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# COMMUNITY NOTICE

Friday, February 27th 2026





UPCOMING EVENT

# Treaty Day

April 03

 Save the Date

 Members Only



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Recreation and Events

# Underwater Noise Workshop

Workshop will be held in the Respected Elders Centre on Tuesday, March 17th from 8:30am – 4:30pm, Open to all Members aged 13+, morning portion will be in house learning and afternoon will be on the water. Lunch will be included.

## Summary of event:

- Learn about the impacts of vessel navigation on marine life and environment and how we can work to reduce them.
- This ONE-DAY training will teach you about underwater sound, marine fauna impacts and common mitigation measures.
- SLR Consulting (Canada) Ltd will introduce the concept of underwater noise, scales of measurement, impacts on marine biota, and strategies for mitigation.

## This program will help you:

- Identify the components of ambient noise in the ocean (anthropogenic, environmental, and biological).
- Interpret metrics used in the measurement of underwater noise.
- Understand the impact of underwater noise on marine mammals, fish, and turtles.
- Identify technology and methods for the mitigation of underwater noise.
- Deploy a passive acoustic monitoring (PAM) system from a vessel.

**Your Facilitator:** Jonathan Vallarta (PhD) - Principal, Underwater Acoustics Business Lead

Dr. Jonathan Vallarta has over twenty years of experience in underwater acoustics in a wide range of positions including teaching, design, project management, acoustic consulting, and collaborative research. He has considerable experience providing training courses in fundamentals of underwater noise and monitoring techniques and shares also a particular interest in marine conservation issues, especially in reference to threatened species, noise pollution and mitigation. In 2018, his expertise was recognized as an invited panelist and Mexican advisor at the United Nations in New York.



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\* New for this issue





# Policy & Intergovernmental Affairs

## TFN Treaty Periodic Review

### Phase 1 of the TFN Treaty Periodic Review Has Begun

*Tsawwassen First Nation is beginning Phase 1 of the Periodic Review, a process built into the TFN Treaty that allows TFN, BC, and Canada to review and improve how the Treaty works over time.*

*This notice is for information only. No decisions are being made at this stage.*

#### What Is the Periodic Review?

It is a regular, collaborative process that keeps the Treaty a living agreement—one that continues to reflect the needs of TFN Members today and into the future. This is not a reopening of the Treaty, and any potential updates occur through negotiation, not the courts.

#### Why This Matters

The Treaty remains an integral part of TFN's success, supporting strong self-government, stable governance, and long-term Nation-building. The Periodic Review is an opportunity to strengthen what is already working and make practical improvements that support TFN's future generations.

#### What Is Phase 1?

Phase 1 focuses on early, targeted improvements where TFN, BC, and Canada are already aligned. These discussions are preliminary and centred on clarity and good governance.

#### What's Next?


More information will be shared as the process unfolds, including website and social media updates, text notifications, a detailed Social Pinpoint information page, and spring engagement sessions for learning and questions.

TFN is committed to providing clear, transparent updates throughout the process.

## Community Services

### UPDATE CONTACT INFORMATION

Members, if you have any updated contact information, please reach out to Maryanne Adams

 604-834-7484

 [madams@tsawwassenfirstnation.com](mailto:madams@tsawwassenfirstnation.com)



# Callout for TFN Elders

## Invitation to April Gathering in Duncan

Tsawwassen First Nation has been invited by the Te'mexw Treaty Association (TTA) to take part in a two-day gathering at the Khowutzun Heritage Centre in Duncan, BC. This event is an opportunity for TFN Elders and Members to share their experiences living in a Modern Treaty and support other Nations as they prepare for Treaty implementation.

We are looking for TFN Elders who are interested in contributing to this meaningful event. Please note that if you choose to participate, you will be asked a number of questions and expected to share your insight.

### We Are Looking For:

- Several TFN Elders to share their Treaty experience
- One Elders Support Worker to accompany the group

**The deadline to express interest is March 20th.**

### EVENT DETAILS



Thursday, April 24 – Elders Gathering



Friday, April 25 – All-Nation Treaty Discussion



Khowutzun Heritage Centre, 200 Cowichan Way, Duncan, BC

### April 24 – Elders' Meal & Conversation

TFN Elders are invited to join Elders from the Te'mexw Treaty Association Nations for a shared meal, bingo, and an open conversation about living in a Modern Treaty world. Visiting Elders will also speak about the changes they have witnessed over time. This is a welcoming and informal opportunity for TFN Elders to share their knowledge and firsthand experiences.

