

# TEDC — Community Update

June 30, 2011

## HIGHLIGHTS

### Business Assessment & Support

TEDC is excited to offer you support to start or expand your business with the following services:

- Advisory support to discuss your concept and identify potential funding / financing available to you
- Client support to develop your business plan, structure funding/ financing with Tale'awtxw Aboriginal Capital Corporation, Aboriginal Business Canada or your bank
- Advisory services to review opportunities to improve or expand the operations of your existing business
- Referrals for funding and financing
- Enhanced small business training
- Mentorship

Please contact TEDC to setup an appointment today!

Please contact

**Ryan Daum**

at TEDC for information about any of the above.

(604) 948—5219

## TFN Economic Development Corporation



## COMMUNICATIONS

- On Wednesday, June 22nd, TEDC & TFN hosted the **Aboriginal Business Funding Workshop** for Membership. We had a great turnout from TFN Members and guests from other Nations. The theme of the workshop was “*Show Me the Money*” and “*Preparing for Self Employment*”.

We invited Brian Gillespie from the **Tale'awtxw Aboriginal Capital Corporation**, Julia Kristjanson from **Aboriginal Business Canada**, and our own Chrystal Wilson who administers the **TFN Business Development Fund** to provide information on funding available to TFN Members and how to access those funds. We also outlined actions Members can do to prepare to start their own business and see their concept become a reality. We ended an informative evening by raffling off a Karl Morgan bear plaque, won by Angeline Splockton.

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND TRAINING

- VANASEP is eager to start a 12 week carpentry course that will certify students for **Level 1 Carpentry** (ITA approved).
- VANASEP is focusing on a partnership agreement just inked with Canadian National Railway. VANASEP will be running **Railway Courses** during the remainder of 2011.
- VANASEP and Indigena, with assistance from Accenture, have been training students at the NEC classroom on **Computer Deployment Tech** training. The training will enable students to be employed in a computer help desk scenario with Corix and their large meter change-out project with BC Hydro.
- FNES will fund 5 students to obtain a **1 Year College Certificate** and another 5 to complete their **Young Driver's Canada** training. Terry Baird will be working with TFN and Chrystal Wilson to find candidates.
- TFN Members can complete their **G3 Assessments** at the Gateway Training Center courtesy of FNES and VANASEP. Completing the G3 Assessments will provide an opportunity for continued training at the **Gateway Training Center** with the potential of receiving a **one month training allowance**.

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



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- TFN was able to raise \$109 for the **Elder's Gathering** at the Abbotsford Tradex through ticket sales for the **Dunk Tank**. Ed Chanter, Doug Raines, Tom McCarthy, Colin Ward, and Valerie Cross Blackett volunteered to sit in the tank, all in support of the good cause.



- **TEDC Aboriginal Day Hockey Cup** engraved with the **2011 Youth Team** winners. To be displayed in TFN's Administration Building soon!

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## DIANE'S CORNER

### Aboriginal Day, What a wonderful, fabulous, beautiful day!

As the Community Representative for the Board of Directors of the TFN Economic Development Corporation, I participated in Aboriginal Day with my cohort and cousin Ryan Daum. We manned the multipurpose Economic Development/Dunk Tank Ticket table with Patrick Thompson (of TFN government) who was available to talk about sustainable gardening.

Let me tell you some things that were great about this day from my perspective. The sun was out, there were lots of children and people were milling about eating and chatting. As people came by our table they were offered raffle tickets. The price of a raffle ticket was answering this question, "Tell us one thing that you know about the Economic Development Corporation." I am happy to say everyone had an answer and was rewarded with a ticket. As your Community Representative, I wish there was a little more knowledge out there about what the TFN Economic Development Corporation does, and how it supports the creation of a sustainable economy for TFN, but going forward we will build on what we know.

Later in the day we had the Adult vs. Youth Hockey Game. This was a lively well played game with lots of participation. TFN Economic Development Corporation donated an impressively big silver trophy for the winner, with places to engrave the winners of this year's historic event and the winners for several years to follow. The trophy will be displayed in the Administrative Office. I was given the great honor and pleasure of awarding the trophy and this year it went to the Youth Team.

After the hockey game we pulled the winning tickets for the raffle. The raffle prizes were donated by the TFN Economic Development Corporation. Louise Ahlm won a carving from Karl Morgan, Terri Splockton won a cedar woven bracelet by Mable Williams, and Stewart Morgan won a signed NBA jersey from my son who plays in the NBA for the Detroit Pistons.

I was happy to see everyone and share such an important, joyful event. I do hope that my name and face are becoming more familiar as your Community Representative.

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](mailto:Tallermom@yahoo.com).

