

Project Chronology

Tsleil-Waututh First Nation GST

- July 2003 – TWN presents its principles and objectives for fiscal and taxation issues to the treaty table
- April 2004 – discussions take place at the TWN treaty table on fiscal and taxation issues
- August 2004 – federal officials in the Department of Finance are contacted to brief Caucus on the First Nation GST Act
- September 2004 – Preliminary negotiations begin between Department of Finance and a TWN GST project team
- October 2004 – Caucus and Council consider the potential benefits and impacts of a range of interim tax administration measures
- October 2004 – Council passes BCR authorizing the negotiations toward an interim GST tax administration agreement. This BCR is required in order to authorize the federal Minister of Finance to enter negotiations with TWN pursuant to the federal *First Nation GST Act*
- November 2004 – Treaty Community Dinner Meeting – 49 members, 38 non-members and children – treaty discussions including taxation and interim tax administration agreements
- July 2005 – TWN tables discussion paper on taxation revenue sharing with other First Nations involved in FNGST negotiations with Canada
- August 2005 – TWN forms GST Focus Group to provide input into GST project. Focus Group consists of TWN staff members plus Council reps and Land Code Focus group members

- September 2005 – TWN project team and Canada initiate negotiations to determine revenue sharing and administrative arrangements.
- November 2, 2005 – Focus Group meeting discusses potential revenue sharing amounts and administrative arrangements. Discussions also consider the present fiscal situation of TWN i.e.: the fact that programs and services operate at an annual fiscal deficit and require topping up from economic development revenues.
- November 30, 2005 – Focus Group review of community presentation material
- November 30, 2005 – Community meeting re: FNGST project
- February 17, 2006 – Negotiations and workshop re: FNGST project and potential investment strategy
- May, 2006 – Revise and edit community FNGST material based on November community meeting
- August, 2006 – Focus Group meeting to consider community input and review revised community presentation package
- October, 2006 – Focus Group meeting to discuss frequently asked questions and prepare material
- November 21, 2006 – Focus Group meeting to review and approve community mail out and presentation material
- January 16, 2007 – Focus Group meeting
- January 23, 2007 – Meeting with Elders re: FNGST impacts benefits and potential investment strategy
- January 23, 2007 – Meeting with youth re: FNGST

- January 23, 2007 – Community and Focus Group meeting. Consensus recommendation is made for the community members to go ahead with the GST project to avoid losing any more revenue, but continue consultation on the investment strategy
- January 29, 2007 – Community meeting re: FNGST, frequently asked questions and impacts and benefits
- February, 2007 – Focus Group meeting to follow up from community, elders and youth meeting
- May 22, 2007 – Focus Group meeting
- May 23, 2007 – Community meeting re: FNGST
- June 2007 – general band meeting – 24 members. Some members have the understanding that FNGST project is approved and going ahead with a commitment to review the proposed “investment strategy”
- July 3, 2007 - GST information package is mailed to all members
- July 23, 2007 – Community meeting re: FNGST. Chief Allan Claxton from Tsawout First Nation attends and briefs members on the Tsawout experience in entering into a FNGST administration agreement with Canada
- April, 2008 – Community package with project summary and frequently asked questions mailed to all community members
- May, 2008 – Follow-up letters mailed to all community members