



TSAWWASSEN FIRST NATION  
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## **Tsawwassen First Nation Members Vote Against Proposed LNG Facility**

**Tsawwassen, B.C., December 16, 2015** – Tsawwassen First Nation (TFN) announces that its Members have voted against the proposed development of a liquefied natural gas (LNG) export facility on Tsawwassen Lands. 74 Members opposed the concept, representing 53% of votes cast, while 65 or 46% supported it; there was one rejected ballot. Voter turnout was 48% of eligible TFN Members, including those on and off TFN Lands.

As a consequence of this result, TFN will not be moving forward with any additional discussion regarding this proposed LNG concept.

The proposed concept was for a facility that would produce three to five million tonnes of LNG annually, situated on a 32-hectare site (80 acres) that has been designated for industrial use under TFN's approved Land Use Plan.

In addition to the LNG concept vote, Executive Council was also seeking direction from Members for Phase 2 of TFN's industrial land development. 79% of Members who voted have provided consent for Executive Council to negotiate leases of up to 60 years on the remaining 180 acres of land designated industrial under the TFN Land Use Plan approved in 2008.

110 votes were cast in favour and 29 votes in opposition to begin leasing the second phase of industrial lands. Voter turnout for this vote was also 48% with one rejected ballot.

Consistent with the approach TFN has taken on Phase 1, Members will be consulted regarding the details of each specific lease, including the client, the terms and the benefits before Executive Council finalizes any lease arrangements.

With the successful result of the Phase 2 Industrial Lands vote, the TFN Economic Development Corporation, working with TFN Government, will continue to seek tenants for this land based on light industrial and warehousing uses.

### **Chief Bryce Williams, on behalf of the TFN Executive Council, made the following comment:**

“With today's vote, TFN Members have made the decision that the proposed LNG concept on Tsawwassen Lands is not one they support, and therefore we will not be pursuing it any further.

“On behalf of the TFN Executive Council, I would like to thank all Members for the considerable time, energy and effort they spent during the consultation process to consider these proposals. I was extremely impressed with the level of engagement we saw during the vote. It was clear to me that our community educated itself and made a well-informed choice. I look forward to continuing to work with our community as we work to secure our long-term goal of building a healthy and sustainable future for our children.

“Finally, I would like to thank the project proponents for their interest in working with TFN on this concept.”

### **About Tsawwassen First Nation**

Tsawwassen First Nation is a Coast Salish First Nation community located in south-west British Columbia. In 2009, Tsawwassen Members ratified the first urban First Nation Treaty in Canada, providing Tsawwassen First Nation with self-government jurisdiction and land ownership on a renewed land base. The community is committed to building a better quality of life for its Members and the development of a successful and sustainable economy while creating an ideal location to raise a family. For more information, visit <http://tsawwassenfirstnation.com/general-info/tfn-vision-mandate/>

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### **Tsawwassen First Nation Current Appropriate Terminology (*Reference for Media Use*)**

<b>Incorrect Term</b>	<b>Correct Equivalent Term</b>
Indian Band	First Nation or Treaty First Nation
Tsawwassen Indian Band	Tsawwassen First Nation
Tsawwassen Indian	Tsawwassen Member*
Tsawwassen Reserve	Tsawwassen Lands
Reserve	First Nation Lands
Band or Band Council	Tsawwassen Government (general term) <i>or</i> Government <i>or</i> Legislature (specific body, if required) <i>or</i> Executive Council (specific body, if required)
Band Office	TFN Administration Office

*\*Certain Tsawwassen Members, if eligible under the Indian Act, R.S.C. 1985, c.1-5, continue to be status Indians for the purposes of that legislation. Despite its legal significance, the Tsawwassen Legislature has expressed a desire that Tsawwassen Members no longer be known by the term “Indian.”*