



Walking the Red Road Together

The Tsilhqot'in Nation is taking an important step toward community healing with the development of the Red Road River Recovery model of care.

Guided by the teaching of walking the "Red Road," this initiative reflects a shared commitment to living with purpose and supporting positive change for individuals, families, and communities.

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Set to open this spring, the Red Road Recovery Centre will offer a holistic, culturally grounded approach to healing. Rooted in Indigenous knowledge and traditions, the program recognizes that recovery is a journey—one that requires support from the very first steps through to long-term wellness and reintegration.



Construction of the Healing and Wellness Center.

The Red Road model of care also includes supportive recovery housing – an additional 20 homes - for both pre and post-treatment stages. These safe, culturally supportive spaces will help individuals begin or continue their healing journey with guidance and stability.

As participants move forward, the program will focus on building life skills, supporting employment readiness, and strengthening overall wellness—helping individuals restore balance and rediscover purpose.

Grounded in respect, love, and traditional wisdom, the Red Road Recovery model of care is dedicated to strengthening individuals, uplifting families, and supporting healthier communities for generations to come.



Healing and Wellness Strategic PLanning.



Nuxalk, Ulkatcho, and T̕silhqot'in leadership - March 3rd, 2026.

T̕silhqot'in Nits'il?in-Qi meet with Nuxalk and Ulkatcho Leadership

We were honoured to meet with our relatives and friends from the Nuxalk and Ulkatcho Nations, where we rekindled our ancestral ties while discussing a number of shared interests. We look forward to deepening our relationships going forward, connecting our Elders and members to teach our youth about our shared histories, and supporting each other on our journey to secure recognition for our self-determination, while protecting our peoples, territories and resources.

T̕silhqot'in visit to Nazko First Nation

The T̕silhqot'in Nation was proud to be hosted by our Dakelh friends and relatives at the Nazko First Nation in early March, with a special mention to Chief Leah Stump who made all of this possible.

Chief Francis and Chief Roger attended on behalf of our Nits'il?in-Qi, and Jenny and several TNG staff members joined in support as well.



Elders during the opening of the gathering.



Nits'il?in Francis Lacey at the Nazko's community center - March 3rd, 2026.

We began with a tour of Nazko's Quesnel office and then traveled to Nazko for a moose and salmon feast with Nazko Elders, and a tour of Nazko's community. We were honoured to join Nazko students and teachers at their school and to learn that the students have been learning T̄silhqot'in shen (songs). This special day was another step to strengthen our relationships and rekindle the connections that T̄silhqot'in and Nazko peoples have maintained since time immemorial.

We committed to hosting Nazko in T̄silhqot'in Territory soon, as a way to continue to friendship and to work together in unity to improve the lives of our people and to protect our tu (waters) and nen (lands).



Nits'il?in Roger William, Chief Leah Stump and Nits'il?in Francis Lacey.



TNG Staff.



Nazko Elders.



Activities Booths for students - March 10th, 2026.

Career Exploration Held for Youth

On March 10th, TNG hosted a Find Your Fit event in Williams Lake for T̓silhqot̓in youth and other youth in the Williams Lake area to learn more about specific jobs and what it is like working in those areas.

Schools from the T̓silhqot̓in Territory (Yunešit̓in, Xenigwet̓in, and Tl'etinqox), along with schools in Williams Lake, brought students to the event. There were over 240 students that attended.





T̄silhqot'in, Haida Nation & the Lower Fraser Fisheries Alliance Delegations - March 2, 2026.

Aotearoa Knowledge Exchange

A T̄silhqot'in delegation, together with delegations from the Haida Nation, the Lower Fraser Fisheries Alliance and the WSANEC Leadership Council where on a knowledge exchange with the Māori people to learn and share about their cumulative experiences. Aotearoa currently have a river and forest that have legal personhood.



T̄silhqot'in Delegation - March 2, 2026.

This T̄silhqot'in delegation learned about the history of the Māori along with the many different aspects of governance. This includes how resources are managed, how decisions are made, and how histories are redressed (reconciled).

The delegations met and stayed with a total of seven marae, with the last two marae being iwi's who have a river and forest with legal personhood on their territories. The delegations were able to learn from our Māori hosts about the process of legal personhood and what legal personhood has meant for the communities.

The delegations also visited Te Wananga o Raukawa (a Māori education-provider) which offers a range of undergraduate and post graduate certificate, diploma and degree programs in a range of subjects.

Each of the delegations had 7 minutes each for presentations to students. Additionally, several of the T̄silhqot'in delegation did a presentation on language revitalization to students in a Māori language class.



T̄silhqot'in delegation at the Te Wananga o Raukawa - March 2, 2026.

T̄silhqot'in Portal Upgrade



T̄silhqot'in Stewardship Nuybid Banner.

The T̄silhqot'in Nation is introducing an updated version of its land-use planning system, the Nuybid – Stewardship Portal, launched in February 2026. This custom, interactive, web-based platform supports land-use information management and decision-making across the T̄silhqot'in territory.

The name Nuybid (pronounced Noo-eeh bead), meaning “root cellar,” reflects the portal’s purpose as a secure and organized place to store and access important land-use knowledge.

