



Newsletter

Tsawout First Nation



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The Head Start Program and Tsawout Learning House will be hosting a “Welcome Back” Event for their program start up on September 9th. There will be lunch, a clown show, FREE children's haircuts and more.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

INDIAN DAY SCHOOL CLASS ACTION

INFO FROM GOVT. OF CANADA WEBSITE

Update -- On August 19, 2019 the Federal Court of Canada approved the settlement agreement in the National Indian Day Schools class action. Once the appeal and opt-out periods have concluded, class members will be able to apply for compensation and other benefits.

Crisis support, counselling, intervention, is available 24 hours/day, 7 days/week for class members through Hope for Wellness. Call 1-855-242-3310 or connect/chat online at hopeforwellness.ca.

Settlement agreement includes compensation for all persons who attended an Indian Day School that was established, funded, controlled and managed by Canada from January 1920 until its date of closure or transfer from Canada's control and suffered harm as a consequence of attendance. For a list of eligible schools, go to the [Federal Indian Day School Class Action website](#).

Key elements include:

- individual compensation of \$10,000 per class member for harms associated with attendance at an Indian Day School
- compensation for incidents of physical and sexual abuse, ranging from \$50,000 to \$200,000 based on severity of the abuses suffered
- \$200 million to the McLean Day Schools Settlement Corporation for Legacy Projects to support healing, wellness, education, language, culture and commemoration
- \$55 million for class counsel. Canada has agreed to pay legal fees to class counsel on condition that they will not attempt to seek additional fees from payments made to class members
- \$7 million for class counsel to continue to provide legal support to class members during the claims administration process
- funding for administrative costs

Appeal, Opt-out and Application Periods. There is a 90-day opt-out period and a 60-day appeal period from the date of approval. Once these periods have concluded, class members will be able to apply for compensation and other benefits. Application period will be open for 2 years and 6 months.

INFO FROM GOWLING WLG WEBSITE

If you received a letter or phone call from Gowling WLG, you are registered in this process. Being registered allows WLG to contact you with updates. It does not qualify you for compensation. To qualify for compensation, you must have attended one of the Federal Indian Day Schools and be accepted by the Claim Administrator as being an eligible Class Member.

Claims Process is not yet available but Claims Form can be reviewed and documents prepared after the Claims Process is opened (after November 19, 2019).

To remove yourself from this Settlement, you must complete and submit an Opt-Out Form. No compensation is available under this Settlement for those who choose to opt-out of it.

NEED HELP WITH FORMS OR INFORMATION

Contact Jeanie Sam at 250-208-3411

COMMUNITY NEWS

Invasive Species - European Green Crab

EUROPEAN GREEN CRAB

KEEP A WATCHFUL EYE



BC's diverse and productive salt marshes and pocket estuaries, now face a potentially destructive invader. The European Green Crab (*Carcinus maenas*) is considered one of the world's worst invasive species. It can alter shoreline ecosystems and negatively impact economically important species.

Biology & Preferred Habitats

European Green Crabs prefer sheltered areas such as lagoons, braided estuarine channels, and bays with saltmarsh or eelgrass vegetation. The preferred substrate is mud/sand however there are instances in BC where the Green Crabs have been found on gravel beaches. Preferred prey is bivalves, small crabs, and polychaete worms. Green Crabs can negatively affect eelgrass beds in search of prey items.



Early Detection

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) along with the Washington Sea Grant, the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife have teamed up to develop an early detection and monitoring program for European Green Crab in the Salish Sea. DFO hopes to expand this program to other locations along the BC coast.

Green Crabs have been detected on the west and south coasts of Vancouver Island. Green Crabs have not been detected on the east coast of Vancouver Island. The program focuses on the early detection of Green Crab within Canadian waters of the Salish Sea.

If you are interested in establishing an ongoing Green Crab monitoring program at a specific location, please contact DFO at AISPACIFIC@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

SUSPECT YOU HAVE FOUND A GREEN CRAB?

Please take photos but leave the crab where you found it. Email photos and detailed location information to AISPACIFIC@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

IMPORTANT NOTE: There are many types of crabs that are green in colour. However, only the European Green Crabs have 5 spines!

HOW TO IDENTIFY EUROPEAN GREEN CRABS

- 5 spines (or marginal teeth) to the outside of each eye
- Up to 10 cm across the carapace (or back shell)
- Wider at front than back of the carapace
- Although often referred to as a "Green Crab," colour is not its distinguishing feature. The actual colour can vary from dark mottled green to orange or red.



DFO has teamed up with Washington Sea Grant (WSG) to monitor for European Green Crab within the Salish Sea. The WSG has graciously allowed DFO and partners to use education materials for the use of developing an Early Detection and Monitoring Program in BC. For more information on the WSG Crab Team initiative, please visit www.wsg.washington.edu.

