



# Tsleil-Waututh Nation

səlílwətaʔt

## community newsletter

February 24, 2021



### IN THIS ISSUE

Highlights	2
COVID-19 & Vaccine Updates	3-5
LAC Election notice & timeline	6-7
TWNListen	8-10
Announcements	11
Youth Opportunities	12-15
Cultural Workshops	16-17
Training Opportunity	18
Job Postings	19
hay čxw qə	20

Questions? Send us a message!  
[communications@twnation.ca](mailto:communications@twnation.ca)

people of the inlet



## newsletter highlights

February / March 2021

- COVID-19 Vaccination Toolkit & Live Info Session
- LAC Election Notice & Revised Elections Timeline
- TWN Listen - Thank You Note from William George-Thomas
- Coyote warning in the area
- Youth - TWN Post-Secondary, Youth Pack, Opportunities, & Wellness
- Powwow & Jigfit Workshops
- Marine Careers - Bridge Watch Rating Program
- Job Postings - Broadway Subway Project



**Pink Shirt Day**  
working together to stop bullying  
and celebrate diversity / Feb 24

səlílwətaʔt



**Tsleil-Waututh Nation**  
PEOPLE OF THE INLET

# COVID-19 updates



## **Ćećawət leləm** - Helping House **COVID-19 Vaccination Toolkit**

Please make sure to read the COVID-19 vaccination toolkit that was emailed to the community mid-February.

This toolkit will provide you with all the information you need to make an informed choice and explains how you can book your vaccination appointment when it arrives. Vaccination is a personal decision, but also a decision that affects our community and the people you live with.

COVID-19 presents a grave threat to our health and wellbeing. Like with other vaccines, the COVID-19 vaccine protects you, but more importantly, also the people around you. The more people that are vaccinated, the harder it is for COVID-19 to spread. We hope that you consider your immunization decision wisely and join the Tsleil-Waututh Nation Community Immunity campaign.

## **First Nations Health Authority - COVID-19**

We encourage everyone to bookmark FNHA.ca and check back frequently for up-to-date information with the latest COVID-19 news:  
<https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events>

# COVID-19 updates



## **COVID-19 Vaccine Live Info Session**

**March 2, 6pm via Zoom**

TWN Health Department will be hosting a second live session to answer any questions and address any concerns you have about the COVID-19 vaccine. Tsleil-Waututh Nation is anticipating the arrival of vaccinations in March and we would like for everyone to feel that you are able to make the most informed decision for your family and our community when that time comes.

Please join Helping House staff, Eliza Henshaw, Nurse Practitioner and Primary Care Provider, and Sibylle Tinsel, Registered Nurse and Primary Care Manager, on March 2nd from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. Following a Welcome from Chief Leah, staff will provide a brief overview of the COVID-19 vaccines and then we will open up the floor for your questions. We look forward to seeing you there. To attend, see the event link on Facebook to join Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/96021553313>.



# COVID-19 updates



## COVID-19 Emergency Support Funding

On behalf of Tsleil-Waututh Nation Council, we would like to first and foremost thank you for your ongoing strength and commitment to the safety of our community during this past year. You have been the key to minimizing the threat of the COVID-19 virus in our community.

We recognize that this pandemic has taken a toll on all aspects of our lives and livelihoods. To offer some support for our membership during this time, elected leadership will provide \$250 to each member of the Tsleil-Waututh Nation from the COVID-19 Emergency Fund. Funds will be available by:

**Direct Deposit - February 26**

**On reserve: February 26 - hand delivered**

**Off reserve: February 24 - cheques mailed**

Again, we thank each and every one of you for doing your part to ensure the safety of our people - we raise our hands to you.



# LAC Election Notice

## announcement



**The Land Advisory Committee Election will be held on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the Northwest Parking Lot of the TWN Admin Building.**

- There will be Health Department approved COVID-19 Safety Protocols in place. More information about the COVID-19 Safety Protocols will be provided March 3, 2021.
- The election is a vote by secret ballot and is being held to fill 2 of the 4 seats on the Land Advisory Committee (LAC) that expire March 31.
- The duration of the positions is 4 years.

### **CANDIDATES INFORMATION**

- Nominations for the LAC election must be submitted by Tuesday, March 2, 2021 to be on the ballot.
- Candidates may provide a short paragraph on why they should be elected to the LAC. Please note that this is not required to submit a nomination.

### **VOTING**

- Voting will be done by appointment and will be located in the North West Parking Lot of the Administration Building. More information on how to set an appointment will be provided March 3, 2021.
- Voting will take place by secret ballot of the Eligible Voters.
- The two Candidates with the most votes will be elected to fill the positions.

