



Yuutu?it?ath given green light to apply for water and sewer upgrades funding

Yuutu?it?ath received good news from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) recently regarding a new water reservoir and upgrading the sewer system. The Yuutu?it?ath Government's Manager of Lands, Resources and Assets, Darren Mead-Miller was given the green light to apply to the Treasury Board of Canada for funding of more than two million dollars, for the construction phase of this infrastructure project.

Mr. Mead-Miller said that normally the detailed design would need to be completed before an application for construction funding could be made; however, AANDC indicated that Yuutu?it?ath has done the work required to begin a funding application. This project has been in the works for a few years now; Phase one included a preliminary design and Phase 2 is the detailed design for the

upgrade which is nearing completion. Phase three will be the construction phase. Providing the funding is approved Mr. Mead-Miller reported that construction could begin before year end.

The new sewer line will extend from the Government House to the first pump station near the gravel pit, and there will also be a waterline upgrade in the same area. "The current sewer line from the Government House to the pump station has settled due to improper installation and will need to be replaced," Darren commented.

The new water reservoir "will provide better water quality and standardize water pressure for the entire community," Mr. Mead Miller noted. A site south east of Hitacu Lake, on Treaty Settlement Land, has been identified as a potential building site.



Five generations of family got together recently in Hitacu. They include from left to right: Barbara Touchie, her son Raymond Touchie, his daughter Leah Touchie-Raschke, her daughter Brittany David, who is holding her daughter, Kiana McCarthy.

New Fisheries manager sets sights on catch reporting

Alan McCarthy has been hired as the new fisheries manager for YFN Holdings Ltd. He started the job in late April and is planning on concentrating his efforts on catch reporting and food fishing.

He comes to the job with more than 15 years experience as a commercial fisherman and training and experience as a fisheries technician. "I'm very passionate about it because I earned my living out of being a fisherman so when that collapsed in the 70s

and early 80s I took a salmon enhancement course and worked as a fisheries technician," he said.

For three years he worked as a technician, in Kyoquot, after completing a NTC Fisheries Course, a course taught by a DFO instructor, that included 800 hours of in-class training plus field work. He worked at Thornton Creek as part of his training, doing broodstock capture, stripping eggs and matrix spawning and monitoring

the fish at various stages. He also did stream assessment surveys as part of his work as a fisheries technician.

As well as fishing for the nation Alan will be doing patrols of the Treaty Settlement Lands and he will be monitoring catch reporting. He said because the nation was allocated a certain amount (either pieces or pounds) of various species of fish, "we need to make sure that we stay within those numbers." He also pointed out that unallocated species that are being caught by citizens should also be recorded.

According to the Harvest Card requirements, anyone catching allocated or unallocated species needs to report the catch to the nation; Alan pointed out that even if a species is unallocated at this point in time, it may, in the future be an allocated species and therefore it is important that the nation have a recorded history of harvesting the un-allocated species. Without a

record of the un-allocated species being harvested, the federal government could say there is no record of the nation ever having harvested that particular species.

Along with Alan's commercial fishing experience he also has management experience, having been in a management position at Isaak and the fish plant, running crews of up to 25 people. "I have a good understanding of targets and quotas," he commented. He's looking forward to getting out on the water.

Alan is excited about the opportunity to work for the Nation; he will be gill netting in the Nahmint area once the sockeye are running. He delivered the first lot of food fish for the community recently and anticipates sockeye deliveries to citizens locally and citizens living away from home, sometime in June.

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Executive meets with architect for update on design for new facility

The Yuulu?i?ath Executive met on May 1, 2013, for a presentation on the design build concept for the new multi-use facility in Hitacu. Originally the building was designed mainly as a gym; however, that design has now expanded to include government offices to make better use of the facility on a regular basis.

Architect Scott Kemp gave an overview of the design and then addressed specific issues that had been questioned at previous meetings of the design/build committee. He brought samples of the sports floor that will be used in the gymnasium and the broadloom that may be used in the office areas. He also discussed safety and exiting issues for wheelchairs, security issues and storage areas.

A detailed design is expected to be completed in June and at that point, an accurate cost of the building project will be presented to the Executive. Sean Clayton, of Humphries Construction suggested that construction could begin this summer.

Logging at Lower Nahmint

The Yuulu?i?ath Executive gave the green light for logging in the lower Nahmint area by the YFN Forestry Enterprises LP.

There are two different cut blocks that have been identified; work will begin in Block F in June and Block G will not be logged until the fall. Executive member Geraldine Touchie asked that the YFN Forestry be reminded that job opportunities for citizens is a priority.

