



Nominations for by-election close next week

All Yuulu?it?ath citizens who are or will be 16 years of age on March 1, 2014, are entitled to vote in the by-election and will be listed on the official voters list. A copy of the official list will be posted in a public place and be available at the Government House for inspection. For citizens living away from home, the Voter's List can also be viewed online at: www.yfng-elections.ca. Please note that mail-in ballots not received by the Chief Electoral Officer before the end

of the voting hours on March 1, are void and will not be opened, recorded or counted.

Nomination of Potential Candidates & All Candidate's Meeting

Any eligible voter can nominate a Yuulu?it?ath citizen for the upcoming by-election. Nomination documents must be properly filed with the Chief Elections Officer no later than January 29, 2014. Those wishing to nominate a candidate are advised to review Part 4 of the Elections Act

YFNS/8/2011 (available at ufn.ca) or contact the Chief Electoral Officer, Lawrence Lewis for more information. He can be reached at (250) 889-1582 or by e-mail: lewis.l@telus.net. Nomination packages can be downloaded from the election website at www.YFNG-Elections.ca. An All Candidates Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 13, 2014 at the Community Hall from 6-9 p.m. in Hitacu.

election will be held on Saturday, March 1, 2014. Voters can either visit a polling station on election day, or vote by mail-in ballot. Locally, voting will take place at the Government House, 100 Hit-tat-soo Road, Hitacu and at the Barclay Motel, 4277 Stamp Ave. Port Alberni, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on March 1st.

There will be an advanced poll at both locations, on February 20th from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Voting day for the Yuulu?it?ath

Citizens are asked to vote for Constitutional amendments

Constitutional Amendments will be discussed at a special Hit-tat-soo Assembly, being held next Wednesday, January 29th at the Hitacu Community Hall, starting at 5 p.m.

The government is asking citizens to participate in this important vote because 201 yes votes are required in order for the amendments to the constitution to be passed.

Treaty Implementation Committee member and Legislature member Geraldine Touchie said "We knew we would have to amend the Constitution at some point, because it was adopted a year before the Treaty

was signed. It's not like voting for the amendments is going to make life different for citizens but the changes will allow the government to operate more efficiently and so we really need everyone to come out and vote," she said.

Legal counsel for the nation, Brent Lehmann of Ratcliffe and Company LLP will make a presentation about the Constitutional Amendments at next Wednesday's Hitacu Assembly, and be on hand to answer any questions about the changes. Everyone is encouraged to attend Wednesday's special meeting.



Photo by Lisa McKnight-Yeates

Yuulu?it?ath Elders took a boat trip last Sunday to Effingham Inlet, to look at potential sites for a traditional camp. Top left is Tim Sutherland, the coordinator for the traditional camp project, Geraldine Touchie and Raymond Haipee. Below, Charles McCarthy points out Yuulu?it?ath Treaty Lands at K'iniquil as daughter Nicole watches.

Economic Development Act may be repealed

The Executive branch of the Legislature voted to repeal the current Economic Development Act; a recommendation will now go to the Legislature. A new Act will clarify the roles regarding economic

development and add measures to ensure business plans are developed thoroughly. The Economic Development Committee will review and comment on the new Act before it is adopted.

Thornton Motel will be re-built

The Thornton Motel will be re-built; the 12-block centre unit was destroyed following a fire last summer and it has taken months to determine whether insurance would pay for renovations to the existing building or a rebuild. Trevor Jones, CEO of YFN Management Services said there will be a "complete replacement of the damaged centre block of the motel, which with code upgrades required under the BC building code could reach to a maximum value of \$1,311,764.00."

Mr. Jones said that the design process for the re-build has just started with the Operating Board. "Everything within the zoning is possible. Motel resort condo restaurant etc," he said. Demolition of the centre block is expected to start in February.

At the February Hitacu Assembly, the YFN Management Services will give a presentation regarding potential foreign investment in the Wya Resort.