### **QUESTIONS?**

Contact: Jackie Nelson

Phone: (604) 787-9696

Email: [lands@twnation.ca](mailto:lands@twnation.ca)



# **Elections Timeline**

## **LAC / Nominations / Council**



**March  
2**

### **LAC Nominations**

Nominations for the LAC election must be submitted by Tuesday, March 2, 2021 to be on the ballot.

**March  
10**

### **LAC Election**

Upcoming LAC Election: March 10, 2021 from 5-7 pm. TWN Lands is working closely with the Health Department to ensure all COVID-19 Safety Protocols are in place to keep the community safe. For more information please contact Jackie Nelson with any questions at [lands@twnation.ca](mailto:lands@twnation.ca) or (604) 787-9696.

**May**

### **Council Nominations**

Please note that nominations for the Council Election has been tentatively postponed to May 2021. \*

**June**

### **Council Election**

Please note that the Council Election has been tentatively postponed to June 2021. \*

As this is an election year – please ensure that you and your off reserve family have updated their email address along with their current mailing address to: [dbgeorge@twnation.ca](mailto:dbgeorge@twnation.ca) or [communications@twnation.ca](mailto:communications@twnation.ca)

\*With the arrival of the vaccine being largely dependent on factors outside of our control and out of an abundance of caution, TWN Council has approved the recommendation to further postpone TWN Elections to take place in June 2021. The health and safety of our community is of the upmost importance. Dates are tentative with more information to come.



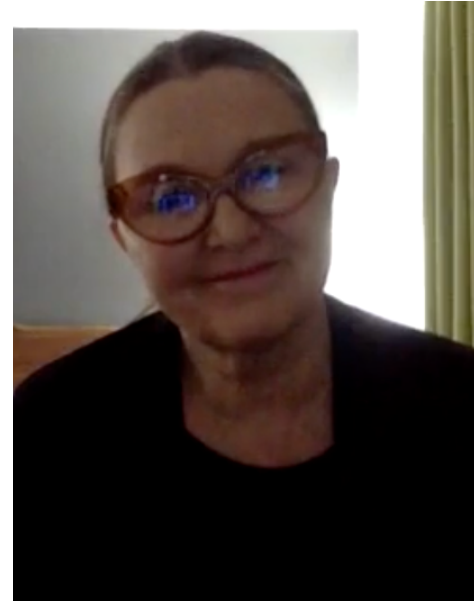
## **a thank you note from William George-Thomas** to elders & families who tuned in

"First of all, I'd like to thank all that tuned in for the 5 days of TWNListen! I had so much fun with this and exploring a new option I had never seen before with the live broadcasting we did. I saw that other nations were doing similar events but on platforms like Zoom. I thought the model (Zoom) was a little redundant and niche for certain events, great for meetings in general but the Community Development Facebook had a great following, I wanted to use this asset and experiment with different platforms available on Facebook! I noticed that the "Facebook Live" feature would have the comments override the speaker's face and that Zoom would be too difficult for any member that wasn't familiar with the platform. Thus, Facebook Messenger Room was the option! With a little confusion in the first few days all went well and two particular features stood out for me, 1) that family members could stay on for the comfort of the speaker and it would not minimize the speaker's screen and; 2) It was simple to broadcast live onto the Community Development page with people able to tag family in the comment section which helped with members who weren't Facebook savvy. The platform just became more ideal with each day of using it!





# TWNListen



During unprecedented times like these, I could simply not ignore the fact that we needed to gather, for our safety we cannot physically meet and this hurts me, as it must have for so many other members feeling isolated from their community. With virtual gatherings I hope to tackle two essential issues: 1) accessibility to physically gathering with our community and 2) inclusivity of our off-reserve members! This is an idea I will come back to, we cannot ignore our culture and gathering is essential to showcase that we are resilient in times of a global pandemic, we will stay together and stay strong together. I want to showcase our culture through online platforms. I look forward to the many ideas that are cooking so watch out because TWNListen will be returning!"

\o/ William (Hunas)



# TWNListen



Sarah K Thomas · 32:58

❤️ Thanks for the beautiful song and stories. IT is just what we needed. And thanks for the great hosting Job **William George Thomas** Love you all ❤️



