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This edition of Land Facing
the Sea is a summary
of actions taken by the
Tsawwassen government
from April to June 2026



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A Message From Executive Council

Dear Members,

As we reflect on the second quarter of 2026, we are proud of the steady progress being made across Tsawwassen First Nation. From investments in housing, health care, education, and community infrastructure to the continued advancement of our treaty and governance work, this period has demonstrated our collective commitment to building a strong, healthy, and self-determining Nation.

One of the most significant milestones this quarter was the opening of our interim Health Centre, providing Members with improved access to primary care services while work continues toward a permanent Healing Centre. This achievement reflects TFN's ongoing commitment to wellness and to creating a healthcare system that is accessible, culturally safe, and responsive to the needs of our community. We are grateful for the dedication of our Health Services team and for the partnership of Dr. Shelly Jetzer, whose care and commitment continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of our Members.

Housing also remained a key priority. Construction continues on new member housing projects, additional supports have been introduced to help Members build on TFN Lands,

and new opportunities are being created for both on-Lands and off-Lands Members. These investments are helping more families put down roots in our community and supporting our vision of a vibrant and growing Nation.

This quarter also highlighted the importance of investing in future generations. Across our education, language revitalization, recreation, and youth programs, we continue to see our young people grow as learners, leaders, athletes, artists, and cultural ambassadors. We are encouraged by the continued expansion of hə́nqə́mihə́n language learning opportunities and the strong participation in programs that connect our youth to culture, community, and the land.

At the governance level, important work continues through the Periodic Review process and treaty implementation. The approval of Amending Agreement #4 marks another step forward in ensuring our treaty remains a living document that can evolve alongside the Nation's aspirations and priorities. We remain committed to protecting and advancing Tsawwassen rights while continuing to strengthen relationships with governments, neighbouring Nations, and regional partners.



This quarter also marked the final Legislature session of the current elected government before the upcoming general election. During the session, Legislature approved several amendments to the Election Act designed to improve the administration of future elections and by-elections. These changes included streamlined procedures for filling vacancies that occur shortly before a general election, increased flexibility for managing vacancies late in a legislative term, and extending the timeline for holding by-elections from 90 to 180 days while requiring that they be held on Saturdays. Together, these amendments help support effective governance, administrative efficiency, and continued representation for Members.

While we are proud of the progress being made, we know there is still much work ahead. Executive Council and staff remain committed to doing everything we can to improve the quality of life for our Members. This includes advancing the implementation of the Community Safety Strategy, strengthening programs and services that support health and wellbeing, and exploring new opportunities to help bring more Members

home to Tsawwassen Lands. These priorities will continue to guide our work as we build a stronger future for our Nation.

Across every department, we see the same underlying goal: creating opportunities for Members and improving quality of life for current and future generations. Whether through community engagement, cultural preservation, infrastructure development, food security initiatives, health services, housing, or economic opportunities, the work being undertaken today is helping to build the Nation envisioned by those who came before us.

We would like to thank our Members, staff, Elders, youth, volunteers, and partners for their ongoing contributions and support. Your ideas, participation, and commitment help guide the work of government and strengthen our community.

We look forward to continuing this work together in the months ahead.

Sincerely,

Tsawwassen First Nation Executive Council



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Meetings



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Chief Meetings



APRIL

- 3** | Attended and provided opening remarks at the TFN Treaty Day Event.
- 7** | Attended the internal prep session for the TFN/Musqueam Indian Band Council to Council Meeting.
- 8** | Attended the MetroVancouver Water Committee Meeting.
- 8** | Attended the TFN Trust Society Directors' Meeting.
- 8** | Attended the Delta Police Department Swearing in Ceremony.
- 10** | Attended the MetroVancouver Mayor's Committee Meeting.
- 18** | Attended and provided opening remarks at the City of Delta Watershed Fish Release.
- 19** | Participated in the Vancouver Sun Run.
- 20** | Attended the Gathering of Nations hosted by Chief Ron Giesbrecht.
- 22** | Attended the Delta Police Board meeting.
- 24** | Attended the Metro Vancouver Board of Directors meeting.
- 25** | Attended Metro Vancouver Council of Councils Meeting.



MAY

- 5** | Attended and provided opening remarks at the Annual TFN Walk for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women.
- 6** | Attended the Council to Council Meeting with Musqueam Indian Band on May 6th.
- 8** | Attended a photo opportunity for new crab traps with TFN staff and Musqueam Indian Band.
- 8** | Attended the Metro Vancouver Electoral Area Committee Meeting.
- 25-27** | Attended the Elders' Retreat in Victoria.
- 28** | Attended a meeting with the President & CEO of the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority.
- 30** | Attended the Grand Opening of TM Wander at Tsawwassen Mills.



JUNE

- 1** | Had an interview with Deloitte regarding the structure of the Metro Vancouver Board.
- 1** | Attended the Standing Committee on Language & Culture Meeting.
- 1** | Attended a DRIPA Technical Pre-Meeting with B.C. in preparation for the June 8th DRIPA Meeting.
- 1** | Attended the Respected Elders' Centre 1 year Anniversary Grill and Chill.
- 3** | Completed filming for Indigenous Tourism BC.
- 3-4** | Attended the Premier's Forum.
- 8** | Attended and provided opening remarks for the TFN Grad Dinner at Tsawwassen Springs.
- 9** | Attended a tour of the TFN Food Bank and new Health Clinic.
- 10** | Attended the Delta Police Board Governance Committee Meeting.
- 10** | Attended the TFN Traditional Laws Revitalization Workshop.
- 16** | Attended the Special Summer 2026 Session of the TFN Legislature.
- 17** | Attended the Delta Police Board Meeting.
- 17** | Attended the Metro Vancouver Special Electoral Area Committee Meeting.
- 18** | Attended and provided opening remarks at HTEC's Tsawwassen Heavy-Duty Station Opening Event.
- 18** | Attended the Special Summer 2026 Session of the TFN Legislature.
- 19** | Attended the Metro Vancouver Special Board Meeting.
- 19** | Attended and provided opening remarks at TFN's National Indigenous Peoples' Day Event.
- 23** | Attended a meeting with the Prime Minister's staff.
- 24** | Attended a meeting with the Prime Minister.
- 24** | Attended the TFN Trust Society Annual General Meeting.

EC Meetings

COUNCILLOR LOUISE AHLM



APRIL

- 1** | Attended the Naut'sa mawt Tribal Council CEO Performance Review
- 3** | Attended the TFN Treaty Day Event
- 7** | Attended the internal prep session for the TFN/Musqueam Indian Band Council to Council Meeting
- 8** | Attended the TFN Trust Society Directors' Meeting
- 16** | Attended the Cowichan Decision Information Session
- 18** | Attended the City of Delta Watershed Fish Release
- 19** | Participated in the Vancouver Sun Run
- 25** | Attended Metro Vancouver Council of Councils Meeting
- 25** | Attended the TFN Spring Craft Fair



MAY

- 5** | Attended the Annual TFN Walk for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women
- 6** | Attended the Council-to-Council Meeting with Musqueam Indian Band
- 8** | Attended the TFN Joint Natural Resource Committee and Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting
- 11** | Attended the Naut'sa mawt Tribal Council Xyntax Board Meeting regarding their annual budget
- 13** | Attended the Beginning of the Season Event at the TFN
- 14** | Attended Appy Hour with Executive Council
- 19** | Attended the Naut'sa mawt Tribal Council NRG Board of Directors Meeting
- 22** | Attended the Huu-ay-aht First Nation and TFN Catch
- 25-27** | Attended the Elders' Retreat in Victoria
- 26** | Attended the Naut'sa mawt Tribal Council Finance and Audit Committee Meeting.
- 26** | Attended the Naut'sa mawt Tribal Council Board of Directors Meeting
- 30** | Attended the Grand Opening of TM Wander at Tsawwassen Mills



COUNCILLOR LOUISE AHLM



JUNE

- 1** | Attended the Respected Elders' Centre 1 year Anniversary Grill and Chill
- 2** | Attended the On Lands Member Engagement
- 4** | Attended the Off Lands Member Engagement Session in Kelowna on June 4th.
- 8** | Attended the TFN Grad Dinner at Tsawwassen Springs
- 9** | Attended a tour of the TFN Food Bank and new Health Clinic
- 10** | Attended the TFN Traditional Laws Revitalization Workshop on
- 16** | Attended the Special Summer 2026 Session of the TFN Legislature
- 18** | Attended HTEC's Tsawwassen Heavy-Duty Station Opening Event
- 18** | Attended the Special Summer 2026 Session of the TFN Legislature
- 19** | Attended TFN's National Indigenous Peoples' Day Event
- 24** | Attended the TFN Trust Society Annual General Meeting

COUNCILLOR TAYLOR BAKER



APRIL

- 3** | Attended the TFN Treaty Day Event
- 7** | Attended the internal prep session for the TFN/Musqueam Indian Band Council to Council Meeting
- 8** | Attended the TFN Trust Society Directors' Meeting
- 16** | Attended the Cowichan Decision Information Session
- 25** | Attended Metro Vancouver Council of Councils Meeting
- 27** | Attended TFN Housing Advisory Committee



MAY

- 4** | Attended the TFN Treaty Discussion with Australian Delegation
- 4** | Attended the 2026 TFN Property Taxation Authority Meeting
- 6** | Attended the Council-to-Council Meeting with Musqueam Indian Band
- 8** | Attended the TFN Joint Natural Resource Committee and Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting
- 14** | Took headshots for the Hulelum Collective Board of Directors
- 14** | Attended the Hulelum Collective Board of Directors Meeting
- 14** | Attended Appy Hour with Executive Council
- 25-27** | Attended the Elders' Retreat in Victoria
- 30** | Attended the Grand Opening of TM Wander at Tsawwassen Mills



