



STÁUTW FIRST NATION

NEWSLETTER

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Construction Nears Completion on New Multiplex Housing Units

In early December, staff along with members of Chief & Council were invited to tour the new Multiplex Housing units. Check out the progress and more info on p.02.

Hot Water Tank Replacement Program

Is your hot water tank 7 years old or older? It's time to replace it and you may be eligible for a free tank. More details on p.08, or by scanning this QR code.



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Happy New Year!

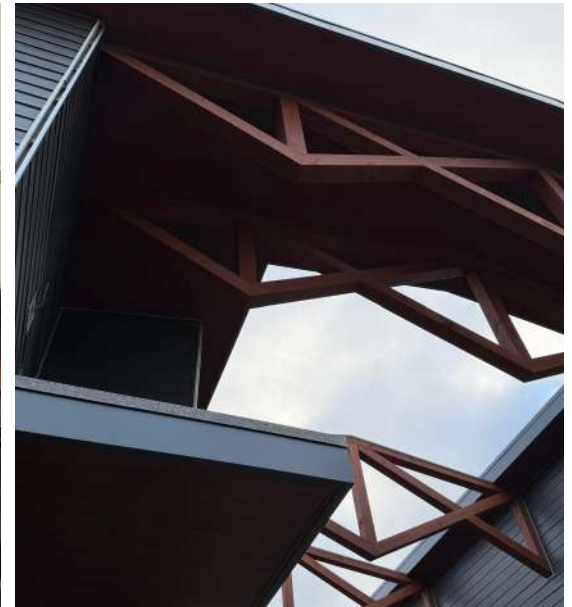
We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous new year. We look forward to the successes ahead in 2026.



Community News

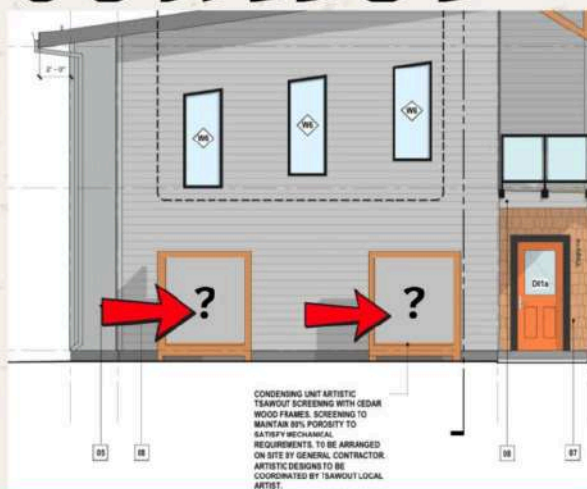
Multiplex Construction Nears Completion on Several Units

Before the Christmas break, Housing staff extended an invitation to Chief & Council and Staff to tour the nearly completed Multiplexes on Tetayut Rd. Staff from Lubec Construction were happy to show the team several units, highlight unique features and finishes and answer questions regarding the project. Chief Abraham Pelkey, and Council Member Perry Lafortune attended to share in the excitement. Project managers are still aiming for Spring 2026 occupancy for the first available units. More information on these units and details on how to apply can be found by scanning the QR code.



★ STÁUTW Multiplex **COMMUNITY CONTEST**

METAL PRIVACY PANEL DESIGN CONTEST



PRIZE: \$2,500 PLUS ROYALTIES!!

SEND TO: housingassociation@tsawout.ca

We've extended our previous design contest because we require two more panels.

We're commissioning an artistic pattern for privacy panels that will be cut into metal sheets and mounted on cedar frames. The selected artist will receive a \$2,500 prize, plus royalties, and see their work become a lasting part of the site's design. Think bold, timeless, and community-centred.

Upload your sketches or finished artwork by scanning the QR code and submitting online.



Exploring a Potential Partnership Opportunity

Tsawout First Nation is exploring a partnership opportunity grounded in long-term stewardship and shared values.

Tsawout leadership is in early discussions with Westbow Group of Companies about a potential partnership that would bring more than 200 acres of land into Tsawout's reserve. This opportunity is focused on creating lasting economic strength for future generations through carefully planned development.

Westbow Group is a family-owned company with a long history of working alongside communities to build places that create lasting value. Guided by a commitment to partnership, respect for the land, and giving back, Westbow approaches development with a long-term lens—prioritizing sustainability, relationships, and community benefit.

Any partnership would be shaped by Tsawout values, priorities, and leadership.

Transparency and community voice are central to this process. Westbow Group will be hosting a series of engagement sessions in January for Tsawout members to share details about the proposed partnership, answer questions, and hear feedback directly from the community.

Following these engagement sessions, Tsawout members will determine whether to support moving forward with this partnership. Engagement dates and times will be shared soon.



COHI is the Children's Oral Health Initiative

COHI is the Children's Oral Health Initiative, a cavity prevention program for kids from birth to age 7.

Tsawout members and families accessing services in Community are welcome to sign up and take part!

