



TŜILHQOT'IN LAUNCH CULTURAL AWARENESS TRAINING

Through many years of co-creation with Tsilhqot'in Knowledge Keepers, Leaders, Matriarchs and Community Members, the Tsilhqot'in National Government (TNG) is launching cultural awareness training, entitled "*Nenqayni Ch'ih Deni Wedli*" (Canadian History Through a Tsilhqot'in Lens). The first public offering of this informative evening will be provided on May 7th in Williams Lake for organizations and individuals that work with Tsilhqot'in communities and/or members.

Funding through this program was provided by the Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs (UBCIC) in the wake of the devastating 2017 wildfires and tensions experienced between agencies operating in Tsilhqot'in communities. The training was developed and will be facilitated with Deyen Consulting Founder, Chastity Davis-Alphonse. In the summer, TNG plans to conduct 2-day training sessions with the inclusion of an on-the-land component. An online training component will also be available later in 2024.

"We know that many of the organizations and businesses that work with our people lack an understanding of our history and who we are today. There is a lot of training out there – but this is the first one that outlines the lived histories and realities of the Tsilhqot'in people. If you are working with the Tsilhqot'in, this course will provide you with the insight needed to do your work in a respectful and compassionate manner."

**—Nits'il?in (Chief) Joe Alphonse, O.B.C., LL.D. (hon.). Tribal Chair
Tsilhqot'in National Government**

"I am so proud of what we have created together and honoured to facilitate our first external session. I am inspired by the Tsilhqot'in strength shown through the development of this training."

—Chastity Davis-Alphonse, Deyen Consulting Founder/Lead Consultant

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