

# Sq<sup>w</sup>əlq<sup>w</sup>əl TEDC NEWS

TFN Economic Development Corporation (TEDC) is pleased to launch our newsletter with a new name and new look. The name Sq<sup>w</sup>əlq<sup>w</sup>əl (Skwalqwal) means story or news in Hənq̓əminəm and reflects TFN language and culture into our storytelling. The Sq<sup>w</sup>əlq<sup>w</sup>əl will be sent to you quarterly to update you on TEDC's activities.

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**TFN/WALES MCLELLAND**  
CONSTRUCTION JOINT VENTURE

The TFN/Wales McLelland Construction Joint Venture (TFNWM) is focused on creating a commercial business that will provide skills, training and employment opportunities for our Members.

A logo was considered essential to represent visually the collaboration and partnership between Wales McLelland and TEDC. This was a great opportunity for local TFN artists to participate in the partnership in the early stages. The result was an outstanding collection of artistic submissions and the selected artwork was created by Frank Campbell.

Frank is a Coast Salish artist born in La Conner, Washington and living in Tsawwassen since 1990. His ancestral name is Wopeeoh.

Frank took an interest in drawing in 1995 and enrolled in a Native Art course in 1999. There he continued to learn more about drawing, carving, and other types of art mediums which strengthened his artistic skills and interest. Frank's artwork is showcased in the book "13 Moons" as well as being prominently displayed at the Swinomish Casino and Lodge.

He is delighted to have his artwork selected to represent this important partnership.

## TMJV UPDATE – OUR PEOPLE AND OUR PROJECTS

TFN Construction / Matcon Civil Joint Venture (TMJV) is the civil construction and environmental contracting firm created by a partnership between Tsawwassen First Nation and Matcon Civil Constructors Inc. TMJV has generated significant economic benefits for TFN and it's Members including revenue, and employment and contracting opportunities to qualified TFN Members and TFN Members' businesses.

To learn more about TMJV's services and employment opportunities:  
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### EMPLOYEE PROFILE – MURRY HEARL



One of our original TFN Member staff, Murry Hearl, rejoined TMJV in August 2013. Since then, he has worked on several key projects including Matcon's 36 lot Puran residential development in Surrey, TMJV's salmon habitat construction in the Surrey Bend Regional Park, and most recently TMJV's Tsawwassen Mills site preparation works. Murry is using his Heavy Equipment Operator Training to operate heavy machinery such as packers, dozers, rock trucks and excavators on project sites. His hard work, expanded skill set, and positive attitude have all contributed to his success.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FAIR

TEDC is hosting our second Career Opportunities Fair for the TFN community at the Annual Members Gathering. All TFN Members will learn about current and future employment along with training and mentoring opportunities from various companies.

We hope to see you on  
Sunday, November 16th  
from 12-2:30pm at the River  
Rock Casino Resort in  
Richmond, BC.

## DELTA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TFN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE



Photo credit – Delta Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber's update session was a great opportunity to share with the community the significant progress underway with these developments. Our community is poised to take advantage of these developments, and we hope that we can extend the benefits from these developments to the entire nation and to the Region. – Chief Bryce Williams

On September 17, 2014, the Delta Chamber of Commerce hosted a half-day TFN Economic Development Update. More than 100 people attended the session to hear directly from TFN's key business partners about the developing residential, retail, commercial and industrial projects in our community

In addition to Chris Hartman's overview, special guest presentations included:

- Residential Update from Kevin Hoffman, Aquilini Development and Construction
- Retail and Commercial Update from John Scott, Ivanhoé Cambridge and David Coon, Property Development Group
- Industrial Update from Geoff Heu, Great West Life Realty Advisors

Keynote speaker James Moller, General Manager at CrossIron Mills in Calgary, presented an insightful Retail Destination Case Study highlighting the success of CrossIron Mills.

For more information and to view the presentations, visit the Chamber's website at:

<http://www.deltachamber.ca/tfn-update.html>

## CANDO'S 2014 ECONOMIC DEVELOPER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Chris Hartman, TEDC's CEO, received the prestigious Individual Economic Developer of the Year Award at the 21st Annual National Conference of the Council for the Advancement of Native Development Officers (Cando) on September 25th.

As well, an Award of Recognition in the Community Category was presented to Tony Jacobs on behalf of Tsawwassen First Nation. According to Tony, a member of TFN Executive Council, "Economic development has allowed us to achieve independence for our children and grandchildren so we may carry on the advice and wisdom given to us by our elders to fulfill the wishes and dreams for our people." The individual award and community award recognition are the result of the TFN and TEDC working collectively in support of all TFN Members and their community.

The Economic Developer of the Year Awards acknowledge the outstanding achievements of nominees from across the country who demonstrate their vision and success in the pursuit of sustainable economic self-sufficiency and improved quality of life for Aboriginal people. All nominees are committed and dedicated to advancing the standards of living and prosperity in their communities.



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