



Tla-o-qui-aht

DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

2026 1st Quarter Highlights

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A MESSAGE FROM NIK VISCHSCHRAPER

TDC CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Welcome to the 2026 Q1 edition of our TDC Newsletter! After the excitement of our inaugural launch, I am proud to see this publication becoming a staple of our communication and a true reflection of the transparency we strive for.

We entered this year with a clear roadmap, and the first three months of 2026 have already shown the results of our collective focus. The Board and I have moved from the high-level refinement of our strategy into the active phase of building TDC's capacity and organizational alignment. Whether it's through our updated HR and safety programs or more efficient operational policies, the goal remains the same: supporting the people who make this organization run.

Q1 has been defined by several key achievements:

- Soft launching TDC's first business support program.
- Multiple milestones achieved in the 10-in-10 project through the construction of the wellness center, culturally and historically informative signage, and more.
- New additions to Tsawaak RV Resort including Surfside Grill, a shared outdoor amphitheatre with Tin Wis, and 3,600 native plants.
- Record-setting production at our Micro Hydro plants and a Green Business Award to boot!

Reading through the updates from our various divisions, that same "fired up" energy I felt last year is stronger than ever. It is clear that our progress is rooted in the passion you bring to the Tla-o-qui-aht community every day.

I want to thank everyone who contributed photos and stories for this edition. Your work is not just a series of tasks; it is the engine of our community's economic and social development. I hope you take a moment to celebrate these wins as we look toward an even busier Q2.

Sincerely,



ENTITIES: TFN SEAFOODS



Halibut season is officially open with historic high prices for TFN fishers, and our commercial diver graduate is currently harvesting a variety of local species including sea cucumbers and geoducks.

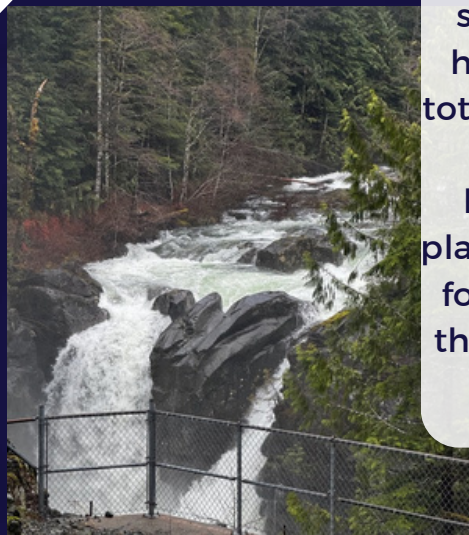


We also look forward to boosting local maritime skills with upcoming four-day SVOP courses scheduled for both this spring and fall.



MICRO HYDRO

Our plants hit a record-breaking stride in Q1 2026, delivering the highest production and revenue totals for the January-March period in more than seven years. This historic performance across all plants sets a formidable foundation for the year ahead and highlights the incredible momentum of H4H and their team.



TIN WIS RESORT



TIN WIS
RESORT



Our Tin Wis and Tsawaak team traveled to Edmonton this February to attend the ITAC Conference. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with the national Indigenous tourism community and share our recent successes.

Construction on our new wellness studio is progressing smoothly and is now nearing completion. We look forward to opening this tranquil space very soon to enhance the guest experience.



The kitchen renovation remains underway as we continue to modernize our culinary facilities. We appreciate your patience as we work toward a refreshed space that will better serve our community and visitors.

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A significant new history piece has been installed in the lobby, providing a meaningful look into the heritage of Tin Wis. This addition ensures that every guest begins their stay with a deeper understanding of the land's story.

Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations Ha'wiih (Hereditary Chiefs)



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Raymond Seitcher



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Alex Frank



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Wesley Frank



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Simon Tom Sr.

History of Tin Wis Resort

1879 - early 1880s
The Residential School Era
The Residential School Era was a period of forced assimilation for Indigenous children. The school was located on the site of the current resort. The school was closed in 1906.

1880s - 1890s
Transition and Reclaiming the Land
The Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations fought for the return of their land. The land was eventually returned to the First Nations in 1980.

1980s
The Protection of Mowat Island & The Impact on Tourism
The Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations fought to protect Mowat Island from development. The island is now a protected area.

1980s
Establishing the West Western Resort
The Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations established the West Western Resort. The resort is a significant part of the community's heritage.

2000s
Modern Day and Current Growth
The resort has grown significantly since its opening. The resort is now a major destination for tourists.

2020
The Tin Wis 10 in 10 Vision
The resort has set a vision for the next 10 years. The vision is to become a world-class resort.

Dear autlieyu,

ʕeekoo ʕeekoo for your guidance, wisdom, and for taking the time to share the history and story of Tin Wis, and the land that it was built upon. We are beyond grateful for everything you shared and the care you brought to it. We're truly so happy with how it turned out, and we are looking forward to continuing to build on it in the future in a way that honours the community and what you have shared.

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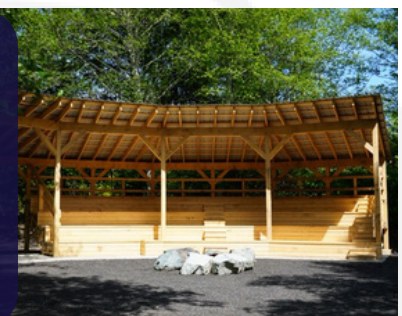
Welcome Surfside Grill! They celebrated a successful soft launch over the March break, offering a first taste of their new menu to the community. We enjoyed seeing so many guests during the opening and look forward to a busy season ahead.



Our grounds have been revitalized with the planting of 3,600 Vancouver Island native plants. This initiative enhances the local ecosystem while providing a beautiful, natural backdrop for our visitors to enjoy.



The new amphitheatre is now complete and serves as a shared group day site for guests of both Tsawaak and Tin Wis Resort. This versatile outdoor venue is officially ready to host community gatherings and special events.





TSAWAAK
RV RESORT & CAMPGROUND

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We have finished work on the new sidewalk and beach path, providing a seamless and accessible route to the shoreline. These improvements make it easier than ever for everyone to enjoy a stroll down to the water.



The Tsiisaak Pledge sign has been proudly installed in front of the Visitor Centre to welcome all who arrive. It stands as a meaningful reminder of our shared commitment to respect and stewardship for the land and its history.

TDC OFFICE



We are excited to welcome Corey Rich to the TDC team as our new Director of Finance! Bringing a community-centered approach informed by his Indigenous heritage, Corey will oversee strategic planning and investment analysis to support the economic vision of the Tla-o-qui-aht Development Corporation.

Our commitment to environmental stewardship was recently honored with a Green Business Award. This recognition reflects our dedication to sustainable practices and responsible development across all our operations.



We have launched a new business support program specifically designed to empower TFN members in their entrepreneurial journeys. Please visit our website to learn more: tfndevcorp.ca/business-support/



TDC OFFICE



In January, Nik, Alec, and Parker represented the team at the January Community Meeting. It was a productive opportunity to engage with the community and discuss our shared vision for the upcoming year.

We are pleased to announce that the internet infrastructure in Opitsaht has been successfully upgraded. TDC will be conducting a survey in the upcoming weeks to gather information on the internet needs of each household.



It was an honor to attend hišumyił ʕaʔuukwiʔath – “To Gather Tla-o-qui-aht.” and share in such a meaningful day of reconnection and heritage. Being part of this gathering allowed us to witness the strength of the community as members returned to celebrate their shared history.



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