Kwisitis loan guarantee

The Yuulu?i?ath Executive approved a recommendation from the Economic Development Committee that YG act as a guarantor for NEDC financing (\$100,000.) for the Kwisitis Feast House Restaurant. The Kwisitis Feast House Loan Regulation is the 18th regulation of the YG and is posted on the government's website at www.ufn.ca

Tax rate set for 2013

The Yuulu?i?ath Executive met on May 24th and adopted the Annual Rates Regulation, 2013, the 19th regulation of the government. Enacted under the Real Property Tax Act section 6.1, the 2013 mill rate is based on rates set by the province of BC. This year, three tax notices will be sent out

by the government.

Local Education Agreement

The Yuulu?i?ath Executive resolved to pay the School District 70's (Alberni) invoice in the amount of \$443,279.00, the cost of the 2012-13 Local Education Agreement.

AGM Meeting notice and invite

The Yuulu?i?ath Executive received an invitation to the 2013 Annual General Meeting of the Isaak Forest Resources Ltd. and Mamook Natural Resources which will be held in Ahousaht on May 30th. The Ucluelet Secondary School has invited a member of the Legislature to give greetings at the Commencement Ceremony which is scheduled for Saturday, June 1, 2013.

Hit-tat-soo Assembly

Notice is hereby given that the Yuulu?i?ath Legislature has initiated a Hit-tat-soo Assembly in accordance with the Constitution and Government Act YFNS 2/2011.

The Hit-tat-soo Assembly is scheduled for Monday July 8, 2013; 5PM at the Yuulu?i?ath Community Hall.

Dinner will be provided; all citizens are invited to attend.

The agenda is in draft form until approved by the Citizens at the Hit-tat-soo Assembly. (Additional items may be added at the time we adopt the agenda.)

Agenda Items:

1. Meeting called to order
2. Opening Ceremonies/Welcoming remarks
3. Motion and discussion to adopt the agenda
4. Announcements/Discussion
5. Updates
 - a. Lands and Resources & Asset Management
 - b. Community Services
 - c. President
 - d. Executive
 - e. Finance
 - f. Director of Operations

Adjournment

E-mail updates

If you have updated your email address, please let us know; we seem to be getting a lot of returned email and want to be sure our citizens are kept abreast of all the news of the Yuulu?i?ath Government. Please send your updated email to:

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Community Newsmakers

Yuulu?i?ath Residential School experience filming begins

Elders from Hitacu are being recorded on video about their experiences at Indian Residential School. Cameron Dennison (owner of Strong Heart Productions Inc.) and Maureen Louie have been hired to record the Elders as part of the commemorative project being done with funds made available from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Richard Mundy and Eugene Touchie were the first Elders to be interviewed for the project; Maureen said the intention is to film four or five elders for the film and use additional still photographs to help tell the story of the Indian Residential School.

Initially the plan was to hire one film-maker but both applicants were hired and they believe they make a pretty good team.

"It's a good marriage," she laughs of the pairing of the two film enthusiasts. Cameron smiles in agreement.

"We're working out ideas. I know all the Elders and they are comfortable talking to me, opening up," Maureen said. She pointed out that knowing the Nuu-chah-nulth language is helpful as well, in case the Elders want to tell their IRS experiences in their traditional language.

Cameron's films have gained him recognition in recent months; his most recent project Reflections-- Art for an Oil Free Coast was recognized at the International



Maureen Touchie interviews Richard Mundy, as film producer Cameron Dennison films. Maureen and Cameron are filming Elder's memories of Indian Residential School, as part of a local commemorative project being funded by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The TRC funding will also be used to create a permanent art installation.

Film Festival. He has also produced commercial work for a variety of local companies and non-profit agencies.

"This medium (film) can affect change and by sharing these Elder stories this project could help ensure that this (Indian Residential Schools) will not be repeated," he commented.

Maureen revealed that despite her extensive film experience filming and recording Elders, for a variety of projects, she was hesitant to apply to do this particular job because she lacked equip-

ment. Despite that, her husband Greg encouraged her to apply. She was bolstered after the local film, Be the Change, won an award at the Cowichan Aboriginal Film Festival. Maureen was part of the local film crew that created that short film during the I am Film-maker course held in Hitacu in the fall.

The pair will be working on three separate film projects including the Elder's experiences at Indian Residential School, they will also be doing a short film to promote the survey being done to determine

what citizens want as far as a memorial commemorative project, they will be filming an HIV/Aids film and will also be doing a digital story telling for the Strengthening Our You Men Project.

