



T'AKU KWÁAN YOO X'ATÁNGI DEIYÍ

Lingít Language Plan

January 12, 2026

Happy New Year yeewháan (you all)!

The Lingít Language Team would like to extend the very best wishes to you, your family and Clans people in 2026. As we venture into the New Year, the Taku River Tlingit First Nation (TRTFN), Education Department and the Language Working Group is inviting you to a community gathering to review the ***T'ak'u Kwáan Lingít Yoo X'atángi Deiýí***. It would be an honour to hear your feedback. This Newsletter will provide an overview of what citizens have said about mobilizing and revitalizing *Haa Yoo X'atángi*.

Project Mandate:

A Language Implementation Team and an Advisory Working Group was established to:

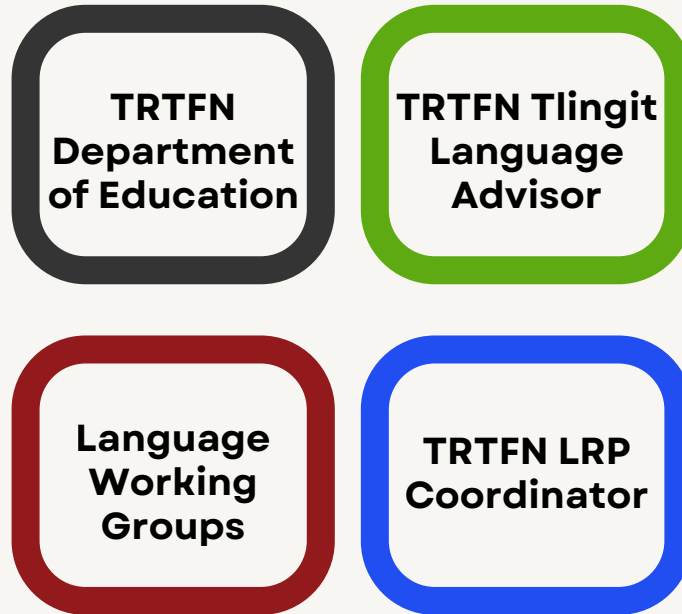
- Develop haa *T'aku Kwáan Yoo X'atángi Deiýí*

What are the Main Parts to Our Yoo X'atángi Deiýí?

- **Annual Language Learning Projects (2026 – 2031)**
- **Activities for each Project**
- **Project Budgets**
- **Mission, Vision & Value Statements**

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Lingít Yoo X'atángi Deiyí Team



Lingít Yoo X'atángi: Vision, Mission

Vision: *The T'ak'u kwáan haa kusteeyi* (our way of life) and identity thrives when speaking *Lingít yoo x'atángi*. Each generation of T'ak'u kwáan will experience healing as we speak and strengthen our language and culture together.

Mission: *The T'ak'u kwáan Yoo X'atángi Deiyí* guides and empowers the community to experience the inherent healing of language by:

- Using **grassroots or culturally based** *Lingít* ways of learning during all language initiatives;
- *Haa Lingít kusteeyi* will guide us as we practice kindness and respect in spaces where Lingít language reclamation and revitalization is happening.

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Lingít Yoo X'atángi: Values Statements

Values: X'atulitseen “We Value It”: Values

Yáa At Wooné “Respect”

We will be there for each other and respect the gifts each person brings to our community and our language.

Haa Tuli.aan “We are Kind”

Learning our language involves patience and time, so we'll be gentle with one another.

Woosh Teen a Gax Toohéin Ka Woosh Teen Yoo X'agax Toola.aat

“We will claim it together and we will speak it together”

The T'ak'u kwáan have unique language learning needs. The language programs and services will be designed so they are accessible and inclusive of all members. We all have a voice.

Haa Yoo X'atángi Yaa Ntoosakweini, Woosh Teen Yoo X'agax Toola.aat, Haa Lingít Kusteeyi Latseen Déin Gux Satee

“We will become strong as we are speaking our language together”

Learning, speaking, and sharing our language is central to healing our people, families, community, and Nation.

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T'ak'u Lingít Yoo X'atángi Themes

Culture and *Haa Lingít Kusteeyi*

The *Lingít* language gives knowledge and understanding of the Clan kinship structure and how it relates to belonging, governance and relationship responsibilities between the people, land, animals and the water. It is essential to use *Haa Kusteeyi* as a framework to revitalize the *Lingít* language so all citizens are provided with access to learn and to speak the language.