JUNE

- 2** | Attended the On Lands Member Engagement
- 4** | Attended the Off Lands Member Engagement Session in Kelowna
- 8** | Attended the TFN Grad Dinner at Tsawwassen Springs
- 9** | Attended a tour of the TFN Food Bank and new Health Clinic
- 9** | Attended the Special Summer 2026 Legislative Pre-Session Workshop
- 16** | Attended the Special Summer 2026 Session of the TFN Legislature
- 18** | Attended HTEC's Tsawwassen Heavy-Duty Station Opening Event
- 18** | Attended the Special Summer 2026 Session of the TFN Legislature
- 19** | Attended TFN's National Indigenous Peoples' Day Event
- 24** | Attended the TFN Trust Society Annual General Meeting

COUNCILLOR VALERIE CROSS



APRIL

- 3** | Emceed and attended the TFN Treaty Day Event
- 4** | Guest speaker for Women's Event at the Cloverdale Library in Surrey
- 7** | Attended the internal prep session for the TFN/Musqueam Indian Band Council to Council Meeting
- 8** | Attended the Alliance of B.C. Modern Treaty Nations Premier's Forum prep meeting

- 10** | Provided a welcome and opening remarks for the South Surrey/White Rock Urgent Primary Care Clinic at Semiahmoo Mall
- 16** | Attended the inaugural Delta Women's Network Event
- 20** | Attended the Gathering of Nations hosted by Chief Ron Giesbrecht
- 28** | Met with the Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nation ("ABCMTN"), the Premier, the Attorney General and the Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation to discuss the proposal for technical work on the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act ("DRIPA")
- 28** | Attended a debrief with the ABCMTN regarding the proposal for technical work on DRIPA
- 29** | Attended a meeting with B.C. First Nations, the Premier, the Attorney General and the Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation regarding DRIPA



MAY

- 3** | Provided a welcome and opening remarks for the Heron Hospice Society's Hike for Hospice Event
- 4** | Was the Speaker for the Annual TFN Walk for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women
- 5** | Chaired the 2026 TFN Property Taxation Authority Meeting
- 6** | Attended the Council-to-Council Meeting with Musqueam Indian Band
- 8** | Attended the Alliance of B.C. Modern Treaty Nations Premier's Forum Planning Meeting
- 25** | Attended the Alliance of B.C. Modern Treaty Nations Premier's Forum Planning Meeting
- 30** | Attended the Grand Opening of TM Wander at Tsawwassen Mills



JUNE

- 1** | Attended a DRIPA Technical Pre-Meeting with B.C. in preparation for the June 8th DRIPA Meeting
- 3-4** | Attended and provided opening remarks on behalf of the Alliance of B.C. Modern Treaty Nations at the Premier's Forum
- 8** | Attended an in person meeting with B.C. and other First Nations' Leaders regarding the process for developing amendments to the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act ("DRIPA") at the Musqueam Indian Band
- 8** | Attended the TFN Grad Dinner at Tsawwassen Springs
- 9** | Attended a tour of the TFN Food Bank and new Health Clinic
- 10** | Keynote speaker for the Child Care Options Respectfully Living and Learning Together event in Ladner
- 16** | Attended the Special Summer 2026 Session of the TFN Legislature
- 18** | Attended the Special Summer 2026 Session of the TFN Legislature
- 19** | Attended and provided opening remarks at both the First Nations Health Foundation Golf Tournament and Banquet
- 25** | Attended the Running for Office Information Session
- 29** | Attended and provided land acknowledgment and opening remarks for a UBC event on health and wellness on Tsawwassen Lands

- 10** | Attended the TransLink Mayors' Council Joint Finance Committee Meeting
- 16** | Attended the joint planning committee meeting
- 17** | Attended the Emergency TransLink Mayors' Council Meeting
- 22** | Attended the Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting
- 25** | Attended Metro Vancouver Council of Councils Meeting
- 30** | Attended the TransLink Mayor's Council Meeting



MAY

- 1** | Attended the Grater Vancouver Board of Trade event – Reconciliation in Action: Annual Address with Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations
- 5** | Attended the Annual TFN Walk for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women
- 7** | Attended the TransLink Joint Finance Committee Meeting
- 7** | Attended the TransLink Joint Planning Committee Meeting
- 8** | Attended the TFN Joint Natural Resource Committee and Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting
- 13** | Attended the Beginning of the Season Event at the TFN Farm
- 14** | Attended Appy Hour with Executive Council
- 20** | Attended the TFN Enrolment Committee Meeting

- 25-27** | Attended the Elders' Retreat in Victoria

- 28** | Attended a TransLink Mayors' Council Meeting

COUNCILLOR BRYCE WILLIAMS



APRIL

- 3** | Attended the TFN Treaty Day Event
- 8** | Attended the TFN Trust Society Directors' Meeting



JUNE

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| 1 | Attended a DRIPA Technical Pre-Meeting with B.C. in preparation for the June 8th DRIPA Meeting | 12 | Attended the TransLink Joint Regional Planning Committee Meeting |
| 2 | Attended the On Lands Member Engagement | 16 | Attended the Special Summer 2026 Session of the TFN Legislature |
| 4 | Attended and provided opening remarks at the Off Lands Member Engagement Session in Kelowna | 18 | Attended the Special Summer 2026 Session of the TFN Legislature |
| 8 | Attended the TFN Grad Dinner at Tsawwassen Springs | 19 | Attended TFN's National Indigenous Peoples' Day Event |
| 9 | Attended a tour of the TFN Food Bank and new Health Clinic | 20 | Provided an opening song for the Barns to Beaches Festival in Tsawwassen |
| 9 | Attended the Legislative Pre-Session Workshop | 24 | Attended the TFN Trust Society Annual General Meeting |
| 10 | Attended the soft opening of the TFN Concession Stand | 25 | Attended the TransLink Mayors' Council Meeting |
| 11 | Attended the TransLink Joint Finance Committee Meeting | | |





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Government and Legislative Services



The Government and Legislative Services Department manages administrative and legislative services for the Tsawwassen Government, including meetings of the Legislature, Executive Council and Advisory Council; administrative support functions for the Office of the Chief, the Executive Council, and the CAO; Leaseholder Relations; and supporting all departments with information management, access to information and privacy matters.

Tsawwassen Legislature

The Tsawwassen Legislature held a Special Session for Summer 2026, with a pre-session workshop on June 9th and two Legislative Assembly meetings on June 16th and 18th. Three items were approved as a result of this session.

The purpose of the Summer 2026 Special Session was to enact Bill 004-2026, the Government Organization Amendments Act, which amends the Government Organization Act to increase the size of the Legislature from 13 Legislators plus the Chief to 14 Legislators plus the Chief. This was based on a formula set out in the TFN Constitution, in which a legislator may be added when TFN's population grows by 100 (ie: one was added at 450, now another one added at 550). The Bill also removed some legacy language from the Act which was no longer relevant, and made some minor clerical amendments for consistency and clarity.

In addition to the Bill, the Legislature also approved R.002-2026, Resolution to Amend the Legislator Stipend Regulation, increasing the Legislator stipend to \$12,500 per year. This was based on an independent report of comparators. No changes are being made to the

Chief and EC salaries at this time, as they were found in the independent report to be in line with comparators.

Legislature also approved R.003-2026, Resolution to Give Consent to Amendments to the Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement. The effect of the change is that when we do future treaty amendments, BC's process is now streamlined. BC will be able to amend the treaty by approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council (a fancy way of saying the Premier and their Cabinet), as opposed to the full BC Legislature as it was before. This streamlines the process and aligns BC with Canada's process. There is no change to TFN's process, and it remains the TFN Legislature who approves treaty amendments for TFN.

The Legislature also met for the Tsawwassen First Nation Trust Society Annual General Meeting on June 24th 2026. The AGM includes a review of the Trust Society's 2025 Financial Statements and Auditor's Report, the appointment of the Trust Society Auditor for 2026, and the Directors Report and Report on Investment Performance. All Legislators are members of the Trust Society.

Leaseholder Relations

In April 2026, TFN's Leaseholder Relations Coordinators, the Director of Finance and Corporate Services and Finance Manager facilitated meetings with the Leasehold Residents Advisory Committee (LRAC), and with representatives of TFN's commercial and industrial leaseholders, to review the 2026 property tax rates. These meetings featured new video presentations that detailed how property taxes work for both residential and commercial leaseholders.

Advisory Council

The role of the Advisory Council is to provide feedback from Members to the Executive Council and Legislature on policy and legislative initiatives. These meetings are open to all Members, with options for attending in person or joining online via Teams. During the second quarter of 2026 there were three Advisory Council meetings, with attendance ranging from 7 to 13 Members per meeting. Some of the items reviewed by the Advisory Council include:

- Review of draft Recreation policies
- Amendments to the Offsite Levies Regulation
- Report to the Legislature on Bill 004-2026, the Government Organization Amendments Act (2026)
- Workshop on results of the Survey on Advisory Council and proposed amendments to the Advisory Council Regulation
- Review of draft Elections Act Regulations

Member Engagement

During April and May the department organized seven Family Meetings to engage with Members on a number of topics and initiatives in a smaller group setting. These meetings included presentations from the Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs, Lands, Municipal Infrastructure, and Government and Legislative Services departments. It was a great opportunity for staff to hear questions and comments from Members about upcoming projects.

On May 14th 2026 Members were invited to join Executive Council for “Appy Hour” at Match Eatery in Delta. It was an enjoyable evening of

good food and good discussion, giving Executive Council the opportunity to connect with Members and their families in a more casual environment.

On June 2nd, Executive Council and TFN staff hosted a drop-in engagement session for on-Lands Members at the TFN Rec Center. This session used an “info fair” format, where Members were able to engage with staff individually at different tables on a variety of different topics and initiatives. Dinner and door prizes were also included. The event was a great opportunity to hear from Members as well as update them on the important work happening at TFN, and staff look forward to having more events like this one in future.

As part of their commitment to do more direct engagement with Members living off Lands, Executive Council members and staff travelled to Kelowna on June 4th to meet with Members living in the Okanagan region. The event included presentations and discussions on several topics including updates from the Treaty Rights and Title and Economic Development departments. A similar engagement session was scheduled to take place in Bellingham on June 11th, but unfortunately it had to be postponed until July 16th due to unforeseen circumstances.



