

## Final TCA-Indigenous Engagement Working Group (IEWG) Update – April 15, 2024

### Members are:

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Meetings thus far – Feb 9th, 2024:

- This session was held at the THM on a sea-level picnic table. We had a very humbling discussion, with all members (except a few who could not make it) leaving the group feeling more grounded in the work before them.
  - Takeaways from this meeting:
    - The enormity of the need for a shift in worldviews at a community level.
      - ✓ Action – education, education, and education.
    - The affirmation that place-based learning is good supports the goals of the TCA-IEWG.
      - ✓ Action - meeting at and on locations significant to the Pune'luxutth People.
    - There is a desire for elder-led session/s to ensure the IEWG is on track and starts to listen to their messages that reflect the PT community.
    - This requires funding for the elder/s who attend, time and travel expenses. My company FAEC has recently received a small amount of funds we can use from the OPP (Ocean Protection Plan Dialogue Forum) to ensure this happens until we find funding to cover these costs.
    - If possible, we would engage elders who have fit the place or topic of discussion.
    - TCA IE Strategy with short, mid, and long-term goals that are:
      - ✓ Grounded in place, as it was;
      - ✓ That is not scary; win:win:win; and
      - ✓ No creating walls on either side.
    - Pending our first meeting with an elder.
    - The 5Rs (Reflection, Respect, Regard, Relevance, and Resilience. Culturally Connected - see below), trust, settler community, PT community
- We are considering Tools and processes to help us learn about and better understand ourselves as a settler community.
- Define the funding needs and contemplate the courses and events that may benefit Thetis and the Pune'luxutth Communities. Finding funding that engages both communities' vs just Thetis may be more accessible.
- We are reflecting on the parallel work happening in the Thetis Settler community where PT is engaged:
  - ThINC – NSP Cultural Tours and collaborative Forage Fish/Invasive Green crab training with PT eco-monitoring projects.
  - Thetis Diver's group Kelp Restoration Project has proactively engaged PT as part of the permit process.
  - Invitation to the Easter Egg Hunt at THM (Thetis Harbour Marina).
  - Standing invite to Bingo night at the Community Hall.
  - The early engagement on a Green Shores for Homes Project (GSH) – watch for more on this to come out possibly summer 2024 or 2025.

Table of Resources to support the TCA- IEWG Reconciliation Project.