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Aquatic Invasive Species Contact List (June 2019)

Aquatic Invasive species are species from one part of the world that are transported, or migrate due to climate change, beyond their natural range and become established in **a new area where they can cause potential harm to native ecosystems.**

Marine Aquatic Invasive Species (DFO):

Contact Fisheries and Oceans Canada to report marine aquatic invasive species by emailing the following address:

AISPACIFIC@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

For more information please visit our website:

<https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/species-especies/ais-eae/index-eng.html>

Freshwater Aquatic Invasive Species (BC Government):

Martina. Beck@gov.bc.ca

- Invasive Fish – BC Government

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/plants-animals-ecosystems/invasive-species/fish>

- Invasive Mussel Reports: B.C. Conservation Officer Services Hotline: 1 877 952-7277

An Invasive Species Mobile App for Android or iPhone can be downloaded from the Provincial Invasive Species website:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/plants-animals-ecosystems/invasive-species/reporting-invasive-species>

Or Report Freshwater Invasive Species online at:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/plants-animals-ecosystems/invasive-species/reporting-invasive-species>

Education Material can be found at Invasive Species Council of BC:

<https://bcinvasives.ca/>

WELCOME BACK EVENT

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LUNCHEON SERVED AT 2 - 4 P.M.

CHILDREN'S HAIR CUTS 2 - 5P.M. BY
HAIRDRESSER: ANGELA WALL

TICKLES THE CLOWN SHOW 3:30-4:30P.M.

C.O.H.I. SCREENING & FLUORIDE VARNISH

LUNCH BAG GIVE AWAY & SCHOOL SNACKS

DOOR PRIZE DRAWS: KIDS WATER BOTTLES,
GIFT CARDS, TEEN PACKS, SPIN BRUSHES

DATE: MONDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH 2019

WHERE: AT TSAWOUT GYM

FAMILIES WITH INFANTS & TODDLERS

WELCOME TO ATTEND

HEAD START NEWS

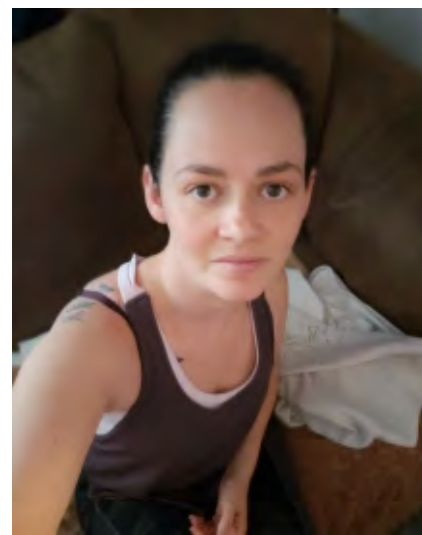
Tsawout Head Start – “Welcome Back” Event

The Tsawout Head Start Program, along with the Tsawout Learning House, will be hosting a “Welcome Back” event for program start up on Monday, September 9th. Families are welcome to attend with infants and toddlers to come see the dental hygienist, Joanne Sedgwick and Head Start Coordinator, Tabita Marks for dental screening and fluoride varnish. Every family who has signed up for the school year can receive a free fruit bag each month!

There will be small bouncy castles set up for children 2-5 years while waiting for appointments from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm, and a hot lunch will also be served.

Free Haircuts!

Children can receive free hair cuts from Angela Wall from 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm. There will be a Clown Show from 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm. Don’t forget to get your ticket for door prizes! Children can take home a free lunch bag filled with snacks for back to school!



LEARNING HOUSE NEWS

Thank you to the parents and guardians of Tsawout Learning House Summer Camp for sending and entrusting the camp staff with your children over the 7 weeks of summer.

During the final week of camp, our Chinese Friends of the Vancouver Chinese Baptism Church graciously volunteered their time and endless energy to host the Vacation Bible Camp at Tsawout Assembly of Praise Church and ended the Summer by Showcasing your children at the Tsawout Community Summer Feast on August 15th. It was an amazing dinner that nourished our body, soul and spirit. Thank you again Tsawout Health Department for the open door to participate. It was a great celebration of community.

Our last day, August 16th, the finale at Flying Squirrel and the last swim at Panorama ended the summer with a splash!

Tsawout Learning House After-School Program registration forms are available for you to fill out for your child/ren’s participation at 2019-2020 school year. By completing this, you are ensuring your child/ren are counted for the Spring and Summer Camps. T.L.H. after-school Program begins Monday, September 9th with a Welcome Back event collaborated with Tsawout Head Start Program and C.O.H.I.

