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TFN Members to Consider Neighbourhood Plan

TSAWWASSEN - The Tsawwassen First Nation (TFN) is taking the next step with its recent land use plan by proceeding with a new Neighbourhood Plan for part of its lands near the Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal.

“This is the next step in the process that began in 2009 with our *Tsawwassen First Nation Land Use Plan*,” TFN Chief Kim Baird explained. “Since last September, we’ve hosted meetings with our families, property owners and Members who live out of town to get feedback and input on developing a Neighbourhood Plan within our community. Now Members will have the opportunity to review the draft report of the Neighbourhood Plan in the next few weeks at an open house. A revised report, reflecting those comments, will be presented to the TFN Legislature in mid-March, where we will consider a resolution for approval.”

TFN is planning a public open house to explain the plan to local and area residents on March 10, 2011 from 6pm to 8pm at the TFN Recreation Centre.

The plan’s purpose is to create a variety of residential, employment and recreational opportunities in the community to meet the needs of all TFN members. The area it involves is about 110 hectares (270 acres), centered on the area designated as ‘enterprise and community areas’ within Tsawwassen Lands. On the north end, it is bordered by the Industrial Area, and on the east by the mixed-use and business park-specialty retail area. On the south, the plan area touches Highway 17 at Splashdown Park and the western boundary follows a zoning boundary that matches with the TFN community lands.

“Following an approval of the Plan, the next steps will involve a series of detailed studies on matters such as sanitary sewer, storm water management, water supply, transportation and flood construction levels,” said Richard Cook, principal of Jordan Cook Associates and leader of the consultant team on the project. “The typical process for development follows with rezoning, subdivision and the granting of a development permit. Of course, all applications must be in accordance with the TFN Land Use Planning and Development Act and regulations.”

The TFN treaty is the first urban treaty for British Columbia, and proud to be a true self governing nation since April 2009. TFN is the newest member and first First Nation member of Metro Vancouver.

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