

# TEDC – Community Update

January 27, 2011

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Salvaged wood from **Mud Bay** is now available for TFN artisans. The wood is located next to the outbuilding on Chrystallyn Wilson's property. Artisans can come by and collect the wood **before 6:00 pm** over the next two weeks ending on February 9th.
- There is an opportunity for select TFN Artisans to promote their art at **Tsawwassen Quay Market**. Please act quickly if interested as this opportunity is available for a limited period of time. For more information please contact Ryan Daum.
- TEDC and TFN staff are planning to host a **Business Development Discussion** to determine the interest of Members in starting or expanding their business and what obstacles they are facing. Please refer to the separate page of the Community Notice for full details. Dinner will be served for those in attendance.

Please contact

**Ryan Daum**

at TFN Economic Development Corporation for information about any of the above.

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## COMMUNICATIONS

- TEDC would like to welcome **Andy Broderick** to our **Board of Directors**. Andy will be replacing Carolyn Rogers who resigned from the Board in September 2010 due to her appointment as the new CEO of the BC Financial Institutions Commission. Andy is currently the Vice President of Community Investment at VanCity and brings considerable experience in banking, non-profit administration, and affordable, green development projects to the Board.
- The **Industry Council for Aboriginal Business** invited Chief Kim Baird and Ron Amos of Matcon to share their experiences to create TFN Construction / Matcon Civil Joint Venture (TMJV). The presentations were held at the SFU Segal School of Business on December 3rd, 2010. There was an overwhelmingly positive reaction to the presentation and one guest shared how her positive experience working with TMJV has created opportunities for other First Nation companies.

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND TRAINING

- TEDC took part in the recent **Supply Chain Career Fair**. We took the opportunity to have one on one discussions with Members regarding the opportunities associated with the development of TFN's Industrial and Commercial Lands. For those unable to attend we have posted pictures to our **Facebook Page** and we have handouts available at our office.
- On December 17, 2010, the **Tsawwassen Gateway Skills Centre** graduated 14 students from the Supply Chain Training course. Seven of the grads were TFN Members/Spouses and six have already found work. The Tsawwassen Gateway Skills Center is happy to report that through an agreement with Euro-Asia Transload, there will be eight Supply Chain graduates hired to work in one of Euro-Asia's three warehouses.

The Gateway Training Center has started a new class of 14 for the **Supply Chain Training Course**. The grads of this course will receive certificates in First Aid, Forklift, WHMIS, Fall Arrest, Confined Space, and Lock-out. VANASEP is able to provide an employer of their Supply Chain Graduates with a wage subsidy up to three months. This is a great incentive for future employers to train their new Supply Chain grads in their new positions.

VANASEP are looking for people that need their **post secondary education** in red seal trades, supply chain trades, and many more. Please call the Gateway Training Center to see if they can fund your education. VANASEP are also exploring educations in Truck Driving and Railway careers. Please call Terry Baird at (604) 999-7740 or email at [tbaird@tsawwassenfirstnation.com](mailto:tbaird@tsawwassenfirstnation.com) if you might be interested in an education upgrade or change in career.



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- TEDC would like to thank Public Works for restoring the **Display Case in Si'em Café**. With a professional look to the case we have received renewed interest in the enclosed art. If you are interested in showcasing your art please contact Ryan Daum at (604) 948-5219.
- **TFN Construction/Matcon Civil Joint Venture** constructed a new **wetland habitat** near the Alex Fraser Bridge. This new, high-value habitat will provide a nursery and rearing home for young salmon and other fish. To see pictures of the TFN Members part of the work crew and the projects different stages through to completion please visit **TEDC's Facebook Page**.

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## DIANE'S CORNER

### Community Representative, Economic Development Board, My Approach

It's been over a year now that I have held the position of Community Representative on the Board of Directors of the TFN Economic Development Corporation (TEDC). I have spent that time getting acquainted with the Board members, understanding the function of the Board, spending time with the community and enjoying time with my TFN family and friends.

During this time, it has been my experience that the Community Representative role is well recognized and respected among my peer Directors. Each item brought to the table has been respectfully considered and addressed.

I'd like to share with you my approach as your Community Representative.

Although I live in Washington State I regularly visit the community to attend events. Further I have made phone calls and home visits to Members to introduce myself, and gather any input I could regarding their understanding of the role of the Economic Development Corporation. At every opportunity I have asked Members if there were any questions I could answer or if they had any issues they would like me to take forward to the Board. Responses have been positive and I welcome further input.

Following are the key ways that I feel I can represent the Community:

- Process information discussed during the Board meetings from the perspective of a TFN Member. That means that I ask questions to ensure that I understand the topic and am comfortable with the resolution.
- Attend Community meetings to observe the feedback to initiatives being discussed at Board meetings.
- Introduce each Director to the community through a piece in our TEDC Newsletter that goes out to the community
- Bring any issues or concerns that I hear from the community to the Board.
- Work to understand the relationship of the Economic Development Corporation with the TFN Government and be able to explain this relationship to the Members.

Other information pieces that I will share with the community in the future:

- An explanation of how the Board works
- Introduce each Director to the community
- Community issues as identified by the Members

Please feel free to contact me, **Diane McElhinney**, at **1 (253) 653-9530** or **Tallermom@yahoo.com**.

