Fire rips through Thornton Motel



July Hitatsoo Assembly

July's Hit-tat-soo Assembly didn't draw many citizens but those in attendance had a lot of questions for members of the Yuułu'ił'ath legislature and the economic development manger.

Gordon Taylor questioned whether anything would be done about a member of legislature who has not been in attendance of meetings for the last few months. Chair of the Assembly, Dr. Michelle Corfield, said the member of the legislature in question, Tad Williams, has been absent with notice and has been available for legislature meetings via phone while working away.

Yuulu?il?ath President Charles McCarthy said the government is "slowly evolving" with a number of projects on the go such as a new water tower, ongoing economic development activities and the new government office/gym. He said one of his priorities is to get citizens working in the jobs that are available through economic development; he pointed out that over the next few years he would like to see citizens fill "the well paying jobs," and he encouraged citizens to take advantage of education funding from the nation, in order to make them qualified for some of the jobs in management. CONTINUED ON PAGE 2.

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Fire ripped through the Thornon Motel on July 9th destroying much of the middle, 12-unit building, owned by the Yuulu?il?ath. According to Sharlene McCarthy, (she and husband Francis manage the motel), the fire appears to have started when a guest accidentally left a stove burner on in one of the rooms.

"I am sad; it's just heart-wrenching," Sharlene commented. "We're going into the busy season and this is not only affecting us but it's putting the pressure on people to find other accommodations," she said. The day of the fire she was kept busy booking guests into different accommodations in Ucluelet and also calling others who had made reservations but had not yet arrived. She's also concerned about losing members of her staff; now that the motel has been diminished from 16 rooms to just four, three staff positions will be eliminated. The staff will be given the opportunity to join the Wya resort staff.

The day of the fire, Sharlene got a complaint about the smell of smoke in a room just before noon; two women said they smelled smoke but couldn't see any smoke. Sharlene entered the room and saw smoke coming through a tissue box and then realized the fire was in the room below. The Ucluelet fire department was on scene within a few minutes and were later joined by the Tofino fire department; the fire crews did not wrap up until 7 p.m.

Sharlene said the motel was at capacity the day the fire broke out, and all guests had to be re-located to another motel. She and other motel staff rescued possessions from the guest rooms; however, fire and smoke prevented them from entering about four rooms and items such as electronics and clothing were ruined.

According to Trevor Jones, CEO of the YFN Management Services, it will be at least a week before an estimated value of damage is known. An insurance adjuster has begun the work of determining the scope of the damage. The main central block of the motel will be out of service for the next year. Restoration of the smoke damaged rooms will begin immediately and restoration rooms on the rooms that were damaged by fire will not begin for at least a month.

"We will keep the community informed as we advance the repairs and reonvations," said Mr. Jones.



Student awards were handed out at the recent Education Celebration in Hitacu. Shown here from left to right, front row, Timmea Williams, Jada Touchie, Abigail Patrick, back row, Shawn Williams, Babae Williams, Chiara Alfaro McCarthy, Kyle Kervin, Brownwyn Currey, Jade Touchie and Clorissa Tate. Photos of the Education celebration are on page 4 & 5.

Yuułu?ił?ath Government

Nuu-chah-nulth fishing rights have "We are pleased that the BC Court sell the fish caught under that right, on The Ahousaht et al court case began in

Nuu-chah-nulth fishing rights have once again been recognized by the BC Court of Appeal. On July 2, 2013, the BC Court unanimously reaffirmed that five Nuu-chah-nulth nations (Ahousaht, Ehattesaht, Hesquiaht, Mowachat and Tla-o-quiaht) have the right to sell all species of fish. Thanks to a side agreement to the Maa-nulth Treaty, referred to as the 'me too' clause, the Maa-nulth tribes could also, eventually, benefit from this court ruling.

Last fall the Supreme Court of Canada rejected Canada's appeal and sent the case back to the BC Court of Appeal to review the Ahousaht et al vs. Canada case; this was the third time BC Courts have recognized the nation's aboriginal fishing rights. The appeal was based on the Lax Kw'alaamas vs. Canada decision which determined that the Lax Kw'alaams people did not sell fish commercially and sold only eulachon grease. The BC courts determined that the Nuu-chah-nulth, however, "had longstanding trade networks..." along the coast and the coast determined that it was a pre-contact practice that was integral to the aboriginal society's

of Appeal has again confirmed the rights of the Nuu-chah-nulth Nations to earn a living from the sea resources in our territories," Clifford Atleo Sr., President of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council commented after the ruling. "We expect the Government of Canada, through DFO, to now come to the negotiating table in a much more substantial way to work with the Nuu-chah-nulth to implement these decisions, as the Courts have instructed Canada. DFO needs a proper mandate from the Government that respects the court decisions and must stop the stall and delay tactics," he added.

