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DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES



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LANDS

Snapshot of Key Projects



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HERITAGE

Projects 2024-2025



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Heritage Archives

Lead: Tamis Cochrane

Budget: \$189,000

Funding Source: Museums Assistance Program, through Canadian Heritage

Finance Code: 950 Honouring TRT's Indigenous Heritage



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Project Title: Archives Management Capacity:

- Formal Identification & Establishment of Archival Records Structure (aka Fonds)
 - ✓ Additional appraisal for retention through identifying duplication
- Develop framework for Archival Finding Aid
- Be ready to Accession new administrative records ready for Archiving
 - ✓ Including development of Archiving framework for digital records
- Accession Private Donor Fonds (Diana French & Tony Pearse)
- Research of at.óow in Russian institutions, archives & database development
 - ✓ (Russian fluent Archivist is doing this work)
- Get shelves into Seacan while we await a new building (Supports preservation)
- Datalogger in Seacan monitoring Temperature & Humidity levels in support of Spirit Works Little Big Houses project.
 - ✓ Will provide tangible data demonstrating that Seacan storage falls outside ideal preservation parameter



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**Balance As of March 6, 2025:
\$25,719.93**

- Some unreconciled expenses for February outstanding
 - Administrative Fees
- Salary for contractors and Heritage support staff



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Heritage Archives

Lead: Tamis Cochrane

Budget: \$67,500 USD (Funding through FY: 2024-2027)

Funding Source: Washington State University

Funding Code: 950 : MCCS Project (Heritage)

Mukurtu Community Curation Specialist

CMS = Content Management System

This funding allows for ongoing Heritage site development to ensure our Cultural Heritage is accessible to our citizens, wherever they may live.

This funding is through a different structure of Contribution Agreement

As work is done, we invoice Washington State University and they pay us for the work done.

We can invoice up to the Budget indicated above.

We will be submitting an invoice before Fiscal Year End for approximately \$1000 USD



Heritage Archives

Lead: Tamis Cochrane

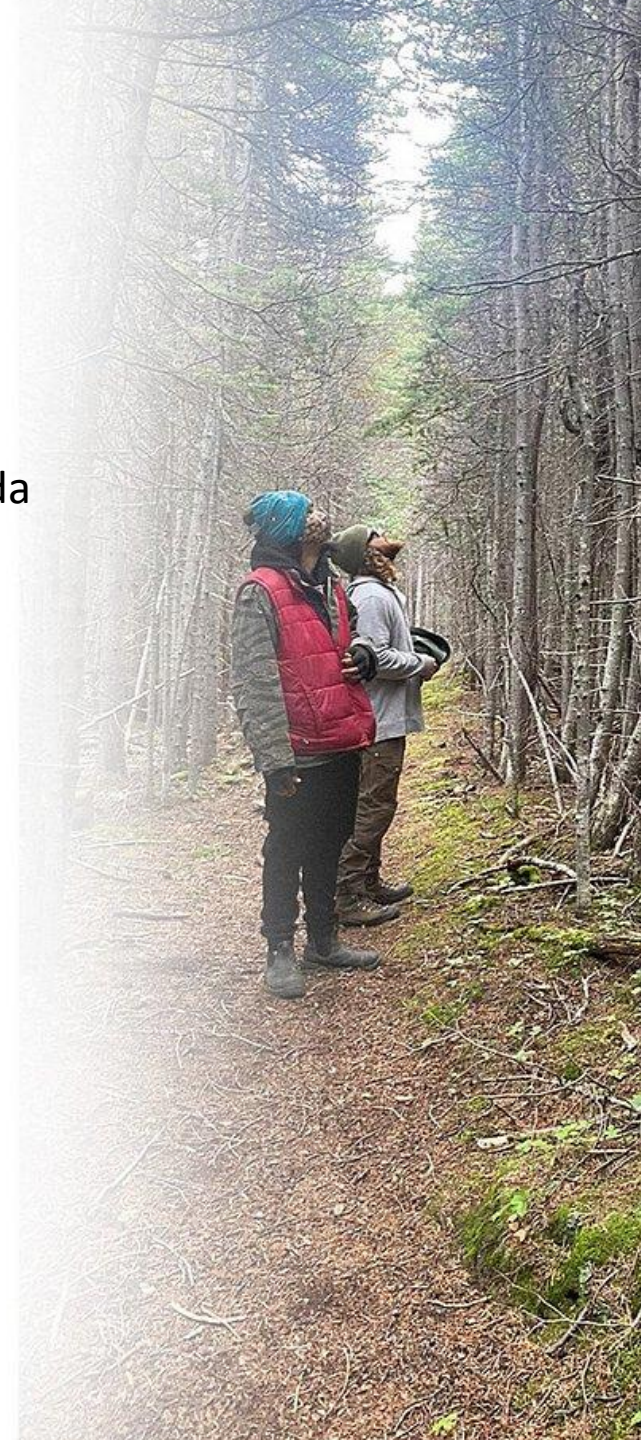
Budget: \$46,778 (FY: 2024-2025)

