



Graduation Celebration

Yuutu?it?ath Department of Community Services hosted a graduation ceremony last Thursday for students who completed the Vancouver Island University and North Island College Employment Skills Access Program held in Hitacu. Graduates included, back row left to right: Joseph Titian, Marilyn Joe, Veronica Williams, Jordan Mundy, Matthew Jack, Jeneva Touchie and Ron Williams Sr. Front row, left to right are: Julia Joseph, Jami Walton and Evelyn Charlie with son Matthew on her lap. Congratulations to all the graduates! VIU/NIC are willing to offer the course again. Anyone interested in doing the training should contact Lorraine Mundy at the Department of Community Services.

New alternate school planned for Hitacu

A new local education program is designed to appeal to people who don't fit into the regular school system.

Wednesday, May 30th, community members are invited to a meeting where program details will be discussed.

Representatives of the School District 70 will talk about the VAST alternate program and guest speakers will be sharing stories about similar alternate education programs, designed to encourage citizens to go back to school.

The meeting will be held at the Yuutu?it?ath Community Hall, from 2-4 p.m. Dinner will follow the presentations.

Everyone is welcome to attend and provide input for the new school.

Yuutu?it?ath program to strengthen men

Yuutu?it?ath Community Services has embarked on a strategy aimed at improving the health of young men in Hitacu.

Wish-Key (Robert Dennis Jr.) will be leading the Strengthening Our Men program being initiated locally, through the Yuutu?it?ath department of Community Services. The program is aimed at revitalizing young men in the community by bringing back traditional skills and practices that will reinforce pride in their culture. "The goal is to target young men between the ages of 15 and 22, (some flexibility), to introduce a traditional approach," to healing, Wish-Key noted. He said he hopes to include local Elders in the teaching.

"This is something I've personally done thanks to my grandparents," he commented. He said when he was about 13 years of age, he was sent on a vision quest, for four days, a time he

used to "look inward to see if I could work to better myself as a person." That quest took place in the mid 80s and according to Wish-Key, the practice was not common at the time. Wish-key said the strategy will promote looking within, and incorporating the ideals and traditional principles with the modern world. He has lined up Norine Messer (Uu-a-thluk) to come and talk about Traditional Foods and also, Tyson Touchie to talk about his role with the Wya Surf Shop. Wish-key has been teaching Nuuchahnulth studies in schools and has worked with youth for the past few

years. Currently he also works with the Port Alberni Recreation Department. He plans to be in Hitacu once a week, and will start recruiting a steering committee, Elders and participants for the program, shortly. The program is being funded through the Vancouver Island Health Authority's Aboriginal Health Initiative and a grant from the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust. Wish-Key is organizing a Community Feast for Thursday, June 7th at the Yuutu?it?ath Community Hall to kick-off the program locally.



Wish-Key, Robert Dennis Jr.

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Yuulu?il?ath GOVERNMENT

President McCarthy reflects on first year of self-government

It's been just over a year since the Yuulu?il?ath became an independent government, with the signing of the Maa-nulth First Nations Final Agreement. Recently Yuulu?il?ath President Charles McCarthy talked about the changes that have taken place since Treaty and the direction that the government is moving in.

DECISION MAKING

When asked how government decision making has changed, the President said, "for one thing, no one person has the deciding vote on which direction we're going; we all have equal powers. We either agree or we have a discussion and basically, it's passed by majority rule; and it's open to debate," he stressed.

At the executive level, there is a lot of debate the President said adding that he believes debate is a good thing and at times, he wishes there was even more debate about certain complex issues, to bring more ideas to the table.

"We would rather have an open discussion at the executive and the legislature rather than being polarized because people have a stand on certain issues. We need to be able to see the bigger picture," he commented.

He admits that he finds it somewhat frustrating that decisions are made and then later re-hashed, and he cited a budget discussion at the May 7th legislature meeting to prove his point. "This budget was already reviewed (by the finance committee)" It was also passed by the Legislature and presented to the Hit-tat-soo Assembly. At the recent legislature meeting President McCarthy questioned why the budget was being debated when it had already passed and he recommended that, "in the future, when reviewing the budget, we take the time to look at it properly..." to ensure concerns are met before the budget is passed.

He served as Chief Councillor for a two-year term (2005) and remembers that period as difficult for the government, having to work under the INAC rules and the government itself was struggling under a huge financial debt.

"In my term, at that time we were dealing with debt and as a result we had to make some unpopular decisions about staff reductions. We had to bring order to the financial affairs of the nation," he recalled. President McCarthy said having thorough debate usually results in better decision making and he encourages all members of the legislature to contribute their thoughts on issues the government has to deal with.

Governance structure has changed dramatically with Treaty, the President said. Remembering previous council meetings he commented, "The meetings were not structured. A lot of the time the loudest person in the hall would get the attention...there wasn't really a government structure it was just who banged their fist on the table got the attention," he said.

"There wasn't the accountability that there is now. We have acts and laws and process now; before if you were chief councillor you could go to the administration and say if you wanted this or that done, " and requests were usually followed by the administrator so they kept their job, he said.

"Now there is separation there (between elect-

ed officials and staff) and there is a process for dealing with things now...and we don't have anything to do with that process," he emphasized.



Yuulu?il?ath President Charles McCarthy.

"I could sit on all the committees (the President is an ex-officio member of all committees as per the Legislative Rules of Order and Procedure Act) but I choose not to be on certain committees because of that sense that some people assume that I could sway the outcome of a committee decision," the President pointed out.

He said that prior to the Treaty, there was no real process when it came to hiring staff. Now, there is an accountable process that ensures there are fair hiring practices the President said.

The hiring policy gives preference to Yuulu?il?ath citizens and hiring is based on merit.

"Our priority is to hire our own people and having them working in the long term," he said. "I can't say how many years it will take to develop that capacity (to have all government jobs filled by citizens) but to hire staff with less than minimum qualifications would limit our growth over the next four years and set the bar low. I believe to be strong, we hire right from the beginning and grow the capacity within our own people over the next few years."

