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## Message from Chief Kim Baird

It's hard to believe we are coming to the close of our first term as a self-governing First Nation! I'd like to take the opportunity to recap – not only 2012, but the past few years as well to allow us to reflect on what we've achieved as a community.

### CREATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW INSTITUTIONS INCLUDING

- Legislature
- Economic Development Corporation
- Judicial Council
- Prosecutor
- Executive Council
- Advisory Council

### MAJOR ECONOMIC INITIATIVES

- Commercial Lands development
- Industrial Lands development
- Investment in Indigena Solutions
- Tsawwassen Fee Simple Interest lands development (TFN regulating)

### MAJOR PLANNING INITIATIVES

- TFN treaty distribution
- 10 year economic forecast
- Organizational Efficiency Review
- Income Assistance reform
- Education strategy
- Residential Neighbourhood plan
- Industrial Lands plan
- Strategic plan for language and culture

### MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE INITIATIVES

- Off Site levies regulation
- Working on entry to Greater Vancouver Sewage District for sewer connection with Metro Vancouver and Delta
- Transportation plan

### CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

- New member of Metro Vancouver
- New member of Mayor's Council for Translink
- Continued relations with leaseholders
- Continued treaty implementation work with government partners
- Work with other First Nations

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Treaty Days
- Annual General Meetings
- National Aboriginal Days
- Graduations
- First fish ceremony
- Christmas dinner
- Employee Affirmation Ceremony
- First Family Retreat!

### INTERNAL COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

- Service plans
- Annual reports
- Story telling newsletters
- Family meetings
- 4 community votes
- 6 sittings of the legislature
- 35 meetings of the advisory council

### EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS

- Speeches
- Media interviews
- Promotional material development

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The list could go on – and this is on top of our regular programs and services! We could not achieve any of this without our wonderful staff and the continued participation of all of you. That’s not to say we are anywhere near finished our work! We still need to make decisions on many of the items discussed at the Members retreat and we have set up different decision processes for the various initiatives we are working on. We all realize that we are “a work in progress” as an organization and as a self-governing community.

We are also always looking for ways to improve our communications, within our organization and community wide. We need to incorporate the use of social media into our plans.

It’s no secret that when we are pushing on so many fronts, some things may slip between the cracks. I think our main focus in the short term is to try to stabilize our organization. We have many vacancies and the need to implement the organizational efficiency review we undertook. This is not only important for the workload of our existing staff, but also to provide better services to the community.

Our other short term focus needs to be getting some projects underway and some revenue generated. This requires finalization of infrastructure – primarily sewer and road work – and we are working hard to resolve these last outstanding issues. We are at a critical time.

It is clear that we continue to undergo many changes as a community. I thank all of you for maintaining your patience and understanding as we undertake this massive endeavour. Change is tough for all of us and many are feeling tired. We need to keep pushing through until some of our goals are reached. All of you have shaped the vision and plan for us to meet and we continue to work hard to meet your direction.

Thanks for allowing us to serve you in this historic time!

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Chief Kim Baird



## Message from Doug Raines, CAO

Over the last 6 months the TFN government has made strides to ensure that we are able and ready for development both on TFSI and TFN held lands. The successful and overwhelming support of the Members for the 180 acres of commercial development was one of the first successes in the last 6 months. TFN has worked with the Provincial government to put in

place the Provincial legislation to allow the Nation to become a Member of the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District (GVS&DD). This is a very important step in ensuring TFN has the sewer treatment capacity to fully develop on all lands. This legislation was given Royal Assent on May 31st of this year. Now we must negotiate an entry agreement with Metro Vancouver and the Corporation of Delta for provision of sewer services.

At the same time that this is going on we are working with Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to have them approve both short term and long term road improvements to allow easy traffic access to TFN lands. It is estimated that once MoTI gives approvals TFN and its partners will build over \$60 million of roads.

The Organizational Efficiency Review from Helios Group was presented to the Legislature at the Spring Session. A number of recommendations have been approved for implementation. TFN is currently looking for a Community Services Director to oversee Education and Health & Social Services departments, with the aim to take these departments towards a more unified service provision approach for TFN Members. As well, additional resources are being hired into the lands department to meet the ever increasing workload in that section. Executive Council has directed that we embark on a 5 year plan to train TFN Members to be able to fill senior positions in TFN government. We have also finalized one of the major recommendations of the Helios Report to create a tiered management structure. To accomplish this we have created a new position of Public Service Director. This position will be responsible for the departments of Government Services, Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs, Natural Resources and Referrals. Tom McCarthy has accepted this new position.