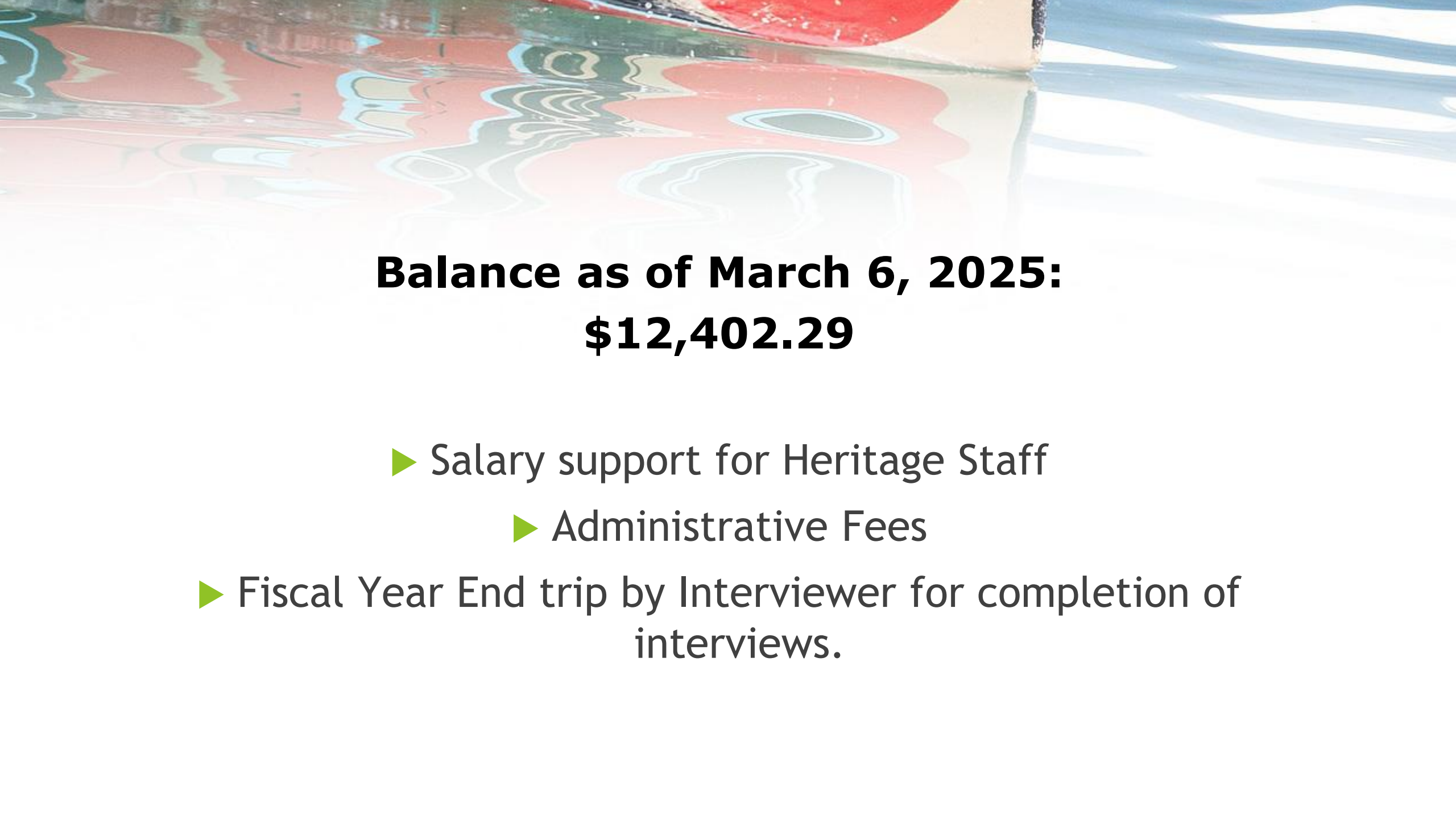
Funding Source: Documenting our Heritage Community Program, Library & Archives Canada

Funding Code: 950 : DHCP Interviews

Project Title: Documenting our Living Ancestors Voices

- ▶ 1 Wolf, 1 Crow Interview Team
- ▶ Travel to meet Elders where they are at, conducting interviews in their homes or a place of their choosing
- ▶ Supports inter-generational knowledge transfer to younger generations and those yet to come
- ▶ Supports other projects underway, streamlining outreach to citizens
- ▶ Community-building through connecting with Citizens who live further afield
- ▶ Opportunity for Elders to share their voice and knowledge without time constraints.
- ▶ Elders can choose which projects and subjects they speak to
 - ▶ Topics: Governance, Tlingit Law, Clans, Traditional Land Use, Genealogy, Indigenous Data Sovereignty, Access to Information & Privacy, etc.)





**Balance as of March 6, 2025:
\$12,402.29**

- ▶ Salary support for Heritage Staff
 - ▶ Administrative Fees
- ▶ Fiscal Year End trip by Interviewer for completion of interviews.