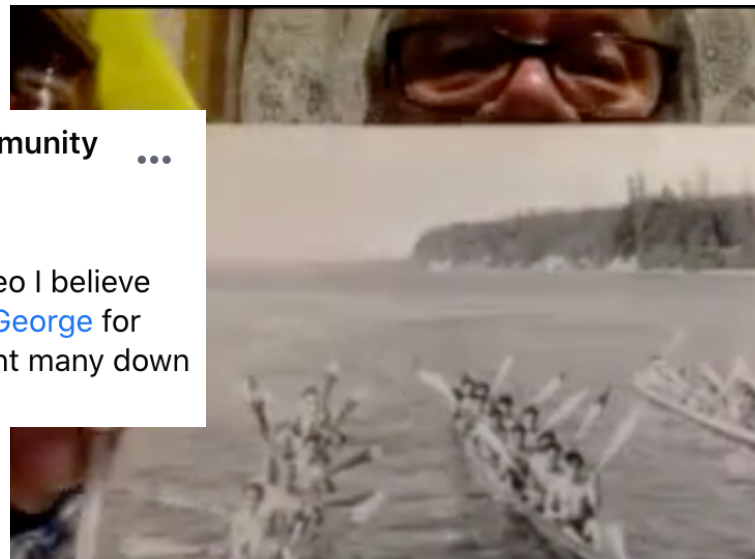
Like · Reply · 1 w



**William George Thomas** ▶ Tsleil-Waututh Community Development Dept. ...

🛡️ Admin · 15 February at 19:47 · 🗣️

Thank you all for a successful first [#twnlisten](#) ! The video I believe will stay posted! Thank you [Carleen Thomas](#) and [Dee George](#) for being our first speakers and sharing stories that brought many down memory lane and the slahal song tonight!



# Announcements



## Coyotes in the area! (warning)

**\*Please keep a close watch on your children and pets.**

**\*To report a coyote sighting, please call the BC Conservation Services Office at 1-877-952-7277.**



### **When are coyotes most active?**

Coyotes may be observed during the day, but are generally more active after sunset and at night. Coyotes may be seen more during mating season in January-March, as well as when the young are dispersing from family groups in October-January.

### **Here are some helpful tips to ensure that all community members and animals are safe:**

- be as big and as loud as possible, do not run or turn your back.
- wave your arms, clap your hands and shout in an authoritative voice.
- make noise by banging pots and pans or using an air horn or whistle, these sounds can also alert the neighbours.
- throw small stones, sticks, tennis balls or anything else you can lay your hands on, remember the intent is to scare and not to injure.
- spray with a hose if available, or a squirt gun filled with water and vinegar.
- shake or throw a “coyote shaker” – a soda can filled with pennies or pebbles and sealed with duct tape.



# Tsleil-Waututh Post-Secondary Program



**Deadline date for applications, to be considered for sponsorship, for a September 2021 semester start is: May 21, 2021**

**Required documents** to be attached to your completed application:

- Copy of Status Card, both sides
- Original acceptance letter from post-secondary institution
- Signed release form (included in application package)
- Transcript
- Letter speaking to your educational goal/path

**High Cost Programs** reduce the number of applicants who can be sponsored. Applicants must first seek availability of the desired program of study in a public post-secondary institute. Before applying to TWN for sponsorship, check the Master List of Designated Institutes to ensure the Institution is recognized, access it from the CanLearn website [www.canlearn.ca](http://www.canlearn.ca).

**Eligible programs require** the completion of high school/secondary studies, or equivalent, as recognized by the post-secondary institution. Is at least 1 academic year in duration (as defined by the institution) and are delivered at an eligible institution.

If you applied last year (2019/2020) and withdrew your application or could not start your program for good reason, you are required to complete a new application before the deadline May 1, 2021, if you are considering attending September 2021.

For further information, please contact, Liana Martin – Post-Secondary Coordinator at 604 924 4166 or [postsecondary@twnation.ca](mailto:postsecondary@twnation.ca)

# Youth Social



## Tsleil Waututh Nation Youth Pack



Join us on Zoom every Saturday to nurture social **connectedness** and **togetherness** of TWN youth, during the COVID-19 pandemic, through **strengths**-based, **youth**-led activities.

**Start:** Saturday, January 30, 2021 @ 7PM

**Location:** Zoom—<https://zoom.us/j/4515308707> (password: compassion)

### **Contacts:**

Gordon Dick (778) 235-8677

Henry Schooner (604) 715-2407

Nuzhat Jamal (778) 881-9345



# Youth Opportunity



SACRED MATRIARCH CREATIVE PRESENTS:



## SACRED CREATORS YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Seeking **6 Indigenous youth**  
**Ages 16-30**

Virtual Circles **2x month**  
**March-June 2021**

**Paid** honorarium per circle

Your voice matters! Your input will be a  
foundational role in the creation of a social  
enterprise designed to serve Indigenous youth.

This is a pilot project funded by the Young Entrepreneur Symposium YES  
Challenge and Indigenous Services Canada.