Last Wednesday night the pair released the introduction to their film on the Indian Residential School experience, which will be used to encourage citizens who live away from home, to participate in the online survey regarding the a public memorial which will be built to commemorate the local Residential School experience.

Annual Education Celebration

You are cordially invited to attend our 2013 Annual Education Celebration!

Date: **Wednesday, June 26th**

Time: 5:00 P.M.

Place: Yuulu?i?ath Community Hall

Help celebrate the accomplishments of all our students with a community dinner and awards night.

Please complete and submit **Scholarship Application** package by **Thursday, June 20th, 2013** to be eligible for the \$200.00 scholarship per grade. All scholarship application forms are available at the Government House and Department of Community Services. Forms can also be downloaded from our webpage at www.ufn.ca Please click on the **Community tab** and then go to media page, and FORMS.

Post Secondary Trades Scholarships

Students currently enrolled full-time in an approved post-secondary (university, college or training institute) are eligible for one of **three Yuulu?i?ath Government scholarships valued at \$1,000. each. Applications are due by June 19, 2013.**

Scholarship applications can be downloaded from the government website, www.ufn.ca

Please click on the **community tab**, and then to the media page and forms on the left hand side of the page. Clicking on the FORMS tab will bring up all the downloadable forms and applications.

For further inquiries please contact **Lorraine Mundy at 1-866-900-7343** or drop into the Department of Community Services, 506 Hit-tat-soo Road, Hitacu, BC.

Yuulu?il?ath Government

Transitioning to SEEDS

123 days and counting until SEEDS becomes the official program for Social Development...will you be ready for some of the changes to come?



Prepare yourself for your wellness journey....

Over the summer we will be hosting a series of workshops to help Social Development Learners (those who receive social benefits) prepare for SEEDS.

We'll be talking about Nuu-cha-nulth history and cultural identity; the Nuu-cha-nulth Wellness Wheel; Trauma, Lateral violence – and have a chance to hear from people who have made significant change in their lives through programs like SEEDS.

Please keep your eyes open for SEEDS Updates and announcements (on these pages), in the weekly Community Bulletin and on the Yuulu?il?ath website at www.ufn.ca

My Wellness Journey Journal Wellness is a journey – and small steps do make a big difference.

Ask yourself these questions and write down the answers:

- What is my vision for my future?
- What's working for me?
- What's not working for me?
- What people, things and habits currently have an impact on my wellness journey?

- Which of these do I need to release?
- Who can I share my wellness journey with and who will support me to reach my vision?
- Who am I doing this for and what is my inspiration?

Look at your answers often and check in to see how you're doing.

Did you attend the first two SEEDS Community Engagement Meetings on May 1st and 2nd?

Did you learn how Social Assistance will be changing – effective October 1st 2013?

Did you read in the May edition of Umacuk how SA recipients – will be participating in wellness, education or employment readiness activities starting October 1st?

Curious to know more? Still have questions? Come visit us – or call 726-7343

NEXT SEEDS PLANNING CIRCLE

- June 28th 10am to 12 noon @ the Community Hall (plan to attend – prizes – and more!)

Free spaying/neutering

The Canadian Animal Assistance Team, a group of volunteer veterinarians, will be returning to Hitacu in June. Clinic dates will be between June 21-23.

Services offered include: free spaying/neutering, vaccinations, de-worming, etc.

If you haven't registered already, please contact Suzanne at 250-726-7342, extension 205 to register your pet.

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Yuulu?il?ath Elder Barb Touchie - Part 2

BY LISA MCKNIGHT-YEATES

Correction and Apology

The April edition of the Umacuk contained this first part of a feature article on the life of Barbara Touchie. Barbara was quick to point out that the article contained two factual errors. It was erroneously stated that Fred Louie was father to Sullivan and Virginia Louie; that of course should have read Grandfather. And, Virginia Louie was called Victoria in the story and that is also incorrect. We apologize for the errors and any embarrassment they may have caused the family. Marion Louie was a respected Yuulu?il?ath Elder who passed away last year and by no means was this error intended to besmirch her good name or that of the family.

Part II

Barbara first noticed Sam Touchie, when she was about 14 years old; she tagged along with her mother to work at the canning factory near where Bornsteins is now.

"There were two big buildings there and we canned pilchards and herring." She remembers a large cannery in Kildonan that canned salmon, but said, "we never ate canned fish; it was fresh even in the winter time," and it was plentiful, she remembered, recalling that there was fish plentiful even in the harbour.

"Most of the guys and women were working in the cannery; I think that's where I first started having wandering eyes," she laughs, recalling how she would watch Sam, who was several years older than her. "My mother didn't like him because he was too old for me," she said, noting that he was 25 and she just 16 when they decided to "run away."