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Lands and Municipal Services Division



TM Wander Opens at Tsawwassen Mills – Project Complete

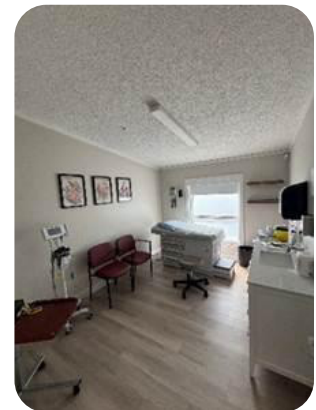
The Lands staff worked closely with Central Walk to support the successful completion of the TM Wander project. Staff coordinated the permitting process and timely issued the required Development Permit Amendment, Tenant Improvement Building Permit, Occupancy Permit, and Sign Permits. Located at Anchor-H in Tsawwassen Mills, TM Wander features 14 food vendors and 34 market stalls, creating a vibrant new destination for dining, and retail experience for visitors.



Interim Health Centre Now Open – Project Complete

The former Elder/Youth Centre at 1908 Tsawwassen Drive has been transformed into an Interim Health Centre that will serve TFN Members over the next three to five years, while planning for a permanent Healing Centre continues. The renovated facility, which is fully temperature controlled, soundproofed and designed to support quality healthcare services is now open and welcoming members. It includes:

- A reception and seated waiting area
- Two medical exam rooms
- One accessible washroom
- Doctor's office
- Registered Nurse office
- Staff office



TFN Staff present at PIBC Presentation – Complete

Lands staff members Priyanka Roy, Kris Patel, Isaac Williams, and Amy Abdel-Malak presented at the 2026 Planning Institute of British Columbia (PIBC) Annual Conference in Penticton. Their presentation, “Weaving Identity in Community: Placemaking in Tsawwassen First Nation” highlighted TFN’s placemaking initiatives and cultural planning strategy to planners from around the province.

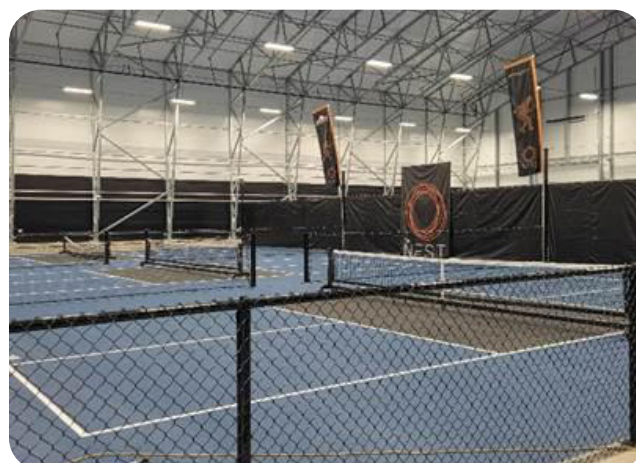
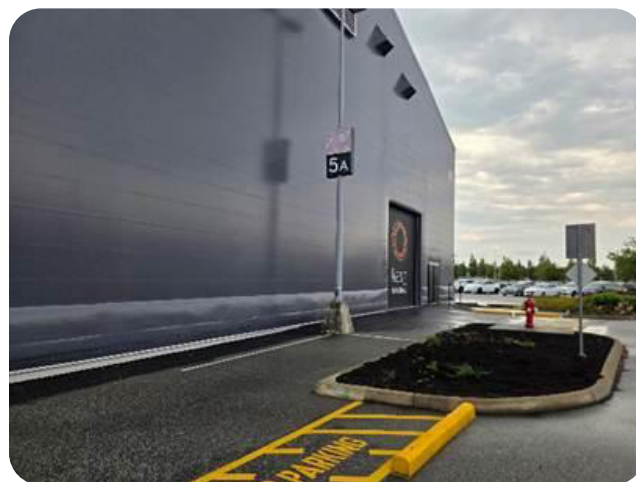
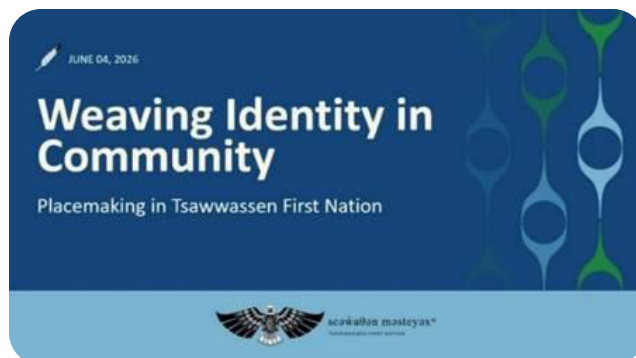
səw’álmelə (The Nest) Sports Facility – Project Update

Construction of səw’álmelə (The Nest) Sports Facility is entering its final stages. The Lands staff are actively coordinating with the applicant to complete the remaining permitting requirements. The facility is preparing for its first major event, the BC Provincial Pickleball Championships, from July 22 to 26, 2026.

TFN has successfully negotiated and finalized a Member Benefits Agreement with the project partners. Though this agreement, TFN Members will have access to:

- Complimentary memberships,
- Coaching hours,
- Event tickets,
- Discounted court rental rates.

These benefits will be coordinated through the TFN Recreation and Events team. The agreement also includes the potential use of one of the pickleball tents to support TFN community events.



Great Blue Heron Way Summer Student Program – Update

The Great Blue Heron Way (GBHW) Summer Student Program will run from July 6th to August 21st, providing three TFN youths with opportunities to learn about Tsawwassen culture, lands stewardship, and community initiatives. Inspired by the vision of respected Elder xwasteniya (Ruth Adams), the program is coordinated by TFN Member Amy Lachance and supported by Isaac Williams and Summer Youth Lead Zachary Sherif.

Based at syəθəs leləm (Cultural Hub), the students will participate in cultural workshops, educational activities, and field trips. Planned activities include visits to the Musqueam Cultural Centre and UBC labs; a cycling and bike-safety tour in Vancouver led by HUB Cycling; workshops with TFN staff and knowledge holders; and opportunities to build relationships with other local First Nations. The program will also include activities led by TFN Archaeology and Natural Resources, together with UBC's Coastal Systems team, and will conclude with a student-led final placemaking project.



Low Carbon Transportation Plan – Project Update

Lands staff is currently developing a Low Carbon Transportation Plan for TFN lands through funding received from British Columbia Assembly of First Nations (BCAFN). Low Carbon Transportation focuses on reducing greenhouse gas emissions by promoting sustainable travel options such as walking, cycling, shared transportation, and electric vehicles.

As part of the planning process, staff engaged with members in an on-land open house hosted on June 3 and gathered feedback on member's current transportation needs, challenges and opportunities. The information collected will help guide future transportation policies, support community planning efforts, and strengthen future grant applications to improve sustainable transportation options within TFN lands. Staff would like to thank all members who participated and shared their valuable input.

Public Art Advisory Committee – Update

TFN is establishing a Public Art Advisory Committee to help ensure Tsawwassen culture, values and art are reflected throughout public realm, infrastructure projects, and placemaking initiatives on TFN Lands.

The committee will provide guidance to Executive Council on proposed designs, cultural motifs, public art, materials, and storytelling elements. The Committee will bring together TFN Members with diverse artistic and cultural knowledge, including carvers, weavers, elders, youth, and other community artists. This community-led approach will help strengthen cultural representation across projects such as gateway features, public art installations, storyboards, and streetscape improvements, and other placemaking initiatives.

Recognition Plaques – Update

As part of TFN's ongoing placemaking and artist recognition initiative, a permanent outdoor brass plaque was installed in May 2026 at the Respected Elders Centre to recognize the Welcome Figures created by TFN artists Karl Morgan and Bryce Williams.

A second plaque for the Veterans Memorial is scheduled for installation in early August. It will share the vision behind the Memorial Post, recognize the contributions of Indigenous Veterans, and highlight the importance of honouring their service and sacrifices.



TFN Legislature & Administration Building – Project Update

TFN continues to work with Iredale Architecture on the detailed design for the new Legislative and Administration Building, which will bring together TFN's Governance, Legislative, and Administration functions under one roof.

The project is being planned and designed on a 3.2-acre site and includes approximately 60,000 square feet of building space. Groundbreaking and construction are anticipated to begin in Winter 2026.

A mockup of wall of the exterior façade materials of the building and an information sign were installed next to the current Administration building in June this year.





TFN Community Farm – Update

The Community Farm team has had a busy and productive spring season, supporting local food production, community engagement, and youth employment opportunities. Updates from Community Farm staff include:

- Conducting interviews for the full-time seasonal positions, resulting in the hiring of one community member and one member's spouse.
- Hosting a tour and hands-on learning session for the Policy Team as part of their professional development day. Participants harvested a bed of carrots and enjoyed some friendly competition while learning about the farm's operations.
- Attending the Youth Job Fair on May 11 to promote employment opportunities at the Community Farm and providing youth with information about the types of work involved during the growing season.
- Refreshing community garden beds with weeding and compost to support a successful growing season.
- Hosting Community Farm's annual Beginning of Season event on May 13. Approximately 60-70 community members attended to celebrate the start of the growing season. Guests enjoyed a meal from Moma's Fish and Chips food truck, participated in door prize draws, and received seedlings to support their own home gardens. This annual event continues to be a successful opportunity to gather, connect, and celebrate with the community.
- Participating in an on-lands member engagement event on June 3, where staff conducted the second phase of the Traditional Medicine Plan survey. A total of 16 surveys were completed.
- Interviewing seven youth for the Youth Summer Employment Program in June.
- Continuing to work diligently to produce fresh food for the Nation while expanding the knowledge and practical skills in beekeeping. The ongoing efforts support local food security and contribute to the continued growth and sustainability of the Community Farm.



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Housing



New Single-Family Turnkey Home at Falcon Court

We are excited to share that a new single-family turnkey house at 2481 Falcon Court is moving ahead, and TFN Members will soon have the chance to apply to own this house!

