

Land Facing the Sea

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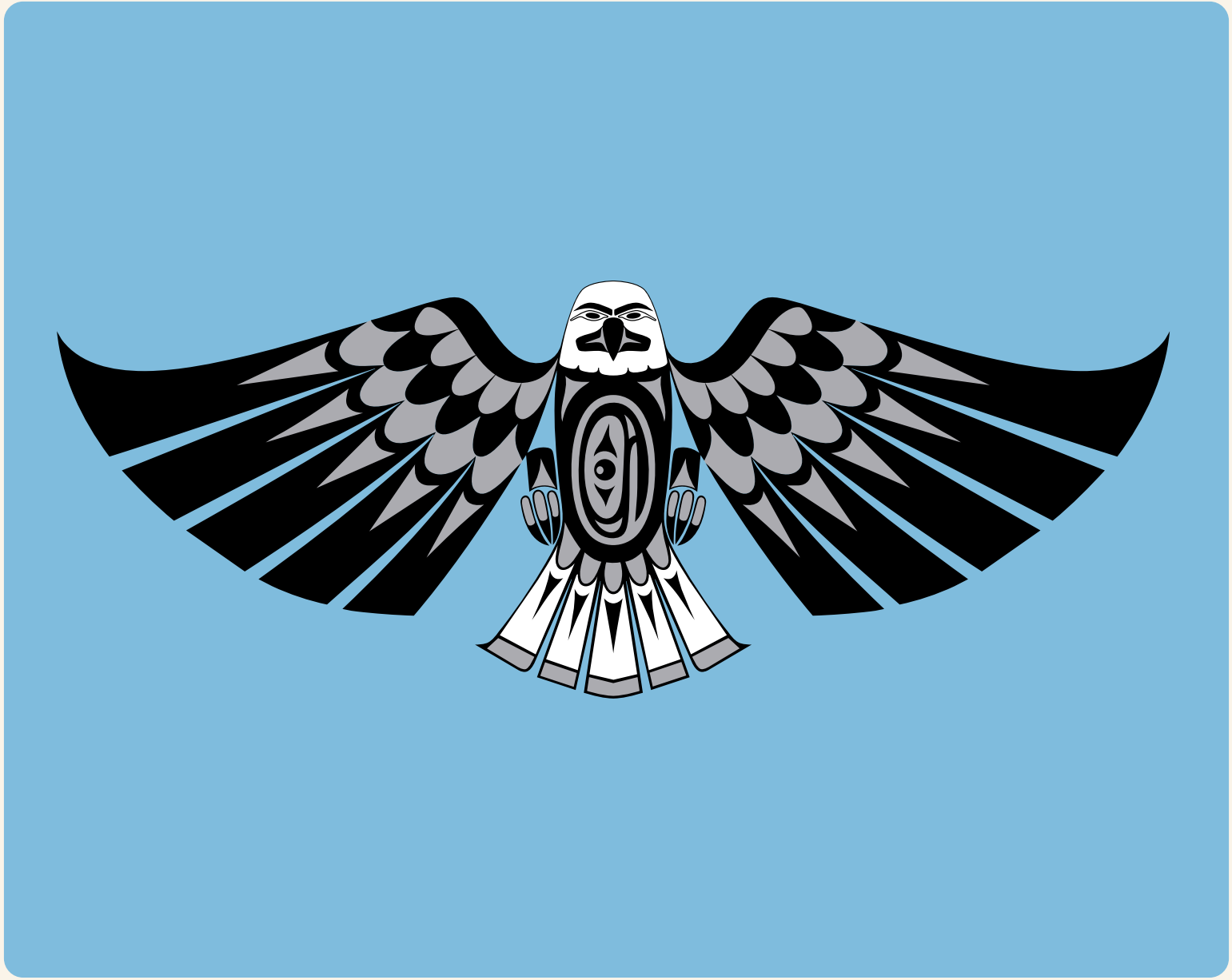
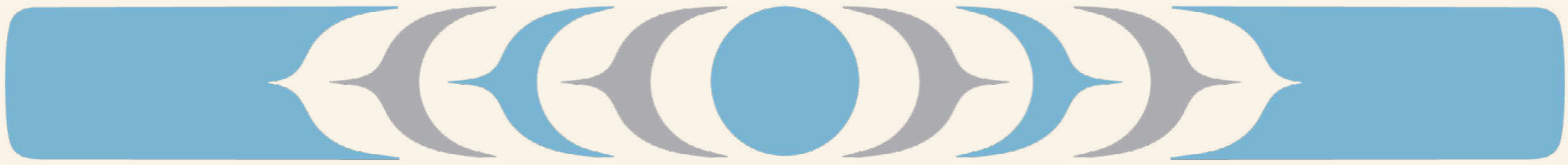




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A Message from Executive Council

This quarter has marked continued growth, reflection, and progress for Tsawwassen First Nation as we advance the vision of self-determination, prosperity, and community well-being under our Treaty.

As part of the 2025–26 annual budget, Executive Council is pleased to share that member distributions will increase by an additional \$1,000 this year. After receiving valuable feedback from the Advisory Council and the Tsawwassen Legislature, this increase will be added directly to existing payments, bringing the September 2025 and March 2026 distributions to \$1,250 each, and the December 2025 distribution to \$1,500. This decision reflects Executive Council’s ongoing commitment to share the Nation’s success with Members and strengthen financial stability for families.

We also proudly celebrated the unveiling of our new visual identity, designed by TFN artist Karl Morgan. His artwork captures the deep connection between our people, the land, and the waters of the Salish Sea, a reflection of who we are and where we are going.

[TFN Brand Renewal Video](#)

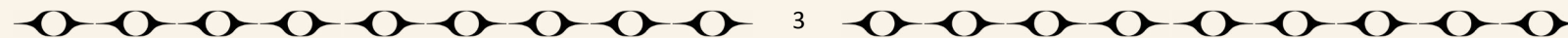


This season, the spirit of storytelling came alive through Princess Tsawwassa: Time of the Eulachon, created in collaboration with Simon Fraser University’s hən̓q̓əmi̓n̓əm cohort. The performance honoured the first Tsawwassen People and ensured our language and stories continue to be shared with future generations.

Significant strides have also been made in housing and lands. Phase 2 of the Turn-Key Duplex Project is underway, bringing eight new homes to Falcon Way; the Aging at Home Elder Repair Program is improving accessibility and safety for Elders; and the Hələləm Collective has formally launched as TFN’s new housing authority. Work continues on the TFN Legislature-Administration Building and the Placemaking Strategy, both designed to reflect our culture, enhance community spaces, and create opportunities for our youth.

As we prepare to unveil the Veterans Memorial House Post on Indigenous Veterans Day, we pause to honour the Tsawwassen men and women who served this country, many of whom faced hardship and discrimination upon returning home. This memorial ensures their sacrifices and stories will be remembered with respect and care for generations to come.

Together, these accomplishments reflect a Nation moving forward with strength, unity, and vision. While we are proud of the progress being made, Executive Council recognizes that not everything is perfect and that important work remains ahead. We continue to focus on bringing more Members home to TFN Lands, improving community safety, and ensuring programs and services are better tailored to meet the diverse needs of our Members. Progress takes time, and we know that meaningful change requires patience, care, and collaboration. Executive Council is listening, learning, and committed to continuing this important work, guided always by the voices, values, and priorities of Tsawwassen Members.





Chief Meetings – 2025

July

- 08** • Attended and spoke at the First Fish Ceremony at the TFN Longhouse and Blessing of the River
• Participated in the First Fish Ceremony video on July 8th.

