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**TSAWWASSEN FIRST NATION MEMBERS VOTE “YES” TO ENTER
INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL LEASES**

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TSAWWASSEN, BC - Tsawwassen First Nation (TFN) Executive Council was given approval by its Members to enter into Industrial and Commercial leases on the TFN Treaty Settlement Lands, known as Tsawwassen Public Lands.

TFN Members voted on three ballot questions regarding three separate areas of Tsawwassen Public Lands:

1. The majority of TFN Members voted “yes” to approve of TFN entering into leases agreements on two portions of TFN’s Industrial Lands. The two portions of land total approximately 120 acres, are zoned as Industrial lands, and will be the site of the first phase of an Industrial Park and other potential industrial uses.
2. The majority of TFN Members voted “yes” to approve of TFN entering into a lease or lease agreements on lands to be used for a commercial facility. The portion of land is approximately 100 acres, zoned for commercial purposes, and all or a portion will be the site of a major retail/commercial shopping facility adjacent to Highway 17.
3. The majority of TFN Members voted “no” on whether to approve of TFN entering into a lease agreement for the development of a retirement community complex on a parcel of land situated between the Tsatsu Shores Condominiums and Highway 17.

The vote was open to eligible TFN Members via mail-in ballot or in-person at the TFN Recreation Centre polling centre. 129 Members cast ballots, totaling 53% of those Members eligible to vote.

“Our community has decided that they are comfortable with the TFN Government proceeding to reach agreements with partners to develop the Industrial and Commercial Lands. This is a strong sign of support with the direction set out in our Land Use Plan”, said Chief Kim Baird. “However, our community has also decided that more time is needed to decide on the best use of the waterfront front lands (the area proposed for the retirement community). TFN has a strong connection to those particular lands, and because of the importance of the site and the amount of new opportunities provided by the Treaty, the majority of members felt that there is time to explore the best use of this site.”

The development of the Tsawwassen Lands will provide major economic, employment and environmental opportunity, for not only the Tsawwassen Members, but also for the region.

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