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Tl'azt'en Nation

September 14, 2021

Notice of Election 2021

Tl'azt'en Nation will be holding an election this November 2021 for a 4 year-term from Dec 2021 to November 2025 for:

- Chief
- 3 Tache Councillors
- 1 Dzitlainli Councillor

Nomination period: November 1 - 12, 2021
Accept or Decline: November 15 - 19, 2021

Election Day: November 23, 2021

Swearing-in Ceremony: December 1, 2021

More information to be provided as it becomes available. Thank you



NOTICE FOR ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Thank you for your patience, as we had to reschedule the AGA, due to COVID risks.

The AGA has been rescheduled to:
October 20, 21 and 22 (1/2 DAY), 2021
Eugene Joseph School

COVID-19 guidelines include:

- Masks will be mandatory
- Using hand sanitizer regularly
- Do not attend if you are feeling sick

Schedule for each day:

Agenda topics: 9 AM - 12 PM

Lunch: 12 noon

Agenda continued: 1 PM - 4 PM

- There will be option to participate by Zoom

October 20: Dinner for Tanizul's 40th Anniversary

Option to change the date if necessary.



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Chief and Council invite individuals to apply to be representatives on the Economic Development Committee

The Economic Development Committee is a standing committee of Chief and Council that provides primary oversight responsibility for the implementation of the Tl'azt'en Nation's economic development plan. The term of office for Committee Members is two years. Committee Members are paid an honorarium for each meeting they attend. The Economic Development Committee is to meet at least four times per year.

The duties and powers of the Economic Development Committee include the following:

- (a) developing and recommending to Chief and Council, with the assistance of an Economic Development Officer, an economic development plan;
- (b) annually updating the economic development plan;
- (c) providing direction to an Economic Development Officer for
 - (i) researching and developing new business opportunities to be owned or operated by an existing or new Tl'azt'en business, and
 - (ii) preparing concept studies and business plans for those new business opportunities;
- (d) reviewing and, if acceptable, recommending for approval by Chief and Council concept studies for new business opportunities to be included in the economic development plan;
- (e) reviewing and, if acceptable, approving business plans prepared for new business opportunities to be implemented and owned or operated by an existing or new Tl'azt'en business on behalf of the Nation;
- (f) advising Chief and Council on negotiations for agreements that may be necessary or advisable for the Nation to enter to further the Nation's economic development;
- (g) communicating with and providing appropriate information to Tl'azt'en members concerning the Nation's economic development, the economic development plan and Tl'azt'en businesses;
- (h) reviewing and providing comments to Chief and Council on the annual financial statements of Tl'azt'en businesses;
- (i) directing assigned employees of the Nation, and any consultants, technical experts or other persons engaged, to assist the Economic Development Committee to perform its duties under this Agreement; and
- (j) performing any additional duties or exercising any additional powers assigned to the Economic Development Committee by Chief and Council.

The Economic Development Committee must report to Chief and Council by oral or written report at meetings of Council when requested by the Chief and must provide briefs for monthly Council meetings (to be prepared by the Economic Development Officer).



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Chief and Council invite individuals to apply by a letter of interest stating their qualifications for being a member of the Economic Development Committee representing the following:

An Elder member of the Nation.

A Youth member of the Nation.

Three (3) individuals to be appointed by Council on the recommendation of the Chief who bring expertise or other considerations to this Committee who are not members of Council or necessarily Tl'azt'en members.

Individuals may submit a letter of interest to:

careers@tlazten.bc.ca



September 23, 2021

Tl'azt'en Healing Society

The Yun Ook'wu Ts'uhuna (We Live Off the Land) Society is now dissolved, and the Tl'azt'en Healing Society was created to administer Tl'azt'en's portion of the Teck Legacy Fund.

Tl'azt'en is seeking Board of Directors for the new Tl'azt'en Healing Society, to make recommendations for programs and projects to be funded by the Tl'azt'en Healing Society.

The Board of Directors will consist of:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary

Please submit a cover letter to Tl'azt'en Chief and Council c/o Charlene Tom, Executive Assistant



TL'AZT'EN NATURAL RESOURCES

FALL 2021 HUNTING FUNDS

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF HUNTING SUPPORT FUNDS

Tl'azt'en Natural Resource Department would like to extend some assistance to members in their hunting activities this fall.

Gas cards for the value of \$150 will be available on a first come first serve basis. Limited to one request per household.

REQUEST FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 27

10 AM - 3 PM

**Gas Cards or POs will be available earliest THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 30th
Please come to the NR Office Monday Sept 27 to submit request or phone or
email to request form by email**

**Please disregard previous announcement on the TNNR Facebook group on
Sept 20th**



**Contact: Omineca or Renel
250-648-3234 or email
tnnr@tlazten.bc.ca**



Emergency Management

Proposed New Road Names Fall 2021

With the increased Ranch operations, we need names for the places and roads connecting our Ranch location to the rest of Tache. So, we can direct friends and family there and so we can advise RCMP and Ambulance services if there is an incident requiring emergency support.

We are proposing to name the road from Tanizul FSR to the ranch operations Tl'ok'ut Way and the road the driveway for the Ranch operations is on Sisul-k'ut Drive.

