

Tsleil-Waututh Nation Community Newsletter| September 2



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Any questions? email

communications@twnation.ca

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Tsleil-Waututh Nation

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RE: Bear sightings in the community

Attention TWN Community,

Please be aware that there have been several bear sightings in the community. The bears are now getting more comfortable within the TWN community.

Here are some common areas for bear sightings:

- Top of Sleil-Waututh RD
- Spa-ath (near the forest)
- TWN Beach
- Along common trails in the TWN forest



Here are some tips to be bear aware:

- Do not approach or feed the bears!
- Ensure all garbage and garbage bins are kept out of reach; do not place your bins at the curb until the morning of pick up and then promptly store them away after.
- To avoid a surprise encounter, use your voice to alert wildlife of your presence, especially when moving around corners, or travelling near bushes, on paths between streets, and on our local trails.
- If you encounter a bear that has not noticed you, quietly and slowly retreat backwards and change your route.
- If you encounter a bear and he is aware of your presence, stay calm! Speak in a calm voice as you back away.
- If a bear is spending time on your property, remove any attractants. When your property is free of attractants and the bear is enjoying the comforts of your property.

Want to learn more information?

North Shore Bear Network
<https://northshorebears.com>
Phone: 604-317-4911

Welcome to the team Gabriel

Meet our new Treaty, Lands and Resources Director



Gabriel was groomed in the rich history and laws of his family. He graduated from the University of the Fraser Valley, with a Bachelor of Arts degree and from Simon Fraser University earning a Master of Education degree.

Gabriel has been working for the Tsleil-Waututh Nation since 2008 and is grateful to be serving his family and his Nation. He believes strongly in protecting the Indigenous Rights of the Tsleil-Waututh People.

Monday, August 17 was Gabriel's first day in his new position.

Tsleil-Waututh would also like to recognize Ginevra Toniello for her exemplary work as Acting Director of TLR for the past 8 months.

Welcome to the team Melissa



Hello TWN, the Public Works department is happy to introduce the new Public Works Director, Melissa Fahey!

Melissa has over 18 years' experience in civil engineering, land development, municipal works, and construction. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and an Executive Masters of Business Administration. Additionally, Melissa has professional engineering licenses in the provinces of BC, AB, and MB and the states of WA and AK.

In her spare time, Melissa enjoys cycling with her husband, playing tennis, and learning Spanish, German, and the guitar.

She has two daughters, one is studying civil engineering at UBC and the other is studying architecture at U of T.

Welcome to the team Melissa 😊

Welcome to the team Mahara

Mahara belongs to Tsleil-Waututh Nation. She was trained as a Family counsellor and has been working in this field since 1988. Before that, Mahara received on the job training as a workshop facilitator at the Nechi Institute in Alberta (First Nations training organization which prepares Individuals to work in Treatment Centres). Mahara has also been provided with basic training in Dream Interpretation, Art Therapy, Nonviolent Communication, Family Constellation therapy, journaling for personal growth, Somatic Experiencing Therapy, and Sand Tray work.



She is also a spiritual healer, having received this gift in a dream from her great-grandmother, Ta-ah Annie George (wife of Chief Slaholt), and is a Reiki Master as well.

Mahara worked over 15 years for Vancouver Coastal Health as a counsellor, workshop facilitator, and healer. She just completed a three-year contract for them before this, dividing her time between the Lu'ma Medical Clinic, Squamish Nation, and TWN.

Mahara brings deep compassion and enthusiasm to her work and has dedicated the past 32 years to serving (primarily) First Nations individuals, couples, and families.

Hours of service will be Tuesday to Thursday inclusive with some availability on Thursday evenings. The time will be from 9 am to 4 pm.

To book an appointment:

Please contact Mahara (for the time being) at 604-312-2258.

Community Development

See our new Kitchen!

Community Development has more renovations to share with the TWN Community. These renovations will suit the needs for various programming that will take place with our Family Programming, or our TWN School (sx^wnetəłewtx^w). We have renovated our kitchen that will allow us to host workshops, such as canning or foods classes for the TWN School, or other similar programs that may need to use the kitchen once it is safe to gather.