Educational Opportunities	Link or other contact info.	Comments on accessibility – cost, pre-reqs, how friendly is the material,
Indigenous Corporate Training -	Found at. <a href="https://www.ictinc.ca/training?hsCtaTracking=bd994c2e-af66-498c-b5c9-df5df9f4e781%7Ca454473c-d31d-477c-a53d-7bde706fd2b7">https://www.ictinc.ca/training?hsCtaTracking=bd994c2e-af66-498c-b5c9-df5df9f4e781%7Ca454473c-d31d-477c-a53d-7bde706fd2b7</a> .	Expensive, but very well done and my experience was at the course below, that it was well delivered in challenging participants.
UofA - <a href="https://www.coursera.org/learn/indigenous-canada">Coursera.org - Indigenous Canada</a>	Found at. <a href="https://www.coursera.org/learn/indigenous-canada?utm_medium=sem&amp;utm_source=g&amp;utm_campaign=B2C_NAMER_indigenous-canada_ualberta_FTCOF_learn_country-US-country-CA&amp;campaignid=13440968592&amp;adgroupid=130160700424&amp;device=c&amp;keyword=indigenous%20canada%20university%20of%20alberta&amp;matchtype=b&amp;network=g&amp;device_model=&amp;adposition=&amp;creativeid=526589477720&amp;hide_mobile_promo&amp;gad_source=1&amp;gclid=Cj0KCQiAoeGuBhCBARIsAGfKY7wIMZd-CZCGO1gChbnJnne5DYm1qq2i7LzKWWMZxYG98T6Lb453fMaAsa0EALw_wcB">https://www.coursera.org/learn/indigenous-canada?utm_medium=sem&amp;utm_source=g&amp;utm_campaign=B2C_NAMER_indigenous-canada_ualberta_FTCOF_learn_country-US-country-CA&amp;campaignid=13440968592&amp;adgroupid=130160700424&amp;device=c&amp;keyword=indigenous%20canada%20university%20of%20alberta&amp;matchtype=b&amp;network=g&amp;device_model=&amp;adposition=&amp;creativeid=526589477720&amp;hide_mobile_promo&amp;gad_source=1&amp;gclid=Cj0KCQiAoeGuBhCBARIsAGfKY7wIMZd-CZCGO1gChbnJnne5DYm1qq2i7LzKWWMZxYG98T6Lb453fMaAsa0EALw_wcB</a> .	One of the first courses offered on this topic and worth taking. Its online, free, 12 mods to complete, suggested time 21hrs, check out the module's descriptions at.
Raven's Trust/Raven	Found at. <a href="https://raventrust.com/home-on-native-land/">https://raventrust.com/home-on-native-land/</a>	Home on Native Land, Raven - Excellent organization, focused in funding indigenous rights rooted in UNDRIP and are the main force for the action in the NW BC legal actionT Online, self-guided, free, 10 videos, time/session??. s.
<b>Organizations</b>		
Social Planning Cowichan	Found at. <a href="https://www.socialplanningcowichan.org">Social Planning Cowichan   Cowichan, British ColumbiaSocial Planning Cowichanhttps://www.socialplanningcowichan.org</a>	If you snoop around their website, they offer elder led sessions focusing on cultural connections. I have attended several over since returning and have found them to be invaluable. Usually experiential in nature. Walking, paddling, hiking, museum like experience, and inter-active village or Blanket Exercise. - see link below the SPC.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bring Thu-it to Your Community</li> </ul>	Contact SPC directly for to discuss this might come to Thetis, shared with Chemainus HS or another group of interested SHs. David Reay is a board member is and supports it. Last year I spoke with their event coordinator, and she fully supports the idea. Its about finding funds to make it happen.	<a href="#">Thu-it [Truth]</a> is a multi-media, immersive installation version of the <a href="#">Journey of our Generation</a> work. Stories are shared in both a walk-through multimedia timeline exhibit and a 3-hour digital media immersive experience. The exhibit launched in the fall of 2022 with its first run in the Cowichan valley. The 3-hour blended experiential and multi-media immersive experience to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the impacts of both western and Indigenous world views and systems, history, present and future.
<b>Video References or resources</b>		
The Witness Blanket - UBC Learning Circle, Aug 2014.	Found at. <a href="https://www.google.com/search?client=safari&amp;esv=24d434d1ee6f8031&amp;hl=en-ca&amp;sxsrf=ACQVn0_H4uRcnCA5XsYgrlh97xosbWDg1w:1708731561123&amp;q=blanket+sessions,+indigenous,+bc&amp;tbm=vid&amp;source=lnms&amp;sa=X&amp;ved=2ahUKEwikid6N0cKEAxWCATQIHW9oBKgQOpQJegQIBBAB&amp;biw=1128">https://www.google.com/search?client=safari&amp;esv=24d434d1ee6f8031&amp;hl=en-ca&amp;sxsrf=ACQVn0_H4uRcnCA5XsYgrlh97xosbWDg1w:1708731561123&amp;q=blanket+sessions,+indigenous,+bc&amp;tbm=vid&amp;source=lnms&amp;sa=X&amp;ved=2ahUKEwikid6N0cKEAxWCATQIHW9oBKgQOpQJegQIBBAB&amp;biw=1128</a>	So, this is an example of a course/session that one could schedule on Thetis as one of the many tools and experiences the community has to come to understand.

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	<a href="https://www.nfb.ca/film/honour-to-senator-murray-sinclair/">&amp;bih=1520&amp;dpr=2#fpstate=ive&amp;vld=cid:7d7cc08f_vid:d3MSyLDsOXw,st:0</a>	
TRC - Murray Uni awards presentation	Found at. <a href="https://www.nfb.ca/film/honour-to-senator-murray-sinclair/">https://www.nfb.ca/film/honour-to-senator-murray-sinclair/</a>	TRC (Truth and Reconciliation Commission) - His address at this presentation, Murray Sinclair provides an articulate address and summary of the TRC and its stark realities. The TRC's history is rooted in UNDRIP and the need to "...stand up and be noticed, take action." Alanis Obomsawin. 2021 NFB Films.
What is the Doctrine of Discovery?	Found at. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z3xUSTWJ1qc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z3xUSTWJ1qc</a>	Created by Anna Socha. Bruce Mclvor explains the doctrine of discovery and its role in Canadian law. Audio from the Globe and Mail's The Decibel podcast interview with Bruce Mclvor. Mar 2, 2023.
Albert Marshall, Elder, Eskasoni First Nation, Unama'ki District (Cape Breton), Nova Scotia.	Found at. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DTJtAdH9_mk&amp;t=193s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DTJtAdH9_mk&amp;t=193s</a>	Now a step towards bridging these divides by considering the wisdom of using Two-eyed Seeing or Etuaptmunk which refers to "learning to see from one eye with the strengths of indigenous knowledge and ways of knowing - and Learning to use both of these eyes together for the benefit of all." Two-Eyed Seeing adamantly, respectfully, and passionately asks that we bring together our different ways of knowing so we can leave the world a better place for the next seven generations.
"Culturally Connected" - there are some good references such as the 5Rs (Reflection, Respect, Regard, Relevance, and Resilience.) -	Found at. <a href="https://www.culturallyconnected.ca/">https://www.culturallyconnected.ca/</a>	I did look at the organization that Peter had mentioned - its healthcare centric, had some dead links so unless Peter has a rep to chat with or more insight, I suggest we can borrow from it, but it differs from the others above.