

2021

LAND FACING THE SEA

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**Building a strong future.
Building a strong community.**

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TSAWWASSEN FIRST NATION

A MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Dear Members,

The quarterly Land Facing the Sea publication is an opportunity for Executive Council (EC) to report back to Members on the work we are doing across the government from the previous three months. It is important to us that our work is meeting the needs and priorities of Members, and we hope that reading this document gives you a sense of what your Government has been doing in the last quarter. As always, we would like to thank Members for their important contributions to our Government.

We have continued facing two public health crises in B.C. and within our community: the COVID-19 pandemic and the overdose crisis. We know that Members are struggling with the challenges of the pandemic and staying connected with family and loved ones. We know we have vulnerable Members who need our continued support. We are here for all of you, and we take these crises very seriously.

January started off with a lot of hope for the end of the COVID-19 pandemic, and we couldn't be more proud of all the community Members who participated in the vaccination clinic in March, and the staff who organized it. This was a major step forward in protecting the TFN community against the virus. But we are not out of the woods yet, and we want to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who continues to follow the necessary restrictions.

As we reached the one year mark of the pandemic in March, we reflected on our "new normal". It is amazing how quickly everyone adapted to working online. The administration and elected officials are just as busy as they ever were!

In this quarter there was a lot of focus on the budget for the new fiscal year, as the 2021-2022 Appropriations Act was debated and passed by

Legislature during the Spring 2021 Session. The new ɔ̄əʔis məstiməxʷəwtxʷ (Youth Center) opened, and work continued on the six-plex and the 36 unit housing project. A number of programs and policies were amended to make it easier to for Members to access benefits. We continued to collaborate with other First Nations and our Treaty partners on effective treaty implementation.

While we are anxious to return to gathering as a community, we are proud of how we have been able to maintain our culture and traditions using technology. The Spring 2021 Legislative Assembly was our third session conducted over Zoom, and while we are adapting to new technology we are still able to maintain our cultural protocols: each meeting included drumming via video, an opening prayer, and a "virtual" feather runner, and all participants were encouraged to verbally acknowledge when they were passing the feather. We continue to look for new ways to share our cultural traditions, such as the video of the cedar brushing ceremony from the Youth Center opening, and the hənqəm'i'nəm song recordings that are now available on our website.

Thank you to all Members for your continued engagement and participation in our institutions, programs, and services. We are so impressed with how you have adapted to virtual engagements and events. Your input is essential in all of our decisions and direction of the Tsawwassen Nation. With winter behind us, we look ahead to warmer weather and to moving forward together as one Nation, as one people, as one family.

CHIEF & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

CHIEF KEN BAIRD

METRO VANCOUVER

Board of Directors - Director | Jan 29 | Feb 26 & 27 | Mar 26 |
COVID-19 Response & Recovery Task Force | Jan 27 | Feb 17 |
Indigenous Relations Committee - Co-Chair | Feb 4 |
UBCM Indigenous Relations Committee | Jan 27 | Feb 18 |
George Massey Crossing Task Force | Feb 5 | Feb 10 |
Climate Action Committee | Jan 15 | Feb 12 |
Water Committee | Jan 21 | Feb 11 | Mar 11 |

TRANSLINK

Mayors Council - Director | Jan 28 | Feb 25 |
Finance & Governance Committee | Jan 13 | Feb 17 | Mar 10 |
Mayors Council Joint Committee of the whole | Feb 4 & 18 |

DELTA POLICE BOARD

Board of Directors - Director | Jan 1 | Feb 4 | Mar 17 |

NAUTSA MAWT TRIBAL COUNCIL

Board of Directors - Director | Jan 7 & 18 | Feb 10 | Mar 10, 18, 25 |

INTERGOVERNMENTAL

Chief Meeting with Minister Rankin | Jan 11 |
Chief Meeting with Minister Flemming | Jan 11 |
Chief and Braden meeting with Delta Police Dept.
Chief Neil Dubord | Feb 1 |
Chief and Braden meeting with Delta Mayor Harvie
and their CAO | Feb 5 |
Chief meeting with Mayor Rob Vagramov Port Moody | Mar 5 |

COUNCILLOR STARK

Indigenous AC Meeting with Minister Popham | Jan 21 |
Indigenous Advisory Council on Agriculture and Food –
Committee Member | Jan 21 & 27 | Feb 5 | Mar 16 |
Salish Sea Initiative | Feb 3 & 10 | Mar 1 & 10 |