LEARNING HOUSE NEWS

Tsawout Learning House Staff include: Beatrice Sam-Youth Cultural Worker, Stephanie Henry-Voyageur-Education Assistant and Carolina Stratievsky-Education Assistant. We can expect the following volunteers to return again this year: Hannah Krottner, Claire Petersen, and on the first Thursday every month Delia Filipescu (Public Services Librarian) of Greater Victoria Public Library brings books and reads with the students. Among our volunteers, T.L.H. is fortunate to have 7 Fourth Year Nursing Students of University of Victoria doing their leadership training with again this year. They will be competing their practicum hours on Monday and Wednesday from September 5th to December 5th. We appreciate all our volunteers and also welcome parents and relatives as volunteers.

Tsawout Learning House Hours:

Monday-Thursday 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Friday 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm



Above photo by Moses Seo- Health Summer Feast and Tsawout Summer Camp wrap up with the Vancouver Chinese Baptist Church

Drop In Gentle Yoga

For staff and community members!

Learn to manage stress!

No registration required!

No experience needed!

Where: Auditorium

When: Wednesdays (starting in July)

FROM 12:00 TO 12:45

Contact: Sarah in the Health

HOUSING NEWS

Tsawout Housing: building towards safe, adequate, affordable housing encouraging home owners and tenants to be self reliant, empowered individuals who secure safe homes for their families.



Tsawout Housing

The ongoing housing review acknowledges there are 33 units with active mortgages. Each of those units are expected to pay monthly rent to the Nation. The rental rates are

\$480 per month or

\$580 per month

It is extremely important for tenants to please keep up with your monthly rentals, there is a long list of members who hope to someday get into these units and who are willing to pay the monthly costs.

There are a number of units who have “rental arrears” for housing or renovations please make an effort to make payments.

Future Housing

Tsawout has an opportunity to apply for Section 95 housing and the criteria is the homes have to be built on BAND LAND. If you own “CP’d” property, to become eligible for Section 95 Housing you must be willing to transfer a piece of your property to Band land. Contact Housing/Administration in writing if you would like to meet to discuss these types of opportunities.

To qualify for individual mortgage housing, you need to have the following:

- good credit
- ability to save a down payment (est \$5,500)
- land to build on
- permanent/long term job or other income

You may be eligible to apply for an “Individual Mortgage” through the Bank of Montreal for up to \$200,000. This results in a relationship between you

and the Bank. The bank does not become a landlord for your home. You would enter into a 25 year mortgage with the bank and pay monthly mortgage payments. Let any of council know if you have any questions on how to become eligible.

Requests for Major Renovations

If you have been waiting for renovations please forward an updated letter to Housing/Administration outlining your request, it's important to keep all of your information up to date and also serves as a good reminder. We will continue to do the best we can in addressing requests.

Requests for Housing Repairs

Please be reminded the band does not receive housing repair dollars and for those homeowners who do not pay mortgage, you are expected to take care of regular home maintenance, minor plumbing repairs and appliance replacements on your own. If you are on social assistance, social development MAY be able to help you.

We encourage home owners to take the initiative to do your own repairs and not rely on the band otherwise frustration grows when there are no avenues to address all the housing concerns brought forward. We receive calls daily for plumbing repairs, broken windows, garbage pick up, lock changes, heavy garbage clean up. These expenses grow and we are looking at implementing “Home Maintenance” workshops to build the skills in the community for self repairs.

Most homeowners pay for their own plumbers, window repairs, etc., we will support training community members through these types of home maintenance workshops.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT NEWS

NOTICE TO ALL CLIENTS ON INCOME ASSISTANCE

Please ensure that declarations and all supporting documents are in by the 15th of every month. All declarations require applicant signature and, if applicable, it must include spouse signature, job search form, hydro and phone bill (if eligible), most recent paystubs and bank statements, if required.

**** NO DECLARATION (paystubs, job search) = NO CHEQUE ****

Cheque issue is the last Wednesday of every month. Cheques are available for pick up between 9 am to noon and 1 pm to 4 pm. No calls are taken on cheque day and no one can pick up someone else's S/A cheque unless that person is seriously ill, has mobility barriers or other extenuating circumstances.

Clients who submit their documents AFTER the deadline date can pick up their cheque on the following Friday.

Clients who need to update their file or apply for S/A need to book an appointment between Tues. to Thurs.

NOTICE TO ALL EMPLOYABLE CLIENTS

It is **MANDATORY** that all employable people seek employment. According to Social Development Policy 2.2: Termination of Benefits – Refusal or abandonment of employment opportunities, refusal to participate in an appropriate training or education opportunity or rehabilitation program will result in Social Development closing your file.

Failure to show any effort in seeking employment or education opportunities such as job searching, employment workshops or upgrading - will result with your SA file being closed. Whenever a decision is made to terminate client benefits, the client has a right to appeal the decision to Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada by picking up an administrative review form from Social Development. Thank you.