### April 25 – All-Day Treaty Session

On April 25, TFN representatives will take part in a full-day facilitated discussion with members from all Te'mexw Nations. The purpose is to provide honest, open dialogue about life under Treaty, what has worked, what has changed, and what TFN has learned along the way. TFN speakers will join the morning session to help guide the conversation and answer questions.

**Interested?**

Reach out to Dawn:  604-948-5228

 [Dwilliams@tsawwassenfirstnation.com](mailto:Dwilliams@tsawwassenfirstnation.com)





# Natural Resources



## DIKE CLOSURE FOR TFN BRANT HUNT

**Sunup – Sundown  
March 1st – 10th**

Tsawwassen First Nation hunters will be utilizing the dike to participate in their Indigenous right to hunt from March 1st to March 10th along the shoreline.

For your safety, please **DO NOT** use these areas from sunup to sundown.

### Member inquiries:

- 📞 Dionne Baker 604 -690 - 4176
- 📞 Rachel Lau 604 - 968 - 8935

### Leaseholder inquires:

- 📞 604 - 948 - 5300
- ✉️ residents@tsawwassenfirstnation.com

## WE ARE HIRING Coastal Cleanup

📅 March 11–April 8, 2026

🕒 8:00AM–4:00PM

TFN is working with Coastal Restoration Society to do a clean-up on TFN Lands.

We can collect large items (old boats and appliances from your home)

We will be hiring **3 TFN members as technicians to help with this work (\$35/hr)** as well as heavy equipment and operators from TFN businesses.



### OPEN TO ALL NATION MEMBERS

To Apply or For More Information, Contact: [tyranna@coastrestore.com](mailto:tyranna@coastrestore.com)





# Health Services

## Dental Hygiene Clinic



Feb 27th, 10:00am – 4:30pm



Respected Elder Centre

**BOOK APPOINTMENT (members only)**



Contact Hiral at 604.908.3015



## Cancer Screening Notice

**Mobile BC Cancer screening** is temporarily limited due to maintenance issues with their units. As a result they have had to reduce visits and adjust their schedule across BC. This is a BC Cancer systems/scheduling issue (not a TFN Health decision). TFN health services will reconnect with BC Cancer in the summer to plan for a possible fall visit (timing may shift based on provincial demand).

If you were supposed to be screened and need to be rebooked, TFN Health Services can help. **Send us your registration form and BC Cancer will try to get you rebooked at your preferred location.** BC Cancer has confirmed that if we send in your registration form, their team will help rebook you at your preferred screening location.

## Older Centre Closed

Effective February 16, all programming, events, and bookings normally held at the former Older Centre will take place at the church. This applies to all departments and includes all family and community bookings, including meetings, workshops, clinics, rentals, and drop in activities.

**For questions or more information, please contact TFN Health services, and we'll help you with the next steps and the required paperwork.**



604 948 5239



healthservices@tsawwassenfirstnation.com




# FREE TAX HELP

## EVENT DETAILS

 March 13

 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

 1908 Tsawwassen Drive (Former Elder's Center)

### Who Can Come?

Anyone! No matter your income or situation.

### Who Will Be There?

- CRA Staff - Help with taxes and forms
- Service Canada Staff - Help with EI, CPP, OAS, SIN, and other benefits

### Why Should You Come?


Filing your taxes helps you get money you may be owed, like:

- GST/HST Credit
- Canada Child Benefit
- Other government benefits

## WHAT TO BRING

- Photo ID
- SIN card or number
- Tax slips (T4, T5, etc.)
- Receipts (rent, tuition, medical)
- Last year's tax notice (if you have it)

### Questions?

 604-240-9005

 [khoogland@tsawwassenfirstnation.com](mailto:khoogland@tsawwassenfirstnation.com)



# ActionCanada

BUILDING LEADERSHIP FOR THE FUTURE

# Action Canada Fellowship



## MORE INFO

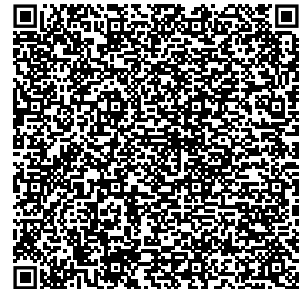
The Action Canada Fellowship is a unique opportunity to discover Canada, upgrade your understanding of public policy, refine your leadership skills and build a network of other dedicated leaders.