We are currently dealing with staff shortages in a number of areas and really appreciate the hard work being done by TFN staff to meet the increased work load.

As we come up to the first elected cycle for the Executive Council and Legislature, TFN staff have worked extremely hard to implement the vision and meet the needs and demands of all TFN Members and the TFN Government. We look forward to the opportunity to work with the new Executive Council and Legislature starting in September of this year.

Doug Raines, Chief Administrative Officer

## Spring 2012 Legislature Summary



Senator Gerry St. Germain  
Guest Speaker to the TFN Legislative Assembly  
February 20, 2012



Skylar Genge, Feather Runner  
TFN Legislative Assembly Session  
- Spring 2012

The Tsawwassen Legislature wrapped up its 6<sup>th</sup> session in the spring of this year. The session ran from February 16<sup>th</sup> to March 15<sup>th</sup> and it was the last session of the historic first term of government under the Treaty. The general election will be held in September and a new Legislature will be sitting to open the next Legislative session.

During this session the Legislature had visits and addresses from Senator Gerry St. Germain, as well as Kerry-Lynne Findlay, the MP for Delta-Richmond East. Chief Doug White III of the Snuneymuxw, Kathryn Teneese of the Ktunaxa Nation Council, and Robin Silvester of Port Metro Vancouver also addressed the Legislature.

Tsawwassen was also fortunate to be visited by delegations from Sliammon, Huuayaht and from Ktunaxa. Both groups were there to observe the Legislature and learn from Tsawwassen’s experiences in self-government.

There were a number of substantive items that were discussed, including:

- the 2012-2013 Appropriations Act;
- Fisheries, Wildlife, Migratory Birds, and Renewable Resources Amendment Act – which was passed and requires the Executive Council to provide more direction to staff regarding enforcement;
- the Offsite Levies Rate Standardization Act – which allows TFN to implement new Offsite Levies Rate in a manner that it is in line with how municipal governments are able to;
- an update on the status of the Community Safety Strategy;
- a final report on the Organizational Efficiency Review – which provides a number of recommendations for how TFN could change the administration to provide for more efficient and effective delivery of services to the Membership; and
- an update on economic development activities.

There were also a number of resolutions of the Legislature that were passed. They included:

- a resolution to explore the feasibility of holding meetings of the Legislature off Tsawwassen Lands to provide opportunities for Members living off Tsawwassen Lands to witness the work of the Legislature;
- a resolution to develop a Citizenship Award that recognizes volunteerism and civic contribution amongst the Membership; and
- a resolution to have the Legislature make a final determination on the appropriate amount for Treaty Distributions; to ensure that the percentage of lease and business revenues forming the Treaty Distribution be revisited before leases beyond the mall development are signed; and that the distribution amount is increased to 20% of all lease and business revenues.

These were all important issues that were discussed at the Legislature, and a wide variety of views were tabled at the sessions, highlighting the benefits of self-government.

*Thank-you to Merle Williams, Executive Councillor Bryce Williams and Elder Ruth Adams for providing opening and closing songs and prayers to different meetings of the Legislature.*

*Thank-you to the cooks that provided the excellent meals at the beginning of each meeting: Christian Fevang, Merle & Byron Williams, and Yums Catering - Bertha and Dawn Williams and Angie Wilkins.*

*Thank-you to Skylar Genge for acting as the youth feather runner.*

## Judicial Council

On April 3, 2012, 5 new and returning members of the Judicial Council were sworn in for a 2 Year term at the Treaty Day Celebration.



### **PAUL D. K. FRASER QC – CHAIR (RETURNING)**

Paul D. K. Fraser QC was appointed Chair of the TFN Judicial Council on April 3, 2012. He had been Vice Chair from April 3, 2009. He graduated in Arts from the University of Manitoba and in Law from the University of British Columbia. He has since been given an Honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of Winnipeg.

He practised law in Vancouver for many years as Litigation Counsel in both civil and criminal matters in federal and provincial courts. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1982. He is a former member of the BC Law Reform Commission, and selected as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers in 1991. He is a Trustee of the Canadian Foundation for Legal Research and a Member of the Advisory Board of the Canada-United States Law Institute.