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SPECIAL MEETING
TO DISCUSS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
Wednesday, January 29, 2014 at 5 p.m.
Hitacu Community Hall
Everyone is encouraged to attend

A review of the newsmakers in 2013

January

The year 2013 started out loudly as Idle No More protests came to the west coast. Yuulu?il?ath citizens joined other Nuu-chah-nulth nations in protests, with drumming, dancing and demonstrations at the junction of Highway 4.

Vi Mundy was awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, one of a dozen medals to be handed out to citizens in the Nanaimo-Alberni federal constituency. Dr. James Lunney, MP said recipients were people who made significant contributions to their communities. The award was created to mark the 2012 celebration of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's 60th anniversary as a monarch.



February

The Yuulu?il?ath Legislature and District of Ucluelet council and senior members of staff met jointly for Community-to-Community forums in Hitacu and Ucluelet. The two governments are working on some joint projects including public beach access at Little Beach and Terrace Beach and how to incorporate an interpretive trail at those beaches.

Yuulu?il?ath Elders met twice early in 2013 to discuss the creation of the Hawi?h Advisory Council. According to the Yuulu?il?ath Constitution the council of Hereditary Chiefs will consult with the Legislature regarding matters of culture and tradition. The meeting touched on some emotional discussions regarding who are the Chiefs who should make up the Advisory Council. There was discussion about traditional land boundaries and the importance of passing along Yuulu?il?ath traditions rather than introducing traditions from other nations to the community. Elders also enjoyed a few lunch meetings at the Yurts at Wya Beach throughout the winter months last year.

The Yuulu?il?ath Legislature passed the annual budget with an operating and capital budget of approximately 20 million dollars.

March

Tyson Touchie has been named the Economic Development Manager.

Aaron Mundy picked up an award at the Cowichan Aboriginal Film Festival for the documentary, Be The Change, that was created during the I Am Film-maker course held in Hitacu in 2012. Citizens who worked on the film included: Larissa Gus, Dylan Joseph, Maureen Louie, Sheldon Touchie, Brandi Mack, Suzie McCarthy, Charles McCarthy, Waylon McCarthy, Michelle Tom, Lyle Clutesi and Aaron Mundy.

April

A new social development program called SEEDS (Social Education Employment Development Services) was unveiled in April, 2013. The new program will provide a new approach to social services that integrates wellness, employment skills and education. The cost of social assistance was pegged at about \$40,000 a month that the government pays out. The local program will be based on the Tseshaht First Nation's SEEDS program.

Community members gathered for a potlatch in Hitacu to witness the seating of Hawi?h Himalni Eddie Mack on April 6, 2013.

May

Five generations of family got together in Hitacu in May. Barbara Touchie, her son Raymond Touchie, his daughter Leah Touchie-Raschke, her daughter Brittany David and her daughter Kiana McCarthy posed for a front page photo.

Yuulu?il?ath Elders gathered in mid April to discuss plans for a Truth and Reconciliation Commemorative memorial for Hitacu. A grant of \$50,000 was given to the community from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission for the project. Connie Watts was

contracted to work with local artists to provide project management for an art installation in Hitacu.

June

The Feast House at K'wisitit was opened on Aboriginal Day, June 21st and about 40 community members enjoyed a free sample meal. The reviews were all positive.

Team Touchie participated in the Edge-to-Edge Marathon, running from Tofino to Ucluelet. Team members included Nolan Touchie, Jeneva Touchie, Celena Cook, Amadea Louie and Alex Louie. Lorraine Mundy also participated in the race completing the half marathon.

July

Fire ripped through the Thornton Motel on July 9th destroying much of the middle of the 12-unit building. Along with the fire damage there was extensive smoke damage to the motel.



August

Work has begun on the new community centre in Hitacu. In early August, Humphries Construction fenced in and moved work trailers to the construction site at the end of Wya Road.

