

LAND FACING THE SEA 2022

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

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TSAWWASSEN FIRST NATION



A MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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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 edition will cover October – December 2022.

As we end the 2022 calendar year, EC would like to extend their gratitude to the TFN community for their strength and resiliency during a challenging year. Although we embarked challenges, our Nation has much to be proud of. The last quarter of the year brought a lot of change and exciting events for TFN government.

This year was an election year for TFN, and on October 15th, the General Election took place where TFN welcomed a newly elected Legislature. On November 6th, elections were carried out for Advisory Council and TFN's various Committees. We are profoundly humbled to serve as Tsawwassen's Chief and Executive Council for the next term, with Chief *sx^wamisaat* Laura Cassidy, and Councillors *təx^wiləm/Yaahl Iiwaans* Bryce Williams, Taylor Baker, *Chemkwaat* Valerie Cross and *halquam a tia* Louise Ahlm. We have some new faces this term, as well as re-elected Members, which makes a great team. We are confident this government will continue to make the best possible decisions for Tsawwassen Peoples and our Nation. *Hay čx^w qə* to the previous Executive Council, Legislature, and Committee Members for their

incredible contributions during the previous term, and *hay čx^w qə* to all who put their names forward at the previous elections, our hands go up to you all.

EC is delighted that more in person events will take place this upcoming year. We were all able to gather in person at the Members Gathering, TFN Legislative Assembly, Staff Christmas Lunch, and Member Community Christmas Dinner within this final quarter. In person meetings, with the option of hybrid, are in full effect allowing EC, committees, and staff meetings happening face to face carrying out the important work.

We would also like to recognize the work of our Economic Development Department on the landmark agreement with the Beedie Group for a 60-year lease of Tsawwassen Industrial Lands, which was finalized in December 2022. This deal was a result of the largest per acre prepaid lease payment that TFN has ever negotiated, including extensive Member benefits.

We have important work ahead of us in 2023, including the 15-Year Treaty Review, communications strategy and stewardship initiatives to protect our land and waters. This work and success wouldn't be possible without the hard work and collaborations from Members and staff, *ciθamə cən*.

Take care, and always feel free to reach out.

CHIEF CASSIDY

CALENDAR OF REGIONAL MEETINGS

NOVEMBER 2022

- 4 - 6 TFN AGM/ Member Gathering
- 7 Delta Council Inaugural Meeting
- 15 TFN Legislature Swearing in Ceremony
- 17 TransLink Mayors' Council Inaugural Meeting, Swearing in and New Member orientation
- 18 Premier David Eby Swearing in Ceremony in Musqueam
- 23 Delta Police Board Public Meeting
- 25 Metro Vancouver Board of Directors Inaugural Meeting and Swearing in

DECEMBER 2022

- 1 TFN Trust Society Directors meeting
- 3 QEII Platinum Pin Honour Tea
- 8 Standing Committee on Language and Culture
- 16 Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA) Media Event

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

CALENDAR OF REGIONAL MEETINGS

OCTOBER 2022

- 26 Indigenous Jurisdiction Event @ BC Legislature | *Cllr Baker*

NOVEMBER 2022

- 4-6 TFN AGM/ Member Gathering
- 7 Delta Council Inaugural Meeting
- 7, 8 Port Forward Workshop | *Cllr Williams & Cllr Baker*
- 10 GCT Pole Unveiling
- 17 TransLink Mayors' Council Inaugural Meeting, Swearing in and New Member orientation
- 18 Premier David Eby Swearing in Ceremony in Musqueam
- 28-20 2022 BC Cabinet and First Nations Leaders Gathering | *Cllr Baker & Cllr Cross*

DECEMBER 2022

- 1 TFN Trust Society Directors meeting
- 3 Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Pin Honour Tea
- 8 TransLink Mayors' Council | *Cllr Williams*
- 13 Naut'sa mawt Tribal Council AGM | *Cllr Ahlm*
Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations Leadership | *Cllr Cross*
- 16 Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA) Media Event

WELCOMING OUR NEW INTERIM CAO

Congratulations to Kim Baird for her appointment as Intertim CAO for Tsawwassen First Nation.



EDUCATION & SKILLS DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT



HALLOWEEN MONTH

During the months of October, November, and December the youth center is a very festive and lively atmosphere with lots of exciting things going on. October is always an action-packed time for the youth and a major planning time for staff. This year was chalk full of fun Halloween activities including trips to the pumpkin patch, pumpkin carving and a full day at the Chilliwack corn maze with an amazing turn out of youth ranging from all ages. We always end the Halloween season with a community wide Halloween party which always turns out spooktacular! We had fun games and activities in the gym for the little ones and an amazing “mad scientist” theme haunted house for those who could handle a good scare. We ended off the night with an amazing firework show.