The President suggests that the legislature needs to work on issues collectively in order to move forward. He said members of the legislature, "should not be here to talk about individual issues or to change things for your cousins or relatives but bring forward issues that you have a concern with that we can discuss at the legislature or executive.

"We need to have good dialogue. Sometimes issues that come up are of a personal nature, about how someone's feeling or that people are saying this or that, but we're not here to take a poll about how everyone's feeling on every issue. I think we need to move forward in a positive manner, to address all citizen's issues on a level playing field, not just champion one

person's issues. And the biggest thing is how we make it better for our people as a whole," he observed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development was touted as a cure-all for the nation leading up to Treaty, the President remarked. "There was a lot of promotion that once we signed the treaty, economic development would answer everything." He expressed satisfaction in being able to develop as the nation wishes, noting that it had been a dream to develop the Wya beach area for years, but INAC would not allow it.

"But it's not the fix-all; it can't flow like that. Certain things have to be developed prior to the economic development taking place, such as the OCP," he observed. The OCP, or official community plan is now in a draft stage and the community working group recently sat down to discuss the process of creating a plan for community development.

We can't have a shotgun approach where things are developed all over the place," he commented. "In the past I think we've developed by just doing this and that, and that type of approach has caused some controversy," he said. The President said by not developing with thought and consultation, the nation could find itself in difficult relationships with other governments.

"There are laws that we have to follow and there is no absence of the law on TSL (treaty settlement lands). There is a myth that we can develop and not worry about things like environmental impacts but all the issues have to be addressed."

"People figured I was against economic development, or not supportive of it. I've always thought that we need economic development to create our tax base. I've never been opposed; I take a more precautionary approach; I want to have a plan," he stated.

The President remarked that people shouldn't assume that work is not being done just because there are not new businesses springing up. He pointed out that although many of the economic development projects have been discussed at public meetings, the costs were not always public.

"There is a certain amount of concern, are we going to be stuck with a bad debt," he asked candidly. "Previously we didn't have an overall business plan and so not everyone was comfortable pushing ahead "with the economic development projects that were slated, he revealed.

Re-jigging the nation's economic development structure does not mean that economic development will come to a grinding halt; however, rather than moving full-steam ahead, the new YFN Holdings Board will carefully consider each project, analyzing and funding in stages once they have had an opportunity to review how particular business ventures are performing.

For instance, the plan for the lodges at Wya Point calls for a total of ten lodges to be built; the project has been curtailed to allow the completion of four lodges this year. The Holding's Board will wait to see how often the lodges are being rented, and the return on the investment, before continuing with the completion of the project.

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NEWSMAKERS

Community working group tackles official community plan

The community working group for the official community plan met in May to discuss the draft OCP and provide input as to what sort of development they would like to see in the community of Hitacu in the next few years. Working group members from the community include: Eugene Touchie, Dan Cootes, Jordan Touchie, Celena Cook, Marylin Touchie, Jeneva Touchie, Bob Mundy. Lands, Resources and Assets Manager, Darren Mead-Miller, and Lands Administrative Assistant, Amelia Robinson, are also on the committee. Rick Shafer, (former interim Lands Manager) and legislature member, Larry Baird, also joined in the discussion.

Pamela Shaw, has been hired to write the OCP and presented the first draft plan to the working group; the purpose of the plan is "to provide an agreed-on statement of how the lands and water of the Yuułu?il?ath will be cared for, protected and developed into the future," she wrote in the draft plan. She asked the working group to consider what sort of community they would like to live in 20 years and what considerations should the plan take to protect the community for future generations.

Pam has held three community forums to collect information from citizens concerning the planning, and some of those ideas have been included in the draft plan. She stressed to those gathered, that the plan is in a draft stage only; she added that the OCP will be a 'living document' which will be changed as required, in future years. "I don't want anyone to think that this is it...it's my job, as the technician for you guys, to take your ideas and help shape them, pulling all the information together," she commented.

Information collected at the community forums showed that citizens want to create a sustain-



able community where the land use allows the community to prosper without having a negative impact on future generations. The clean-up of the harbour to allow for the harvesting of clams, mussels and plants was also noted.

Phase 1 sets out the plan for the next five years and focuses on land use, infrastructure and transportation. Phase 2 will outline a plan for all the Yuułu?il?ath Treaty Settlement Lands and will consider land uses and future development for the next 20 years.

"The OCP must meet the current social, cultural and economic climate and also set out a sustainable plan for the future," Pam commented.

Jordan talked about the ball field that was eliminated a few years ago to make way for the sixplex and suggested that it should be a priority to re-establish a ball field. Eugene said the planned gym and a ball field would both be welcome additions and a small playground on the entrance end of the com-

munity was also discussed. Bob said there is historical information about the community that could play into development; he cited an underground waterway that would need to be considered.

Larry suggested that the consultation process needs to be taken to citizens living away from home; he suggested there are people living in communities such as Port Alberni and Nanaimo who may wish to provide input to the OCP, especially if they plan to move back to Hitacu.

Pam encouraged the group members to consider where are the best spots for housing and other land uses such as light industrial. Celena suggested it was unlikely that there would be a large enough population boom in the community to warrant the need for a new area for housing; Jordan agreed saying, the subdivision needs to be filled in before other areas are considered for housing.

The Official Community Plan Working Group is expected to meet in June.



Emily Shirley and Luke Touchie.

New well drilled for Luke Touchie

Emily Shirley will deliver water to the Luke and Deloris Touchie's home on Thornton Road, for the last time this week.

For the past three years, she has been delivering water, two or three times a week, to fill a holding tank at the Touchie home. Emily said the family's access to water was cut off six years ago and since then, the water deliver-

ies have been taking place. Emily has delivered water for two years and before she started working for the Yuułu?il?ath government Jim Touchie also did the deliveries, and Jay Millar too.