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The house is one storey, 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom and approximately 1500 square feet

This unit will receive all available TFN grant support to lower the final cost of the unit

Final pricing is still being confirmed, but staff is working hard to keep the final purchase price affordable

Program Criteria and Applicant Selection Process has been approved by the Executive Council, which will be used to assess the applications



Secondary Suite Grant Program

The program continues to support Members in building secondary suites on their lots within the TFN Community Area. TFN Housing received applications for the Secondary Suite Grant Program since the waitlist has been opened. Six Members have already qualified for the grant and are currently completing their projects.



SECONDARY SUITE HOW-TO-BUILD GUIDE

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Fall 2024



If you are interested in applying or joining the waitlist, please contact housing@tsawwassenfirstnation.com

Phase 2 – Turn-Key Member Duplex Project

Construction has begun on eight two-storey, turn-key member duplex units on Falcon Way. Each unit includes a two-car garage and 1,478 sq. ft. of living area. All eight units have been assigned to Members. If you are interested in applying for the future phases, please contact housing@tsawwassenfirstnation.com



If you are interested in applying or joining the waitlist, please contact housing@tsawwassenfirstnation.com

Legal Fee Reimbursement – Amendment to Servicing for New Home Construction Policy

TFN is pleased to introduce a new funding opportunity for Members building a home on TFN Lands. Executive Council has approved changes to the Servicing for New Home Construction Policy that allow eligible Members to be reimbursed for legal fees associated with subdivision projects. By helping cover these often-significant costs, TFN is reducing financial barriers and supporting more Members in achieving their goal of building a home within the community. Eligible applicants may receive reimbursement of up to \$20,000.

For more information, please contact
housing@tsawwassenfirstnation.com

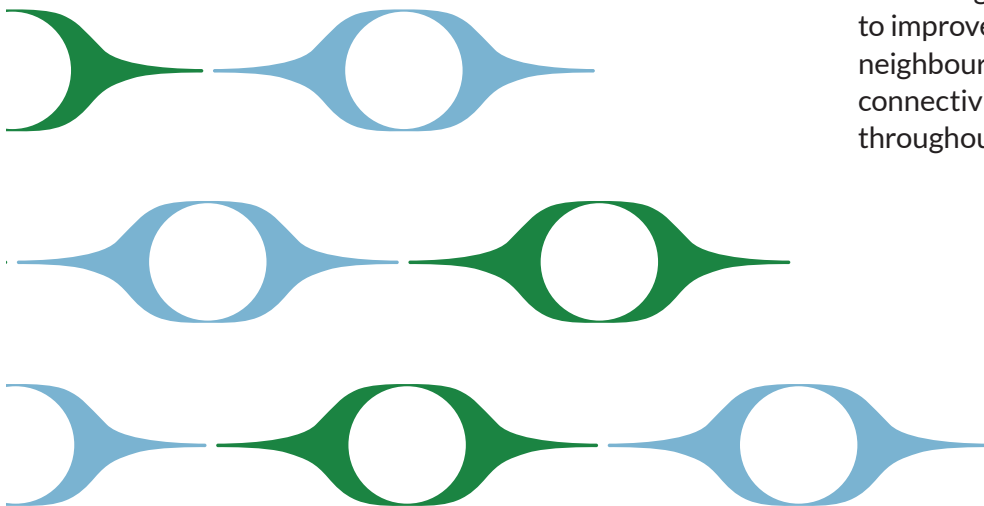
Off-Land Member Housing Renovation Program

TFN has been approved to receive \$1,650,553 in federal funding (2025 - 2031) under the Urban, Rural, and Northern Indigenous Housing Strategy to support Members living off TFN Lands. The funding will support renovation grants of up to \$40,000 per unit for 13 units over the funding period. Policies and eligibility criteria have been approved, and some of the funding has already been provided to eligible applicants.

Members wishing to join the waitlist can email
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Falcon Way Vision Becomes Reality

Construction is underway on the Falcon Way Road Improvements project, bringing years of community collaboration and planning to life through a revitalized streetscape designed to improve pedestrian safety, enhance neighbourhood character, calm traffic, support connectivity, and strengthen a sense of place throughout the TFN community.





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Education



Overview

The Education Department has had another busy and exciting few months as we continue working with families, students, staff, schools/District, and post-secondary partners to support learning at every stage of life.

Alongside supporting learners every day, our team has been building new educational partnerships, strengthening programs, expanding language revitalization efforts, and developing long-term systems that will continue to benefit TFN learners and families for years to come. This spring and summer has included planning for the upcoming school year, celebrating student achievements, expanding educational supports, advancing important language initiatives, and continuing to invest in learning spaces and programs that reflect the values and priorities of the community.

K-12 Education

While students are now enjoying a well-earned summer break, the Education team continues working throughout the summer to prepare for the upcoming school year.

Summer Learning & Student Supports

- The 2025-26 school year has officially concluded, with many elementary students participating in summer programming at the Youth Centre and secondary students transitioning into summer employment opportunities.
- Student-led conferences were held throughout the spring at many K-7 schools, providing students with an opportunity to share their learning and celebrate their progress alongside their families.
- Academic Enrichment programming is being offered throughout July, providing students with opportunities to receive support from a certified BC teacher or to continue strengthening literacy skills during the summer months.
- Family Meetings for K-12 families (living on and off lands) will take place in late August. These meetings will give families dedicated time to connect with our K-12 team to discuss academic progress, social-emotional wellbeing, goals, supports, and plans for the upcoming school year. More information about booking appointments will be shared later this summer.
- We are excited to welcome two new staff to the department on the K-12 team:
 - Alex Bowing as our Student Support & Outreach Worker. Alex joined us in late spring and started by building connections in the Site School. Through summer, she is working full time in the day programming and will transition to a student support and 1 to 1 outreach position once the school year begins.
 - Nava Hothi as our new Education & Behaviour Support Worker. Nava joins the Education team this summer and will spend time getting to know students through Youth Centre programming before supporting learners in the TFN Site School beginning in September.

Strengthening Our Partnership with Delta School District

- Throughout the spring, the Education Department continued working closely with Delta School District to improve educational opportunities and outcomes for TFN students. This included participating in the interview process for the District's new Director of Equity and Success (Indigenous Education), collaborating on future hə́qəmiḥə́m language learning pathways within both Delta schools and the TFN Site School, and establishing shared priorities for the 2026-27 school year.
- Together with Delta School District, we have completed a redesigned student support model for September 2026. The new model strengthens literacy support, clarifies staff roles, enhances wraparound services, and creates stronger collaboration between TFN and district staff to provide coordinated, culturally responsive support for students.
- A significant milestone earlier this spring was the approval and implementation of 'School of Choice' for TFN students. Through this decision, TFN Members living on Tsawwassen Lands now have priority access to any elementary school within Delta School District, providing families with greater flexibility to choose a school based on their child's individual learning needs, relationships, programming, and family circumstances. Families interested in requesting a school placement change for the following school year must make their decision by the end of March to support enrolment, transportation, and transition planning. This decision strengthens family choice and helps TFN plan more coordinated educational supports for students across the District.

Building for the Future

- Work is underway on a comprehensive K-12 Education Annual Report. The report will provide Members with a transparent

overview of student achievement, attendance, graduation pathways, partnerships with Delta School District, and the work being undertaken to strengthen educational outcomes for Tsawwassen students while also establishing a foundation for future planning.

Supporting Youth Leadership

- Early in the spring, Tsawwassen First Nation was proud to host three days of 'Phase 1' of the BC/YT Young Indigenous Leaders Pilot Program to the Indo-Pacific, an initiative supported by Global Affairs Canada (GAC). The event brought together Indigenous youth delegates and program partners from across British Columbia and the Yukon as they began their leadership journey and prepared for their international exchange to the Indo-Pacific.

Post-Secondary Education

- The Education Department continues to support TFN Members pursuing post-secondary education. Throughout the year, staff work alongside students to help navigate admissions, funding, educational planning, and successful transitions into post-secondary programs.

Recent Highlights

- Nine TFN students are enrolled in post-secondary studies during the summer semester.
- We are excited to welcome many new students to our post-secondary program this September. With both new and returning students, we expect to support 25+ TFN Members in their post-secondary journeys throughout the 2026-27 academic year.

- Congratulations to all TFN Members who completed certificates, diplomas, degrees, apprenticeships, and other training programs this year. An amazing event was held on June 8th at Tsawwassen Springs Golf Club to celebrate all of the graduates from this year.

Language Revitalization

Language revitalization continues to be an exciting area of growth for the Education Department. Alongside daily language learning opportunities, significant progress has been made in creating future pathways for hə́ŋqəmiḥə́m language teaching and expanding opportunities for community language learning.

Expanding Language Pathways

- TFN has officially been granted a Language Authority by the BC Teacher Certification Branch. This important milestone creates a pathway for future hə́ŋqəmiḥə́m language speakers to earn a First Nations Language Teacher Certificate and become certified to teach within BC public schools. Over the coming months we will begin developing a certification process and exploring the opportunities this recognition creates for TFN.

Language Learning in the Community

- Preschool children continue learning through the seasonal calendar. (Monthly recaps shared separately)
- In the spring, Elementary students began participating in hə́ŋqəmiḥə́m language learning during Monday Culture and Drumming sessions at the Youth Centre during the after school programming.

Early Learning - Smuyuq'wa' Lelum ECD Center

Our Early Learning team continues to provide caring, play-based experiences that help children build strong foundations for lifelong learning. At the same time, staff are developing a culturally grounded early learning program that integrates language, culture, land-based learning, and play throughout children's daily experiences.

Recent Highlights

- Families came together to celebrate Mother's Day during a special Mother's Day Tea at the daycare.
- Construction for the new playground is well underway, with a temporary "Play Away" outdoor program ensuring children continue to enjoy safe and engaging outdoor learning experiences throughout the construction period.

Looking Ahead

As we prepare for another school year, the Education Department will continue building on the work already underway while introducing new opportunities to support learners and families across the community.

K-12 Education

- Continued development and refinement of the TFN Site School learning model, with a focus on strengthening curriculum, instructional practices, student supports, and culturally responsive learning experiences.

