

TCG LAUNCHES TAHLTAN STEWARSHIP INITIATIVE WEBSITE

DEASE LAKE, BC, December 17, 2021 – Today the Tahltan Central Government (TCG) announced the launch of its Tahltan Stewardship Initiative (TSI) website: tsi.tahltan.org.

The TSI is an opportunity for the Tahltan Nation to have a say on matters that impact their lands, rights, and wellbeing. Through TSI, the Tahltan Nation can finally have a say in how to protect their culture, care for their lands, water, fish, and wildlife, supported by global commitments to reconciliation and new legislation. This work means a new relationship between the Tahltan Nation and the Province of British Columbia based on truth, respect, and equality between Nations.

“Tahltans must be involved in strategic planning and decision-making on matters that involve our Territory and impact our collective rights and wellbeing. The Tahltan Stewardship Initiative (TSI) is an opportunity for the Tahltan Nation to have a say in decisions that matter in accordance with Tahltan values and knowledge. It means Tahltans deciding how to protect their culture, care for their lands, water, fish, and wildlife. I am very excited about the launch of our TSI website which will allow Tahltans to understand, engage and contribute their knowledge to the important work being done to further our sovereignty and support the continued preservation of our culture,” said Nalaine Morin, TSI Chair & Lands Director, Tahltan Central Government.

“The TSI is an important part of our journey and story as a Nation. Since time immemorial, Tahltans have lived, fought, and bled to protect our Territory. Caring for our lands, fish, and wildlife is part of who we are. The launch of our new TSI website will support Tahltans to contribute their knowledge and collective voices to our efforts. We stand united as we work to maintain our Tahltan identity and protect our environment for future generations. I commend those within our Nation working on TSI and encourage all Tahltans to get involved,” said Chad Norman Day, President, Tahltan Central Government.

The framework of TSI will build and use Tahltan knowledge and worldview, local knowledge, and science in decision-making processes, build capacity and provide opportunities and training for Tahltans to work on stewardship projects. TSI is grounded in Tahltan values and sovereignty. TSI is a step forward on the journey of self-determination and preservation of Tahltan culture.

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ABOUT THE TAHLTAN NATION

The Tahltan Central Government (TCG) is the administrative governing body of the Tahltan Nation. The Iskut Band and the Tahltan Band continue to govern Tahltan interests with respect to the Indian Act in the communities of Iskut, Dease Lake and Telegraph Creek. The TCG is the representative government of the Tahltan Nation with respect to the inherent and collective Aboriginal title and rights shared by all Tahltan people.

The Tahltan Nation's Territory spans 95,933 square km of Northwest British Columbia or the equivalent of 11 per cent of the province. Tahltan Territory includes 70 per cent of BC's Golden Triangle – a world-class mining jurisdiction with a thriving mineral exploration sector. For more information, visit: www.tahltan.org.

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