COUNCILLOR CROSS

Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations | Jan 14 |

COUNCILLORS STARK & CASSIDY

Blessing of the Poles at the New Youth Centre | Feb 5 |

INTERNAL MEETINGS

Chief & Cllr Cassidy - Standing Committee on
Language & Culture | Jan 18 |
Chief & all EC - Indus. Lands Proj. Community Meeting | Feb 1 |
Chief and all EC - TEDC Board of Directors | Feb 9 |
Chief and all EC - Q&A and Bingo with EC | Mar 31 |
Chief, Cllrs Cassidy, Ahlm and Stark FAC Meetings
| Jan 6, 13, 20, 27 | Feb 3 |



Top: Chief Baird at the Vaccine Clinic at the TFN Rec Hall
Bottom: Chief Baird and TFN Artist Karl Morgan at the Amazon pole brushing.

TFN ADMINISTRATION

TAX PANEL

Executive Council is pleased to share that it has been able to make decisions on how *property taxes* and how a *child benefit program* will work if it becomes applicable.

The Tax Panel expects that EC will be in a position to make a decision in the matter of *personal income taxes* this summer. Even though a decision hasn't been made, a lot of work is underway to ensure that if taxes are being collected in January, TFN will be prepared to help Members.

Once Executive Council makes a decision related to personal income tax, Members will be contacted to go through these decisions. This will likely happen in the summer and fall.

In lead up to 2022 much more work is underway, including tax treatment planning with accounting and legal experts, along with implementation planning for TFN staff to create what is necessary to implement the recommendations.

Executive Council would like to thank the Tax Panel for the incredible amount of work that has been done to support TFN Members over the past year.

Be sure to look out for ongoing updates on TFN's website and in the Community Notice.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL Q&A FOLLOWED BY VIRTUAL BINGO

On March 31st, Executive Council hosted a Zoom meeting to address questions and answers from the Membership. Not only was there a chance for dialogue, but a chance for fun and games with a few Bingo matches afterwards!

Look out for an upcoming summary of the EC Q&A followed by Bingo in TFN's Community Newsletters in May 2021.

EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

Currently, we are teaching in 3 different age groups in our beautiful brand-new Youth Centre! We have the primary elementary group (kindergarten to grade 2) then the intermediate (grade 3-7) and the teens (grades 8-12). We have 2 staff that teach as well as our 3 new language & culture ambassadors who alternate teaching on Fridays.

In these classes we teach the children and youth, basic *hənqəmínəḥ*; simple greetings, how to introduce themselves, basic commands, etc. We use a variety of techniques that we have learned from several workshops over the years. One especially invaluable resource staff have been able to use with the youth is classroom materials from the *hənqəmínəḥ* Language Cohort class that L&C staff are taking from SFU. This course has been very beneficial to use with the youth because it provides us with more opportunities to learn alongside the youth as we are teaching. As well as keeping a cultural component within the programming; protocols and traditions, cedar weaving, coast salish design elements, etc.

We have also created and sent out to Members, living on and off lands, 'Cedar Weaving Kits'; aside from the first kit, which included all the tools needed to work with each month, kits include all the cedar needed to create two cedar crafts, written instructions and a link to an instructional video that we post on our Language and Culture social media pages. To date we have created and mailed out 4 kits: basket earrings, cedar bracelets, cedar hearts, and cedar roses.



EDUCATION K-12

Heading into Quarter 4 of this school year brings a deep sigh of relief and a large smile on everyone's face. We adapted, we stayed safe and everyone thrived in the new learning environment that we created on TFN Lands. Heading into the spring session of this school year, the students will be exploring worm farms and hydroponics grown on top of fish tanks!



YOUTH PROGRAMMING

The new Youth Centre opened in time for Spring Break. We had a blast checking out the new toys and equipment we got. We have been enjoying every moment of being in our new building. We are currently running a school from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, as well as an After school care program 3:30 to 5:00 and the Teen room is open for drop in from 3:30 to 8:00. We have had a few intense games of basketball with the older youth keeping the Youth Workers on their toes! The weight room is now open with all the equipment and weights to get in shape. We are just starting our Guitar lessons and Art classes with many more programs to come!