- The return of our K-7 Literacy Tutoring Program this fall, providing targeted reading and writing support through small-group and one-to-one instruction.
- Welcoming students and families back at our annual 'Back to School BBQ's' in September.
- Launching a new series of 'Education Nights' for families, offering information, resources, and conversations on a variety of educational topics to support learners at every stage of their educational journey. (Fall and Winter)

Language Revitalization

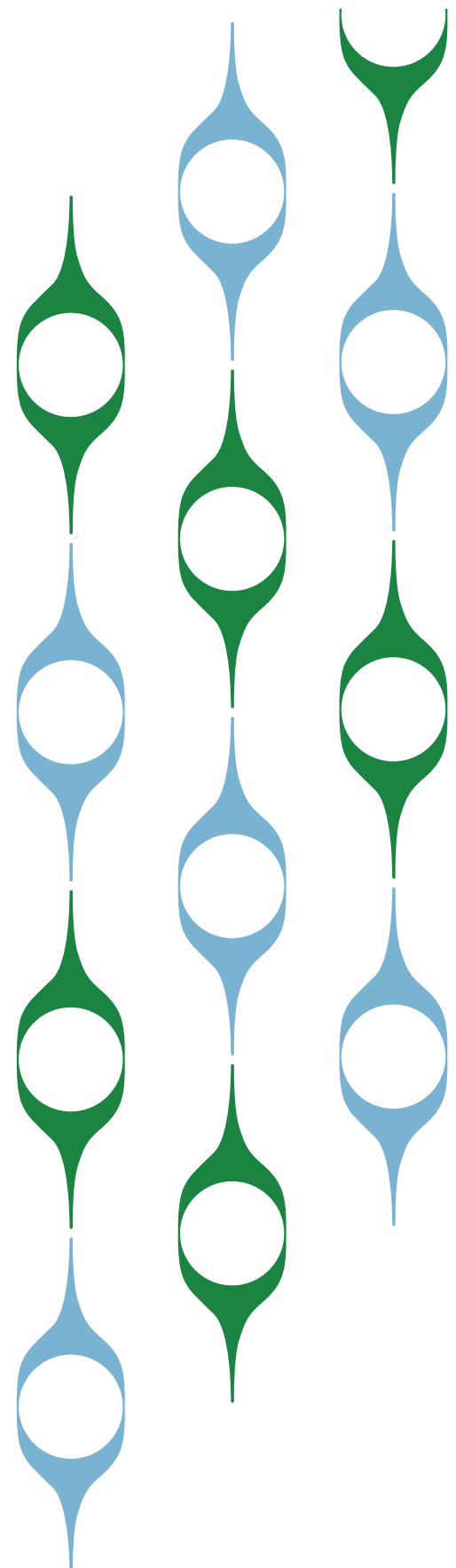
- Development of new hə́ŋqəmiñə́ language resources for TFN Members to support language learning at home and in the community. (FPCC Language Vitality Grant)
- Continued work toward implementing TFN's new Language Authority and developing future language teacher certification pathways.

Early Learning - Smuyuq'wa' Lelum ECD Center

- Completion of the new outdoor learning and playground space later this summer.
- Continued development of a culturally grounded early learning curriculum that reflects Tsawwassen ways of knowing, language, and connection to the land.

Post-Secondary Education

- Development of a more streamlined process for sharing scholarships, bursaries, and external funding opportunities with TFN Members pursuing post-secondary education, making it easier for students to access financial supports throughout the year.



Early Years Language & Culture Update - April

April welcomed us into **tənwiwəṭən** – “Time of the Eulachon”, a moon connected to renewal, gathering, and the return of abundance from both the land and sea. Over the past month, Kayleigh and Raven spent time with children in both the preschool (3–5) and infant/toddler programs, exploring the seasonal changes taking place around us as spring continued to unfold.

tənwiwəṭən is a time when the earth begins offering fresh foods and medicines once again after the long winter season. New shoots and bulbs emerge from the soil, while the waters become rich with life as **swiṽə** (eulachon), herring, salmon, halibut, and other sea harvests return. For our people, this season has long been tied to gathering, preparing, and giving thanks for the gifts provided by the land and waters. It is a reminder that growth happens in cycles, and that care, patience, and reciprocity are part of living in relationship with the natural world.

In the preschool classroom, learning was guided through the story of Princess Tsawwassa and the Time of the Eulachon. Each week, children explored different teachings woven throughout the story, including roots, shoots, and blossoms, Skywoman’s gift, roots beneath the soil, and lands rise up to greet us. Through these teachings, children reflected on how all living things grow and change over time, even when that growth cannot yet be seen above the surface. The story invited children to think about connection - to the land, to one another, and to the responsibilities that come with receiving the earth’s gifts.



These teachings came to life through storytelling, movement, sensory activities, creative art experiences, and outdoor exploration. Children engaged in dramatic play, nature observation, and hands-on learning experiences that encouraged curiosity and relationship-building with the world around them. Language continued to be naturally woven throughout the day, supporting both familiarity and meaningful connection with **hə́ŋqəmiṇəṁ**.

For our infants and toddlers, learning focused on sensory exploration connected to spring growth and seasonal abundance. Through songs, movement, textures, water play, and repetitive language experiences, children were introduced to ideas of planting, gathering, ocean life, and new growth. These gentle experiences supported early language learning while creating opportunities for comfort, wonder, and connection through play.

The following **hə́ŋqəmiṇəṁ** words were carried throughout our days:

- **čəliʔsələṁ** — little ones are growing
- **swiṽə** — eulachon
- **q̣wəx̣ iʔəc** — wild onion

This moon encouraged us to notice the abundance returning around us and to reflect on the importance of gratitude, care, and relationship with the land and waters that sustain us. Through story and shared experience, children were invited to recognize growth not only in nature, but within themselves and their community as well.



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Early Years Language & Culture Update - May

May welcomed us into **təmlile?** – “Time of the Salmonberry/Cedar,” the fifth moon in our Traditional Seasonal Calendar. This moon marks the time when the sap begins to flow within the cedar trees, signalling the season for respectfully harvesting cedar bark. At the same time, the first salmonberry blossoms appear across the landscape, announcing the coming of summer and the abundance of berries, medicines, and life that will soon follow.



For our people, **təmlile?** is a time of gratitude, respect, and relationship. Before cedar bark is ever gathered, a prayer is offered and thanks are given to the tree for sharing a part of itself. Cedar, often referred to as the Tree of Life, has long provided everything needed to support our people—from hats, baskets, clothing, canoes, and carvings to medicines and ceremony. This moon reminds us that every gift received from the natural world comes with responsibility, humility, and care.

In the preschool classroom, learning was guided through the story of Princess Tsawwassa and the Time of the Salmonberry/Cedar. Throughout the month, children explored the many teachings woven throughout the story, including Tsawwassa’s cedar hat, finding friendship and connection with the cedar tree, the gifts of the salmonberry blossoms, and the remarkable relationships between mushrooms, cedar roots, the eagle, and Creator. Through these stories, children discovered that every living being has an important role and that the land teaches us about gratitude, respect, and working together.



These teachings came to life through storytelling, movement, sensory activities, creative art experiences, nature walks, and hands-on exploration. Children had opportunities to touch cedar, observe salmonberry blossoms, create cedar-inspired artwork, and learn about the importance of giving thanks before receiving gifts from the land. hə́ŋqəmiṇə́m language continued to be naturally woven throughout our daily routines, helping children build familiarity and meaningful connections with both the language and the teachings it carries.

A special highlight of this month was the launch of our “Adventures with Princess Tsawwassa” family project. Each child had the opportunity to bring Princess Tsawwassa, her cedar hat, and the felt story home to share with their family for an evening. Families were invited to spend time together in whatever way felt meaningful, reading stories, going for walks, playing games, or simply sharing everyday moments with Tsawwassa as their special guest.

This experience extended our classroom teachings beyond the daycare, creating opportunities for children to connect their learning with home and family. Many children proudly returned with photographs and stories of their adventures, allowing us to celebrate each family’s unique experience together. The project encouraged conversation about gratitude, cedar, and our cultural teachings while strengthening the connection between school, home, and community.



For our infants and toddlers, learning centered on sensory experiences connected to cedar, spring blossoms, and the natural world. Through songs, movement, storytelling, natural materials, and repetitive language experiences, children explored the textures and scents of cedar while building early relationships with the seasonal changes happening around them. These gentle experiences nurtured curiosity, comfort, and early language development through play.

The following hə́ŋqəmiṇə́m words were carried throughout our days:

təmlíle? — Time of the Salmonberry/Cedar

ṭənət – weave it

líle? — salmonberry

This moon invited us to recognize cedar as a generous relative and teacher whose gifts continue to sustain our people. Through stories, shared experiences, and the adventures children brought home with Princess Tsawwassa, families and children alike were encouraged to deepen their relationship with the land, practice gratitude for the gifts around them, and carry these teachings together from the classroom into their homes.



təmlíle?
Time of the
Salmonberry/
Cedar



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Early Years Language & Culture Update - June

June welcomed us into **təmqəqáʔ** – “High Tides,” the sixth moon in our Traditional Seasonal Calendar. This moon marks the season of the year’s highest tides, the return of the spring salmon, and the continuation of important harvesting practices that have sustained our people since time immemorial. As the tides rise and fall, they reveal the abundance of our shores, offering clams, cockles, mussels, crab, seaweed, and the returning salmon that have long nourished Tsawwassen families.

For our people, **təmqəqáʔ** is a time of gathering, gratitude, and reciprocity. The rhythms of the moon and tides guided when families harvested from the land and sea, teaching that everything happens in its proper season. This moon is also deeply connected to the First Salmon Ceremony, a sacred tradition that continues to be practiced today. Through this ceremony, we honour the Salmon People, give thanks for the gifts they provide, and offer prayers for the continued abundance of the waters and the safety of all those who fish. These teachings remind us that every harvest carries with it a responsibility to care for the natural world and to show gratitude for all that is received.