The Nuu-chah-nulth Chiefs want to negotiate "real rights-based fisheries," Atleo said and noted, "Canada needs to get serious now that they have lost yet another attempt at over-turning the recognition of Nuu-chah-nulth fishing rights."

In the Maa-nulth Final Agreement, section 10.2.3 states, "If the highest domestic court that considers the Litigation determines that one or more of the plaintiffs has an aboriginal right to fish for salmon, halibut, Rockfish, roe herring, sablefish, prawn or crab and to

sell the fish caught under that right, on a commercial basis, upon the written request of the Maa-nulth First Nations provided within eight years of such determination, the Parties will amend this Agreement and the Maa-nulth Harvest Agreement as described in the Maanulth Harvest Agreement."

An additional agreement on April 1, 2011 between Canada, BC and the Maa-nulth nations refers to the Ahousaht et al fisheries litigation and says that the parties "will negotiate and attempt to reach agreement" regarding an aboriginal right to fish for unallocated species and sell the fish caught, on a commercial basis.

Yuulu?il?ath President Charles Mc-Carthy said while the win at the BC court is good news, he cautioned that Canada still has until September to launch its last appeal. He also noted that no new allocation of species has been determined, which means that even if the Nuu-chah-nulth eventually win the right to sell fish commercially, that right currently extends only to the current allocation—in other words, there has been no expansion of that allocation

June 2003 when the Nuu-chah-nulth Nations filed a write against Canada and BC, claiming the right to harvest and sell sea resources and claiming Aboriginal Title to fishing sites. A press release sent from the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council about the court decision notes that after Confederation Canada encouraged fishing among the Nuu-chah-nulth by allocating small fishing stations as reserves while denying larger land claims. "Over the last hundred years Canada decreased and excluded Nuu-chah-nulth participation in the west coast fishery through government policies and regulations," the press release pointed out.

"Today's decision represents the third time the BC Courts have recognized the Nation's aboriginal fishing rights. The decision comes after three and a half years of difficult negotiations between the Nations and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. Despite direction from the Trial Judge to negotiate the details of a rights-based fishery within two years, Canada has been reluctant to engage in the negotiations in a meaningful way. Today's decision provides further impetus to set negotiations and reconciliation on track."

Citizens have questions about nation's businesses

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 Richard Mundy asked a question about information on the Wya Campground website, and noted there are some errors regarding the history of the Yuulu?il?ath that he would like to see corrected. He also asked for an update on the proposed commemoration project being funded by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Tyson Touchie, Economic Manager encouraged Richard to let him know about the correctoins for the web page. Geraldine Touchie updated citizens on the TRC project, noting the community gatherings facilitated by Nene Kranveldt and the filming of elders about their residential school experiences. Yuułu?ił?ath government Director of Operations Iris Frank said the next step will be to gather input from citizens living away from home, regarding what sort of memorial they would like to see for this project.

Members of the legislature gave reports to the assembly. Geraldine gave an overview of the SEEDS project and mentioned the recent BladeRunners program. Al McCarthy provided an update on the Lands & Resources activities, noting that the Wya Welcome Centre property at the junction is being transferred into Treaty Settlement Land. The government has received preliminary approval from BC

and Canada and expects it will take a couple of months before the transfer will be complete. He also provided the Asset Management update, noting the new paint job at the fire hall and that a detailed design for a new water reservoir will be submitted to AANDC for treasury board approval this month.

Tyson Touchie provided a report for the YFN Management Services. He said noted the opening of the new lodges at Wya Point Resort and the new Feast House as the major recent accomplishments. He said the seasonal business are doing well this year, and said visitors are starting to recognize the YFN brand names and logos. Tyson was questioned whether the name Wya would be changed to the historical spelling of Wyee, but Tyson noted that the name Wya is easier for visitors to pronounce and said that Yuulu?il?ath names should not be used for businesses in case that business is sold at a future date. He reported that the bookings for the campground have now reverted back to the Welcome centre. Last year the bookings were switched to the Thornton Motel.

