

TS'UUBAA-ASATX NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2023



WELCOME TO SUMMER!

As seems to be the case with each newsletter, we are continuing to be extremely busy and it seems that as soon as we complete one project another one or two more spring up. The past 4 months have been very productive and rewarding on many levels.

We continue to do what we can to inform our community in a timely manner and encourage everyone to stay tuned to the Ts'uibaa-asatx facebook page for more current and immediate updates and information. As always feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns, my door/phone is always open/on.

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Aaron Hamilton, Operations Manager

RECONCILIATION AGREEMENT

District Lot 27 (Across Laketown Ranch)

On Friday July 7th, 2023 Ts'uibaa-asatx signed our Incremental Treaty Agreement with the Province !! We pushed this as aggressively as we could over the past number of years and our efforts paid off. A huge thank you to our late Chief Cyril Livingstone for relentlessly keeping this on the negotiation table; to Georgina Livingstone for continuing to advocate over the years and pound tables when required; to our current leadership who continued to voice our concerns with how long this was taking and the frustration that our nations was feeling with how long it was taking; to Michelle Corfield who has been our negotiator for the past three years for pushing this to the appropriate levels within the government to get this to occur; and to our membership for the patience to see this through. We could not have done this without an entire team effort and we look forward to master planning what will occur on these lands beginning in the fall of 2023. Ideas that have been generated from the community include RV Park, Accommodations, Convenience Store, Storage, Motocross, etc.



NORTH SHORE ESTATES

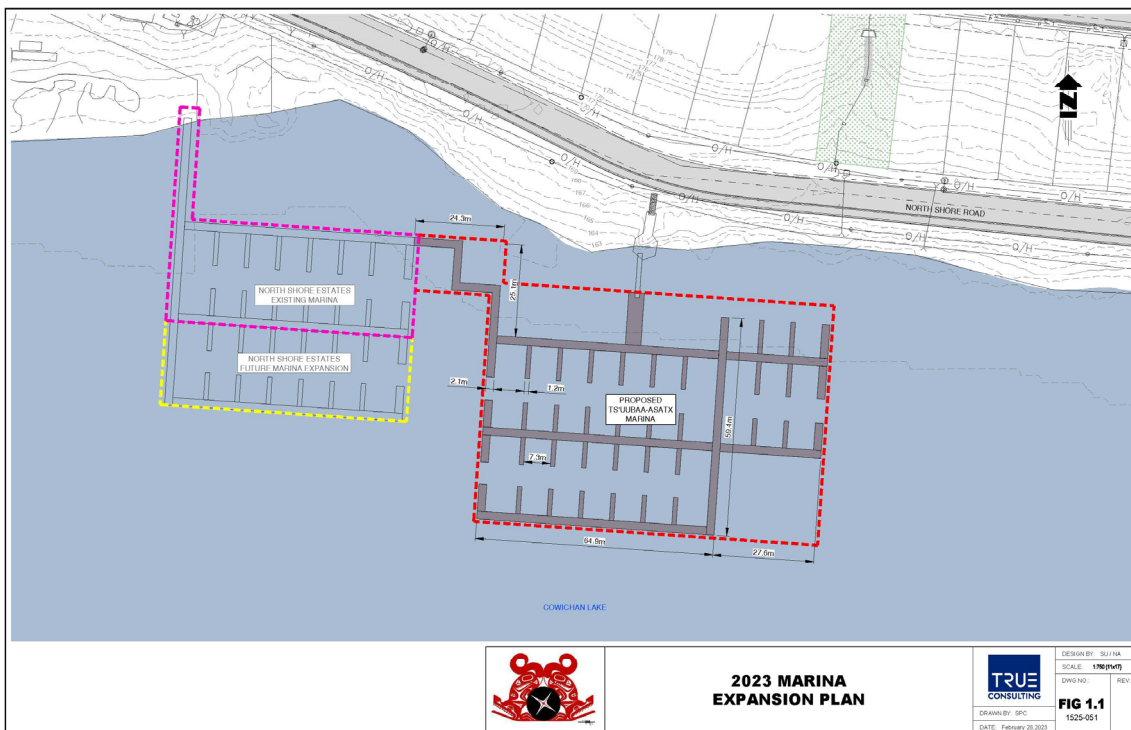
As mentioned previously we have partnered with KNS Investments to not only oversee the civil works (roads, water and sewer pipes, utilities, drainage, lights, etc.), but also to actually build, construct, and sell each home in the second phase. Currently we have 16 units either sold/occupied/under construction. This second phase will see a total of 29 lots aiming to be completed within the next year, and a potential third phase with 32 lots just behind it. Below is a rendering of what the development will look like.