In the preschool classroom, learning was guided through the story of Princess Tsawwassa and the Time of High Tides. Throughout the month, children explored the relationship between the moon and the tides, discovered the abundance of shellfish found along our shores, learned about the teachings of transformation through the natural world, and were introduced to the significance of the First Salmon Ceremony. Through these stories, children began to understand that the land, waters, moon, and all living beings are connected, each playing an important role in the cycles of life.



A special focus throughout the month was learning about the First Salmon Ceremony and the values it carries. Children learned that before enjoying the gifts of the salmon, our people first gather to give thanks and show respect. Through age-appropriate discussions, stories, and activities, they explored the importance of gratitude, sharing, caring for the environment, and understanding that every gift from the land and waters should be treated with kindness and respect. These teachings helped children recognize that ceremonies are not simply celebrations, but expressions of relationship and responsibility that continue to connect us with our ancestors and future generations.

For our infants and toddlers, learning centred on sensory experiences inspired by the ocean, tides, and marine life. Through songs, water play, movement, storytelling, and hands-on exploration with natural materials, children experienced the sights, sounds, and textures of the season while building early connections to the teachings of the land and sea. These playful experiences supported early language development while nurturing curiosity and wonder about the natural world.

The following hə́ŋqəminə́h words were carried throughout our days:

təmqaqá? — high tides

sčéltən — salmon

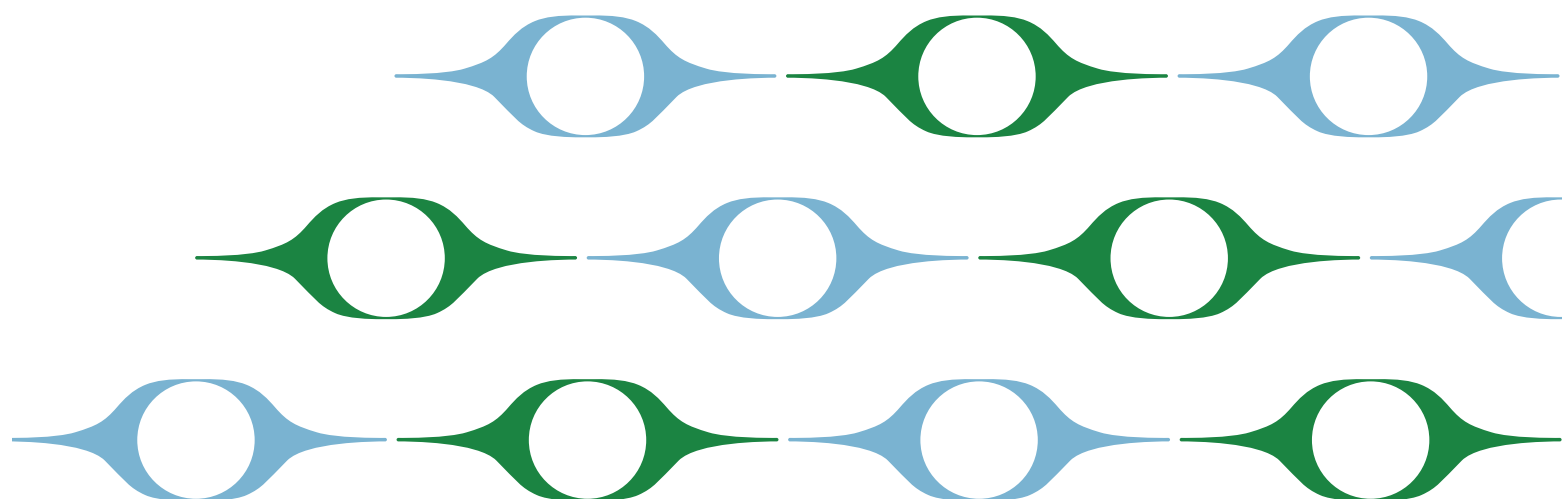
This moon invited us to recognize the many gifts that the waters provide and the responsibilities that come with receiving them. Through stories, shared experiences, and the teachings of the First Salmon Ceremony, children were encouraged to practice gratitude, respect the natural world, and understand that caring for the land and waters today helps ensure these gifts remain for the generations yet to come.



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Archaeology



Komoks Visit

Tsawwassen First Nation Archaeology and Repatriation Visit

On April 20, our Tsawwassen First Nation Archaeology team was honoured to be hosted by K'ómoks First Nation. Together, we shared knowledge and resources on archaeological wet sites, including fish traps in the K'ómoks estuary and in Boundary Bay and Beach Grove within TFN territory.

It was also special to see TFN's Corbet family help return a bone figurine, originally recovered by their ancestor on Denman Island in the 1920s, back to K'ómoks First Nation.

Repatriation is an important part of restoring cultural heritage and strengthening relationships between Nations. We are grateful to be part of this ongoing work.

Questions or ideas about archaeology or repatriation?

Reach out to our team at archaeology@tsawwassenfirstnation.com.

Heritage BC Conference (Squamish, BC)

In May the TFN Archaeology team attended the 2026 Heritage BC Conference that brings professional, advocates, and community leaders together in the heritage sector to connect, learn, and discuss the future of heritage in BC. This year's theme, "Living Connections: People, Place, and Stewardship," emphasizes the dynamic relationship between people and the land, highlighting Indigenous knowledge, ecological restoration, industrial legacies, and collaborative approaches to heritage stewardship.

Elder's Retreat – (media post)

In May, TFN Archaeology organized a special Elders visit to the Royal BC Museum, bringing together approximately 50 guests. Museum staff thoughtfully arranged and displayed the available TFN Archaeology collection, providing an opportunity for attendees to reconnect with belongings held in the museum's care. The visit was met with great interest and enthusiasm, with many guests asking questions, sharing memories, and spending time sorting through archival photographs. It was a meaningful and enjoyable day that fostered connection, learning, and community engagement.

Delta Engineers & Sources visit to syəθəs leləm

In June the TFN Archaeology team welcomed City of Delta staff, including engineers, managers, and museum team members, for a tour of the Tsawwassen First Nation Repository and lab.

The visit followed the discovery of archaeological materials during the 16th Avenue sanitary sewer upgrade in 2024. Guests learned about the careful work involved in conserving and storing these items, which are now permanently housed at TFN.

This collaboration highlights the City's commitment to protecting cultural heritage and supporting ongoing conservation under the Heritage Conservation Act

KPU Field School

From May – June there were two of TFN’s Field Technicians that participated in Kwantlen Polytechnic University’s Summer Field School lead by the Anthropology department. This was a community-directed program co-developed by all the local First Nations, aimed at recognizing and extending the existing and ongoing work of community members in archaeology, conservation and curation. This program focuses on field methods for land-based learning, including skills such as GPS data collection, landscape history, and the recognition of cultural materials.

On-going field work

For the April to June period, our Archaeology Fieldworkers billed out approximately 1000 hours in the field monitoring work within Tsawwassen First Nation’s territory. These billable hours bring funds back to the Nation. Projects being monitored by the Archaeology Fieldworkers range from small crews monitoring utilities related excavations, i.e. hydro pole replacements, to large infrastructure projects, i.e., Fraser River Tunnel Project and Annacis Water Supply Tunnel. Working with respected archaeologists, TFN Archaeology Fieldworkers are putting the face of Tsawwassen on these lands working along side other First Nations representatives in the field. Belongings (also known as artifacts – a word being replaced to reflect the connection between the item uncovered and the people who once held, used, and possibly cherished) have been uncovered, and are being cared for, as we continue to add to our understanding of the ancestors and the history of the Tsawwassen.

On-going wet site conservation

Belongings from the Beach Grove, Jackson Way, and Boundary Bay collections are currently freeze drying in the TFN Repository where they are monitored on a weekly basis. These belongings consist of a variety of waterlogged plant based archeological belongings, including processed fibre netting, fragmented cordage and knots, bark curls, wrapped sticks, braids, woven basketry fragments, and split root materials.





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Recreation & Events



Recreation & Community Programming

Community participation remained strong across all recreation programs, with continued growth in fitness, youth, and family programming. This quarter also saw the successful introduction of new evening sports programming, creating additional opportunities for Members to stay active and connected.

- Launch of evening lacrosse, basketball, and baseball programs for youth and families.
- Return of Golf Nights with continued participation from all ages and skill levels.
- Continued growth in adult fitness, wellness classes, and recreational opportunities.
- Expanded after-school and weekend youth programming with strong participation.
- Ongoing use of the community weight room and outdoor recreation opportunities.

Canoe Family Growth

One of the department's most exciting developments this quarter has been the continued growth of the TFN Canoe Family. Participation continues to increase across all age groups, strengthening cultural connections while preparing paddlers for upcoming Tribal Journeys and Pulling Together events.

The Canoe Family has become an important space for mentorship, cultural teachings, physical wellness, and community pride.

Elders Programming

The Elders Centre remained a welcoming place for community connection, offering daily meals, wellness programming, cultural activities, and social gatherings. A major highlight of the quarter was the successful 2026 Elders Retreat to Victoria, providing Members with opportunities for travel, cultural experiences, recreation, and social connection while promoting wellness and community building.

- Daily nutrition and continued Meals on Wheels service.
- Regular fitness, arts, games, and cultural programming.
- Out trips including The Reifel Bird Sanctuary, Vancouver Canadians Baseball game, and our weekly walks
- Increased collaboration with Language & Culture on activities and events.

Language & Culture

Language & Culture programming continued to expand through workshops, community engagement, and cultural activities that strengthen connections to Tsawwassen traditions and teachings.

- Delivery and planning of cultural Events, workshops and activities, including nettle, felt hat and Cedar workshops.
- Collaboration with Elders and Youth programming.
- Continued support for language revitalization and cultural education.

Food Services

The Food Services team continued to strengthen its partnership with the TFN Farm, incorporating locally grown produce into community meals and supporting healthier, cost-effective nutrition for Members.

- Continued daily meal service for Elders, Youth Centre, meetings, and community programs.
- Increased use of fresh produce harvested from the TFN Farm.
- Healthy, nutritious, and cost-effective menu planning supporting food security and community wellness.
- Ongoing support for community events, meetings, and special programming.
- Cooking classes and nutritional information session continued.