Heritage Archaeology

Lead: Ben Louter

Budget: \$ 172,062.00 (FY: 2024-2025)

Funding Source: Climate Change Preparedness in the North

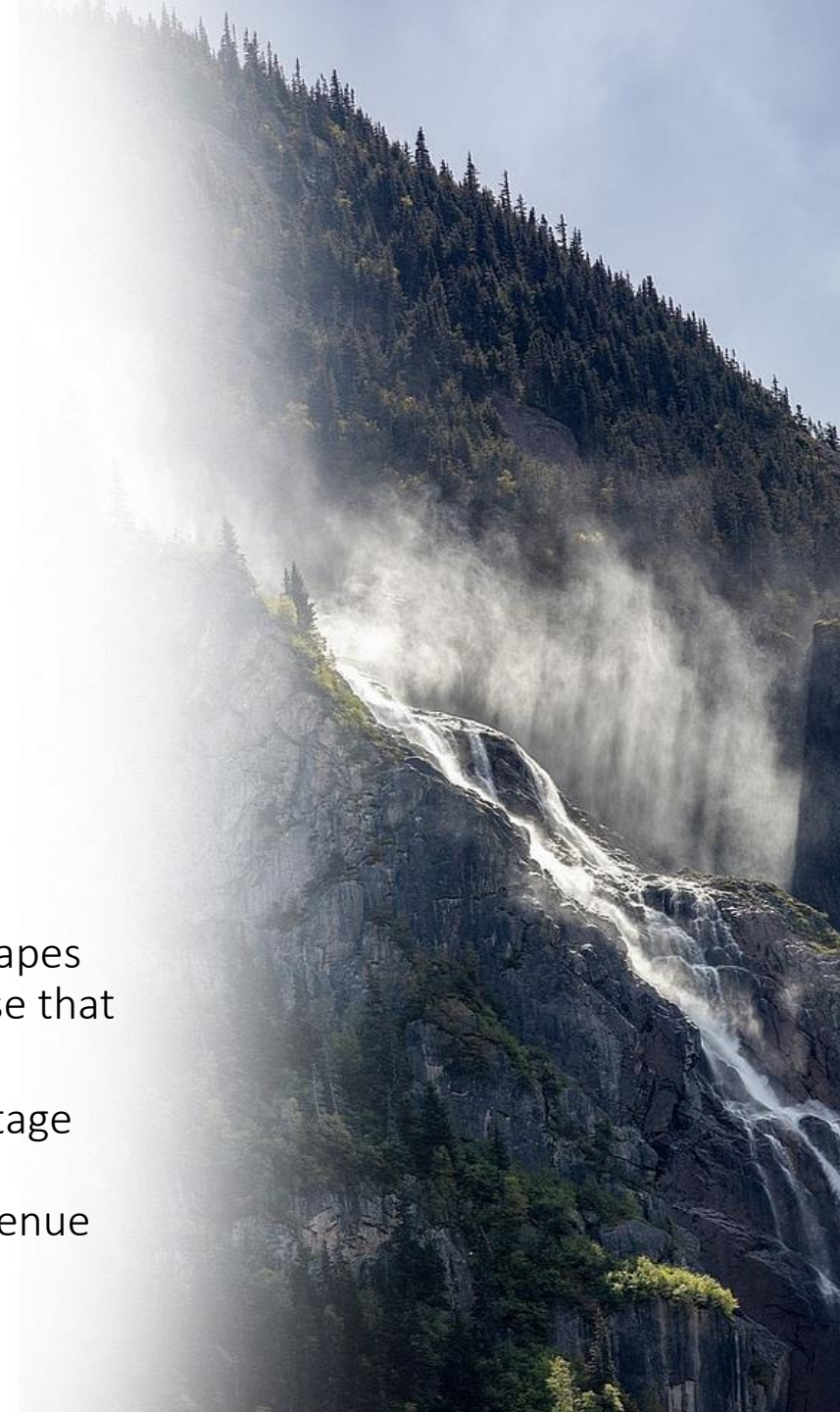
Finance Code: 940 Winter House

Remainder: \$33,586.74 Rolled over into 2025-2026

How it will be used: Wages.

Táakw Hít (Winter House) Research Project

- Complete a cultural heritage/ archaeological inventory for ancestral landscapes (villages, harvesting areas etc.) in the Taku River basin, with a focus on those that are vulnerable to climate change.
- This suite of research, spread over three years, will enable the TRTFN Heritage Department to create an up to date ArcGIS heritage database, which will enhance our ability to make informed decisions on issues such as mineral tenure applications.





Heritage Archaeology

Lead: Ben Louter

Budget: \$ 60,000 (FY: 2024-2025)

Funding Source: New Relationship Trust

Finance Code: 940 New Relationship

Remainder \$0

Táakw Hít (Winter House) Research Project

- Consolidate existing Heritage spatial data and create up to date GIS shapefiles for the Lands and Resources Department.
- Complete an archaeological survey of 6 ancestral village sites at a high risk of damage from climate change/ erosion.
- Build capacity for a Tlingit Heritage Researcher (Barb Dawson).





