

### **HOUSING POLICY UPDATE:**

Tsawout has taken the following steps towards creating a Housing Policy Manual and standardized housing forms:

- April 4, 2018: Invitation sent to all members on-reserve to attend a community meeting to discuss what they would like to see in the new Tsawout Housing Policy
- April 11, 2018: Poster on Facebook inviting everyone to attend the community meeting
- April 18, 2018: Reminder on Tsawout Facebook page regarding meeting. Community Feedback Meeting held (See Presentation Slides and Meeting Minutes on Tsawout Facebook Page and Website. Also, available at front desk of Tsawout Administration Office)
- May 11, 2018: Community Survey delivered to Tsawout members residing on-reserve; Community Survey was also available at Social Assistance office and from the Housing Department. Those who submitted a survey had their name entered into a draw for \$250.00 Cash. Congratulations to Patti Underwood! Her name was drawn at the July 30th meeting as the winner of the \$250.00?
- July 11, 2018: Facebook post reminding members to complete and return surveys
- July 30, 2018: Community Meeting #2 to review Draft 1 of the Housing Policy and the Community Survey results (See Presentation Slides and Survey Results on Tsawout Facebook Page and Website. Also, available at front desk of Tsawout Administration Office)
- August 15, 2018: Members of Council who hold Housing Portfolios reviewed the proposed Housing Policy and Forms and instructed that it be put before Council along with a recommendation that it be approved by Council.

**Thank you to all who attended community meetings and completed surveys to give us your valuable insight into housing issues at Tsawout First Nation.**

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### **NEXT STEPS TOWARDS FINALIZING HOUSING POLICY AND FORMS:**

1. A draft of the Policy is available for members to view at band office and on the TFN website as well as on our Facebook page .
2. Members are invited to meet with John Carter if you have questions about the proposed

new Housing Policy or would like to have it explained to them . To do this you can either email John at [housing@tsawout.ca](mailto:housing@tsawout.ca) or you can call the front desk to set an appointment to meet with John either by phone or in person.

3. Chief and Council will meet on September 12, 2018 to consider approval of the Housing Policy . During this meeting, John Carter will present to Council on any final comments he receives from membership. In making their decision on whether to approve the Housing Policy, Council will consider (a) the comments from community members at the community meetings, (b) the survey results, and (c) their responsibilities to make decisions that are in the best interests of ALL members, which includes ensuring that there are options for social housing (rentals) available to members who want to move back home to Tsawout or remain living in Tsawout as their families grow. It also includes Council considering their obligation to maintain the value of Tsawout-owned assets (i.e. houses) for the benefit of future generations.

4. If Chief and Council approve the Housing Policy, it will come into effect no later than the end of October 2018. If the Housing Policy is approved and implemented , it will provide all members with equal treatment regarding payment of rents and re-payment of arrears. The rules will be in accordance with what most members want to see (as per what we heard from you at the community meetings and in the survey). As rent is paid and arrears are cleared, those rental dollars can be used to maintain, improve and renovate band owned homes. The housing department will have a budget to use for the maintenance of the properties and can cover the costs of service calls and all other maintenance costs. Rents paid will remain in the housing budget for maintenance, improvements, and renovations, and eventually hiring support staff such as clerks and maintenance personal. The Housing Policy will give a frame work for the Housing department to work under, and the housing manager can confidently care for the homes and its residents based on a housing policy developed with input from Tsawout members.

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## HOUSING POLICY

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## COMMUNITY MEETINGS

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## COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

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