



March 4, 2021

TSESHAHT COUNCIL REPORT

COUNCIL MEETING EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Attendance

Elected Chief & Council	Ken Watts (Chair). Bella Fred, Deb Foxcroft, Ed Ross, Eunice Joe, Jennifer Gallic, Les Sam, Natasha Marshall
Administration Staff	Chris Anderson, A/Executive Director Virginia Shrimpton, Executive Assistant (recorder) Darren Mead-Miller (support)
Guests	Denis St. Claire & Iain McKechnie – Keith Island Archaeological Project Doug Neff, NTC

In consideration of ongoing Public Health orders and extraordinary safety measures, Tseshaht First Nation elected Chief & Council Regular Meeting for March 4, 2021 was held via Zoom. The meeting included two specific timed items where guests joined to offer presentations. These included the Keith Island Archeological Project and NTC Capital & Infrastructure.

Keith Island Archaeological Project

Denis St. Claire and Iain McKechnie provided an overview of their archaeological work with Tseshaht since 2008. They provided an update on the Keith Island Project. 2020 was shut down due to pandemic. They are interested and prepared to

continue work with new COVID-19 safety plans for the 2021 season. This project includes a number of partners, including Tseshaht First Nation, Pacific Rim National Park,



the University of Victoria and the Hakai Institute. They were seeking continued support from Tseshahat to continue this work.

NTC Capital & Infrastructure

Doug Neff provided an overview of the Capital & Infrastructure program as well as a summary of priority First Nations Infrastructure Investment Plan (FNIIP) identified by Tseshahat First Nation. These include a number of shorter- and longer-term projects that have been identified by community (i.e., subdivision expansion, Sai-yatchapis residential sewer, Somass Hall re-build, longhouse renovations, wellness centre, family resource centre, etc.). The FNIIP is a long-term infrastructure plan that is reviewed regularly by the Nation, provides a prioritized list of projects and helps the government of Canada plan and fund various projects for First Nations. For more information on FNIIP's click here: <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1440084290678/1533645718223>

Band Council Resolutions

- ▶ 1 BCR in support of a member-owned business on reserve.
- ▶ 1 housing BCR was tabled with request for additional information.
- ▶ 1 BCR in support of housing confirmation of home ownership.



Other Business

Council received an update on the March 4, 2021 **COVID-19 vaccine clinic**. Over 200 community members received the vaccine. Day 2 of the vaccine clinic is scheduled for March 5, 2021.

There was broad discussion on **administrative policies and complaints processes**. Council discussed upcoming **community engagement opportunities and strategic planning**. This was followed by dialogue on opportunities for topic-specific virtual

engagement for membership. Further topics of discussion included Tseshahat Logo Use Policy, dangerous tree removal needs, community member recognition initiative, RCMP Letter of Expectation and the NTC Health Funding Agreement. The meeting concluded with a follow-up discussion related to proposal for establishment of cultural centre.



Tseshahat First Nation virtual Community Meeting will take place Sunday March 21, 2021. (10:00 am – 2:00 pm). Zoom meeting registration information has been posted online.