During his career he has served as President of the Canadian Bar Association, President of the Commonwealth Lawyers Association and President of the Canadian section of the International Commission of Jurists (an international Human Rights Organization). He has also Chaired two Federal Commissions and acted as Arbitrator in numerous labour relations and commercial matters. He was a senior Adjudicator in the Residential Schools Hearing process from 2005 to 2007.

In 2008, he was appointed an Officer of the BC Legislative Assembly and the Province's Conflict of Interest Commissioner by the unanimous vote of the Members. He continues in that part-time position.



### **ANJA BROWN – VICE CHAIR (RETURNING)**

Over her past 14 years practicing law, Anja has gained a broad range of experience, including in the area of Aboriginal fishing rights, First Nations governance, child protection and criminal law. Drawing upon Aboriginal restorative justice principles as a means to resolve fisheries and criminal matters is of particular interest to Anja. Anja has also

represented many residential school survivors in the Independent Assessment Process, which is an alternative to court for the resolution of abuse claims. Anja is adopted into the Hunt, Martin and White families of the Heiltsuk Nation and carries the names Habukvas Qvaxcu and Tlawiniqs.

Anja is honoured to have been re-appointed as a member of Tsawwassen First Nation's Judicial Council and looks forward to serving as Vice-chair for the next two years.



### **LEIF NORDAHL – ACCOUNTING MEMBER (RETURNING)**

Leif Nordahl is married to his wife Olga with 4 daughters. He has been a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of BC since 1962. Leif founded Nordahl, Craig, Cummings & Gares, Chartered Accountants in 1972. He was a Partner until January 1, 2007 and retired in 2009 – now an Associate.

He has been a member of the Tsawwassen First Nation Judicial Council since 2009. He is presently President of the Canadian Thoroughbred Horse Society (BC Division). He is also presently Director of Native Fishing Association of BC. He is the past Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer of Pacific North Coast Native Fishermen's Co-Operative. He is also an adopted brother, in the big house of Chris Cook, 'Namgis, Alert Bay, BC. He has two Indian names. He is involved in audit of First Nations Bands and fulfillment of INAC requirements. He is the financial advisor and accountant for many First Nations individuals and Bands. He is a tax consultant to the Native Brotherhood of BC. Leif was appointed by the Federal Government of Canada as First Nations advisor on Taxation to the First Nations Taxation Committee, Assembly of First Nations.



### **BRUCE MACDOUGALL – LEGAL MEMBER (NEW)**

Bruce has been a professor of law at UBC for the past 24 years. Before that he clerked for Mr. Justice Gerald Le Dain at the Supreme Court of Canada and practised law in Toronto. He is a member of the bar of B.C. He did his legal studies at Oxford (as a Rhodes scholar) and at Dalhousie. His areas of teaching and research are in the law of obligations and human rights. He has been visiting professor at the

University of Florida, King's College London, and Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok. He has written extensively. His most recent book is called Estoppel (LexisNexis 2012) and is the first Canadian book on that subject. He has held numerous administrative positions including Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies at the faculty of law. He has been a senator at UBC for the past four years and in that time has served continuously as the chair of the Senate Committee on Student Appeals on Academic Discipline. Professor MacDougall was born in BC but was raised in Nova Scotia, where his roots are, including Mi'kmaq ancestors.



### **VICKY CONNER – TFN MEMBER (RETURNING)**

Vicky is the granddaughter to Isaac & Pearl Williams, daughter to Valeria. Sister to Bob Tucker, Diane McElhinney, and Rene Lippel. Wife of Michael Connor. Mother of Michael & Valeria, grandmother of Erika, Jacob, and Lucas. She was born in Seattle, Washington 60 years ago, and has been fortunate to know all of her grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. She would come to Tsawwassen to

celebrate holidays, and many times just to see family.