To apply: Submit your name, age, nation, current  
territory, why you want to apply and what  
inspires you to [sacredmatriarch@gmail.com](mailto:sacredmatriarch@gmail.com) or  
FB: Sacred Matriarch page



# Youth Wellness



## YOUTH WELLNESS AND COVID-19

There are lots of ways to support your mental and emotional health.

**GET FIT** *"I'm keeping well by exercising every day - whether it's a walk in the park or going to the gym."*

- BRANDON, HAIDA AND NISGA'A FIRST NATIONS

**GET CENTRED** *"During COVID, I've started taking care of my body the way I know it needs to be taken care of."*

- MARCIE, OJIBWE FROM FISHING LAKE FIRST NATION

**GET PERSPECTIVE** *"To keep myself well during the pandemic I'm going a little easier on myself."*

- MICHELLE, TAHLTAN AND TLINGIT FIRST NATIONS

**GET SKILLS** *"I'm staying well during COVID by learning something new like how to bead."*

-TAYLOR, FORT NELSON FIRST NATION

**GET ROOTED IN CULTURE** *"For me, staying well during COVID comes with harvesting our traditional foods and medicines..."*

- MEGAN, HAISLA FIRST NATION



VIEW PROFILES,  
VIDEOS AND MORE  
AT [FNHA.CA/YOUTH](https://fnha.ca/youth)



First Nations Health Authority  
Health through wellness

# Cultural Workshops



## Powwow Impact

*With Madelaine McCallum* →

### Share your story with movement

- You will learn the basics of powwow from the basic powwow step to the crow hop
- Every workshop you will be taught 2-3 steps that will be sequenced through choreography
- By the last workshop you will have knowledge of 10 or more powwow steps and will have an opportunity to dance

#### **DATES:**

**Program runs for six weeks  
starting on March 2, 2021**

#### **TIME:**

**Every Tuesday  
from 6 to 7 p.m.**

#### **COST:**

**Free**

#### **REGISTRATION:**



**ISPARC**

Indigenous Sport,  
Physical Activity & Recreation Council



# Cultural Workshops



## Jigfit Workouts

*With Madelaine McCallum* →

### Share your story with movement

- You will learn Métis dance steps that will be sequenced through choreography. You won't even know you are getting a workout!
- You will gain knowledge of dances such as The Red Jig, Belt Dance, Broom Dance, and Orange Blossom special



#### **DATES:**

**Program runs for six weeks  
starting on Feb. 25, 2021**

#### **TIME:**

**Every Thursday  
from 6 to 7 p.m.**

#### **COST:**

**Free**

#### **REGISTRATION:**



**ISPARC**

Move | Play | Compete

Indigenous Sport,  
Physical Activity  
& Recreation Council

# Training Opportunity



## **Marine Careers**

### Bridge Watch Rating Program

Indigenous people and women are invited to participate in the fully-funded Bridge Watch Rating program with Camosun College to learn and enhance seamanship skills, earn nationally-recognized certifications, and embark upon an exciting, entry-level career in the Marine industry. Hear from experienced sailors, take field trips, practice hands-on techniques, and undertake a practicum at sea. Marine-based employers are excited to hire our graduates! Supported by Transport Canada and OPP (Oceans Protection Plan), and via a partnership with BCIT, Camosun's Bridge Watch Rating program provides a pathway for you to enter into rewarding marine sector careers. You'll learn the essential knowledge and skills related to the practice of seamanship, navigation, standards of safe working procedures, and the hazards associated with the marine environment.

More info:

<http://camosun.ca/learn/school/trades-technology/community-partnerships/bridge-watch-nautical-trades.html>

# Job Postings



## **Broadway Subway Project**

Acclona Infrastructure Canada Inc.

### **Receptionist**

The Receptionist is responsible for being the first point of contact for the Broadway Subway project office. Greeting visitors, providing an overall welcoming environment, managing office supplies, directing any incoming inquiries or mail items, and maintaining the office clean and tidy, are key functions of the role.

### **Traffic Coordinator**

As Traffic Coordinator you will have the responsibility for implementing all forms of traffic control on the project. The role includes the management of the traffic accommodation equipment and interface with the traffic consultant.

### **Health & Safety Supervisor -Construction**

Under the direct reporting to the Project Health & Safety Manager, and the Director of Health & Safety, the Health & Safety Supervisor will be responsible for providing support to the management team, supervisors, foremen and workers. This position will provide leadership and coordination of the day-to-day health and safety requirements of the Broadway Subway Project.

**For full job descriptions & more info on how to apply, contact TWN Skills Centre, Employment & Training Manager Anita Thomas at [athomas@twnation.ca](mailto:athomas@twnation.ca).**



hay čx<sup>w</sup> qə



Take care  
& be kind to one another

səlilwətaʔt