Each year, we select Fellows from a wide variety of backgrounds—both personal and professional—who want to have a significant impact on how public policy is made in their communities and across Canada.

**Applications are now open until March 10th, 2026.**

## APPLY NOW

APPLY HERE



HOW TO APPLY





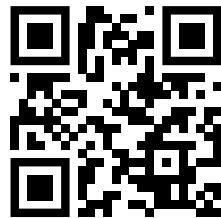
## Hələləm Collective Website Is Now Live!

We're excited to announce that the Hələləm Collective website is now live! Visit the site to learn about TFN's new housing authority, its services, and future plans for Member housing.

### Check it out!



<http://hulelum.ca/>



## Tenant Office Hours

Drop In, Say Hello, and Stay Connected

We have recently launched Tenant Office Hours at the TFN Administration Building (1926 Tsawwassen Drive).

You'll find our Hələləm Collective Property Management team in the first office to the left of reception.



Every Wednesday | 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM

(Except statutory holidays and office closure days)

In həŋqəmiŋəŋ, Hələləm means "houses" or "housing." To the Collective, it embodies the spirit of home — gathering together, lifting one another up, and restoring balance through safe, culturally grounded homes where Tsawwassen Members not only survive, but thrive.

Swing by anytime if you need:

- Answers to tenancy questions
- A form or printout
- Or just want to say hi and chat

Bonus: There will be treats (and they change weekly).

*Our team is excited to connect with you whenever you can drop in. See you soon!*





# Language & Culture

## PROGRAM Changes

### Culture & Crafts

- No Changes
- Every other Monday

### Drum Group

- Moving to every other Monday
- Starting March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
(Previously Wednesdays)

### Community Language

- Moving to Wednesdays
- Starting March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
(Previously Thursdays)

### Workshop Update

- **Stinging Nettle Shampoo Workshop** - Previously postponed
- Now anticipated for April (date to be confirmed)



syáθæs Ieləm (Culture Hub) 4949 Canoe Pass Way Unit #1008



All Language & Culture programs run from 4:30pm to 6:30pm (doors are open at 4:00pm)

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Contact Info

[vsplockton@tsawwassenfirstnation.com](mailto:vsplockton@tsawwassenfirstnation.com)



# Feather Beading Workshop

TFN Members

Join us for an evening of learning, culture and connection as we bead Eagle Feathers for the upcoming new term of the Legislature.



**coming soon**



Time: 4:30pm



Location: syáθæs Ieləm - 4949 Canoe Pass Way **Unit #1008**



Learn the Peyote Stitch  
All beading supplies are provided  
Light dinner included

In appreciation of your work, each participant who beads a feather will receive one Eagle Feather of their own.  
Come learn, bead, and be part of this meaningful contribution to our Nation.

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Contact Info: [vsplockton@tsawwassenfirstnation.com](mailto:vsplockton@tsawwassenfirstnation.com)  
Violet Splockton



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**Dorothy leads the way in a forward fashion with these unique materials in her fur felt hat workshop**

- Learn to use millinery techniques to form a Northwest Coast ceremonial hat
- Gain knowledge in form line art
- With balance reflecting on weaving technique and shape
- Learn the business side of making and selling hats

**When: March 6,7,8 \*Babysitting provided\***

**Where: TFN culture hub**

**RSVP: [cobaird@tsawwassenfirstnation.com](mailto:cobaird@tsawwassenfirstnation.com) 604-813-8662**

*\*This will be on a first come first serve basis, there is only 10 spots available- need to be fully committed to all 3 days!! Priority will be given to those who haven't taken her class previously- to those who have taken her class and haven't finished their hats, they are welcome to come on Sunday*



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Language and culture





# TFN Canoe Team

TFN Youth Center

From 5:45pm

Dinner served @ 6:00pm

**MONDAY, MARCH 2**



Join us for our first Canoe Journey meeting of the year! We will be sharing the vision for this year's Pulling Together Journey, reviewing important dates, and taking registration for paddlers and land crew. All interested Members are encouraged to attend. We look forward to starting this journey together!