Version 3 brings several new features designed to improve usability and support community and staff work. The updated system includes a map-focused interface, allowing users to easily switch between form and map views. Users can now upload spatial data in multiple formats, draw and edit features, and access general GIS analysis tools directly within the platform.

The portal also introduces Projects, a new feature that allows users to save and share groups of map layers with custom styles and settings for easy access and collaboration. Enhanced search functions now make it possible to search by keywords, IDs, specific areas, or map extent.

These improvements strengthen the Nation’s ability to manage land-use information while supporting informed, culturally grounded stewardship of the territory.

T̂silhqot’in Language Revitalization Plan Released

Through many years of hard work from the T̂silhqot’in Language Advisory and the TNG Language Department, a renewed language revitalization plan has been developed. This plan builds on the plans that came before it, namely the 2020 T̂silhqot’in Nation Revitalization Strategy. The four work streams of the strategy are as follows:

- 1. Support Classes, Curriculum, and Immersion:** Assisting new and existing T̂silhqot’in language programs through teacher training, curriculum development, and partnerships with universities and schools.
- 2. Promote Intergenerational and Community Learning:** Encouraging T̂silhqot’in to be spoken, read, and heard throughout our communities and at Nation events.
- 3. Develop and Distribute Language Resources:** Documenting, recording, and sharing T̂silhqot’in language materials using a wide range of media.
- 4. Advance Language governance for a coordinated Nation approach:** Coordinating language initiatives with direction from the Language Advisory and ensuring this work is supported through funding and partnerships.



Scan to read the Language Revitalization Plan.

Capacity Development Strategy in Implementation Phase

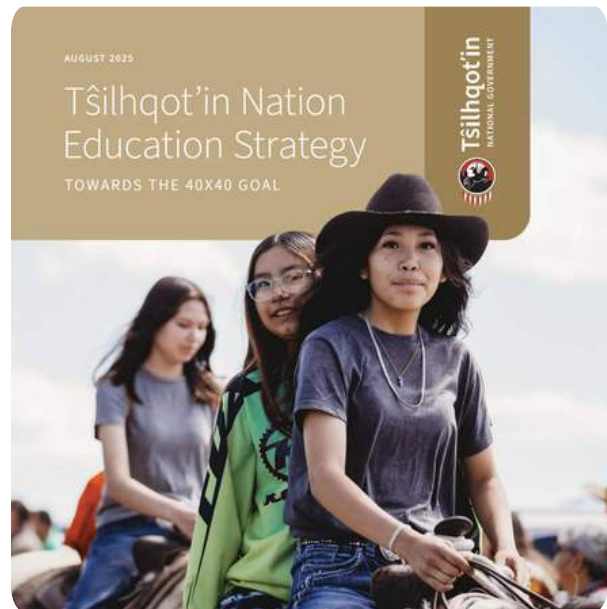
The Education team will be working on compiling a list of organizations and key stakeholders who could support the goals and activities in Nation capacity development strategy (also known as the 40by40 strategy). This will give TNG insight into how we can collaborate on the education strategy goals.

At the end of February, Nits'il?in Lennon Solomon, Nits'il?in Otis Guichon, Nits'il?in Dale Hance, ?Esdilagh Councillor Howard Johnny, and support staff Hayley Guichon (TNG Language Manager) and Lisa Boyd (TNG Education Manager) attended the AFN Education Conference to learn more about some key themes such as student and teacher retention, food sovereignty in the classroom/school, and land-based education/cultural traditions.

For those that are interested in reading the 40by40 Plan, please scan the QR code below or go to <https://tsilhqotin.ca/publications/>.



Tsilhqot'in Delegation at AFN Education Forum - February 24, 2026.



Scan to read the Education and Capacity Strategy.



Business Funding & Financial Workshop - Jan 30, 2026.

Entrepreneurship

An Aboriginal Business and Entrepreneurship Program was delivered in January, and we are pleased to report that 23 participants successfully completed the program.

The Bear's Lair Youth Entrepreneurship program was held in February, with 26 youth participating. It is always inspiring to see our youth building confidence and leadership skills and having them share their new skills in front of a crowd of family and friends.

Our entrepreneurship team continues to work hard behind the scenes to ensure the success of these programs. In addition to training, they provide monthly business workshops and ongoing one-on-one mentoring to support aspiring entrepreneurs. All notices of events are posted on TNGs Facebook page and at Tsilhqotin.ca.

Pathway to a Permanent TNG Salmon Conservation Hatchery

Developing hatchery capacity in T̓silhqot̓in Territory remains a Nation-wide priority. Beginning in 2023, TNG successfully operated an interim Salmon Conservation Hatchery at Hanceville for 2 years, raising Chilko Ja̓s and building valuable experience in salmon conservation.

Now, TNG is working with DFO to establish a larger, permanent TNG Salmon Conservation Hatchery at Hanceville that will be fully managed and operated by TNG. Our interim facility was decommissioned in the fall to make way for construction, with groundbreaking planned for spring. The permanent hatchery could be ready as early as fall 2026 depending on timelines.

In the meantime, TNG’s Junior Hatchery Manager Winston Bambrick and the team continue specialized training to prepare for full operations at the new facility.



