



Eligibility & Enrolment Roundtable

BC Treaty Commission

Sharing the Experience – Modern Treaty Nation

The Tsawwassen First Nation Experience

August 28, 2023

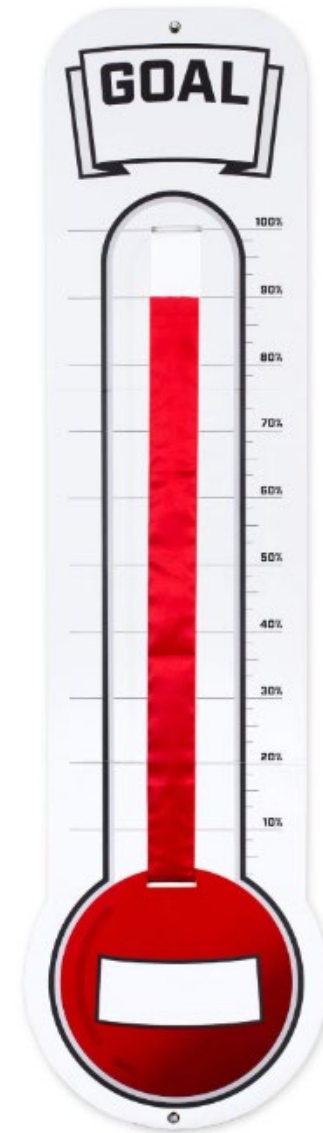
The Enrolment Team

- Members who knew our families
- Staff that was connected to the community and friendly
- A team that was accessible to members



Encouraging Enrolment

- Portable equipment
- Enrolment Committee at every community meeting, event function
- Breakfasts on Saturday mornings
- Gathering families at Buffets in Bellingham
- Set enrolment goals



Planned Activities

A number of activities have been planned up to the Ratification Vote date on July 25, 2007. With these choices, TFN members are encouraged to participate in as many activities as possible in order to make an informed vote. Generally, on reserve meetings start at 5pm (meals and childcare are provided). Generally off reserve meetings start at 6pm (meals are provided).

Family Meetings:

Opportunities for individual families to meet with the Treaty Team one on one to discuss the Final Agreement and other aspects and implications of the Treaty. Topics to include the Constitution, Membership Code, and the importance of Participation in Voting.

Off Reserve Meetings:

Opportunities for the Treaty Team to travel to core areas of members living off reserve to discuss Final Agreement and other aspects and implications of the Treaty. Topics to include the Constitution, Membership Code, and the importance of Participation in Voting.

Treaty Consultation Meetings:

The Treaty Team will host a series of meetings that will provide a review and discussion of the Treaty in detail. These meetings will be held approximately every two weeks. Such topics will include:

- Where do we go from here?
- Ratification Consultation Plan
- Governance and General Provisions
- Economic Overview
- Fiscal and Tax
- Land
- Resources
- Treaty Critique
- Debate
- Shared Territories
- Implementation Plan

Constitution Committee Meetings:

These meetings are open to the entire membership to participate. Unfinished business to be discussed include: implications of the Constitution and review survey results, re-draft of the Constitution from the survey results, and review of the final draft of the Constitution in a series of information meetings.

Treaty Critique:

Provides an opportunity for Tsawwassen First Nation band members, chosen through a Request for Proposal process, to provide the entire membership a review and critical assessment of the Final Agreement.

Treaty Information Fair:

A casual approach to learn about the Treaty, including raffles, information booths, auction and other fun activities.

Tax Workshop:

Review of the taxation timeline, including personal, income, investment and property taxes. Assessment information of property taxes for band members will also be provided. Discussion to include an explanation that tax exemption is not an Aboriginal Right and the income benefits for Tsawwassen First Nation versus the individual expense.

Treaty Annual General Meeting:

Information session for all Tsawwassen First Nation band members, both on and off reserve that will provide an opportunity to discuss treaty issues, receive a broad summary of negotiations and work to be completed post-ratification vote. Overviews of programs and services finances and activities will be provided.

Land Tour:

Band members will have an opportunity to see the Treaty Settlement Lands on the ground by a guided bus tour of the land parcels.

Youth Workshop:

The Tsawwassen First Nation youth will have an opportunity to meet with members of the Treaty Team to discuss the impacts of the Tsawwassen First Nation Treaty.

Certificate of Possession (CP) Consultation Meetings:

Specific meetings will be held with each Tsawwassen First Nation CP holder and Tsawwassen First Nation legal advisors to discuss land replacement interests post-treaty.