If you have any questions, email
Kirsten at
schoolreception@twnation.ca or
call us at 604-924-4177

Community Development

INCOME ASSISTANCE/ PWD CLIENTS

DUE TO THE COVID – 19 VIRUS
TWN STAFF IS STILL PRACTICING SOCIAL DISTANCING, PLEASE
KEEP 2 METERS APART FROM OTHER.

**We look forward to meeting with you in person! Cheque day will
Resume for pick up starting JULY 29TH, *there will no longer be direct
deposit or chq drop off. Cheque day will be appointments only for each
client.***

This scheduled appointment will be limited to 10 mins per client starting 9am. Please make sure you are here on time for your appointment AND follow our Covid-19 protocols, as we would like to have no crowds in front of the Comm Dev Building, thank you.

If you have any symptoms of sickness please call and let us know if you can have someone pick up your chq.

Please call Danielle or Kirsten to schedule your appointment,
604-924-4177.



Community Development

BC Hydro Co-op work term

For undergraduate university students

WHAT IS A CO-OP WORK TERM?

A co-op work term is an opportunity for current university students to put their education to practical use with an employer. In this case, BC Hydro will hire you for four months or the equivalent of one semester. During your work term you will work within a team, supporting the projects your assigned business group is working on. You will learn about the utility industry and be given the chance to develop your communication skills, computer skills, and become more comfortable working in a professional environment.

To qualify you must:

- Be a current university student with the equivalent of 2 years complete. Preferred program areas are; business, engineering, project management, Indigenous studies, environment, computer science, finance.
- Strong working knowledge of MS office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
- Strong analytical and interpersonal skills with ability to work independently and within a team environment

BC Hydro hires co-op students every semester. Most opportunities are in the Lower Mainland but remote work is possible. Reach out to the contacts below for more information.

BC Hydro contact:

Jay Gladish, Indigenous Employment and Training
Jay.gladish@bchydro.com
604-230-9305

Health and Wellness

Need to See a Doctor?

Call the First Nations Virtual Doctor of the Day
service at 1.855.344.3800

With a computer, phone or tablet connected to wi-fi

STEP 1



Call 1.855.344.3800 to talk to a Medical Office Assistant and book your appointment. You will receive an email to confirm your appointment.

STEP 2



Computer or Laptop

When it is time for your appointment, click on the Zoom video conference link in the email to launch the Zoom app.



Smart Phone or Tablet

Download the Zoom app from the App Store or Play Store. When it is time for your appointment, click on the Zoom video conference link in the email to launch the Zoom app.

Helpful Zoom tips



If the doctor can't hear you, unmute your microphone in the Zoom app.



Use a headset or earpods to remove echoes and protect your privacy.

Over the telephone (no wi-fi connection)

STEP 1



Call 1.855.344.3800 to book your appointment. Let your Medical Office Assistant know that you need to make a telephone appointment.

STEP 2



The doctor will call you when it is time for your appointment

Public Works- House Inspections

Message from Housing

RE: Thank you—House inspections

Attention TWN Community,

Housing would like to thank everyone who has completed the inspections of their homes, and we would like to remind homeowners who have not had their house inspection please reach out to housing.

Please note that we will have been sourcing out companies for some projects for homes. We are coming across issues on timing due to the pandemic. Housing will reach out once we have our suppliers.

Please note, that Tsleil-Waututh will be working on critical home issues first.

- a. Materials that need to come from the states
- b. Companies being booked due to short staff and or training new staff

If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Thomas

Shannon Thomas

Email: stthomas@twnation.ca

Phone: 604-924-4153

Public Works- Fire Safety

Message from Housing

RE: Fire Safety in the community

Attention TWN Community,

We will be conducting fire safety around everyone's homes. We will be removing up to 10 meters of brush and trees (trimming or removed) where applicable around each TWN home.

This fire safety project work will start soon; we will share the confirmed date, once finalized. The cleanup project may go into next year. Please reach out to housing if you have any questions.

- a. This will create a fire stop to prevent fires from spreading house to house;
- b. Decrease rodents activity;
- c. And with tree trimming and or removal will make the home safer if there is a wind event.

If you have any questions, contact Shannon Thomas

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sthomas@twnation.ca

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Public Works- Lands



Figure 1: Map of Project Locations; 1. Apex Connector, 2. FNHA Office Building, 3. Community Subdivision, 4. Maplewood Lands

1. Apex Connector

The construction of the Apex Connector began in May 2020 and is scheduled to be complete by the end of this year. Public Works is working closely with TLR and other TWN Departments on this project. In-stream works will be starting up again this week in coordination with Lands, TLR and engineers. We apologize for any delays or noise as a result of the construction.