**Raven Wilson 604-307-5231**





# ECDEV – Temporary Storage

## TEMPORARY MEMBER PARKING & STORAGE

Economic Development is offering temporary business storage and vehicle parking on TFN's Industrial Lands.




### Member Responsibilities

- Enter into a lease agreement with TFN Ec Dev.
- Pay \$25 monthly rate per stall.
- Members are responsible for maintaining the site, ensuring no environmental harm. As such, we cannot accommodate aggregates, soils, or hazardous materials on site.
- All activities must adhere to TFN laws and regulations, including the TFN Good Neighbour Regulation.

**Terry Baird**  
Economic Development Analyst

 [tbaird@tsawwassenfirstnation.com](mailto:tbaird@tsawwassenfirstnation.com)

 604-999-7740





# Lands & Municipal Services

## ANNUAL SPRING CLEANUP – 2026

As we prepare for another year of keeping our community clean, we want to share some important reminders about disposal practices and upcoming Public Works initiatives.

### Wednesday, May 13, 2026

This community-wide cleanup event is an opportunity for all TFN members to dispose of large household items, yard waste, and other materials that cannot go into regular curbside garbage. More details will be shared as we get closer to the date.

### SCHEDULING DISPOSAL ITEMS WITH PUBLIC WORKS

To help keep our roads clean and ensure staff can plan appropriately:

- Do not place large items, debris, or materials on the roadside without prior notice.
- If you have bulky items, renovation waste, or green waste that needs pickup outside of the spring cleanup event, please contact Public Works to schedule a collection.

Unscheduled roadside dumping creates safety hazards, delays regular operations, and increases costs.

### USE OF TFN GARBAGE BINS

A reminder that the TFN garbage bin at the Public Works Building is for waste generated on TFN lands only. This bin is NOT to be used for the following:

- Commercial waste disposal from off-site
- Waste from non-TFN properties
- Outside contractors unless approved

**Questions?  
Please Email:**

[publicworks@tsawwassenfirstnation.com](mailto:publicworks@tsawwassenfirstnation.com)





# Lands & Municipal Services

## 2026 Road & Pathway Construction Notice

### Tsawwassen Drive & Falcon Way

TFN is undertaking two major infrastructure projects in 2026 to improve pedestrian safety and enhance neighbourhood streetscapes. This notice outlines what Members can expect as design progresses and construction begins.

#### Project 1

Tsawwassen Drive Multi-Use Pathway – construction completion Fall 2026

#### Project 2

Falcon Way Road Improvements – construction Summer 2026 to Summer 2027

#### Impact

Expect impacts to traffic, pedestrian access, and driveways (Falcon area).  
TFN will share updates as procurement and construction approaches.





# Recreation – RFP



OPEN CALL FOR  
PROPOSALS

## Vessel Charter & Captain Services

Underwater Noise  
Workshop

Read The Full RFP Here:





# Recreation – Vancouver Sun Run

SIGN UP TODAY!



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## SUNDAY, APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>

**L 9:00 AM**

**📍 Meet at Respected Elders Centre**





### Registration Information

Lace up and join TFN's Member team at the Vancouver Sun Run! This is a fun and inclusive opportunity for community members of all ages and abilities to come together, stay active, and represent Tsawwassen First Nation at one of Vancouver's most iconic running events. Whether you're walking, jogging, or running, this team event is all about participation, wellness, and community spirit. Sign up to be part of the TFN team and let's move together!