According to Emily, the government's Director of Operations, Iris Frank was instrumental in finding a temporary solution to the Touchie's water woes, when

she located a holding tank to stay on the Touchie property and another large tank for delivering water.

About a month ago the government gave the green light for a well to be dug on the property, and now that the well digging has been completed, there will be a new source available very soon.

West coast communities discuss tsunami debris

Recently representatives from west coast communities got together in Ucluelet to discuss the Japan tsunami debris initiatives for the west coast. Representatives from Ucluelet, Yuułu?il?ath, Ahousaht First Nations, Tla-oqui-aht First Nations, Toquaht First Nations and the RCMP were represented. The purpose of the meeting was to bring local and regional representatives together to discuss Japan tsunami debris initiatives and next steps, and to discuss the formation of a Regional Debris Coordinating committee/working group.

Seismic Specialist Teron Moore provided the

group an update on the provincial and federal Japan Tsunami Debris committee initiatives.

It was proposed a regional working group be formed to include the west coast communities and jurisdictions within the Nuu-cha-nulth traditional territory and that the group be named the Clayoquot and Barkley Sound Marine Debris Committee. It is hoped that there will be representatives from: each of the Maa-nulth nations, the District of Ucluelet, District of Tofino, Community of Bamfield, the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District, the RCMP and Coast Guard.

OPINION PAGE



Spectacular Tide pools at Wya
Wya beach has incredible tide pools where these sea stars and anemones were photographed.

Clarification on sale of wildlife

In the May edition of the Umacuk, there was a story on page 4, which outlined the differences of rights and benefits for enrollees vs. citizens. Under the rights of enrollees it was noted that an enrollee “May be issued documentation to sell wildlife and wildlife parts, including meats and furs.” This statement should have also noted

that meats and furs harvested may NOT be sold UNLESS permitted by and in accordance with Federal or Provincial Law.

We apologize for any confusion that may have come about, due to the lack of the complete information regarding federal and provincial laws re: sale of wildlife and wildlife parts

Communicating your frustration in a civil manner does not cross legal boundaries

All of us get frustrated from time to time, but being frustrated doesn't give you the right to lash out at people. There is a right way and a wrong way to express yourself when you are frustrated with other people or with certain situations.

The Yuulu?il?ath government has experienced what is termed ‘lateral violence’ on a number of occasions in recent months. Lateral violence is behavior that includes gossip or blaming, and it's usually the result of inappropriate actions taken by people who are frustrated.

Lateral violence takes many forms and its intended consequences are usually hurtful. Lateral violence could take the form of yelling at front-line staff, spreading gossip or posting a nasty message about an individual on Facebook.

Freedom of expression, is a constitutional right in Canada and is one of the cornerstones of a democracy, but there are limits on what you say and how you say it.

You have the right to question government decisions and there are appropriate avenues where you can bring your concerns--the Hit-tat-soo Assembly is one such avenue. Merely being a government employee or an elected official does not warrant an ‘open season’ for defamation of character and it's unlawful to libel an individual--even on Facebook.

Let's stick to the issues rather than attacking individuals, and if you have a complaint, why not pick up the phone, or better yet, come and see us. We can't promise to fix things for you every time, but we will promise to listen and attempt to gain understanding. It boils down to respect, and the old adage, ‘treat people the way you want to be treated,’ would be a great place to start.

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Settlement Trust invests in long-term growth opportunities

The Yuułu?il?ath Settlement Trust was created to receive and invest eligible treaty payments from the Yuułu?il?ath government. The nation may contribute to the trust, all or part of the capital transfer paid under the treaty and resource revenue sharing amounts.

Money contributed to the trust are held and invested for the benefit of beneficiaries, which in this case is the community as a whole. The trust funds, including the original contributions and income earned from investments are intended to be used for the benefit of the community, via the priorities that are determined by the government.

Five trustees were appointed by the government; they include: Gordon Tay-

lor Jr., Larry Baird, Spencer Touchie, Cathy Rothwell and Dr. Michelle Corfield. The trustees engaged Leith Wheeler Investment Counsel Ltd to invest the trust funds; and the trustees set parameters regarding risk tolerance for the investment. The investment portfolio is designed to grow the capital of the trust, over the long term, and to produce an annual income. In 2011 the trust received \$3,839,482. In capital transfers from the Nation and in the same year the trust distributed \$510,175 to the Nation for a treaty negotiation loan repayment.

“For the eight months in 2011 that Leith Wheeler managed the Settlement Trust, your portfolio was down 1.9 per cent. Your stocks fell five percent, while your bonds rose, 8.6 per cent,”

revealed Andrew Hoffman, vice president, Leith Wheeler.

Hoffman cited political unrest in the middle East, the European debt crises, a downgrade of US government bonds and the natural and nuclear disaster in Japan, as contributing factors to poor stock market performance worldwide. He added, “we believe we will remain in an environment of lower returns for the next three years with interest rates at historic lows and little economic growth in North America to boost stock market returns much more than a 6-8 per cent average annual return over this timeframe. We expect bond returns to be much lower at around 1-2 per cent,” Hoffman wrote in his report to the Trustees.

“Yuułu?il?ath Settlement Trust is

invested to grow over time at a pace that is several percentage points greater than inflation to allow for spending that does not impact future generations of the Yuułu?il?ath community while protecting against large negative returns. To achieve this goal in a low interest rate environment, Yuułu?il?ath Settlement Trust is invested in approximately 2/3 equities, to provide longer term growth opportunities, and 1/3 bonds, to reduce the effects of unforeseen bad years in the stock market like 2011 and also provide income to meet any shorter term cash flow needs of the Trust,” Hoffman noted.

The Trust’s audited financial statements show the market value of the Trust at December 31, 2011, at \$3,060,950.

Increased pay for executive members

Remuneration for the Yuułu?il?ath Legislature was discussed at the Legislature meeting on May 7th. The merits of having a set rate and regularly scheduled payments for members of the Legislature rather than an honorarium per meeting has been approved by the finance committee. Chief Financial Officer Tamara Nelson noted this type of payment would be a more streamlined approach for paying the members of the legislature. She pointed that the remuneration is not considered employment income but rather an annual indemnity in recognition of lost personal time.