- 09** • Filmed a video for social media regarding TFN’s Budget Overview
• Attended the MetroVancouver Water Committee Meeting
• Attended and spoke at the Delta Chamber of Commerce Women’s Sunset Social

- 10** • Attended MetroVancouver Electoral Area and Small Communities Committee Meeting

- 11** • Attended the TFN Community Land Blessing

- 14** • Attended the administrative legislature building project steering committee meeting

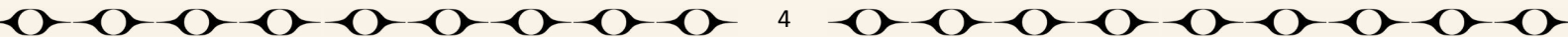
- 15** • Attended the TFN Standing Committee on Language and Culture all day workshop

- 17** • Attended and provided opening and closing remarks at the Princess Tsawwassa Play at the TFN Longhouse

- 18** • Provided a welcome and opening remarks at the Provided welcome/opening remarks for KPU’s Longhouse Experience event

- 19** • Attended the Boundary Bay airshow

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July

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- 23**
 - Attended an internal preparation meeting regarding the Quadripartite agreement
 - Attended a meeting with Meeting with Public Safety Canada and the BC Ministry of Public Safety regarding the Quadripartite agreement
 - Attended a meeting with the Deputy Minister of Transport and other staff from Transport Canada and Public Safety Canada

 - 25**
 - Attended the MetroVancouver Board of Directors meeting
 - Attended and provided opening remarks for the TFN Health Fair

 - 28**
 - Attended a meeting regarding the Maa-nulth Board - Nisga'a v. Malii Case

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 - Attended the first portion of the interior designer for the SFU School of Medicine

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 - Attended and provided opening remarks at the TFN All Staff BBQ

August

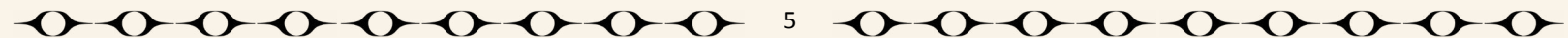
- 08**
 - Attended an internal meeting regarding the Cowichan Decision

- 14**
 - Attended a meeting regarding the results of the Investigation of the shíshálh Archaeological Research Project
 - Filmed a video regarding TFN's new branding and the TFN's Veterans' Pole

- 18**
 - Attended and provided opening remarks at the 2025 Elder's Retreat in Whistler

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August



- 23** • Provided welcome remarks and threw the first pitch at Indigenous Rookie League Wrap-Up Tournament

- 28** • Attended a photo op and tour of Delta Port with Parkland and GCT
• Attended and provided opening remarks at the TFN/SFU Princess Tsawwassa Play at the Longhouse

- 29** • Attended and provided opening remarks at TFN's International Overdose Awareness day

- 30** • Attended and provided opening remarks for TFN's First Annual Members Golf Tournament

September



- 4 & 5** • Attended the Legislators Strategic Priorities Retreat

- 11** • Provided an Interview with the CBC regarding the cost of living

- 13** • Attended and provided opening remarks at the Barnside Harvest Festival

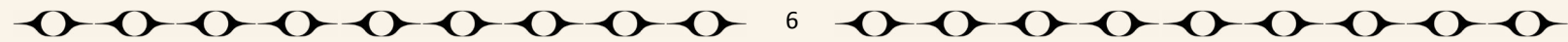
- 14** • Attended the Barnside Harvest Festival

- 16** • Attended and provided opening remarks for the Delta Chamber of Commerce Economic Breakfast

- 24** • Attended the Delta Police Governance Committee Meeting
• Attended a meeting with Central Walk

- 26** • Attended the Canucks Truth and Reconciliation Game

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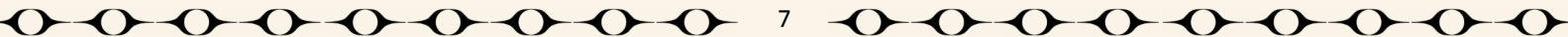
- Attended Members Gathering and provided opening remarks at the Friday lunch and Saturday opening
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- Attended and provided opening remarks at the City of Delta Every Child Matters Flag Raising Ceremony
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- Attended and provided opening remarks at the TFN Truth and Reconciliation Walk





EC Meetings – 2025

(JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2025)

COUNCILLOR TAYLOR BAKER

July

- 08** • Attended the First Fish Ceremony at the TFN Longhouse

- 11** • Attended and provided opening remarks at the TFN Community Land Blessing

- 14** • Attended the administrative legislature building project steering committee meeting

- 17** • Attended the Princess Tsawwassa Play at the TFN Longhouse

- 19** • Attended the Boundary Bay airshow

- 21** • Attended the annual Fraud Inquiry meeting with Deloitte

- 31** • Attended the TFN all Staff BBQ

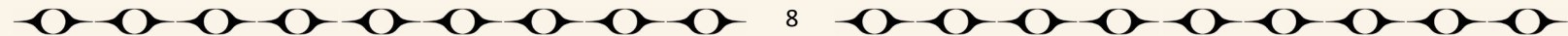
August

- 18** • Attended the 2025 Elder’s Retreat in Whistler

- 20** • Attended the Mortgage Workshop at the TFN Youth Centre

- 25** • Attended the TFN Housing Committee Meeting

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COUNCILLOR TAYLOR BAKER

September

4 & 5

- Attended the Legislators Strategic Priorities Retreat

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- Attended LCAC Meeting with the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations, Rebecca Alty

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- Attended the Canucks Truth and Reconciliation Game

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- Attended Members Gathering and gave a Treaty Presentation at the Youth Forum on the 28th

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- Attended the TFN Truth and Reconciliation Walk

COUNCILLOR VALERIE CROSS

July

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- Attended the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority’s Tent at the Canada Day Celebrations
- Provided an opening and Welcome and the City of Delta’s Canada Day Event

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- Attended the First Fish Ceremony at the TFN Longhouse

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- Attended and spoke at the Delta Chamber of Commerce Women’s Sunset Social

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- Attended the administrative legislature building project steering committee meeting

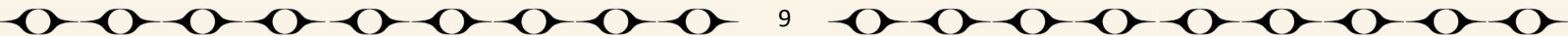
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- Attended the Boundary Bay airshow

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- Attended a tour and meeting with TFN Artist, SFU School of Medicine Indigenous staff and interior designer for the SFU School of Medicine

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COUNCILLOR VALERIE CROSS

August

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- Met with the Assembly of First Nations Grand Chief
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- Attended the 2025 Elder’s Retreat in Whistler
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- Attended the TFN/SFU Princess Tsawwassa Play at the Longhouse

September

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- Attended the Legislators Strategic Priorities Retreat
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- Provided welcome and land acknowledgement for Delta Local Immigration Partnership (LIP) Welcoming Week: Celebrating Newcomer Voices event
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- Keynote speaker at the Delta School District Every Child Matters event
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- Attended the TFN Truth and Reconciliation Walk

COUNCILLOR LOUISE AHLM

July

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- Attended and spoke at the Delta Chamber of Commerce Women’s Sunset Social
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- Attended the TFN Community Land Blessing
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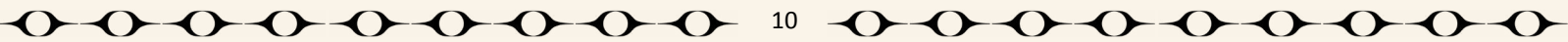
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- Attended the administrative legislature building project steering committee meeting
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- Attended the Princess Tsawwassa Play at the TFN Longhouse

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COUNCILLOR LOUISE AHLM

July

- 21** • Attended the Naut'sa mawt Tribal Council Xyntax Board of Directors meeting

- 23** • Attended the Naut'sa mawt Tribal Council of Directors meeting

- 28** • Attended the Naut'sa mawt Tribal Council Finance and Audit Committee Meeting

- 31** • Attended the TFN all Staff BBQ

August

- 08** • Attended the Naut'sa mawt Tribal Council Resources Group Board of Directors meeting

- 18** • Attended the 2025 Elder's Retreat in Whistler

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September

- 4 & 5** • Attended the Legislators Strategic Priorities Retreat

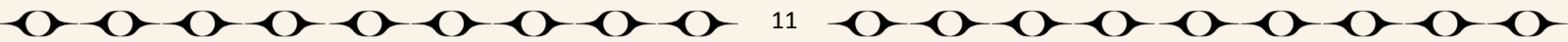
- 13** • Attended the Barnside Harvest Festival

- 16** • Attended the Delta Chamber of Commerce Economic Breakfast

- 21** • Attended the Naut'sa Mawt Tribal Council Board of Directors Meeting

- 26** • Attended the Canucks Truth and Reconciliation Game

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COUNCILLOR LOUISE AHLM

September 26

- Attended Members Gathering

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- Attended the City of Delta Every Child Matters Flag Raising Ceremony

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- Attended the TFN Truth and Reconciliation Walk

COUNCILLOR BRYCE WILLIAMS

July 08

- Attended the First Fish Ceremony at the TFN Longhouse

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- Attended the Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting

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- Attended the TransLink Board of Directors and Mayors Council Joint Finance Committee Meeting
- Attended the TFN Community Land Blessing

August 18

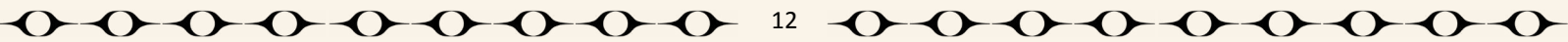
- Attended the 2025 Elder’s Retreat in Whistler

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- Attended a discussion regarding the TFN Veterans’ pole

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COUNCILLOR BRYCE WILLIAMS

September

4 & 5

- Attended the Legislators Strategic Priorities Retreat
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- Attended a joint Planning Committee Meeting TransLink Mayor's Council
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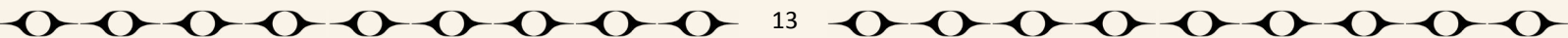
- Attended Members Gathering and gave a Treaty Presentation at the Youth Forum on the 28th

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- Attended the TFN Truth and Reconciliation Walk





Language & Culture



LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

Women's Chat & Craft Night

Every Monday, community members gathered for Women's Chat and Craft Night, a space to connect, create, and share stories in a supportive environment.