Decommissioned hatchery site at Hanceville (Dec 2025), ready for permanent hatchery construction to begin in spring 2026.



The interim TNG Salmon Conservation Hatchery (2 sea cans) in storage at TNG Lakeside (Feb 2026) as we prepare for the permanent hatchery build.



Winston presenting to students during their visit to the TNG office - November 7, 2025.

Inspiring the next generation of fisheries stewards

In December 2025 and January 2026, grades 5-7 classes from Marie Sharpe Elementary School visited the TNG office to meet with members of the Fisheries Team and learn about the TNG Fisheries Program, with a special focus on our TNG Salmon Conservation Hatchery work to help rebuild and recover endangered T̓silhqot̓in salmon populations.

Students learned how salmon eggs are carefully harvested, fertilized, and incubated in the hatchery, and how juvenile salmon are cared for during various stages of development from the egg to the fry stage. They also learned about why healthy salmon populations are vital for our ecosystems, culture, and way of life.

By connecting youth to the science and stewardship behind our hatchery efforts, we're planting the seeds for the next generation of salmon stewards.



Banner of the exhibition “The work of Repair” at the Museum of Vancouver - June 20, 2025.

Nexwenen Nataghel?ilh

If you have not yet had a chance to view the exhibition, Nexwenen Nataghel?ilh, now is the time!

Our collaborative exhibition at the Museum of Vancouver (MOV), is wrapping up by the end of June 2026. The exhibition explores the emotional impact of the repatriation of over 60 Tsilhqot'in ancestral belongings from the MOV collection. TNG partnered with the MOV to undertake our first repatriation, completed in February 2024—and this work is reflected in the exhibition through film, photography and stories from Tsilhqot'in leaders, elders and youth. The exhibition also displays several pieces loaned from TNG and Tsilhqot'in members, including qatš'ay baskets, dip net, and contemporary beadwork, leatherwork, and obsidian points.



Exhibition “The work of Repair” at the Museum of Vancouver - June 20, 2025.



Projection of the film “Qatš'ay: Bringing our spirits back home” - June 20, 2025.

With the closing of the exhibition also comes the repatriation of several other T̓silhqot̓in objects including two collections of stone tools found in MOV collections, and another qat̓'ay basket donated to TNG from a private collector.

We are planning a closing event for the exhibition, and celebration of these repatriations, on Sunday, June 28th (stay posted for details) which will be open to all T̓silhqot̓in and interested members of the public. All are welcome.

The Museum of Vancouver is located at 1100 Chestnut St, in Vanier Park in Kitsilano, Vancouver.

Following the closure of the exhibition at the MOV, it will travel to Williams Lake and be on view at the Museum of the Cariboo Chilcotin (MCC) beginning this summer (stay posted for details). After the MCC, it will travel again to Quesnel and Prince George in the coming years.



Street advertising of the Exhibition “The work of Repair.” Photo by Lisa Boyd - June 20, 2025.



TNG Open House at Tl'etinqox ʔEsgul - Jan 22, 2026.

Tl'etinqox Open House

On January 22nd we had our TNG Open House in Tl'etinqox. Close to 100 community members filled the ʔEsgul gym to learn more about the projects and initiatives TNG is currently working on.

Departments including Language, GIS, Communications, Stewardship, Lands, Fisheries, HR, Health, Economic Development, Finance, and Radio hosted information booths, where staff shared updates, answered questions, and gathered valuable feedback. Each booth offered engaging activities, making the evening both informative and interactive for all ages.



Tsilhqot'in Ts'iqi Dechen Jedilhtan.



Trina Setah, showing a territory map.

Guests enjoyed door prizes, a lively game of bingo, and a delicious dinner shared together as a community. Events like this strengthen connections, encourage open dialogue, and highlight the collaborative work being done across the Nation.

Nexwechanalhyagh to everyone who came out and participated.

Keep an eye out for future Open Houses, our next gathering is planned for Tîsideldel on April 28.



TNG Staff

T̂silhqot'in Language students visiting TNG



Travis Stump, at T̂silhqot'in Radio - Nov 07, 2026

During the last week of November, we had the pleasure of welcoming Linda Jack and her T̂silhqot'in Language students to our Downtown Office. The elementary students spent the day learning about the important work being done across several TNG departments, including Fisheries, Wildlife, GIS, Language, Heritage, Radio, IRA, and Nidlin.

Each team shared insights into their projects and how their work supports the Nation and the land. The visit was a meaningful opportunity for students to see firsthand how language, culture, stewardship, and governance are connected.

We are grateful for their visit and look forward to continuing to inspire the next generation.



Darren Tenale, showing a drone.



Justin Bambrick, showing the Language App.

TNG STAFF REPORT HEALTH



10th Annual Diabetes Roadshow Update

2026 marked the 10th year that the TNG health team has partnered with the Carrier Sekani Mobile Diabetic nurses to bring the Diabetes Roadshow to each of the communities. This highly skilled team can provide community members with comprehensive, one on one diabetes care including eye exams, lab testing, medication reviews and the opportunity to ask questions. The Diabetic nurses are educators in their field and all the reports from these visits are shared with the primary care physician helping to ensure complete continuity of care.

