

## **Tsawwassen First Nation Announces Appointment of Economic Development Manager**

TSAWWASSEN, B.C., August 19, 2021 – Tsawwassen First Nation (TFN), whose land base is located south of the Fraser River on the Salish Sea, is proud to announce the appointment of **Chrystalynn Gurniak** to the position of **Economic Development Manager**. TFN, the first modern urban treaty nation in British Columbia, is going through a period of revival and renewal as we plan our future and work towards our goal of becoming a strong, self-sufficient and sustainable First Nation for present and future generations.

As a TFN Member and member of the executive management team for the past 17 years, Chrystalynn will effectively leverage her engagement, communication and relationship-building skills to promote and achieve sustainable growth through the expansion and retention of existing businesses and attraction of new businesses in TFN and its member business enterprises.

Chrystalynn Gurniak, whose ancestral name is **ləqʷiyə**, will be primarily responsible for creating an economic environment focused on attracting and retaining business ventures while advancing economic, environmental and social goals within TFN. She will maintain effective working relationships with the TFN management team, economic development contractors, community members, external business partners and the Chief and Executive Council.

The Economic Development Manager role oversees the TFN Economic Development Corporation (TEDC), reports to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and ensures that its goals and objectives are achieved in a manner that is consistent with Executive Council's strategic plan. TEDC's shareholders are all TFN Members and are guided by an experienced advisory committee and board of directors.

"Economic development is a key pillar of our strategic plan and an important component of TFN's implementation of its treaty," states CAO Braden Smith. "Having a TFN Member lead this work, coupled with Chrystalynn's skills and abilities, will be beneficial in achieving our ambitious goals".

Please join us in congratulating Chrystalynn Gurniak for her appointment to this pivotal role in TFN's ongoing success story.

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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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