



Tsilhqot'in Nation Celebrates Nits'il?in Alphonse Being Awarded the King Charles III Coronation Medal

The Tsilhqot'in National Government (TNG) is celebrating Nits'il?in (Chief) Joe Alphonse as the recipient of the King Charles III Coronation Medal for his significant contributions to Canada and B.C. Nits'il?in Alphonse was nominated by Honourable Bowinn Ma, Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness for his leadership and efforts to protect his community from wildfire and also advance reconciliation within the field of Emergency Management.

The King Charles III Coronation Medal was created in 2023 with 2024 being the first year that the medal was awarded to outstanding Canadians. There were 30,000 medals awarded in 2024.

"Nits'il?in Joe Alphonse has shown amazing leadership through his time as Nits'il?in and Chair of the Tsilhqot'in National Government. He has been able to show leadership over the years by recognizing that the right decision isn't always the easy one. In the face of the climate crisis, emergencies have become a regular occurrence for the Tsilhqot'in Nation. All levels of government have a long way to come in managing emergencies in culturally appropriate ways that recognize Indigenous jurisdiction. Nits'il?in Alphonse has been there, front and center, as a leader and guide to this learning process."

— Nits'il?in (Chief) Otis Guichon, Vice Chair, Tsilhqot'in National Government

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