SAILING TRIP

From October 12 - 16 , 2022, some of our staff and the amazing team at Raincoast Conservation Society took 6 teens on a 4 day sailing trip on the Salish sea to experience life on the water and explore and learn about the Islands once traveled and explored by their ancestors.



NOVEMBER 2022

During the month of November, we started our taekwondo program, once a week with professionals coming into our facility to teach self-defense, respect for others and self while having lots of fun. November is a time of Remembrance and preparing for Christmas with decorating and creating home-made Christmas gifts for family and friends and making new Christmas tree decorations with clay and other art mediums. Between visiting local parks like cliff drive park, Diefenbaker and the new park on Falcon way, participating in taekwondo, we also participated in the fun and educational teachings of the language and culture team. During the month of November we put together amazingly fun weekend programming for the TFN Members Gathering which included go karting, bowling, lunch at the old spaghetti factory, swimming and a movie at the theatre.



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WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A BUSY & EXCITING SPRING!



DECEMBER 2022

December tis the season for holiday movies, decorating cookies, making gingerbread houses. All the youth that participate in after school care and the TFN school joined in decorating our 18-foot Christmas tree. The beginning of December brought enough snow to the surrounding mountains to start the snowboarding season. It's an exciting time for the youth that are in our Snowboarding Club. When the season starts the club travels to Cypress Mountain every Friday with our staff and several coaches to connect and learn together while having fun snowboarding. Before the break the children and youth attending the TFN school put on a beautiful Christmas concert for family and friends where they dressed in their best seasonal attire and sang jingle bell rock, Santa Claus is coming to town and the teens did an instrumental version of "so this is Christmas" accompanied by the voice of Tyrell. Over the Christmas break we had the youth center open for a couple days a week offering skating, movie days and had fun just hanging out. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting spring!

LANGUAGE AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT



NATIONAL INDIGENOUS VETERANS DAY

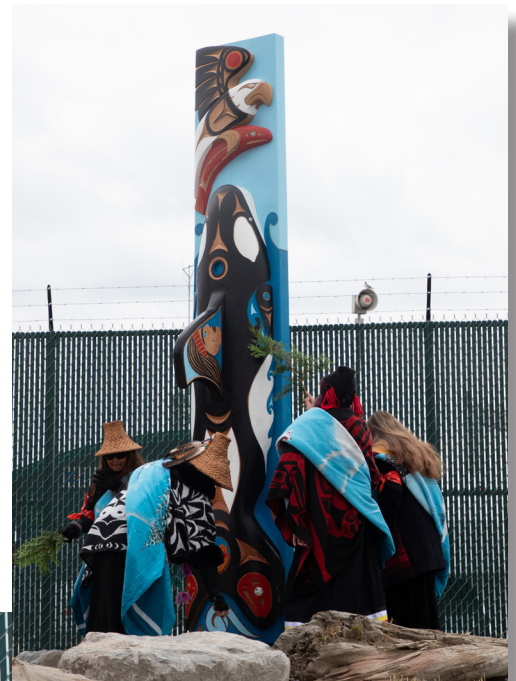
November 8th, National Indigenous Veterans Day, is a day of remembrance and commemoration for Indigenous Veterans. This was our first year to honor our TFN Veterans and families. TFN staff were able to share photos of our TFN Veterans. TFN Veteran families shared stories.

Photo Credit: Justine Boulin/CBC News

GCT WELCOME POST CEREMONY

The Language and Culture Department took part in the welcome post unveiling ceremony with the GCT Delta port.

Carved by x^wəstenəxən (Karl Morgan), 'the Salish Sea Spirit House Post' followed cultural protocol for its unveiling. This included four ladies to brush off the post, in order to release the artist from their work. The ceremony also included an Elder to do a prayer and singers to help the ladies while they did their work.





EAGLE FEATHER WORKSHOP

The month of October 2022 the Language & Culture Department & TFN Members helped create beautiful beaded 15 Eagle Feathers for our Chief, Executive Council, Legislators & Squial for the term of 2022– 2026. In return of a beaded feather the member will receive a feather.

The sacred Eagle Feathers provide grounding, connection, and strength.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Our new Chief, Executive Council, and Legislators follow traditional protocol. Words of wisdom from knowledge keepers and Elders were shared to our new Chief, Executive Council, and Legislators before each read out their oath.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

OCTOBER UPDATES

TFN's Health and Social Services team met with Members of the Tla'amin Health team to discuss TFN's efforts in Child and Family Services and to talk about pathways forward.

Kelly Thiara returned to her position of the Supervisor of Health after an 18 month maternity leave with her beautiful daughter, Adi.