Weekly Drum Group

Our weekly drum group continued to bring rhythm, connection, and cultural learning to participants of all ages, fostering community spirit and traditional practices.

Traditional Ribbon Skirt Workshop – July 12–13, 2025

Tsawwassen First Nation hosted a two-day ribbon skirt workshop led by Brianna Netemegestic, rooted in Anishinaabe teachings. Participants learned the spiritual, cultural, and historical significance of ribbon skirts while designing and creating their own. Day one focused on teachings, fabric selection, and sewing, while day two included ceremony, smudging, hand drum song sharing, and reflection, honoring loved ones and celebrating resilience, identity, and tradition.

Princess Tsawwassa: Time of the Eulachon

In collaboration with Simon Fraser University's hə́ŋqəmiṇəm cohort, TFN celebrated the performance of Princess Tsawwassa: Time of the Eulachon, a play based on an ancient story of the first Tsawwassen People. This vibrant storytelling experience honored Coast Salish cultural heritage, preserved language, and ensured our traditions continue to thrive for future generations.

The first performance was open to TFN Members and was held on July 17th, the second performance was open to the public and was held on August 28th.

Bringing TFN's Voice to the Table: Strengthening the TFN – Port Relationship

For many years, decisions made by the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority (VFPA) shaped the lands and waters around Tsawwassen territory without a formal TFN presence in the room. Today, that reality has changed.

At Tsawwassen First Nation's request, the VFPA created the Tsawwassen First Nation Relationship Advisor role to ensure TFN's voice, culture, and Treaty rights are represented in all aspects of VFPA operations. That role is held by Jessica Cross-McCauley, a proud TFN Member dedicated to strengthening understanding and partnership between the Nation and the VFPA.

The position is rooted in the TFN–VFPA Relationship Agreement, which formalized a shared commitment to collaboration, communication, and reconciliation. Through this agreement, TFN and the VFPA have committed to advancing opportunities for cultural, environmental, and economic initiatives that reflect TFN's values and priorities.

In her role, Jessica serves as the daily connection point between TFN and the VFPA. She provides guidance on matters affecting TFN lands and waters, ensures TFN's priorities are considered in port planning, and supports the implementation of community initiatives identified through the TFN–VFPA Relationship Committee. This



includes advancing projects that promote cultural revitalization, community well-being, and environmental stewardship. She is also instrumental in building and maintaining strong relationships across all departments throughout both organizations.

Jessica looks out for TFN's interests every day, making sure the Nation is acknowledged and represented in the work of the port authority. Whether it's ensuring TFN's presence is visible in public-facing materials, like the VFPA's recent organizational video, or providing input on projects that touch TFN lands and waters, she consistently advocates for balanced and respectful representation. Her attentiveness helps shape how the VFPA engages with TFN, setting a strong example of how inclusion and recognition can guide meaningful partnerships.



Jessica’s connection to this work is also deeply personal. After discovering her connection to TFN later in life, she became an active community Member and now serves on the Nation’s Advisory Council as well as the newly formed Hələləm (Housing) Collective. Her role at the VFPA reflects both her professional expertise and her personal dedication to advancing the interests of her Nation.

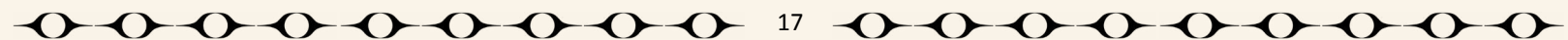
Having a TFN Member working within the VFPA represents an important milestone in the Nation’s journey toward reconciliation. It provides TFN Members and leadership with a trusted connection, someone who understands both the community’s perspectives and the structures of external organizations.

Through this collaboration, TFN and the VFPA continue to identify new ways to strengthen their relationship. The Relationship Committee meets quarterly to set shared priorities, build understanding, and explore opportunities to advance reconciliation in meaningful, practical ways.

A key highlight of this growing partnership is the Annual Leadership Dinner, which brings together leaders from TFN and the VFPA to celebrate progress and deepen connections. Jessica has been instrumental in organizing this milestone event, now entering its second year.

Having Jessica in this role is a powerful example of reconciliation in action, and a reminder that true partnership grows through respect, understanding, and the determination to walk forward together.

Jessica has been with the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority for almost three years and continues to make a meaningful impact in her role. TFN Members are welcome to reach out to her anytime at Jessica.McCauley@portvancouver.com or 604-653-0919.



Policy & Intergovernmental Affairs





POLICY & INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

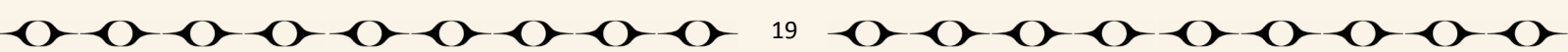
Bill C-10 — An Act respecting the Commissioner for Modern Treaty Implementation

Tsawwassen First Nation continues to participate in the Bill C-10, An Act respecting the Commissioner for Modern Treaty Implementation initiative through the Land Claims Agreements Coalition (LCAC) and in partnership with the federal government. This work focuses on strengthening how Canada implements and upholds Modern Treaty obligations.

Bill C-10 was recently re-introduced in Parliament, receiving first reading at the House of Commons on September 25th and second reading on October 7th. It will now proceed to committee study. The Bill aims to improve accountability and transparency in how the federal government fulfills Modern Treaty commitments. TFN will continue to monitor its progress and engage in discussions to ensure Tsawwassen's Treaty rights and governance are reflected in its implementation.

For those interested in tracking the Bill's progress through Parliament, you can follow it here:

[The Bill's Progress here](#)





Community Safety Strategy

Over the summer, PIGA supported with the Community Safety Strategy (CSS) panel of experts in gathering feedback from Members on its recommendations for supporting community safety at TFN. The panel hosted a series of family meetings where Members shared thoughts and ideas about the actions proposed in the strategy. This feedback will help guide Executive Council as they look to implement the panel's recommendations.

At the Members Gathering, the panel also led an interactive workshop. Members had an opportunity to review key recommendations and take part in an activity to help identify which areas should be prioritized as we move toward implementation.

A big thank you to everyone who participated in these engagement sessions and workshop. Your input is helping guide the implementation of the Community Safety Strategy, and we're excited to continue this important work together.

To learn more about the Community Safety Strategy and how you can continue providing feedback, please visit our project information page at <https://letsgather.tsawwassenfirstnation.com/community-safety-strategy>



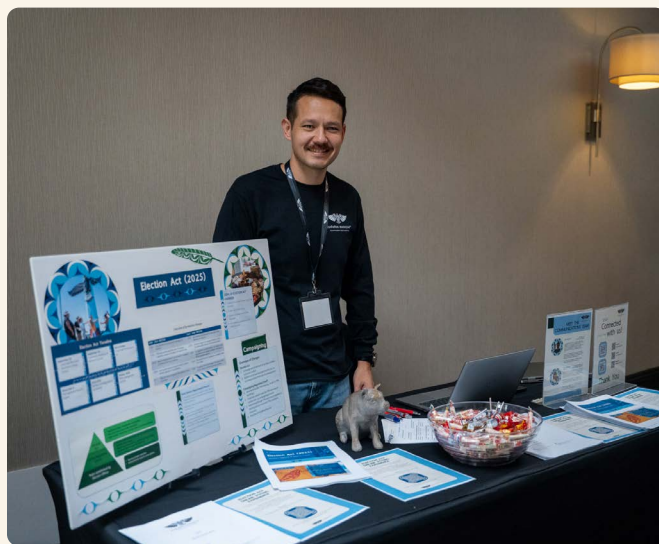
Election Act

PIGA continued engaging with Members on proposed updates to the Election Act throughout the summer and early fall. The proposed amendments include steps to reduce the number of low-impact by-elections TFN experiences, updates to modernize TFN's campaign advertising process, and introducing electronic voting for TFN elections.

Members had the chance to try out electronic voting at the 2025 Members Gathering, where it was offered for the very first time as an option for the TFN Land Use Plan Vote. A summary of Member feedback on both the proposed amendments and the electronic voting system will be shared with the Legislature this fall as they review the updates to the Election Act.