Community Consultation Fieldworkers:

The Fieldworkers will provide for informal discussions regarding treaty and liaise between the Tsawwassen members and the Treaty Department. Steven Stark and Russell Williams can be contacted through the band office at (604) 943-2112.

Communications Materials

A number of other communication materials will be distributed to the Tsawwassen First Nation membership leading up to the ratification vote. Print publications, DVD's and website updates are being created to help summarize and understand the Final Agreement, including:

- Newsletters
- Treaty summary charts
- Plain language Treaty summary
- Brochures
- Bulletins
- Discussion Papers
- Meeting Summaries
- Treaty summary DVD
- Constitution DVD
- Participation in Voting DVD
- History of TFN Treaty making DVD
- Powerpoint Presentations
- Community Consultation Fieldworkers

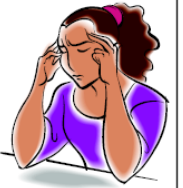


Challenges

- Why do I have to enrol?
- Dealing with unenrolment!
- Myths about status
- Pressure to reach enrolment threshold
- Lots of information for members to learn and understand



I Don't Want to Lose My Status!



Under a treaty:

TFN members do not lose their status.

TFN aboriginal identity is better protected.

Many people have stated a concern about losing their status over the past number of weeks. They are afraid of losing it under the treaty.

The Treaty states: *Subject to the Transition chapter (“for mentally incompetent Indians and wills for those who pass away prior to effective date”) and clause 16 of the Taxation chapter (phasing out the tax exemption), the Indian Act has no application to Tsawwassen First Nation, Tsawwassen Members, Tsawwassen Government or Tsawwassen Institutions, (except for the purpose of determining whether an individual is an “Indian” within the meaning of the Indian Act).*

So it is clear that Indian Status is still protected - although we are all aware that the tax exemption for those of us who are status will be phased out in the treaty.

MY STATUS HELPS PROTECT MY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY

We have come to realize that perhaps Indian Status gives some of our people a false sense of protection over our Aboriginal identity. This is false because Indian status is in fact a demeaning tool that the

Tracking Information

- Excel spreadsheet
- Selecting a database
- Training staff
- Status vs. Enrolment
- Records management
- Central place for membership information

Enrolment Statistics for Tsawwassen First Nation as of June 23, 2020

Age Group	On TFN	Off TFN	Total	Total
0 - 4 years	11	13	24	168
5 - 12 years	26	61	87	
13 - 17 years	24	33	57	
18 - 29 years	47	60	107	272
30 - 39 years	27	45	72	
40 - 49 years	29	28	57	
50 - 59 years	18	18	36	
60 -69 years	24	17	41	53
70 -79 years	5	4	9	
80+ years	2	1	3	
Total	213	280	493	493

Females	247
Males	246

New Enrolment History 2009 to May 29, 2020

	2009*	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017*	2018	2019	2020
Newborns**	16	13	6	10	8	3	6	4	0	9	5	2
Minors***	24	6	3	2	1	5	1	0	0	5	2	1
Adults***	7	3	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	0
Transfer to TFN ****	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Total	47	22	9	12	14	11	7	4	0	15	8	5

* In 2009 high intake of members due to re-enrolling Members for Treaty and in 2017 Membership Act being reviewed and no applications processed

** Newborn approved for Enrolment under age of 1

*** (does not include transfers)

****1 applicant in process of being transferred

Applications Deferred

Approved Applications	6
Second application received but incomplete	6
Second application not received to date	0
<i>Total Deferred Applicants</i>	12

Member Benefits Eligibility

- New confusion
- Categories
- Eligibility

Programs and Benefits Sheet

This sheet sets out what types of programs and services different types of Members can receive. Read the titles of the boxes below to see what membership categorization you fall into. The checkmarks in that box will indicate what programs, services and benefits you are eligible for, depending on your situation.

Status Member On Tsawwassen Lands

- ✓ Property Tax (until 2021) and Utility Exemption
- ✓ Income (until 2021) and Sales Tax (until 2017) Exemptions
- ✓ Member Distributions, Treaty Dividends, other financial grants and loan opportunities
- ✓ Employment, Culture and Language, Child and Family, Youth Centre
- ✓ Social Assistance, Community Health, K-12 Basic Education Programming, other Fiscal Financing Agreement programs
- ✓ Instructional or extra-curricular supports
- ✓ Post-Secondary Education
- ✓ Local government services (policing, fire protection, animal control, bus services)
- ✓ NIHB and other federal programs or benefits

