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community newsletter

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newsletter highlights

March 24, 2021

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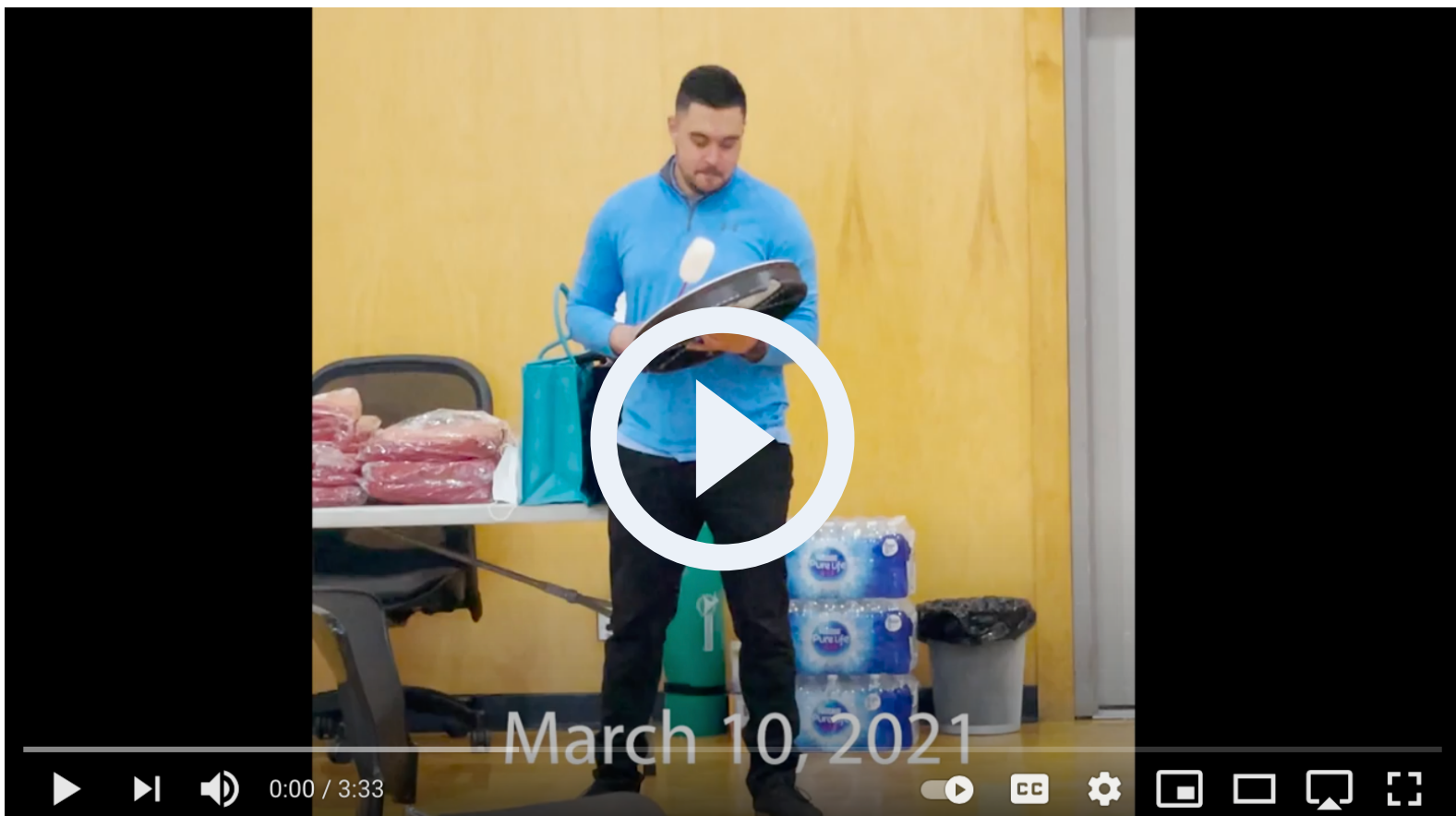


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COVID-19 community vaccination day



Watch this video from our community vaccination day:



COVID-19 community vaccination clinic



a note from Councillor Vanessa Gonzalez:

Thank you to my Tsleil-Waututh community for getting COVID-19 vaccinations

The negotiating efforts of Tsleil-Waututh Nation's chief, council, and health director came to fruition, as we vaccinated hundreds of our community members. I am proud to be one of our community members to have received my vaccination last week.