As a reminder (as stated in the other newsletter) North Shore Estates in all of its' phases will be paying taxes to Ts'uubaa-asatx at the same rates that people pay the Town of Lake Cowichan. Ts'uubaa-asatx will also be charging an administration fee on the water and sewer services. At the end of the day Ts'uubaa-asatx generates revenue from the lot sales, house build, taxation, as well as the administration of the water and sewer services.



TS'UUBAA-ASATX WATERFRONT REDEVELOPMENT

As with each year, we continue to enhance our waterfront for the benefit of our members and our residents of our lands. We are looking forward to expanding our marina as well as the beach areas fronting the marina. The marina expansion is currently being built and the idea will be to transfer this over in Spring 2024 (when the water levels are at their highest) with increased park/beach areas to begin preparing and clearing in early fall 2023. These enhancements will allow more community members and north shore estates residents to have additional access points. Expanded access points will have security features to ensure that there is private access granted. Additionally Ts'uubaa-asatx was able to conduct the first (of hopefully many) movie night at the beach. This was a trial run and was an overwhelming success. We will be posting with advanced notice for when the next movie will be.



2023 MARINA EXPANSION PLAN



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DATE: February 26, 2023

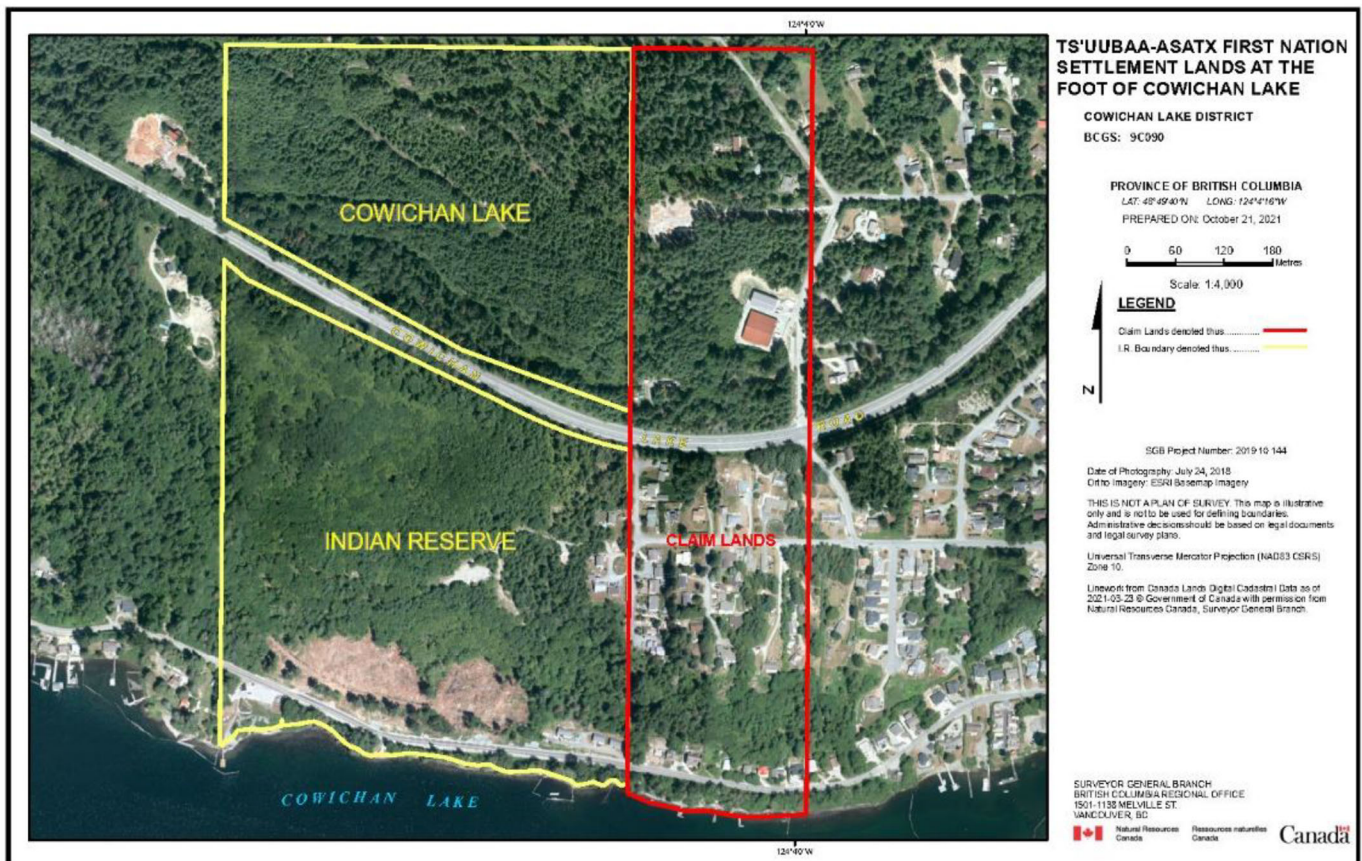
ACCOMMODATION—LAKEVIEW PARCELS

We have since concluded negotiations and are just waiting on the final agreement for signature, which we are hoping to have completed by Fall 2023. There was some minor paperwork and letters that were required and these are in the process of being completed. The lands will be approximately 37 acres, of which we will be bringing a variety of concepts to the nation on what

SPECIFIC CLAIMS

We are working on the Unlawful Pre-emption Claim (see map below) which potentially could result in an agreement that is one of the larger ones that Ts'uibaa-asatx has undertaken. We currently have an appraiser and a forestry evaluator working on this file and are aiming to have a draft report in September 2023 to begin our negotiations with Canada. We have also started up a claim for North Shore Road for the amount that Canada would be liable that was not covered in our negotiations with the Province earlier this year.

The resolution of such claims provides for cash compensation that can be utilized to invest into community infrastructure and economic development, as well as other community initiatives. Some key initiatives will be the servicing of the community core for new housing options for our community; as well as investments in gathering and park space to name a few.



