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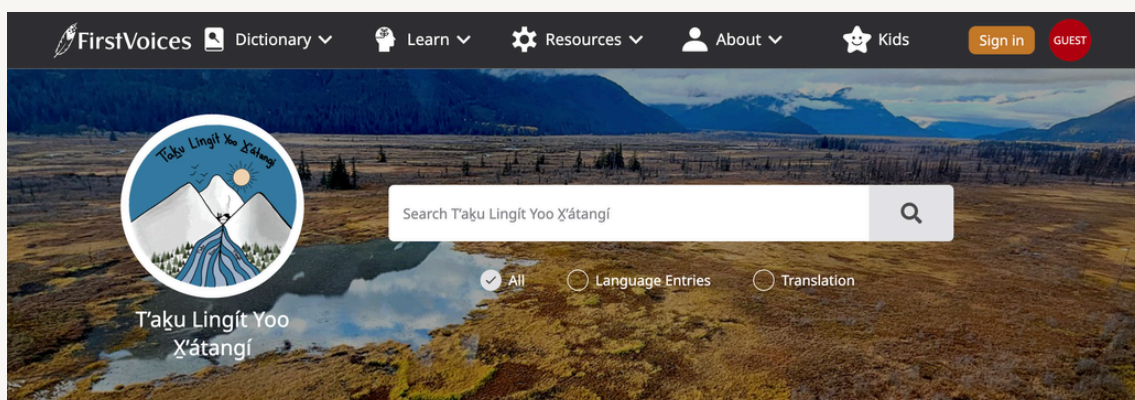
Lingít Language Newsletter

September 21, 2026

Ax xoonx'i (my relatives):

Our Lingit Yóo X'atángi (Lingit Language) has been taking root during the community courses taught by Marsha Guneiwti Hotch. Several T'ak'u kwáan (people) joined the Zoom classes from Vancouver to Toronto and into Nevada and Montana! Some parents had their children participate, which was a joyful gift to the language learning groups. Please check out the Taku River Tlingit First Nation (TRTFN) Facebook page for the Fall and Winter course dates this year.

This newsletter update will focus on two streams of work to support strengthening our Lingit Yóo X'atángi. The first is to complete the Language Plan, and the second stream of work describes the annual programming activities. The program activities have been in progress over the last two years and include the Beginner Lingit Language courses and the summer language camp learning for children.



Check Out: The Lingit Yóo X'atángi website on First Voices. Platform which features audio for Beginner Lingit vocabulary, provided by Aunt Mary Seidayaa Anderson and Marsha Guneiwti Hotch.

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T'ak'u Kwáan Lingit Yóo X'atángi Deiyi

The main sections of the T'ak'u Kwáan Lingit Yóo X'atángi Deiyi document have been provided in the newsletters posted on the TRTFN website. If you are interested, we invite you to give feedback on the strategies outlined in the Language Plan. **Your feedback form can be accepted until October 9th 2026.** The four (4) main strategies are provided in this current newsletter.