"He was friends with my older brothers, almost the same age, that's how it happened. His name was Sam Touchie; he had a big family, five brothers and three sisters.

Barbara laughs, thinking about the commotion caused when she and Sam ran off together so many years ago. "Sam's father was very traditional. I ran off with his son, to a neighbour's house, we were hiding in the attic and when his Dad found out he said, you can't hide. She (Barbara) needs to go back home," and Sam needed to propose properly if they intended to be together.

Sam and his relatives paddled to the beach and proposed traditionally by "putting a stick on the beach and then they proposed," Barbara said. She remarked that if the family accepted whatever is on that pole (usually money or valuables), that tells the other family that the proposal has been accepted. It wasn't Barbara's first marriage proposal, and she still shakes her head at her first proposal that came from a man she didn't know. "When I heard that (news of the proposal) I ran out of the house to Mary McKays and said, 'people from Bamfield want me to marry that man but I don't want that'," she explained. Mary told her she could hide at her house. "He was ugly" Barb commented, and added, that he had come to propose in a "drunken state--as if that's romance," she scoffed.

Because Sam's family was grieving the loss of a son who drowned in the harbour, Barbara and Sam did not have a wedding celebration. Instead they began their life together by moving into Sam's parents home and lived with the whole family, until in early 1947, they got married and built their own house, behind his parent's house.

Over the next fifteen years Barbara and Sam had children, eight girls and seven boys. One baby died at three months old of whooping cough. In order of age the children are: Vi (Mundy), Raymond, Randy (deceased), Beverly (deceased), Barbara (Edgars),

Rodney, Ladner, Debbie, Stacey, Rita (deceased), David (deceased), Maureen, Marcia (deceased), Nicolas and Gert. Barb also raised her Grandson Leo, who is the same age as her youngest child.

Memories of the early family years are plentiful for Barbara. "I always say they (her children) didn't get spoiled growing up; they all had to pitch



in and do the work in the house. They all learned to share with each other." She remembered the children taking a boat across the harbour to attend school and the annual boat trip to Port Alberni, to buy shoes, "20 pairs" and along the way the family camped at Nahmint, in a tent, near the river.

Their first home was situated at the south end of Hitacu, "We had an outhouse because there was no running water. We built that house and the kids were raised there. There were several houses built in that area, built on stilts. "We had a clothesline underneath the house and washboards," she recalled. And she remembers bathing the children in a galvanized tub, outside, "the girls first and then the boys," she laughed.

"I don't know when we were introduced to electricity," she said, remembering that Bella and Lawrence had the first television in the community." It was snowy (the picture) and we couldn't really see much but the kids went to watch it anyway," she reminisced.

"The boys went fishing with their Dad, except Nick" she said, explaining that Sam was a commercial fisherman and that Nick was too young to join the others. "There were lots of boats in Hitacu at that time; a lot of our people fished," she said, adding, "before they never had to have a license, there were no restrictions over fishing; today the licenses are expensive and our people hardly go out and eat fish or seafood anymore."

"I think when the licenses got expensive that's when they started getting jobs in different sectors, like logging. The canneries were already there, since I can remember, they were already canning and preserving fish," she said.

She said many locals also picked berries commercially, in the United States. "A lot of girls went berry picking and didn't come back, they chose to live there," Barb said. "It seemed like the whole village went," she said.

Barbara recalled a traumatic incident which took place as she joined her family on a trip to go berry picking. It was common, she said, for people to bring tents and camp just outside the train stations. Her family boated to Port Alberni and then took the train from Port to Victoria.

"I was about nine or ten and got lost in Victoria." She had run away after witnessing her mother being beaten up. "I was running and suddenly someone grabbed me, it was a policeman. I was so tired. When I woke up I was at the police station. They sat me on the counter and were talking to me but I didn't understand English. They ended up taking me to the hospital and put me to bed and early in the morning my mother came walking in crying, she had been looking for me and went to the police."

Life in Hitacu in the 50s

According to Barbara, alcohol abuse was prevalent in Hitacu during the 50s. She said at one time many people, including her mother used to make their own home brew, but once the pub was opened across the bay, alcohol abuse grew in the community and she and Sam, along with many other adults were drinking far too much. All that changed when a travelling missionary visited the community; "people started going to church and they sobered up," she said.