While I have the utmost respect for every single person who walked through the doors of our community centre, determined to protect themselves and their loved ones against the virus, I am in complete awe of others who did not arrive with the same level of certainty but overcame various personal fears and got vaccinated. Our people exemplified such selflessness to put the wellness of others ahead of their own hesitations.

Getting this vaccination is a personal choice and Tsleil-Waututh respects that choice, but we must also encourage people to think of the possible consequences of that choice. COVID-19 poses a great risk to our world and an even greater risk to Tsleil-Waututh people. Our strongest pillars – our family ties and interconnectedness – also face the greatest threat. For the foreseeable future, this is our only protection.

COVID-19 community vaccination clinic



The sentiment of the day was powerful and the trajectory toward returning to our Tsleil-Waututh way of life is palpable. My heart is happy to cautiously await community immunity.

- Vanessa Gonzalez



as shared in the
North Shore News

#CommunityImmunity

Statluw District

Special Virtual Membership Meeting



REMINDER! Join us for the Statluw District Special (Virtual) Membership Meeting on the Amendment to the Land Use Plan Law (2019)

Date: Wednesday March 24, 2021

Time: 6:30pm

Where: Virtual via Zoom - Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/94080181169>

Would you like to learn more about the Land Use Plan Amendment for the Statluw District Project?

We would like to hear any of your thoughts or feedback!

Please reach out to us at lands@twnation.ca.

We will enter everyone who shares a response into a draw to win 1 of 10, \$10 Tim Horton's gift cards. The winner will be announced following the Special (Virtual) Membership Meeting.

For more information, please contact Jackie Nelson with any questions at lands@twnation.ca or (604) 787-9696.

Celebrating Our Tsleil-Waututh Women



newsletter submission from Chief Leah George-Wilson

Every day I am inspired by the women that make our TWN Community so amazing. And every year on March 8th, International Women's Day, I like to take the time to acknowledge and recognize some of these women.

TWN has a long history of women in leadership roles. Women are the heart of this nation. The late Maude Thomas nee Nahanee was the first TWN woman to be elected to Council for the Burrard Indian Band in 1952. That was the same year the Indian Act determined Indians should elect Band Councils. Maude Thomas would go on to serve a total of three terms. At the time TWN was a small community, with council made up of just one chief and two councilors.

Maude Thomas paved the way for several women who would come after her to serve TWN Council including Irene Aleck, nee George, late Lillian C. George nee Thomas, late Rosemary Thomas nee George, Carleen Thomas nee George, Liana Guss Martin, Jen Thomas, Deanna B. George, Maureen Thomas, Charlene Aleck, Michelle R. George, and Vanessa Gonzalez. As well, I was the first woman to be elected Chief in 2001. Maureen Thomas was the second woman to hold this office.

Women have also led several our departments within the nation. I had the honour of being the director of TLR for nine years ending in 2010. Ang George has been the Director of Community Development for nine years as well and oversees the Principal of our TWN School, Tanya O'Neill. Andrea Aleck has been Director of the Health Department for the last year and was our Health Manager in the late 1990's.

Celebrating Our Tsleil-Waututh Women



She has shown tremendous leadership over this last year, navigating our community through the COVID-19 pandemic. She has led with firm direction and empathy, with the community's health and wellness guiding every decision she has made.

Women are the heart of our nation and I would like to thank the ones listed above and all of the amazing women who give so much to our community. You are inspiring our next generation of women leaders and I thank you for doing the great work you continue to do.