Dental Dinner

In October professionals from dental offices in Tsawwassen, UBC, and FNHA came on lands to facilitate this workshop. The workshop was a low-barrier and stress-free way for Members to come out and ask the questions they may have regarding their oral hygiene and to get to know the health care providers in the area.

NOVEMBER UPDATES

HSS hosted a Covid and Flu vaccine clinic in November that was very well attended.

On November 5th, HSS organized a harm reduction table for the opening night of the 2022 Members Gathering. This was set up in a way that Members could grab supplies in an easy and convenient way.

TFN's new Recreation Coordinator, Seamus Munns, put together a Veteran's Day event in conjunction with the Language and Culture team in November for *Indigenous Veterans Day*.

DECEMBER UPDATES

HSS hired a new Supportive Housing Coordinator, Yvonne Costello has been working hard to connect TFN Members and their families with housing support.

HSS organized a holiday food drive and a Christmas toy drive for Members who needed a little support over the holidays.



NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

NR COMMITTEE MEETING

The Natural Resources Committee met during this period on Oct 13th. During the October 13th meeting attendees discussed nominees for the election of a new NRC term, preferred methods of engagement with TFN members on the matter of the determination of a Dungeness Crab allocation, planning for the conversion of TFN's commercial salmon licenses to commercial communal licenses, and more planning for a plant subcommittee of the NRC.

TFN CHUM FISHERY

TFN conducted their annual Chum Fishery on Oct 23rd for 24hrs and on Oct 30th for 24hrs . While this fishery previously used to begin earlier in the month, TFN is now required to delay fishing to allow for passage of the co-migrating endangered Thompson Chilcotin Steelhead population. Although the Nation did not catch their full allocation for the season, members indicated it was good to have the opportunity to harvest Chum in a greater frequency than we were able to do so the previous year.

EAGLE FEATHER PROVISIONING

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.



FSC CRAB ALLOCATION CONSULTATION

The Natural Resources Department began reaching out to TFN Members during this term to start consultation on a suitable allocation of crab that TFN will be eligible to harvest annually under the treaty. This consultation will involve phone calls, online surveys, paper surveys, and workshops to collect the valuable input in ensuring this species is harvestable at a rate that membership deems suitable for future growth and need. More updates will be shared to come.

POLICY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

The Policy & Intergovernmental Affairs 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.

Executive Councillors Valerie Cross and Taylor Baker, along with staff and leaders from the seven other Modern Treaty Nations in BC, met with the new Premier David Eby to discuss improved treaty implementation and the government-to-government relationship.



PIGA worked closely with the Lands Department to develop a new Regulation and permit system to manage Public Events on Tsawwassen Lands and ensure that all public events are safe and align with Tsawwassen Values. Fines were also introduced in the Ticket Regulation to aid enforcement of the Public Events Regulation.

The Instructional Services Regulation was amended to increase student allowances.

The Servicing and Pre-Construction Costs Policy was expanded to allow for costs associated with improving servicing at existing homes on Tsawwassen Lands.

PIGA worked closely with the Legal and Finance Departments on restoring the s.87 tax exemption for Members through amendments to the Treaty and to side agreements.

Staff from PIGA and the Rights and Title Department participated in the Phase 1 Engagement Process: Modern Treaty Nations Engagement Stream of the BC Government's Heritage Conservation Act Transformation Project aimed at reforming BC's Heritage Conservation Act and aligning it with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples to better recognize Indigenous cultural heritage rights and stewardship of Indigenous cultural heritage.

As a Member of the Land Claims Agreement Coalition ("LCAC") technical working groups, staff participated in two ongoing major collaborative bilateral projects underway between LCAC-Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada ("CIRNAC") officials:

- (1) the development of a federal collaborative Modern Treaty Implementation Policy to improve implementation of modern treaties and the relationship between modern treaty organizations and the Crown; and
- (2) development of a federal Modern Treaties Implementation Review Commission to serve as an independent review body, in the Office of the Auditor General, reporting directly to the Parliament of Canada on the implementation of modern treaties.

Staff launched engagement on the upcoming 2024-2029 TFN Strategic Plan at the 2022 Members Gathering. The input from Members is being used to form an engagement strategy and workplan going forward, and will also inform the plan itself.

PIGA and Lands staff met with TransLink to collaborate on potential improvements to transit service on Tsawwassen Lands.



GOVERNMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

GENERAL ELECTION 2022 AND BY-ELECTION

Voting Day for the TFN General Election was Saturday October 15th 2022. Voter turnout was 51.86% of eligible voters. 13 Legislators were elected, along with new Chief Laura Cassidy.

Due to the resignation of one Legislator after the election, Executive Council called a by-election to fill the vacancy on the Legislature, in accordance with s.7 (1)(a) of the Election Act. Voting Day for the By-Election was Wednesday January 25th, with a voter turnout of 25.3%. Andrea Jacobs was elected to the Legislature.

