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# Tsawwassen First Nation

- Shaping Our Way Forward

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# Outline

- Choosing the Effective Date
- Preparing for Treaty
- Workplan
- Resources
- Challenges
- Post-Treaty

# Choosing an Effective Date

- Significant debt
- High costs of getting ready for Treaty
- Urban pressures force TFN to pre-implement many legislative and planning tools
- Access to settlement and implementation funds
- Community access to treaty benefits

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# Preparing for Treaty

- Fulfilling treaty obligations
  - Running the organization and transitioning
  - Building capacity
  - Taking advantage of treaty benefits & opportunities
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# Workplan

## ■ Institutional

- Strategic Plan
- Legislative/Political Organization
- Government Organization & Operational Plan
- Legislative Plan
- Membership Project

## ■ Financial

- Financial Management
- Asset Investment Strategy
- Taxation
- Budget and Expenditure Framework

## ■ Relationships

- Delta partnership
- Metro Vancouver partnerships
- Translink partnership
- Leaseholders

# Legislative Plan

- 1. Government Organization Act
- 2. Financial Administration Act
- 3. Personnel & Government Employees Act
- 4. Elections Act
- 5. Membership Act
- 6. Administrative Review & Judicial Proceedings Act
- 7. Community Governance Act
- 8. Property Taxation Act
- 9. Land Act
- 10. Land Use Planning & Development Act
- 11. Fisheries, Wildlife, Migratory Birds & Renewable Resources Act
- 12. Economic Development Act
- 13. Education, Health & Social Development Act
- 14. Child and Family Act
- 15. Culture & Heritage Act
- 16. Community Safety & Security Act
- 17. Members Guarantee Act
- 18. Freedom of Information Act

# Workplan Cont'd

## ■ Land Issues

- Land Use & Development Plan
- Land Title Transfers
- Land & Resources Mgmt
- Boundary surveys
- Capital Plan
- Environmental Mgmt
- Wildlife & Fisheries
- Sewer Study

## ■ Other

- Economic Development
- Community survey
- Public Communications
- Celebrations/Ceremonies
- Closing Plan
- Shared Territories Work
- Transition Plan

# Resources

- **Community relationship & capacity**

- Community Meetings
- Family Meetings
- Off-reserve Communities
- Treaty Implementation Advisory Committee

- **Staff team**

- CAO
- Treaty managers & assistants
- Project Co-ordinator
- (4 members, 2 non-members)

- **Legal team**

- 3 lawyers currently
  - 2 on lands, one on general issues & litigation
- 2 more (minimum) likely
  - Municipal, Commercial

- **Senior advisors & consultants**

- 2 long-term advisors
- Other planners, engineers

- **External networks**

- Critical to success
- Political, legal

# Challenges

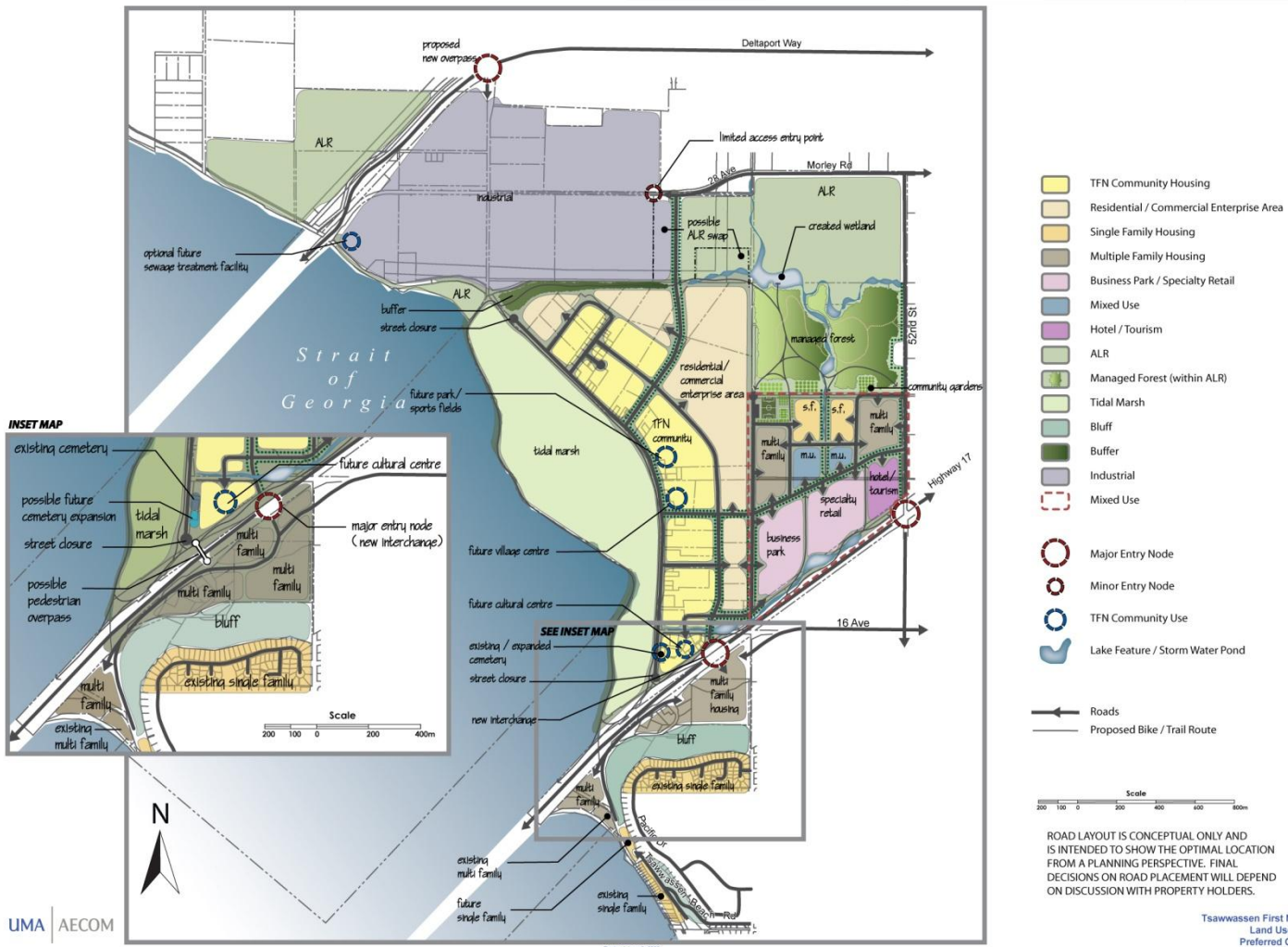
- Funding
  - No negotiation loans, but no access to settlement funds
  - Will be an issue for all First Nations attempting pre-implementation activities
- External criticism and on-going litigation
  - Shared Territory Issues
- Managing Change
  - Staff and Community

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# Looking Past E-Day

- Requirements for our success:
    - Policy and legal capacity
    - Strong land management
    - Participation in regional structures
    - Strong leadership
    - Neutral enforcement
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# Land Use Plan



ROAD LAYOUT IS CONCEPTUAL ONLY AND IS INTENDED TO SHOW THE OPTIMAL LOCATION FROM A PLANNING PERSPECTIVE. FINAL DECISIONS ON ROAD PLACEMENT WILL DEPEND ON DISCUSSION WITH PROPERTY HOLDERS.