Jack Touchie asked about the maintenance at the paid dock operated by YFN Management Services. He said there are at least 15 renters at the dock and that services such as fresh water

for cleaning fish should be maintained properly. He also mentioned that the floats were not adequate on the dock and that the culturally modified trees in the parking lot should be removed in order to provide more parking spaces.

Vi Mundy questioned whether there was a long-term economic development plan. "It seems like sometimes we do things backwards, like when they took away the bookings from the Welcome Centre to the Thornton...my thought is that we're too short sighted; they didn't look at what impact it would have on the Welcome Centre," she commented. She also pointed to the new Feast House and said, "...the windows need to be cleaned" and said she has heard criticism about the service. She also commented on the high number of people on social assistance in the community. Richard Mundy suggested that there should be a discount for locals at the Feast House, and he mentioned signage on the observation deck leading into the restaurant, that he said didn't seem appropriate; Tyson noted that the banner signage has now been removed.

President McCarthy responded that there is an annual plan and a fiveyear economic development plan and said staff training at the Feast House has been ongoing with a number of citizens being employed there. He also pointed to the SEEDS initiative that is currently in the works, and said he's hoping that addresses the high dependency on social assistance.

Celina Cook asked about the new ice-cream shop and that cafe at the Wya Surf Shop, wondering if those businesses belonged to the nation. The cafe was leased out for two years, last year, after it was first offered to citizens to lease. The ice-cream shop has a one year lease, the Assembly was told.

The highway access to the Wya Campground was also a concern expressed by Richard Mundy. Tyson said that a better access road is in future plans and that Parks Canada will be assisting with a turn-off lane from the highway.

The community garden at the junction property was also discussed. Bob Mundy questioned whether it would continue or not. Tyson said it has not yet been decided on what will happen with the garden.

Vi Mundy asked whether it would be possible to obtain kits for the Hit-tat-soo Assembly prior to the meeting in order to review the report before the meeting. Chair Corfield said that she will make kits available, at the front desk of the Government House, the day before the next Assembly.

Community Newsmakers

Citizens living away from home graduating from post-secondary



Asya Lynne Touchie

Hello, my name is Asya Lynne Touchie, my parents are Matthew Allen Touchie Sr. and Leah Laurelle Golling, and my grandparents are Matthew Brown and Edith Brown – Touchie. I have just completed my Diploma in Community, Family and Child Studies at Camosun College. Prior to this I completed the Indigenous Family Support Worker Certificate Program at Camosun College. Next year I will be continuing my studies in the Degree Program, Child and Youth Care at the University of Victoria, which I will complete in 2 years.

I would like to thank youthluithaht for providing me with the opportunity and on-going support to continue my post-secondary studies.

Kleco, Kleco.

Levana Rose Mastrangelo

Daughter of James Anthony Mastrangelo and Lisa Marie McCarthy. Lisa the daughter of Johnson McCarthy son of Charles McCarthy, of the Yuulu?ił?atḥ, Ucluelet First Nations



I am currently finishing my Associates of Science degree at North Island College, will graduate April 2014. I will then complete my Bachelors

of Science in Microbiology expected to be at the University of Victoria class of 2016. My goals after completion of Bachelors are to work in environmental or medical research. I am currently working as a Research assistant at the North Island College for Dr. Aisling Brady for marine environmental research.

When I am not working or studying I enjoy outdoor activities, my two main hobbies are cross country running and downhill mountain bike riding.



Desiree Givens

I am currently a fourth-year student at the University of British Columbia, working on earning a bachelor's degree in art history. By fall 2014, I will have finished my program, and hopefully begin a master's degree in architecture. In the upcoming years, I have set a number of goals.

First and foremost, I strive to achieve academic excellence and personal growth. I would also like to take advantage of the various opportunities the university has to offer, including studying abroad, selecting a professional mentor, and being involved in on-campus activities, including jobs, internships, and programs such as Design Build, which allows students to gain a hands-on experience in construction.

I look forward to working towards achieving these goals, and am grateful to have the support of the Yuułu?ił?ath First Nation, my parents, Caroline Mundy and Elijah Givens, as well as my grandparents, Katherine Mundy and Earl Mundy.

