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Update from CEO, Edith Moore

As summer unfolds, the longer days and brighter skies have inspired renewed focus and enthusiasm in our work and gatherings. This season has been defined by steady progress, strong connections, and a steadfast commitment to our shared goals.

On June 5, I attended the Canadian Council for Indigenous Business's Indigenous Women in Leadership Awards in Toronto with NRG CEO Kelly Landry, Executive Director of Member Services Mikaela Craig, and NmTC Chair Chief Nicole Rempel of K'ómoks First Nation. This inspiring event honoured the achievements of Ruby Littlechild, a proud member of Treaty 6 and descendant of the Plains Cree, as the recipient of the 2025 Indigenous Women in Leadership (IWIL) Award, as well as highlighted the strength, resilience, and impact of Indigenous women in leadership. We were proud to be witnesses of such a meaningful celebration and make valuable connections at the event.

Looking ahead, planning is well underway for our Annual General Meeting, which will take place in October on K'ómoks First Nation territory. This key event offers an opportunity to celebrate the previous fiscal year's accomplishments and engage with our Board, Shareholders, CAOs, and Elders. We'll be sharing more details in the coming weeks, and we can't wait to welcome our Member Nations to what promises to be an engaging and memorable gathering celebrating the meaningful work we've accomplished while walking alongside one another.

On June 21, we proudly celebrated National Indigenous Peoples Day—a time to honour the histories, cultures, and invaluable contributions of Indigenous Peoples. For us, this day is more than a commemoration; it's a heartfelt reminder of the strength, leadership, and wisdom of our Member Nations, and the importance of continuing to walk together in reconciliation, respect, and true partnership across every part of our organization.

We were also pleased to host our quarterly in-person Directors meeting at the NmTC offices on July 15. These face-to-face gatherings continue to deepen the collaboration between NmTC and NRG teams, strengthening relationships, sparking richer dialogue, and reinforcing the value of working together on our shared and unique goals.

Finally, we are proud to share that our audited financial reports have been successfully completed for the third consecutive year. This milestone reflects our strong financial management practices and continued commitment to transparency and accountability.

As we continue through the summer, I remain grateful for the dedication, energy, and leadership of our Board of Directors, Member Nations, and staff. I look forward to the important work we will accomplish together in the months ahead.

Staff Announcements

New Hires

Claire Wallace

Event Assistant, Naut'sa mawt Event Management

Claire Wallace joins Naut'sa mawt Event Management (NEM) from the ancestral and unceded territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish), and səl̓ilwətaɬ(Tsleil-Waututh) Nations. As Event Assistant, she supports the event team with administrative coordination and helps ensure smooth event delivery. She holds a degree in Anthropology from the University of British Columbia and brings experience in ethnographic and archival research. Claire is committed to learning through meaningful engagement with Indigenous communities and aims to support culturally respectful and inclusive practices in all aspects of her work. In her spare time, she enjoys watching films & TV, hiking, skiing, and spending time with her cat, Goose.

Jody Phillips

Art Collection and Experience Manager, Naut'sa mawt Event Management

Jody joins NEM from the unceded and ancestral territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations. As Art Collection and Experience Manager, she is leading the development of NEM's new art collection and contributing visual impact for event clients and public-facing initiatives. Jody brings over a decade of experience leading cultural programs across the arts, design, and both for- and non-profit sectors, with a focus on community impact and storytelling through visual culture. She is the author of Currents: Contemporary Pacific Northwest Design, published in 2018, and is currently pursuing a Master's in Urban Studies at Simon Fraser University. In her spare time, she enjoys adventuring in BC's waters and forests.

Krysta Elliott

Event Manager, Naut'sa mawt Event Management

Krysta Elliott joins NEM from the Musqueam (xʷməθkʷəy̓əm), Squamish (Sḵwx̱wú7mesh), and Tsleil-Waututh (səlilwətaɬ) Nations. As Event Manager, Krysta works closely with clients to ensure each event is thoughtfully planned and executed to reflect the high standards of Naut'sa mawt. With a degree in Communications combined with over 15 years of experience and a strong foundation in client care, Krysta leads with a strategic focus, and a results-driven mindset – always ensuring a seamless event process that aligns with the client's goals. In her spare time, Krysta enjoys quiet time outdoors walking her pup, snowboarding, and spending time with family and friends.