Kids have their teeth screened, can have fluoride varnish (up to 4 times/year) and/or be referred to a dental office. We're happy to answer your oral health questions and have toothbrushes and toothpaste for families in the program

**TSAWOUT
COHI Kids 0-7
Dental Screening &
Varnish Day
Wed, Jan 7, 2025**

Location: Tsawout Health
Appointment Times: 10-2pm
(closed 12-1 for lunch)

Please email to book:
Denise.Baillet@IslandHealth.ca



Fisheries Update

Community Christmas Dinner

The Fisheries team attended the Tsawout Community Christmas dinner and got the opportunity to share a delicious meal with community. As a thank you for attending, Fisheries handed out some candied salmon as a gift to all who attended the dinner. Thank you to everyone involved in organizing the dinner and to the Kitchen team, it was a great event, and it was nice to reconnect with the community!



Clam Dig with Parks Canada

This month, the Fisheries team joined Parks Canada for a knowledge sharing evening focused on clam digging at night. The Parks Canada team shared their safety procedures, including collaborative route mapping, designating a dedicated spotter, and establishing a shore contact who is aware of the team's route and estimated return time, among other measures. Following the discussion, the Fisheries team had the opportunity to practice these protocols in action during an evening of clam sampling and digging.

We want to thank the Parks team, including Erich, Bryant and Given, for hosting us and sharing some important safety procedures with us, so we can keep everyone safe.

In the new year, the Fisheries team will be planning on taking community out for clam dig expeditions.

If you would like to join us to harvest for your family and community, please signup using this [LINK](#), or scan the QR code, to be put on our contact list!



Fisheries Update

IPCA Engagement Nights

In 2023, Tsawout leadership declared a large area within Tsawout's traditional marine territory as an Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area (IPCA), now named QEN,T. In the new year, Fisheries is planning on hosting a series of community engagement events to help community understand this declaration, answer questions, and receive input from community on ways we can improve the management strategies.

Some common questions we'll be answering: What is an IPCA? How do IPCA's benefit the community and the ecosystem? How has Fisheries been working to conserve QEN,T since 2023?

Dates are currently still being decided so keep an eye out for our announcements over next couple months!

If you would like to participant in our IPCA traditional knowledge study, please contact Nicole Jung at n.jung@oceans.ubc.ca or Lais Chaves at fisheriesmanager@tsawout.ca.



You are invited to participate in the....

QEN,T IPCA Traditional Knowledge Study

WHAT IS A TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE STUDY?

A series of interviews/focus groups that will inform how Tsawout's waters are cared for in the QEN,T Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area (IPCA)

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM THE TSAWOUT COMMUNITY!

This study is being conducted in partnership with the University of British Columbia (Principle Investigator: Dr. Andrea Reid & Student Researcher: Nicole Jung) | Ethics ID: H24-01921

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HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE

CONTACT US TO PARTICIPATE!

Honoraria provided

PHASE 1

Tsawout Values, Teachings, and Cultural Protocols

Who: Looking for anyone in the Tsawout community willing to share their knowledge and perspectives about the ocean, cultural laws/teachings, and place-based knowledge



Lais Chaves
(Tsawout Interim Fisheries Manager)

(250) 652-9101 ext. 324

fisheriesmanager@tsawout.ca

PHASE 2

Dungeness Crab Expert Interviews

Who: Looking for anyone in the Tsawout community who has experience harvesting Dungeness crab (past/present) in Tsawout waters

Nicole Jung
(student partner)

(778) 872 6758

n.jung@oceans.ubc.ca



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Housing News

Hot Water Replacement Program

Is your hot water tank 7 years old or older? It's time to replace it.

Program Details & Eligibility:

- This is a one-time replacement program
- Available for STÁUTW First Nation members
- Living on-reserve
- This program includes Band-Owned (BO) and CP home owners
- Program runs from January-March 31, 2026

Apply by going to: <https://tsawout.ca/hot-water-tank-replacement-program/>

Or scan the QR code and provide:

- Full Name
- On-Reserve Address
- Tsawout Membership Number
- Housing Type (BO or CP)
- Picture of the year of the Tank Installation



Contact Information:

Monique Horne, Housing Manager
housingmanager@tsawout.ca
778-351-6562



Immunizations, Maternal-Child Health, and Communicable Disease

Please see the dates below for upcoming Flu and Covid immunization clinics.

****You must book an appointment through the Tsawout Health MOAs****

Alyssa is the only CHN immunizing at this time, so an appointment is needed. Please watch the Facebook page for updates.

To book an appointment please call: 250-652-1149

Flu/Covid clinic dates for January:

- Thursday, January 8th 9am-4pm (Tsawout Health office)
- Friday, January 16th 9am-4pm (Tsawout Health office)
- Friday, January 23rd 9am-4pm (Tsawout Health office)

If you have any questions, please reach out to Alyssa (Tsawout Community Health Nurse) at 250-652-1149.

For more information on the Flu and Covid Vaccines, scan the QR codes:













Flu
Vaccine



Covid
Vaccine

January 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	31
	 					

Garbage Pickup: Garbage and compost is managed by CCR and picked up every Monday

Recycling (Bi-weekly): If your recycling is missed or not picked up, call Emterra at 250-385-4399. Call by 11:00 AM the next day and they'll most likely be able to do a pick-up. If 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.