The rate scale was set based on historical honoraria paid to elected officials, and the scale recognizes an increased level of work commitment for those serving on the Executive, and the President.

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1. Notice is hereby given that the Yuułu?il?ath Legislature has initiated a Hit-tat-oo Assembly in accordance with the Constitution and Government Act YFNS 2/2011.
2. The Hit-tat-oo Assembly is scheduled for Monday, June 4, 2012; 12 Noon. at the Yuułu?il?ath Community Hall.
3. Lunch will be provided; all citizens are invited to attend.
4. The agenda is in draft form until approved by the Citizens at the Hit-tat-oo Assembly. Additional items may be added at the time we adopt the agenda.
5. Agenda Items:
6. Meeting called to order
7. Opening Ceremonies/Welcoming remarks
8. Motion and discussion to adopt the agenda
9. Meeting minutes from the January 31, 2012 and April 2, 2012 Hit-tat-oo Assembly
10. Announcements/Discussion
11. _____
12. _____
13. _____
14. _____
15. Other business
16. Settlement Trust Report
17. Updates
18. Economic Development
19. Community Services
20. Lands and Resources
21. President
22. Executive
23. Chief Financial Officer
24. Director of Operations
25. Adjournment

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Yuulu?il?ath youth enjoyed a weenie roast on the beach, one of the many activities organized by child and youth worker Sarah Hagar.

Helping young people achieve their dreams by setting goals

Summer is in the air and the end of the school year is coming near. It is a perfect time to reflect on our achievements and set goals for the future before we relax for the summer.

Goal setting is one of the most important skills that we can pass on to our children. In a recent meeting with Ucluelet Secondary School Principal Carol Sedgewick she noted that students who have long term goals in mind are more likely to complete their High School diploma. Helping your child to set goals will ensure them more success at school and sport and will improve their self-confidence.

Parents and responsible adults in a child's life are important in helping to identify goals and provide encouragement along the way. It is important for kids to have clear goals and a time period within which the goal should be achieved.

When goals are completed they should be rewarded or celebrated immediately. For young children (3-5 yrs), goals should be simple (putting toys away before bed). For older children (ages 6-10) goals set should be achieved within a week (reading one new book a week). For pre and early teens (ages 11-15) goals can last over the course of a month (completing assignments for that month). For youth aged 16 to 21 goals should be set that can be achieved within a year with benchmarks along the way. For example the goal might be to successfully complete Grade 11; the benchmarks would be ensuring that course-work is complete and that the student has a good attendance record.

It is also important for children to hear that you have goals and expectations for them. It lets them know that you believe in their ability to grow.

Your Child and Youth Support Worker will be offering support to every Elementary and Secondary student and their families to set achievable goals before the end of the year. I am looking forward to this opportunity to get to know you and your children better. Every long term goal is a dream; it is our responsibility to help our kids achieve their dreams.

Submitted by Sarah Hagar, Child and Youth Support Worker.



Yuulu?il?ath youth got the opportunity to pull cedar bark which will be used for weaving. The event was organized by Gloria Valentine and Sarah Hagar, shown here.

Photo by Annie George

Yuulu?il?ath Elementary / Secondary scholarships

If you want your child to be considered for a scholarship, please undertake the following steps:

1. Please complete all necessary sections of the application. Applications have been emailed to each citizen and can be mailed if requested.
2. Contact your child's teacher (well in advance of the application deadline) and ask them to:
 - a. Provide a detailed letter of support for your child; and
 - b. Complete the Evaluation Page for your child.

The following information is required to complete your application package:

- Complete application form. All areas filled out and signed by the parent / guardian.
- A photocopy of all report cards for the year. Please do not send in original report cards as we are unable to return them to you.
- A letter of support from at least one teacher. We have attached information outlining what the letter should contain.
- A completed and signed non-letter graded report card from your child's teacher.

The Yuulu?il?ath awards one \$200scholarship to each grade. Scholarships are awarded based on academic grades and effort, student attendance, and participation efforts in extra-curricular activities.

Incomplete scholarship application packages will not be reviewed. We ask that parents or guardians ensure that the package is complete prior to sending it to our Education Department.

Please submit the complete application packages to the Yuulu?il?ath Education Department by Friday, June 22, 2012 @ 4:00pm. Incomplete or late packages will not be considered for an award. Please deliver your package by email (sarah.hagar@ufn.ca), fax (250-726-7396), mail PO BOX 699, Ucluelet, BC, VOR 3A0 or in person at the Community Services Centre (501 Hit-tat-soo Road, Hitacu, BC).

Awards will be announced at the Yuulu?il?ath Education Celebration in Hitacu on June 28, 2012. Please plan to attend!

Feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions. I can be reached at 250-726-7343, extension 233.

Congratulations to all Yuulu?il?ath students for their strong efforts and their hard work!

Regards,

Sarah Hagar
Child and Youth Support Worker

COMMUNITY NEWS

Gardeners at Wya Welcome Centre get set for a busy season

The garden at Wya Welcome centre is starting to take shape. Under the watchful eye of gardener, Sheila Williams, Yuulu?il?ath citizens Leo Touchie and Maureen Louie are hard at work, preparing soil and planting.

The garden is a commercial enterprise, started with funding through the Vancouver Island Health Authority for an Aboriginal Health Initiative. This is the final year for the funding, which has been \$27,000 per year for three years. The goal of the project was to produce an organic garden that produces nutritious fruits and vegetables for local distribution. The food is sold at the Wya Centre.

A large greenhouse houses tomatoes, peppers and the garden (approximately a quarter of an acre) has blackberries, blueberries, raspberries, kale, peas, beans, broccoli, and garlic growing. There are two smaller greenhouses where Sheila has planted squash, cucumbers and carrots in bags.