ARCHAEOLOGY PROGRAMMING

Over the past year the archaeology program has shifted to remote monitoring when possible, with on site work beginning to take place again recently. During 2020/2021, both Musqueam and Tsleil-Waututh started their own respective online archaeology seminars to assist First Nations representatives in gaining technical skills and build capacity in archaeology. Through these workshops the Tsawwassen field technicians were able to gain more knowledge around stone fish traps, zooarchaeology, lithic analysis, paleoethnobotany and ancient DNA.

We have also been working on our repatriation efforts, having completed most of the new mortuary site. We are in the process of bringing our ancestors home to the new mortuary hut as well as the artifacts and belongings to live in our new repository.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

VACCINATION CLINIC MARCH 3rd

On March 3rd TFN HSS department in collaboration with Fraser Health and First Nations Health Authority hosted a vaccine clinic for community Members and their households to receive the first dose of the Pfizer vaccine to protect against Covid 19. The clinic was extremely well attended and community Members that received their vaccine are now 90-92% immune to the virus.



Above: Respected Elder and TFN Staff Chris Kyllæsø at the TFN Vaccination Clinic.

COVID-19 RELATED SUPPORTS

HSS has continued to provide ongoing supports for Members and their families throughout this ongoing global pandemic. Some of the supports available through the spring were:

Food Stability Program for Elders

- TFN supported food bank
- Homelessness Prevention Program
- Individualized supports for those needing to self isolate.
- Home care nursing
- Virtual and socially distanced therapy
- Auxiliary Medical Program

HSS and Executive Council Implemented an Auxiliary Medical Program into our HSS policy, this program is designed to support low-income Members and their families access medically necessary equipment or services that are not covered by other extended health care plans.



MENTAL & PHYSICAL WELLNESS

HSS continues to support Members and their families towards increased mental and physical wellness through our wrap around service delivery model. Through collaboration with therapists, traditional healers, psychologist, Nurse Practitioner we are working alongside Members on their wellness journeys.

HSS HARM REDUCTION

The HSS department at TFN is a designated harm reduction site with all our staff trained on how to use and distribute Naloxone. We continue to outreach, and offer supports to Members and their families who are engaged in substance use to encourage safety and support through the opioid crisis.

NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

FISHERY PATROLS

From January to March, 86 vehicle patrols were conducted, as well as 4 vessel-based patrols. 24 recreational violations were dealt with by Resource Management staff in which data was collected, items were seized and violation information was forwarded to DFO for further regulatory action. Recreational violations spanned from:

- unlawful possession of clams and oysters in closed areas
- unlawful possession of undersized and female crab
- illegal crab gear
- fishing with barbed hooks in the Lower Fraser River

There were 4 joint patrols conducted with the BC Conservation Officer Service where charges were laid for shellfish violations. One joint patrol was conducted with DFO Conservation & Protection for shellfish violations, and one joint patrol was conducted with Delta Police.

MIGRATORY BIRD PATROLS

There were 19 migratory bird hunter patrols both on TFN Lands and within traditional territory. 7 patrols were conducted with ECCC Wildlife Enforcement Division and 4 patrols were conducted with the BC Conservation Officer Service. TFN Resource Management Personnel assisted in inspections and assisted in a file in which a violation ticket was issued for the unlawful possession of Dunlin sandpipers.

In March, 3 vessel-based joint patrols were conducted with ECCC and COS on the ten-day recreational brant goose hunt. TFN assisted in files where two violation tickets were issued for hunting migratory birds without a federal migratory bird permit and a provincial special area license.

POLICY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

ADVISORY COUNCIL

Advisory Council held four meetings between January 1 and March 31. Two meetings were to review TFN Government's 2021-2022 budget (2021-2022 Appropriations Act) and provide feedback for consideration by the Legislature. Other business conducted by Advisory Council included reviewing various programming and policy initiatives, such as the TFN Community Area Plan and Auxiliary Medical Support Program.

Members of Advisory Council also discussed matters raised by the community, including daycare services, Elders' programming eligibility and education related issues during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. This quarter also saw a request for Expressions of Interest by Members seeking to join Advisory Council, in order to fill two vacant positions. Following the closing date of that process, in accordance with the Advisory Council Regulation, Executive Council appointed Jessica McCauley and Coral Baird. The new Members were provided an Orientation and attended their first meeting in March.