Community

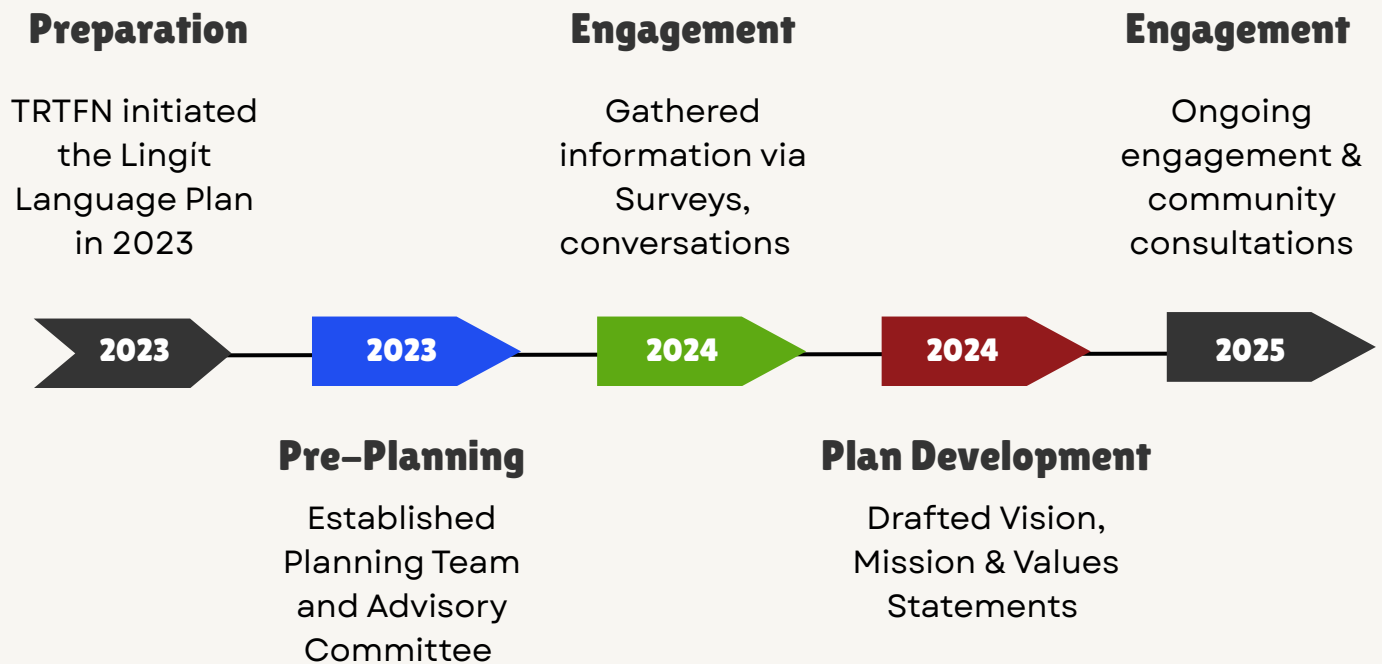
Within the process of developing this Language Plan, a survey was designed with a basis of reclaiming and revitalizing the language in the community, on the land, water and all the First Nation activities. The goal of the survey was to generate as many voices as possible to frame the goals and strategies for the *T'ak'u Kwáan Lingít Yoo X'atángi Deiyí*. We all belong to the same Lingít Language family whether we live in or out of the community. It will take our whole Nation to mobilize and revitalize our language over the generations.

Collaboration

Collaborating with *Lingít* Language groups is essential to achieving success on collective revitalization efforts. Collaborations within the language family will enhance an awareness of language initiatives and funding opportunities for the community and regionally.

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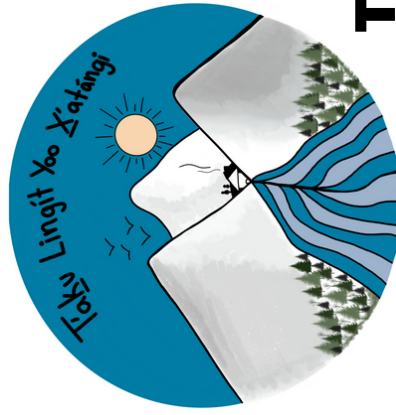
Yoo X'atángi Deiyí Development Journey



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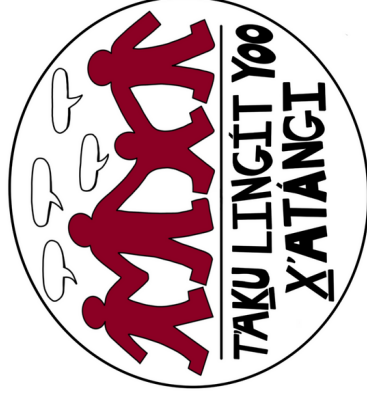
ANNUAL LANGUAGE PROJECTS

