

LAND FACING THE SEA 2022



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

Events from Summer and Fall 2022
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TSAWWASSEN FIRST NATION



A MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Dear Members,

The 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 quarter. This special edition will cover both quarters from April to September 2022. We hope that reading this document gives you a sense of what your Government has been doing in the last two quarters.

In 2019, the people of Tsawwassen First Nation elected Chief swənnəset Ken Baird and our Executive Council: sxʷamisaat Laura Cassidy, hal quam a tia Louise Ahlm, sləqsit Steven Stark, and Chemkwaat Valerie Cross.

The late Chief swənnəset Ken Baird led his people with his whole heart. We hold our hands up to him for all that he has done in our government and community as Chief and as a Tsawwassen band member.

Executive Council announced that on Thursday August 11th, Councillor Chemkwaat Valerie Cross was appointed Acting Chief. She will serve in this role for the remainder of the current term, which will end ten days after the General Election on October 15th. During this period Executive Council members will be working together to support Councillor Cross and to share some of the responsibilities of the office of Chief, including representing Tsawwassen First Nation at the

regional, provincial and national level. Our hands go up to Councillor Cross and the other members of Executive Council for jointly accepting this role to serve and support the community during this challenging time.

With Councillor Cross' transition to Acting Chief, there was a vacancy on Executive Council. In accordance with s.28(2)(b) of the Government Organization Act, Legislator Sheila Williams accepted a temporary appointment to Executive Council to fill the vacancy created when Valerie Cross was appointed as Acting Chief. Her appointment will also last until the end of the current term. Hands raised to Sheila for accepting this appointment to serve the community.

Our journey as Executive Council is coming to an end as we make room for others to begin theirs. Although we've had to overcome many difficult challenges as a Nation, it's been an honour to stand together and work to create a better life for the Tsawwassen People.

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 have become a prosperous Nation by continuing to work together in kindness and respect.

Let's continue to lift each other up through difficult times, and move forward together as one Nation, as one people, as one family.

CHIEF BAIRD

CALENDAR OF REGIONAL MEETINGS

Water Committee Meeting

April 29, May 27, June 24, July 6

Mayors' Committee

April 6, May 25, June 15

Mayors' Council

April 13, April 22, May 8, May 25, June 8, June 30

Finance Committee

April 21, May 12, July 13

George Massey Crossing Task Force

None

Indigenous Relations Committee Meeting

July 6

Climate Action Committee Meeting

April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8

Special Joint Meeting

July 20

Board of Directors

July 29

ACTING CHIEF CROSS

CALENDAR OF REGIONAL MEETINGS

Mayors' Council

- **Indigenous Relations Joint Working Group**
September 9
- **Finance and Governance Committee**
September 21

Please note that following Tsawwassen First Nation cultural protocol, there are no photos of swānnāset Ken Baird in this publication out of respect for the family and community. hay čx^w q̄a

EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

In April, the Youth Centre afterschool program celebrated Easter with a fun Easter egg hunt throughout the park. We had a blast attending the Delta Police Day in May and spent a busy June enjoying a jam-packed month making art, bubbles and adventuring around local parks.



The Teen program enjoyed pool tournaments, swimming, dinner out to Boston Pizza and practiced their driving skills at TBC go carts. They also enjoyed drop-in basketball and using the very popular weight room.

We spent two months getting the Youth ready for the Summer Student Work program with two job fairs, and a resume and interview workshop. Each youth did two job interviews and we placed 27 youth in their preferred jobs throughout TFN.

LANGUAGE AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT



CHIEFTAIN BLANKETING CEREMONY

Tsawwassen First Nation honoured Chief Ken Baird with a Chieftain Blanketing Ceremony on April 7th, where Chief was gifted with a blanket woven by Musqueam member, Debra Sparrow. He was also gifted a cedar headband. This headband was made in collaboration with three of TFN's artists; Loretta Williams who wove the headband, Angeline Splockton who beaded the design, and Frank Campbell who cleaned and attached eagle feathers. Members of Executive Council and the Legislature were also honoured with commercialized versions of the Chief's blanket. The ceremony was livestreamed so that Tsawwassen Members and community were able to witness this important ceremony.



DISCUSSION WITH MUSEUM OF VANCOUVER (MOV)

On May 4th, TFN Staff, Members of the Standing Committee on Language & Culture (SCLC), and MOV employees met to start the discussion on repatriating 17 Ancestors back to TFN Lands for reburial.

TFN COMMUNITY DRUM GROUP

Beginning May 31st, Drum Group is every Tuesday from 5:00-7:00pm at the TFN Youth Centre.