-Chief Leah George-Wilson



Herring Spawn Eggs Transfer

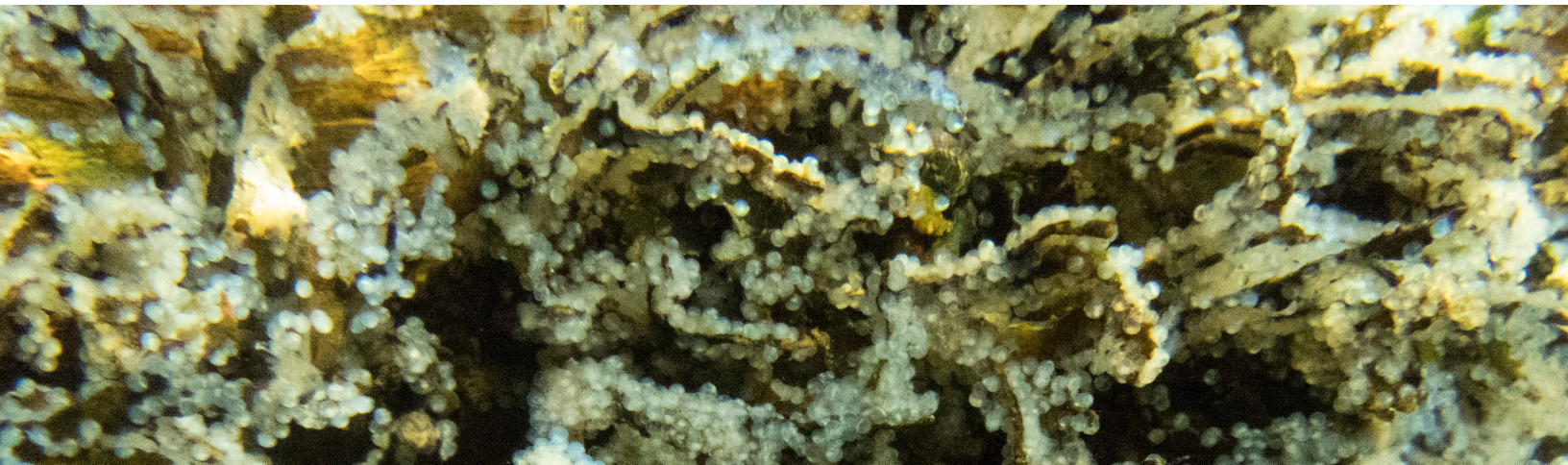
story on ecosystems returning



Chief Leah George-Wilson will be speaking on this story in an interview with CBC this week:

“This spring, we are celebrating one of the largest returns of pacific herring to the Inlet in recent memory.

Around 1885 AD, poor fishery practices, including dynamite fishing, resulted in the collapse of herring populations in Burrard Inlet and Indian Arm. Prior to that, however, herring had been abundant, especially around First Narrows Coal Harbour - some settler accounts recall schools of herring measuring miles in length and numbering in the millions! As a keystone species, herring have always been an important food resource for a cascade of life in the Inlet. For example, large populations of smelt and herring would have supported historic accounts of “two to three acres of ducks” (Mathews 1955:286) rafting around on the water in Vancouver Harbour and False Creek. Keep an eye out for diving scoters, sea lions, bald eagles and different species of gulls feeding on these important fish and their eggs over the next week!



