

Financial Components

The Tsawwassen Final Agreement was negotiated by the Government of Canada, the Government of British Columbia and Tsawwassen First Nation. It is the second Final Agreement reached in the province under the British Columbia treaty process. The Final Agreement provides Tsawwassen First Nation with certain rights and benefits regarding land and resources, and self-government over its lands and resources and its members. It provides certainty with respect to ownership and management of lands and resources and the exercise of federal, provincial and Tsawwassen governmental powers and authorities.

The negotiation of a Final Agreement marks Stage Five of the six-stage British Columbia treaty process, and is the conclusion of substantive treaty negotiations. Once ratified by all parties, the Final Agreement will become a treaty through legislation. It will be a constitutionally-protected legal agreement that creates mutually binding obligations and commitments.

A NEW FISCAL RELATIONSHIP

The Tsawwassen Final Agreement represents a change in the financial relationship between the federal government and Tsawwassen First Nation. The Tsawwassen First Nation government will have greater

autonomy in spending through block funding of programs and services. The Tsawwassen First Nation government will receive direction from its members on spending allocations and will be accountable to its members for spending on programs and services. As Tsawwassen First Nation increases its revenues

from its own sources, the amount of federal transfers will be reduced. The Tsawwassen First Nation government will be accountable to other public governments for the financial transfers it receives.

CAPITAL TRANSFER

The Tsawwassen Final Agreement will provide Tsawwassen First Nation with a capital transfer of \$13.9 million over 10 years, less outstanding negotiation loans.

MINES AND MINERALS UNDER ENGLISH BLUFF

In consideration of the release by Tsawwassen First Nation of the rights to the

mines and minerals under previously surrendered reserve lands, Canada will provide Tsawwassen First Nation \$2.0 million.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Tsawwassen First Nation government will deliver agreed upon programs and services under the terms of a Fiscal Financing Agreement. The Fiscal Financing Agreement provides annual transfers from Canada and British Columbia to support the delivery of agreed upon programs and services by Tsawwassen First Nation to its members and residents, as well as funding to support activities to implement the treaty.

TSAWWASSEN FIRST NATION – LAND FACING THE SEA

The Tsawwassen are proud, sea-faring Coast Salish people who have long travelled and fished the waterways of the southern Strait of Georgia and lower Fraser River.

The main Tsawwassen community is located on the waterfront adjacent to Delta. Tsawwassen First Nation lists its membership at 358 people, about half of whom live on reserve.

The agreement provides for one-time and ongoing funding: one-time funding is \$15.8 million; ongoing funding in the first Fiscal Financing Agreement will be \$2.8 million per year. The Fiscal Financing Agreement will be renegotiated every five years.

For programs and services provided by Canada or British Columbia that are not included in the Fiscal Financing Agreement, Tsawwassen First Nation members will continue to be able to access those programs and services for which they are eligible.

TSAWWASSEN FIRST NATION CONTRIBUTION TO PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Tsawwassen First Nation will contribute to the funding of agreed-upon programs and services from its own sources of revenue. The Own Source Revenue Agreement negotiated among Canada, British Columbia and Tsawwassen First Nation sets out how Tsawwassen First Nation's contribution will change in step with its increasing capacity to generate revenues.

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Funding Type	Amount
Capital Transfer	\$13.9 million over 10 years
Mines and Minerals under English Bluff	\$2.0 million
Ongoing funding for programs and services, and incremental implementation and governance activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Health » Social development » Education » Local programs and services » Physical works » Lands and resource management » Fisheries management » Self-government » Local Government Programs and Services Liaison Officer 	\$2.8 million/year
One-time funding to support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » All one-time startup and transition costs and ongoing costs for parks, migratory birds and treaty management » The preservation of Tsawwassen First Nation culture, heritage and language 	\$15.8 million

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