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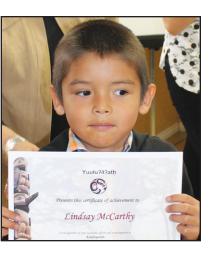
Community Newsmakers



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Lance Williamss congratulated by Kleri Venizelos, teacher at the alternate school in Hitacu.



Students living away from home were recognized at the Education Celebration, shown here, left to right, Brownwyn Currey, Samantha Patrick, Anna Patrick and Jade Touchie.

Education Celebration

The Yuulu?il?ath Education Celebration was held in late June. Two student awards were available for each grade although there were not enough applications for all the awards this year. The following students won awards: The Grade 2 awards went to Abigail Patrick and Timmea Williams. In Grades one and three there were no award applicants. Jada Touchie and Shawna Williams won the awards for Grade 4. Babae Williams took the award for Grade 5 and Chiara Alfaro McCarthy and Kyle Kervin won the Grade 6 award. Brownwyn Currey and Jade Touchie won the awards for Grade 7 and Jaden Touchie won the award for Grade 8. There was no award given for a Grade 9 or Grade 11 student. Michelle Givens won the Grade 10 award and Scott Williams and Clorissa Tate won the awards for Grade 12.



Legislature member Larry Baird and his granddaughter Alexis



Alyssa Randall-Touchie



A photo booth at the Education Celebration was a hit with children and adults alike.





Evan Touchie

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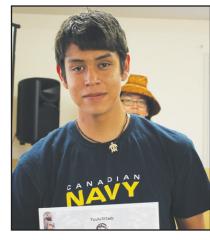
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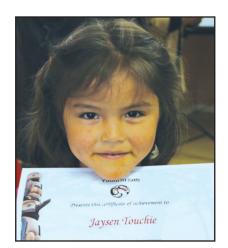
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Abigail Patrick shows off her certificate with hosts Alysson Thicke and Wishkey (Robert Dennis Jr.)



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Katherine Williams



VAST Alternate Education teacher Nicole Thompson and student Larrisa Gus



Payton Geore and Johnny George. trying to confuse us by switching certificates!



Maria Williams



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Nicole McCarthy



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Yuułu?ił?ath News

Gordon Taylor Sr. likes the changes he's seeing in Hitacu

Gordon Taylor Sr. has seen a lot of changes in the community of Hitacu in his lifetime and believes that he will see a lot more changes to come thanks to the treaty."We're taking baby steps right now and we have to learn to walk before we run, but I see a big improvement already," he commented. "Compared to when we were under INAC (Indian and Northern Affairs Canada) we had plans but they never went ahead, always got put on the shelf and now that we've got our own government it's a lot different and action takes place right way," he said. He is also pleased about the economic development activity taking place.

He served five terms on band council and was instrumental as part of the team of people moving the nation towards a treaty. "The hardest part was trying to get the framework agreement, we worked on it, draft after draft and there was never agreement," he laughs, recalling weekly meetings in the 'war room' as it was dubbed, beneath the old government offices in the basement of the community hall.

He lists off the communities the treaty team visited, talking about the benefits of treaty, to citizens living across Vancouver Island and in Vancouver. "I was involved because I could see the potential in where we were going to go with this; getting away from Inac was really important," he said, along with having a vote at the regional district.

Gordon was born on June 4, 1938 at the CPC cannery located between Tahsis and Esperanza. His mother Irene (nee Williams) and father, Dominic Taylor worked at the cannery seasonally. Dominic was Yuulu?il?ath and his mother was Kyuguot. The family lived part of the year in Kyuquot and part of the year in Port Alberni. "Dad worked in the fish meal plant where they made fertilizer and mother worked in the cannery part," he recalled. He was the eldest of three children, with a younger sister Irene and younger brother Norman. While his parents worked he and his siblings were left in the care of Elders who were also living at the cannery. "We witnessed a lot of potlatches abut we weren't allowed to watch certain ceremonies. We would be sitting on the floor with our parents and they would cover us up with blankets," he recalled. Potlatches were illegal in Canada at the time, but according to Gordon, a lot of potlatches were secretly held.

Gordon was taken to Indian Residential School in Port Alberni when he was eight year old. He remembers being away with his family near Chilliwack, picking hops, and they made the trip back to Port Alberni. His father dropped him at the school in the middle of the night, with no explanation, and he never saw his family until the following summer.

"The very first morning I got into a fight," he recalled, saying he didn't know why he was being picked on by some boys who insisted they get his "bread line-up". "I didn't even know what they were talking about." What the boys meant was they wanted his afternoon snack, which was a piece of bread and he grew to understand that the boys were fighting for food because they were hungry.