Congratulations to Chief Cassidy and all the Legislators who will be serving for the 2022-2026 Term!

Maryanne Adams
Louise Ahlm (Executive Council)
Taylor Baker (Executive Council)
Melinda Cassidy
Valerie Cross (Executive Council)
Kathy Genge
Trent Genge

Andrea Jacobs
Terri Splockton
Bryce Williams (Executive Council)
Dawn Williams
Loretta Williams
Tia Williams

LEGISLATURE

The Fall 2022 Legislative Assembly Session was the first session for the new term. The Session began with the Legislators Swearing-in Ceremony, held at the Rec Centre on Tuesday November 15th, 2022. Legislators received their feathers and headbands, were blanketed, and had the opportunity to listen to speakers Darryl Splockton Jr. and Elder Terry Splockton. Our hands go up to the witnesses for the event: TFN Elders Harold Williams and Ruth

Adams, TFN Member Murry Williams, and special guest Chief Harley Chappell of the Semiahmoo First Nation. Thanks also to TFN Elder Bertha Williams, who witnessed the Legislators' Oath of Office.

During the Fall Session the Legislature reviewed and debated Bill 002-2022, the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Amendment Act. This Bill, which makes a number of amendments to TFN's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, was enacted into law on November 24th, 2022. The Legislature also voted to approve the Legacy Trust Operating Plan 2022, and the Legislature Code of Conduct.

The Fall 2022 Session concluded with a Budget Priorities Workshop for Legislators on December 6th 2022. During this workshop Legislators met with the CAO and staff to discuss budget planning priorities for the coming fiscal year.





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, where Members have the option of attending in person or joining online via Teams. Because 2022 was an election year, a new Advisory Council was elected on November 6th 2022 at the Members Gathering.

The final two meetings of the 2019-2022 Advisory Council were held on October 11th and 24th 2022, where the Advisory Council reviewed the Legislature Code of Conduct and other proposed regulation amendments.

The new Advisory Council for the 2022-2026 term had their first two meetings on November 21st and December 5th 2022. Agendas for these meetings included review of Bill 002-2022 and providing feedback in a report to the Legislature on the proposed amendments to TFN’s Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Congratulations to the newly-elected Advisory Council members for the 2022-2026 Term:

*Ruth Adams, *Andrea Jacobs, Jessica McCauley, Bertha Williams, Mabel Williams, Liana Williams, and Sheila Williams.*

**Andrea Jacobs resigned this position after the results from the 2023 By-Election.*

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Members Gathering

Executive Council and staff were excited to welcome Members from across Turtle Island for the 2022 Members Gathering at the River Rock Resort in Richmond B.C., November 4th-6th 2022. This was the first opportunity to bring Members together in person for this annual Gathering since 2019! Unfortunately, the weekend was disrupted by an extended 14-hour power outage at the hotel on Friday night and Saturday morning, which resulted in having to make unexpected adjustments to the agenda for the event. Despite the challenges, Members were able to enjoy a fun and informative time together! The weekend included the Annual General Meeting (AGM), a consultation session on the development of TFN’s 2024-2029 Strategic Plan, workshops on drum-making and genealogy, and a Saturday night banquet dinner.

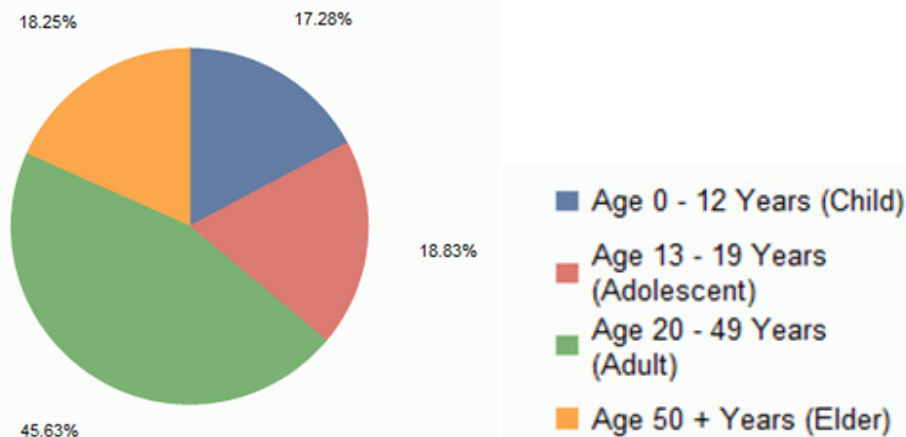
As 2022 was an election year, the elections for the Housing Advisory Committee, Natural Resources Advisory Committee, Agricultural Advisory Committee, and Longhouse Committee all took place at the Members Gathering. The members of these committees for the 2019-2022 term were recognized for their contributions at the Saturday banquet dinner, with each committee member receiving a blanket and a gift.