COVID-19 TABLE

Throughout the pandemic TFN participates in an intergovernmental table with Canada and other Self-Governing First Nations on a weekly basis to stay up to date on Canada's actions and to provide direct input on how the pandemic is impacting our community. Over the last year, this engagement contributed to securing funding that we otherwise would not have received, and we made strides towards more fair allocations of funding amongst Self-Governing First Nations by being part of the conversation from the very beginning. In Spring 2021, we are focused on the vaccine roll out and accessing top ups for those on income assistance and TFN front line workers.



LEGISLATION, REGULATION, AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT

The policy team works across government departments to develop new legislation, regulations, and policy for TFN, and to engage with other governments to advance TFN's rights and interests. In Spring 2021, we:

- Supported governance operations including the Spring 2021 Legislative Assembly Session focused on the 2021-2022 Appropriations Act, as well as providing logistic and facilitation support to Advisory Council and the Leaseholder Consultation Committee.
- Completed a new policy for the ɔʔis məstiməxʷəwtɬʷ (Youth Center) to safely guide its operations.
- Completed updates to the Pre-Construction and Servicing Policy to improve service for Members building homes on Lands.
- Repealed the Emergency Medical Support Policy and replaced with new Auxiliary Medical Support Policy that provides more financial support to cover needs not met by medical insurance.
- Supported Natural Resources department on development of three stewardship related funding proposals.
- Participated in the BC Government's Species at Risk Act consultation, cooperation, and accommodation project.
- Started developing a Public Art Policy to guide procurement and protection of public art, and are currently engaging with TFN artists to understand their needs and how TFN can support them with public art opportunities.
- Coordinated with BC, the Fraser Health Authority, First Nations Health Authority, and HSS to organize the vaccine roll out.
- Started engaging Members about developing a new model of police services on TFN Lands.
- Started developing Emergency Management Regulations to implement the Emergency Management Act passed by Legislature in Fall 2020.
- Started developing the scope of a Better at Home program to support Elders accessing non-medical services that improve their quality of life and facilitate comfortable aging at home.
- Collaborated with other BC Modern Treaty Nations on a submission for BC's Action Plan to implement the Declaration on Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act, and on two fisheries related projects about common fisheries issues and how we work with DFO.
- Continued ongoing intergovernmental affairs to improve fiscal relationships and treaty implementation with BC and Canada in collaboration with the Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations, the Land Claims Agreement Coalition, and other Self-Governing Indigenous Governments.



PUBLIC ART POLICY

The Policy team was fortunate to have TFN Member Taylor Baker join us in January 2021 as a part-time intern while she continues her post-secondary studies. Taylor is leading the development of a Public Art Policy that will clarify the processes for procuring and safeguarding public art, and working with the Education Department and the First Peoples Cultural Council to develop workshops for TFN artists to build skills in portfolio development, writing bios, and navigating Requests for Proposals. More to come this summer!

“Working with TFN government has been incredible because it has given me the opportunity to connect with Members on a daily basis and the opportunity to work with the amazing Policy team that has mentored me in many aspects.

-Taylor Baker, Policy Intern



TERRITORY MANAGEMENT

Robin Buss was hired in January 2021 as a permanent full-time employee, ; she is the Territory Management Coordinator. Her primary focus is to analyze referrals within Tsawwassen’s Traditional Territory.

MAJOR PROJECTS

George Massey Crossing Project - TFN received funds from the provincial Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to lead two technical studies related to the George Massey Crossing: 1) for an eulachon egg mat study, and (2) for a study on migratory birds’ presence and behaviour. Both studies hired TFN Member vessels and technicians to complete this work.

Roberts Bank Terminal 2 (RBT2) – TFN Received funds from the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority to conduct a baseline study of the Tsawwassen Tidal Marsh area to be considered as a potential offsetting project to improve juvenile salmon habitat in relation to the RBT2 Project. TFN Members have been hired to carry out and lead this work.



HAY ČXʷ QƏ AND FAREWELL

On February 12th, our Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs and Government Services Manager *Tejas Madhur* parted ways with TFN to pursue a senior legal capacity.

Tejas joined us four years ago in a senior Policy Analyst capacity and quickly applied her exceptional adaptability, leadership and communication skills to assume additional roles in the Legal department for PIGA. Last February, she was officially promoted into her manager’s position.