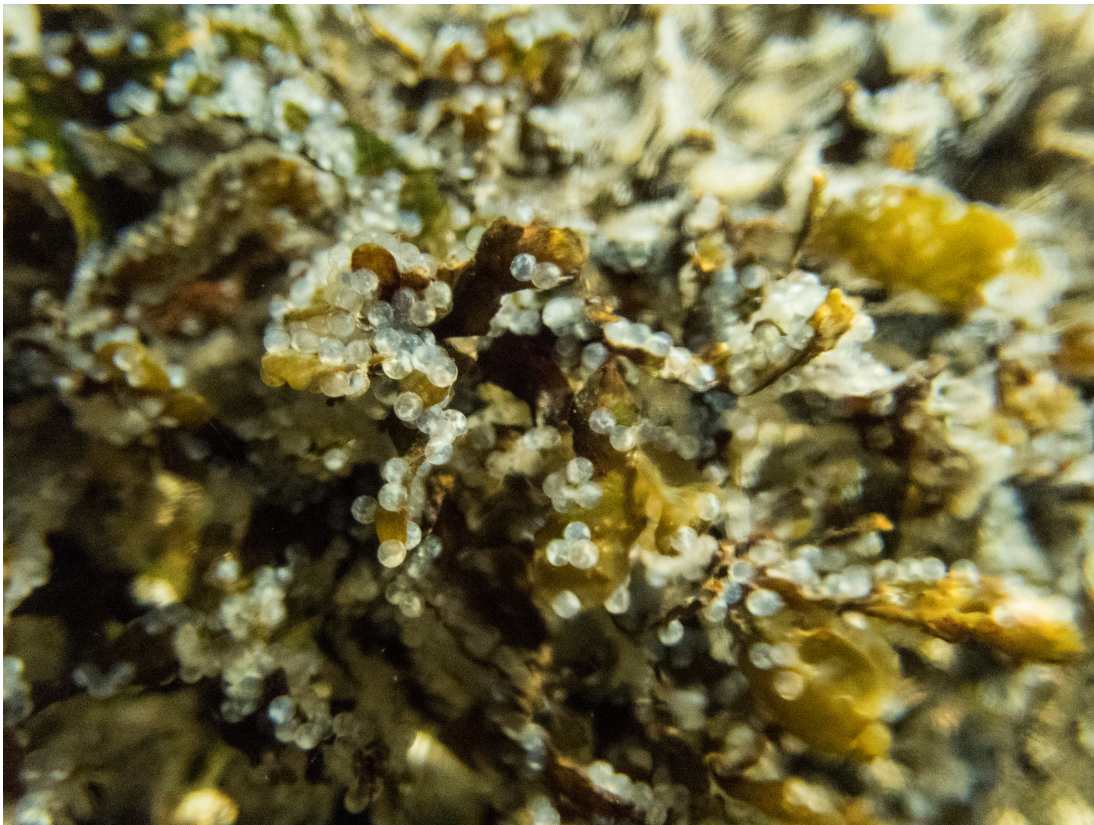
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The TLR department has been working alongside Squamish Streamkeepers to help transfer herring eggs from pilings in False Creek to safer, cleaner waters in Burrard Inlet. This past Monday, field crew members went out into Indian Arm to investigate. We hope you'll enjoy these photos of what they found!

If you are interested in learning more about the work TLR is doing to support herring populations and restoration work, get in touch with us by emailing communications@twnation.ca.



herring egg photos by Haley Crozier

TWN Relationships Program

about



On behalf of Tsleil-Waututh Nation, the TWN Relationships Program creates, builds, and maintains relationships with external governments and organizations, in collaboration with all TWN Departments. Developing relationships and agreements provides more opportunity to advance our Nation's environmental, cultural, health, community development and economic goals, for the benefit of all members. Our relationships generally fall within these groups:

- Other First Nations
- Provincial Ministries
- Federal Departments
- Regional Districts and Local Governments
- Crown Corporations
- Industry
- Educational Institutions
- Museums and other non-profits

Meet our TWN Relationships Team!



Amanda King Relationship Manager

Hello everyone! It's been amazing working for the Nation for over 7 years. I first started in the Treaty, Lands and Resources Department as a Referrals Analyst in January 2014, and moved into the role of Senior Referrals Analyst (2015) and then Consultation and Accommodation Manager (2018). In July 2019, I officially took on the role of Relationship Manager for Tsleil-Waututh Nation and currently work within the Administration Department.



I honestly have so much gratitude to be working with and for Tsleil-Waututh Nation, whose good work and values inspire me every day. Since I've been working from home due to the pandemic, I really miss coming into the office and interacting with everyone, especially TWN community members. I look forward to coming back to the office, once it's safe to do so, and am also so thankful to have the wonderful Venancia Rivera George as part of the team!