Community Christmas Dinner

This annual tradition returned for 2022 after two years of virtual/socially-distanced events due to public health constraints. Members and their families enjoyed turkey dinner with all the trimmings at Tsawwassen Springs on December 7th 2022. The evening also included gifts for the kids, photos with Santa, and of course door prizes! It was a fun and festive way to end 2022.

ENROLLMENT QUARTERLY REPORT

As of December 2022, the total population of TFN Members is 516. The largest age group is adults aged 20-49, which represents almost 46% of TFN's population.



TREATY RIGHTS AND TITLE

A NEW DEPARTMENT

Last November, Executive Council established a new department called **Treaty Rights and Title**. We are happy to announce that TFN Member Sheila Williams was appointed to the regular full-time position of Manager of Treaty Rights and Title effective January 18, 2023. This new position will, at the direction of the Chief and Executive Council, advance TFN's strategic interests. Sheila will represent TFN in negotiations with other governments and external partners. She'll also provide strategic Territory Management advice to other staff and elected officials and will oversee the advancement of Treaty stewardship aspirations. The Manager of Treaty Rights and Title reports to General Counsel. Staff reporting to this position respond to referrals and environmental reviews of projects on Tsawwassen Traditional Territory.

The Treaty Rights and Title Department consists of the following staff:

- Robin Buss, Acting Senior Territory Management Coordinator (FT)
- Tia Williams, Archaeology Coordinator (FT)
- Amelia Cooper, Referrals Analyst (FT)
- Melinda Cassidy, Archaeology Field Technician (PT)
- Nicole Watson, Archaeology Field Technician (PT)
- Zack Williams, Archaeology Field Technician (PT)
- Sarah Lang, Archaeology Field Technician (PT)

December 2022, staff held a community meeting to present on RBT2 Accommodations from the Crown and the two VFPA Agreements, if the RBT2 Project gets approved by the Federal Government.

LANDS, ENGINEERING, AND PLANNING SERVICES DEPARTMENT



SUSTAINABILITY CHARTER

Executive Council is happy to share that TFN is in the process of developing a Sustainability Charter that will serve as a guiding framework for achieving an operational sustainability mandate, applicable to all current and future decisions within the Tsawwassen Lands, and possibly within the Territorial Lands. Lands staff, in collaboration with the TFN inter-departmental working team and consultant (subject expert) have undertaken background research and a review of external indigenous and non-indigenous jurisdictions who have prepared similar documents. To encourage Member participation (on and off lands) a survey has been developed to understand what sustainability means to TFN Members and which TFN values are important to be included in this charter document. Lands staff continue to administer the Sustainability Charter survey (online and hardcopies). An information table and surveys with prizes to Members who participated, was held at the Members Gathering event, Nov 4-6th, 2022 (photos below). In 2023 staff will undertake engagement and visioning sessions for this important initiative. These engagement sessions are to understand what sustainability and stewardship means to TFN members to ensure important TFN values are included into the Sustainability Charter document. This initiative is funded by three grants secured by Lands staff.

TFN LAND ACT REVIEW

The TFN Constitution requires a review of the Land Act to take place within 10 years of Treaty. Background work on the Land Act Review began in 2017, however it did not proceed as it was considered premature before the adoption of the “TFN Community Area”. Since the signing of treaty, TFN has grown immensely and seen so many changes that have not been necessarily captured within the Land Act as well as the Land Use Planning and Development Act. A Comprehensive review of the original Land Act is crucial to adequately address the changing needs of the community. An internal working team (IWT) of staff from all departments has been formed, a tasks list updated, and regular meetings scheduled. On October 4, 2022, EC received a “For Information” report. IWT will continue working on the review and update EC regularly.

TFN PUBLIC ART POLICY

Lands and PIGA have been working on developing a Public Art Policy for TFN. The purpose of this policy is to guide the acquisition and management of Public Art on Tsawwassen Lands. With a collaborative approach, significant work has been completed and the Advisory Council provided valuable feedback in December 2022. Executive Council will consider this policy for adoption in early 2023.