In the old house in Tsawwassen, adults slept in the bedrooms, and the cousins on the floor of the living room. Many times it was wall to wall children. We spent our time running on the beach, testing our

courage seeing how far up we could go on the log slide/motorcycle climb, and visiting up and down the road (every house contained a cousin!) When I was nine, Grandpa Isaac was in the kitchen speaking to a friend from down the road. They were singing, drumming, and chanting until late in the evening. He was giving a wonderful description of one of his perfect granddaughters. Imagine my surprise when I realized he was talking about me! He was arranging a marriage! Nothing ever came of it, but I still remember how honored I felt by his glowing description of my good qualities (yes, I am certain he exaggerated a bit). In our small town of Sumner I have volunteered in the schools, coached soccer, played soccer, ran a daycare in our home, served as a 4-H leader, worked at our museum, owned a café, joined Kiwanis, served on boards & commissions, and am once again serving as president of my women's club. I am the Town Historian. The people of Tsawwassen have given me the honor of serving on the Judicial Council. I will do my best to fulfill my duties.

### **RETIRING MEMBER:**

**THE HONOURABLE DOUGLAS LAMBERT – FORMER CHAIR**  
TFN also honoured a retiring Member of Judicial Council. Mr. Lambert was instrumental in setting up our Judicial Council. TFN was lucky to have his wisdom and experience. After 3 years chairing the Judicial Council, Mr. Lambert has retired and appointed Paul Fraser to replace him as chair.

## Indigena Solutions

TFN Economic Development Corporation (TEDC) is a wholly owned subsidiary of TFN. In July, TEDC jointly founded Indigena Solutions through a business relationship between TFN, Accenture and CAPE Fund (a \$50 million private-sector investment fund founded by the family of the Right Honourable Paul Martin and a visionary group of investors).

Indigena Solutions is owned by TFN and CAPE Fund, and managed by Accenture, leveraging their worldwide experience delivering a variety of technology projects and outsourced IT and business support services. Indigena Solutions will focus specifically on software development and maintenance, contact centre services, IT Service Desk/Help Desk and back-office business processing services.

Through its investment in Indigena Solutions, TFN is positioned to further its economic independence and to train and employ TFN Members for highly-skilled positions in the IT sector.



*Dawn and Summer Williams*



*Elders Helen Campbell and Gordon Williams*



*Seth and Isaac Williams  
Members Gathering 2012 @ UBC*



*Darryl and Virginia Splockton  
Members Gathering @ UBC*



*Executive Councillor Laura Cassidy,  
Murry Williams and Legislator Louise Ahlm  
Members Gathering 2012 @ UBC*

This year is proving to be one of the busiest years yet for consultation with Members on major initiatives. This is very exciting – it means that we are moving forward with our planning processes.

We consider discussions with our Members to be an essential component of the decision-making process. The following is a review of consultations we've done so far this year, consultations we are in the midst of doing, and consultation work we'll be kicking off shortly. These consultations were the focus of the incredibly successful and very motivating TFN Members' Retreat held at UBC from June 1st to 3rd, 2012.

**WORK TO DATE**

**COMMERCIAL MIXED-USE LANDS PROJECT:** TFN brought a second vote to Members in January 2012 regarding the proposed Tsawwassen Mills/Tsawwassen Commons project located on lands designated in the Land Use Plan for commercial and mixed use development. The vote was to extend the lease term and size of the original lease approval, from 49 years to 99 years and from 100 acres to 180 acres. The purpose of the extensions was so that the site would be viable for a major shopping and entertainment complex developed by Ivanhoe Cambridge and Property Development Group. TFN sent out a detailed package containing many elements of the proposed agreement, held family meetings, and several meetings for Members at TFN and in Vernon & Bellingham. 97% of voters were in favour of the proposal.

**SPORTS FIELD LAND SWAP MEETING:** TFN held a vote on a smaller scale in April 2012 to approve moving forward with a proposal to exchange Tsawwassen Public Lands for TFSI lands.

The purpose of the swap was to provide a more optimal place to locate the sports field. The site will allow construction to begin more quickly, and is more attractive from an access perspective. Members at the meeting, which was held in accordance with requirements of the TFN Land Act, approved the swap with an 87% approval rating. More work is underway, and TFN will be returning to consult with Members on the specific design elements associated with the sports field.

**SUMMARY OF WORK UNDERWAY:** Treaty Distribution: TFN is engaged in discussions with Members on how best to make distributions from economic development revenues TFN earns. TFN has presented several options and considerations for Members to consider. Members have provided feedback that has focused on the amount of the distribution, whether and how much should be invested in trusts, and have asked for various check-in points to evaluate and re-visit decisions made based on TFN's financial situation as growth and development occurs. TFN will be discussing these concepts further with those interested in family meetings, and will also be discussing with Members in Vernon and Bellingham.