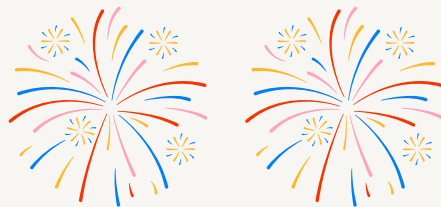
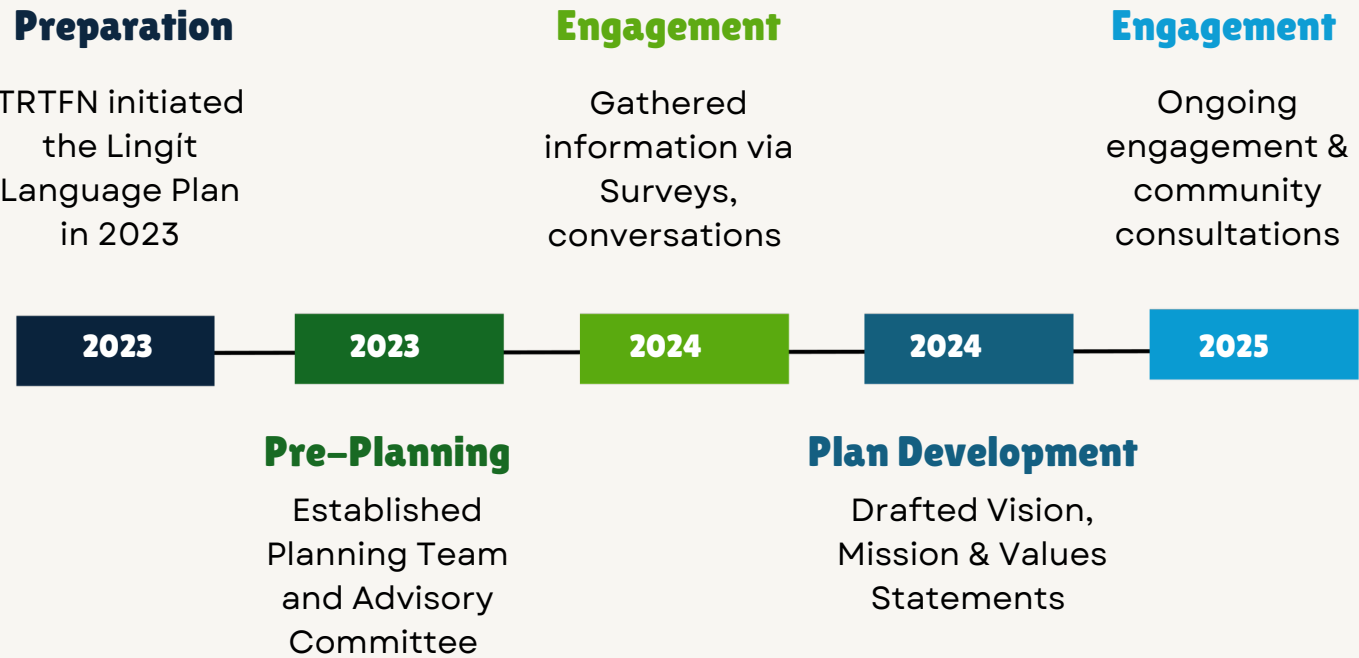
It would be an honour to integrate your feedback into the final version of the planning document. The Lingit Yóo X'atángi Team will be hosting a celebration event to mark the completion of this project and extends warm invitations to all citizens to attend. More information can be found on the poster in this newsletter.

What are the Main Parts to Our Yóo X'atángi Deiyí?

- **Annual Language Learning Projects (2026–2031)**
- **Strategy and Activities for Each Project**
- **Mission, Vision & Value Statements**
- **Foundational Themes**

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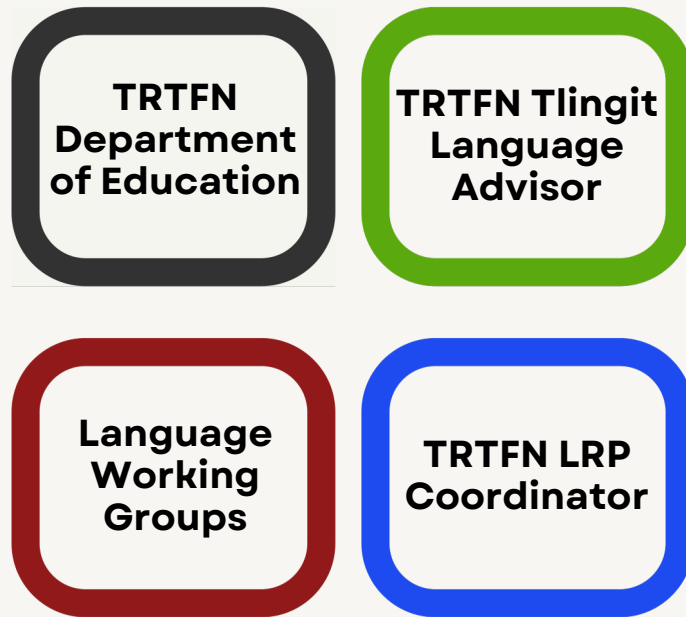
Yoo X'atángi Deiyí Development Journey



Aim to finalize in Fall 2026!

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Lingít Yoo X'atángi Deiyí Team



Strategies and Projects of 5 Year Lingít Yóo X'atángi Deiyí

The four main strategies, along with related projects, are outlined in the Lingít Yóo X'atángi Deiyí and summarized in this current newsletter.

A Community Consultation was hosted in February 2026 to explain these strategies and project activities. If you were not able to attend, you may wish to request a short session to get a quick overview.

Please email tlr.coordinator@gov.trtfn.com if you would like to make this request.

