

# TEDC — Community Update

June 30, 2010



## TFN Economic Development Corporation

### Highlights:

- On June 21, *Tsawwassen First Nation* launched a new industrial park near *Deltaport*, marking TFN's first major economic initiative after it was established as B.C.'s first urban Treaty First Nation. The park, called the *Tsawwassen Gateway Logistics Centre*, marks the beginning of the implementation of TFN's development plans for its industrial lands.
- *TFN/Matcon JV* completed construction of a new haul road to provide access to the JV and TFN fill properties via 27B. The haul road allowed TFN to close *Tsawwassen Drive* to fill trucks.
- TEDC will host a community meeting in mid July to seek comments on the *TEDC Strategic Plan*. The Strategic Plan outlines how TEDC plans to contribute towards the development of the TFN Lands, a sustainable economy, and job and training opportunities for our members. Dinner will be served for those in attendance

### Please contact

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

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### Communications

- On July 26, TEDC took part in *TSI's Open House* at *Deltaport*. Close to 3,000 people attended the event and TEDC's booth was well received. TEDC was able to showcase TFN's plans for the development of our community. The booth also promoted TFN culture with the help of local weavers Loretta Williams and Merle Williams, who were very pleased with the positive response to one of TFN's traditional art forms.
- In the coming months we would like to create a directory of TFN artisans and a brochure to highlight the work of local artisans. Additionally, *Si'em Café* is exploring the possibility of showcasing TFN crafts for sale in a display case located in the café. Those interested in displaying a piece can either contact Heather Gibbs at (604) 948-5239 or Ryan Daum at (604) 948-5219.

### Job Opportunities and Training

- The *Tsawwassen Gateway Training Centre* is approaching 7 months in operation and has successfully graduated numerous TFN and other First Nations members.

A total of 9 certificates in *Supply Chain Foundations* have been issued to TFN members and there are currently 4 more TFN members enrolled in the program. For more information, please contact Roseann Guerin at (604) 605-7194.

In addition, 3 TFN Members are currently enrolled in the *Heavy Equipment Operator Program* (HEO) and 2 TFN members have already received their HEO certificates. Interested members can contact Brandon Louie at (778) 686-8771 for further information or to enroll in the program.

For general information about the programs offered at the centre please contact Roseann Guerin at (604) 605-7194 or call the centre directly at (604) 948-2181. Roseann is available on site every Wednesday for those wanting to talk to her.

- *TFN/Matcon JV* recently hired 1 TFN Member for a full time position to operate the JV fill site and is currently looking to hire 2 more TFN Members for fulltime positions. Members are invited to drop off their resumes at the TEDC office.

### Phase One — Industrial Lands

- Site servicing of the Industrial Lands is well under way. There will be increased activity on the site during the next few months. Please see the Community Notice for information regarding site activities and possible traffic interruptions.

### Diane's Corner

During the month of June Diane helped organize the "Artisan Get Together Lunch" by contacting known artists in the community to inform them of the lunch.

We will be hosting another "Get Together" on July 20th in the Recreation Centre from 6:30 to 7:30 so that members working during the day are able to attend. We will have light snacks

and refreshments for those attending.

In the meantime please feel free to contact Diane at 1 (253) 653-9530 or [Taller-mom@yahoo.com](mailto:Taller-mom@yahoo.com)