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TIPCA

Tlatsini Indigenous Protected and
Conserved Areas Initiative

THE PLACES THAT MAKE US STRONG



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- Lead: Kim Heinemeyer
- Funding codes: 900-GOC-TIPCA & 900 Schad
- 2024-2025: \$936,932
- 2025-2026: \$1,020,034
- 2026-2027: \$383,967





2024-2025

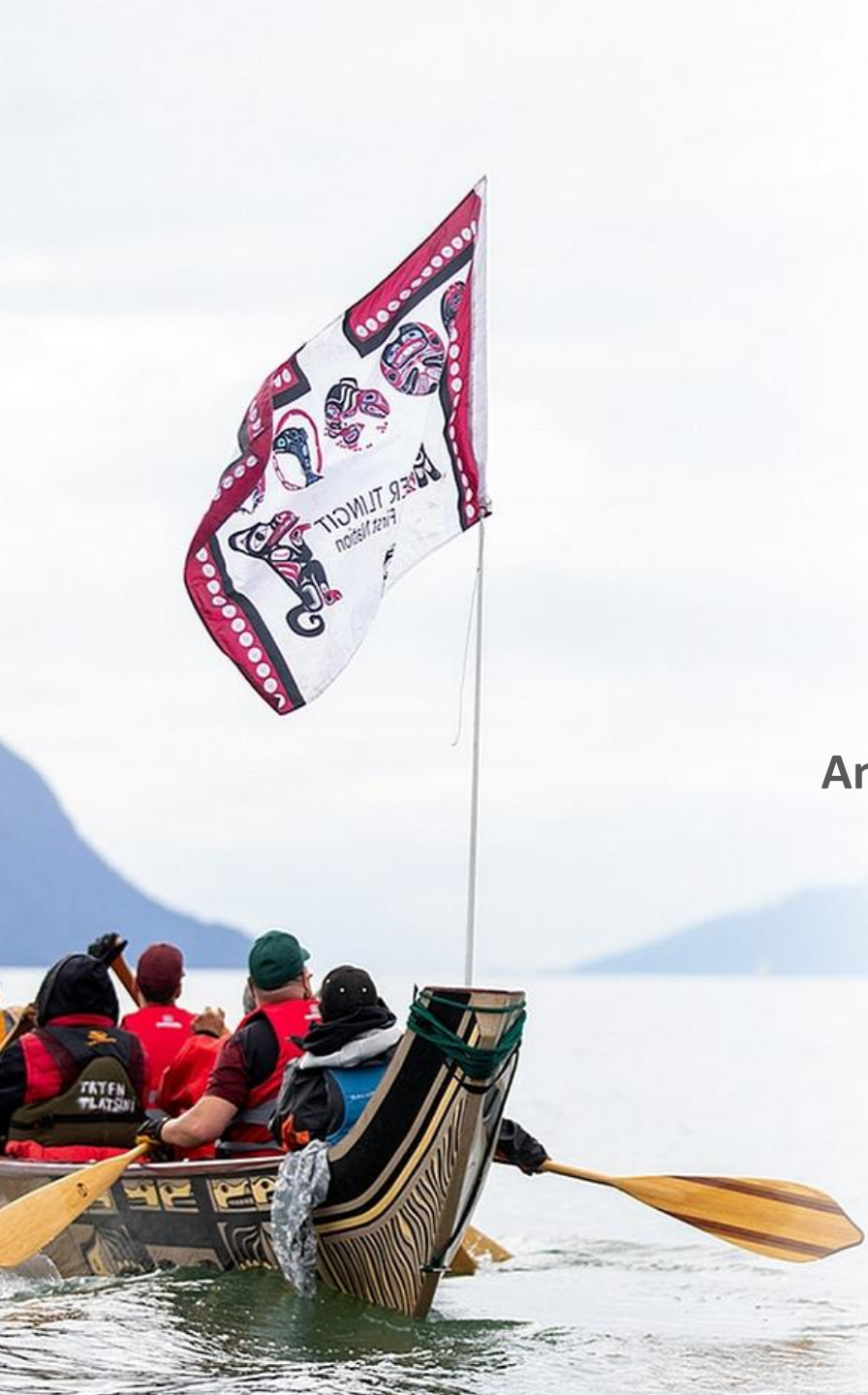
- Administration and Lands and Resources staff support
- Land use planning discussions with BC for Taku Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area
- Inclusion of TRTFN values in socio-economic and environmental assessment for Taku watershed (SEAA; an assessment required by BC)
- Develop and start to work with BC to reach agreement on mineral development standards for Taku to support TRT Mining Policy implementation
- Tlatsini Process Agreement with BC committing to land use planning towards Crown recognition of our Taku IPCA
- Monitoring and engaging with companies with mineral interests in the Taku
- Developing long-term support mechanisms for Taku IPCA and TRT stewardship
- Supporting technical and political engagement to advance TRT governance and stewardship of wildlife
- Community engagement and outreach
- Developed and implemented a TRT camp at Cranberry Island and support for the Inklin Camp





2025-2026

- Accelerating the above efforts with BC with goal for substantive outcomes on Taku IPCA including recommendations for new protections and governance arrangements for decision in spring/early summer 2026
- Offer on-the-land culture camps in the Taku including potentially identifying and developing a new camp on the lower Taku River
- Community engagement and outreach



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FISHERIES

Annual Workplan & Budget Summary - F2024/2025
Updated for March 2025 Joint Clan Meeting

