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Planning & Public Works at Tseshaht First Nation

Laying the Foundation for Our Future

As the Planning & Public Works Administrator, Lisa Gallic is invaluable to Tseshaht. Her dedication to the community is evident through her productive, and usually hectic, days. Lisa's responsibilities span from community planning to public works to facilities use and rentals.

When asked to share one message with the community related to her work, Lisa said she would like the community to understand the value of infrastructure, particularly how it supports health and safety in Tseshaht.

With respect to public works, Lisa spends 60% of her time on maintenance management (taking care of the infrastructure in the community, eg. roads, the water system, the sewer system, and community buildings) and the other 40% on asset management (planning for future infrastructure needs).

She is excited about the Asset Management Pilot Project that Tseshaht is participating in. This will not only showcase the innovative maintenance processes that Lisa has developed, but also allow staff to test out tablets for accessing maps and data in the field.

What is Asset Management?

A set of activities that help plan for the current and long-term investment needs of a community's infrastructure (or assets). Infrastructure includes assets such as roads, water systems, sewer systems and buildings.

Asset management helps answer questions such as:

- What infrastructure or assets do we own?
- What are our assets worth?
- What condition are they in?
- Where are we deficient?
- What assets will need to be replaced/repaired and by when?
- What will it cost?





Teamwork

Lisa's team is essential to the services being provided to the community, such as clean water. The Planning & Public Works staff include Frank Cartlidge and Thomas Fred who oversee all community-owned infrastructure at Tseshaht, and can often be seen out in the community operating machinery and doing maintenance on buildings.

Darrell Ross, who is the Research and Planning Associate for Lands & Resources department, also works closely with Lisa. He creates maps and undertakes analyses such as Archeological studies.

A broader team has stepped up to participate in the Pilot Project, which will set the foundation for how infrastructure is cared for into the future.

The relationship between Public Works and the other departments is illustrated in the figure to the right. They work closely together to plan and maintain community infrastructure.

Council has also been taking proactive steps to understand not just the importance of the Planning & Public Works department's work, but also the value that infrastructure plays in the health and safety of Tseshaht members.

It's teamwork that is integral to ensuring the Asset Management Program is carried forward successfully.



Lisa says, "Care of our facilities is essential, and it's the contribution from each person in the community that makes my job possible." She is requesting the ongoing support from members to do little things, like pick up garbage or help relay messages that something needs to be fixed. This will allow her team to focus their time on the bigger matters.

