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SERVE YOUR SWIYA

We Are Back in 2026

Serve Your Swiya is more than a checkbox—it's our commitment to the land and the community we all call home. It's about strengthening connections across the shíshálh Nation and everyone who shares this swiya. Join us for our 2026 Kickoff Event at the shíshálh Longhouse on May 28, 2026.

Community Spotlight: Serve Your Swiya 2026 Kickoff This Weekend!

Protecting our Land, Preserving our Legacy!

Serve Your Swiya is officially back for 2026, and our grand kickoff event is happening this weekend! More than just a checkbox, this program represents our deep, collective commitment to the land and the community we all call home. It is about building and strengthening meaningful connections across the shíshálh Nation and everyone who shares this beautiful swiya.

We are calling on all staff, community members, and neighbors to show up, roll up their sleeves, and lend a hand for our first major project of the year:

- Date: Saturday, May 30, 2026
- Time: 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM
- Location: shíshálh Longhouse
- The Work: A vital FireSmart Clean (Phase 2), focusing directly on clearing and protecting the backside of the longhouse grounds.

Everyone is welcome, and volunteers are heavily needed to make this day a success. This kickoff is just the beginning of what we have planned for the Serve Your Swiya roadmap this year.

If you are ready to make a tangible difference in our community safety or want to know what upcoming initiatives are next on the horizon, please email eaugust@tsain-ko.com for more information. See you at the Longhouse this Saturday!

Join Our 2026 Kickoff



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Work: Fire Smart Clean I Phase 2 focusing on the backside of the longhouse grounds

Volunteers needed - Show up and lend a hand - Everyone's welcome!



This is just the beginning for Serve Your Swiya this year. If you're interested in what's coming next, email eaugust@tsain-ko.com for more information.

Tsain-Ko Ts'ayemay Campground: 2026 Season Updates & Booking

The Tsain-Ko Ts'ayemay Campground is officially opening from June 1 to September 27, 2026, and we are excited to welcome you back for another great season! To ensure a comfortable and enjoyable experience for everyone, we have a few exciting campsite upgrades and reminders for this year:

What's New This Season:

- **Expanded Sites:** We have expanded the campground to include 6 total campsites.
- **Improved RV Access:** The water access point has been relocated closer to the campsite for much easier RV access.
- **New Amenities:** Each individual campsite will now feature its own designated picnic table.
- **Campfire Policy:** Traditional campfires are not permitted; however, portable propane fire pits are welcome.



Important Guidelines & Booking Info:

- **Exclusive Access:** Please remember that the campground is reserved exclusively for shíshálh Nation families, with a maximum stay of 7 days per camping season.
- **Guest Policy:** Each reservation is for one campsite (unless a larger party is specified at booking). Everyone on-site must be part of the registered party or their invited guests; visitors without a reservation are not permitted to use the facilities.

How to Book: This is a highly popular spot for our members, so we encourage you to reserve early! To book your site, please reach out to Andrea Paul at apaul@tsain-ko.com or call 1-877-273-8681.





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Welcoming Kerry Lanegraff: Interim GM of Swanson's & Tsain-Ko Concrete

The Tsain-Ko Group of Companies is pleased to welcome Sechelt-raised Kerry Lanegraff as Interim General Manager / Mine Manager for Swanson's Ready-Mix Ltd. and Tsain-Ko Concrete LP, effective May 25, 2026.

Kerry brings over 15 years of robust leadership in the mining, aggregates, and forestry sectors. Most recently, he served as Plant Production Manager for Heidelberg Materials, where he excelled in directing daily production, optimizing inventory, and leading operational teams. His extensive background spans progressive roles—including Production Supervisor and Sawmill Supervisor—giving him deep, hands-on expertise in managing unionized environments, coordinating complex delivery logistics, and maintaining rigorous safety and regulatory compliance.

In his interim role, Kerry will provide critical short-term operational leadership and management support to ensure absolute business continuity across our aggregate trucking, concrete production, and financial controls during this transition period.

Backed by a suite of industry credentials—including BC Mine Certifications, Surface Mine Rescue, and BCIT training—Kerry also brings a strong personal connection to our region. After spending eight years expanding his career in Grand Forks, he returned home to Sechelt in 2021. Outside of work, Kerry is an avid traveler who loves exploring new cultures and cuisines.

Please join us in welcoming Kerry back home and to the team as he steps in to support our workforce and clients.

Welcoming Stella: New Forestry Operations Co-op Student

Tsain-Ko Forestry is excited to welcome Stella to the team for the coming months. Currently a second-year Forest Operations student at the University of British Columbia, Stella is building a strong foundation in surveying, geomatics, and forest measurements. She joins us with a clear passion for the industry and a long-term goal of obtaining her Registered Professional Forester (RPF) designation.

Stella brings a stellar mix of academic and practical experience. Through her field-based coursework, she has gained extensive exposure to core forestry concepts and hands-on learning. Additionally, her experience over the past several years as a ski instructor and supervisor has equipped her with excellent leadership, communication, and problem-solving skills. Working in dynamic outdoor environments has reinforced her strict commitment to safety, adaptability, and teamwork.

Originally from Vancouver, Stella is right at home in the woods. She spends much of her free time skiing, hiking, and camping. Her deep familiarity with rugged outdoor settings, combined with her enthusiasm for learning, makes her a perfect fit to contribute meaningfully to our active field operations.

Over the coming months, Stella is looking forward to gaining hands-on industry experience and expanding her knowledge. We are equally thrilled to support her professional development and provide her with meaningful exposure to our forestry operations.

Please join us in giving Stella a warm welcome to the team!



Welcoming Erin Lee: New Industrial Operations Coordinator

The Tsain-Ko Development Corporation is excited to welcome Erin Lee as our new Industrial Operations Coordinator (IOC), effective May 4, 2026.

Erin brings a well-rounded professional foundation built across diverse administrative, office management, and operational support roles. With an operational mindset and sharp attention to detail, she possesses strong capabilities in executive assistance, process streamlining, accounting support, and compliance management. Her deep proficiency in Microsoft, Adobe, and enterprise resource planning (ERP) systems ensures she can seamlessly step in to drive efficiency across our workflows.

In her role as IOC, Erin will provide critical financial, administrative, and hands-on operational coordination across our growing Industrial sector to ensure long-term operational continuity. She prides herself on being a reliable, organized, and collaborative team player dedicated to fostering positive working relationships across our business units.

Originally from Toronto, Ontario, Erin relocated to the Sunshine Coast in 2012 and currently resides in Gibsons. Outside of the office, she fully embraces the Coast lifestyle. She is an outdoor enthusiast who enjoys cooking, baking, exploring new podcasts, and spotting local wildlife. You might also catch her out in the community playing in the Sunshine Coast Women's Soccer League or participating on her weekly trivia team.

Please join us in giving Erin a warm welcome to the Tsain-Ko team!