**5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN:** TFN began discussions with Members at the Retreat on looking ahead to the priorities and accomplishments TFN wishes to pursue in the next five-year period, from 2013-2018. These discussions will form the basis for the next 5-year Strategic Plan; TFN did its first Strategic Plan from 2008 to 2013, and it provided guidance for TFN as it moved forward into Treaty. Members provided great feedback in groups at the Member's Retreat, and TFN will be reaching out to those who couldn't make it to get their feedback as well. Members highlighted the

importance of education as a priority and the critical element of a successful future.

**AGRICULTURAL STRATEGY:** At the Member's Retreat, TFN held a session to ask Members for their thoughts on how to use the agricultural lands to benefit TFN Members. This strategy is important to build a plan for the future of the agricultural lands; these lands, which were acquired as part of the Treaty, will remain in the Agricultural Land Reserve for the foreseeable future. TFN is examining how to ensure Members get the most benefit – whether employment, revenue, training, or other – from these lands.

**INCOME ASSISTANCE:** TFN is discussing a major renewal of the Income Assistance program. It has identified several areas where the program, based on BC's existing Income Assistance model, is not meeting the needs of participants. TFN has identified three basic directions, based on different strategic approaches to income assistance - whether we should continue to support people with income assistance as a last resort, whether it should be viewed as an income supplement for a broader range of people, or whether we should provide incentives to low-income people to achieve certain goals that will increase their chances of a successful future. Members had very good discussions on these issues at the Members Retreat, and these will continue through the summer.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES:** TFN has been continuing to provide Members with updates on its major land development initiatives, including the proposed mixed-use/commercial project, the planned logistics/industrial development, and a possible waste-to-energy project on the Industrial Lands.

Each of these projects are at various stages of negotiation and approvals. The commercial lands project is fairly well-defined and the partners, including TFN, are working through several approval processes with other governments and agencies to move the project forward. The other two development areas remain in the negotiation and feasibility stages, though there are several potential projects that will make a very good fit on TFN's Industrial Lands. TFN is continuing to provide specific updates to Members on these projects.

**QUALITY-OF-LIFE SURVEY:** TFN used the Member's Retreat to launch a sophisticated survey tool that will measure how Members feel about their quality of life, trust, and other important factors. Participation in this survey – though it is long! – will ensure that TFN has the data to monitor TFN members' feelings about a wide variety of topics, and will allow TFN to design and implement programs to address emerging needs and concerns. TFN has a coordinator working with a survey team from UBC to organize the delivery of these surveys. Please contact Nikki Eely at [neely@tsawwassenfirstnation.com](mailto:neely@tsawwassenfirstnation.com) to book your interview! Members will be paid a \$50 honorarium in recognition of their participation.

**UPCOMING WORK:** TFN is undertaking a review of Health Canada's non-insured health benefits program, following concerns voiced by Members that it is becoming increasingly difficult to access benefits from the program. TFN has hired a public policy graduate student to undertake research on alternatives to replace or supplement the existing NIHB system. We will be organizing meetings for Members to provide TFN with thoughts on the major concerns with the NIHB program. Stay tuned for those!



Andrea Jacobs and baby Madison  
Members Gathering @ UBC



Executive Councillor  
Bryce Williams  
Welcoming the  
Rick Hansen 25<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary Relay



Joanne Williams,  
Dawson Baker,  
Lincoln Baker,  
Isabella Corbet &  
James Corbet  
Members Gathering 2012  
@ UBC



Elder Wray Williams  
drum making

The Advisory Council met 9 times between January and the end of May, and discussed a wide range of issues. In fulfilling their role, the Advisory Council provided input into legislative and regulatory proposals, including proposed amendments to the Land Use Planning and Development Act, the Fisheries, Wildlife, Migratory Birds, and Renewable Resources Act, the 2012-2013 Annual Budget, and new Offsite Levy Rates, which will enable Tsawwassen to recover the costs associated with the building of new infrastructure on Tsawwassen Lands.

They also provided input into ongoing Income Assistance, NIHB and Treaty Dividend policy work – all of which are major policy initiatives of the government. Other substantive topics of discussion included

the provision of input into an organizational efficiency review; policing within the community; a discussion on an access protocol for security cameras on Tsawwassen Lands; a proposed land swap, an affordable housing initiative in partnership with Habitat for Humanity; and Social Housing.