Meet our TWN Relationships Team!



Venancia Rivera George Relationship Specialist

Hello Family,

I am very blessed for a lot of membership to already know who I am, though, I would like to respectfully introduce myself.

My mother is Serena Elaine George from Tsleil-Waututh Nation, North Vancouver. My Father is Jose Luis Rivera from San Alejo, El Salvador. I am a Tsleil-Waututh Nation member, raised within the community and have worked in various roles within the organization for 8 years. During those years, I have gone from Elder's Coordinator to Reception / Administrative Assistant.

In February of this year, I secured the position of Tsleil-Waututh Nation Relationship Specialist. I am extremely happy that I've made it to where I am today. I can truly say I have reached my dream profession! I spend my days connecting with people, creating and building relationships to the benefit of our Nation and People. I am very passionate about what I do and greatly appreciate the people and path that guided me here.

Meet our TWN Relationships Team!



I could not have done this on my own. The knowledge and teachings our youth, elders, staff, and community has given have inspired me to be the best version of myself and have shaped the person I am today. I am proud to represent the Nation in this capacity, it makes my heart full to have the support and confidence of so many.

All my relations, Thank you!

-Venancia



H3O Soccer Bootcamp

spring break



H3O Spring Break Soccer Bootcamp

We would like to thank H3O for hosting the first week of soccer spring break bootcamp. The kids have been having a great time, and are learning by receiving one-on-one instruction for soccer skills and tips!



Family Fun Day

spring break



The kids and youth enjoyed their time at last week's Family Fun Day. Thanks to the families who came out!



Family Fun Day

spring break event



The next Fun Day is rescheduled for Friday March 26.

Contact Krista to reserve a time at (604) 679-0782. Each booking must be for same household members only.



Easter Egg Hunt

upcoming event!



All on reserve households will be receiving a small bag of Easter treats and a blank Egg to colour and post on your door or window. Elders can choose to receive an egg coloured by our TWN school students.

All on reserve children 16 and under will receive a bag of Easter goodies. There is no need to register your child but if parents want to make sure that their child is getting a bag or if you have an extra child in your home over the weekend you can call Jo-Anne at Community Development Reception- 604-924-4177 and give your name and the number of children in your household.

Delivery will be on Thursday April 1st between 10am and 3pm. If people are not home we will leave the bag at their front door.

Eggs and a bunny will also be placed around the community and the trails. Over the weekend we want to encourage families (in their bubble) to get out and walk around to spy as many eggs as they can. People can do a hunt to find the bunny and then post a photo without revealing the location to be entered for a special Easter prize. People should also encouraged to take post photos of the eggs they found, their family walking outside and, any other Easter activities they are doing. People who post will also be entered to win a prize.

-TWN Community Development team

#TWNHops



Public Works announcement



Attention Tsleil-Waututh Nation Members,

Please note that work will soon be underway by the District of North Vancouver to clean storm lines and catch basins on the TWN Reserve.

The work will be ongoing. It will start next week of March 29, and continue through the start of May.

All work will be done between 10:00 am and 3:30 pm.

There will be no disruptions to water systems or traffic flow.

Thank you,

Public Works Department



Prawn Traps License announcement



SALISH SEAS

Musqueam. Tla'amin. Tsleil-Waututh.

Salish Seas Fisheries Limited Partnership is a commercial fishing partnership between the Musqueam, Tla'amin and Tsleil-Waututh Nations. Salish Seas Fisheries Limited Partnership has issued one Request for Proposals (RFP) for Nation members interested in the following licence leasing opportunities:

2021 Prawn Licences:
FW46 (12.83 m/42.1 ft)
FW27 (12.80 m/42 ft)

To pick up an RFP package, please contact:

The TWN Front Desk in person and at 604-929-3454 or James Sandover at salishseaslp@gmail.com and 604-802-5407

All proposals must be submitted in person or via email to salishseaslp@gmail.com by the **Closing Time: 4:30 pm March 29th, 2021**

Wellness Wheel

expressive arts workshops



join us!