He would be hungry often at school too and remembers even eating raw oats that were intended for the barn animals, as a way to fill his belly. He ended up working in the gardens at school and said he and others would often pull carrots, eat most of it and replant the leafy greens and the tip of the carrot.

Like so many others, Gordon still finds it difficult to talk about residential school. He found it hard to be away from family, in an uncaring environment, where he couldn't speak his language and didn't have enough food to eat.

He had to make an appointment for a weekly visit with his younger sister and still has a vivid memory of seeing her in the hall and not being able to speak to her as a matron stood between them. It was also at residential school when he was told that his younger brother Norman was killed. He was called to the principal's office and told bluntly his brother was dead and then was told to go back to class; he was not allowed time away from school to attend the funeral. Gordon recalled his younger brother pleading with him after a summer visit, not to return to residential school--it was the last time Gordon saw Norman. He was killed by a cougar at Kyuquot and the family moved from there, to Hitcu after that happened; Gordon was 11 years old at the time.

Gordon has good memories of those year in Hitacu. He started attending day school with other local school children (many who are now Elders). "I have good memories of that, we got along good with the teachers and could speak our own language.

He fondly remembers 'old man Barney' (Marj Touchie's Grandfather). Together with Richard Mundy and a few local boys, Gordon remembers the elder telling them how to catch a hummingbird.

"He said you picked up a snail and a twig the size of a toothpick and then he rubbed the slime from the snail all over it stick and stuck it into a salon berry flower and caught a hummingbird. He cleaned off its beak and tied a string to its front leg and it was buzzing around like a helicopter. He told us, 'don't keep it too long, so we let it go'.



"I never tried it," Gordon laughs at the memory. He also remembers having chats on the beach with a few different Elders including Jacob Williams, Big William, Corbett Williams and Chief Tutube. "We used to have big bonfires on the beach during the summer nights and we would listen to stories and put potatoes into the fire, to eat, like a wiener roast but we would eat potatoes," he remembered.

He said the community was very small when his family moved here, 'basically just a few houses along the front, near the six plex, there were houses on stilts near the water and the Chief's long house across from where the health centre is now," he said. "There were not too many families, just the Mundy's, McCarthy's, Touchie's, Tutube's, Robert's and Williams' families," he recalled. He also remembered Harry Joe and his sister Clinta, he enjoyed listening to the stories they told. Another memory was cutting wood for a woman named Betsy Fish.

He moved back to Port Alberni when he was 15 years of age; he lied about his age, to get a job in construction for the expansion of the pulp mill. He worked there for three years and then worked at the power house on Great Central Lake and then at Elsie Lake damn near Comox before getting into the logging industry. He worked for MacMillan-Bloedell for more than 40 years.

On November 16, 1957 he married Mabel Clutesi (Tseshaht) and thus began a marriage that would last

more than 50 years. The couple stayed in the Port Alberni area for a few years as Gordon worked in the logging industry at Sprout Lake before moving to Hitacu in 1968. He worked his way up to hook tender; "I was the boss" he says cheerfully.

The couple had five children, Lyall, Danny, Gordon, Shirley and Norman.

"We lost three of them," he states sadly. The couple's only daughter Shirley was murdered in Ucluelet in 1991 just before her 30th birthday. That tragic event set off an anger within Gordon that took years to subside.

"My family was scared to be with me," he says bluntly adding, "I wanted revenge." A friend convinced him he needed Anger Management counseling to help him deal with his rage. "I went to 16 sessions with a counselor who told me that I wouldn't be able to get over my anger unless I could forgive." Gordon found it difficult to function let alone forgive. "I carried it with me for about a year. I couldn't function at the time," he said. He was convinced that the counseling was doing him some good. He was away at a meeting in Gold River and decided he had better not miss his appointment with the counsellor, so he drove to Port Alberni and was glad he

"I had a breakthrough. I finally realized that I didn't have to forget about it but I did need to forgive." Continued on page 7.

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Gordon Taylor Sr. likes the changes he's seeing in Hitacu

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"I remember driving back to Gold River, there was a huge storm and there were logs on the road and I didn't care, I felt so good."

Ten years ago his son Danny committed suicide and then Norman, died in a car accident a few months later.