Week 1: February

Yunešit'in

Mond 2nd & Tues 3rd

Tšideldel

Wed 4th & Thurs 5th

?Esdilagh

Fri 6th

Week 2: March

Xeni Gwet'in

Mond 2nd & Tues 3rd

Tl'esqox

Wed 4th

Tl'etingox

Thurs 5th & 6th

Another member of the care team includes Cameron Self of Cameron's Transformational Healing; he joins us to offer massage and wellness to those diabetic patients wanting the opportunity to relax and unwind. Diabetic footcare is an essential part of maintaining a healthy active life when living with diabetes. Jackie Altrows of Altrows footcare is another member of the team and is always happy to join us each year.

We start planning for this event in the fall and coordinating schedules with each community and the care team. Once this is arranged, we schedule two separate meetings with each community to go over the logistics of what they would like to have available during our visit. We plan the agenda, what service providers they would like, if they want Traditional Healers on site, and plan to ensure a healthy diabetic friendly meal is offered.

It was a great year for the team to be out in our communities and being able to provide such amazing services to community members in the comfort of their own health clinics is always seen as an amazing success. We can't wait to see everyone in 2027!



Our LPN at the nation Shona Myers was also providing pre-screening to anyone interested. It never hurts to take the 10-minute appointment to see where your sugar levels are at.



This year we put more focus on the how to eat healthy options by inviting Kim Paul to join us and share her wealth of knowledge in cooking and preserving practices.



TNG Health staff making sustainable pantry staples jars.

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HOUSING & INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE



Log Cabin from early 1990s.

Considerations for Log Homes

The forests of T̓silhqot'in territory have always provided materials for shelter and survival. Today, when we think about building homes from the land, it is important to consider how those choices affect long-term durability, energy use, and maintenance for our communities.

The TNG Housing & Infrastructure Department is continuing to explore different housing approaches that could work well in T̓silhqot'in communities. From time to time, we receive questions about log homes and whether they might be a good option for housing projects.

Did You Know?

Several different building approaches can be used for housing in T̓silhqot'in communities. Each comes with different costs, timelines, and maintenance requirements.

Potential Benefits

- A strong visual and cultural connection to the land
- Opportunities to use locally sourced timber and support local skills
- Durable structures that can last a long time with proper care

Log homes are appealing to many people because they reflect the forests and natural environment of T̓silhqot̓in territory. They can have a strong cultural connection to the land and may create opportunities to use local materials and skills.



Former Chief Russ Myers Te̓ztan Biny log cabin.

However, building with logs is very different from building a typical framed house. Before communities decide to pursue this type of housing, it is helpful to understand both the benefits and the challenges that come with log construction.

Important Considerations

There are also several practical factors communities should consider when planning log homes:

- **Energy efficiency:** Log walls often provide less insulation than modern framed walls unless additional upgrades are added.
- **Moisture protection:** Logs must be carefully protected from rain, snow, and ground moisture to avoid rot or decay.
- **Specialized construction:** Building log homes requires experienced builders who understand settlement, sealing, and structural details.
- **Maintenance:** Log homes require regular inspection, sealing, and refinishing to prevent air leaks and water damage over time.
- **Insurance:** Some insurance providers charge higher premiums for log homes, particularly when wood heat is used.

Another factor is the availability of suitable logs. While T̓silhqot̓in territory has many trees, building a log home requires logs that are straight, consistent in size, and properly dried. Access to these materials depends on the condition of the forest, wildfire impacts, road access, and the ability to mill and store logs before construction.

For these reasons, we encourage communities to carefully evaluate all housing options when planning future projects.

In many situations, modern framed or modular homes may be faster to build, more energy efficient, and easier to maintain over time.

Common housing types include:

- **Stick-frame homes** – the most common building method in Canada and typically the easiest to build and maintain.
- **Modular or prefabricated homes** – homes built in a factory and transported to the community, which can reduce construction time.
- **Log homes** – homes built with full logs as the structural walls, requiring specialized construction skills and ongoing maintenance.
- **Energy-efficient building systems** – newer construction approaches designed to improve insulation and energy performance.

The TNG Housing & Infrastructure Department continues to work with communities to identify housing approaches that balance durability, energy efficiency, affordability, and long-term maintenance.

If communities are considering different housing approaches or have questions about construction options, the TNG Housing & Infrastructure Department is available to provide technical information and support to help communities make informed decisions.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



The Bears' Lair Youth Dream Camp Graduates - February 23, 2025.

As we move out of the Winter season and move into the Spring, we are happy to share updates from the Economic Development Department. Our crew continues to stay active on many fronts—exploring new opportunities while supporting and advancing existing projects.

T̂silhqot'in ʔEten Nadiltil (TEN) Partnership

We are currently working to establish a relationship with a new partner for this entity. The potential partner brings many years of experience in the civil construction industry and has successfully completed projects throughout British Columbia and Western Canada. We held a strategic planning session at the end of January and anticipate finalizing this partnership in the new fiscal year.