Tsawout Social Development (SD) – Income Assistance Application Process

STEP 1 – OBTAIN APPLICATION FROM TSAWOUT RECEPTION TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT.

NO APPOINTMENTS WILL BE MADE A WEEK PRIOR TO OR DURING THE WEEK OF CHEQUE ISSUE.

- Complete Social Assistance Application Package
- Identification – Adults – 2 each (1 must be a photo)
- Identification – Children - 1 each
- Verification of Income – 60 day bank statements, pay stubs, 2 most recent pay stubs, EI Income and Spousal Support
- Utility Bills – BC Hydro, phone bill, gas or oil bill
- Tenancy Agreement – Tsawout Social Housing, CMHC documents or mortgage documents
- Privately Owned Homes – proof of ownership documentation
- Tax Forms – Canada Child Benefit, Notice of Assessment
- Other Supporting Documents

STEP 2 – INTAKE APPOINTMENT

- Bring all supporting documents to your appointment
- If you have a spouse, he/she needs to be present to sign all documentation
- Employable clients are required to discuss a plan to obtain employment or have an education plan to attain further skills that will help you gain employment.
- If you are unable to seek employment, the worker will need a medical note that will temporarily excuse you from seeking employment or until you are eligible to apply for PPMB (Person with Persistent Multiple Barriers) or PWD (Person with Disability) designation.

STEP 3 – PROCESSING

- Allow up to 5-7 business days for application approval.
- Worker will notify you of your eligibility for Income Assistance.
- We understand that you are in need of help and your matters are important to us. We are doing due diligence to ensure that the process is completed in a timely manner. We appreciate your patience.

STEP 4 – YOU HAVE BEEN CONTACTED TO INFORM YOU OF YOUR ELIBILITY STATUS

- **Approved Applicants** – Will now have the responsibility to assure that all documentation (Declaration, utility bills, pay stubs, job search or any other required documents) is submitted by the 15th of each month to ensure they receive their entitlement on time. ALL clients have a responsibility.
- **Ineligible Applicants** – Varies on the situation.
- Will have an opportunity to gather missing or additional supporting documents.
- If you are eligible for EI or in receipt of EI, you will not be eligible for Income Assistance.
- You have earned income that is more than what you are eligible to receive, then you have to wait 30 days to reapply.
- If applicant does not agree with the decision, the applicant can appeal the decision – Inquire about this process with the Social Development Worker.

**** Thank you for reviewing this information. It helps the review and assessment process. Social Development can be contacted at 250-652-9101 (ext. 306).**

GARBAGE, COMPOST & RECYCLING DAYS

SEPTEMBER 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	28
29	30 	1	2	3	4	5

 = GARBAGE

 = RECYCLING

 = COMPOST

IMPORTANT NOTES

GARBAGE PICK-UP (ONCE A WEEK). If your garbage is missed or not picked up, call BFI directly at 250-652-4414

COMPOST (BI-WEEKLY). If your compost is missed or not picked up, call Refuse at 250-381-6007. If called the same day or early the next day, it is possible to have it picked up the same week if they are in the area and they will ask you to have it at the end of the driveway by 7:00 am on whichever date they advise. If not, it will have to wait until the next regular pick-up date.

RECYCLE (BI-WEEKLY). If your recycle is missed or not picked up, call Emterra at 250-385-4399. Call by 11:00 the next day and they can probably do a pick-up. If any later, it would have to wait until the next pick-up date.

Reminder that the Heavy Garbage Program has ended. Please do not leave heavy garbage on the side of the road. We continue to clean up the dumpsite on Longhouse Road from the previous years programs. Please discard your heavy garbage at local metal recycle or Hartland landfill.

TSAWOUT FACILITY RENTALS

Are you planning a party or a special event? Tsawout's Community Facility has some great spaces to hold your special gathering! Our facilities are available to both Tsawout members and the general public. Daily and hourly rates are available.

HOURLY RATES	<i>MEMBERS</i>	<i>GENERAL PUBLIC</i>
Gymnasium	\$20/HR	\$40/HR
Multi-purpose Room	\$11/HR	\$22/HR
Auditorium	\$16/HR	\$32/HR

DAILY RATES	<i>MEMBERS</i>	<i>GENERAL PUBLIC</i>
Gymnasium	\$175/DAY	\$375/DAY
Multi-purpose Room	\$105/DAY	\$210/DAY
Auditorium	\$155/DAY	\$320/DAY

Additional Information:

Catering is available upon request at an additional cost.

Projectors and projector screens are also available.

Projector: \$50

Screen: \$20

Table Cloths \$2 per table

Setup and host included in rental

Please contact Sandi Charlie for booking information.

Phone 250-652-9101 or send an email to Sandi Charlie at reception@tsawout.ca.