

Tsilhqot'in Radio Launches Radio App

The Tsilhqot'in Nation has launched a Tsilhqot'in Radio App that allows users to listen at any time from anywhere with on-demand access to Tsilhqot'in language and cultural content. The App is a milestone for Tsilhqot'in language revitalization and in supporting cultural and traditional teachings.

Tsilhqot'in Radio began in 2017 and is available to stream on-line at tsilhqotinradio.ca/live or at 104.5FM in the six Tsilhqot'in communities, along with Williams Lake. Tsilhqot'in Radio is a platform for intergenerational cultural and linguistic knowledge. Opportunities for youth in podcast hosting and development have also been provided through Tsilhqot'in Radio.

The Tsilhqot'in National Government is the national governing body for the Tsilhqot'in people. The Tsilhqot'in Nation is comprised of six communities located throughout the Tsilhqot'in (Chilcotin) territory and successfully achieved the first court declaration of Aboriginal title in Canadian history (Tsilhqot'in Nation v. British Columbia). Tsilhqot'in Radio is funded, in part, by Northern Aboriginal Broadcasting.

“We need to see more of who we are reflected in the media. Our language, our traditions, and our values make up who we are as a people. To be able to hear the voices of our people from anywhere – at any time – that is really powerful. We are excited for our children and youth to learn from hearing the language and culture on the Tsilhqot'in Radio. Our language and culture are strong and we are always working to ensure it stays that way.”

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

“We have to use technology to our advantage. Everything is on your phone now. The radio app will make it even easier for our people to continue to speak the language and pass down cultural teachings to the next generation.”

—Nits'il?in Francis Laceese, Vice-Chief, Tsilhqot'in National Government

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