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Tsleil Waututh Nation is a Leader in First Nation Economic Development

TWN Economic Development is the economic development arm of the Tsleil-Waututh First Nation (TWN) and has been very successful in its business initiatives in several industries. TWN Economic Development will be available to the media from February 12, 2010 to February 28th, 2010 to showcase their success in business initiatives within several industries, specifically in tourism, real estate development, project management and investment. Economic Development is open to creating winning business opportunities with progressive businesses.

The Tsleil-Waututh Nation (TWN), (pronounced slayl-wah-tuth) is a small, progressive community located along Dollarton Highway in North Vancouver, British Columbia. There are 445 members of this First Nation of which 240 live on reserve. The Tsleil-Waututh Nation has a rich and fascinating history, a vibrant current culture and promising future. As an urban First Nation, the community is actively engaged with government, local partners and its land and resources. As well the community, over the last 18 years, has been a national leader in First Nation economic development with a multitude of businesses and strategies to develop further economic activities.

The Tsleil-Waututh Nation has several community owned businesses that service the public businesses include: Takaya Developments, a successful real estate development company, majority owned by the Tsleil-Waututh Nation, developing high-end condominiums and townhomes. Takaya Tours, a cultural tourism business open May to October. Takaya Golf Centre, providing driving range services and various other special services, professional golf pros are on hand for private or group lessons and SPAL a general construction and project management contractor owned in partnership with the Tswassen First Nation.

The Tsleil-Waututh Nation also produces certified wood products from its freehold land acquisition, Inlailawatash. TWN is developing partnerships with other BC First Nations for a wide variety of products and services, including government and public service management and maintenance agreements for several Provincial Parks within its traditional territory.

TWN Economic Development will be available to media for tours, videos and photos. You can visit the website at www.twncdev.com

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