2. First Nations Health Authority Office Building

The FNHA Office Building submitted a Development Permit application for their 1-acre site in June 2020. The submission documents are currently under review. This FNHA has proposed to start construction of the site in late Fall 2020.

3. Community Subdivision

The project is currently in preliminary planning stages. This involves assessing potential infrastructure (road, sewer, water, storm) options as well as developing a Membership Housing Needs Assessment survey to understand membership housing priorities. Keep an eye out of the survey in your mailboxes and on social media in the upcoming weeks.

4. Maplewood Lands

The Virtual Membership Information Meeting was held on August 25, 2020 at 5:00 pm. Thank you for everyone who joined and asked questions. For those who were unable to join, you can view the recorded video on the TW Nation Facebook Page or request a link by emailing lands@twnation.ca.

Public Works- Lands

In the next few weeks we will introduce general urban planning topics through an engaging video followed by a survey where you can let us know what you wish to incorporate in the development.

If you have any questions or concerns about any of these projects, please email us at lands@twnation.ca.

Future Projects

The District of North Vancouver is working on a project to construct a crosswalk with flashing lights at Dollarton Highway and Sleil-Waututh Road. Keep an eye out for more information on this project in the coming months.

Public Works- Lands

Survey Reminder

It's not too late to participate in our Lands Survey! The Land Tenure project is a Nation-led initiative to update the **TWN Land Code** and **existing land tenure** on reserve. **Your participation in this survey is extremely vital to ensure that we include all TWN culture, values and needs.**

*Please note that this project does not create or change the legal status of any property on TWN reserve land. The purpose of this project is to collect historical information about TWN land and develop future land management tools.

You will be entered into a draw for a chance to win a \$100 gift card of your choice.

The link to the Land Tenure survey was sent out to all TWN members who have provided the lands office with their email and can also be found on the official **TW Nation** Facebook page.



Call for Submissions!

We are seeking forms of expression, from painting, to spoken word, to animations, to TikTok, and customary media from Indigenous creatives and youth (ages 0-29) for an upcoming digital group exhibition on the themes of community, care and resilience.

Submit now!

This group exhibition seeks creative artistic production that engages with concepts of community, care, and resilience. In this time of potential isolation and disconnection, the Digital Mural Project is eager for Indigenous youth to share their visual and creative responses to change. Images and artworks may explore new ideas of community in the contemporary world, the historical impact of resilience, artistic growth and transformation, new ways of fostering connections and relationships between self, community, and place, or any other creative interpretations related to resilience and community.

These explorations can be made through any visual media, be it digital or documentation of a physical object. The gallery platform supports the presentation of high-quality images, videos, audio and digitally rendered objects. We are open to all stories and forms of expression, from painting, to spoken word, to animations, to customary media. The digital exhibition will be juried and curated by leading Indigenous artists and curators including Franchesca Hebert-Spence, Adrienne Huard, Jennifer McGregor, Tom McLeod, and Mikinaak Migwans. Participants will be offered an honorarium of \$180.00

Note: Works in progress will be considered if applicants provide the selection team with a clear idea of the finished piece, and if selected the work must be completed by October 16th, 2020.

Deadline for submissions: **September 25th, 2020.**

Selected artists will be notified in early October.

If there are questions about whether an artwork would be considered, or supported by the online gallery, please don't hesitate to contact us! If you are under the age of 18/are a parent or guardian who would like to submit on behalf of youth please [include this release form](#) with your submission.





Media Release Form

I hereby authorize the digital mural project to display any images, audio, and/or video footage produced by _____ age ____ (under 18 years of age), in whole or in part, individually or in conjunction with other images, audio, and/or video footage, to be reproduced, displayed, and/or distributed for educational, promotional, advertising, and/or other lawful purposes.

I am over 19 years-of-age and the parent or legal guardian of the youth, am submitting on their behalf or agreeing to the terms above on their behalf, and I have read this waiver and am familiar with its content.

Parent / Guardian Name (Please Print): _____

Signature: _____

Youth's Name: _____

Date: _____