Rodger Thorlakson, Lands Manager;
Mark Connor, Fisheries Coordinator;
Jason Williams, Fisheries Field Supervisor



Aboriginal Fisheries Strategy/Pacific Salmon Treaty

Funding Code: 950 Aboriginal Fisheries Strategy

2024/2025 Budget: \$681,820

Expected Surplus End of Fiscal: \$0

Funder: Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)

2024/2025 Use of funds:

- Annual wages for all Fisheries Department long- and short-term staff, including Fisheries Coordinator, Field Supervisor, Administrative Support, Finance, Biologist(s), Research, Insurance, Elder Honorariums, Land Guardian Support, and all camp field staff (May-October);
- Ongoing collaboration with DFO, wherein TRTFN oversees and carries out program development, work planning, consultations, development of operational plans and co-management initiatives between DFO and TRTFN;
- Participation of staff and leadership in fisheries focused resource management forums including the Joint Management Advisory Committee, community fisheries meetings (Fall 2024 Elders' Meeting) and multi-stakeholder meetings (Taku River Salmon Management Advisory Committee, Transboundary Technical Committee);





Aboriginal Fisheries Strategy/Pacific Salmon Treaty

- Necessary safety and rescue training for field staff;
- All groceries, supplies, and helicopter flights in- and out- of Fisheries camps, including barrier monitoring flights (May-October);
- Ongoing repairs and maintenance of all existing field equipment, including TRTFN Fisheries truck;
- Camp safety upgrades, all Fisheries camps (expensed 2024/2025; upgrades to be done in 2025 field season);
- All TRTFN ongoing Salmon Stock Assessment activities on the Taku Watershed: Chinook and Coho Smolt Tagging (April/May); Kuthai Lake Weir (July – September); Nakina Carcass Weir (July – August); King Salmon Lake Weir (July – September); Chinook Headwaters (July – August); Canyon Island Fishwheels (April – October); Tatsatua Chinook Sampling, Carcass Weir/Snagging (August – September)





Indigenous Habitat Protection

Funding Code: DFO 950 IHPP

2024/2025 Budget: \$91,352

Expected Surplus End of Fiscal: \$0

Funder: Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)

2024/2025 Use of funds:

- Ongoing funding for the collection of data on groundwater conditions around the mining borrow pit on the Tulsequah for emergent salmon spawning habitats on the Tulsequah; the first phase of this project involves completing a 30% design of how the pit should be connected to the surface water system to provide maximum habitat for salmon spawning;
- Wages for Hydrogeologist, Fisheries Biologist, and Field Technicians; helicopter flights;
- Groundwater investigation – development of a plan to investigate groundwater conditions, focusing on water levels and quality to support effective site investigation and data collection;
- Site visits for the installation of water monitoring stations, collection of water samples, and field measurements;
- Sampling equipment, pumps, sampling consumables, satellite communications, other materials;
- Drafting of report to be produced for review – project goals are to obtain comprehensive groundwater and surface water data to inform the design of new salmon spawning habitat on the Tulsequah; develop a 30% design for the salmon spawning habitat that aligns with hydrological and ecological requirements, ensuring optimal conditions for salmon spawning; ensure thorough documentation and a rigorous review process to finalize final design and construction plan



Indigenous Harvest Transfer



Funding Code: 950 IHT Food Fishing D956

2024/2025 Budget: \$60,205

Expected Surplus End of Fiscal: \$0

Funder: Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)

2024/2025 Use of funds:

- Support of harvest of the Coho salmon stock on Lower Taku, helicopter flights for crew transportation of food fish delivery; wages and supplies for crew to run landing station, make ice, and process fish;
- Community Engagement/Workshop fees (space; materials; Elders' honorariums) for the development of a Community Salmon Plan, the first meeting held in late fall 2024; Workshop was to begin the development of a Salmon Management Plan for salmon now and into the future through integration of TRTFN values and vision with current and long-term conservation concerns – Notes and outcomes from that meeting currently being developed for further engagement;





Climate Change Preparedness North

Funding Code: 950 10 CIRNAC Climate Change Preparedness North

2024/2025 Budget: \$143,000

Expected Surplus End of Fiscal: \$0

Funder: CIRNAC (ISC)

2024/2025 Use of funds:

- Salmon Summer Harvest Camps at Inklin facilitated by TRTFN Land Guardians – three 5-day camps, including youth training; facilitated discussions, salmon harvest, processing, and distribution;
- Fall Salmon Smoking Event at Five Mile Point;
- Ongoing Development of Traditional Foods Strategy – Ongoing initial work with TRTFN Food Security – Compiling learnings, community feedback, and experiences with TRTFN goals and objectives to identify a strategy to sustain and grow traditional food opportunities and access into the future (Merging with Community Salmon Plan);
- Overall project management, oversight, reporting, communications, finance and administrative costs