Tools & Resources

Communications App

The Communications App is a mobile app that allows communities to send out urgent alerts, updates, events, resources, polls, and surveys directly to their members through their phones and mobile devices. Emergency communications features will be launched in the app this March. The Communications App is and will continue to be free for all NmTC Member Nations through NmTC's partnership with Hawk Solutions.

To learn more, please visit www.hawksolutions.net

Contact: **info@hawksolutions.net**

Employment Opportunities

Naut'sa mawt Event Management

Art and Experience Coordinator

Position Type: Full-Time, 35 hours/week

Naut'sa mawt Event Management is seeking a full-time Art and Experience Coordinator. The Art & Experience (A&E) department is poised to lead meaningful change across the region — through art, through story, and through presence. The A&E Coordinator is responsible for coordinating a visual experience from initial client introduction to onsite installation in an effective and timely manner to meet NEM's standards of customer service.

Contact: JPhillips@nautsamawt.com

Writer and Administrative Coordinator

Position Type: Full-Time, 35 hours/week

Naut'sa mawt Event Management is seeking a full-time writer and administrative coordinator. In this position, you will be responsible for attending meetings and events, taking accurate and detailed notes, and compiling them into well-edited and succinct summaries, reports, transcripts, and reference documents. You will also assist with administrative functions such as scheduling, document organization, internal communications, and supporting the overall workflow of the Reporting Department.

Contact: GerritW@nautsamawt.com

Member Services Highlights

Indigenous Foods & Medicines Workshop

A four-day Indigenous Foods & Medicines Workshop was led by Food Sovereignty Intern Terrance Scott, with support from his auntie Christine George, T'Sou-ke's Garden Coordinator. The workshop was part of the Land, Water, Food Systems Sowing Food Sovereign Futures youth program.

Photo: Jam making workshop

Participants spent two days out in the territory harvesting traditional foods and medicines. Together, they gathered multiple types of blueberries, red huckleberries, and black caps, and searched for other foods including cranberries. The final two days were spent in the T'Sou-ke Health Centre kitchen, where the group made jam and shared meals together.

The workshop welcomed T'Sou-ke Nation staff, including Councillor Bonnie Hill, as well as youth participants and community members. These shared experiences created opportunities for deepened relationships, cross-generational learning, and reconnection with traditional harvesting practices.

We thank T'Sou-ke Nation for welcoming us into their community and territory and are grateful for the opportunity to connect with one another.

Notice to Member Nations Regarding Funding Applications

Please see the following wording including in all funding applications submitted by Naut'sa mawt:

"As per our commitment to walking alongside our Member Nations, if it comes to your attention that a Member Nation has applied for the same funding stream as the Naut'sa Mawt Tribal Council, and this application could potentially impede, hinder, or prevent them from receiving the funding, we will respectfully withdraw our own application. Our dedication to supporting the goals of all Member Nations remains steadfast as we nurture an environment that reflects teamwork and collaboration."

Technical Services Unit

Nation-to-Nation Housing and Infrastructure Networking Tour

On June 18, we had the privilege of joining with the Tsawwassen First Nation for a NmTC Nation-to-Nation Housing and Infrastructure Networking Tour. This meaningful gathering brought together Member Nations to strengthen relationships and share knowledge on critical housing and infrastructure priorities.

Highlights included insightful presentations, a shared lunch at TFN's beautiful new Elders Centre, and a guided shuttle tour of the community — all underscoring the importance of collaboration, respect, and shared learning.

We are grateful to be part of these vital conversations and deeply thank Tsawwassen First Nation for welcoming us to their territory and community.

Housing – Building Official Internship

Great news! TSU has secured 100% of the funding ($79,000) for our fully-paid internship to train and certify new Indigenous Building Officials. Funding was received from Indigenous Services Canada ($49,000) and the McConnel Foundation ($25,000). The internship is anticipated to begin in late summer or early fall 2025.

Building Permit Guide – Tla'amin Nation

The TSU team prepared a new comprehensive Building Permit Guide for use by both administrators and the Tla'amin citizens. This document can be referenced by any Member Nation for the development of their own guide.

Infrastructure – Malahat Nation

The TSU Team is providing technical engineering support to Malahat Nation including: development approval reviews, the Oliphant Dam upgrade works, and general engineering and contract administration support for the re-construction of Oliphant Dam.