We've begun trying out these names by using them now. Let us know what you think.



Proposed New Road Names:

- Tl'ok'ut Way (*Translation: Meadow Way*) – the connecting road between Tanizul FSR and Leo Creek FSR
- Sisul-k'ut Drive (*Translation: Meadow by sawmill in Tache (hay making place) Drive*) – the south turn from the connecting road between Tanizul FSR and Leo Creek FSR, also known as the scales road

The Ranch 4200 Sisul-k'ut Drive

Proposed names are in effect now.

To comment on the proposed road names contact

Wendy at the Admin Office 250-648-3212

September Community Calendar

2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Chief and Council	28	29	30 STAT Nation Day for Truth And Reconciliation			
	Election for 1 Chief 3 Tache Councilors 1 Dzítł'aali Councilor	Nomination period Nov. 1-12	Accept or Decline Nov. 15	Election Day Nov. 23		

October Community Calendar

2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Mid-month	9	10
11 Thanksgiving  STAT Offices closed	12 Chief and Council	13 Chief and Council	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 35 th AGA @EJS Gym	21 35 th AGA @EJS Gym	22 35 th AGA @EJS Gym ½ Day	23	24
25 Chief and Council	26	27 Income Assistance	28	29	30	31
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Meal Rates for Medical Transportation Increasing Oct. 1

First Nations Health Benefits (FNHB) is increasing meal rates for clients using the Medical Transportation (MT) benefit. The change goes into effect on October 1, 2021.

The MT benefit provides supplemental coverage for transportation, accommodation and meals to clients who need to access medically-necessary health services that are not available in their communities of residence.

The new rates support increased choice for clients while traveling for medical appointments.

Meal Rates

Overnight rate for overnight trips up to six nights duration for clients over 4 years old

Current rate: \$53.10 New Rate: \$60.00

Weekly rate for overnight trips of seven nights or more (including escorts)

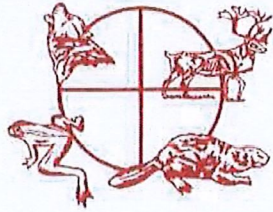
Current rate: \$222.20 New Rate: \$236.00

New Rate Eligibility for Children

FNHB has lowered the age for children to qualify for the MT adult meal rate. ***Children ages five and over are now entitled to the full adult meal rate.*** Prior to the change, children over the age of nine qualified for the rate.

The Day Trip meal rate for same-day trips lasting more than six hours remains unchanged at \$15.10 and the Overnight Rate for trips up to six nights in duration for clients under four years of age remains unchanged at \$25.

This will be the second meal rate increase of 2021. The previous increase came into effect on Jan 1. The increases represent investments of approximately \$2 million in annual meal benefits. These changes bring FNHB on par with meal rates provided through the federal Non-Insured Health Benefits program.



Emergency Management

After this summer's heat dome and drought conditions, we are expecting a stormier than usual fall.

BC Hydro is advising customers to prepare for what could be a challenging storm season. It is important for customers to be prepared by having a well-stocked emergency kit that includes:

- flashlight,
- extra batteries,
- first aid kit,
- non-perishable food and
- water.

You should have enough supplies to last 72 hours.

If your normal heat source is electric or propane furnace, plan another way to stay warm during power outages.

For more information contact

Wendy in the Admin Office 250-648-3212

Drought weakened trees, fall storms could mean more power outages warns B.C. Hydro

Customers are being reminded to prepare a well-stocked emergency kit

The Canadian Press · Posted: Sep 17, 2021 8:41 AM PT | <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/weak-trees-fall-storms-power-outages-1.6179679>



Figure 1 A person walks through puddles during a rainstorm in Vancouver, B.C. on Friday, September 17, 2021. (Maggie MacPherson/CBC)

Residents across British Columbia are being advised to prepare a well-stocked emergency kit for what B.C. Hydro warns could be a stormy fall and winter made worse by the effects of a severe summer drought.

The latest report from the Crown utility says record-breaking heat between June and August in many parts of the province killed trees or weakened their root systems.

It says unstable trees, combined with predicted stormier La Nina weather conditions, create the potential for more power outages if they topple across power lines.

B.C. Hydro says conditions heading into the fall mirror those in 2015 and 2018, when the utility was hit by its two most damaging storms.

It says a storm following the 2015 summer drought caused over 710,000 outages and lasted multiple days.

B.C. Hydro has some of the highest densities of trees per kilometre of power line in North America.

It says it has stepped up its program to manage vegetation near those lines in an effort to reduce the risk of outages over the coming months.

But customers should have flashlights, batteries, a first aid kit, water and non-perishable food on hand in case the lights go out, it says.



Figure 2 A tree took down a power line in Saanich, B.C. during a windstorm that swept across the South Coast in January. B.C. Hydro has some of the highest densities of trees per kilometre of power line in North America. (CHEK News)



Figure 3 Rain pours down in Vancouver, B.C. on Friday, September 17, 2021. (Maggie MacPherson/CBC)

It notes the duration of blackouts has been declining.

"Power service is restored for most customers within the first few hours of an outage," says a media release from the utility company.