Climate Change Health

Funding Code: 950-ICBCM Salmon Resiliency

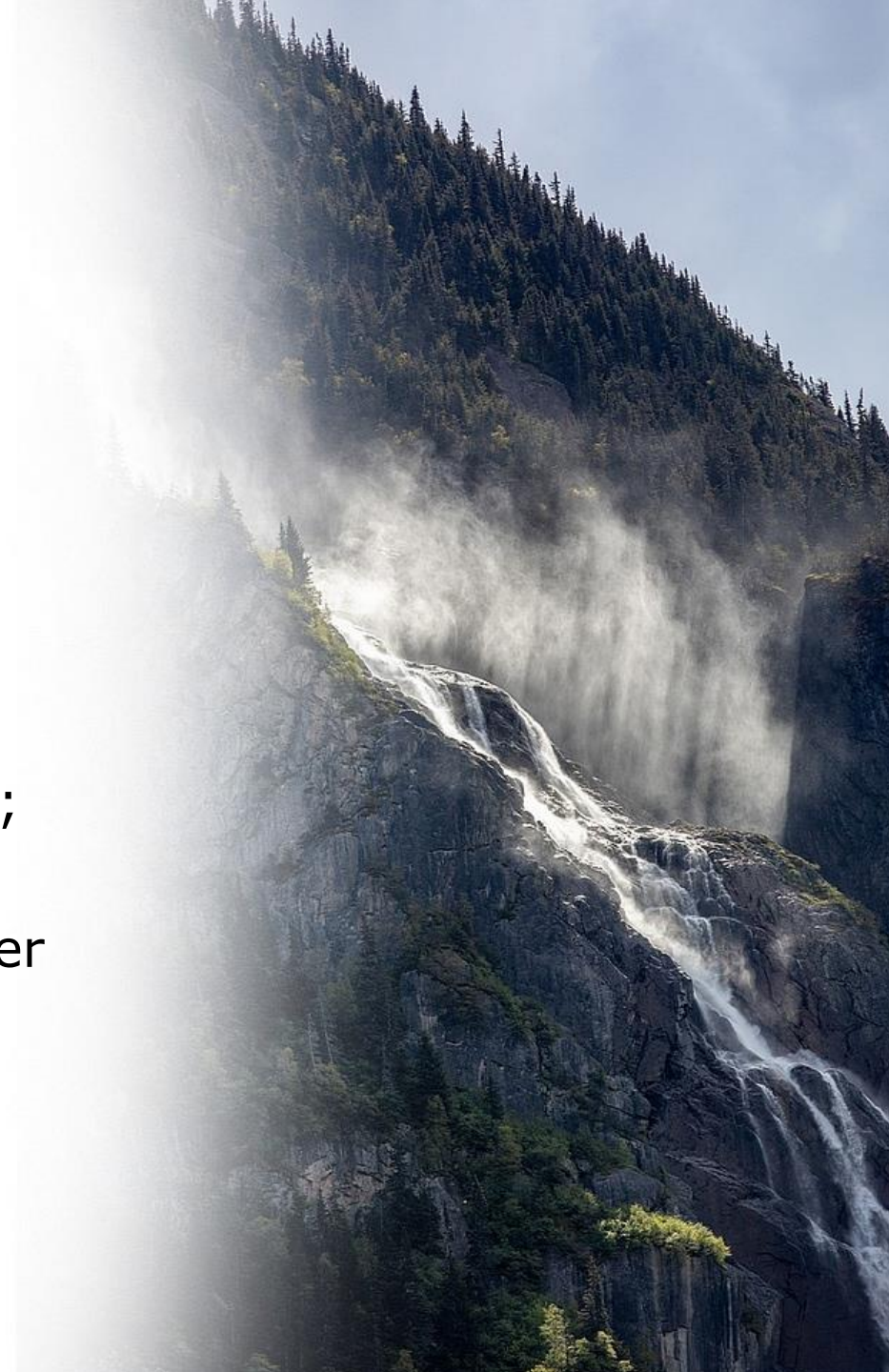
2024/2025 Budget: \$60,912

Expected Surplus End of Fiscal: \$0

Funder: ICBCM

2024/2025 Use of funds:

- Spring lake sampling; travel and equipment costs;
- Cross-section data collection for Silver Salmon River; Meteorological station maintenance on Silver Salmon River;
- Weather Station and obstruction monitoring data (Silver Salmon)



Indigenous Watersheds Initiative

Funding Code: 950 Indigenous Watersheds Initiative

2024/2025 Budget: \$143,900

Expected Surplus End of Fiscal: \$0

Funder: MakeWay Foundation



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2024/2025 Use of funds:

- Advancing collaborative research and monitoring on climate change, salmon resilience, and industry pressures - installing and maintaining hydrometric and weather stations on the Taku Watershed – There is little information on climate and streamflow patterns in the Taku, which makes it difficult to understand the impacts of climate change – partner initiatives with Simon Fraser University to install climate monitoring stations on the Taku
- Ongoing collaboration on Salmon Resiliency project with Simon Fraser University, University of Washington, University of Montana; collaborative climate- and salmon-focused scientific research – TRTFN and the partner universities have been leading a series of scientific studies on climate change, mining risks, and the resilience of salmon in the Taku – Research includes studying the repopulation of salmon in habitats newly created by glacier retreat, and a large monitoring network of water temperature sensors to identify potential areas of climate risk;
- This collaborative research is also a platform to bring TRT members into the watershed;
- Development of a short film to showcase the globally important Salmon Resiliency work of the TRT, which will be an important tool for research extension and education – shot during the 2024 field season in the watershed; to be distributed in 2025





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Please contact fisheries.coord@gov.trtfn.com and/or fisheries.fieldsupervisor@gov.trtfn.com for any further questions or concerns on the mentioned projects, detailed budget breakdowns, as well as upcoming citizen input and engagement.

