

Newsletter

Tl'azt'en Nations Council Updates MAY 2025

To begin the month, several council members and I had the honour of meeting with the Fox Queen on May 5th, the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. Based in Vancouver and Nanaimo, this powerful grassroots organization was introduced to us by Zaa Joseph, and we look forward to partnering with them on a future art-focused community project.

On May 2nd, I attended a Nezul Bet meeting in Prince George's in their brand-new building near the mall, a space they're very proud to open and share with the community in the future!

We also held several regular council meetings throughout the month, including a Prince George engagement session, which I had the honour of chairing. This engagement is part of our ongoing effort to ensure off-reserve members, especially the large number of Tl'azt'enne living in Prince George, are meaningfully included in Nation-level discussions. We hope to continue these gatherings and set a precedent for our council.

Later in the month, many of us attended the Salmon Screening in Tache, a powerful documentary created by one of our own members. It reminded us of the spiritual and cultural significance of salmon, one of our longest-standing food sources and medicines.

Finally, I participated in the BCAFN Low Carbon Transportation Forum in Prince George (at no cost to Tl'azt'en). This forum opened important conversations around the state of our transportation infrastructure between Tachie and Fort St. James, and how we can support and explore investment opportunities in low-carbon, climate-conscious alternatives that honour both sustainability and community well-being.

In unity,

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New News Letter:

Hadih!

May was a long month my activity for may was attending regular council meetings.

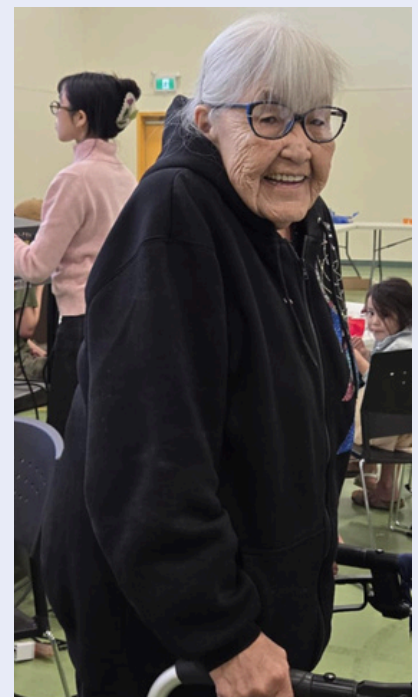
Engaging with members on reserve brings some concerns to my attention that need to be addressed.

Travelled along with chief ed And a few elders and knowledge holders up to middle river towards Takla landing at Sebastian Anatole cabin to document Sabastin, Harvey Felix and Walter Joseph on the territory for future reference on our boundary.

Was a great day and experience that more needs to be done on .

I'm always home in community my doors always open for members

Mussi- Councillor Leslie Aslin



Councillor Beverly John

Social Development Lead

May 2025 activities and tasks



My mandate is to work with the Social Development department to support department programs and services, including child welfare initiatives. Much time has gone into developing a workplan and budget for Prevention programs and Jurisdiction laws, with the goal for children and family well-being.

The foundation of the work comes from the CCP process, and follow-up community sessions directly related to children and families. Changemakers consulting, Alyssa Melnick, has been a wonderful advocate and support to our work. The Social Development committee, Renata and Michelle, are loved and appreciated for the work they do on behalf of our children and families. Well done, Team



May activities and tasks:

May 2: Meeting with Nezul Be Hunuyeh to learn of their urban programs and tour their new office

May 5: Meeting to discuss new ISC Children and Family housing funding initiative

May 13: Scheduled C&C meeting

May 15: BBQ with Middle River members and boat ride with Elders in Boos Che's river boat

May 17: Meeting with Band members in Prince George

May 22: In morning, meeting with NBH; 1 pm Salmon Calling documentary premiere by Joy Haskell

May 29: Meeting with Renata, on updates and ongoing projects/programs

May 30: Meeting with NBH to complete review of Tl'azt'en prevention planning document

There are many other small meetings, visiting with staff, and spending more time in the community and with family, that I did not list. Looking forward to continuing to work ahead 😊

God bless you ~ Bev

Councillor Vera Mattess Update MAY 2025

Hadi Tl'azt'enne,

May has been quite a busy month. I admit it took me awhile to get going again after the loss in my family. However, I have been working on the Minutes with fellow councillors, getting them organized and hopefully ready to present the last years minutes of C&C, BMM and AGA. I have spent a considerable time sorting through and organizing our Important documents that are shelved in the Office Boardroom. This is so council has quick and easy access to information that may be required. Toward the end of May, we had a small team of council and administration begin the planning of the Annual General Assembly. We have developed a package for assisting in carrying out this important event. I have attended the Prince George off reserve members meeting, which was very informative. It is good to hear from our members that live away from home. I continue to attend the monthly Education Advisory Committee meetings. As the lead on language revitalization, I often sit and chat with the NR staff about the Language Revitalization strategy, they are very willing to share information on the progress of the work that they are doing. May also presented us with our very own band member, Joy Haskell's, The Salmon's Call; a documentary on the importance of Salmon in our area which was hosted here in Tache.

So far, it is a good and refreshing change to be doing a different kind of job for the Nation. I am looking forward to more of what can be productively done for our Community and our Members in the months to come.

Mussi,
Councillor Vera Mattess



Hadih Tl'azt'enne!

1. Mandate- council lead in Economic Development and major projects; PFA, Tselk'un, PRGT, and support in finance when tasked.
2. Economic Development: Update - We are getting closer to presenting best options for an economic development corporation structure, including draft; articles, board structure, corporate protocol, business charter, business governance structure, key management processes, economic measure matrix for decision making. This package will go to council and then membership as an update and then decision. We anticipate a corporation to be operating by end of summer. Since the PRGT project was purchased by Nisga, they have done a lot of outreach to first nations along the pipeline route.
3. NH Team Update: I continue to support the NH work and team with forestry, stewardship and strategies. The Spatial Harvesting Plan is ongoing.
4. CSFN: Pathways Update – Since the signing there is significant work that the collective seven communities are doing. Collaboration is key to the seven communities implementing the PFA agreement. Tl'azt'en is more involved with the shaping or re-shaping of the CSFN Society, structure and staffing. We are working on identifying formulae for allocating funds to the seven communities.
5. Elders – Councillor Vera and are supporting the Elders with coordination. We saw the Elders needing this kind of support, in particular with help organizing them to get to the Lejac Reunion, BC Elders Gathering and the National Edlers Gathering. We have, and continue to outreach to our Elders.
6. Mining: Minister Brar follow-up: I continue to provide ongoing support to Chief Ed and Minister Brar and the ministers team, such as coordinating drafting and finalizing a Letter of Understanding between Tl'azt'en and BC Ministry of Mining and Critical Minerals.
7. Major Projects: Tselk'un – I continue to work with Paul Blom on the proposal we submitted to BC and Canada.

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Councillor Mina Holmes