

TEDC — Community Update

April 14, 2011

HIGHLIGHTS

- TFN Construction/Matcon Civil Joint venture have completed **servicing, paving and landscaping** along 41B as part of the \$9 million infrastructure stimulus project. This partnership between Canada, BC, and TFN highlights TFN's **sustainability** initiatives through LED streetlights (with 32% energy savings over standard streetlights), landscaped bio-swales for storm water management, underground corridors reserved for a future district energy distribution system, and a bike and pedestrian system per TFN's approved Land Use Plan.
- We would like to thank all TFN Members who attended the **Small Business Development Discussion** making the event a success. Our panel of experts were very pleased with the level of engagement of the TFN Membership. We look forward to assisting Members develop their businesses in the future.

Please contact

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TFN Economic Development Corporation



COMMUNICATIONS

- TFN Economic Development Corporation has entered into a **Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)** with Ivanhoe Cambridge and Property Development Group to develop up to 70 hectares (175 acres) of TFN lands as a significant new mixed-use project. More details about this exciting project are in the attached backgrounder for TFN Members.
- An **Agricultural Economic Development Discussion** was recently hosted by TEDC and facilitated by representatives from the First Nations Agriculture Association. We discussed what other Nations have accomplished regarding community gardens and farmers markets. First steps to support agricultural opportunities within TFN Lands were discussed at the meeting. Please contact Ryan at (604) 948-5219 if you are interested in agricultural opportunities on TFN Lands.
- **Video's** of the Industrial Lands Groundbreaking from the Summer, TEDC's presentation to the Delta Chamber of Commerce, and of Treaty Effective Date have been posted to TEDC's **Facebook** page. Please visit the site if you are interested in any of the above video's and we welcome all comments on how to improve the site.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND TRAINING

- **TFN Construction / Matcon Civil Joint Venture (TMJV)** has a mandate to hire TFN Members and Member Businesses. Over the last 18 months the Joint Venture has generated over \$650,000 in wages and contracts for TFN Members and their businesses, and has created over 6.5 person years of employment for TFN Members. The Joint Venture continues to look for new contracting opportunities. If you are interested in working or subcontracting for the Joint Venture please drop off a resume or a business profile to our office.
- VANASEP and FNES has funded three TFN Members to complete the **Young Drivers of Canada** drivers course. They are hoping to register more driving students in 2011. VANASEP has sponsored a Class 1 drivers course with 1 TFN member participating.

VANASEP and FNES offer a number of **post secondary** and **trade education** courses. It all starts by registering and completing an assessment that matches the First Nations applicant to the trade or expertise needed to obtain the career they are seeking.

FNES and VANASEP recently sponsored 12 graduates from the **BCIT Railway course** for First Nations. This was a three month full time course. Graduates from this course have an 80% success rate in finding employment with railway companies. We are looking forward to seeing a TFN Member complete the course in the future.

If you are interested in any of the above opportunities please contact **Terry Baird** at (604) 999-7740 or at tbaird@tsawwassenfirstnation.com.



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- TEDC's **Annual Plan & Budget** for 2011/2012 was approved during the Winter sitting of Legislative Assembly.
- **Minerva** is a non-profit organization dedicated to inspiring and empowering motivated women to explore and develop their potential. Their annual Learning to Lead™-Combining Our Strength™ program brings together remarkable Aboriginal women, with varying levels of personal and leadership experience, from different communities throughout the province to learn from one another and to celebrate their accomplishments. If interested contact Ryan at (604) 948-5219. The deadline to apply is **April 22nd, 2010**.
- Executive Council's **Letter of Expectations** can be found on TFN's website in the *Economic Development* section under *Reports*.

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DIANE'S CORNER

During the month of March, I attended several TFN events. First, on March 14th a Community Meeting was held in Bellingham, followed the next day by the TFN Economic Development Corporation (TEDC) Board of Directors meeting, and finally on March 16th I attended the last session of Legislative Assembly's Winter sitting. Having these events scheduled so closely together allowed me to make the most of my trip up from Washington and gave me a jumping off place to explain the relationship between TEDC's Board and TFN Government.

The meetings gave me fuller understanding of the relationship between TEDC and the TFN Government. TFN Government wants to build a sustainable economic base for the TFN people. To do this there must be an overall strategy to attract proposals for the development of TFN's major asset - land. There are many developers with many ideas how TFN's lands can be developed. To reach decisions that represent TFN's best interests, there is a system of checks and balances in place.

TFN created TEDC to attract business proposals, analyze them regarding TFNs' interests, and make recommendations to TFN regarding proposals that provide an acceptable financial return balanced with acceptable risk while satisfying the community's desires as set out in Executive Council's Letter of Expectations to TEDC.

Developers' proposals are evaluated and taken before Executive Council with a recommendation from TEDC's Board of Directors. With Executive Council support, the project can be advanced to a higher level of due diligence, the results of which are reported to Executive Council. In the event the project requires a land lease of longer than 25 years, a Community Vote (like the vote taken in April 2010) is necessary.

The expertise of TEDC's Board of Directors and staff is used to impartially seek, analyze and implement business opportunities for the community. Additional oversight is provided through Executive Council, Legislative Assembly, Community Votes and regular communication regarding TEDC's activities with the Members.

This is my understanding of the relationship between TEDC and TFN Government and the implementation of an overall economic development strategy. I believe this approach is working.

As your Community Representative I welcome any questions, suggestions or concerns. Please feel free to contact me, **Diane McElhinney**, at 1 (253) 653 - 9530 or at Tallermom@yahoo.com.