Thank you to everyone who participated in these important conversations!

If you would like to learn more about the proposed Election Act changes, please see our project information page at <https://letsgather.tsawwassenfirstnation.com/election-act-2025>





syáləx^we k^wamk^wəmstəx (Ancestors Make Us Strong) Census Project

PIGA, in partnership with Big River Analytics and Harmony Johnston, has been working hard on the TFN Census, set to launch in the coming weeks. This initiative is a key step toward strengthening good governance and informed decision-making for TFN.

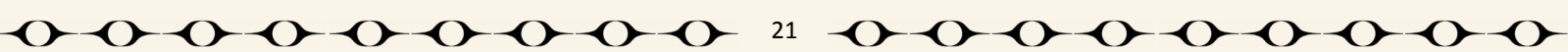
During the recent Members Gathering, the PIGA Census team was on site sharing information, distributing Census swag, and encouraging Members to take part in this important initiative.

To support Members throughout the process, PIGA has been hiring a Census Support Team, comprised of peer enumerators who will be available beginning in November to assist community members in completing the Census. This ensures the Census is led by Members, for Members—reflecting Tsawwassen values of collaboration, respect, and self-determination.

The TFN Census will help identify opportunities in programs and services, understand Member needs, and inform future planning and funding initiatives. The data gathered will directly improve programs and services for all Members.

The Census is open to all Members aged 18 and older, as well as to parents or guardians of Member children. As a token of appreciation for participating, individuals will receive \$200 upon completion of the Census.

Together, through the TFN Census, we are building a stronger foundation for informed decisions and a thriving future for TFN.





Lands

Traditional Medicine Plan Update

Tsawwassen First Nation has launched an important initiative to create a Traditional Medicine Plan that will document the plants and medicines identified as important to our community. As part of this project, Elder interviews and consultations with knowledge keepers will be conducted in the coming months to gather traditional knowledge and practices.

We invite community members who have knowledge or experiences with traditional medicines, past or present, to share their insights. Your contributions are vital in helping preserve this important part of our heritage for future generations.

For more information or to participate, please contact the Lands Department.





Housing

HOUSING

Members Housing Renovation Programs

OFF-LAND MEMBER HOUSING RENOVATION PROGRAM

As part of the implementation of Urban, Rural, and Northern (URN) Indigenous Housing Strategy, TFN continues to support off-land Members with home renovation needs. A policy and eligibility criteria were approved by the Executive Council earlier this year. 5 Renovation grants has been provided to off-land Members so far.

ON-LAND HOME RENOVATION GRANT

TFN continues providing home renovation grants to Members living On TFN Lands. Over the last few months, 9 Members have been supported with renovating their houses, utilizing TFN Renovation Grant.

AGING AT HOME - ELDER HOME REPAIRS

In Spring 2025, EC approved the Aging at Home – Elder Home Repairs Policy. This program provides \$8,000 every two years to the Elder household living in Member-owned homes in TFN Community Area. The funding has been supporting elders with minor household repairs that are accessibility, health and safety related (e.g., addition of stair lift), and it is administered by TFN Lands department.



Secondary Suite Program

With support from the Executive Council, this program has been a success by facilitating addition of 4 secondary suites to Member properties within TFN Community Area over the last year. The Secondary Suit Grant provides \$50,000 to Members to support with the costs of completing an accessory suite on their lot withing TFN Community Area.

Turn-Key Duplexes Update – Phase 2

Executive Council is pleased to announce its endorsement of Phase 2 of the Turn-Key Duplex Project, which will bring eight new homes to Falcon Way. This phase was recently expanded from six to eight units, reflecting the growing demand and continued commitment to supporting homeownership opportunities for TFN Members.

The waitlist officially opened at the Members Gathering, and we're excited to share that eight TFN Members have already applied—matching the number of available units in this phase! While this is a promising start, the waitlist remains open until all units are officially closed.

If you're interested in this phase or future turn-key housing opportunities, please contact Rajan Sandhu, Housing Planner, at rsandhu@tsawwassenfirstnation.com.

Joint Housing Advisory Committee (HAC) & Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) Meeting

On Oct 20th, Staff hosted a joint HAC-AAC meeting at TFN Recreation Centre Hall. 12 committee and community members in addition to 8 TFN Staff attended this meeting. Shared topics and concerns between the two committees were discussed during the meeting.

Hələləm Collective Implementation Update

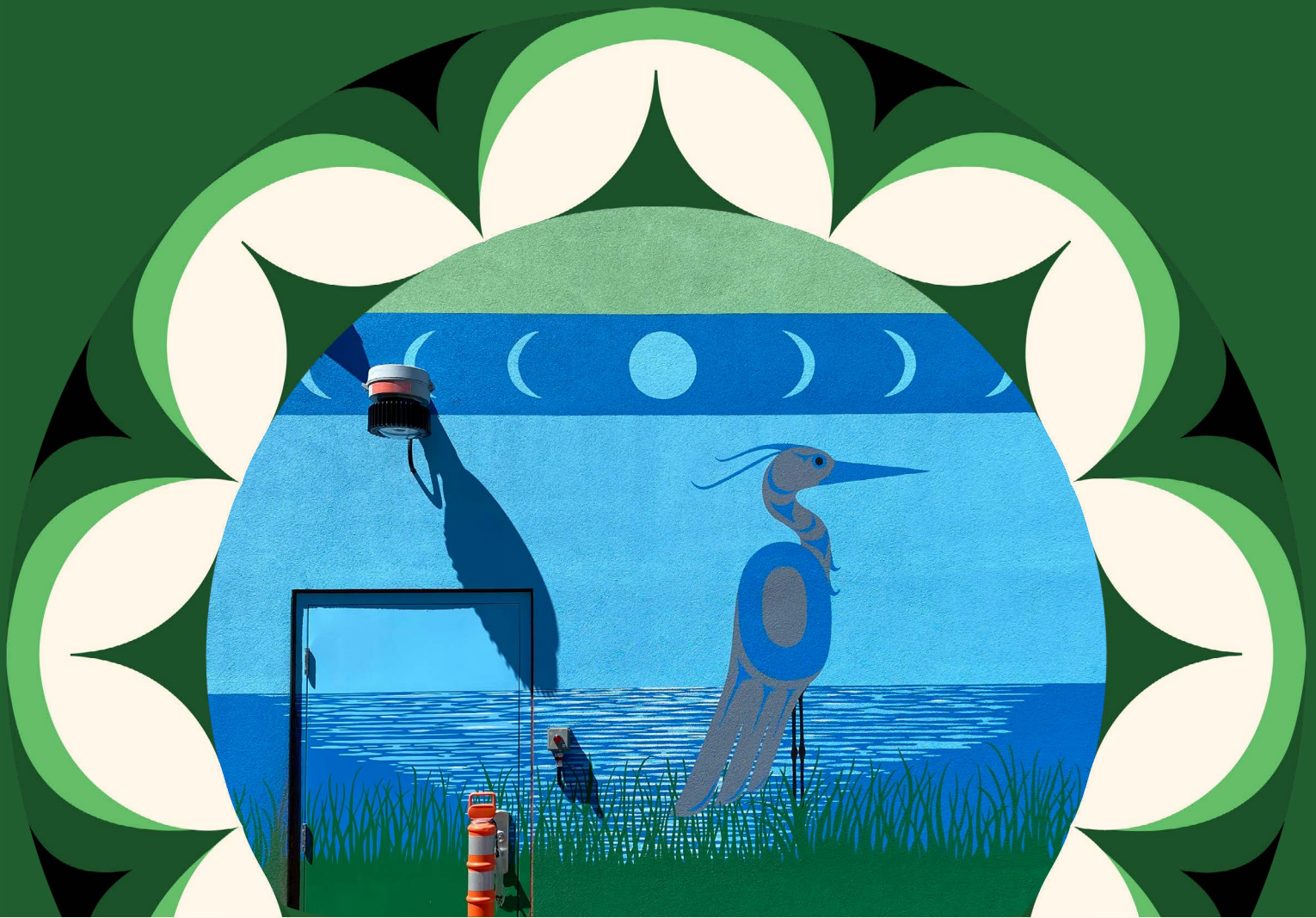
Between July and September 2025, the Hələləm Collective reached several important milestones marking the formal start of its work as Tsawwassen First Nation's housing authority. The biggest accomplishments were the appointment of the Board of Directors and the incorporation of the Hələləm Collective as a BC non-profit society. Incorporation officially established the Collective as its own legal entity, with Tsawwassen First Nation as the sole member. This step put in place the governance and legal framework that allows the Collective to enter agreements, manage assets, and begin assuming responsibility for TFN's housing portfolio.