The formal members of the Advisory Council are Merle Williams, Charlene Jacobs, Nic Gurniak, Victoria Williams, Ruth Adams, John Morgan and Terri Splockton. All meetings of the Advisory Council are open to the public and approximately 15 Members attend meetings regularly, providing a valuable public service on behalf of the Membership.



Elder Shirley Larden  
Members Gathering 2012 @ UBC



Michael & Nathan Wilson with  
JR LaRose of the BC Lions and  
the Grey Cup



Reana and Angeline Splockton,  
Members Gathering @ UBC



Victoria & Merle Williams  
Members Gathering 2012 @ UBC

**JANUARY 2012**  
WEEKEND EXTRA: TSAWWASSEN FIRST NATION  
UNLEASHING LAND'S POTENTIAL TSAWWASSEN  
FIRST NATION MOVING FROM MANAGING POVERTY  
TO MANAGING WEALTH  
By Doug Ward, Vancouver Sun

**FEBRUARY 2012**  
TFN PROJECTS WILL CREATE FACILITIES THE WIDER  
COMMUNITY IS LACKING  
The Delta Optimist

**MARCH 2012**  
BC INNOVATOR AWARD: CONGRATULATIONS TO  
TSAWWASSEN FIRST NATION, #3 IN 2012'S MOST  
INNOVATIVE COMPANIES IN B.C.  
By BC Business Magazine

**APRIL 2012**  
TFN TREATY DAY CELEBRATION  
Our community gathered in the longhouse to celebrate the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Treaty. The Judicial Council was sworn in at the celebration.

**MAY 2012**  
TFN WRAPS UP FIRST LEGISLATURE: CHIEF KIM BAIRD  
ELATED AT WHAT'S BEEN ACCOMPLISHED AFTER  
STARTING FROM SCRATCH IN A POST-TREATY WORLD  
By Sandor Gyarmati, The Delta Optimist

**25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY RICK HANSEN RELAY AND  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT TFN**  
TFN was proud to have Elizabeth Wright and Kathy Genge as the relay medal bearers. Elizabeth and Kathy were among the 7000 Canadians that had the honour of carrying the 1 pound solid silver relay medal! TFN was one of 30 First Nation communities across Canada that had the opportunity to traditionally welcome the relay team into their communities.

**JUNE 2012**  
TFN GRADUATION CEREMONY  
The community gathered in the longhouse to celebrate the achievements of our youth during our annual graduation ceremony. Pre-school through Grade 12 were honoured for their hard work.

**TFN CELEBRATES NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY**  
BBQ lunch, seafood cook off, bingo, family fun activities, and a street hockey game offered something fun for every Member to participate in our annual National Aboriginal Day celebration.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for these important events:  
**SEPTEMBER 5, 2012:** TFN General Election  
**SEPTEMBER 22, 2012:** TFN Annual General Meeting



The following are some decisions from Executive Council that the Community may find interesting from meetings that took place from December 2011 to June 2012.

**SMUYUQ'WA LELUM ECE CENTRE POLICY**

Executive Council approved the Policy for Smuyuq'wa Lelum identifying priority groups, applications and fees. But this has meant free daycare for TFN Members using this facility.

**RICK HANSEN ELDER MEDAL BEARER**

Executive Council appointed Elder Kathy Genge as the Elder Medal Bearer.

**REQUEST FOR COMMENT/CONSULTATION ON ZONING AMENDMENTS RZ 2011-01 AND RZ 2011-02**

Executive Council directed staff to request comments on the zoning amendment applications from affected TFN land holders located to the west of the lands to be rezoned; Advisory Council, Non-Members at a Community Consultation Committee meeting and a Beach Lot, Stahaken and Tsatsu Shores leaseholders at an open house for non members.

**2012 GENERAL ELECTION**

Executive Council approved the follow recommendations:

- To call the General Election on September 5, 2012, with the newly elected Legislators swearing their oaths of service at the AGM.
- To Appoint Bruce Mack as Electoral Officer.

**IMPLEMENTATION OF A 4 PRONG COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY**

Executive Council are working with the Delta Police to implement a 4 prong safety strategy

1. Drug houses;
2. Non Member undesirables
3. Closed circuit TV; and
4. Unsightly properties

We are awaiting confirmation from the Delta Police on their ability to enforce our laws.

