hydro, Environment and Climate Change Canada, and Natural Resources Canada, and is honored to be working for TFN!



Robin Buss

Joined the PIGA/GS Team as the Territory Management Coordinator. Robin, a longtime Member of the TFN Community!

Shawn Jacobs

Promotion from Engineering Technologist to Land Development Engineer in the Lands Department. Shawn is a TFN Member!



James Lascelle

Joined the PIGA/GS Team as a Policy Analyst. Previously employed at the First Nations Health Authority.



Kaitlin Williams

Public Engagement Specialist. Kaitlin is a TFN Member!



Iris Vega

New addition to the TFN Lands Department in the role of Property Management Assistant.



Mary Childs

General counsel and Manager of the Legal Department.

LANDS DEVELOPMENT

6 PLEX

The 6 Plex Housing Development is well underway and is expected to be finished early Spring 2021!



YOUTH CENTRE

As can be seen by the photos, the building was well underway during 2020. Stay tuned for the next Land Facing the Sea issue to see the finished Youth Centre!



ORDERS OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

THE FOLLOWING ORDERS WERE PASSED BY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DURING THE YEAR IN 2020:

- O.001-2020 Order to approve Delta Service Agreement extensions until 03.31.2020
- O.003-2020 Order to engage GWall Engineering Ltd for design and inspection services of the 36-unit Housing
- O.004-2020 Order to award contract to Converge Construction Ltd. for foundation work of 6-unit Housing
- O.005-2020 Order to approve the Patullo Bridge project
- O.007-2020 Order to approve application for Tsawwassen Fee Simple Interest on Falcon Way Lot 25 for Jessica M
- O.008-2020 Order to approve contract with Wood Environment and Infrastructure Solutions
- O.009-2020 Order to amend Schedule 8 of the 2019-2020 Appropriations Act
- O.010-2020 Order to authorize the execution of the updated RBT2 MoA and Env. Co-Management Agreement
- O.012-2020 Order to approve an agreement with Urban Matters CCC for TFN Housing Authority consulting
- O.013-2020 Order to approve a grant funding application to the UBCM Emergency Preparedness Fund
- O.014-2020 Order to approve Nathan Wilson's application for a Tsawwassen Fee Simple Interest in Lot 28 Fal.W
- O.015-2020 Order to repeal the Social Housing Regulation and enact the Lelum Rental Housing Regulation
- O.017-2020 Order to amend the Executive Council Rules and Procedures
- O.018-2020 Order to approve execution of the KPU Farm School Lease Agreement March 1, 2020
- O.019-2020 Order to approve parking variance for the 36-unit multi-family housing project
- O.020-2020 Order to implement COVID-19 Safety Plan (Roads and Pedestrian Access)
- O.021-2020 Order to approve the Educational Technology Policy
- O.022-2020 Order to authorize a grant funding application to the UBCM Emergency Preparedness Fund to establish emergency communication capabilities
- O.023-2020 Order to award contract for completion of the 6-plex modular units to KOSS Builders Ltd.
- O.024-2020 Order to appoint Joven Narwal to the Judicial Council
- O.025-2020 Order to approve TMJV Site Fill Contract for 36.5 acres of TFN Industrial Lands
- O.026-2020 Order to call the May 2020 Special Session of the Legislature
- O.030-2020 Order to amend the Financial Management Policy
- O.031-2020 Order to activate s.19.2a of the Financial Management Policy
- O.032-2020 Order to implement COVID-19 Safety Plan (Parks and Open Spaces)
- O.033-2020 Order to enact the Annual Utility Charge Regulation (2020)
- O.034-2020 Order to award Art Consultant contract for the TFN Placemaking Project to Eric Robertson
- O.035-2020 Order to amend the Income and Social Assistance Regulation
- O.036-2020 Order to approve Cody Proteau application for Tsawwassen Fee Simple Interest in Lot 9 Fal.W
- O.037-2020 Order to approve the Agricultural Advisory

- O.038-2020 Order to award the design-build contract for the 36-unit Member Housing WCPG Construction Ltd
- O.039-2020 Order to amend the Consolidated Planning and Development Application Fees Regulation
- O.040-2020 Order to enact the Annual Rates Regulation (2020)
- O.041-2020 Order to amend the Financial Management Policy to exclude honoraria from arrears deductions
- O.042-2020 Order to approve sole-source agreement with Central Square Technologies for tax and utilities revenue management software (Tempest)
- O.044-2020 REPEALED Order to execute ground lease agreement with TFN Community Housing Society for 36-unit Member housing project
- O.045-2020 Order to amend contract value for site development works for 6-plex project
- O.046-2020 Order to approve grant funding application from Direct Support New Relationship Trust
- O.047-2020 Order to amend the Health and Social Services Program Policy
- O.048-2020 Order to amend the Offsite Levies Regulation
- O.049-2020 Order to set 2020 Chinook FSC compensation amount
- O.050-2020 Order to amend Zoning Regulation Part 3 C4 Comprehensive Commercial Zoning District
- O.053-2020 Order to enact the Emergency Housing Assistance Policy
- O.054-2020 Order to approve a service agreement with R. Kim Perry & Associates Inc.
- O.055-2020 Order to award an architectural consulting services contract to Iredale Architecture
- O.056-2020 Order to approve sole sourcing of Youth Centre furnishing to Prime Source Office Furnishings Ltd.
- O.057-2020 Order to approve sole sourcing of supply and installation of furniture at Youth Centre to Toolbox Contract Ltd.
- O.058-2020 Order to amend the Health and Social Services Program Policy
- O.059-2020 Order to approve application to the Indigenous Advisory and Monitoring Committee's Capacity Funding Program
- O.060-2020 Order to amend the Policy for Disposition of Falcon Way Subdivision Lots and Rental Units
- O.061-2020 Order to amend the Business License Regulation
- O.062-2020 Order to approve application for funding to the Community Resiliency Investment through the UBCM
- O.063-2020 Order to call the Fall 2020 Session of the Legislative Assembly
- O.064-2020 Order to approve an application for a grant from the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs via the UBCM
- O.065-2020 Order to approve multiple Service Agreements with Delta (Police, Fire, Animal Control, Emergency Response)
- O.066-2020 Order to approve license agreement for Aquilini/TFSI Developments Limited Partnership
- O.067-2020 Order to approve commitment of \$9.7M grant to the TFN Community Housing Society
- O.068-2020 Order to approve crane swing license agreement for Onni Contracting Ltd.
- O.069-2020 Order to approve revised lease for the 26-unit townhouse project and repeal O.044-2020
- O.070-2020 Order to approve Reaching Home: Canada's Homeless Strategy program funding agreement
- O.072-2020 Order to amend the Chief and Executive Council Remuneration Regulation
- O.073-2020 Order to amend the Advisory Council Regulation