The first Board of Directors, appointed by TFN Executive Council under the structure approved last year, includes representation from Executive Council, three TFN Members, and three external housing and governance experts. This composition brings together community knowledge and professional expertise. Board members are Taylor Baker, Isabella Corbet, Jessica Cross McCauley, Nikki Lorenz, Steven Stark, Tobias Slezak, Kelly Lin, and Adam Glover. The inaugural Board meeting was held in early October to review governance policies, discuss officer roles, and begin planning the transition of housing operations from TFN administration to the new organization.

Alongside these milestones, the Collective continued to build its internal foundation for full launch in 2026. Work included building a new policy and practice manual, developing role descriptions of property management staff, and beginning recruitment for its first new staff position. Together, these efforts have laid a strong foundation for the Hələləm Collective's mission: to provide culturally grounded, community-led housing solutions that reflect TFN values and strengthen self-determination.

TFN Legislature- Administration Building Project





TFN LEGISLATURE-ADMINISTRATION BUILDING PROJECT

Iredale Architecture, the project architect, has submitted the Design Development package, including the Class C Cost Estimate, to TFN. The Project Steering Committee is currently finalizing key design elements, such as the building’s exterior colour. A Groundbreaking Ceremony, conducted in accordance with TFN cultural protocols, will take place on October 23rd.

TFN Placemaking Strategy

The Placemaking Strategy provides a framework to enhance TFN’s public spaces through culturally meaningful design, improved safety and connectivity, and consistent placemaking standards across all TFN lands.

Following a July 15th workshop with TFN artists, staff met with TFN Leadership on September 16th to review the draft Strategy. Executive Council approved it in principle and directed staff to complete minor wording and graphic updates before finalizing.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP IN PLACEMAKING

Tsawwassen youth continue to play an active role in shaping a sense of place across TFN lands, advancing the Nation’s art, culture, and built heritage through the Summer Student Program.

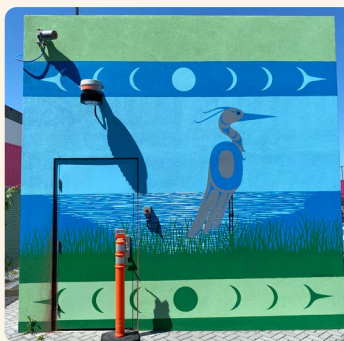
One student, serving as TFN’s Public Art Coordinator, completed a comprehensive inventory of public art installations across TFN lands, including public and commercial spaces such as Mills Mall. This work established a valuable foundation for future planning and was added as an appendix to the Strategy, featuring a summary report, GIS map, and photo catalog of each art asset.



Other students created Coast Salish–inspired designs for five new bus shelters along the 609 local shuttle route. These shelters are expected to be installed in early 2025. Another student apprenticed with TFN artist Karl Morgan, learning traditional carving techniques and Coast Salish design principles while assisting on creating pieces such as a house post.

All student contributions were showcased in a short video, Placemaking Strategy Art Inventory, presented at the 2025 Members AGM, celebrating TFN youth leadership and creativity in placemaking.

Staff look forward to implementing the finalized Strategy and continuing to bring TFN’s cultural identity to life through public spaces in 2026 and beyond.





TFN Veterans Memorial

Staff are working towards having the Veterans Memorial house post and plaques ready for this year's Indigenous Veterans Day (Nov 8, 2025) at the Memorial site next to the Elders Centre. The carving design will be based on two sketches provided by artists Karl Morgan and Bryce Williams and was selected and approved by veteran family members and Executive Council.

Spruce Way Off-Leash Dog Park

In early 2025, Executive Council approved Spruce Way Park as the location for a new off-leash dog park for all TFN residents. The facility will provide a safe, dedicated space for dogs to play and exercise while reducing off-leash activity in other community areas and protecting nearby wildlife habitats. Staff provided input to the developer who will be delivering an off-leash dog area as part of the Spruce Way Local Park. This project is in the design stage with construction expected to begin in 2026 once design and regulatory requirements are complete.





Mortgage Workshop Recap

On August 20th, Tsawwassen First Nation hosted a mortgage workshop to provide guidance and resources for Members interested in homeownership. The session offered practical advice on financing, grants, and navigating the home-buying process.

Falcon Way Housing Project

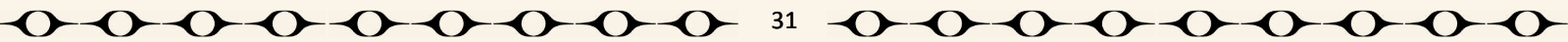
Construction is underway on six new duplex units (three buildings) on Falcon Way, built by the Aquilini Development Group. Each unit will receive all available grant support to help lower the final cost for buyers. Final pricing is still being confirmed, but TFN is working hard to ensure these homes remain affordable for Members.

Elder Home Repairs Program

FN is excited to announce a new home repairs program for Elders living in the TFN Community Area. Eligible Elders can receive up to \$8,000 every two years for minor household repairs. This program supports home modifications and repairs in a way that honours Elders and enhances their quality of life.

To apply or learn more, please contact the Housing Department at housing@tsawwassenfirstnation.com.

Note: This program is available to On-Lands Elders only.



Community Planning



COMMUNITY PLANNING

Active Transportation Network Plan

Tsawwassen First Nation is developing its first Active Transportation Network Plan (ATNP) to create a safer, more accessible, and convenient network for walking, cycling, and rolling across Tsawwassen Lands. This plan supports active, healthy lifestyles while helping to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Funding for the project has been provided through the BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant Program from the Ministry of Transportation & Transit.



THE ATNP FOCUSES ON FOUR KEY OBJECTIVES:

- **Design for All Ages & Abilities:** Create a network that is accessible and inclusive for everyone, from children to seniors.
- **Fill in the Gaps:** Improve connectivity so people can walk, roll, or cycle easily for all types of trips.
- **Foster a Culture of Active Transportation:** Promote awareness and engagement around active transportation, encouraging community members and visitors to embrace walking, rolling, and cycling.
- **Stay Connected to Nature:** Enhance recreational opportunities and provide greater access to natural spaces in and around Tsawwassen.



Economic Development

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

A Win for the Environment and Our People

TFN is pleased to share that Global Container Terminals (GCT), which operates Deltaport on our foreshore, has transitioned to 100% renewable fuels across its 24/7 operations. TFN has also reached an agreement to share in the revenue generated from all renewable fuels used by GCT.

This milestone not only benefits the environment but also creates a sustainable source of revenue that TFN can reinvest into programs and services for our members—helping to build a brighter future for generations to come.

This important work has been led by Ryan Daum and TFN’s Economic Development team. A more formal announcement will be shared in the coming days.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- GCT Deltaport has fully transitioned its 24/7 operations to renewable fuels
- TFN has secured a revenue-sharing agreement tied to renewable fuel use
- Revenue will be reinvested into programs supporting TFN members and future generations





TFN Short-Term Leasing Program Communications

On July 9, 2025, TFN issued a news release announcing the launch of our new Short-Term Leasing Program for industrial lands. Supported by a social media campaign led by TFN’s Communications team, the announcement generated strong engagement and new leasing inquiries.

The initiative received regional media coverage, including a feature by the Delta Optimist titled “Metro wants to see what’s happening with Delta, region’s industrial lands.” The exposure highlights increasing interest in TFN’s industrial opportunities and reinforces the Nation’s role as a key driver of regional economic growth.

Beedie Group Construction Phase Concludes

The Beedie Group’s construction phase on TFN lands successfully neared completion this quarter, marking a significant milestone in our ongoing partnership.

TFN Members and TFN-related businesses collectively secured contracts totaling approximately \$16.89 million during the course of the project. This milestone reflects the strength of TFN’s procurement approach and commitment to creating tangible economic benefits for Members and local businesses.

Tsawwassen businesses winning work during construction phase of the Beedie Group’s development.

- Asphalt Paving
- Art
- Catering
- Civil Infrastructure
- Preload
- Site Preparation
- Site security
- Street sweeping
- Water truck



Major Project Procurement Engagements

Economic Development staff and consultants continued to advance TFN's interests in major infrastructure projects through ongoing meetings with provincial representatives and contractors.

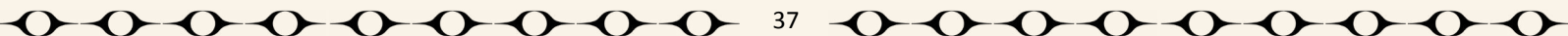
Key projects include:

- Surrey Langley SkyTrain
- Roberts Bank Terminal 2
- Pattullo Bridge Replacement
- Fraser River Tunnel Project

Looking Ahead

As we enter the next quarter, TFN's Economic Development Department remains focused on:

- Advancing the Employment and Industrial Lands Strategy to position TFN for new leasing and partnership opportunities.
- Supporting Member business capacity building through training and upcoming procurement opportunities linked to major regional infrastructure projects.
- Continuing to expand environmental and corporate partnerships that promote sustainable development and long-term economic benefit for Tsawwassen Members.