Wednesdays March 31,
April 7, & April 14, 2021

4:30 to 6pm

Youth (ages 15+) and
Adults

Virtual - Closed Zoom
Room

For questions & how to
register, email
Sandra Suasnabar
Expressive Arts Therapist
& Workshop Facilitator, at
ssalberco@twnation.ca, or
text her at (236) 335-
5783, by Friday March 26.

In this 3 session workshop series, you will be guided to explore movement-based activities and the expressive arts creative process. This Wellness Wheel activity will invite participants to connect to the arts, nature, and creativity as a way to find inspiration and joy. Remember that no art experience is needed. Materials will be provided, and you are also welcome to use your own preferred materials from home (magazines, fabric, paint, etc). Looking forward to seeing you in the group!

Artist Call

for expressions of interest



FIRST PEOPLES'
CULTURAL COUNCIL

Call For Coast Salish Art On BC Ferries

To honour the unique relationship Coast Salish People have with the Salish Sea as the traditional stewards and original mariners of the southern coastal waters, BC Ferries is seeking a strong Coast Salish design for the exterior and interior of its newest vessel – Salish Heron. FPCC is inviting eligible artists to respond to the call for Expressions of Interest. FPCC is facilitating the commission of an original design that reflects the character and meaning of the Salish Heron name.

The deadline to apply is **May 10, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. PT**

Please read through the entire Call for Expressions of Interest PDF which provides full details of the process and timeline: <https://fpcc.ca/stories/bcferries2021/>.

Submit your response directly to the First Peoples' Cultural Council by email: hilary@fpcc.ca



Training Opportunity

Indigenous Policy & Administration



GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN **INDIGENOUS POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION**



Building effective leadership and management across Indigenous and non-Indigenous organizations.

Carleton's School of Public Policy and Administration (SPPA) offers two unique Graduate Diplomas in Indigenous Policy and Administration (IPA). One is for working professionals while the other is for current and incoming graduate students from Carleton and other universities.

Both graduate diplomas are designed to help students develop cultural and contextual competencies essential for working with Indigenous governments and organizations. Students will learn how to bridge traditional Indigenous worldviews with others, including those embedded

in the practices of governance and administration that are found in general Canadian and international settings. They will learn how to understand the complexity of First Nations, Métis and Inuit history, politics and contemporary structures; and will also develop their skills in financial management, community development, organizational design and leadership.

IPA courses are delivered through an intensive on-campus Summer Institute, and online. The diplomas are available on a part-time basis, with students able to take one or two courses per semester.

DEGREES OFFERED

Graduate Diplomas; Concentration as part of the Master of Public Policy and Administration

CAREER OPTIONS

Prepare graduates for working in or with First Nation, Métis and Inuit governments and organizations, as well as with other government departments that focus on this area. There is an increasing need for leaders who can work in this fluid environment with a level of cultural competency and an understanding of Indigenous history, law, economics and politics that go beyond a simple awareness of Aboriginal issues.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

April 1

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A four-year bachelor's degree (or equivalent) with an average of B+ or better. Mid-career applicants who do not have a BA (honours) but who have demonstrated relevant professional excellence over five years or more are welcome to apply.

CONTACT INFO

613-520-2547
ipa@carleton.ca

carleton.ca/sppa/ipa

Training Opportunity

Bank Teller Training

INFO SESSION: BANK TELLER TRAINING



To learn more:

Zoom Info Sessions every Tuesday and Thursday at 2:00 pm

<https://zoom.us/j/6048733772>

or email akai@necvancouver.org

Training Dates: April 19 - June 25, 2021

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Job Posting

Wild Bird Trust



JOB POSTING: PART-TIME WORKERS (2), Purple Martin (PUMA) Nest Box Research Program

Did you know the wooden posts out in the Maplewood mudflats are houses for migrating purple martin birds? They fly from Brazil to Tsleil-Waututh every year!