"A missionary in a boat stopped her and introduced us to the gospel," she commented. Barbara and a friend had heard about the transformation of a woman who was "one of the worst drunks in town". She and the friend went to the church service to witness this woman, who had renounced alcohol in favour of Christianity. Seeing the transformation of this woman, made a believer out of Barbara and her friend. By the time the missionary boat left Hitacu a week later, many of the adults had vowed to give up drinking, and embraced Christianity." It seemed like overnight that people changed," Barbara stated. "Church was very foreign to us; we prayed to the creator, but church was very different. The Europeans came and brought Christianity and it was a new way of praying."

Eventually a church was built in Hitacu after Barbara's husband Sam found a load of lumber floating; he salvaged the wood and brought it home to build the church. A small church was built near the site of the Community Hall, and the memorial stone that lies at the corner of the Community Hall parking lot is in memory of a minister of that church, who was responsible for translating many hymns and Bible scriptures into Nuu-chah-nulth, Barbara said.

Barb raised her children for many years and said, "it was important at that time that the mother stays home." But when most of her children were in their teens and the youngest was a year old, she thought she might like to go to work since her husband was a fisherman and stayed home during the winter months.

She went to work at a sea urchin processing plant in Tofino in the 1970s and when the Pacific Rim National Park opened she decided to apply for a job there. She began working at Parks in 1973 and worked there for 25 years. After retirement she continued her relationship with Parks Canada, as part of team that re-designed the new Kwisitits Interpretive Centre and signage along the South Beach trail. Retirement also brought with it some spare time, and Barbara joined a language immersion class in Port Alberni, to re-learn the language she grew up with.

"I knew I needed to do something with the language, and I wasn't sure what I could do or how but I knew the language was getting lost," she commented. For the last 17 years she has helped revive the Nuu-chah-nulth language, collaborating with linguist Henry Kammler to write curriculum which is taught to adults in Hitacu and school children.

Recently, Barbara and her family held a community dinner to thank the community for their support while they grieved the loss of her children David and Marcia.

Community discusses how to commemorate the Residential School experience

Yuulu?il?ath Elders gathered in mid April and again last week, to discuss plans for the Truth and Reconciliation Commemorative Memorial for Hitacu, which is being funded via a \$50,000 grant from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC).

Nene Kraneveldt has been contracted to facilitate the community engagement piece of the project. Nene reviewed notes from the previous meetings and have an overview of the work that has been done to date on this project. She reminded the Elders that the TRC memorial could take many forms including an art installation or activities that pay tribute, in a lasting manner, to former Indian Residential School students.

“Ultimately the Yuulu?il?ath citizen’s will decide which form is most appropriate through the engagement process, she stressed.

The engagement process has included a community dinner and two elder’s luncheons that have occurred since October 2012. At last week’s meeting a community survey was discussed; the survey will be available online for citizens to provide input on the memorial.

Nene said that plans are also underway to host an engagement session for off-reserve citizens.

At an Elder’s luncheon held last October it was decided that a documentary of local IRS experiences should be part of the memorial.

Recently two filmmakers, Yuulu?il?ath citizen Maureen Louie and Tofino filmmaker Cameron Dennison were hired to create a documentary and a short clip of that film was shown at the May meeting.

At the April meeting Elders seemed skeptical about sharing their IRS experiences on film; however, after some discussion by the filmmakers and Nene, about the

importance of recording this history, two Elders agreed to be filmed and that filming took place in early May. Following the filming, many emotions were stirred and a few elders spoke about their Residential School experience.

Yuulu?il?ath Legislature member Larry Baird said its important that people tell their story and he encouraged survivors to find someone they can talk to. He also suggested that a political message needs to be sent to the federal government in Ottawa because they are not cooperating fully with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, refusing to hand-over certain documents pertaining to Indian Residential School. Elder Eugene Touchie said the deaths of children at Residential Schools should also be investigated, despite the time that has gone past. “There were a lot of deaths in those schools and that has had a huge effect on our people; our kids disappeared and the police said they ran away,” he said.

Other elders spoke about the physical, mental and sexual abuse, and talked about the memories of being separated from their siblings at school, allowed to visit just once a week.

In addition to the TRC documentary, the film crew will also create a promotional video that will be used as a precursor to the survey. The promotional clip will explain the importance of the project and input from citizens regarding the Commemorative Memorial. Input from youth, survivors and all citizens is critical to the project Nene said. “We want the project to reflect our citizen’s ideas and values,” she added.

Nene said the survey will be launched soon and the explained that the short video clip will be used to introduce the online survey.

The survey is one means of gathering information regarding



what citizens and IRA survivors would like to see for the local memorial.

The survey will include some basic demographic questions (age, gender, place of residence) and give the organizers information on who as responded to the survey and answer some questions regarding where and what type of memorial is appropriate. The survey will also ask questions related to what type of medium (Memorial Garden, Traditional Carved Figure, Healing Memorial Wall etc.) citizens want and the importance of a variety of elements like visibility to public, access to survivors, use of our language etc.