**APPOINTMENTS OF JUDICIAL COUNCIL**

Executive Council approved the follow recommendations:

1. Appoint Paul Fraser QC to position of Chair
2. Appoint Anja Brown to position of Vice-Chair
3. Appoint Professor Mac Dougall as 3rd Legal Member
4. Re-appoint Accounting Member, L. Nordahl to a 2 year term
5. Re-appoint TFN Member V. Connor to a 2 year term

**10 YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN**

Executive Council approved the consolidated multi-year plan for 2012-2013 in compliance with the Financial Administration Act, s.19.

**MEMBERS RETREAT FOR CONSULTATION INITIATIVES**

Executive Council approved recommendations to have a Members Gathering with the date being set for June 1 – 3<sup>rd</sup> at the UBC Campus with the following topics; Waste to Energy, Agricultural Strategy, 5 Year Plan, Income Assistance, Treaty Dividends, Industrial Lands, Commercial Lands and Quality of Life.

**OFF SITE LEVIES REGULATION**

Executive Council approved the updated Offsite Levy Regulation. This revised regulation provides more flexibility to developers, a more robust Capital Plan and reflects best estimates with regards to all the Capital Projects necessary to advance economic development on TFN Lands.

**UPDATE AND APPROVAL OF SURVEY TOOL FOR COMMUNITY WELL-BEING STUDY**

Executive Council approved that Dr. Ralph Matthews of UBC, and his research team, proceed with the administration of the TFN Post-Treaty Community Well-Being study.

**CRAB LICENSE AWARD**

Executive Council agreed to award the Kyle Williams for a five year term with no opportunity for right of first refusal for a renewal of the licence, based on an independent analysis by tale'awtxw aboriginal capital corporation of the bids submitted.

**REZONING OF THE SF1 AND SF2 RESIDENTIAL**

TFN received rezoning applications for lands within the existing "enterprise" zone. The first two rezoning applications are from the Aquilini Development Group on behalf of a 16 family consortium of TFN Members. Because three of the Executive Council Members are in conflict of interest a Special Committee was selected by the Judicial Council consisting of the remaining Executive Council Members, Chief Administrative Officer and person designated by the Chair.

The Special Committee directed to proceed with the further considerations of the amendments to the TFN Zoning Regulation and after the applicant has completed the requirements to TFN's satisfaction a community meeting will be held.

The Special Committee approved a Development Permit for two show homes and a marketing centre subject to several conditions.



Travis Proteau & Pam Proteau  
Members Gathering 2012 @ UBC

**REZONING AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 3, 5 & 6 OF THE ZONING REGULATION**

Executive Council approved the Zoning Regulation amendments to add new definitions to the existing Part 3 Definition; to add new Uses Prohibited in All Zones, Subdivision and Single Family Dwelling Use Vehicle Ingress and Egress provisions to Part 4 General Regulations; and delete Part 6 off Street Parking Regulations.

**TEMPORARY ACCESS ROAD FOR FILL OF THE COMMERCIAL LANDS (TENTATIVE)**

Executive Council raised concerns but ultimately approved the submittal of the temporary access request to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