"I talked to him twenty minutes before he died; he was coming to a meeting and he never showed up," Gordon said. "That was our greatest sadness with three of our children dying, Mabel went downhill from the time our children died, she ended up having strokes and I lost her three years ago on August 14th. They had been married for 53 years.

His greatest joy in life has been his ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. "They have given me so much comfort and they are so happy, always saying I love you. That's something we never heard at boarding (residential) school; nobody ever said I love you, not even my parents. It's nice to hear that. It gives me a lot of joy," he reflected.

Gordon spends a lot of time helping others. He started volunteer work as an educator when he was diagnosed with diabetes, weighing in at 340 pounds. "I spent a week in the hospital and they gave me a whole bunch of books to read, so I read all the horror stories about people losing their

eyesight and limbs from diabetes," he said

He enrolled in a course the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council was offering and part of the commitment of the course was sharing the information he learned, with others. Since 1993 he has been preaching the virtues of healthy eating and has continued to education people across the province at various health fairs. He is also an active member of the NTC disability access committee and continues to spend a fair bit of time volunteering and teaching others about healthy living.

"I do get a lot of phone calls, people who see me as a role model," he commented. He also is known as a caring individual in the community, who offers rides to individuals who need medical assistance. While we were doing the interview Gordon had a visit by a community member hoping to catch a ride to a medial appointment. He's only happy to help. "I'm glad to see you are getting healthier" he offered encouraging words to the visitor.

He sees a changing trend in the community where people are starting to visit one another, face-to-face, rather than just picking up the phone. "For so long it seemed that people didn't visit very much. Traditionally people used to go visit their families but for years now we just get on the phone and talk. It's nice to see that is changing and we



seem to be getting back to visiting," h remarked.

He credits the Culture Nights for creating this shift in the community. "It started off as a soup kitchen but it ended up as a culture night and people are starting to communicate with each other," he said.

Gordon danced when he was a child, and witnessed his parents dancing as adults, but he never danced as an adult. "My parents belonged to a dance group here and the dancers did fundraising for the Tofino hospital, people would donate to the dance group and they would donate to the hospital."

Witnessing the re-birth of the culture group after decades of no dancing in the community, Gordon said he is "very proud of these young people.

Some didn't think it would ever happen and it has. The singing group has improved quite a bit since they started," he added, noting that there was a gap in cultural events starting from about the 1950s to recently. "It's good to see traditional weddings, and naming and coming of age ceremonies again," he said.

Looking to the future, Gordon is excited about the possibilities that exist now that Yuulu?il?ath as an independent nation. When asked what he would like to see in the next decade, he smiles and says, "lets create our own university here; so many of our people are not used to being away from home it would be nice to provide the training and education here," he smiles.

Transitioning to SEEDS: community projects identified



Social Development Learners phtotographed potential work projects they could help out with in the community recently.

Social Development Learners who will be participanting in the upcoming SEEDS programm got an opportunity to identify some projects in their own community that could benefit from some volunteer hours. In early July participants walked around Hitacu and identified various projects that they could assist with, using incentive hours to help clean up the community.

Nene Kranveldt, SEEDS Coordinator said some community members showed a lot of pride in pointing to various community projects that were done in the past such as the trail to Hitacu lake

Two groups walked the community looking at various areas such as the cemetery, trails, houses, and public areas that could use cleaning up, trail brushing, painting and maintenance. They also identified several homes of Elders or singles where people could use some assistance in keeping up their property work.

Mike Louie said he felt "motivated" by going around and picking out projects and laughed as he pointed to the rusty water tower, saying, "there's something we should paint." The water tower is currently being replaced, but there are other projects that could be done through the insentive work. The community garden behind the Fire Hall is overgrown, and some of the participants suggested that it might be better to have green houses replace the current beds and plant a few vegetables such as potatoes and carrots to be used for the community dinners.

Ron Williams said the projects "will give us something to do and its going to make the reserve better," he commented. He said he was somewhat surprised about the enthusiam that has been generated over the upcoming SEEDS program but commented, "Everyone seems to be game".

The group took a number of photos which will be used to create a digital story that will be used in a funding application for the SEEDS program.

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Local youth have been busy this summer with beach BBQs and plenty of outdoor activities including paddleboarding, kayaking and swimming.





The CAAT team of volunteers veterinarians and assistances were in Hitacu recently for a neutering and spaying clinic. Tha hall was busy with more than 30 operations.