Natural Resources

Environmental Stewardship & Sustainability



NATURAL RESOURCES

First Fish Ceremony & Sockeye Salmon Return

On July 8th, Tsawwassen First Nation held the First Fish Ceremony to mark the official opening of the fishing season. This important cultural event celebrates the renewal of the river's life and honors the traditions and practices passed down through generations. The ceremony was followed by the fishing season, and it seems the community's prayers and stewardship were answered—this year saw a massive return of sockeye salmon to the river, a promising sign for the ecosystem and the fishing community alike. The abundance of fish not only supports food security but also reinforces the continued importance of respecting and caring for the land and waters that sustain us.



Invasive Species Management: Goat Grazing & European Green Crab Trapping

From September 13 to October 13, a herd of 19 goats helped manage vegetation across several sites in our community, including:

- Bushes behind the Longhouse
- Various roadways
- TFN Community Farm
- Members Park

This year marked the second season of TFN European Green Crab Early Detection Project. This year we were joined by one of our guardians. Overall, we recorded a total of 12 green crabs in 7 months. The largest individuals were captured in June (72mm), with sizes ranging from 43-72mm, indicating a mix of mature crab rather than juveniles. We aim to expand our project next year to include more survey sites and guardians to join us.



Barnside Harvest Festival

TFN Archaeology participated in the Barnside Harvest Festival, hosting a table in the TFN Pavillion. This marked the department's first public engagement outside TFN Lands and provided an excellent opportunity to share TFN's cultural heritage work with the broader community and promote the return of belongings to TFN found within our Territory.

Dragonfly Screening Program

The Dragonfly archaeological screening project was suspended due to health and safety concerns. The department is actively working with other TFN departments to help address these issues to ensure the project can resume safely and in accordance with best practices.

Indigenous Peoples Day

The Archaeology program hosted a mock archaeology dig for children, offering an interactive opportunity to screen for 3D printed artifacts. This was well received and helped foster interest in heritage preservation among younger community members.



Jacobs Family Loan

The department was honoured to receive a significant loan from the Jacobs family, which includes a traditional war club. This meaningful contribution enhances the repositories' collection and supports the continued preservation of important cultural belongings.



Archaeology Repository Soft Opening

Coinciding with the opening of the Cultural Centre, the Archaeology Repository held a soft opening for TFN Members on June 26. Guests toured the facility, viewed belongings housed in storage and on display, and were introduced to the repositories specialized care of perishable materials.



cálisæləm Updates

(TFN Community Farm)

c̓'lis̓'el̓'am (TFN COMMUNITY FARM) UPDATES

This summer has been a season of growth, learning, and giving back at the Tsawwassen First Nation Community Farm.

Four TFN youth joined the farm team this year, gaining hands-on experience in many aspects of farming while contributing directly to their community's food security. Their hard work has made a real difference in feeding local families and strengthening our connection to the land.

Fifteen Elders received garden beds for their homes, encouraging wellness and the joy of growing fresh produce right at home. In addition, around 25–30 Members took home canning packages featuring locally grown ingredients such as tomatoes, jalapeños, cucumbers, beets, and sweet and spicy peppers, continuing the tradition of preserving food from our own lands.



Staff also began beekeeping training this year, maintaining two thriving colonies at the community farm. One of these colonies produced 50 pounds of honey, which has been shared back with the community, a sweet reward from our local pollinators.



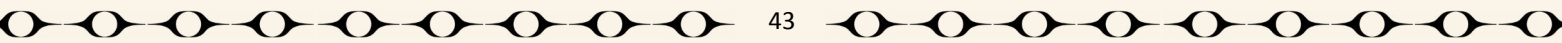


In support of TFN's Traditional Medicine Plan, staff connected with approximately 60–70 Members during the recent Members Gathering to collect input through a community survey. This information will help guide a report being prepared by the Nation's Naturopath, ensuring the plan reflects both traditional knowledge and community priorities.

To make it easier for Members to access fresh produce, staff have also placed a community fridge at the farm, an initiative that has been working well and is appreciated by many households.

Thanks to a partnership with the City of Vancouver, the farm received compost to enrich the soil on half an acre of land. Staff are now focusing on improving soil health by cover cropping this area to prepare for future planting seasons.

We encourage all Members to stay connected and get involved by checking the Community Farm Facebook group each week for updates, volunteer opportunities, and seasonal harvest news. Together, we continue to grow a stronger, healthier, and more sustainable community.



Treaty Rights and Title



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Tsawwassen First Nation and Musqueam Indian Band are collaborating on a new approach to improve the ecological health of the Lower Fraser River and address the environmental impacts major projects. Once the approach is in place, TFN and MIB would co-lead work on projects like habitat restoration and enhancement with input from other governments, First Nations, universities, and non-governmental organizations. Currently, Tsawwassen First Nation and Musqueam Indian Band are developing a document that describes the approach and outlines the key components to share with the Government of Canada, Province of BC, the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, and local government to get their support and request funding.

Tsawwassen First Nation Impact Assessment Framework

Tsawwassen First Nation, supported by the University of BC's Centre for Environmental Assessment Research, is creating an impact assessment framework to outlines the process for evaluating projects that may impact Tsawwassen First Nation's Treaty Objectives. It will guide staff on when and how to conduct an impact assessment, communicate expectations to regulators and proponents, ensure Tsawwassen First Nation's priorities are assessed in a manner that aligns with Tsawwassen First Nation's values, and provides a clear and consistent approach. The process will be used for projects on Tsawwassen First Nation lands and traditional territory and has been designed based on input from members.



Events





EVENTS

Elders Retreat

This summer, TFN Elders enjoyed a relaxing and memorable retreat in Whistler. The trip offered a wonderful mix of rest, laughter, and connection, with Elders choosing how they wanted to spend their days—whether golfing, shopping in the village, or unwinding at the spa. The group enjoyed several excellent dining experiences together and shared plenty of laughter along the way.

A highlight of the retreat for most Elders was the Peak to Peak Gondola, where Elders took in breathtaking, panoramic views from what truly felt like the top of the world. The retreat provided a much-needed opportunity to recharge, share stories, and strengthen community bonds. Planning is already underway for the 2026 Elders Retreat, building on this year's success and the valuable feedback shared by participants.

Members Gathering

The 2025 Members Gathering was a tremendous success, bringing together Tsawwassen Members for a weekend of connection, learning, and celebration. The event featured the Annual General Meeting, a variety of interactive workshops, and opportunities for Members to visit and tour the new Cultural Hub and Elders Centre. These new spaces highlight TFN's ongoing commitment to culture, wellness, and community. Throughout the gathering, Members reconnected with one another, shared ideas, and celebrated the Nation's progress, making it a truly memorable and inspiring event.

Barnside Harvest Fest TFN Pavillion

This year marked Tsawwassen First Nation's first time hosting a dedicated pavilion at the Barnside Harvest Festival - a proud milestone that brought together departments across TFN to showcase community collaboration and connection. The TFN Pavilion served as a welcoming space for Members to gather, rest, and escape the elements while taking in the festivities.

A highlight for many was the engaging Archaeology Department's display, which drew steady crowds throughout the event. Their interactive presentation offered visitors a hands-on opportunity to learn about TFN's deep history and cultural stewardship of the land, sparking meaningful conversations and community pride.

Throughout the weekend, the pavilion became a hub of activity and knowledge-sharing, where TFN staff and representatives provided information about programs, services, and upcoming initiatives. The success of this inaugural pavilion sets a strong foundation for future participation, strengthening TFN's visibility and providing an inclusive space that celebrates community, culture, and connection.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Tsawwassen First Nation marked National Day for Truth and Reconciliation with a community walk held in partnership with Central Walk. Members, neighbours, and supporters came together to honour Survivors, remember those who never returned home, and reflect on the ongoing journey of healing and reconciliation. Following the walk, attendees gathered to share a warm meal of salmon chowder and bannock, symbolizing connection, community, and nourishment. The strong turnout reflected the shared commitment to truth, remembrance, and unity across the broader Tsawwassen community.





Recreation



RECREATION

Indigenous Rookie League

The Indigenous Rookie League Softball Wrap-Up Tournament was recently held at Tsawwassen First Nation, culminating in an exciting weekend of sport and community. Tsawwassen proudly took home the trophy, celebrating the team's skill and determination. Beyond the competition, the tournament promoted Indigenous collaboration, camaraderie, and friendly competition, bringing together players and supporters from across the region to share in the spirit of sport and community connection.