Looking Ahead

The coming quarter will focus on delivering Tribal Journeys, Pulling Together, continued growth of the TFN Canoe Family, summer recreation and youth programming, ongoing elder and cultural programming, and final preparations for the 2026 Members Gathering.

The Recreation, Events & Community Services team remains committed to providing inclusive, culturally grounded programs and events that promote health, wellness, and community connection while celebrating Tsawwassen traditions.



Events & Community Engagement

The department devoted significant effort to planning and delivering several major community events.

- Successfully hosted National Indigenous Peoples Day with cultural performances, food, activities, vendors, and community celebration. With over 700 in attendance it felt like a true celebration.
- Treaty Day celebrations were held in the Elders Centre and had a warm spring glow throughout the event with many families and members of all ages in attendance.
- MMIW Walk was another meaningful day that was supported by the entire community and Staff.
- Extensive planning for Tribal Journeys and Pulling Together, preparing to welcome paddlers and visitors from across the region.
- Continued planning for the 2026 Members Gathering.





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Periodic Review



Periodic Review

TFN continues to work with BC and Canada on the Periodic Review to review updates to the Treaty. The Periodic Review is currently in the implementation phase to advance amending agreements.

TFN, BC and Canada agreed to approach Periodic Review implementation in three phases:



Phase 1: Items BC and Canada have existing negotiation mandates;

- Amending Agreement #4* (anticipated effective date expected fall 2026)
- Amending Agreement #5* (expected spring 2027)
- *Amending Agreements 1-3 were approved before the Periodic Review began.



Phase 2: Items from the initialed treaties (K'omoks, Kitselas, and Kitsumkalum Agreements); and



Phase 3: Items not in the initialed treaties that require BC and Canada to negotiate new mandates.

On June 18, 2026, the Tsawwassen Legislature approved Amending Agreement #4.

- Amending Agreement #4 includes a modification of BC's amendment process to an order in council from cabinet rather than approval by the Legislature.
- This amendment will help streamline the process for future Treaty amendments.

- For the Amending Agreement to become effective, BC and Canada also need to ratify Amending Agreement #4, which is expected in fall 2026.
- This first amendment is a milestone in the Periodic Review process. This accomplishment was made possible through continued Member feedback and engagement helping guide the Periodic Review forward.

Work on the Periodic Review will continue through this fall. Staff continue negotiation of Amending Agreement #5, which is expected to be brought for decision by the Tsawwassen Legislature next spring. That Amending Agreement includes the following amendments:

- Preamble: Addition of TFN's stewardship aspirations;
- Chapter 2 – General Provisions: Replacing the final settlement and rights modification language with the Recognition and Predictability language which recognizes TFN's rights and living agreement;
- Chapter 16 – Governance: Expanded TFN law-making authority for Child and Family Services for Tsawwassen Families in Canada;
- Chapter 23 – Amendment: Clarifying the Periodic Renewal process and including an "Orderly Process" to incorporate new Treaty rights found in law and court decisions; and
- All relevant chapters: Changing hun'qum'i'num" to "hə́nqə́mihəm"

Negotiations on Phase 2 are expected to begin in fall 2026.



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Youth Centre Quarterly Report



Afterschool Program

The Afterschool Program had an active and engaging spring, with strong participation across recreation, cultural celebrations, and community events.

April

- Our second annual swimming lesson program was a tremendous success. With more than 20 youth registered, participation exceeded expectations, and we had a full bus headed to the Ladner Leisure Centre.
- This year, the community combined the annual Easter Egg Hunt with the Treaty Day celebration. Youth enjoyed searching for hundreds of hidden Easter eggs throughout the Elders Centre while celebrating together as a community.

May

- Youth Centre staff proudly participated in the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) awareness march. Although it took place during a school day, many of our youth also joined their community in showing support.
- After a month of swimming lessons, participants showed noticeable improvements in their confidence and swimming abilities.
- Staff also participated in our annual team-building workshop during the Pro-D Day, strengthening collaboration and preparing for the busy summer season.

June

- The final swimming lessons wrapped up with tremendous success. It was rewarding to see every participant improve their swimming skills and confidence in the water.
- We relaunched our Food for Thought cooking program, and the youth were excited to reconnect with healthy cooking and nutrition. It felt like we had never skipped a beat.
- National Indigenous Peoples Day was an incredible celebration featuring three bouncy castles, cultural activities, and inspiring traditional performances. Youth of all ages had the opportunity to showcase their talents through music, dance, and performances throughout the day.
- As the school year came to a close on June 25, summer programming kicked off with outings to Terra Nova Park and Giggle Ridge at Cultus Lake Adventure Park.

Teen Program

The Teen Program continued to offer meaningful opportunities for recreation, cultural learning, outdoor adventure, and skill development.

Highlights this quarter included:

- A successful Spring Break camping trip to Sts'ailes, providing youth with outdoor experiences and opportunities to strengthen friendships.
- Continued participation in Coast Salish Art & Design classes with Karl Morgan, where youth have been developing traditional art skills. One notable project included repairing and repainting the community canoe.
- An exciting paintball outing that encouraged teamwork, communication, and confidence.
- A freediving trip to Sooke in May, giving participants the opportunity to continue building water safety, confidence, and ocean skills.
- A surf trip in June with 13 youth participating, providing an unforgettable outdoor learning experience.
- Continued growth of our Canoe Club, which has seen consistently strong participation and enthusiasm from youth.



Music Program

The Music Program has continued to grow, providing youth with opportunities to develop musical skills, build confidence, and perform within the community.

Group Music Classes

Wednesday and Friday music classes maintained strong attendance throughout the quarter, with participants demonstrating positive attitudes and consistent engagement.

Students focused on:

- Building a strong rhythmic foundation through interactive rhythm games and group activities.
- Learning rhythmic patterns through singing, improvisation, and call-and-response exercises.
- Beginning ukulele instruction, including instrument familiarity and introductory songs.
- Developing hand-eye coordination and musical awareness through glockenspiel lessons.
- Introducing basic music reading and notation, laying the groundwork for future musical development.

Youth have also shown increasing confidence in sharing their creativity through informal performances, talent-sharing, and open mic opportunities during class.

Private Lessons

Thursday private lessons in guitar, drums, and general music continued to be well attended, typically serving three or more students, with some sessions reaching as many as ten participants.

Students have been:

- Building on previous lessons through regular attendance.
- Developing confidence and musical independence.
- Encouraged to perform outside of lessons, including community events such as National Indigenous Peoples Day.

Jam Night & JamPacked Band

Weekly Jam Night continues to provide youth with opportunities to collaborate, improvise, and experience what it is like to perform as part of a band.

Participants are learning to:

- Select and rehearse songs together.
- Listen and perform collaboratively within a group.
- Develop confidence through live performance opportunities.

The JamPacked Band continues to make excellent progress while preparing for community performances, including National Indigenous Peoples Day and upcoming events such as Pulling Together and Barnside/HarvestFest. These performances provide youth with the unique opportunity to perform alongside experienced musicians in front of audiences of family, friends, and community members.

Overall Program Highlights

The second quarter was marked by exceptional participation across all Youth Centre programs. From swimming lessons, cultural celebrations, and outdoor adventures to music education and artistic expression, youth continued to build confidence, strengthen relationships, develop new skills, and deepen their connection to culture and community.

As we move into the summer season, we look forward to building on this momentum by providing even more opportunities for recreation, learning, leadership, and cultural engagement for our youth.





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Health Services



*The second quarter of 2026 was marked by continued progress across Health Services as the department expanded access to care, strengthened mental health services, opened the new **łeŵstəx^w léləm** (Healing House) primary care clinic, and increased opportunities for Members to participate in health promotion and wellness initiatives. Throughout the quarter, Health Services remained focused on providing accessible, culturally safe, and member-centred care while working with community and regional partners to improve health services for Members. These efforts continue to improve access to care while building a coordinated and sustainable health system that meets the evolving needs of the TFN community.*

Primary Care & Clinical Services

Health Services continued strengthening access to primary care while successfully transitioning services to the new Healing House clinic – a welcoming space to support Members’ wellness. Care for Members continued without interruption throughout Dr. Jetzer’s vacation and the move to the Healing House clinic. The department also began exploring opportunities to further expand primary care access for Members.

- Coordinated locum physician coverage while Dr. Shelly Jetzer was on vacation, maintaining continuity of care for Members.
- Opened the Healing House primary care clinic, providing Members with a new space to access family physician and nursing care.
- Ensured uninterrupted primary care services throughout the transition to the Healing House clinic. Continued interdisciplinary health rounds to support coordinated, high-quality care.
- Initiated discussions and planning to expand primary care services through recruitment of an additional family physician and/or Nurse Practitioner.

Mental Health Services

Members’ access to mental health services was improved by refining programs, improving service coordination, and establishing a more consistent approach to service delivery. Throughout the quarter, the department streamlined the intake and referral processes and formalized pathways to care, creating a stronger foundation for coordinated, member-centred mental health services.

- Established three clearly defined mental health service pathways:
 - TFN Internal Clinical Services,
 - Partner Contracted Services through Alongside You
 - Member-Selected External Providers.
- Assigned a Licensed Practical Nurse to coordinate mental health intakes and support service navigation.
- Refined referral and intake processes by standardizing how Members access mental health services, improving consistency, coordination, and service navigation.
- Advanced the development of policies, procedures, and operational processes through Executive Council approval of the External Mental Health Policy, refinement of referral and intake processes, and enhanced continuity of care through a dedicated LPN intake role.

Community Health & Prevention

Health Services continued to promote health and wellness by providing Members with opportunities to learn, prevent illness, and access care closer to home. Through partnerships with regional health organizations and community-based programming, the department expanded preventive health initiatives and increased access to routine health services on Tsawwassen Lands.

- Partnered with Fraser Health to deliver the My Voice advance care planning program, supporting Members in documenting and communicating their future health care wishes.
- Hosted dental and dental hygiene clinics on Tsawwassen Lands, improving access to oral health assessment, prevention, and treatment services.
- Delivered nutrition education sessions that promoted healthy eating and overall wellness.
- Partnered with Fraser Health to deliver the My Voice advance care planning program, expanding opportunities for Members to engage in future care planning.