This is the third year that Leo has helped out with the garden, he said he has always enjoyed working outside, "I like working with my hands, ever since I was little," but this is the first garden he has tended. He said it's very rewarding, after the hard work, to see a crop of food that is sold at the Wya centre.

Shelia helped set up a community garden in Hitacu, behind the fire hall, which is going to get some help this year from those involved in the youth program,

Trevor Jones, CEO of Ucluth Development Corp said it has not been determined yet what will happen with the garden after this final year of funding, but reported that the YFN holdings board has discussed the possibility of leasing the garden out next year.



Planting time
Maya and Tessa Saxby-Jones assist gardener Sheila Williams and assistant Leo Touchie, at the garden at the Wya Welcome Centre.



CPR

Tyson Touchie Jr, Tyson Touchie and Stella George were part of a First Aid and CPR certification course held in Hitacu recently. They are shown here practising the life-saving skills of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation.

Thompson Rivers University holds information session

Alison Dunn of Thompson Rivers University will be in Hitacu on Friday, June 1 at 10:30 a.m. in the UDC Boardroom at the Government House. Dr. Bernice Touchie, Education Coordinator of the Ittatsoo School said Alison will give a short presentation regarding the procedures students need to follow for application to TRU.

Deadline for Residential School claims

Ben David, who works for the Indian Residential School Survivors Society visited Hitacu recently and will be making return visits in the coming weeks, to remind citizens who attended Residential School, that time is running out to make a claim.

The deadline for the Independent Assessment Process (IAP) is September 19, 2012 and there will be no extensions. Anyone who has questions about the process, can call Ben David (250) 724-6851.

Career Fair

Ittatsoo School Education Coordinator Dr. Bernice Touchie invites everyone to attend a Career Fair which will include videos and booths where you can talk to people working in your chosen field and ask whatever questions you may have.

When? Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Where? Yuulu?il?ath Community Hall

Time? 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Who? This career fair is for anyone who wants information about jobs. If you are looking for a career or want to change jobs, this fair is for you.

Presenters will include: Business Entrepreneurship, YFN Marine industries & Fisheries, Health short courses, Recent YFN teacher grad, YFN Paramedic and Marine sciences. Other resource materials from the Ittatsoo Learning center will be on display.

For more information please call: Dr. Touchie- ILC instructor/Education Co-ordinator 250-726-7342 Extension 211.

Fisheries troll traditional fishing lines for food fish

Tad Williams, (Ucluth Fisheries officer), and his brother Art (a volunteer) know all the traditional Yuułu?il?ath fishing spots and as they troll back and forth along certain lines, they pay tribute to those who have fished the same waters years before.

"ču cha was a favorite spot of our local fisherman," Tad said, as he secured the downriggers in place. ču cha is not far from the mouth of the harbour, between what is now called the George Fraser Islands, and Jenny Reef. Tad and his brother fish here occasionally for food fish which is distributed in the community.

"Essentially, when I need to go out to patrol our territory, if there's an opportunity to fish we do," he commented. Other favorite fishing spots are south bank, offshore near K'isitis (the line identified by lining up the top of Mount Ozzard with the slope on garbage dump hill), and in front of the Amphitrite lighthouse, on runs fished by Yuułu?il?ath fishermen Harold Touchie, Vernon Ross and Ron George Sr.

If the fishermen are lucky they will haul in a load of fish which is distributed, mainly to Elders in the community. Tad said sometimes people don't accept the spring salmon or cod, so it's donated to the department of Community Services, to be used for the Cultural Night dinners.



Tad Williams, Ucluth Fisheries officer, sets the downriggers for a day of fishing. .

He's curious if springs and cod are turned away because people fear if they take that, they won't be offered the prized sockeye later in the season, but that's not the case, Tad said.

Tad said that the fish allocations are done for each species, so receiving Spring salmon doesn't affect the amount of sockeye people will get. He said that food fish will be distributed locally and in Port Alberni and Nanaimo, for citizens living away from home. "We try to give a little bit of notice, but it's a last minute-thing just because of the nature of fishing," Tad commented, adding, "The fish have their own schedule."

2012 Fish Allocations

The nation's allocation for the Somass Sockeye run is 6,644 pieces, 340 of Fraser Sockeye and 306 for the Henderson run. The allocation for Chinook is 1,337 pieces of ocean Chinook and 472 for terminal Chinook. "Terminal Chinook Salmon" means chinook salmon in those parts of Areas 23, 26, 123 and 126 as defined in the Pacific Fishery Management Area Regulations, 2007 (Maa-nulth Final Agreement). The nation can catch up to 2,204 pieces of Ocean Coho and 960

pieces of Terminal Coho "Terminal Coho Salmon" means coho salmon in those parts of Areas 23, 26, 123 and 126 as defined in the Pacific Fishery Management Area Regulations, 2007 that are landward of a line that is one nautical mile seaward from the surfline, but does not include Ocean Coho Salmon." (Maa-nulth Final Agreement). The Nation has also been allocated 3148 pieces of chum and 2282 pinks.

Additionally there is an allocation of 50368 pounds of roe herring and 6296 pounds of meat herring. Halibut has been set at 17,358 pieces, rockfish, 5809; sablefish, 1292 and other ground fish, 4092.

"We don't budget to catch the entire allocation of any species, however; that leaves us the opportunity to get our entire allocations via private boats and charters," Tad commented. Any Yuułu?il?ath citizens who has fishing documentation is allowed to fish in the Yuułu?il?ath territory, and must comply with rules re: applicable size, age, weight and sex. Enrollees who want to fish outside the territory must get permission from the fisheries manager, who will in turn contact the appropriate representative of the nation where the fishing is to be done.

Tad said accurate reporting is, "the most important part of our treaty obligation." He said if a zero catch is continued to be reported, the fish allocation numbers will eventually go down. "We need proof that we're using the food fish allocation," he stressed.

A treaty benefit is that the nation may also barter and trade fish, and already talks are taking place with other nations in an attempt to secure game, such as elk or moose, to be traded for fish.