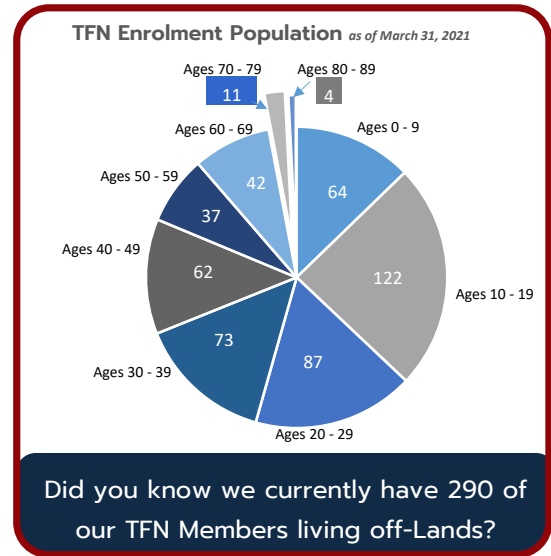
We will miss her professional contributions and wish her the very best in her journey moving forward.

GOVERNMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

ENROLLMENT QUARTERLY REPORT

The Enrollment Committee released their quarterly report in the April 15, 2021 issue of the Community Notice, reporting back on the previous three months (January, February and March).

The Report stated that TFN had a population of 502 Members, with 290 Members living off Lands. The Report had a breakdown of 251 females and 251 males- a tie!



SPRING 2021 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

This Spring Session was conducted entirely via Zoom. Although this isn't the first Legislative Assembly session to be held virtually, it was by far the longest session to be done this way and the first time completing the budget process using virtual meetings.

There were 2 budget workshops on February 4th and 9th. The session opened on February 11th, and went until March 9th (8 meetings in total). The Legislature debated Bill 001-2021, the *2021-2022 Appropriations Act*, which was enacted on March 4th. They also approved the following appointments to the Standing Committee on Language and Culture (SCLC):

- Chief Ken Baird
- Laura Cassidy (continuing Member)
- Loretta Williams (continuing Member)
- Tony Jacobs (continuing Member)
- Darryl Splockton Jr. (new Member)
- Kim Baird (new Member)

These appointments will last until Spring 2026, in accordance with the amendments made by Executive Council to the Terms of Reference for the SCLC to include a 5-year term for appointments to the committee (EC Order 0.015-2021).



LANDS AND PLANNING SERVICES DEPARTMENT

NEW YOUTH CENTRE

Executive Council is excited to share that the new Youth Centre has been successfully completed and had its grand opening in Feb 2021. The Youth Centre is currently being used by Members only. The Delta school has been running curriculum for classes K-12 in the Youth Centre. After school programs for ages between 10-18 years are also ongoing since the grand opening. 2 new staff have been added to the Youth Centre core team for effective management of the programs. Executive Council is pleased to report that a lot of equipment for various rooms in the building has already been purchased and is being used regularly by Members and staff.



EARTH DAY GRANT

Last year TFN received \$10,000 through the Earth day grant of which \$5000 was received in early 2021 for spending related to Earth day celebrations, encouraging sustainability initiatives on TFN lands. This aligns well with TFN Agricultural Business Planning initiatives.

With Executive Council's support this funding was spent to acquire 3 aquaponic systems and 3 worm composting (vermiculture) systems for 3 classrooms in the Youth Centre to be used as teaching tools. Some of the grant funds will also be used towards Zoom training sessions on aquaponic and worm composting for students, teachers, and youth workers. Lands will purchase more items required to start utilizing the two garden plots at the youth centre site, where students can learn and grow food that can be prepared and eaten at the Youth Centre or shared with community Members. With the growing season fast approaching, Executive Council hopes this project provides a great learning experience for the students and leads to a successful crop for the Youth Centre's first year.

ELDERS CENTRE UPDATE

The much-awaited Elders Centre, located in the very central and visible Blue Heron Way Site 1 precinct, is currently in the design phase. The site has been rezoned and consolidated to accommodate the layout and activities in the new Elders Centre. Zoom sessions were held on Feb 4th and 10th, 2021 to get feedback from Elders (50+ age group) on the revised design and layout of the building, and the schematic design phase for the project is almost complete. The building has been designed to represent a soaring eagle facing the sea with modern touches and complimentary elements such as wood, stone, and glass. Special attention has been paid to the placement of decks for seamless views of the water as desired by TFN's Elders.





ELDERS CENTRE UPDATE

The interior design renderings represent the placement of various art pieces in different rooms (placeholders for now). Lands Staff have been seeking guidance from the Culture department on the art pieces that may be incorporated, and also ensure a fair process for commissioning the art. With EC's support, work on Phase II, which is the detailed design phase, will commence in April, 2021.

