

Ts'uubaa-asatx Nation (formerly Cowichan Lake First Nation)

The Ts'uubaa-asatx people have resided along Cowichan Lake since time immemorial. The Nation's traditional territory stretches the entire Cowichan Lake watershed, which includes the height of the various mountain ranges circling the lake as well as the tributaries flowing into the lake.

Ts'uubaa-asatx's vision is to build a solid foundation for our current and future generations to grow and prosper while acknowledging our culture and heritage as distinct people of Lake Cowichan.

Relationship with the Town of Cowichan Lake

The Town of Cowichan Lake and Ts'uubaa-asatx Nation are committed to a healthy and collaborative relationship.

The Town and the Nation signed a protocol agreement in 2013 and significant collaboration is anticipated for joint economic development and infrastructure projects.

The Town Square was named 'Ts'uubaa-asatx Town Square and the Nation donated a totem pole to grace the square as a gift to the Town.

The Town and the Nation collaborate on shared infrastructure with an agreement in place for Town water and sanitary sewer services to the Nation. Future shared infrastructure investments such as a pedestrian greenway and bicycle trail facilities along North Shore Road are anticipated.

Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action

The Nation and the Town agree to work together towards TRC Call to Action 92, that calls for (amongst other things) to:

"... Commit to meaningful consultation, building respectful relationships, and obtaining the free, prior, and informed consent of Indigenous peoples before proceeding with economic development projects..."

To this end, the Town commits to engage in ongoing dialogue with the Nation to understand issues of joint interest, cooperate on strategic planning, and support regional development.