**SPORTS FIELD LAND SWAP**

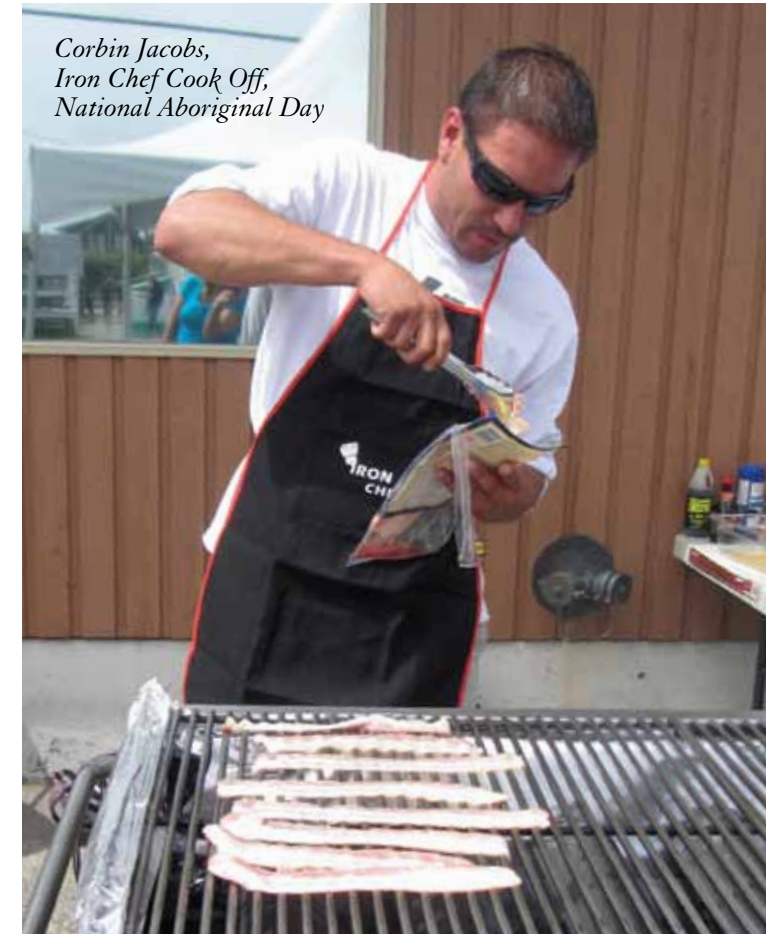
The Community voted in favor to swap property within the neighbourhood plan zone earmarked for a sports field for TFSI property adjacent to Tsawwassen Drive, because of preference to have the sports field within the TFN community area. The designer of the sports field will be holding meetings with the Membership to ensure that the components of the sports field site are what the members want.

**2012 TAX RATE REGULATION & BUDGET**

Executive Council approved the 2012 Tax Rate Regulation and Budget. This is the 4th year in which TFN is taxing under its Property Taxation Act. The Act provides TFN the authority to tax liable Members directly (which will not occur until 2021) and provides for the exercise of the BC – TFN Real Property Tax Coordination Agreement, to tax non-Members.

**36<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ELDERS GATHERING**

As co-hosts of this years gathering, TFN Executive Council and Legislators have been given a formal invitation to attend and participate at the Elder's Gathering.



Corbin Jacobs,  
Iron Chef Cook Off,  
National Aboriginal Day

**PROPOSAL TO CLOSE NULELUM WAY**

As part of the future development of the Ivanhoe Cambridge/ Property Development Site, TFN needs to close Nulelum Way from 52<sup>nd</sup> St to the 48<sup>th</sup> St ditch. The purpose for the road closure is for reasons of public safety as construction on the future shopping centre development begins. Executive Council approved the permanent closure of Nulelum Way and directed staff to notify affected persons and the operators of public utilities.

**NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY**

TFN will be hosting an all day community celebration consisting of fun for all ages beginning with an "Iron Chef" cooking challenge, face painting, healing massage, card reading, bouncy castle, BBQ, bannock station, cake cutting, airbrush tattoo artist, Bingo, Race Tournament, the famous Annual Youth vs. Adult hockey tournament, entertainment and other attractions.

**ENFORCEMENT OF TSAWWASSEN FISHERIES TICKET REGULATION**

After consultation with the Advisory Council, Fisheries Committee, Legislature, LGL Limited environmental research associates and DFO, Executive Council approved the amendments to the Ticket Regulation, as they will provide for a more transparent and more credible enforcement regime.

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*Passing of the medal to Medal Bearer  
Kathy Genge*



*Rick Hansen  
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Relay  
TFN Medal Bearer  
Elizabeth Wright*



*Ken and Cindy Baird  
Members Gathering @ UBC*



*Amy Lachance  
Members Gathering  
2012 @ UBC*



**TFN LANDS DEPARTMENT DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURES  
(IF APPROVED JUNE 20TH)**

Executive Council adopted the "Development Application Form" and "Development Application Requirements Checklist" documents as they specified application forms to be used by development applications in their submission to the Lands Department. Executive Council adopted the Land Development Process, Environmental Protection Development Permit Process and the Soil Stability/Land Fill Development Permit Process to serve as guidelines for processing development applications. These documents are posted to Tsawwassen First Nation's website to be available for Members and development applications.

Copies of TFN Regulations  
are available on the TFN website  
[www.tsawwassenfirstnation.com](http://www.tsawwassenfirstnation.com)

Policies and Regulation are available by  
request from staff at (604) 943-2112