STAY ON THE BEACH

SPECTACULAR WYA BEACH

Yurts: (summer kitchen, futons, BBQs, wood or gas fireplace, common washroom with flush toilets, hot showers and dish-washing area)

Wya Campground: (RV sites with full hook-up and Tent sites)

Book your stay at the Wya Welcome Centre
(@ the Junction of Hwy.4 and the Pacific Rim Hwy.)

Be to visit the Wya Point Surf Shop & Cafe. (Hwy 4, just past the junction).

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Yuułuꞑilꞑath riders raise funds for Diabetes research



Melody Charlie, left and Lorraine Mundy prepare for the Ride the Rim fundraiser.

By Lorraine Mundy

The 9th annual ReMax Ride the Rim benefiting the Canadian Diabetes Association from Ucluelet to Port Alberni was the toughest ride I've completed to date. We faced wind and the steep climbs were the most difficult I've ever encountered.

The Ride was more of a race, and by this I mean there were not any pit stops along the way and we had to provide our own lunches. But, we didn't stop to eat for we wanted to get to Port Alberni within the timeframe that we took pledges for and it became even more grueling after approximately 80 kilometers of cycling--especially since one burns an average of 600 – 800 calories per hour when cycling at a steady pace. The last 20 KM were the toughest since I felt like I was cycling on fumes.

The Ride took us 5 hours and 30 minutes to complete. Congratulations to Michele Eng who pledged the closest to my actual finish time! Michel won \$141.00 and the Canadian Diabetes Association received \$141.00, since a total of \$282.00 was pledged.

We spoke with someone who has used 30,000, needles in the last 40 years that he's been a diabetic. This man gives presentations at schools and kids are shown examples of how much sugar is in a can of pop. He said reaction to the amount of sugar in pop is one of disbelief, and kids are taken aback by how many needles he's had to use in the last 40 years.

Congratulations to both riders for completing the gruelling ride to Port; both are collecting pledges for the Ride to Conquer Cancer, an epic two -day ride from Vancouver to Seattle, on June 16-17th.

Scholarships Available thanks to sponsors

Yuuluꞑilꞑath students will be eligible for scholarships this year, in part, thanks to donations.

Iris Frank, Director of Operations, told the members of the Yuuluꞑilꞑath Legislature in May, that her campaign to solicit funds to help offset the cost of scholarships had been met with enthusiasm. She informed the Legislature that she had received sponsorship for the bursaries from, Leith Wheeler Investment (of \$3000) Ratcliffe & Associates (\$1,000) and McIntosh, Norton and Williams, Certified General Accountants (\$200.).

Information about the scholarship application process is in this edition of the Umacuk, and the complete application form will be emailed to citizens this week.

Language information being collected in Hitacu

Information is being gathered in Hitacu this month, to determine the state of the Nuu-chah-nulth language. Celena Cook conducted a language survey to get an updated list of speakers, and to determine how many people are fluent, semi-fluent, and how many citizens can speak more than one Nuu-chah-nulth dialect.

The information is being collected by the Nuu-chah-nulth and the project is being sponsored by First Voices..

In addition to compiling information on individual speakers, the project will also look at the inventory of language cds and a list of programs that are taking place in the community that deal with language.

In Hitacu, adult language classes are held each Wednesday and the preschool has an immersion program whereby, Elders visit and chat with preschoolers.

Family Ties

Healthy Babies Program

All moms-to-be, babies (ages 0-6 months) and their families are welcome to join us for information, support and sharing.

Date	Topic	Special Guest
June 5	Granny and Grandpa Connections Kit	Jennifer Touchie
June 12	Practical CPR in the case of infant choking	
June 19	No drop In this week; Scale and measure mat available	
June 26	Nutrition & Food Security	Hélène Dufour

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Coastal Community Services Hub
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COMMUNITY NEWS



Treaty Film

The BC Treaty Commission visited Hitacu last week to interview members of the government, and citizens, about life post treaty. Shown here on the left, Legislature member, Larry Baird with Brian Mitchell, Communication's Manager for the BC Treaty Commission and Len Lindstrom. Right: Yuułu?il?ath President Charles McCarthy, is interviewed at the new lodge site at Ucluth Beach.

BC Hydro Smart Meters are scheduled to be here by June

BC Hydro's Smart Meters will be here in June. There has been a growing debate in the province regarding Smart Meters, with more than 40 municipal government's publicly declaring they are not in favour of Smart Meters; however, BC Hydro seems to be moving full steam ahead with the plan to replace all meters and will be in Hitacu on June 29th to exchange the old meters for smart meters.

The Yuułu?il?ath executive recently heard from Peter Boulton, of Citizens for Safe Technology, who presented the 'negative' side of the Smart Meter debate.

BC Hydro claims that Smart meters are a necessary part of our electricity system. The new technology determines how much power is being consumed and a computer stores that data. The smart meter records total energy consumption on an hourly basis and cannot identify the specific appliance or activity that used the energy. BC Hydro suggests that smart meters are a way of updating the electricity system to keep pace with new technology.

Opposition to the smart meters is based on two main concerns, firstly there are reports that rates will increase with smart meters. According to BC Hydro, the new meters are more accurate and will not increase rates. The second concern about smart meters is a safety concern, with groups against smart meters, suggesting the electro-magnetic fields emitting from the new meters could be harmful to your health. BC Hydro said the smart meters are safe and their emissions are well below Health Canada's exposure limits, and have been given approval by the World Health Organization and BC's Provincial Health Officer.

Marylin Touchie, Yuułu?il?ath Housing Coordinator recently attended a seminar hosted by BC Hydro to address how the installation of new meters will be completed locally and also to clear up some misconcep-

tions concerning smart meters.

It has been rumoured that the installation of smart meters will make existing appliances malfunction. According to BC Hydro, the installation generally results in a short power outage and that replacing a mechanical meter with the smart meter has the same effect as unplugging and then re-plugging in your appliance.