CEDAR STRIPPING ON KATZIE TRADITIONAL LANDS

With very limited trees this year to strip, Language and Culture staff went cedar stripping and all the cedar collected was donated to Language and Culture and to the Elders Program for future workshops.

MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS MARCH/WALK

Language and Culture and TFN Health and Social Services participated and hosted a walk/run/ride to honour Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls on May 5th. This walk was open to all community members and the public.

10TH ANNIVERSARY FOR ECOLE DU BOIS JOLI

Language & Culture Staff were approached by Melanie Voyer, Principal of Ecole du Bois Joli to host a small ceremony and invite a representative from Tsawwassen First Nation to speak on a *hən̓q̓əmiñəŋ* name that they had received from TFN 10 years ago. She is interested in building a stronger relationship with the community. Congratulations to Jesseca Adams and Terri Splockton who represented TFN at the event!



INDIGENOUS HONOURING FEAST WITH SFU



We Coast Salish people of the hə́nqəmíṇəm territory are making every effort to vitalize our language for the sake of the younger generations. Colonization and other adversities have diminished the use of language in our communities and households to the present status of having no first language speakers.

We rely on our dedicated language specialists to help deliver community-based and school-based courses and projects aimed at strengthening our language.

We thus have partnered with SFU to deliver post-secondary courses in the hə́nqəmíṇəm language. The 11 students in this program completed their Certificates in Indigenous Language Proficiency. 5 of those students are TFN staff and Members, Kayleigh Meredith-Dingwall, Jesseca Adams, Victoria Williams, Coral Baird, and Raven Wilson.

On June 6th they received their Certificates in a beautiful Honouring Feast Ceremony hosted by SFU at the Pinnacle Harbourfront Hotel in Vancouver.

BRUSHING OF TFN ADMIN BUILDING AND FACILITIES

Language and Culture staff hired Keith Nahanee and Elder Marlene Rice to brush out Facilities on TFN Lands.

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY JUNE 21ST

Language and Culture assisted with the hiring of drummers/singers and an Elder to provide prayer for the start of the event. We set up a Language and Culture tent where we had multiple booths set up with cultural and language items, we also hosted a quick game of hə́nqəmíṇəm language bingo.

TFN – AMAZON COFFEE CHAT

TFN Staff were approached by Amazon to do an “Indigenous @ Amazon Coffee Chat” event. “Coffee Chats” at Amazon are a way to achieve education and engagement goals across North America to highlight, celebrate and learn about minority groups. Amazon’s focus and goal is to increase recruitment and retention of Indigenous Peoples at Amazon, as well as educating their associates and leaders.

This live virtual event took place on June 22nd and consisted of an opening prayer and song, a presentation by TFN Staff followed by a Q&A from Amazon employees and associates listening in. Staff raised awareness on the history of Indigenous Peoples of Canada, TFN history and key elements to building relationships with TFN. The event was also recorded for continued learning purposes at Amazon for all current and future employees across Canada and the United States. Congratulations to Kayleigh Meredith-Dingwall, Jesseca Adams, Terri Splockton, and Taylor Baker who represented TFN at the event!

CRAFT NIGHT

Cultural Craft Night begins once a month. TFN Members are invited to come out the second to last Thursday of each month to start, work on, or finish a craft. Craft supplies and dinner provided.

TFN’S YOUTH CENTRE END OF THE YEAR PERFORMANCE

Language and Culture staff have been working with our youth to help introduce and teach language and culture every Friday since September of last year. On June 28th the Youth Centre/School held their end of the year performance and L&C staff helped teach the youth how to introduce themselves in *hənǰəmiñəm*, the youth also sang, drummed and danced traditional songs for their loved ones.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

ELDER’S LUNCHESES COME BACK

Starting April 19th, 2022, HSS was excited to resume in-person Elder’s lunches twice a week in the new (temporary) Elder’s Centre. HSS’ Elders Workers, along with the rest of the HSS team, have been so grateful to return to in-person lunches and having the opportunity to visit and connect with community Elders once again!

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE TEAM

On April 26 HSS facilitated a new counsellor to begin working with the youth two times a week at the Youth Centre. Maura Gowans is Dene from Tulita, NT and is working with TFN youth on topics such as grounding techniques to help with anxiety and ways to create safety in moments of anxiety, self regulation, culture as healing, respecting and honoring each other, self esteem and positive self talk.

In May of 2022, HSS welcomed Kelly Hoogland to the team. Kelly brings a great deal of knowledge and experience with her to her position and HSS is grateful to have her join the team as a Social Assistance Worker. This position is dedicated to streamlining and facilitating access to social development supports where needed.

As mentioned from the Language and Culture department, HSS and L&C supported the walk to honour Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. It was a powerful event attended by many Members and outside community members.