Partnerships & System Development

Health Services continued to strengthen partnerships with regional health organizations to improve access to care for TFN Members. During the quarter, our long-standing collaboration with the South Delta Primary Care Network resulted in new funding to enhance care coordination and navigation. These partnerships will strengthen connections between TFN Health Services, hospital care, and community-based services, improving continuity of care for Members.

- Secured funding through the South Delta Primary Care Network to establish two Health Navigator positions, improving support for Members as they access TFN, hospital, and community health services.
- Initiated discussions with Delta Hospital to improve coordination of Member care during hospital admissions, discharges, and transitions back to community-based care.
- Continued working with the Delta Division of Family Practice to strengthen access to community-based primary care services and improve coordination between TFN and regional providers.

Looking Ahead

Health Services will continue building on the progress achieved this quarter by expanding access to primary care, strengthening partnerships, and further developing an integrated, coordinated health system that provides accessible, culturally safe, and member-centred care for TFN Members. Key priorities for the coming quarter include:

- Continuing efforts to expand primary care services by recruiting additional primary care providers, including physicians and Nurse Practitioners.
- Hosting the inaugural class and faculty Simon Fraser University of Medicine on Tsawwassen Lands to strengthen partnerships, support medical education with a focus on Indigenous health, and showcase TFN's community-centred model of care.
- Exploring opportunities to bring pharmacist services to Tsawwassen Lands as part of an integrated approach to primary care.
- Promoting the refined mental health service pathways and increasing Member awareness of available programs and how to access them.



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Community Services & Enrollment



The second quarter of 2026 marked continued progress in strengthening enrolment services and improving how Members connect with TFN programs and services. Working in partnership with the Enrolment Committee, Community Services focused on maintaining accurate membership records, enhancing enrolment support, and creating clearer pathways for Members to access information and services. The addition of a dedicated Community Services Coordinator further strengthened the department's ability to support Members through enrolment, service navigation, and community connections. Together, these efforts continue to improve the accessibility and coordination of Member services.

Enrollment & Member Navigation

Community Services continued to strengthen enrolment services and improve the Member experience by providing clearer access to information, programs, and supports. During the quarter, the department enhanced service delivery by clarifying key responsibilities and establishing dedicated points of contact, making it easier for Members to access enrolment services, Indian Status and identification support, and navigation across TFN programs and services. These improvements support more responsive, coordinated, and accessible Member services while helping preserve accurate membership records, family history, and identity for current and future generations.

Looking Ahead

Community Services will continue building on the progress made this quarter by strengthening enrolment services, improving Member navigation, and enhancing access to TFN programs and services. Priorities will focus on increasing awareness of available supports, maintaining accurate membership information, and ensuring Members can easily connect with the services they need.

Highlights

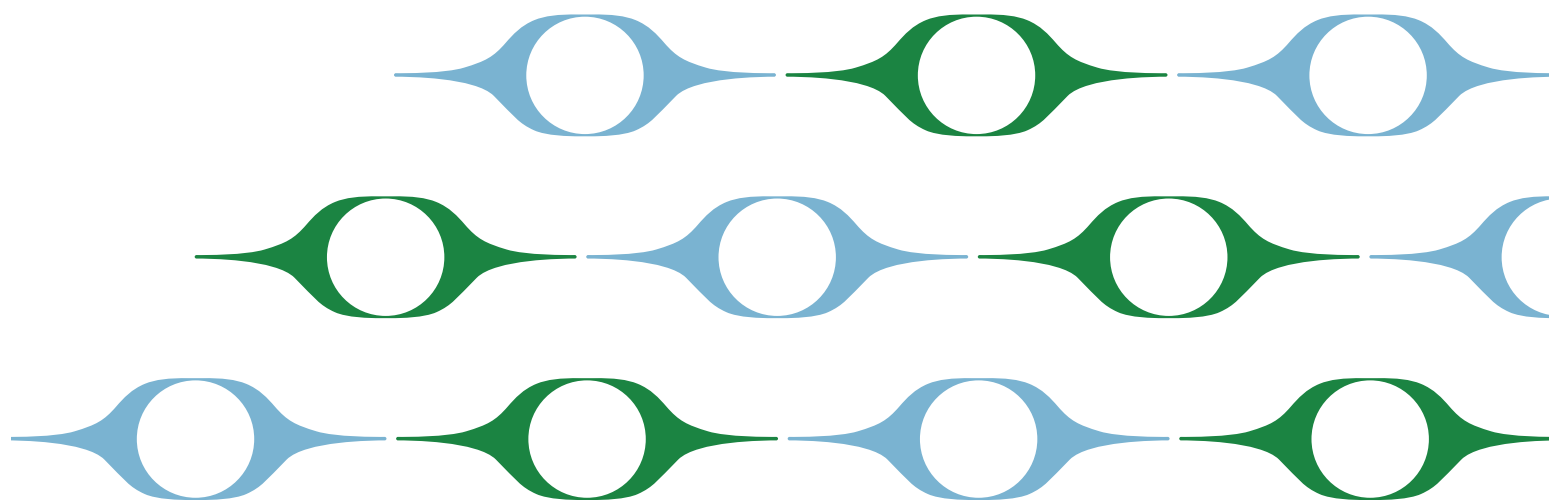
- Welcomed Brooklyn O'Rourke as Community Services Coordinator and primary contact for enrolment inquiries, Member navigation, and access to TFN programs and services.
- Clarified service responsibilities to provide Members with a dedicated contact for Indian Status registration, identification support, and government documentation assistance.
- Continued supporting Members with enrolment applications, membership record updates, and general enrolment inquiries.
- Strengthened coordination across Community Services to provide Members with clearer pathways to services and supports.

Priorities

- Continue strengthening enrolment services and Member support.
- Increase awareness of Community Services and the programs available to Members.
- Continue improving Member navigation across TFN programs and services.
- Continue supporting Members with Indian Status registration, identification, and government documentation.
- Maintain accurate membership records to strengthen communication and service delivery.
- Continue working in partnership with the Enrolment Committee to support effective governance of enrolment services.

Our Commitment

Community Services is committed to making it easier for Members to access information, navigate TFN programs and services, and receive the support they need throughout every stage of life. By continuing to strengthen enrolment services, improve accessibility, and enhance Member engagement, Community Services will help ensure every Member can confidently connect with the programs, services, and opportunities available through Tsawwassen First Nation.





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TFN Membership Snapshot





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Bryce Williams



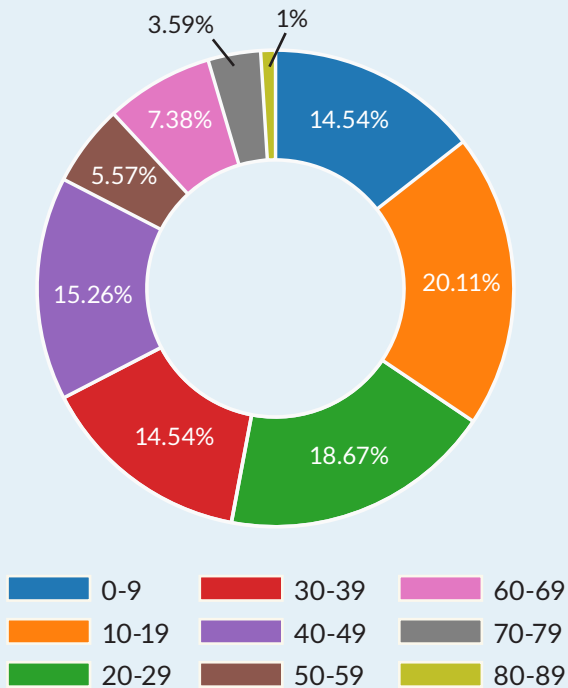
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Understanding our membership helps Tsawwassen First Nation plan programs, services, and future initiatives that reflect the needs of the community. TFN's membership includes Members living both on and off Tsawwassen Lands and across all stages of life. This information supports evidence-informed planning and helps ensure programs and services continue to meet the evolving needs of Members.

Age Distribution



49.2%

Members reside on
Tsawwassen Lands

50.8%

Members reside off
Tsawwassen Lands

Supporting Members Across All Stages of Life

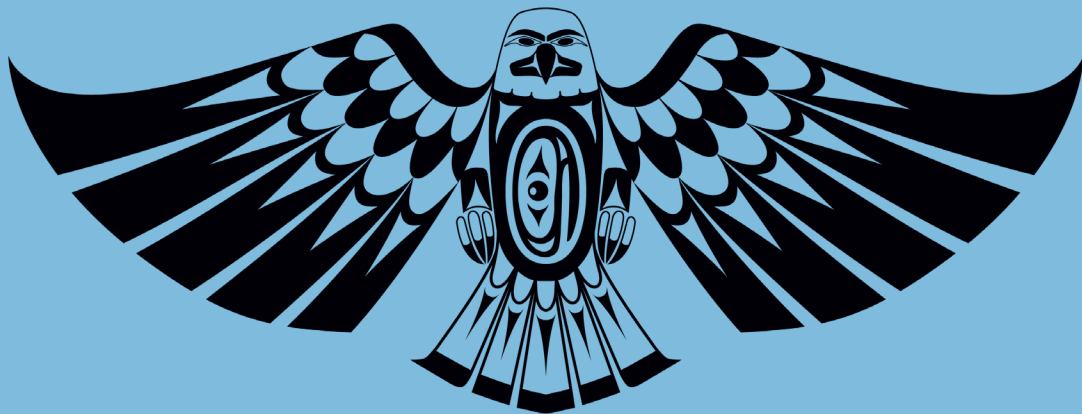
- Membership includes children, youth, adults, and Elders.
- Demographic information supports planning for housing, health, education, recreation, and community services.
- Understanding where Members live helps TFN keep programs, communications, and supports accessible.

Keeping Your Information Current

Updated contact information helps ensure Members receive election notices, per capita distribution information, community updates, program information, and emergency notifications.

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