Another concern of the naysayers to smart meters is the possible negative health effects of non-ionizing radiation. Smart meters, like cell phones communicate wirelessly.

BC Hydro claims that because smart meters are located outside the home and transmit less than one minute a day at one hundred the power of a cell phone, exposure to radio frequency from a smart meter over 20 years is the equivalent to a 30-minute cell phone conversation.

Nick Touchie will be going door-to-door to inform citizens about the smart meters, and talk to people about concerns they have.

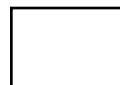
"But you can't opt out," Marylin pointed out. She said there has been talk about being able to opt out of the smart meter program, but in fact, that will not be an option, according to BC Hydro.

Marylin said citizens can delay the process of having their meter replaced by calling 1-800-224-9376, but, she was not certain the length of time BC Hydro would delay the process. BC Hydro states they hope to have all meters replaced by the end of 2012. "The new meters are a necessary upgrade to our electricity grid and at a certain point the old meters won't work anymore," the BC Hydro webpage states.

To inform yourself about Smart Meters, please visit the BC Hydro website @ www.bchydro.com and, if you would like to know about the opposition to the smart meters, visit the Citizens for Safe Technology website @ www.citizensforsafetechnology.org



Chris George carving the initial cuts in a house pole. He and brother Clifford have been hard at work the last couple of weeks, carving two house poles that will be part of the new lodges at the Ucluth Beach.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Police will crack down on prolific offenders in Hitacu

The Ucluelet RCMP met with Yuulu?il?ath government representatives recently to discuss their annual performance plan. Sgt. Jeff Swann said the performance plan is like a report card whereby the police set out goals they would like to achieve locally and province-wide.

He noted that in Ucluelet and Hitacu, two years ago there was a huge drug problem and that police cracked down on dealers and the issue has been lessened. He said there are certain tactics the police can use to assist with certain problems; for instance, when mischief was an issue, the police altered work schedules to work later into the night, as they noted that most mischief makers were active after the closing of bars.

Earlier in the year, the RCMP met with the local officials to determine the priority items for this year, and the second meeting confirmed the priorities.

Dealing with prolific offenders is a local mandate and also a key issue the province has asked the local force to deal with. According to Swann, about five per cent of the population does about 95 per cent of the crime, and that if police can crack down on prolific offenders, the overall result will be a safer community.

Prolific offenders include anyone who has had conditions set on them by the court, for instance, if someone has been in trouble that stems from drinking, they may be given a conditional sentence whereby they are to abstain from alcohol. Sgt. Swann said that privacy laws prevent the police from sharing information with the government, about individuals that may have conditions, however; police will keep an eye on prolific offenders to ensure their conditions are being met.

Reducing abuse of alcohol and drugs is another objective of the police, along with maintaining drug related charges, which goes hand in hand.

Public information and education is the final priority for the year; Swann noted that keeping the messaging about drugs and alcohol will lead to safer roads and ultimately a safer community. He said it's important for community members to contact police to report complaints; and, he suggested that people document as much information as possible, to assist police in their investigation. He acknowledged that sometimes people do not want to give their name to the police, because the name can be heard over the police scanner. To avoid having your name announced, simply ask the dispatcher to have an officer call you and not relate the information over the radio.



Constable Kyle Ushock (back row, third from left--shown at the Treaty Implementation celebration last year) has been the local RCMP liaison for Hitacu and will be moving to Campbell River in June. His replacement, will be Constable Marcel Midlane, currently with the Alexis Creek RCMP, and works with the Tsilhqot'in First Nations.



Elder Rose Wilson has a captivated audience as Hannah Frank listens to stories during a visit at the Ittatsoo Pre-school. Elders Rose Wilson and Eugene Touchie told stories and assisted the children with crafts.

YOUTH SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

- Are you between 15 and 29 years old?
- Were you a full time student last year?
- Are you returning to school full time this year?
- Are you looking for a meaningful job that will make a difference in the lives of kids in your community?
 - Do you like having fun?

If you answered yes to all of these questions then the Child and Youth Program through the Department of Community Services has a job for you!

We will be hiring 3 YFN summer students this year. We are looking for interested Youth to fill the following positions:

1. **Senior Youth Leader:** Applicants for this position should have some experience working or volunteering as supervisors or role models for children and youth. A First Aid certificate is required for this position and must be obtained before July 2nd..
2. **Junior Youth Leaders:** Applicants for this position should be interested in gaining experience and leadership skills working with children and want to be role models for young people in their community.
3. **Youth Leader in Training:** Applicants for this position will be mentored by the Child and Youth Support Worker, Senior and Junior Youth Leaders and will be training to be Senior or Junior Youth Leaders in coming years.

All applicants should be keen to learn new skills and work as part of an open, positive team providing supervision and leadership for kids in our community. Applicants should be ready to work in the community and be away for trips throughout the summer.

APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE: RESUME, COVER LETTER, 3 REFERENCES AND A PHOTOCOPY OF FIRST AID OR OTHER CERTIFICATIONS

APPLICATIONS DUE JUNE 15TH, 2012 by 4:30pm

Applications should be delivered to Iris Frank, Director of Operations at the Government House

Best of Luck to all of our applicants!



COMMUNITY PROFILE

President McCarthy shares vision for Yuułu?il?ath

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“We don’t want to be sitting here four years from now and have people saying that nothing ever got done,” the President commented. “This is the second year for the surf shop and camp site and the first full season for the yurts so we will be able to see what the occupancy rate is and that will give us an idea of what to expect,” he added.

“I was elected and have a strong mandate by the people that supported me and I think the big thing that’s important is to ensure there is a future. We need to build a solid foundation over the first four years and make sure there is still room for growth for the next legislature; we don’t want to tie up all that Treaty Settlement money, so we need to be careful,” he stressed.

