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Tsawwassen Treaty marks a decade of success

VANCOUVER – Today, Tsawwassen First Nation (TFN) celebrates 10 years of self-determination and self-governance through modern treaty. This decade has been one of prosperity for TFN, Canada, and British Columbia. TFN led the way with the first modern treaty through the BC treaty negotiations process and is one of the most successful Indigenous nations in Canada.

“Today the Treaty Commission stands with Tsawwassen First Nation in celebration of its success and this ten-year anniversary. TFN has demonstrated the economic prosperity self-governance can bring to a region,” said Chief Commissioner Celeste Haldane. “During this week of modern treaty anniversaries, we also celebrate the recent budget announcement eliminating loans and the commitment to repay the modern treaty nations.”

On April 3, 2009, the governments of TFN, Canada, and British Columbia implemented the Tsawwassen Final Agreement. Since then, TFN has unlocked over \$1-billion in development on its lands and the region and built critical infrastructure to enable long-term social, community, economic, and environmental sustainability.

TFN invested \$27 million in a state-of-the-art sewage treatment plant. Last year, the Tsawwassen Container Examination Facility opened, relocating container inspection closer to the port and decreasing traffic and gas emissions in the Lower Mainland. In September 2018, Amazon announced it will open a 10-acre shipping warehouse on TFN lands, creating more than 700 full-time jobs.

Quick Facts

- This week, six other First Nations will celebrate treaty anniversaries:
 - Huu-ay-aht, Ka:’yu:’k’t’h’/Chek’tles7et’h’, Toquaht, Uchucklesaht, and Yuułiı̄łath First Nations (Maa-nulth Final Agreement, effective date April 1, 2011)
 - Tla’amin Nation (Tla’amin Final Agreement, effective date April 5, 2016)

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About the BC Treaty Commission

The Treaty Commission is the independent body responsible for overseeing treaty negotiations among the governments of Canada, BC and First Nations in BC. It has three roles: facilitation, funding, and public information and education.

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