TIMELINE



TLÉIX' - ONE

Establish Yoo X'atangi Implementation group to monitor progress of Plan, projects & budgets. Create hybrid Beginner Lingit Courses with vocabulary for home and camp. Develop resource kits to support language courses using QR codes to retrieve audio & print flashcards. Visit & Support Language Learners & spaces. Expand Lingit Language site on First Voices platform to include intermediate Lingit vocabulary. Develop assessment and evaluation templates for Language courses + collaborative partnerships. Citizens attending CTFN or TTC Language Immersion Camp.



DÉIX - TWO

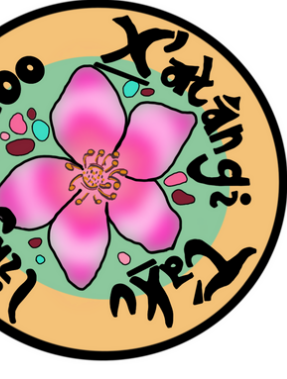
Monitor Language Plan **ongoing**. Increase collaboration between internal & external language groups + partners via MOA, Protocol, Partnership Agreement or Policy for independent or shared projects. Create & deliver immersive Language training for teachers. Beginner Lingit Community Course + resource kit development **ongoing**. Develop Language Incentive Policy & identify funding partner contributions to support language learners. Upload stories, songs & games on the Lingit Language site on First Voices. Hosting an Annual Meeting for partnerships to share and collaborate.





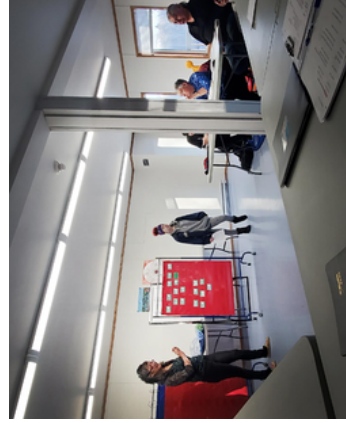
NÁSK' - THREE

Monitor Language Plan **ongoing**. Develop Community Consultation & Lingit Yoo X'atángi Governance Plan. Formalize Collaborative Partnership Agreements. Develop Capacity & Succession Plan to support teachers + collaborative language support teams. Design & deliver immersive Language training for teachers. Beginner Lingit Course + resource kit development to support Language learners **ongoing**. Produce Communication & Engagement Plan to guide promotion of local & regional Language initiatives that provide for gender, age & needs. Implement Language Incentive Policy. Expand Lingit Language site on First Voices platform to include advanced Lingit vocabulary. Assessment & evaluation **ongoing**.



DAAX'OON - FOUR

Monitor Language Plan **ongoing**. Implement Consultation Plan + selection of Lingit Language Governance Group. Collaborative relationship building **ongoing**. Implement Capacity & Succession Plan. Immersive Language training for teachers **ongoing**. Beginner Lingit transitioning into family language nests + resource kit development. Community engagement process to develop a Language healing & reclamation Plan that includes intergenerational impacts of colonization & healing via Haa Kustiye. Implement Communication & Engagement Plan. Develop immersion sections & adding new content to language site on First Voices. Develop Digital Preservation Plan for Lingit language recordings to include provision of access. Language Incentive Policy + assessment & evaluation **ongoing**.



Monitor Language Plan **ongoing**. Review & adjust Community Consultation & Lingit Yoo X'atángi Governance Plan. Collaborative relationship annual gatherings + Capacity & Succession Plan **ongoing**. Immersive Language training for teachers & Beginner Lingit transitioning into family language nests + resource kit development **ongoing**. Delivery of Language healing & reclamation plan. Expand & update new sections of Lingit language site on First Voices. Update TRFN language sites; restoring & transcribing language recordings. Communications & Engagement Plan + Language Incentive Policy + assessment & evaluation **ongoing**.



KEIJIN - FIVE

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What TRTFN Language Revitalization Efforts Have Taken Place to Date?