FALCON WAY STREETScape DESIGN

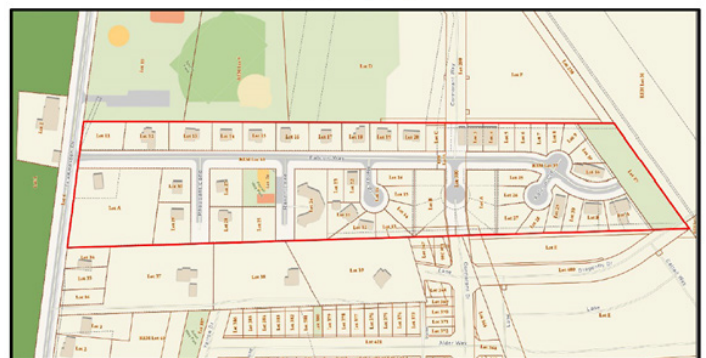
The Falcon Way Streetscape Design project is envisioned to enhance the character and streetscape within the Falcon Way neighbourhood within TFN Community Area; balance pedestrian/vehicular traffic, including traffic calming measures; resolve parking concerns; support a transportation network characterized by greater connectivity, reduce environmental impacts (air, water), promote development that makes the most efficient use of land, and increases a sense of belonging among membership.

Under EC’s direction, significant amount of work has been completed on this project, such as ground-truthing and developing a grading plan showing proposed streetscape, transition into existing lots, enhanced street parking, street trees, benches, and other placemaking elements. Hard copies of packages containing this information were hand delivered to all the residents of Falcon Way to inform of the discussion items prior to the engagement sessions held with residents in November 2022. The engagement sessions resulted in valuable feedback and proposed revisions to the streetscape plan and sections triggered from feedback collected. Lands staff will let EC consider the feedback and revisions in January 2023, followed by an all-resident outdoor session in March-April 2023.

TFN ELDERS CENTRE PROJECT

This legacy project has been prioritized as per Executive Council’s direction; the facility is highly anticipated in the community. Construction of the Elder Centre project began in the fall 2022 and the first construction activity was to complete the ground densification work for the building. The densification work involved of installing over 100 stone columns in the ground, which will reduce seismically induced movements of the new Elder Centre building. The construction of Elder Centre facility is anticipated to be completed by July 2024.

As per TFN elders wish, the Coast Salish artwork to be included in and around this facility is important. Several “Call to Artists” have been published in the Community Newsletter to help with the Coast Salish artwork required inside and outside (within landscaped area) the Elders Centre building. Art consultant, Brandon Gabriel, lead an artist support workshop for our Resident Artists on October 11, 2022, followed by a lunch meeting between Resident Artists and Elders on Thursday, October 27, 2022, which allow our artists to discuss and seek inspiration from Elders for their artwork. A few remaining “Call to Artists” will be published in Community Newsletter in early 2023.





Graphic by Artist X^wastenəxən (Karl Morgan)

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Welcome to the Great Blue Heron Way

The Great Blue Heron Way honours all four directions, just like our ancestors did since time immemorial. This path is an opportunity to reconnect Nations as it circles the Salish Sea, where the whales live amongst the islands, and as it follows river banks to the mountains, where the sasquatch roam. Stories, knowledge-sharing and spirituality along the Great Blue Heron Way can unite and heal us.

This path honours and celebrates our precious ancestors who saved the mudflats that nourish our birds, sea life and our people. The Great Blue Herons live with the Tsawwassen people and their sentinel presence is a link to others in island and mainland waterside communities.

Welcome to travellers through the BC Ferries port, international shipping and border ports; to residents, neighbours, shoppers and workers. Embrace and protect the land and water, and greet with friendship all the inhabitants who live here now, exploring along a pathway that nurtures reconciliation.

Elder x^wasteniya (Ruth Mary Adams)

GREAT BLUE HERON WAY

The Great Blue Heron Way (GBHW) is the vision of Elder Ruth Adams, to connect First Nation communities and welcome all users, to safely walk and wheel on a cultural education pathway around the Salish Sea. TFN is the host nation and the meeting point of the four directions of the GBHW, which makes this site so exceptional. Safe greenway access along the ferry causeway and across Highway 17 is required to connect existing multi-use pathways through TFN and Delta, TFN Dike and Boardwalk.

Lands staff are currently ground truthing signage locations that have been finalized by TFN Language and Culture staff and are securing quotes to implement signage in three locations (near 41B, Boardwalk by Blue Heron Way and Boardwalk by the Breakwater). Lands staff also applied for grant funding through TransLink for shared pathway signage required along the GBHW route and other routes on TFN lands.

TFN INDUSTRIAL LAND DEVELOPMENT BEEIDIE SUBDIVISION

The remaining industrial land in the northeast quadrant behind the Sewage Treatment Plant has been subdivided for the creation of a 20.46 acres parcel, Lot 1 at 4449 Salish Sea Way, between GWL Phase 2 and the Sewage Treatment Plant site, was registered in December 2022. Lot 1 Plan EPP120928 has been leased to Beedie (Salish Sea Way) Holdings Ltd. for a 60-year term for the development of a warehouse.

Environmental Protection for the proposed warehouse development was issued by Executive Council under EC Order 091-2022. Soil Transport, Deposit Permit and Industrial Form and Character Development Permit processes are underway. Relevant building permits will be required prior to construction. Permitting and construction of the proposed warehouse building is likely to be completed in 2-3 years.