If you have any questions on any TSU projects or upcoming meetings, please contact Eric Blueschke at **ericb@nautsamawt.com**

Funding & Training Opportunities

We are now updating our website on a continuous basis with all grant opportunities.Please visit our website here: https://www.nautsamawt.org/funding

Looking for specific help searching for funding opportunities? Or assistance with building proposals?

Please reach out to Jenny Millar, Proposal Writer, via email at **jennym@nautsawmawt.com**

Calendar of Events

CAO Network Meeting

August 18, 2025

September 15, 2025

Meetings are held from 1:30pm – 2:30pm on Zoom

Contact: MikaelaC@nautsamawt.com

NmTC Elders Advisory Council Meetings

August 22, 2025

September 26, 2025

Meetings are from 9:30am – 11:00am

Contact: MikaelaC@nautsamawt.com

NmTC Youth Council Meetings

August 18, 2025

September 15, 2025

Meetings are from 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Contact: MikaelaC@nautsamawt.com

NmTC Board of Directors Meeting

September 23, 2025

Contact: EdithM@nautsamawt.com

Please note, all dates are subject to change

Naut'sa mawt Resource Group CEO Update, Kelly Landry

As we move into Q1, I remain focused on strengthening our financial position and advancing our strategic initiatives to support sustainable growth. The recent months have been productive, with key meetings and events.

The NRG Board of Directors meeting took place on June 2, where the Board reviewed and approved the Q4 reports. This was an important step in finalizing our financial and operational results for the quarter.

On June 5, I had the privilege of attending the CCIB Women in Leadership Awards in Toronto, an inspiring celebration that fostered meaningful connections and honoured outstanding achievements.

Additionally, I participated in strategic planning sessions for Naut'sa mawt Event Management and the Décor Department in May and June. We focused on setting clear goals, identifying growth opportunities, and improving service delivery to ensure continued success.

Most recently, on July 23, the NRG Board of Directors meeting took place to review and approve the Audited Financial Statements, marking the successful completion of our annual financial review.

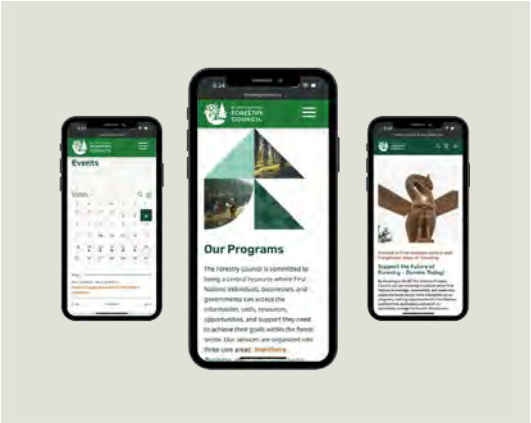
June and July have been very productive months for Naut'sa mawt Resources Group and I look forward to the opportunities ahead as we work toward our goals.