Little Cubs Early Years Center

We have been open now for almost 4 months over at the daycare and have been having lot of fun learning and playing together.

Our cedar playground front and back are near completion and were designed in house by our Daycare Manager and custom carved by our amazing carvers Ryan Cook and Kevin Lewis that many of you met during the Indigenous People's Day event in June. We've had other programs out to visit our natural playground in hopes of building their own!

We have planted our 5 garden beds and have been eating out of them since we opened. We started with lettuce, spinach and arugula and have worked our way through lots of snap peas, strawberries, cucumber and hopefully lots more to come.

We have secured some funding that has allowed us to put all of our staff through professional development courses, classes and upgrades and we will be off to our second conference together at the end of September. It's been a busy time with lots of exciting new adventures to come in the new school year.

We will be starting a small library program in the fall that community members are welcome to take part in. We will have a library day at the end of the daycare day once a week in the fall, sponsored by Write to Read where books can be signed out and exchanged. We have a pretty amazing selection of Indigenous authors and stories as well as many others to choose from. More details to come!

We are so excited to keep building and growing together in a good way in the months to come and are looking forward to sharing all of our adventures along the way!



TSU AGGREGATES

Through a working relationship with Stone Pacific, Ts'uubaa-asatx has begun to blast and process aggregate on the upper portion of our IR off of the Youbou Highway. This will see the extraction of rock from the lands with a projected lifespan of 25-30 years. The road has been punched in, a scale has been set up, etc.. We were able to prepare the site through a grant/loan form TACC. Some of the product produced has already been utilized in our bank stabilization along Youbou Highway as well as the sub grade for the mini-pitch/sport Court



FIRESMART/COMMUNITY TRAILS

Our firesmart program has concluded for the most part with a large number of trees receiving thinning and pruning to reduce the spread of potential fires. Incorporated into this was the creation of a community trail that has recently been completed. It is highly recommended that members take advantage of utilizing this trail as it is a fantastic trail to get a few steps in each day.