On June 6 Members of the HSS team facilitated a Naloxone training for TFN youth as a part of our ongoing harm reduction education and support series. HSS has access to harm reduction supplies for Members and their families available through outreach and in office support. HSS has also worked with the DPD TFNST to ensure harm reduction supplies can be accessed after hours and on weekends when HSS offices are closed.

On June 9th Members of the HSS team hosted the Federation of Sovereign Indian Nations to showcase to them the good work that is being done here on Tsawwassen lands.

On June 22nd, in partnership with Fraser Health and First Nations Health Authority, HSS provided another Covid-19 vaccine clinic. The clinic focused primarily on providing a 2nd booster dose for Elders and first booster dose for eligible youth. Consistent with previous clinics, anyone eligible to be vaccinated was able to access the appropriate dose of vaccine, whether it was their first, second or booster dose.



NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

NR COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Natural Resources Committee met twice during this period. Once on April 12th and once on June 29th. During the April 12th meeting attendees discussed upcoming plans for this fishing season including food fish distribution planning, as well as early projections for Sockeye returning to the Fraser, potential buyers for TFN directed economic opportunity fisheries, the upcoming Natural Resources Framework project, the potential formation of a working group dedicated to the protection of Native plants on TFN lands and continued crab negotiations with DFO, and harvesting impacts from project accommodations.

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TFN EULACHON FISHERY

Tsawwassen First Nation conducted their annual Eulachon fishery in April with two members of the community going out to fish for our Nations allocation of Eulachon. This year did not see the same returns we have seen in recent years; however, the experience is always worthwhile and well appreciated by members along with the ability to harvest a traditional food.

CRAB PATROLS

The TFN patrol vessel has now been fully repaired as of May, and staff are looking forward to the opportunity to get out on the water to conduct more vessel-based patrols. The department is working to promote more community engagement with respect to crab harvesting compliance standards to ensure resource abundance can continue to be enjoyed by all. The Natural Resources Enforcement Officer is also available to answer any questions TFN members may have and can be reached at 604-308-1068.

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY JUNE 21ST

Natural Resources staff assisted in the celebrations of Indigenous Peoples Day by securing, cooking, and packaging cooked pieces of Dungeness Crab for both TFN members and the public to enjoy on this day. A member of the community provided the catch to the department in hopes that this bounty of traditional food could be enjoyed with all present. Natural Resources also provided sides of salmon to Delta Police Staff who were BBQing. With all the positive feedback and smiling faces Natural Resources staff was happy to contribute and support such an important event that works to promote community togetherness understanding and knowledge sharing.



POLICY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

OUR POLICY TEAM

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.

Some highlights from April - September 2022 include:

- Engaged with the Province of BC on amendments to the Child, Family, and Community Services Act to uphold Indigenous jurisdiction and improve services for children in care when they become adults.
- Concluded an agreement with the Province of BC to reduce the financial impact of the Employer Health Tax on TFN Government.
- Completed updates to the Smuyuq'wa' Lelum Daycare Policy. The policy had not been amended since 2011 so the changes were focused on bringing it up to date with current practices and making it easier to navigate.
- Completed updates to the Post-Secondary Education Policy and Employment and Training Policy to increase funding for Members pursuing post-secondary and career training to better support them with the current cost of living.
- Completed updates to the Procurement Policy. This work was done in response to a resolution of the Tsawwassen Legislature and direction from Executive Council. The main purpose was to clarify the provisions around preferential treatment for Member businesses, and ensure the policy reflects TFNs policy objectives to both support Members and use public funds effectively and efficiently.
- Completed development of the new Wills Program, in which Elders are now eligible for up to \$1000 for a single person will package or \$2000 for a couples will package. All TFN Members aged 18-55 will become eligible for this program beginning April 1 2023. The intent is to encourage all Members to have a will in place to ease the stress that can arise when a loved one passes.
- Completed a new Budget Amendment Regulation which clarifies the process for when large changes to the budget are contemplated throughout the year. Under the new regulation, the TFN Legislature will be consulted and in some instances approve large budget amendments.
- Completed amendments to the Good Neighbour Regulation to clarify who is responsible for maintaining boulevards, and create a ticketable offense if the boulevards are not adequately maintained.
- Completed amendments to the Sign Regulation. The amendments were aimed at filling gaps which were identified over the last several years, including clarifications around types of signs, how long they can posted, distance from roads, and permitting issues.
- Completed a new Parks Regulation which sets out the rules and expected behaviour in TFN Parks.
- Created a new Infant and Toddler Grant Program, after a suggestion was brought forward by a member of the Advisory Council. Parents of Tsawwassen Members aged 4 and under can now access up to \$300 per year for programs related to education or sporting activities.