Currently an environmental impact study is being done on TSL’s in the Lost Shoe Creek area to determine what type of commercial venture would fit there, the President noted. He said a feasibility study has been done and the concept for commercial activity along Hwy 4 is a strip mall that would potentially house a restaurant, gift shops, a grocery store and a gas station. “We need to see what can be done at that location though because there are fish streams and we want to be certain not to impact the aquafir,” he stated.

Controversial Decisions

All governments are forced to make unpopular and controversial decisions at times and the Yuułu?il?ath government is no different. Now eight months into their term, the first elected government has tackled a few tough issues.

Restructuring Economic Development to change the framework, the oversight and limit the liability of the nation was one of the most difficult tasks the executive has dealt with. The former board members of the Ucluth Development Corp were elected at a public meeting (under the previous government); however, the government was funding Economic Development and felt there should be some reporting to the government. After April 1, 2011, the process to change the structure of economic development began.

“There is clear direction to the CEO and it’s important to have the directors take control and give specific direction, how they want it to go and have some controls,” he stated.

Another controversial decision the executive made dealt with the properties in the District of Ucluelet (transferred as part of the Treaty Settlement) and whether to rent them out as social

housing or use them to create revenue which will eventually be used to address social housing in Hitacu.

“We had to look at the bigger picture. It would be unfair to all citizens if just a handful of citizens were to benefit,” the President commented. He said prior to Treaty, three of the houses were rented out at a rate so low that it cost the government money to cover taxes and utilities. The government accessed funds through INAC to renovate the houses and they can now be rented at a price that would generate revenue; Yuułu?il?ath citizens were given priority in being able to rent the units.

“This was a decision from the executive level,” he reported.

Creating a Tax Base

The President said “people cringe when they hear ‘creating a tax base,’ but it’s necessary.”

“We’re responsible for social programs and infrastructure,” he pointed out, and noted the government will be responsible for maintaining and eventually replacing infrastructure which is costly.

He reported that currently the nation pays thousands of dollars for water and sewer utilities, costs in part, he hopes can be transferred to citizens, via residential interest. “We all use those services and there is a cost associated with that; to not eventually have our citizens paying for those utilities would be at great cost to the nation.”

Government priorities

The new community centre has been ear-marked as a priority for the government; this year’s budget estimated a down payment and loan payments on the multi-use facility at \$1,652,000. Part of that expense need to be recovered through taxes, “it can’t be something the government just continually pays out, there has to be some cost recovery for the use of that facility,” he said, adding, “everywhere else, other than on reserves, those utilities have to be paid for, through some sort of tax.”

Funds for the new multi-use facility have been identified, there is much work to do before ground breaks on this project. Currently the government has a request for proposals from potential designers and builders, and once those are reviewed the work can begin; it’s doubtful the site work will start before the end of 2012 but he anticipates it will begin soon into 2013.

“It’s going to be the biggest thing that’s happened here,” the President enthused. “We will have a place we can gather, without being packed in like

sardines. And it will be a community centre, not just a gym,” he remarked.

“Our youth have always had to go across the bay to play basketball and now we will have a place for all citizens to gather, a new facility with lots of room,” he said. “We need to utilize that facility rather than have it just sit there,” he added.

There has been some preliminary discussion about moving the Lands’ and Resources office to the new facility as well as having a commercial enterprise which could make use of the planned, commercial kitchen. When the idea of a community gym was first presented a few years ago, it was pitched along with a new government house, but that idea has gone by the wayside. “We won’t be building a new government house in this term because you need revenue coming in to pay for that,” President McCarthy commented.

“Affordable housing for our people is also a priority,” noted the President. He said the government has discussed different housing options that would best serve the needs of the community, from smaller assisted living units for elderly people and affordable units for single parents and single people who might not need an entire house, but would enjoy the benefits of independence and having their own place.

“But everything takes time,” he cautioned, “Within the first two years (of this term) we will have a solid plan on how we will develop the housing and then take the steps to bring that plan to life,” he added.

“So many people think that we signed the Treaty and that’s the end of the work but there are so many things that need to be done over the next five years,” he observed.

President McCarthy said there has been a lot of discussion about how to accommodate citizens living away from home, that might like to re-locate to Hitacu. In the months leading up to the vote on the treaty, there was talk of accommodating hundreds of citizens; however, he expressed some doubt that the majority of people living away from home want to move home.

“I’ve talked to a number of people in their 50s and 60s and their concern is they are accustomed to city life, they can get around freely rather than being stuck on this side, having to look for a ride across the bay,” he commented.

Still, he believes there are some people who want to move home, and said the government will work on a strategy to make that a reality.

Room for Improvement

The government now has 23 Acts which provide a framework for how the nation intends to operate. The laws cover everything from election rules, to citizenship, rules of order and procedure, resource harvesting, building and development, economic development, capital borrowing and environmental protection and more. The government website (www.ufn.ca) has the complete list of Acts and Regulations which can be downloaded in a pdf format.

Review of the Acts has shown that some Acts could use some improvement and reviewing and making recommendations for updates has also been set as a priority for the legislature.

“We’re reviewing the elections act; that was an issue for certain people because of the way the Act reads, people were required to request a voting package. There were certain things that just didn’t work, but we’re working to change that,” the President said.

“We never wrote these acts; but if there are flaws, we have the ability to amend them,” he said.

It’s our duty to make sure that all laws and acts are followed and that treaty benefits are brought to our people.”

Moving forward

“It may sound cliché but we have to move our nation forward together rather than being polarized. We’ve all grown up with our different issues over the years and that might have led us not to think clearly. We need to have solutions rather than coming to the table always trying to tear things apart,” he said solemnly.

President McCarthy said the treaty will not provide all the answers to the social problems that exist here, and he’s not promising that economic development will provide the complete economic stimulus needed, but he does believe the treaty provides an avenue to a better future.

“Somewhere down the line we’re going to have to realize that we’re our own worst enemies,” the President said of the polarization of the community. “We need to move beyond that,” he urged.

“In order to achieve what our treaty allows us to do...we can build a stronger nation and a stronger economy for our nation if we work together,” he reflected. “