Taseko Lake Road Work

Road maintenance on the Taseko Lake Road continues. This year, work has included installing culverts, replacing a cattle guard, completing ditching, and placing crushed gravel. Brushing and clearing work near Xeni Gwet'in has also been completed.

We are currently preparing maintenance estimates for the Ministry of Transportation and Transit (MoTT) for the upcoming fiscal year. Our team continues to meet every two weeks with Xení Gwet'in and Dawson to review progress, outputs, and budgets.

Solar Farm

The solar farm continues to generate power, which is sold to BC Hydro. Invoicing is completed monthly as part of ongoing operations.

New Initiatives

We are currently working on exciting feasibility studies and look forward to sharing more details as these projects develop...stay tuned.

Clean Energy Plan

A revised Nation Clean Energy Plan will be completed by the end of this fiscal year. The updated plan will focus on energy efficiency upgrades, assess renewable energy opportunities, identify cost-saving measures, and align energy planning with the Nation's housing strategy.

Nagwentled and Hatchery Work

We are also working alongside the Fisheries Department on the Nagwentled (Farwell) project and the new hatchery build in Hanceville. Our role is to help ensure T̂silhqot'in communities and businesses have opportunities to participate in this important work as subcontractors.

Other Initiatives

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Written by Luke Moss

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Craft Night Medicine Pouches at Yunešit'in ?Esgul - February 18, 2026

Celebrating Our Jurisdiction and Our Law

As of April 1st , 2025, the Tšilhqot'in Nation has reclaimed partial Jurisdiction of our children and families. Jurisdiction means our own people are taking care of our own families. We are phasing in Jurisdiction gradually to allow us to build skills and confidence while ensuring there are no gaps in services to our ?Esqax (children). For now, our authority is focused on providing prevention services under Tšilhqot'in law.

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To support communities with this work, a new organization named 'T̂silhqot'in Nidlin' is being established. The role of T̂silhqot'in Nidlin is to guide implementation of our Jurisdiction according to T̂silhqot'in ʔEsqax Sutsel Jeniyax – our law for children and families.



Medicine Pouch - February 18, 2026.

They have been sharing information on the T̂silhqot'in Children and Family Law, what T̂silhqot'in Nidlin is and collecting community Feedback.

This newsletter is an update on the various puzzle pieces that the team is currently working on to get the T̂silhqot'in Nidlin organization up and running, including developing T̂silhqot'in-led policy, strategy, and governance, and hiring new positions to pull it all together.

The Engagement Team has been on the ground sharing traditional activities and teachings such as medicine bag making, online storytelling, drum making, rattle making, beading, medicine sprays and the odd hot chocolate throughout all of the communities, in Williams Lake, Kamloops and even online for all T̂silhqot'in Members.



Craft Night at Yuneŝit'in ʔEsgul - February 18, 2026.

TNG STAFF REPORT FISHERIES



TNG Fisheries Team.

Since our last newsletter update in December 2025

The TNG Fisheries Department has been busy throughout the late fall and winter, including data entry, the ongoing TNG-led response to the T̓ilhqox Landslide, and construction planning for the permanent TNG Salmon Conservation Hatchery.

Stock Assessment, Monitoring, and Research

The TNG Fisheries field season runs from April to November, and the highly skilled TNG Fisheries crew successfully completed all annual stock assessment and monitoring programs in the late fall to support the protection and recovery of all Tsilhqot'in salmon populations. Through the winter, the crew has been focused on data entry for the TNG-led territory-wide Aquatic Habitat Monitoring program and the TNG catch monitoring program.

We are also beginning preparations for another busy fieldwork season starting in April. Spring field work will include:

- **T̓ilhqox Ts'eman (Chilko sockeye) smolt (juvenile) outmigration**
- **Chilko Ja̓ (Chinook) juvenile coded wire tag release** at Henry's Crossing to support our stock assessment work.
- Ongoing territory-wide **aquatic habitat monitoring** in critical natal systems.

TNG is Taking Action at Nagwentled (Farwell Canyon) to Protect Salmon

The July 2024 T̄silhqox landslide continues to be a major focus for TNG Fisheries. We are taking proactive steps now to protect salmon before further damage occurs.

Geotechnical experts have identified an ongoing risk of rockfall at Nagwentled (Farwell Canyon). TNG is planning controlled removal of unstable rock using established slope-stabilization methods during a low-risk period before salmon migration. We are working collaboratively with government and affected First Nations to secure permits and move this work forward.



Photo 2 (left): Visible tension crack at Nagwentled (Farwell Canyon) on Sept 13, 2025. A BGC Engineering report identified a high risk of hillslope failure and rockfall in the short-term due to erosion. This is already a challenging area for salmon to pass, and a central fishing site for the T̄silhqot̄'in Nation. Rockfall poses a high risk of impediments to salmon passage. (Photo courtesy of BGC Engineering).