Adult programming

Our adult fitness programs continued to see strong participation this quarter, reflecting the community's growing commitment to health and wellness. A diverse range of classes and activities were offered, including Boxing, Pilates, Yoga, Bootcamp, and the Running and Walking Groups.


Each program attracted consistent attendance and positive feedback, with many Members noting improvements in strength, energy, and social connection. The variety in program types - from high-intensity workouts like Bootcamp and Boxing to restorative options such as Yoga and Pilates - ensured accessibility for all fitness levels. The Running and Walking Groups remained a highlight, fostering both fitness and community spirit as participants gathered weekly to stay active together.

Overall, Adult Fitness programs continue to build momentum, reinforcing recreation as a key pillar in supporting Members' holistic health and community engagement.

TFN Golf Nights

The TFN Golf Nights program was an outstanding success this summer, drawing strong participation across all age groups. The evenings offered much more than time on the greens - they became a space for intergenerational connection, where Elders, adults, youth, and families came together to share laughter, learn new skills, and enjoy each other's company in a relaxed and welcoming setting.

These gatherings highlighted the power of recreation to bridge generations, fostering mentorship, community pride, and shared learning. The casual and inclusive format encouraged Members of all abilities to participate, strengthening community wellness and reinforcing the TFN value of connection through shared experiences.



Youth Recreation Services

This summer, Tsawwassen First Nation youth had an incredible season filled with recreation, learning, and cultural connection. From outdoor adventures to creative programs, the energy and participation from our young Members made it a summer to remember.

Youth spent plenty of time on the water, taking part in the Kayaking Overnight Expedition, where they learned paddling and navigation skills, camped along the coastline, and practiced teamwork while exploring the natural beauty of the Broken Islands. The experience encouraged personal growth, cultural reflection, and environmental stewardship. Members also participated in the We Are Water Snorkeling Program, gaining confidence in marine environments through a series of snorkeling trips at Whytecliff Park, Sooke, and right here at home on TFN shores. These adventures strengthened participants' respect for the ocean and deepened their connection to the land and waters of their territory.

Work also continued to prepare for next year's Canoe Journey, in collaboration with the Language and Culture Department. Twelve Members completed Big Canoe Skipper certification and training this year, learning navigation, safety, and traditional canoe protocols. Youth joined weekly canoe sessions throughout the spring and summer, developing teamwork, leadership, and confidence on the water.

Back on land, TFN youth enjoyed a wide variety of recreational and cultural activities. New programs like Baking with Sophia gave teens and children the chance to learn kitchen skills and share laughter together, while Carving with Karl offered a creative space to learn Coast Salish art and design. Youth also experienced the excitement of musical theatre, attending performances like The Lion King and the community's own Princess Tsawwassa: Time of the Eulachon, which celebrated TFN's stories and culture.

Physical activity remained a highlight of recreation programming this year, with basketball and bouldering added to the weekly schedule. Youth loved these active sessions, which encouraged teamwork, perseverance, and fun. Pro-D Day activities, including bowling and group outings, continued to be a hit, while community events such as the Grill'n'Chill BBQ and the Members Gathering brought together youth from both on- and off-land to connect and celebrate.

Youth also gave back in a big way through the Impact x Semi Fundraiser, raising \$3,600 to provide gifts for children in need, a proud example of leadership and generosity in action.

It was a full and vibrant season for Tsawwassen First Nation youth, filled with growth, laughter, and learning. Thank you to all the youth, families, and staff who participated and supported these programs. Together, we continue to build a strong, connected, and active community for the next generation.



Programs at the Respected Elders Centre

This fall, the Respected Elders Centre is once again a lively hub of activity, offering a full schedule of programs designed to bring Elders together for connection, recreation, and fun. From fitness and cooking classes to games, crafts, and movie nights, there's something for everyone to enjoy throughout the week. Whether you're looking to stay active, learn something new, or simply spend time with friends, the Centre's welcoming environment provides plenty of opportunities to gather, share stories, and strengthen community bonds.

WEEKLY PROGRAMS:

- **Open Gym** | Mon–Thu, 8:30–7:30 PM Friday 8:30-4:00
Enjoy a flexible workout space with staff available to assist.
- **Continuing daytime fitness classes** | Monday - Friday
- **Monday Night Football** | Mondays, 5:00–8:00 PM
Catch the game on the big screen and enjoy light snacks.
- **Arts & Crafts** | Tuesdays, 5:30–7:30 PM Thursdays 10:00-12:00
Explore a rotating selection of creative projects with different instructors and mediums.
- **Games Night** | Thursdays, 5:00–8:00 PM
Play pool, cards, or board games—or relax and watch the Canucks on the big screen.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

- **Movie Night** | First Wednesday, 6:00–8:00 PM
Join us for a movie and snacks.
- **Cooking Class** | Second Wednesday, 4:30–6:00 PM
Learn to prepare a new dish or a beloved classic with our talented chefs.
- **Bingo Night** | Third Wednesday, 5:30–7:00 PM
Enjoy a meal and test your luck for fun prizes.

Come join us this fall for community, creativity, and connection at the Respected Elders Centre!

Health





HEALTH

Over the July to September quarter, the TFN Health Services department has moved purposefully from community outreach to operational expansion to systems integration, strengthening access, coordination, and continuity of care on lands.

In July, staff focused on preparing for and hosting the annual Health and Wellness Fair. More than 60 members attended the fair, which offered accessible preventative services. These included an on-site eye clinic with an optometrist and a hearing clinic that provided hearing tests. The event emphasized accessible screening and immediate guidance on follow-up care, while also reconnecting members with wellness resources in a familiar, culturally grounded setting.

To create a more intentional format, the Women's Craft and Chat Group, offered in collaboration with the Language and Culture Department, was temporarily paused. Plans are in place to relaunch the group once the structure can better facilitate meaningful connections.

In parallel, relationship-building with Fraser Health Authority Home Health and Home Support continued through weekly connect meetings that aligned care plans for members served by both systems. The team maintained weekly Health Rounds to coordinate holistic wrap-around care for members accessing TFN health services.

August represented a significant turning point for leadership, collaboration, and the reliability of access to services. Following a thorough interview process, Serena Dhami was appointed as the Supervisor of Health Services. In this new role, she is expected to offer guidance and support to the team as they prepare for upcoming program expansions. Her leadership will be instrumental in fostering a productive environment for the team's continued success.

To deepen collaboration and shared understanding of community context, the department hosted FHA Home Health and Home Support colleagues on TFN lands for a lunch meet-and-greet followed by a guided tour by Chrystalynn. This face-to-face time reinforced communication pathways and clarified how each team can contribute to seamless member support.

Operationally, the department introduced seven-day health team coverage on lands, ensuring that members have access to support every day of the week rather than relying solely on weekday availability.

At the same time, the department subtly introduced a new Mental Health Referral form. This referral process is a step to ensure that all members can access mental health services through a single, clearly defined entry point. This shared pathway improves timeliness and consistency, reduces the risk of missed handoffs, and provides the team with a clearer picture of presenting needs across the community.

In August, the department collaborated with the Elders and Recreation Department to improve coordination of medical transportation services. By coordinating our schedules and clarifying our expectations, we aim to enhance the accessibility and reliability of our members' medical appointments. This process of improving medical transportation support will allow members to attend appointments with ease while promoting their autonomy.



The Next steps were to focus on building the infrastructure to sustain this momentum. Although AVA has been part of the department since the fall of 2024, the department's growing branches and services have made it increasingly valuable. AVA is TFN's very own digital program, implemented in place of paper-based medical records. It is typically used within a single healthcare organization to store and manage information such as medical history, diagnoses, medications, and test results.

TFN Health Services uses this for our primary care clinic and for our community nursing team.

In September, the department connected all contracted TFN mental health providers to AVA for scheduling and charting, centralizing pertinent information and enabling secure, timely communication among professionals supporting the same member.

With AVA, providers can coordinate schedules, consult on care plans, and make warm referrals within a single platform, reducing duplication and closing gaps that can occur when information is spread across multiple systems. This integration complements the Mental Health Referral introduced in August by ensuring that once members enter the system, their care pathway remains visible and coordinated.

In summary, community-focused screenings and education, piloting a seven-day on-site coverage model, improved Fraser Health Authority collaboration, introduced a streamlined referral process for mental health supports, better transport coordination, and AVA-based integration have created a more interconnected foundation for providing comprehensive, wrap-around care.

The department ends the quarter with stronger relationships, clearer pathways, and improved day-to-day reliability, positioning the team to carry this progress forward into the fall and winter.



Community and Family Services

COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Community Services team has officially relocated to the Administration Building and is now settled into its new space. This move strengthens collaboration with other departments and makes it easier for Members to access the supports and programs they need in one central location.