Indigenous Marketing Solutions

BC First Nations Forestry Council

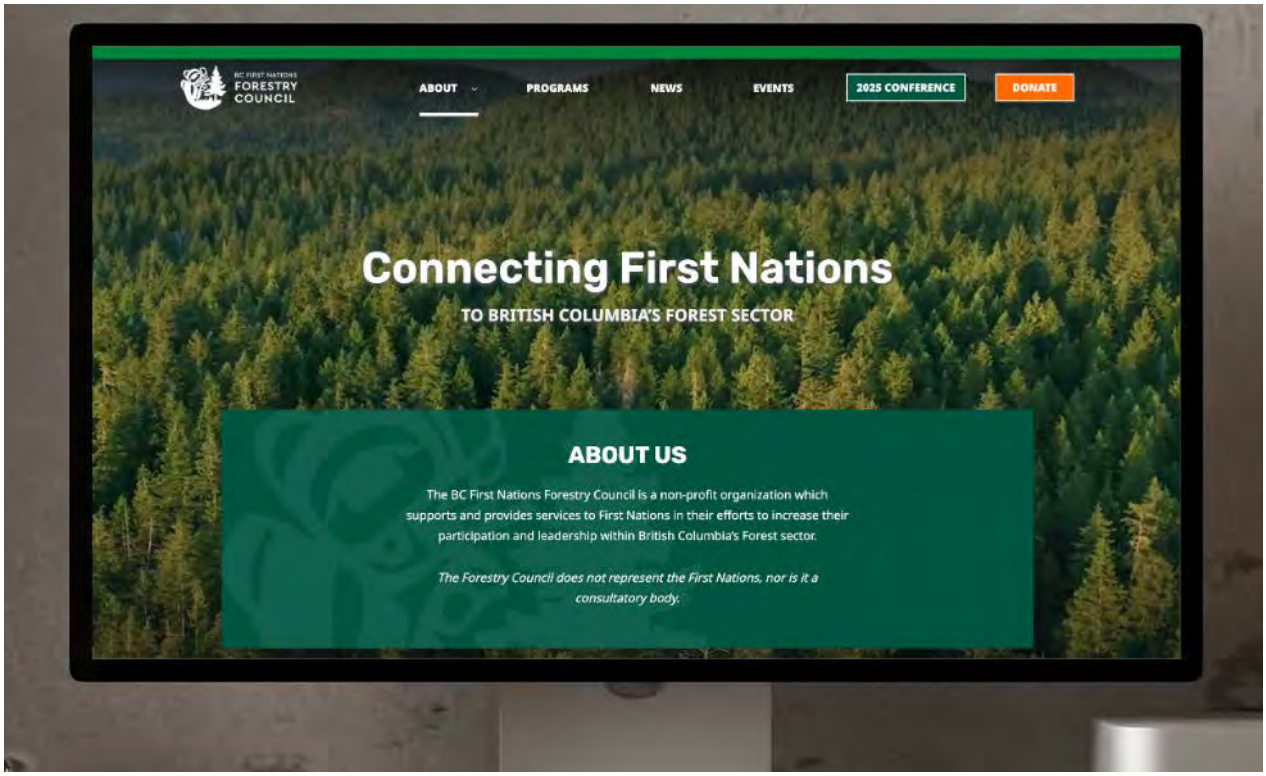
New Website Launch

We're proud to celebrate the launch of a new website for the BC First Nations Forestry Council—a major milestone in their rebranding journey.



Our team worked closely with the Council to transform their digital presence, creating a modern, user-friendly site that reflects their evolving identity. The new platform improves both the public user experience and internal content management, with features designed to grow alongside the organization.

Check out the newly design site here: forestrycouncil.ca



New Orange Shirt Day Design: Protect Every Child

Honouring the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation, this year's Orange Shirt Day apparel was designed by Master Carver Jackson Robertson. His Tribal affiliation is the Tsawataineuk First Nation from Kingcome Inlet, BC but he lived most of his life in Nanaimo.

Jackson's carving, Kwakwa̱ka̱'wakw Sisiutl with Dzunukwa, was digitized for this year's Orange Shirt. As interpreted, the Sisiutl crest is meant to Protect Every Child.

Shirts, hoodies, and pins are all available to purchase now, with the campaign starting officially in mid-August.

To purchase your shirts now, visit: www.shop.indigenousmarketing.ca

A little more about Jackson:

Jackson Ford Robertson is a fifth-generation carver. After 50 years and thousands of carvings, he is considered a Master Carver and has influenced many up-and-coming artists.

From an early age, Jackson learned to carve from his uncles—Alfred Robertson, the late Samson Robertson, and David Robertson—all of whom were accomplished carvers whose work was highly sought after. By the age of 14, Jackson was already creating masks, bowls, talking sticks, and plaques.

His carvings have appeared in galleries across Vancouver and Vancouver Island. Over the years, he found his niche in carving legends from his culture and Potlatch traditions. His style evolved into a unique blend of classic and contemporary—creative, bold, and abstract.

Naut'sa mawt Event Management

Malahat Skywalk

As a part of NEM's annual team meeting, our staff visited the Malahat Skywalk, a site of pride for one of NmTC's Member Nations. As we walked among the treetops and climbed the spiral tower overlooking the Salish Sea, we were reminded of the beauty and significance of the lands we work within. The panoramic views offered a much-needed pause to reflect, recharge, and reconnect as a team.

Ts'uubaa-asatx First Nation tour of Lake Cowichan

NEM concluded our team meeting by joining Ts'uubaa-asatx First Nation for a guided boat tour of Lake Cowichan. This experience deepened our understanding of the Nation's history, cultural teachings, and deep relationship to the land and water. Learning directly from community members while surrounded by the natural beauty of the lake left a lasting impression and strengthened our connection to our local territories.