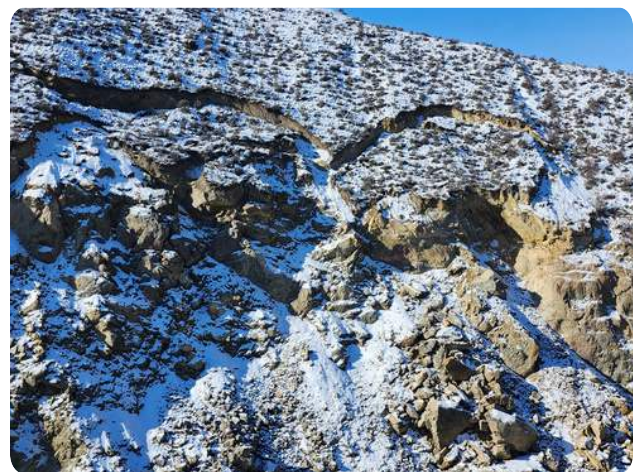


Photo 3 (right): The visible tension crack at Nagwentled on Feb 19, 2026; the imminent risk of rockfall into the river is ongoing.

Why This Matters

Nagwentled is a narrow gateway for several Fraser salmon populations (including Chilko sockeye) which must pass through to reach their spawning grounds. If rockfall occurs during migration it could delay or block fish passage with potentially long term impacts to our stocks, similar to what happened at Big Bar in 2019.

Chilko sockeye are critically important locally, regionally, and internationally. They regularly make up more than half the total Fraser sockeye return, feeding First Nations people and culture all along the Fraser River, and supporting Vancouver Island and marine approach fisheries, U.S. subsistence fisheries, and commercial fisheries in Canada and the southern U.S.

The consequences of disrupted passage at Nagwentled would be far-reaching and international in scale. When Chilko salmon are at risk, many communities are affected and our way of life as Indigenous peoples is directly threatened.

Why Act Now?

Salmon migration timing is critical – even short delays can be deadly. Acting before the 2026 migration allows work to be completed safely and at lower risk to fish.

If rockfall occurs while salmon are moving through Nagwentled, the consequences to salmon can be serious and long-term. Response options are very limited, costly, and uncertain.

Investing in Salmon, Our Communities, and Our Future

While government funding is not expected in time to act before 2026, the T̓silhqot'in Nation has committed to fund this work ourselves.

As T̓silhqot'in, the People of the River, protecting salmon passage is part of our responsibility to protect the fish, the ecosystem, our communities, and our way of life. We will continue working with governments and partners across the Fraser system to expedite approvals and move this critical work forward.

We are putting the salmon and our way of life first, for future generations.

Nagwentled Project to Protect Our Salmon – STARTS TODAY!

TNG is excited to confirm the Nagwentled Rockslope Mitigation Project at the Farwell Canyon Bridge is scheduled to start **March 10, 2026**.



Axis equipment mobilized to left bank.



Axis Spider excavator mobilized.

- Starting March 10: Equipment and crews will start to arrive on site. For the first part of the week, the focus will be construction site setup and road access upgrades to support construction activities above the unstable slope.
- Activities (including rope access technician work) will be conducted on the rockslope to prepare for drilling, blasting, and mechanical scaling operations, scheduled to start as early as March 16. All these works are to safely bring the unstable rock down in a controlled manner.
- Minor traffic interruptions are expected daily throughout the primary drilling and blasting phase of the Project between March 16th and approx. April 8th. These brief approx. 1 hour stoppages will be generally scheduled to occur between 4:00pm and 6:00pm and are required to ensure public safety during blasting operations. Updates will be provided on the TNG Facebook page to minimize inconvenience.





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NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

Release date:
February 6, 2026

We're taking action to protect salmon — before it's too late.

The Tsilhqot'in Nation is planning to safely remove unstable rock from Nagwentled (Farwell Canyon) to prevent potentially catastrophic impacts on our salmon stocks.

A technical team of experts has developed a plan to use well-established slope stabilization methods to remove the rock in a controlled way during a low-risk time — before the salmon arrive in 2024. TNG is collaboratively working with government and affected First Nations through engagement and permitting to make this happen.



What is the risk to salmon if this work isn't done?

After the 2024 Tsilhqox landslide, geotechnical experts identified an **imminent risk** of rock falling into the river at Nagwentled.

Rockfall is predicted to cause barriers and delays to salmon migration at Nagwentled—with potentially severe and long-term impacts on salmon populations—similar to what happened at Big Bar in 2019.





What is at risk?

Nagwentled (Farwell Canyon) is a narrow gateway for important sockeye, Chinook, coho and steelhead salmon populations, including Chilko sockeye, which pass through to reach their spawning grounds. If fish passage is disrupted here, the impacts reach far beyond this one place.





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The consequences of disrupted passage at Nagwentled would be long-term, far-reaching and international in scale. When Chilko salmon are at risk, many communities are affected and our way of life as Indigenous peoples is directly threatened.





Why does this work need to be done NOW?

Salmon migration timing is everything — even short delays can be deadly. If rockfall occurs while salmon are moving through Nagwentled, response options become disruptive, costly and uncertain.

Preventing harm is much better than reacting to disaster. Acting **before** the 2026 salmon migration allows work to be done safely, carefully, and at a low-risk time for salmon.





Tsilhqot'in
NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

Investment for salmon, communities, and the future

Despite the urgency, government funding is not expected in time to act before the 2026 salmon migration. Rather than risk devastating impacts to salmon, the Tsilhqot'in Nation has committed to fund this multi-million dollar work ourselves.