Status Member Off Tsawwassen Lands

- ✓ If on an Indian Reserve, then remain eligible for tax exemptions on property, income and sales
- ✓ Member Distributions, Treaty Dividends, other financial grants and loan opportunities
- ✓ Employment, Culture and Language, Child and Family, Youth Centre – if close enough to access services on Tsawwassen Lands
- ✓ Instructional or extra-curricular supports (only if in Canada)
- ✓ Post-Secondary Education (only if Canadian resident)
- ✓ NIHB and other federal programs or benefits

Non-Status Member On Tsawwassen Lands

- ✓ Property Tax (until 2021) and Utility Exemption
- ✓ Member Distributions, Treaty Dividends, other financial grants and loan opportunities
- ✓ Employment, Culture and Language, Child and Family, Youth Centre
- ✓ Social Assistance, Community Health, K-12 Basic Education Programming, other Fiscal Finance Agreement programs
- ✓ Instructional or extra-curricular supports
- ✓ Post-Secondary Education
- ✓ Local government services (policing, fire protection, animal control, bus services)

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- ✓ Instructional or extra-curricular supports (only if Canadian resident)
- ✓ Post-Secondary Education (only if Canadian resident)

Status Individual On Tsawwassen Lands

- ✓ Property Tax (until 2021) Exemption
- ✓ Income (until 2021) and Sales Tax (until 2017) Exemptions
- ✓ Social Assistance, Community Health, K-12 Education Programming, other FFA programs
- ✓ Post-Secondary Education
- ✓ Local government services (policing, fire protection, animal control, bus services)
- ✓ NIHB and other federal programs or benefits

Status Individual Off Tsawwassen Lands

- ✓ If on an Indian Reserve, then remain eligible for tax exemptions on property, income and sales
- ✓ Post-Secondary Education (only if in Canada)
- ✓ NIHB and other federal programs or benefits

Non-Status Individual On Tsawwassen Lands

- ✓ Local government services
- ✓ Not eligible for programs from TFN under Treaty

Non-Status Individual Off Tsawwassen Lands

- ✓ Not eligible for programs or benefits from TFN under the Treaty

2023 Enrolment Committee

- Different engagement role
- Not as active in community
- Smaller presence
- Working to increase presence
- Evolving tools to manage data
- Keeping data current

Enrolment Committee Quarterly Report

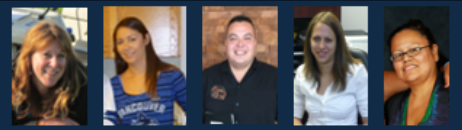
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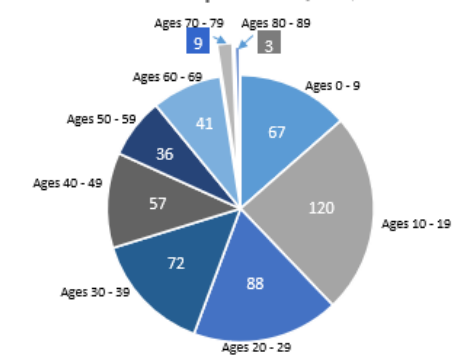
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Valeric Cross - Chenikwaat
Melinda Cassidy - Skwamiye
Bryce Williams - Yaahl liwaans tox'ílom
Chrystalynn Gurniak - loq'iyá
Terri Splockton




TFN Enrolment Population as of June 30, 2020



Age Group	Count
Ages 0 - 9	67
Ages 10 - 19	120
Ages 20 - 29	88
Ages 30 - 39	72
Ages 40 - 49	57
Ages 50 - 59	36
Ages 60 - 69	41
Ages 70 - 79	9
Ages 80 - 89	3

Any questions regarding TFN Enrolment call Maryanne Adams at 604-948-5290 or email at enrollinfo@tsawwassenfirstnation.com



TFN has 246 males & 247 females!

As of June 30, 2020


Tsawwassen First Nation had a population of 493 Members

HAVE A NEW EMAIL ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER?

Please remember to forward any updated contact information to Maryanne Adams

☎: (604) 948-5290 ☎: (604) 834-7484
Toll-free: +1 (888) 943-2112 ext. 290
✉: madams@tsawwassenfirstnation.com

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, IM HERE TO HELP



TFN Members!

It is 'business as usual,' only in a different setting/distance. Please mail your Enrolment Applications to:

PO Box 18026, 1215 C – 56th Street, Delta, BC V4L 2M4

*Our Elders are the strength and wisdom of our Nation.
Our children will ensure our growth physically, economically, and culturally for future generations.*



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QUESTIONS?