- Tapes of Elders and ancestral knowledge that have been transcribed. Transcriptions are held at TRTFN Heritage. NVIVO software provides the capacity to search for specific documents.
- TRTFN curriculum developed and credited to our late elder **Mary Seidiyaa Anderson**. Audio available at tlingit-language-instruction.ca & an updated booklet is available at TRTFN.
- Tlingit place name board game & GeoForms Map of TRTFN traditional territory development. Signage has been installed for Tlingit street names on our reserves and beyond to our trails, camps and special areas. trt.geoforms.ca
- Students from the Certificate of Indigenous Language Revitalization Program continue to support TRTFN language initiatives.
- TRTFN provision of financial support to COTS to complete two language courses (Atlin & Whitehorse).
- Delivery of a four-day Children Language Day Camp in Aatlein
- Language learning for students at the Atlin School.
- Development of *Haa T'aku Kwáan Yoo X'atángi Deiyí*.

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LANGUAGE SURVEY RESPONSES
INDICATE THAT IT IS IMPORTANT...

to speak our
language with
family and
children

to keep our
language and
culture alive

to learn
language as
part of our
identity

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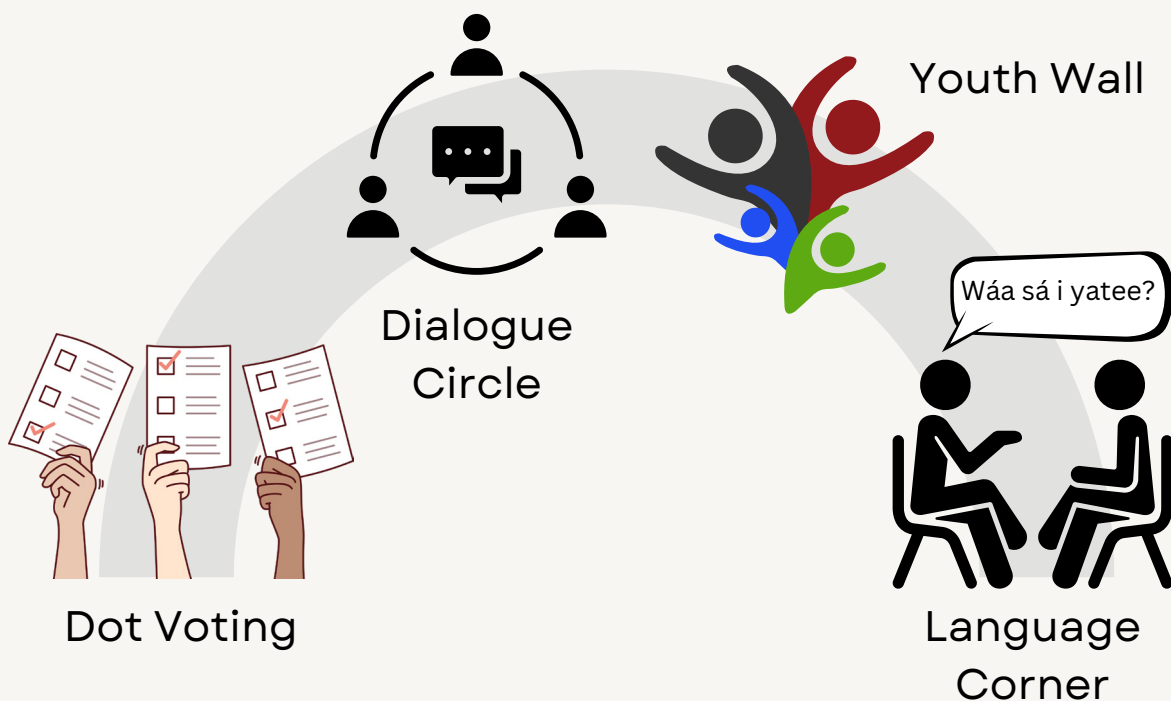
T'aku Kwáan Yoo X'atangi Deiyi Community Consultation

February 12, 2026

Location: **TBD**



Feedback Stations



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WORKING IN HARMONY

- TRTFN Education must fully participate in all *Lingít* language initiatives and programming that would benefit families & community.
- One of the main goals for our Language Plan would be to work on either side of the language fluency spectrum – providing beginner *Lingít* language courses while supporting low to high level intermediate learners.

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[Taku People's Language Pathway]

Future Training & Employment Opportunities for Lingít Language

- Student Learner, Speaker & Teacher
- Language researcher and archives support
- Documenter and recorder
- Administrator
- Others

Next Steps To Complete T'aku Kwáan Yoo X'atángi Deiýí

[Taku People's Language Pathway]

- Community consultation: February 12, 2026 for citizen feedback
- Open House to present **T'ak'u Kwáan Lingít Yoo X'atángi Deiýí** draft
- Community Acknowledgement & Celebration in Spring 2026



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