HOUSING

36-Unit Multi-Family Housing Project

The 36-unit project is well underway. The on-site infrastructure work for the project has already begun. The design-build tender for the dwelling portion of the project has been awarded. The design work has already commenced. The site-servicing construction work will be starting in May 2021.



New Housing on Falcon Way

There has been a flurry of activity and construction in the Falcon Way Neighborhood with several homes inching towards the final build stage. Members have been diligently working towards building their dream homes and Executive Council has been very supportive of the process. To further help Members with pre-development costs EC has raised the pre-construction grant amount from \$10,000 - \$15,000 for Members building on Falcon Way, which is now available to all projects currently under construction.

Housing Needs Assessment

TFN has received a \$15,000 grant from the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs, administered by the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM), to complete its very first Housing Needs Assessment. TFN advocated for Treaty First Nations to be eligible for the Housing Needs Assessment (HNA) grant, so the Ministry and UBCM had to revise their guidelines to reflect that. So far, the Ministry has funded 7 treaty nations (including TFN) for the HNA work. Under Executive Council's guidance and the Housing Needs Assessment study will look at TFN's housing needs up to 2026. The work enabled by the grant will allow TFN to develop a reference document that will guide its efforts in completing the Comprehensive Housing Strategy, including Capital Planning for future affordable housing needs and other important initiatives that TFN has embarked upon. The Engagement and community consultation work for this project will begin in May 2021.

I would like to express how grateful I am to TFN. My children and I have been the first out of 6 families to move into one of the new 6 plex units located on Raven Lane. Through utilizing and accessing various resources within TFN such as counselling, the emergency housing program, speaking to various HSS support workers within our community on a regular basis, I was able to get adequate support, many times, throughout my life. I feel privileged and honored for my family and I, to be TFN Members. Our new home is beautiful and I'm so humbled that I have a safe space to call "home," for my children. Being finally settled in, I can sit back and watch with pure joy, as my children play with their friends in the park that is just outside of our place, eat dinner at the table together, and kiss them goodnight as I shut the door to their room. My heart is full of love today, love for my family and for all the hard work put into making this all possible.

- Coral Baird, TFN Member



Above: Photo by Coral Baird, inside 6-plex Unit

Occupancy of new 6-plex Units

Executive Council is excited to share that tenants have gained occupancy of the new 6-plex since April 2021. Families moving in, many who were previously living off-lands, are now settling well in their new home, just in time for spring. Some tenants who have moved in recently have reported back that they are very happy with their unit and grateful to have stable housing in a brand-new complex.

Site Servicing Policy Update

The Policy for Payment of Servicing and Pre-Construction Costs is currently being updated to reflect some additional site servicing items that will be eligible for reimbursements to Members building on TFN lands. Executive Council is happy to share that after considering Members requests for additional pre-development funding, the pre-construction grant has also been increased to a total amount of \$15,000 for Members building on Falcon Way and \$20,000 for Members building elsewhere on TFN lands. Executive Council has already approved the changes in principal to the policy and will be approving the final draft in April 2021 which will enable staff to administer the policy as soon as possible.

TFN Rental Housing Renovations

Several TFN rental units have been undergoing extensive renovations. Two units in the old 6-plex underwent major renovations in Dec 2020, major renos in another unit will be completed this month. Three other units will be renovated by June. Staff are also applying for ISC renovation funds for TFN rental units which will go towards a major face-lift for the 6-plex and other single family affordable rental homes on TFN lands, such as replacement of roof and windows, exterior paint, etc. One rental home on Falcon Way is also being renovated extensively and the roof has already been replaced. All components of the house will be redone including walls, electrical and plumbing connections, flooring, kitchen, and bathrooms.

ISC Renovation Grants

TFN Members living in homes older than 10 years qualify for a \$40,000 renovation grant through Indigenous Services Canada. With Executive Council's support TFN Members have received \$1 million in grants for renovation work in the last two years. The Housing Planner had applied for and raised \$25,000-\$40,000 for 35 renovation grant applications, and 30 homes have already been renovated. Since it's the new fiscal, ISC will now accept new renovation grant applications starting April 2021. A community notice with information about the grant will be circulated within the community every month.