Would you like to be a part of a regular team that puts nest boxes out in the spring and brings them back in the fall? The

Wild Bird Trust (WBT) is seeking two Tsleil-Waututh community members to help install Purple Martin nest boxes located on Maplewood Flats.

Two half-days' work \$250. No experience necessary. Training provided. We follow strict COVID-safe standards.

For more details, email Lianne Payne, executive director, Wild Bird Trust of BC, ed@wildbirdtrust.org, or call 604-929-2379.



The Conservation Area at Maplewood Flats
2649 Dollarton Hwy,
North Vancouver, BC

Job Postings

Providence Health Care



Indigenous Peer Support Coordinator

Full-Time / St. Paul's Hospital

Indigenous Peer Support Worker

Part-Time / St. Paul's Hospital

These roles work as embedded team members in the Indigenous Wellness Program to coordinate, facilitate, and provide Peer support from an Indigenous perspective. They include providing emotional support and patient advocacy, and promoting health provider relationships that are trauma-informed.

<https://www.providencehealthcare.org/.../indigenous-peer...>

visit website or contact communications@twnation.ca for full job descriptions

LAC Election Results

announcement



Tsleil-Waututh Nation
Department of Public Works
3178 Alder Court
North Vancouver, BC V7H 2V6
Tel: (604) 929-3454

Lands Advisory Committee 2021 Election Results

The Lands Advisory Committee (LAC) elections took place on Wednesday March 10, 2021 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm, outside the TWN Administration Building.

The results are:

1. Carleen Thomas – 17 votes
2. Quanah Weedon – 7 votes
3. Daniel Herrick – 6 votes

Thank you to all of the candidates for putting your names forth, and thank you to all of the TWN members who exercised their right to vote.

The LAC is made up of 6 TWN Members – 4 elected Members, 1 Council Representative, and 1 Elder Chair. The Council Representative and the Elder Chair are appointed by Council, and the 4 seats are elected by eligible voters. Each elected LAC member will serve a 4-year term. To ensure knowledge is not lost, two seats are up for re-election every 2 years (e.g. Nick Kofi and Christel Sisson were elected to the LAC in 2019 and in 2023 their seats will be up for re-election).

What are the roles and responsibilities of the LAC?

- Advise TWN Council and TWN Lands Office staff on matters in relation to TWN Lands.
- Recommend to Council Laws, Resolutions, policies and procedures in relation to TWN Lands.
- Assist in the exchange of information in relation to TWN Land issues between Members and Council.
- Monitor Community approval under the TWN Land Code.

If you have questions or comments about the LAC or the LAC Election, please contact the Lands Office at 604-929-3454 or lands@twnation.ca

LAC Election Results announcement

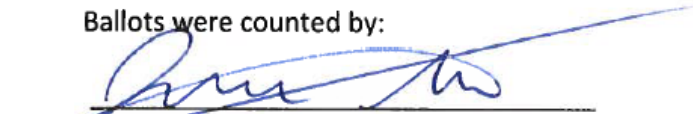


TSLEIL-WAUTUTH NATION LANDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ELECTION MARCH 10, 2021

A.	52	Number of ballots printed
B.	19	Number of electors voted
C.	6	Number of votes cast for Daniel Herrick
D.	17	Number of votes cast for Carleen Thomas
E.	7	Number of votes cast for Quanah Weedon
F.	0	Number of ballots spoiled

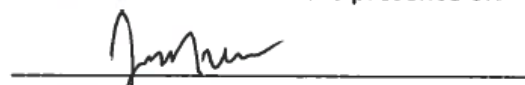
Dated at 3178 Alder Court, North Vancouver, British Columbia this 10th day of March, 2021.

Ballots were counted by:



Manager of Lands
Electoral Officer

Ballots were counted in the presence of:



Jen Thomas
LAC Council Representative

Thank you to our community members who came out to vote, we appreciate your support for the LAC Election.

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Thank you for reading!
Take care & stay well

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