



Stuart Clark to join Tla'amin Nation as Director of Housing

Former LIFT Executive Director brings proven track record in capital projects and housing development and management.

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Tla'amin Nation extends a warm welcome to Stuart Clark, who has been named the Director of Housing and joins the government's executive leadership team April 3, 2024.

Clark brings over a decade of experience in senior executive roles, overseeing comprehensive housing planning, program development, and community support initiatives. He also worked collaboratively with the Nation over the last seven years on many housing and health initiatives as Executive Director at LIFT Community Services.

"In recent years, we have made significant progress in housing our citizens, yet there is so much more we need to do to close the housing gap," said Hegus John Hackett. "Stuart's culturally safe working style, knowledge of this region, and deep commitment to capacity development make him a perfect fit for our Nation."

Tla'amin Nation supports over 270 units of housing, 154 of which are designated social housing in the main community at tišosem. The Nation has plans to expand its housing stock into the city and to develop a full spectrum of housing from supportive, emergency shelter, social rental, complex care, long-term care, and private market.

Losa Luaifoa is the Executive Councillor holding the housing portfolio for Tla'amin Nation. "Stuart Clark is a well-known and respected local executive with a reputation for shepherding challenging files across multiple jurisdictions," said Luaifoa, "The First Nations housing landscape remains a complex and nuanced environment, and Stu's experience can only propel our Nation's self-determined housing vision."

Clark will work closely with fellow Director and Tla'amin Nation Citizen Carmen Galligos, who serves as Director of Public Works and Capital Infrastructure, to address historic and chronic housing and infrastructure shortages as outlined in Goals 20, 21, and 22 in the [Nation's comprehensive plan](#).

On his new position, Clark offered, "I am profoundly honored and incredibly excited to embark on this new journey with the Tla'amin Nation as the Director of Housing. Joining

the executive leadership team is not just a professional milestone for me, but a deeply personal commitment to contribute to the Nation's vision and hard work in housing and community development. I look forward to building on the strong foundations laid by the Nation and my predecessors, and working hand in hand with the community, my colleagues, and the leadership to create sustainable, culturally safe housing solutions that honor and support the Tla'amin Nation's self-determined and thriving future.”

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About the Tla'amin Nation

The Tla'amin Nation is a self-governing modern treaty nation with significant land holdings in the qathet region on British Columbia's Sunshine Coast. The Tla'amin Treaty with Canada and British Columbia came into force in 2016. The Tla'amin people have occupied the region for millennia, stewarding the land and sea in accordance with Tla'amin law and respect for the natural world. To learn more please visit <https://www.tlaaminnation.com/>.

Background

Tla'amin Nation's 2023 Comprehensive Nation Plan includes ambitious goals in the areas of housing and infrastructure. To meet these goals, a reorganization was needed, which split the Housing portfolio into two distinct areas including:

- **Housing:** Responsible for the operations of the housing department, strategic planning for policy and service levels, partnerships, and funding future projects.
- **Public Works and Capital Infrastructure:** Responsible for the construction of new housing, maintenance, and renovations of existing housing, and transfers of Nation to private assets.

The Tla'amin housing department is anticipated to grow over the next couple of months. For all housing-related questions, please contact housing@tn-bc.ca