



TSAIN-KO PROPERTIES

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shíshálh Nation breaks ground on Our House of Clans.

tsain-ko Properties, shíshálh Nation receive final funding approval from BC Housing; affordable Housing project commences.

In late 2018, tsain-ko Properties applied for and was awarded \$6.8 million from the BC Indigenous Housing Fund to address the need for affordable housing on the Sunshine Coast. Plans began in January 2019 for a multi-purpose building that would take a unique approach to social responsibility and reconciliation. Beginning with the name itself, the project celebrates the rich cultural heritage of the shíshálh people, the interdependence and cooperation of the 5 clans (Bear, Frog, Orca, Wolf, Eagle), and features the work of multiple indigenous artists from the shíshálh Nation. The project is a joint effort by tsain-ko Properties and tsain-ko Housing Society, the shíshálh Nation, community partners, and the Province of BC.



Excavation activities on December 4, 2020.

“This project serves as both a powerful reminder of a difficult past and of hope for a brighter future,” said Attorney General David Eby, Minister responsible for Housing. “Although a project like this falls under federal responsibility, the Federal government’s ongoing neglect and delay related to on-reserve housing in our province is an embarrassment for British Columbians and a barrier to reconciliation. We have to act. Our government is proud to partner with the shíshálh Nation to make Our House of Clans a reality.” Chief (hiwus) Warren Paull concurred that “Our House of Clans is a significant milestone for our Nation. It is a project that

demonstrates what can be accomplished for our people when all parties choose to work together toward the shared goal of reconciliation, safety and care for our Elders and most vulnerable.”

Jason Jenkins has been pushing the initiative for several years and was thrilled at the final funding announcement. “The project team is so proud to see Our House of Clans become reality. We have worked diligently with the shíshálh Nation, BC Housing, the syiyaya Reconciliation Movement, Mobius Architecture, Yellowridge Construction, Master Carver ?antuni Tony Paul, and many others, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our partners for seeing this exciting project through,” said Jenkins, Director of Projects with tsain-ko Development Corporation.

Our House of Clans will include:

- 34 affordable housing units, ranging from studios to 3-bedroom family units;
- A large multipurpose events room with community kitchen;
- The “Reconciliation Plaza” and gathering area;
- Five amenity areas, including a fitness room and entertainment spaces;
- Office space for community events and staff;
- 7,500 square feet of retail space on the ground floor, in which an intent to lease 4,700 square feet has been received from Community Futures Sunshine Coast for the purposes of creating a non-profit innovation centre; and
- Underground parking and storage.

“The Our House of Clans development is a meaningful step forward for reconciliation, where partners have come together to turn the site of a former residential school into something positive and hopeful for the future,” said Murray Rankin, BC’s Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation. “Through partnerships like these, together we can support the health and wellbeing of shíshálh members and Elders, while always remembering the past, promoting healing and honouring residential school survivors, their families and communities.”

“Our House of Clans is going to provide a safe, comfortable place of healing and community for local elders, low-income families, and people with disabilities who will benefit from a sustainable and culturally inclusive place to call home” said Nicholas Simons MLA for Powell River – Sunshine Coast. “Our House of Clans is a wonderful demonstration of the Nation’s priorities and values.”

“shíshálh Council is excited to be breaking ground on this sensational project. Our House of Clans will be an impressive building and is the precursor of good things to come for the shíshálh people. Our House of Clans will provide much-needed housing for our elders, single families and people with disabilities. Additionally, it will feature artwork by shíshálh people and provide our community shared gathering spaces, such as a community kitchen, that we know will be well used. This project is a fine example of what can happen when we work together; we thank our partners at BC Housing and tsain-ko Properties who have worked hard to make this dream a reality,” added Chief Warren Paull.



Flagged piles of excavated material for archeological review.

A place of reconciliation.

The exterior plaza will feature a totem entitled “Carving Tears into Dreams of Reconciliation,” by Master Carver, ?antuni Tony Paul. Organized by the syiyaya Reconciliation Movement, Paul designed and carved the pole with over 1,500 members of the shíshálh community, starting in June 2019.

Representatives from the syiyaya Reconciliation Movement shared “the syiyaya Reconciliation Movement is delighted to extend our congratulations to tsain-ko Properties. We are thankful to tsain-ko for allowing syiyaya to carve this pole in the right way in honoring survivors past and present and bringing the greater community with us through reconciliation. We are grateful for all the support from Debbie Hendsbee, Jason Jenkins, Jamel Paul and the tsain-ko team. We are looking forward to celebrating together the installation of the Reconciliation Pole upon completion of the building. ?ul nu msh chalap (we raise our hands in thanks to you all)!” The development will not only benefit the shíshálh Nation but will be an integral part of building the greater community of ch’atlich (Sechelt).

Completion of Our House of Clans is slated for late Spring 2022.

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Rendering of Our House of Clans, credit Vaka Marketing.

About tsain-ko Development Corporation:

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