Welcome New Policy Staff!

Isabella Corbet joined us as a Summer Student in May 2022. Isabella is a TFN Member going into her third year as an English Major at UBC with the goal of becoming an English teacher. Her strong writing skills and interest in TFN Government make her an excellent addition to the team and we're excited to work with her this summer!



Connor Hasegawa holds an undergraduate degree in History and a Master of Public Policy. He has experience working for the Federal Government at Indigenous Services Canada and joins TFN after a four-year stint living in Australia.

Alexandra Turcotte holds a Master of Arts in Political Studies and joins TFN with over five years in policy and research experience in rural and Northern Saskatchewan. She is experienced in culturally sensitive service delivery and working with Indigenous communities.



OUR TERRITORY MANAGEMENT TEAM

This branch of the Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs Department co-ordinates and leads TFN's involvement in major projects, referrals, and archaeology which result largely from external developments that may have an impact on TFN's Treaty Rights. The department collects input from external consultants and the community to ensure that any developments take TFN's rights into consideration.



We'd like to welcome our new Referrals Analyst, *Amelia Cooper*, to the team! Amelia graduated from Simon Fraser University with a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Geography and a Certificate in Spatial Information Systems. She has previous experience working with the Vancouver Airport Authority and Musqueam Indian Band. She is excited to assist TFN preserve our land, environment, and resources for future generations.

Some key highlights include:

- PIGA and Territory Management staff are beginning to develop a "Valued Components" framework (the "Framework") that identifies the types of information TFN needs to receive from proponents, BC or Canada to evaluate a project. The Framework will identify TFN-specific values, how to gather information about them, how to measure project effects on them, and how to present the information so that TFN can make an informed decision about whether the project is in TFN's interest.
- Under Executive Council's direction, senior staff from Territory Management and In-House Legal travelled to Ottawa to advocate with the federal government for TFN-specific accommodations for impacts to Tsawwassen rights from the proposed Roberts Bank Terminal 2 project.



GOVERNMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

TSAWWASSEN LEGISLATURE

Although there was not a formal sitting of the Tsawwassen Legislature during this period, Legislators did participate in two workshops related to drafting a Legislature Code of Conduct. This document will act as a companion to the Legislature Rules and Procedures Manual, and will guide the conduct of Legislators both in and outside of Legislative Assembly meetings. It is expected that the final version of the Legislators Code of Conduct will be reviewed and voted on at the Fall 2022 Session of the Legislative Assembly.

In addition to the workshops, Legislators also participated in a Chieftain Blanketing Ceremony on April 7th 2022, where Chief Ken Baird was blanketed with a custom blanket woven by Musqueam member, Debra Sparrow. Legislators each received a commercial version of the blanket. On June 15, 2022, the annual Trust Society AGM was held, where Legislators heard reports on the previous year’s financial statements for the Trust Society, as well as reports from the Trust Society auditors and directors. There was also a review of the investment performance and the Legacy Trust Operating Plan. All Legislators are members of the Trust Society, and the AGM is open to all Members to observe.

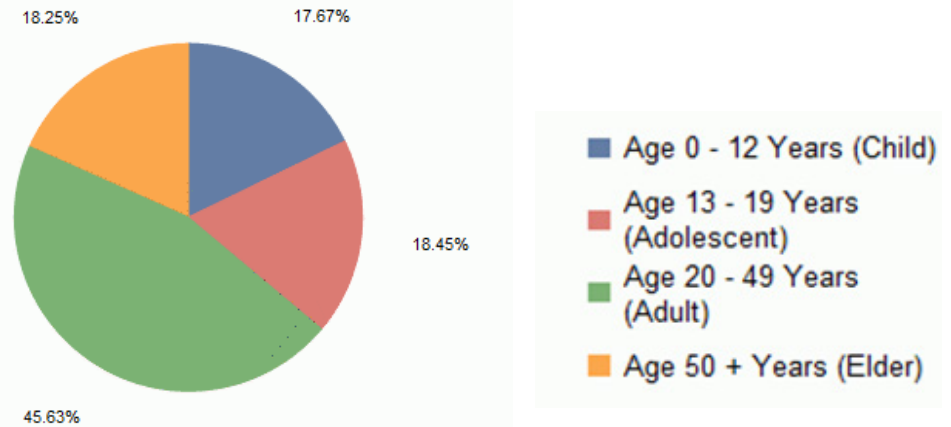
ADVISORY COUNCIL

The role of the Advisory Council is to provide feedback from Members to the Executive Council and Legislature on policy and legislative initiatives. These meetings are now “hybrid” format, with some Members attending in person and others joining online via Zoom. During the second and third quarters of 2022 there were six Advisory Council meetings, with an average of nine attendees per meeting. Some of the items reviewed by the Advisory Council include:

- Review of draft policies (Legal Wills Policy, Infant and Toddler Grant Policy)
- Review of draft regulations (Parks Regulation, Emergency Planning and Financial Assistance Regulation)
- Advisory Council Code of Conduct
- Review of proposed regulation amendments (Good Neighbour Regulation, Ticket Regulation, Sign Regulation, Building Regulation)

ENROLLMENT QUARTERLY REPORT

As of August 30, 2022, the total population of Tsawwassen First Nation is 517 Members. Just under 20% of TFN's population is age 50 and over.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Government Services Team was thrilled to be able to offer in person events again after a long hiatus during the pandemic.

Treaty Day 2022

On April 3rd 2022, Members came together for the 13th anniversary of Treaty Day. This informal event was held at the Youth Centre and included a welcome with signing, drumming and prayers, cultural displays and activities from the Language and Culture Department, a BBQ lunch provided by the Delta Police Department, and slahal. Aside from some challenges with the weather, it was an enjoyable event and a welcome return to more traditional gatherings.





National Indigenous Peoples Day 2022

June 21st 2022 saw the return of the community celebration for National Indigenous People’s Day. Members, leaseholders and invited guests were all in attendance at the Sports Field for BBQ lunch, cultural displays and games, swag giveaways, and vendor tables featuring TFN community artisans. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to connect with residents and the TFN community.

Throughout the summer months staff have been busy planning the 2022 Members Gathering, which will be held November 4th-6th at the River Rock Resort in Richmond BC. We are excited to be able to plan an in-person event after two years of remote events, and we look forward to welcoming Members and their families at the Gathering!

General Election 2022

Effective July 15th 2022, Executive Council issued the Notice of Election for the next General Election, to elect one Chief and thirteen Legislators. Election Day will occur on Saturday October 15th 2022.

LANDS AND PLANNING SERVICES DEPARTMENT

TFN EARTH DAY EVENT

On April 22, 2022, TFN Earth Day was celebrated for the first time, which was attended by 40-50 folks! Elder Ruth said the prayers, Frank Campbell did the drumming/singing; Councillor Stark, as the chair of Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC), addressed all attendees and Yum's Catering provided a nourishing meal for all to share. Free seeds and seedlings were distributed too. All attendees got an opportunity to tour the farm, meet KPU farm school staff, meet TFN Community Farm Coordinator (Nicol Watson) and Implementation Farmer (Mac Brown) who are leading implementation of the pilot project (with Lands staff support), aimed at enhancing local food security for Members.

This year, under EC's guidance, Lands Staff secured \$30,000 grant from Indigenous Service Canada (ISC) administered by NmTC for the Earth Day and some smaller expenses on the pilot project, TFN Community Farm. This pilot project is supported by the Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) and fits well with the key initiatives identified in the TFN Agricultural Business Plan. Phase 1 is being implemented this growing season and Member families will have the opportunity to pick up some produce bags, including some produce for the Elders' lunches and the youth centre. Two TFN Youth, Christian J Weir and Jackie Adams have been selected through the Summer Program (July-Sept 1, 2022) to be mentored and learn hands-on at the pilot project site.



TFN SUSTAINABILITY CHARTER PROJECT

Sustainability is a vital element in planning for resilient and thriving communities. TFN desires to develop a landmark Sustainability Charter guiding document to demonstrate its commitment to a sustainable future. Completing this initiative will demonstrate TFN's intent to build a progressive, forward-thinking community that addresses growth, serves the needs of the current and projected population in a responsible and sustainable way.

Strategic Priorities: The TFN Sustainability Charter project aligns well with the core themes of the 2018-2023 Strategic Plan and is supposed to be a guiding framework for the next Strategic Plan (2023-2027) including achieving an operational sustainability mandate, applicable to all current and future decisions within the Tsawwassen Lands.

EC has ensured that there's an inter-departmental working team within TFN to streamline the process and have a collaborative approach. A consultant (subject expert) will be working closely with the

inter-departmental team. With EC's direction and approval of award, significant work is anticipated to be done in phases (Phase 1 will begin soon), within which Member engagement will be key in this process.

EC is happy to share that TFN has secured \$50,000 grant from the Real Estate Foundation BC (REFBC) and have received verbal confirmation from New Relationship Trust for \$50,000 that will go towards the project.

COMPREHENSIVE HOUSING STRATEGY (CHS) A FINALIST IN THE REFBC LAND AWARDS!