The Fisheries 2025 Newsletter will be released in late spring, which will have detailed descriptions and photos of all the projects undertaken this past year. Gunalchéesh!





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Wildlife Division Funds F24/25

920 – 3NS CSF Cap

Funder	3Nations Collaborative Stewardship Forum
Amount received FY24-25	\$75,000
Amount spent FY24-25	\$52,617
Work completed	Wages
Unspent funds remaining	\$22,383
Plan for unspent funds	Rollover

920 – 3NS CSF Wildlife

Funder	3Nations Collaborative Stewardship Forum
Amount received FY24-25	\$35,000
Amount spent FY24-25	\$5,510
Work completed	Meeting travel, purchase of wildlife sample freezer, wildlife monitoring supplies
Unspent funds remaining	\$29,490
Plan for unspent funds	Rollover* *may need to replace vehicle soon

920 – 3NS Sheep Habitat Feasibility

Funder	3Nations Collaborative Stewardship Forum
Amount received FY24-25	\$15,000
Amount spent FY24-25	\$7,192
Work completed	Contractor assessing feasibility and process to bring back cultural burns of sheep habitat in Atlin East
Unspent funds remaining	\$7,808
Plan for unspent funds	Rollover & contract extension

920 – HCTF Sheep Collar

Funder	Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation
Amount received FY24-25	\$18,954
Amount spent FY24-25	\$13,914
Work completed	Sheep mortality investigations via helicopter, retrieval of dropped-off collars
Unspent funds remaining	\$5,040
Plan for unspent funds	Return to funder* *it's a good thing, because it means not many sheep died this year

920 – Wildlife Core

Funder	Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
Amount received FY24-25	\$50,000
Amount spent FY24-25	\$9,527
Work completed	Legal advice, Elder honouraria, TRT engagement events, door prizes, travel to meetings
Unspent funds remaining	\$40,473
Plan for unspent funds	Rollover*
	*wages were covered through 3N CSF this year

920 – WLRS Wildlife Reset

Funder	Ministry of Water, Land, and Resource Stewardship
Amount received FY24-25	\$35,000
Amount spent FY24-25	\$0
Work completed	Contracted facilitator and travel for wildlife negotiations
Unspent funds remaining	\$35,000
Plan for unspent funds	Expenses in next 2 weeks* *most will get used by large invoices and travel expenses coming in next two weeks, then rollover



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900 – BC G2G Impl

Funding \$75,000

Left: \$0

- Lands Engagement Coordinator (LEC) Annual Wage: \$61,776
- LEC aligns TRT values with activities and industry occurring within TRT Traditional Territory.
- The LEC ensures the appropriate Implementation the Wooshtin Wudidaa Atlin-Taku Land Use Plan using the framework constructed by the Wóoshtin yan too.aat Land and Resource Management and Shared Decision-Making Agreement (G2G Agreement).
- The LEC frequently communicates with BC Government staff, building relationships in several different Ministries, in efforts to implement effective shared decision making.





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- **Left: \$0**

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900 – Protected Area Working Group (PAWG)

Funding \$16,000

Left: \$0

- Continue to work on Protected Areas with BC Government
 - Wage for contractor Bryan Evans
 - Wage for employee Caitlin O'Shea



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912 FCRSA – Revenue Sharing Forestry

Funding \$80,594

Left: \$80,594

- Rolling funds into next year



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Land Guardian Program Funds F24/25

930 – 3NS MIRR LGP

Funder	3Nations Society (BC)
Amount received	\$282,024
Work completed	Salaries, equipment, hunting patrols, camera trap studies, caribou track surveys, Nakina Trail maintenance, etc
Unspent funds remaining	\$85,987
Plan for unspent funds	More of the above next fiscal year

930 – 3NS CSF

Funder	3Nations Society (BC)
Amount received	\$121,689
Work completed	Salaries
Unspent funds remaining	\$71,832
Plan for unspent funds	Increased hiring of Land Guardians in F25/26

930 – 3NS Climate/Monitor

Funder	3Nations Society (BC)
Amount received	\$16,405
Work completed	Fixed and maintained weather station at Inklin Camp
Unspent funds remaining	\$11,543
Plan for unspent funds	Annual weather station maintenance and data downloads

930 – 3NS BC Patrols

Funder	3Nations Society (BC)
Amount received	\$13,305
Work completed	Skidoo, quad, and heli patrols with Conservation Officer in fall 2024
Unspent funds remaining	~\$6,800
Plan for unspent funds	More heli patrols in fall 2025

930 – 3NS Warm Springs Goldfish

Funder	3Nations Society (BC)
Amount received	\$15,000
Work completed	Goldfish removal at the Warm Springs via electrofishing
Unspent funds remaining	\$5,560
Plan for unspent funds	Continued electrofishing in spring and summer 2025