Salmon are central to who we are as Tsilhqot'in, the People of the River. Protecting their passage is part of our responsibility to care for these fish, for the benefit of all who depend on Fraser River salmon. We will continue working with governments, First Nations, and partners across the Fraser system.



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**Nexwechanalhyagh to all First Nations
that are working together with us at
this critical moment to expedite the
permit approval process.**

**We are putting the salmon and our way
of life first, for future generations.**



TNG STAFF REPORT

TNG MINING, OIL AND GAS



Strategy on improving the T̂silhqot'in Nation management of Mineral Tenures' (mining) within the T̂silhqot'in Territory.

For: T̂silhqot'in Nation Membership.

As a reminder, as the Mining, Oil & Gas Coordinator at the T̂silhqot'in National Government, these are the types of files managed:

– Major Mines (Gibraltar Mine Ltd.), Exploration, Placer, Limestone, Gravel Pits, Wind Power / Solar Power, BC Hydro, BC Energy Regulator, Legacy Sites (abandoned mines) and any archaeology files related to the incoming referrals.

– In this past year, I have worked closely with external TNG Legal Counsel on a couple of items.

- The responses back to the province on the legislative changes related to the following:
- Bill 14 – 2025: Renewable Energy Projects (Streamlined Permitting) Act.
- Bill 15 - 2025: Infrastructure Projects Act.

- BC Energy Regulator (BCER) has been part of the transition into legislative changes and will be overseeing many different projects besides the wind and solar panel projects. Additionally, what we have learned in this journey, is that BCER is not signatory to the Tsilhqot'in Stewardship Agreement and are exploring how capacity funds can be attained to ensure that the Tsilhqot'in participation is coordinated with capacity funds to support.
- BC Hydro is a separate entity and coordinates within different processes outside of the TSA as well, how to integrate and work collaboratively is yet to be determined.
- These above-mentioned pieces are to be considered for the upcoming negotiations on amendments for the Tsilhqot'in Stewardship Agreement (TSA).

Within the **Chief Inspector of Mines (2021 – 2022)** report, there were updates on the amendment to the Health & Safety Code for Mines in British Columbia (section 'Audits', pg. 16) that coordinate a follow up on how this amendment will re-coordinate mines and the province in response to engaging with Indigenous peoples and interested parties in the completing and release of initial audits.

As a follow-up to this piece, in an update at the Tsilhqot'in National Government Joint Resource Council Meetings (October 2023), as per the Tsilhqot'in Stewardship Agreement, these meetings are hosted once every two months between TNG and the province. As a way of mirroring what is framed within the report by the province in their report, coordinating through a gap analysis approach on what TNG could do on mining files: These were my asks.

1. Integration, assertion and support to proponents of the Tsilhqot'in Nation as Board of Directors to mines within the Tsilhqot'in Nation boundary, which would enable the Tsilhqot'in the ability of oversight on permitting negotiations and mining operations from a technical level. Strategically, if this is something that the Tsilhqot'in membership would like to see as a recommendation for their leadership, this is a process best led by other TNG senior level reps who have assisted on the finalizing of Teztan Biny project, Supreme Court Case proceedings, etc.

→ There are approximately six mines within Zone A of the Tsilhqot'in Boundaries:

a. Artemis Gold Mine – Blackwater Project, Barkerville Gold Mine Ltd., Blackdome Mine, Cariboo Gold Project, Spanish Mountain Gold, Bralorne Gold Mine

2. Request for information to support the development of Tsilhqot'in Inventory of Mineral Resources within the Nenqay Deni Accord Boundary,

→ Maps have been coordinated with information provided to TNG on minerals inventory, current authorized projects, oil & gas projects and mineral occurrences on the T̄silhqot'in territory. These maps can inform community responses to the Land Use planning processes led by the Nen Team.

→ Additionally, I am working on a strategy to coordinate information internally based on existing information to support the development of the Tsilhqot'in Cultural Heritage Plan which would create protection mechanism for areas of sensitivity similarly to the Tētan Biny area from proposed mining activities.

→ Strategically, working internally with other departments to coordinate information to support information gathering for mapping purposes on developing a Tsilhqot'in Cultural Heritage Plan. This information would support and guide conversations with proponents on area's that are considered by Tsilhqot'in terms: no-go zones.

3. Request for information to support the development of Tsilhqot'in Inventory of Mineral Resources within the Nenqay Deni Accord Boundary,

4. Participate with the Audit Planning process led by the Health & Safety Code for Mines in British Columbia which is in four phases (planning, examination which is collect and analyze data, follow up and reporting).

→ The gap in this area was the partnership and relationship with the audit planning process led by the Health & Code Safety Code for Mines in BC.

a. Hence the establishment of the Accompanied Mines Inspection Process (details listed below).

5. Training Opportunities on the different provincial initiatives under the Ministry of Critical Minerals

→ Geology 101 (Summer of 2026; trainer and material are established, timeframe and who will participate is yet to be determined. If this is an area of interest, please contact Trina Setah at TNG.(email details listed at end of report).