Under Executive Council's direction, in 2019-2020 TFN embarked upon the TFN Comprehensive Housing Strategy work (CHS) which acknowledges that the government's role as a housing provider goes beyond building residential structures. It is meant to be a wrap-around solution with a "No Member left behind" principle, to facilitate member housing needs, support opportunities and promoting better outcomes for residents resulting in improved well-being for the whole community.

Under EC's guidance, TFN was successful in securing a \$76,400 grant from the Real Estate Foundation BC (REFBC) last year, to assist with the TFN Comprehensive Housing Strategy initiative. Upon completion, staff applied for the Land Awards and TFN was successful in being nominated to be a finalist!

On June 9, the Real Estate Foundation of BC (REFBC) held a Land Awards Gala at the Anvil Centre in New Westminster to announce the 2022 Land Awards winners in two individual and five project categories.

For the first time in several years, **TFN Comprehensive Housing Strategy was nominated as a "Finalist" within the "Built Environment" category. Although TFN did not win, it is an honour for TFN to reach the finals and be recognized! Congratulations to all the TFN Members.**

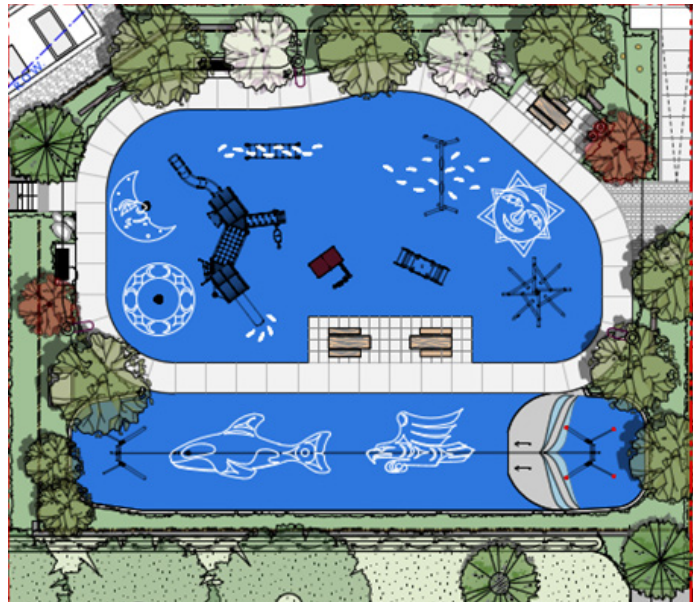
TFN Executive Council and the whole TFN Community are very grateful to the Real Estate Foundation BC (REFBC) for this support and recognition of this important initiative.



FALCON WAY PARK CONSTRUCTION

EC is pleased to share that the construction of the Falcon Way Park is on schedule. The sidewalk has been constructed and landscape works (topsoil and trees) will be completed in the following weeks. The installation of the play equipment (Wizard's Double Tower Fortress, Zip-Line, Swing, Crawling Pyramid, etc.) is scheduled to start on July 25, 2022, followed by the pour-in-place rubber surface. The rubber surface will display the artwork that was created by two TFN resident artists.

The Park is expected to be open to public during the week of August 24, 2022.



36-UNIT MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING PROJECT

The construction of the 36-unit housing project is underway. All the underground utilities (storm and sanitary sewer, water, electrical and telecommunication ducts) have been installed. Concrete curb and gutter, and asphalt works are dependent on the timeline of the building phasing and will be installed as the buildings approach the date of occupancy.

The home builder contractor has completed 4 buildings foundations and is working on the framing works. The foundations for the 5 other buildings are either have been prepped and ready to receive concrete or in the process of being prepped.

The material supply chain disruption in the market has impacted the construction schedule by about a couple of months; however, the home builder is doing their best to mitigate the delays by leveraging their relationships with vendors and suppliers.

The first 12 housing units are expected to be completed in 2023 fall, provided that the material supply chain disruption does not worsen.

TFN PLACEMAKING PROJECT UPDATE

The Placemaking initiative has been recognized by EC as a legacy project to create a unique identity for TFN lands. Last year, the Art Consultant assisted staff to complete Phase 1 which included research on various placemaking examples existing in other communities. Under EC's direction, staff implemented a pilot project of wrapping 13 BC Hydro owned and 10 TFN owned utility boxes (with some funding assistance from a BC Hydro grant), within the TFN Community Area. This year, a second pilot project of installing beautiful banners created by TFN Youth, on Salish Sea Way, was implemented successfully.

Banners within the TFN Community Area (Falcon Way and Tsawwassen Drive) is also in consideration and staff is reviewing a comprehensive streetscape design concept plan that will likely accommodate that in the coming years.