930 – 3NS Lake Ice Monitoring

Funder	3Nations Society (BC)
Amount received	\$30,000
Work completed	Purchase of ground penetrating radar unit, training
Unspent funds remaining	~\$6,000
Plan for unspent funds	Regular lake ice measurements while ice lasts, continued monitoring next winter

930 – 3NS NGN Takhu Guardians

Funder	National Guardians Network
Amount received	\$175,300
Work completed	Inklin Camp 2024
Unspent funds remaining	\$791
Plan for unspent funds	Inklin Camp 2025

930 – 3NS ECCC Caribou Monitoring

Funder	Environment Canada
Amount received	\$35,938
Work completed	Aerial snowmobile track surveys, camera trap study, purchase of custom satellite imagery
Unspent funds remaining	\$5,334
Plan for unspent funds	One last aerial survey in April before project concludes

930 – 3NS CCPN Moose Harvest

Funder	Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada
Amount received	\$78,430
Work completed	Two moose harvest camps in the fall, one winter moose hunt
Unspent funds remaining	\$14,446
Plan for unspent funds	More moose harvest camps in 2025



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MINING FINANCIALS FOR 2024 - 2025



910 – BC G2G Mining

- Given to TRTFN from BC under the G2G Agreement.
- Money to support the Mining Coordinator wages, training and travel.
- Any remaining money will support additional staff, as they are hired.

\$100K for wages
\$0 Rollover from 2024





910 – Mining Core

- Money from various projects aimed to support wages within the Mining Division.

**\$80K with
\$20K Rollover from 2024**





910 – BC EMLI MJWG

- Given to TRTFN from BC through the Mineral Joint Working Group.
- Money to support projects agreed to by the co-chairs (TRTFN & BC) of the Mineral Joint Working Group. Can't be spent on other uses.

\$80K for future project





910 – BC EMLI Capacity

- Money to support projects agreed to by the co-chairs of the Mineral Joint Working Group (TRTFN & BC).
- 70K given in 2024 to conduct a disturbance survey of Blue Canyon. Deliverable received and all money spent.
- New contribution agreement underway.

**\$87.6K with
\$20K Rollover from 2024**





910 – BC EMLI Mercury

- Money from BC through the MJWG to conduct a study on mercury content in streams, lakes, fish.
- Project started, on hold due to lack of capacity in Mining Division.
- Remaining money to continue fish surveys and produce community information.

\$36K Rollover from 2024





910 – BC EMLI TUL

- Money from BC to support TRTFN communication and engagement with TRT citizens for Tulsequah Chief Mine Reclamation.
- Money will support future engagement activities, updates and possibly site visits.
- Money will staff wages and costs working on the Tulsequah Chief Mine Reclamation.

**\$104K with
\$20 Rollover from 2024**





910 – BC EMLI Tulsequah Framework

- This project aims to provide a framework that will guide and set standards for current and future environmental monitoring within the valley.
- Data sovereignty will play a part, such that TRTFN will be the holder of all data gathered.
- Money from BC will support a monitoring framework for the Tulsequah River valley. Money will continue to develop the database that is proposed, with more funding being considered by BC in 2025.
- It will start with Tlingit Values that will be the basis to create Stewardship Needs.
- Those will then guide the types of monitoring required to meet those Needs.

\$80K New Fund
\$0 Rollover from 2024





910 – Teck TCM

- Money from Teck to support TRTFN with the work that they are doing collaborating on the reclamation and closure of the Tulsequah Chief Mine, including;
 - Working Group that oversees the general plan of work and the direction that it is taking.
 - Working Group that reviews and collaborates on workplans, reports, community engagement, permit applications.
- Will be used to support and catch up on admin fees, payments and wages.

**\$80K with
\$0 Rollover from 2024**





910 – CEA Canagold

- Money from Canagold to support TRTFN with the work being done to evaluate the proposed mine project, including;
 - Working Group that reviews and collaborates on workplans, reports, concerns, environmental monitoring.
 - Community engagement, the Environmental Assessment process.
- Will be used to support and catch up on admin fees, payments and wages.

\$0K as this account is invoiced to Canagold as TRTFN is invoiced





910 – New Polaris Exploration

- Money the New Polaris exploration site, as per the Ha khustyixh agreement signed in 2022.
- Money will be gathered from all mining companies over time and then invested for the Citizens.

\$72K to Rollover to 2025





910 – Brixton Metals Community Contribution

- Money gathered from Brixton Metals from the 2013 Exploration Agreement for their exploration work.
- Supported the canoe travel to Celebration in 2024.
- Money will be gathered from all mining companies over time and then invested for the Citizens.

**Received \$153K at end of 2024
for Community Contributions**





910 – Mining Legal

- Money from various mining projects aimed to support any associated legal costs of working with those mining companies.

\$34.7K to Rollover to 2025





910 – Vehicle Maintenance

- Money gathered from various project for the use of the Mining Division truck.
- Money supports repairs and maintenance of the vehicle and may at some point support the purchase of a new truck.

\$33.6K to Rollover to 2025





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