→ Tailings Storage Facilities (TSF) Regulations in British Columbia Presentation.

a. Sharing the amendments to mining practices, legislative amendments, incorporation of UNDRIP/DRIPA and informing First Nations in BC.

b. These amendments were incorporated due to the Mt. Polley disaster.

6. Regulatory Oversight -- Natural Resource Compliance Management Framework. As per the integration of TNG Rangers participation in program: what would that look like within each of these areas:

a. Geotechnical engineering, geoscience and reclamation, [incorporating the accompanied mines inspection process as per coordinated through discussions with the technical analysis and coordinating information that would support areas of concern]

b. Coordinate a training program that would enhance their skills to participate while improving reporting requirements for both sides (proponent, government and community),

c. Funding support capacity, training and funding support for implementation of the integration of fieldwork and delegating the TNG Rangers.

d. The development of the Accompanied Inspections Process: In response to TNG request to participation on regulatory oversight, a team was delegated to from the province led by the Accompanied Inspections Coordinator, MCM and the Sr. Inspector of Mines, Indigenous Engagement; Mines Health, Safety and Enforcement Division, MCM on the Accompanied Mines Inspection program and process in the winter of 2023 - current.

→ Participating First Nations: T̄silhqot'in National Government, Xat̄s̄ull First Nation, Tahltan Nation, Lower Nicola Indian Band, Upper Nicola Indian Band, McLeod Lake Indian Band, Lake Babine Nation, and Nisga'a Nation

Accompanied Inspections Process:

In collaboration since then, these are the following outcomes of that request:

→ **2023:** TNG and other Indigenous Nations (8 in total) participated with the AIP Process to provide input to the following documents:

- EMLI Accompanied Inspection Guide
- EMLI Introduction to Mining 101

→ **2024:** TNG and other Indigenous Nations (8 in total) participated with input to the following documents:

- Interim Engaging Indigenous Nations in Compliance Activities
- Interim Inspection Participation Guide for Indigenous Nations

→ **2025:** as part of the evolution of this growing and working relationship – an established agreement was conducted to support logo development and coordination of producing PPE Gear with that logo on the gear.

- Delivery of this signed Agreement by the T̄silhqot'in National Government's authorized representative to the Province by March 14, 2025.
- Ensure that all First Nation staff participating in the Accompanied Inspections Program (AIP) are equipped with the necessary PPE, branded with the new logo developed through The Collaborative.
- A Report detailing the distribution of PPE, including quantities and the Nations who received it, will be submitted to the Ministry.

→ **2026:** Collaborative 2.0 – Strengthening Compliance Oversight under the Indigenous Engagement Continuum (IEC).

Project deliverables include:

- Attend and actively participate in all Collaborative 2.0 IEC-related meetings and workshops.
- Identify and discuss areas for priority oversight with other participating First Nations, maintaining flexibility to adapt to emerging topics.
- Co-produce a report that captures the TNG Rangers’ experience in the Accompanied Inspection process.
- Provide relevant insights and observations from site visits, accompanied inspections or related activities to help inform regulatory oversight considerations.
- Contribute to a final jointly prepared summary (Final Collaborative 2.0 Summary Report) that may include:
 - I. Broad recommendations for strengthening regulatory oversight under the IEC.
 - II. Key themes from discussions during meetings and workshops; and,
 - III. Suggested approaches for collaborative monitoring and evaluation.

→ Three meetings were coordinated to have the Collaborate (First Nations through-out BC and the Province) had been coordinated for the following dates:

- December 10th, 2025.
- Wednesday February 4th, 2026.
- Thursday February 19th, 2026 .
- Friday March 20th, 2026.

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- Bring back coordinated notes from the First Nations to the province on the proposed amendments policy.
- The group requested attendance for the final meeting, a discussion with.
 - George Warnock, Deputy Minister's Office
 - Ministry of Mining and Critical Minerals
 - Mines Health, Safety and Enforcement Division

Conclusion: TNG Mining, Oil & Gas Coordinate has coordinated an in-depth analysis of the gaps and areas to improve the internal framework of the TNG Mining files/project management in collaboration with the provinces in the oversight on mining within the Tsilhqot'in Territory while working within the parameters of the TSA.

Support is necessary to ensure that processes improve on not only the Gibraltar Mine as part of the T̂silhqot'in Nation involvement and framework discussions and implementation of Tsilhqot'in Stewardship of the territory, but it is also can be utilized and considered for the other mines (Zone A) on the T̂silhqot'in Territory.

TNG has coordinated a solid Terms of Reference to support any negotiations on permitting, auditing, and oversight of mining within the Tsilhqot'in territory, with support from JFK Law. Within the Terms of Reference on the GML Phase 1 Life of Mine application (2036); it is designed for 'joint decision making' with not only Esdilagh between GML and the province; additionally, incorporating and including the Tsilhqot'in Council of Chiefs. The province is currently negotiating to bring the Terms of Reference to a simpler form and linking to only the TSA and negotiating on what decision – making would look like; therefore, also perhaps changing the decision-making capabilities.

If this is a strategy that the T̓silhqot̓'in communities can support, would you be able to provide that direction to your community Chief and Council, to coordinate and support as a mandate.