Nene asked if citizens had a preference for the location of the memorial, offering a few suggestions such as the new community centre, the junction property or the Lost Shoe Creek property. Marilyn Touchie suggested that K^wisitits might be a nice place for the memorial since it was a public space and would be highly visible due to its location near the Interpretive Centre.

Nene also suggested that community members give thought to the material they would like to have the memorial created from. Dr. Bernice Touchie said that wood seemed most appropriate for the art installation.

Connie Watts, the lead in

the Tseshaht TRC Commemorative Project was introduced at the April meeting; and at the May meeting she spoke to citizens about her role in the project. She has been contracted to work with local artists to provide project management for the art installation in Hitacu.

Connie’s expertise and artwork has been showcased around the world. Most recently she managed Vancouver 2010 Winter Games, Venues’ Aboriginal Art Program. She continues to work on commissioned work for various corporate and private collectors The largest installation is the Thunderbird sculpture, “Hetux” at Vancouver International Airport and her first outdoor work was “Kinship of Play” in the city of Parksville, in 2010. Her artwork takes many forms from sculpture to textiles and painting.

At the April meeting Connie shared the sketches of the art installation she will be doing for Port Alberni and then showed a slide presentation of her other artistic works. Afterward, she presented her idea for the Hitacu memorial, which included a wall with the names of the local IRA survivors and a garden area. She told citizens her role will be to listen to the ideas that citizens come up with and try to incorporate them into the theme for the art project. She encouraged local artists to speak to her if they are interested in working on the project.

In the coming months Connie will design a memorial based on the results of the citizens’ survey which will be presented to the community at a dinner tentatively scheduled for June.

ELDER’S LUNCHEON AT YURTS
Elders enjoyed another luncheon at the yurts at Wya Campground recently. Shown from left to right are: Bernice Touchie, Richard Mundy Sr., Ron Williams, Eugene Touchie, Raymon Haipee, Jack Touchie, Marj Touchie and Molly Hapiee.





Dr. Bernice Touchie addresses those gathered for the Nuuchahnulth Language Festival held at Maht Mahs recently. Photo to the left shows some of the presenters at the festival. Incorporating the language in community signage and newspapers was identified as one way to increase fluency, along with creating a language website and using interactive games to promote speaking.



Clifford George shows the artwork he has done at the Feast House at Kw'isitit.

Feast House at Kw'isitit set to open in June

The Feast House at Kw'isitit is getting the final touches and will be open for business within a month's time. The latest economic development venture for the Yuulu?il?ath was taking shape in May with the installation of a new wood floor (which features local artwork painted on them), new and used kitchen equipment, a new gas fire place and tables and chairs to complete the 96 seat restaurant at Wickannish Beach.

Kent Furey, operator of the Wya Point Cafe has been hired as a consultant to oversee the start-up of the business; he will be designing menus and training the staff. The menu will offer a lot of seafood including roe on kelp, crab legs, salmon, halibut, steamed mussels, clams, and smoked salmon. There will also be the favorites such as burgers, fish and chips, and pastas. "It will be a lot more family friendly," Kent said, noting the prices will be kept afford-

able and the menu will offer a little of everything including breakfast, lunch and dinner. The Feast House will also be licensed, so Kent is considering staying open late to catch a different crowd who might come for drinks and an appy later in the evening, after the dinner crowd.

Although the restaurant will likely be ready to open mid June; Tyson Touchie, Economic Development Manager for YFN Management Services, said there will be a soft opening for Yuulu?il?ath citizens before the doors are open to the public.

The staff compliment will be about 18 people; advertising for staff garnered a few people to fill these spots but according to Kent there are still openings for servers, dishwashers and cooks. Please drop a resume off to Kent at the Wya Point Cafe.

West Coast Victim Services offers support to victims of crime

West Coast Victim Services is available to area residents to provide support, information and referrals to those impacted by crime and trauma.

Lora Apostoli is the West Coast Victim Services Co-ordinator, working in the communities of Ucluelet, Tofino and Ahousaht for the past two and a half years.

The Victim Service program is police based, and offices are located at RCMP detachments, but the Victim Services employees are not RCMP employees; the program is a non-profit.

Victims of a crime can feel overwhelmed and they and their families can feel a variety of emotions such as confusion, shock, fear, grief, anger and vulnerability. Victim Services was

developed to offer assistance in a respectful and compassionate manner to victims of crime.