Placemaking Project

The Placemaking initiative has been recognized by Executive Council as a legacy project to create a unique identity for TFN lands. Phase 1 and 2 included mapping opportunities for Public Art and creating a guidebook from other First Nations Placemaking elements which have been completed with the help of the Art Consultant, Eric Robertson. Phase 2 involved Member consulting sessions to share the examples as well as motivate them to think and understand what placemaking on TFN lands means to them. The first session in Phase 2 was held on July 30, 2020 with youth, following all the COVID protocols. This session was attended by 17 youth Members, the art consultant and 2 Lands staff.

Phase 3 is on-going and under EC's guidance TFN staff are working collaboratively with a list of resident artists on various ideas and components of some priority placemaking projects.

Negotiated Increase in Revenue for Brunswick Point Lands

Executive Council is pleased to share that the existing annual leases on the Brunswick Point (BP) agricultural parcels have been renewed with increased values. This brings us closer to cost neutrality on the carrying costs of Brunswick Point Lands. Staff have compiled an inventory of TFN's new holdings and technical studies are underway in preparation of the potential integration of these lands into TFN jurisdiction.



Utility Box-Wrapping Projects

With Executive Council's support the Kiosk Wrapping pilot project, which is one of the many initiatives of the placemaking project, was completed in early 2021 which entailed the wrapping of a total of 23 utility boxes (10 TFN-owned and 13 BC Hydro-owned) within the TFN Community Area. Three TFN Members contributed photos towards the project, one photo was used from Tyler Garnham collection, and another photo was used from the TFN Archives, originally held by the Delta Museum and Archives.

As a token of Executive Council's appreciation for their contribution to this project, all three Members were provided with an honorarium from the Placemaking budget. In addition, Education and Culture staff also offered a blanket as a token of Executive Council's appreciation to each of the three Members. Staff have received positive feedback from TFN Members and leaseholders following completion of the project. The pilot project has enhanced the street scape in the TFN Community Area boosting community pride.

TFN Community Area Adoption

On March 9, 2021, Executive Council adopted the TFN Community Area Plan. The Plan was prepared based on the Member feedback from extensive consultation sessions, including family meetings, community meetings, consultation letters and phone conversation. The Plan provides high-level principles applicable to planning and regulation with respect to the TFN Community Area. The adoption of the Plan with a confirmed TFN Community Area Boundary map enables TFN to further discuss with BC Assessment regarding potential assessment reduction within the TFN Community Area.

Falcon Way Playground

The Falcon Way playground is now in the design phase and two concepts have been finalized after a few revisions to the schematic design. Executive Council will be deciding on the final concept and once the detailed design is complete, staff will involve culture department and artists to complete the placemaking aspects of the project. Executive Council has prioritized this park to be completed in Summer/Fall 2021 and the park will serve the community in many ways. There will be a picnic area, benches, and nature-based theme for all play equipment that can be used by various age groups such as toddlers, teenagers, etc.



Above: TFN Member Liana Williams

TSAWWASSEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

TEDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Organizational changes in the first quarter of this year have seen some revisions to the TEDC structure. Executive Council are now appointed as the Board of Directors. The existing TEDC Advisory Committee continues to act in an advisory capacity on TEDC business activities. Business projects recommended by the TEDC department will now have the benefit of this review by this Committee prior to being brought to the TEDC Board for consideration and/or approval.

TEDC remains committed to put TFN members and TFN member businesses as our top priority.

TEDC plays an important role in helping and assisting TFN members wishing to start a business.

This role extends to helping members with business plans and assisting them to access grant monies and loans to finance their business ventures. Member business plans are reviewed by an external committee of advisors for approval. Several business plans were approved during the quarter.

TFN JOINT VENTURES HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL.

TEDC continues to explore opportunities for TFN Joint Ventures, and we are currently in the process of negotiating a couple of interesting opportunities for TFN. The most significant joint ventures to date are:

- TFN/Matcon Civil
- TFN/Wales Construction JV
- TFN/BA Blacktop and Eurovia JV
- TFN/Garda JV

Since inception we have been able to distribute \$12 million from our joint ventures to TFN.

TEDC continues to bring forward opportunities for further development of our Industrial Lands.

Some very significant opportunities are currently under review for the Industrial Park. We are moving cautiously to make sure we have the right development fits. We would expect that some of these projects will be advanced in the second quarter of this year.

TEDC AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

We are working closely to ensure we are involved from an economic development perspective in the many infrastructure projects both underway and scheduled for future years throughout our traditional territory. These include projects for Pattullo Bridge, Highway 17 and Fraser Crossing.



