



Nation Builder

A tsain-ko Group Publication - April 2024

Message from Ihe hiwus. imash imash.

I wish to thank all of our neighbours for your perseverance as we have completed the widening and paving of xweus street, and the construction at Our House of Clans. The completion of Our House of Clans represents such a significant milestone for our community, with 34 modern, safe and secure homes for our fellow Nation members.

The official opening of Our House of Clans will occur on Friday, May 17th from 12 noon until 3 pm in Reconciliation Plaza, the gathering area right behind the building. All interested Nation members are welcome to attend. In June, siiyaya reconciliation movement will raise the Totem that will accompany Our House of Clans, the last and final Totem carved by our late and dearly missed friend Tony Paul. The Totem will be raised during the week of June 21st, coinciding with National Indigenous People’s Day. Look for more information and updates in this publication next month.

Wishing everyone a warm and dry April,

Sincerely,
yaxwemult, Ihe hiwus Lenora Joe.





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Community Engagement Meeting
April 18, 5:30-7:30 pm

Full Dinner Served!

April 18, 2024: Community Engagement Meeting Planned 5:30pm to 7:30pm at the Nation Hall.

Please join us on April 18 for an open conversation, presentation and discussion of our strategic plan, and opportunities we’re exploring at tsain-ko. We look forward to hearing feedback and questions from Nation members as we share the results of our planning with our Board of Directors throughout the fall. We will also be looking for feedback specific to cannabis-related opportunities and are interested to hear from the community on the direction the Nation should take. Please feel free to submit questions in advance via email at info@tsain-ko.com, or share your questions with us in person at the gathering.

tsain-ko Centre Pad 5 Tender has closed.

tsain-ko Centre tendered a request for proposals last month for the completion work to be done for our final build out of the mall. Six local companies participated in the tender process, making it one of the most competitive tenders we have had to date. We are happy to announce that the Sunshine Coast’s Jenkins Construction Ltd. was the successful bidder (no relation to Jason Jenkins!). We are excited to see the work commence and will be sharing the news of our new tenants in the upcoming months.

tsain-ko office space Tender has closed.

While we are on the subject of building tenders, Summerhill Construction was the successful bidder to complete the construction of the ground floor commercial and office space at Our House of Clans. This tender was issued and awarded over a year ago. The work was delayed by our own decision to apply for a grant to fund the work through the Regional Economic Development and Infrastructure Program, which was a highly competitive process and unfortunately our application was unsuccessful. Work will now proceed and we look forward to completion by mid-fall.



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License to Krill:
Sechelt Fishing Update

It looks like 2024 will be a very good year for our fishing interests. We have completed all of our prawn licensing agreements, and the negotiation this year included a 21% lift in our lease rate versus 2023. In addition, we have negotiated 3,000 pounds of prawn tails – plus an additional \$15,000 in processing credits. We look forward to all Nation members receiving a healthy share of delicious prawns. Stay tuned for more news on our other leasing efforts throughout the year.



Upcoming Event Calendar & Special Dates 2024

APRIL 18	Community Engagement Session 5:30 to 7:30pm Location: The Nation Hall	MAY 30	Sacred Dancers Ceremony 3:00pm: This will be a private ceremony for Nation Members and Invited Guests.
MAY 5	1st Annual MMIWG March 10am starting at the Intersection of Cowrie St & Ocean Ave.	MAY 31	Installation of the Reconciliation Pole
MAY 12	Mother's Day	JUNE 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day
MAY 17	Our House of Clans Opening Ceremony 12 Noon to 3:00pm Location: OHOC Rear Parking Lot	JUNE 21	syiyaya days Various events in and around our swiya.
MAY 29	Reconciliation Pole Arrival Lon's Crane Service will bring the Reconciliation Pole to the Nation Offices (Parking lot).	JUNE 23	Carving Tears into Dreams Totem Raising Ceremony Time/Location: TBD
MAY 29	Awakening Ceremony 4pm Reconciliation pole will be brushed and blessed. Open for Nation Members and the Community.	OCT 24	Annual General Meeting 2024 Time/Location: TBD



We are excited to introduce a new addition to our team, Yapa, who officially takes on the role of Senior Accountant (Natural Resources) starting April 8th, 2024.

Madhavi Yapa, also known as Yapa, migrated to Canada in November 2020 to pursue an MBA at the University Canada West (UCW). She also completed her bachelor's degree in Business Economics in 2017 and obtained the CIMA qualification in 2024.

Welcome to the team Yapa!
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Madhavi Yapa



Charith Perera

We are thrilled to introduce the newest addition to our team, Charith, who officially takes on the role of Senior Accountant (Industrial Sector) also starting April 8th, 2024.

Recently, Charith and his loving wife, along with their three kids, relocated to Sechelt, drawn by their love for coastal living. He is filled with enthusiasm and eagerness to commence this fresh chapter of his career journey with us.

Welcome aboard, Charith!
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