We will be looking into adding another trail in the very near future as an extension of the current trail. Furthermore, we have engaged with the carvers that were here for Indigenous Day and we will be looking at adding some "features" to the trail for everyone to enjoy.



Elders Duplex/Community Core Residential

The elders duplex is now completed with our first elder living in their new place, with our other elder set to move in within the end of summer. A special thank you to Melanie for designing the interior and exterior finishings of such a beautiful building for our elders. We continue to work with First Nations Health Authority to ensure that the continuous care required is provided to our elders. We are also hoping that this can

be a model for wrap around care for our elders and smaller communities throughout BC.

The Community Core continues to see edits and modifications to frame what was highlighted within our Comprehensive Community Development Plan. We have cleared more trees to allow some views of the lake and are working with a few members that have indicated that they are wanting to build their own house and looking to have services (water/sewer/hydro/communications) installed for the entire community core by end of the calendar year. This is very exciting and we are hoping to have a house or two added within the next 12—18 months.



Mini Pitch/Community Center

Ts'uubaa-asatx has been successful in collaborating with Hope and Health on the installation of a 5V5 Mini Pitch system that will be located across the recently completed Elders Duplex within our Community Core development area. The design of the pitch is inspired by the meaning of the “Every Child Matters” orange shirt, creating an inspiring and safe place to play, in memory of the children gone too soon through the residential school genocide and in honor of

the survivors so deeply impacted. This project creates the opportunity to bring people together to play, to be empowered, to be encouraged to “be the change” that they desire to co-create new pathways based on mutual respect, love and equity.

These pitches will provide innovative, high quality and inspiring play environments to continue to engage Indigenous youth (and all ages) in the beautiful game and to develop soccer technical skills, along with activating a “5V5 Champions” League across nations.

Ts'uubaa-asatx Fisheries

Ts'uubaa-asatx Fisheries/Cowichan Lake Salmonid Enhancement Society & Hatchery have been partners for more than a decade. Beaver Creek and Beaver Lake was converted into a functioning Coho salmon run system more than thirty years ago.



The old narrow gauge railroad grade was used to build a small weir with flow controls. Winter rains bring the level of the lake up enough to hold water for flows through the summer. In this way Coho fry can rear in healthy habitat for the first year of their life and then as smolts they swim out to the sea each spring.

The proximity to Lake Cowichan Middle/High School allows for students and teachers to utilize the trails along the creek to observe the return of adult salmon and to see what makes a stream healthy. Trail maintenance and improvements are necessary for safe crossings along the trail.



This summer Phase I of our project saw the removal of a log jam which was a barrier to fish passage and the installation of one wooden bridge near the trail head. Phase II of our project was the removal of an unsafe bridge crossing and the installation of a fine new aluminum bridge. Several large broken culverts were also removed.





New Positions/Employment Opportunities

We are pleased to announce that we have added a few new employees and contractors to our team as well as rearranged responsibilities to match what is being conducted:

Tia Livingstone has joined the administration team as our Receptionist

Sherry Livingstone has moved into the role of Administrative Assistant

Leanne Dupont has joined our finance department and is working closely with Melanie and Russ on data entry and support.

Jim Kraneveldt has taken on the role of Maintenance/Security oversight for the nation as we continue to grow.

Nene Kraneveldt has taken on the role of Operations Support and will take on a large amount of the administration for the nation as Aaron shifts focus to more economic development.

These are just a snapshot of the types of employment opportunities that will be forthcoming within the next 12 months. Ts'uubaa-asatx is already seeking out funds to apply for the necessary training for these, and for some the funds are already there. If you are interested in any of these, please contact our Operations Manager, Aaron Hamilton at: 250-715-7560 or aaron@lcfn.ca