FALCON WAY SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT

The sidewalk replacement work was completed in May 2022. The work consisted of a new 1.5m wide asphalt sidewalk along Falcon Way from Heron Place to the northeast end of Falcon Way.



LOT A AND B DUPLEX MEMBER HOUSING PROJECT

The TFN Comprehensive Housing Strategy (CHS) work that has 9 themes endorsed by the Executive Council was completed with support from the REFBC grant approved last year, which was nominated for the Lands Award last month. One of the themes within the 9 endorsed themes of the CHS, is Creating New Affordable Housing for the members. One of the many housing initiatives approved by EC on June 28 is to implement the duplex project (total of 12 units; 6 units on each lot) within the Falcon Way subdivision. This project has also been endorsed by the Housing Advisory Committee and staff will start the outreach process with on-lands and off-lands Members to receive applications for the waitlist.

With EC's direction, staff have finalized a contract with local developer "Aquilini/TFSI Boardwalk Joint Venture (ATFSI JV)" and negotiated an "at-cost" turn-key solution as a creative option of housing for membership. The contract with the developer has been executed, and pre-development work has begun. Each unit will be two storeys in height, have three bedrooms and a two-car parking garage. These "turn-key" units can either be bought by members outright (anticipated cost of each unit is approximately \$420,000) or a member can enter a "Rent-to-own" model and work towards ownership within 3-5 years timeframe.

PILOT RENT-TO- OWN (LIGHT BLUE HOUSE RELOCATION)

The house at 1863 Tsawwassen Drive has been relocated to 2440 Falcon Way (Lot C). The house structure is lifted and will be lowered when the foundation concrete work is completed. Once the house is lowered, the renovation work will commence, including exterior upgrades, a new roof, new wood decks, new interior finishes and updated house layout, and electrical and mechanical upgrades. The site must also be prepared with various civil works, including grading, perimeter retaining walls, and site services. The construction work is estimated to start in the fall of 2022, with an expected completion date of early summer 2023. The contractor will confirm the completion date once the project is awarded.

TFN FACILITIES PLANNING PROJECT (PHASE 4)

Since 2019, the Executive Council has been the driving force to have a Comprehensive planning approach to all the much-needed facilities on TFN lands. Phases 1-3 were completed last year, and Phase 4 consisted of focussed Member engagement for Site 4 and post-COVID functional review of the TFN staff building and legislature. Both were completed successfully with the help of \$50,000 grant that Lands staff secured last year. EC prioritized the Elders Centre project which will break ground this year, and the next project is likely to be the TFN staff building and legislature design.

TFN ELDERS CENTRE PROJECT

This legacy project has been prioritized as per Executive Council's direction and we are now entering the last phase. The community has been eagerly waiting for this facility to be built. Significant work has been completed to date for the Elders Centre project based on Executive Council's direction to prioritize this project. Several "Call to Artists" have been published in the Community Newsletter to help with the Coast Salish artwork inside and outside (within landscaped area) the Elders Centre building. A lunch meeting between TFN Resident Artists and TFN Elders is planned for Thursday, Sept 22, 2022 to ensure our artists discuss these opportunities and seek inspiration from our Elders for the art work.

Under EC's guidance, Lands staff collaborated with Culture staff to have the ground-breaking blessing ceremony on August 17, 2022, for the proposed Elders Centre site, prior to beginning the construction. The construction for this facility began on August 18, 2022 and it is anticipated to take almost 2 years to complete.

During the construction period, the haul road for heavy equipment and construction materials will be through the intersection of Tsawwassen Drive and Hwy 17. Currently, the access to the intersection is temporarily closed with road barriers placed on Tsawwassen Drive, just north of the intersection. With a coordinated effort, with the TFN Public Works, the barriers will be partially removed to open one lane, which will allow large and heavy deliveries during construction.

For a controlled access, when partially opened, there will be a flagger always positioned near the barriers to allow only the construction related deliveries. Upon the completion of the deliveries, the barriers will be placed back to its original configuration. This is anticipated to continue throughout the construction period of the Elders Centre facility.



A GROWING GOVERNMENT

NEW REGULAR FULL-TIME ADDITIONS TO TSAWWASSEN'S GOVERNMENT STAFF

Between April 1st 2022 to September 20, 2022

ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Elmer Santos – Facilities Worker
Alexander Altamura – Housing and Planning Technician
Trevor Eely – Public Works Worker (TFN Member)

LANDS DEPARTMENT

Nikki Lorenz - Community Programs Coordinator (TFN Member)

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Tavia Proteau – Office Assistant (TFN Member)

LEGAL

Nicola Collins – Legal Counsel

IT

Steven Tran – IT Support Associate

POLICY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Amelia Cooper – Referrals Analyst
Connor Hasegawa – Policy Analyst
Alexandra Turcotte – Policy Analyst

