

TSAWOUT FIRST NATION

NEWSLETTER

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BEACH CLEAN-UP AT TIXEN

The Fisheries Department raise their hands to everyone who helped out with the **TIXEN** Beach Clean-up on September 29th.

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INDIGENOUS REMEMBRANCE DAY

LEST WE FORGET



NOV 08, 2023, WED, 09H00

ŁÁU, WELNEW Tribal School
7449 West Saanich Road
Brentwood Bay, BC
V8M 1R3

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

9:00 am: Arrival for 9:30 start

9:30 am: Elders escorted in with Bag Pipes, followed by a welcome song

10:00 am: Moment of Silence, followed by reflection

10:30 am: Celebrating our Elders with song and dance

11:30 am: Lunch

Families are encouraged to walk in, holding pictures of their loved-ones whom served in war.



Tsawout First Nation
proudly presents..

Island ELDERS LUNCHEON

50s Theme!

Entertainment,

Door prizes,

Gifts,

Photobooth

and music!



November 15th 2023

11 AM to 2 PM in the Tsawout Gymnasium

More Information :
elderseordinator@tsawout.ca



HOLY
TRINITY
presents

Join us
Autumn
Craft Fair

SATURDAY NOV 18

10AM TO 3PM

Bring friends and family to shop
together

**Tables are free to vendors/ local crafters
and vendors welcome
Free entrance
All sales go directly to the vendors
themselves**

LOCATED AT HOLY TRINITY

CHURCH HALL

**1319 MILLS ROAD NORTH
SAANICH BC
Contact:**

BEACH CLEAN-UP

The Fisheries Department crew raise their hands to all the people who joined us for the beach clean-up at **TIXEN**, on September 29th.

Chief Abraham Pelkey and family, community members, and many of our Tsawout staff and external partners successfully removed a truck load of debris from this very important area.

The event was followed by a delicious lunch provided by our amazing Tsawout staff cooks. We will plan for more events like that in the future and keep our beaches clean for the Tsawout community to enjoy.



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).**

NOVEMBER - GARBAGE, COMPOST & RECYCLING

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		

Garbage pick-up (once/week) If your garbage is missed or not picked up, call BFI directly at 250-652-4414.

Compost (once/week) 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 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 am 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.