Victims have a right to know the status of their case, the name of the accused person (unless a minor), if they are required in court, an orientation of the court process and an opportunity to tell the court about the impact of the crime. Victim Services will help people complete Crime Victim Assistance applications, assist with Victim Impact Statements and refer to appropriate legal, social and financial services.

Referral to Victim Services can be through a police officer after an incident and referrals from agencies are also done. Lora said people are also welcome to call her themselves if

they are a victim and need help.

If you are affected by a crime and would like to access West Coast Victim Services please call or text Lora at (250) 266- 0606.

Volunteers are also required for the Victim Services; if you have experience in dealing with people in trauma, can be calm during stressful situations and are non-judgemental, you could consider volunteering. Lora said volunteers need to pass an enhanced reliability security test to work at the RCMP detachment.



Lora Apostoli

AEDs will be ready for local use in early June

What is an AED?

An automatic external defibrillator (AED) device is a compact, battery operated medical device that uses a built in computer to analyze heart rhythms in victims of cardiac arrest and advises whether or not an electrical shock would benefit the patient.

If required, the AED delivers an electrical shock to the heart which restores its normal rhythm. AEDs are important tools in providing a rapid response to victims of cardiac arrest. If the patient does not meet the criteria for electrical therapy the AED unit will not discharge.

The AED device will also instruct a rescuer to do Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) between shocks. CPR is the process of ventilating and circulating blood (keeping the oxygenated blood moving) in a victim who is not breathing, and who does not have a heartbeat. CPR should provide oxygen quickly to the lungs, brain, heart and other vital organs until a normal heart and pulmonary function have been restored.



Sheldon Touchie and Lance Williams were part of the community group who received AED training earlier this year. Approximately 20 local residents have been trained in the use of AEDs.

Video training on the AED

AED training has been done in Hitacu for members of the government staff and at a publicly offered first aid course. If you would like to watch a demonstration of how the AED works, please watch the youtube video at the following address:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_KIiRBcCTLm

Where will the AED's be located?

- **The Department of Community Services (Health Centre)**
- **The Hitacu Fire Hall**
- **The Youth and Learning Centre**



AED cabinets are alarmed

The AED's are stored in alarmed cabinets- accessible to the public 24-7 in the event of an emergency. When the cabinets are opened they will sound an alarm, alerting others of an emergency. Please respect these devices and do not tamper with the; the life they might save could be a loved one of yours.



Who should the AED be used on?

AEDs are used for victims who have experienced a sudden fatal cardiac arrhythmia, are non-responsive, have no pulse and or are not breathing. An AED should not be used on anyone who is responsive or breathing.

Who should use the AED?

They are intended to be used by the general public to help save lives. The AED's provide verbal instruction on the steps necessary to operate the device. Once the AED is turned on the machine will begin to talk to the rescuer and provide clear instructions.

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Hitacu Summer Youth Program Registration

Forms are now available at the Government House and the Department of Community Services as well as on our website at www.ufn.ca

SWIMMING LESSONS

Classes at the West Coast Motel pool. starting from May 29th to June 7th. Pre-registration is Mandatory. All lessons are taught by Pat Taron, certified instructor. There are preschool, parent and tot class and swim levels up to level 9 are taught. For more information please call the Ucluelet Recreation Department at (250) 726-7772.

SUMMER SCIENCE program

The University of BC will be holding Science camps this summer. For more information and to fill out an application please visit: www.iah.ubc.ca



Copper Island offers a variety of camps for young people. This summer the local family immersion camp will take place in late July.

Copper Island Camps

Copper Island Camp offers a mix of camps for all ages and pairs outdoor adventure with spiritual lessons. The camp offers canoeing, swimming, kayaking and hiking, in a wilderness setting. It also offers games, crafts and Bible study.

For more information about the various youth camps please visit copperislandexperience@yahoo.com or call (250) 720-1798.

NOTICE

Citizens are reminded that the Yuuʔitʔath Government's Public Works Staff are not allowed to receive direct work requests directly from citizens.

Citizens that have maintenance requests must fill out a work order form at the Government House. We ask that you refrain from contacting Public Works Staff directly.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.



8-WEEK SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

June 2013 – August 2013

- Are you between 15 and 29 years old?
- Were you a full time student Sept – June 2012 – 2013?
- Are you returning to school in September 2013?
- Are you looking for a meaningful job that will make a difference in the lives of children/youth in your community?
- Do you like having fun?!

If you answered **YES** to these questions than the Child and Youth Program through the Department of Community Services has a job for you!