### Contact

**TFN RECREATION**

 [recreation@tsawwassenfirstnation.com](mailto:recreation@tsawwassenfirstnation.com)  
 604-841-7702

**Register by February 27th!**

[tsawwassenfirstnation.com](http://tsawwassenfirstnation.com)



# BRING A FRIEND TO BASEBALL

With Tsawwassen Amateur Baseball Association



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## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

**L 1:00PM — 3:00PM**

**📍 2331 Falcon Way**





**Open to Tsawwassen Residents**

Join us for a free day of minor baseball led by the Tsawwassen Amateur Baseball Association! This fun, inclusive event is a great opportunity for kids to learn the basics of baseball, build skills, and enjoy the game in a supportive and welcoming environment. Experienced coaches and players will lead drills and activities designed for all skill levels, no experience required. Come out, have fun, and give baseball a try!

### Contact

#### TFN RECREATION

 [recreation@tsawwassenfirstnation.com](mailto:recreation@tsawwassenfirstnation.com)  
 604-841-7702

[tsawwassenfirstnation.com](http://tsawwassenfirstnation.com)





# Education – Family Day Event



UPCOMING EVENT

## Family Day

Join us with your family for a day of wellness and learning. Families will explore sensory stations that highlight how we all experience the world differently. This day is about building understanding, strengthening connection, and learning how to better support one another, because every family member is unique.

February 28<sup>th</sup>

🕒 soft start with light refreshments @ 9AM  
event start time @ 10:00 AM–1:00PM

📍 2300 Falcon Way-Youth Centre

Come participate for a chance to win one of our wellness gift baskets! **Grand prize \$1,000 gift card to Walmart!**  
Doors open at 9 am. Light refreshments and lunch will be served.



# After School Literacy Support K-7



## DETAILS

Starting in January 2026, the Tsawwassen First Nation Education Team is offering an optional after school literacy program for elementary students who may benefit from extra support. Many students already get help during school hours, and this program adds one more layer by giving them a comfortable and familiar place to practice reading and writing skills after school.

Students will work one on one or in small groups with our TFN Education Assistant, Emily Toews. The focus will be on phonics, reading fluency, comprehension and writing. Sessions will take place at the Youth Centre and will include activities like storytelling, games and practice with books and tools that connect to the BC curriculum.


Families who join will have the chance to talk with our team about their child's starting point and learn how progress will be tracked and shared over the term. Our goal is to help build confidence, strengthen literacy skills and foster a love of reading.

If you would like your child to participate, please reach out by January 16, 2026. Space is limited.

## CONTACT

**Lindsey Frederickson (Manager of Education)**

 [lfrederickson@tsawwassenfirstnation.com](mailto:lfrederickson@tsawwassenfirstnation.com)

 604.290.1285

Reminder: Our Education Team is also here to help families understand report cards, classroom assessment, school communication and ways to support learning at home. Please reach out anytime. We look forward to learning and growing with your children.





# Current Employment and Training Opportunities for TFN Members – External Listings

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**Updated February 27th, 2026**

If you have any questions, please contact Aneet Toor: [atoor@tsawwassenfirstnation.com](mailto:atoor@tsawwassenfirstnation.com)

**Amazon -Lower Mainland**

Warehouse Associate

**Global Contain Terminals**

Terminal Support Specialist  
Engineering Superintendent

**BA Blacktop – December 2025**

Structures Projects Coordinator- Surrey BC  
Laborers & Operators- Surrey BC  
Survey Coordinator – Surrey BC

**UA Piping Industry College of BC**

Piping Foundation Program  
Welding Program  
Trades Awareness Program

**Pacific Gateway Construction**

Traffic Technician  
Civil Construction Worker

**BCIB -Patullo Bridge Replacement Project**

Various labor job opportunities – see flyer

**TFN Construction / Matcon**

Accounting / Administrative Assistant  
Traffic Controller  
Civil Estimator /Project

**Vancouver Fraser Port Authority – February**

2026 Vessel Opportunities -see flyer  
2026 Environmental Technician Opportunities- see flyer  
Various roles - see flyer





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# Current Employment and Training Opportunities for TFN Members – Internal Listings

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## **TFN**

**Casual On- Call Community Wellness Support Worker  
(Casual On-Call)**

Posted February 2026– Open until filled

## **TFN**

**Community Administrative Coordinator (Full Time)**

Posted February 2026– Deadline March 5th





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