The Member Services Guide has also been finalized and is awaiting Director approval. Once approved, it will be distributed to all Members to help navigate TFN and partner programs more easily.

Community Services is the first point of contact for Members seeking support, information, or assistance with applications and referrals. The team is here to help connect Members with programs, answer questions, and provide guidance through TFN's many services.

CORE PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- Community Kitchen: Providing food hamper support and sharing seasonal produce from cǎlisǎlǎm (the TFN Community Farm).
- Member Records Support: Assisting with TFN Membership and Status registration applications, information updates, and record management.

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FAMILY SERVICES

The Children's Respite Home has seen positive updates, including the addition of two new staff members to strengthen support for children and families. The Community Wellness Team has moved from the Health Department to the Family Services Team to ensure more seamless and consistent care. At the Men's Support Home, hiring is underway, and new policies and programs are being developed to enhance the support offered. The Homelessness Prevention Program and Social Assistance continue to provide ongoing support to members, helping to ensure their needs are met with care and stability.



Education

About the Education Department

The Education Department supports lifelong learning opportunities for children, youth, and adults through a variety of programs, community partnerships, and accessible pathways to education. Our focus is on building strong connections between home, community, and schools while ensuring Members have the tools and support needed to succeed at every stage of their learning journey.

Welcome Our New Manager of Education

Lindsey Frederickson joined Tsawwassen First Nation as the new Manager of Education in September.

Lindsey has 18 years of experience in education, beginning as a secondary teacher before moving into district leadership. For the past seven years, she has served as a Curriculum and Instruction Helping Teacher in BC's largest school district, where she supported educators in assessment and communicating student learning. She also teaches with Queen's University and contributed to the redesign of BC's provincial curriculum.

Lindsey is passionate about creating strength-based, inclusive learning environments and looks forward to working alongside the TFN community to support education from early learning through post-secondary and beyond.

K-12 Highlights

- Elementary and Secondary Family BBQs brought together families, students, and educators to kick off the school year in a fun and relaxed setting.
- Delta School District Professional Development Day hosted at the TFN Longhouse welcomed over 400 educators, featuring speakers such as Chief Laura Cassidy, Chrystalynn Gurniak, Diane Jubinville, Tom McCarthy, Kailey Meredith, and Peggy Plumstead-McLeod.
- The Indigenous Education Committee (IEC), with representation from Tsawwassen First Nation, Musqueam Nation, and Delta School District, came together to continue working toward equitable access to education in Delta schools for Indigenous Youth.
- Youth and Community Engagement:
 - Education staff supported the Youth Centre Haunted House, a well-loved annual event that expanded this year to include leaseholders.
 - Team members continued mentoring students one-on-one through equine therapy and arts-based activities, focusing on connection and confidence-building.



Post-Secondary Highlights

- The Education Department met with several prospective and current post-secondary students to plan for January admissions and program transitions, including pathways at Langara College, Douglas College, and other institutions.
- Created post-secondary information packages to help students prepare for upcoming semesters.
- Currently supporting 20 post-secondary students, including 4 studying in the United States, and on track to have 25 students enrolled by January.
- Ongoing campus tours at UBC, KPU's Wilson School of Design, and the Justice Institute of BC for high school students interested in post-secondary pathways.

Looking Ahead...

- Working with SD37 (Delta School District), KPU, and SFU to develop Dual Credit Teacher Education courses that support Indigenous students interested in K–12 education careers.
- Beginning the process of establishing a Hunqumintum Language Authority to certify fluent speakers through the First Nations Language Teaching Certificate (FNLTC), enabling TFN Language and Culture staff to teach Hunqumintum for credit in Grades 5–12 classrooms.

Policy Updates

K–12 EDUCATION PROGRAMS POLICY

A new K–12 policy brings six previous policies into one accessible, culturally grounded framework that simplifies access to grants, supports, and services.


Highlights:

- One streamlined policy replaces six older ones.
- Increased funding: \$750 graduation grant and \$500 annual extracurricular activity grant.
- Simplified, fillable application forms and clearer eligibility criteria.
- Monthly student allowances for Grades 7–12 to encourage attendance and success.
- Available Programs:
- Reimbursement Programs (Tsawwassen Member Students Only):
 - Child & Youth Grants
 - Mandatory School Equipment & Trips
 - Education Technology
- Grant & Direct Support Programs:
 - Instructional Support
 - Educational Assessments
 - Graduation Grant & Awards
 - Student Allowances
- Education Support Programs (Open to All Tsawwassen Students):
 - Advocate Support
 - Tutoring at the Youth Centre

HOW TO APPLY:

Download the form, include required documents, and submit to education@tsawwassenfirstnation.com.

[Click here!](#)



Post-Secondary Education Policy (2025)

The new Post-Secondary Education Policy reflects TFN's commitment to lifelong learning and equitable access to college, university, and training supports. A supplementary 'Welcome Package' has also been completed as another layer of support for those pursuing post-secondary education.

WHAT'S NEW:

- Eligibility & Application:
 - Removed application timelines and funding limits.
 - Simplified appeal process (Manager flexibility instead of Judicial Council).
 - Expanded eligibility for private institutions and distance education (with conditions).
- Student Responsibilities:
 - Students must meet their institution's minimum passing grade (not a fixed 60%).
 - Monthly check-ins required; official transcripts reviewed yearly.
 - Added medical and compassionate leave process.
- Funding Support:
 - First-year on-campus residence covered above the annual maximum.
 - Removed lifetime tuition limits for multiple degrees but restricted living allowance for second degree at same level (unless career-related).
 - Increased tech support: computer purchase every 3 years, up to \$500/year for repairs.
 - Books fully covered (removed \$3,000 cap).
 - Basic materials & supplies capped at \$500/year.
 - Added \$750 graduation expense grant.

- Living Allowances & Top-Ups:
 - Updated rates as of April 2025.
 - Part-time top-up increased to \$375 (1 course) and \$750 (2 courses).
 - Deductions only apply if working 90+ hours/month.
 - Expanded dependent and Dependent Spouse eligibility.
- Graduation Awards:
 - Increased amounts significantly (e.g., doctorate \$5,000; master's \$3,500; undergrad \$2,000).
 - Added awards for Red Seal, professional designations, and honorary degrees.

Available supports for Tsawwassen Members include coverage for entrance testing and transcripts, tuition and student fees (including extended medical and dental), books and supplies, personal computers and tech accessories, travel and commuter costs, parking permits, co-op and internship fees, graduation expenses, living allowances for full-time students, top-ups for part-time students, and specialized equipment for students with disabilities.

GRADUATION AWARDS:

- \$500 – Certificate
- \$1,000 – Diploma/Trade Certificate
- \$1,500 – Red Seal or Professional Designation
- \$2,000 – Undergraduate Degree
- \$3,500 – Master's Degree
- \$5,000 – Doctorate or Honourary Degree

HOW TO APPLY:

Download and complete the Post-Secondary Education Application Form and submit it with supporting documents to the Education Program Assistant.

[Post-Secondary Education Application Form](#)



Municipal Infrastructure





MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE

FortisBC Gas Service Installation & Paving

This summer, FortisBC is upgrading gas services and paving key roads in our community. Work will take place on 28th Avenue (48th to 52nd Street) from July 21–25, and at Eagle Way / 4449 Salish Sea Way from July 22–24, with additional paving on July 24. Residents may experience temporary traffic delays during these hours, and we thank you for your patience as these improvements enhance safety and infrastructure for everyone.

Longhouse Enhancements

Exciting improvements are also underway at the Longhouse, our shared cultural and community space. To ensure safety and allow construction to proceed efficiently, the Longhouse will be closed to all access during this time. These upgrades will create a more welcoming, functional space for events, gatherings, and programs that benefit the entire community. Thank you for your understanding as we invest in facilities that serve everyone.

Lands Office Relocation

The modular units of the Lands Office on Falcon Way have been relocated north of the Sewage Treatment Plant on Salish Sea Way. This relocation has made the lots on Falcon Way available for the development of duplex units, which will be offered for purchase to TFN Members.

The Lands Office site features a newly paved asphalt parking lot equipped with lighting. Additional improvements include enhanced site access with new traffic signage and a pedestrian sidewalk connecting Salish Sea Way to the office entrance.

The project is scheduled for completion in October, with Lands Office staff expected to move into the new location by November 2025.

Multi-Use Pathway on 48th Street

To support TFN’s goals of enhancing the streetscape, improving pedestrian safety, and connecting the existing bike network with the TransLink regional bus system, construction is underway on a new multi-use pathway (MUP) along the east side of 48th Street, between Salish Sea Way and 28th Avenue.

The MUP is designed to provide a safe and accessible route for pedestrians and cyclists, while strengthening regional transportation links. Completion is anticipated in early November 2025.