More details under 'Finance and Economic Development'.

HOUSE POLES REPLACEMENT

The two existing wooden house poles at the entrance of the TFN Administration Building are decaying and are being replaced with new poles. A resident artist is working on the new wooden house poles, that are anticipated to be installed in 2023 summer, and will be attached to the new structural support columns.

FALCON WAY PARK

The park is now complete with all the play equipment that includes Wizard's Double Tower Fortress, Zip-Line, Swing, and Crawling Pyramid. All the plantings and pour-in-place rubber surface are installed. The rubber surface incorporated the TFN artwork created by resident artists. Lands staff collaborated with Culture staff to have an opening ceremony of the park in 2022 fall. Lighting in the park is the last remaining item that is being coordinated, and will be implemented soon.

36-UNIT MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING PROJECT

The construction of the 36-unit non-market, affordable housing project is underway. All the underground utilities (storm and sanitary sewer, water, electrical and telecommunication ducts) are installed. The contractor has completed the framework for most of the 9 buildings, including the roof with shingles. The material supply chain disruption in the market has impacted the construction schedule by about a couple of months; however, the contractor is doing their best to mitigate the delays by leveraging their relationships with vendors and suppliers. The first 12 housing units (2 buildings) are expected to be completed by 2023 fall, provided that the material supply chain disruption does not worsen. The next phases will follow shortly with more updates in the next edition of Land Facing the Sea. This project is partly funded by the Indigenous Housing Fund (IHF) from BC Housing.



RAVEN LANE IMPROVEMENTS

In fall 2022, the Raven Lane construction was completed with improvements such as: new road is wider with adequate parking stalls, boulevard planting, and a decorated fence. Additional parking stalls were installed to meet the demand of the nearby member residents and Falcon Way Community Park visitors.

STORM IMPROVEMENTS ON FALCON WAY AND PHEASANT LANE

Drainage improvements started in fall 2022 behind member homes and on Pheasant Lane. The improvements consist of piping the large ditches in member's backyard, making it safe, culvert improvements on Pheasant Lane, and new storm system on Falcon Way between Pheasant Lane and Tsawwassen Drive. The construction is anticipated to be completed by March 2023.

LOT A AND B DUPLEX MEMBER HOUSING

The TFN Comprehensive Housing Strategy (CHS) work that has 9 themes endorsed by the Executive Council was completed with support from a \$78,400 grant by the Real Estate Foundation of BC (REFBC) approved last year, and the CHS was also nominated as a finalist in the 2022 REFBC Lands awards. One of the themes within the Strategy, is to Create New Affordable Housing for the members so EC approved a turn-key solution, to implement 12 duplex units (6 units on each lot) flanking on both sides of the new Cormorant Drive, within the Falcon Way subdivision. This project has also been endorsed by the Housing Advisory Committee (HAC) and staff have now received interest from Members who would like to be added to the waitlist.

A contract has been finalized with a local developer, Aquilini/TFSI Boardwalk Joint Venture (ATFSI JV), and have 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. Subdivision of Lot A and B, Plan EPP83165 into 12 duplex parcels and 2 drainage utility parcels is underway. The legal survey has been prepared, subdivision registration and building permits for the proposed duplex units are anticipated in the first quarter of 2023.

Each unit will be two storeys in height, have three bedrooms and a two-car parking garage. Members must show financial statements or a mortgage pre-approval for a minimum of \$400,000. Alternatively, a Member can enter a “rent-to-own” model and work towards home ownership within a 3–5-year time frame. Members who meet the purchase outright criteria will be prioritized.

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 once the foundation concrete work is completed, which is projected to be early March 2023. Once the house is lowered, the renovation work will begin, including exterior upgrades, a new roof, new wood decks, new interior finishes, 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 anticipated completion date is in fall 2023.

CLEAN BC REBATE APPLICATIONS

Staff have applied on behalf of Members to secure Provincial Government rebates to upgrade their homes to increase energy efficiency and lower monthly energy costs. These upgrades range from the repair/replacement of windows, external doors, insulation, and heating/cooling systems. Currently 10 Members have been approved for the rebate program, with work beginning in the upcoming months. Upgrading existing homes to make them energy-efficient aligns well with the themes of TFN Comprehensive Housing Strategy as well as the TFN Sustainability Charter initiative.

OTHER UPDATES

- Lands staff have been regularly representing TFN at all the Metro Vancouver meetings (RPAC, RPAC-HS, RPAC-SIS, etc.) and TransLink meetings to identify and advocate for TFN community needs.
- New Regular Full-Time Additions to Lands Department Staff - New Lands Assistant, Mojan Motamedi started in November 2022.
- New Regulations (for “Orders of Executive Council” section) - Orders passed by EC during October to December 2022. Events Regulation was implemented.



FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SECTION 87 INCOME TAX EXEMPTION EXTENSION

Executive Council are pleased to announce that our lengthy and ongoing advocacy work with the federal and provincial governments has resulted in the signing of a TFN Tax Treatment Amendment Agreement that reinstates the Section 87 income tax exemption for the years 2022 and 2023 on the former TFN Reserve, and for TFN Members on all other Reserves. This is really good news, as without this, TFN Members would have had to pay income tax in 2022.

The Tax Treatment Amendment Agreement is only a temporary measure – we are awaiting completion of the federal and provincial ratification of an amendment to the TFN Treaty that will make the reinstatement of the Section 87 Exemption permanent (unless TFN decides at some later date to make Members taxable) and extend the exemption to BC PST and some other BC commodity taxes. **Members will continue to be taxable for GST purposes.** We will inform Members of this Treaty amendment when it happens, likely in late Spring 2023.

BEEDIE LAND LEASE

In December 2022, TFN finalized a landmark agreement with the Beedie Group for a 60-year lease of 20.46 acre parcel in the Tsawwassen Industrial lands. This agreement has resulted in a \$51 million-dollar payment to TFN, which is the largest per acre prepaid lease payment that TFN has ever negotiated. The agreement also includes extensive Member benefits such as financial contributions for TFN community projects, opportunities for TFN member businesses to bid on contracts, and employment and training opportunities for Members.

The Economic Development Department was able to leverage the lease's Member benefits provisions through Beedie's award of site servicing works to Indigenous Diggers and E. Mathers Bulldozing, a majority owned TFN member joint venture, through a competitive bidding process.

To guide the actions of the newly created department, an interim Economic Development Strategic Plan was developed. The plan provides direction to the department during the period until TFN's current strategic plan expires. The interim plan received Executive Council's endorsement to present the draft plan to membership for consultation in 2023. The plan sets out initial priorities within one of the following areas of strategic focus:

- TFN Lands
- Innovation/Technology and Sustainability
- Business Development
- Economic Development and Corporate Structure







A GROWING GOVERNMENT

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

Between October to December 31, 2022

ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Cissy Gao – GIS Coordinator

LANDS DEPARTMENT

Mojan Motamedi – Lands Assistant

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Nicole Tallio - Outreach Worker

Yvonne Costello - Supportive Housing Coordinator

EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Sonia Uppal – ECE Worker

Roshni Kumar - ECE Worker





ORDERS OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

THE FOLLOWING ORDERS WERE PASSED BY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
DURING OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2022 PERIOD:

- O.078-2022 Order to approve Zoning Regulation amendment under RZ000001
- O.079-2022 Order to enact the Public Events Regulation
- O.080-2022 Order to amend the Ticket Regulation
- O.081-2022 Order to call the Fall 2022 Session of the Tsawwassen Legislative Assembly
- O.082-2022 Order to enact the Water Conservation Regulation and repeal the Water Shortage Response Plan Regulation
- O.083-2022 Order to amend the Ticket Regulation
- O.084-2022 Order to amend the Consolidated Planning and Development Application Fees Regulation
- O.085-2022 Order to appoint Signing Officers
- O.086-2022 Order to appoint Directors of the TFN Property Tax Authority
- O.087-2022 Order to appoint members of the TFN Finance and Audit Committee
- O.088-2022 Order to appoint Directors of TFN-owned corporate entities
- O.089-2022 Order to appoint Chief Cassidy and Bryce Williams (alternate) to the Translink Mayors' Council
- O.090-2022 Order to appoint Chief Cassidy and Bryce Williams (alternate) to Board of Directors of the Greater Vancouver Regional District and the Greater Vancouver Water District



- O.091-2022 Order to issue Environmental Protection Development Permit DP000098 for proposed subdivision SP000003
- O.092-2022 Order to submit application for grant funding from the BC Active Transportation Network Plan program 2022/2023
- O.093-2022 Order to amend Schedule 6 of the 2022-2023 Appropriations Act
- O.094-2022 Order to amend the Instructional Support Services Regulation
- O.095-2022 Order to authorize signing the Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement Amending Agreement No. 2
- O.096-2022 Order to authorize signing the Tsawwassen First Nation Tax Treatment Agreement Amending Agreement No. 2
- O.097-2022 Order to approve submission of grant funding application for the Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sports Destination Development Fund program
- O.098-2022 Order to amend the Payment of Servicing and Pre-Construction Costs Policy
- O.099-2022 Order to call the Spring 2023 Session of the Tsawwassen Legislative Assembly
- O.0100-2022 Order to approve Beedie Lease Property transactions

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