We are looking for interested Youth to fill the following positions this summer:

1. **Senior Youth Leader:** Applicants for this position should have some experience working or volunteering as supervisors or role models for children and youth.
2. **Junior Youth Leader:** 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, 2 REFERENCES AND A PHOTOCOPY OF FIRST AID OR OTHER CERTIFICATIONS

APPLICATIONS DUE June 6TH, 2013 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!

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Group shot of a surfing trip to K^wisitit with the Hitacu youth. Left, the group of children and instructors.



JUNE 2013



Walking group starts in Hitacu

Getting fit is the goal of a new walking group in Hitacu. Last week was the initial walk and attracted about a dozen walkers of all ages.

They walked from the community hall and made a few loops around the subdivision. The group plans to walk every Wednesday (rain or shine) from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The group is being sponsored by the Department of Community Services and the West Coast Resource Society to promote active lifestyles.

Walkers are asked to meet at the parking lot of the community hall at 3 p.m. on Wednesdays and everyone is welcome to join.

The group will walk every Wednesday until the end of August.

As a wrap-up to this group, there will be a Family Sports Day on August 21st.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	The Youth Centre is OPEN Monday to Thursday 3 - 5 pm!		²⁹ Anxiety Workshop for Parents + Kids Tafiroa 5 pm Transportation Provided	³⁰ Family Fun Night + Scavenger Hunt UES 5 - 8 pm	³¹ Welcome to Kindergarten for Parents + Kids UES 10:30 am Transportation Provided	¹ USS GRAD! USS Ceremony 2 - 4 pm Prom 8 - 11 pm Tin Wis
² Grade 7 Grad Trip to Hornby Island	³ VAST 2:30 pm Adult Ed 6:30	⁴ VAST 1:30 pm	⁵ Walking Club 3 pm - Hall Adult Ed 6:30	⁶ VAST 10:30 am	⁷ UES Year-End Concert 1 pm Dan Jitsu 3 - 5 pm	⁸
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Nuučaanuł Language Classes

Wednesdays from 1-2 p.m.

Classes are held at the Department of Community Services

Community Newsmakers



Baby naming ceremony
 Calvin George and Tiffani Williams with baby Cadence George, who was given a Qu?as name, Naas eets uska, meaning, child belonging to the creator. The Grandparents are: Arlene Touchie and Arthur Williams and Bonnita Charlie and John George.



Baby Naming Ceremony

Grandmother Bonnie Charlie takes baby Naas eets uska- (Cadence) for a dance while family members watch on, left to right: Johnny George, Tyee Һawit Maquinna (Lewis George), Calvin George and Tiffani Williams.

Happy ending for rescued Eagle

Raymond Haipee came home recently and found that an eagle had “fallen from the sky” and taken refuge on a log in his back yard. That photo is shown here.



“I wasn’t home but Mom told me she saw the eagle so I got my camera and walked back to take a picture”

he said.

He realized the eagle was injured and called the RCMP to assist him with the rescue. The eagle moved away from the log and into the bush, so the RCMP headed from the top of the hill down, and Raymond headed into the thick brush from the bottom end.

“I crawled in and I could see he (the eagle) was holding his head down.” The constable threw a blanket over the raptor and they pulled him out.

The eagle was transported to

the North Island Wildlife Recovery Association in Errington.

“I talked to the people at Aryington and they said he would be a couple of months before he was healed and then they will release him”

The eagle had suffered damage to his right wing and to his right eye.

This is the second eagle that Raymond has rescued; a year ago he found a young eagle with a broken wing, but that one did not survive.



Joe Thompson and Evelyn Charlie dish up some siihmu (herring eggs on hemlock boughs) during the lunch at the recent Baby Welcoming ceremony in Hitacu.

Yuulu?il?ath has a new website...

www.ufn.ca

The latest events, videos, photos, digital editions of the Umacuk, laws and regulations, downloadable forms and applications, and so much more!

Language and Culture



The Touchie family thanked the community of Hitacu for the support shown to them during the bereavement of two children in the past year, David (Teapot) and Marcia. The family is shown here, left to right, Raymond, Vi (Mundy), Nick, Barbara, Ladner, Debbie, Stacey, Leo, Maureen (Louie), Gert and Rodney (Watson).



A number of individuals were recognized at the dinner, for their contributions to the family and Nolan Touchie was given a Qu?as name. Shown to the right: top to bottom, Debbie thanks Reynold Touchie, Vi thanks Debbie Mundy and Barbara thanks Tyson Touchie for their extra help. Nick Touchie and son Nolan are shown here; Nolan has been named ?uwim?ni, meaning 'first in the water'. Below, there was drumming and dancing by the local drum group and also by visiting friends from Cowichan.