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Seamus Munns - Recreation Program Worker
Hiral Patel - Medical Office Assistant
Kelly Hoogland - Kelly Social Assistance Worker

EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Jacob Slater – Youth Worker
Gurdeep Kaur Bassan – Youth Centre Cook
Hardeep Kondola - Education Support Worker
Prabhpreet Kaur – ECE Worker

HUMAN RESOURCES

Crystal Lindstrom – Payroll, Benefits and HR Assistant

ORDERS OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

THE FOLLOWING ORDERS WERE PASSED BY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DURING APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 2022 PERIOD:

- O.028-2022 Order to approve application for funding to the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund through the UBCM
- O.029-2022 Order to confirm TFN's withdrawal from membership in the Salish Sea Indigenous Guardians Association
- O.030-2022 Order to approve execution of grant agreement for Employer Health Tax Reimbursement
- O.031-2022 Order to approve grant application to First Nations Adapt Program for the TFN Comprehensive Sustainability Charter Project
- O.032-2022 Order to award contract for demolition of boat storage yard to Tsawwassen Constructors Joint Venture
- O.033-2022 Order to award the construction procurement and administration contract for the Elders Centre project to Iredale Architecture
- O.034-2022 Order to enact the Policy for Smuyuq'wa' Lelum (2022) and repeal the Policy for Smuyuq'wa' Leleum (2011)
- O.035-2022 Order to enact the Post-Secondary Education Policy and Application (2022) and repeal the Post-Secondary Education Policy and Application (2009)
- O.036-2022 Order to enact the Employment and Training Policy (2022)
- O.037-2022 Order to enact the Procurement Policy (2022) and repeal the Procurement Policy (2010)
- O.038-2022 Order to enact the Delegation of Financial Authority Policy (2022)
- O.039-2022 Order to award contract for rubber surfacing installation at Falcon Way park to Parkworks Solution Corp.
- O.040-2022 Order to enact the Annual Utility Charge Regulation (2022)
- O.041-2022 Order to confirm Executive Council support for the BC First Nations Housing and Infrastructure Council
- O.042-2022 Order to approve grant application to the New Relationship Trust for the TFN Comprehensive Sustainability Charter Project
- O.043-2022 Order to end application of section 19.2a of the Financial Management Policy
- O.044-2022 Order to enact the Annual Rates Regulation (2022)

- O.045-2022 Order to appoint Andrew Bak to the TFN Judicial Council
- O.046-2022 Order to enact the Wills Program Policy
- O.047-2022 Order to enact the Budget Amendment Regulation
- O.048-2022 Order to award slope stabilization contract to Jagerock Stabilization Ltd.
- O.049-2022 Order to amend the Tsawwassen Child Benefit Program Policy
- O.050-2022 Order to Approve Sign License Agreement with Aquilini TFSI Boardwalk Joint Venture
- O.051-2022 Order to Approve Crane License Agreement for Lot 201, Plan EPP83165
- O.052-2022 Order to amend the Good Neighbour Regulation
- O.053-2022 Order to amend the Ticket Regulation
- O.054-2022 Order to amend the Offsite Levies Regulation
- O.055-2022 Order in support of the Metro 2050 Regional Growth Strategy
- O.056-2022 Order to enact the Sign Regulation (2022) and repeal the Sign Regulation (2013)
- O.057-2022 Order to enact the Parks Regulation (2022)
- O.058-2022 Order regarding drug activity at homes on Tsawwassen Drive and Falcon Way
- O.059-2022 Order to Notice of the 2022 General Election
- O.060-2022 Order to support City of Delta's grant application to the 2022 CEPF for Extreme Heat Risk Mapping
- O.061-2022 Order to amend the Building Regulation
- O.062-2022 Order to award the design-build services contract for 12 duplex units (2433 and 2430 Cormorant Drive) to Aquilini/TFSI Boardwalk Joint Venture
- O.063-2022 Order to award Elders Centre Phase 3 construction services contract to Coverage Construction Ltd.
- O.064-2022 Order to appoint Patrick Marshall as Election Officer for the 2022 General Election
- O.065-2022 Order to enact the Policy for Administering Infant and Toddler Grants (2022)
- O.066-2022 Order to award Falcon Way drainage improvements contract to Klondike Infrastructure Ltd.
- O.067-2022 Order to issue Environmental Protection Development Permit DP000099 for the proposed Elders Centre
- O.068-2022 Order to appoint Chemkwaat (Valerie Cross) as Acting Chief
- O.069-2022 Order to appoint Signing Officer



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from Acting Chief *Chemkwaat* Valerie Cross and Members of Executive Council
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