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Strategy 1

Mobilize Collaboration for Language Revitalization: Support & Access to Lingit Language Learning for Citizens



Monitor & Track progress of the 5 Year Language Plan



Increasing collaboration between internal and external language groups and partnerships



Produce a communications and engagement plan for local & regional language initiatives



Developing a long-term capacity & succession plan

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Strategy 2

Increasing Lingit Language Proficiency for Adults & Families

1

Developing a language Healing & Reclamation Plan that links to Haa kustiyee activities

2

Developing financial partnerships to support language learners pursuing fluency

3

Providing beginner Lingit Language opportunities (year 1-3)

4

Providing beginner Lingit + intermediate opportunities (year 4-5)

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Strategy 3

Create & Enhance Language Learning via Technologies

Expanding	Expanding beginner Lingit content on First Voices Platform
Publishing	Producing and/or uploading existing stories, songs & games
Updating	Updating TRTFN Language sites
Restoring & Transcribing	Restoring & Transcribing language recordings
Developing	Developing a TRTFN Digital Preservation Plan for Language Recording that includes provision of access for citizens

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Strategy 4

Immersion Learning & Support

Attending

Attending CTFN
or TTC Language
Immersion
Initiatives

Creating

Creating
Immersive
Language
learning
opportunities to
support teachers

Supporting

Supporting the
Lingit language
teacher group by
offering biweekly
or monthly
support sessions

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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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Lingit Yóo X'atángi Program Initiatives (2026-2027)

Although the Language Planning document has not been formally completed, some of the programming activities are already in progress. For example, the preliminary planning for developing partnerships with Carcross Tagish First Nation and Yukon Native Language Center has been initiated. Other Lingit Yóo X'atángi initiatives that are outlined below will have further information within the posters.

- Host a Celebration in Fall 2026 for the completion of the T'aku Yóo X'atángi Deiyi.
- Providing Language Courses during Fall 2026 and Winter 2027 (7 weeks per season). The Team will also be supporting language learner spaces.
- Developing Resource Kits for homes and camps that contain flashcards + images and QR codes to retrieve audio. This project will focus on the vocabulary taught at the Yóo X'atángi Community Courses.
- Partnership with YNLC to organize a mentor apprentice initiative.
- Developing (student) assesment and course evaluation templates for Language Courses and Collaborative Partnerships.
- Attending CTFN or TTC Language Immersion Camp (dependent on funding).



“Haa shagóon ítx
yaa ntoo.aat”

Travelling Our Ancestors' Paths



BEGINNER LINGIT LANGUAGE COURSE

T'aku Lingít Yóo X'atángi

Level 2 A

October 5 - November 25, 2026

Mondays & Wednesdays from 1:30 - 3:00 pm

TFLC Boardroom & via Zoom

**This community language course is open to citizens
with 5 spaces for employees of TRTFN.**

What will we learn?

- Greeting Phrases & Question Phrases
- Going Places Around Home & Camp
- Tlingit Action Words (verbs)
- Table Place Mat Vocabulary

Participants can attend class in person or join via zoom link.
(Student Gmail Required)

TRANSPORTATION WILL BE AVAILABLE VIA TRTFN BUS SERVICE.

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BEGINNER LINGIT LANGUAGE COURSE

T'aku Lingít Yóo X'atángi

Level 2 B

January 11 - February 25, 2027
(Date to be confirmed)

Mondays & Wednesdays from 1:30 - 3:00 pm
TFLC Boardroom & via Zoom

**This community language course is open to citizens
with 5 spaces for employees of TRTFN.**

What will we learn?

- Various Greeting & Question Phrases
- Body Parts & Action Words (Verbs)
- Lingit Place Name & Values (Animals & Plants)

Participants can attend class in person or join via zoom link.
(Student Gmail Required)

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COMMUNITY CELEBRATION



5 YEAR STRATEGIC LANGUAGE PLAN

Fall of 2026

10AM - 1PM

Location TBD

The Lingít Language Group will be hosting a celebration for the completion of the Language Plan.

- Poster Board Overviews of Lingít Language Plan
- Tour of Lingít Language Site
- Lingit Bingo

LUNCH, BEVERAGES & SNACKS PROVIDED

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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)

- Finalizing T'ak'u Kwáan Lingit Yóo X'atángi Deiýí document
- Community Celebration: Fall 2026



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