September

Two deaths of community Elders marked sadness in this month. Lawrence Jack, Hoolth-hii-sim-Cliih-wa-tuu-a, taayii hawiih died on September 1. Legislature member Art Cootes died on September 24th, 2013, following a single car accident on Highway 4.

An official sod-turning event marked the beginning of the new community centre build. Community members gathered on Yuulu?il?ath Day for an official sod-turning. After the sod-turning

about fifty citizens came to the Community Hall for lunch and a birthday cake.

October

The Foreshore Agreement between the Yuulu?il?ath Nation and the Government of BC has been signed. The Agreement gives the nation law-making authority and enforcement authority in relation to the foreshore area.

Tyson Touchie is getting local men in shape with a weekly fitness workout. And women are getting fit through the help of Latin Cardio.

November

The first tenant at Lost Shoe Creek development was recently welcomed. YFN Management Services held a gathering on November 14th to welcome the first commercial tenant, Superior Propane.

A drum-making workshop was attended to by 19 participants from the community.

The Sixth Annual Evan Touchie Legacy Basketball Tournament

attracted a dozen teams from across Vancouver Island.

December

A by-election has been called for March 1, 2014 and voters will be asked to also vote on substantive amendments to the Yuulu?il?ath Constitution.

The Maa-nulth Nations signed a government-to-government memorandum of understanding with the province of BC on December 3. The memorandum sets up a direct consultation body at the senior level of government.

Community members gathered for the annual Christmas dinner at the Community Hall; next year this celebration will be at the new community centre.



Barbara Touchie and Vi Mundy take a peek at the AED unit installed outside the health centre. There are two of the life-saving devices available for use in the community; the other one is located outside the Youth and Learning Centre.

Photo by Lisa McKnight-Yeates

Executive authorizes Hitacu subdivision

The Executive Branch of the Yuulu?il?ath Legislature met Tuesday, January 21st and voted on a number of recommendations from staff.

The Executive authorized the registration of the subdivision plan in the Victoria Land Title Office. The subdivision plan was altered to include a future sports field in the open space between the houses that back onto Wya Road and Wallace Road. Another change was the reduction of four lot sizes, to create eight new lots on Alec Road.

The Land Act Amendment Act, concerning the granting of Yuulu?il?ath titled lands was also recommended by the Executive to be heard at the Legislature. The amendments would allow the Executive to grant titled lands to an eligible recipient, a Yuulu?il?ath public corporation or a Yuulu?il?ath public institution. The granting would need to be publicized at a public meeting and then approved by either a ratification vote or a referendum. The changes are being proposed to save the government the exorbitant costs of having a referendum each time title is granted. The Amendment Act will be sent to the Legislature for review.

The Executive approved a recommendation for the dismissal of the current Fire Chief and the appointment of the current Deputy Chief as the new Fire Chief. The Executive was told that the Terms of Reference for the Chief's position were not being followed and attempts to rectify the situation failed. President Charles McCarthy questioned whether there was a written account to document the attempts to rectify the situation and the Executive was told there was a paper trail that dates back a few months.

AEDs are now available for use in Hitacu

Automatic external defibrillator or AED devices are now available for use in Hitacu. The life-saving devices are at two different locations, at the Community Health Centre and the Youth and Learning Centre, stored outside in a white, locked case. The white cases are easily identifiable with the AED symbol of a heart, clearly identified on the outside. The cabinets are armed and will sound an alarm when they are opened. It is important that people understand that the AEDs are to be used in case of emergency only.

The AED device is a compact, battery operated medical device that uses a built-in computer to analyze

heart rhythms in victims of cardiac arrest. The AED analyses the patient and advises whether or not an electrical shock is required.

If required, the AED delivers an electrical shock to the heart which restores its normal rhythm. AEDs are important tools in providing 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 or CPR, between shocks. CPR is the process of ventilating and circulating blood which keeps oxygen-

ated blood moving in a victim who is not breathing and who does not have a heartbeat. CPR should provide oxygen to the lungs, brain, heart and other vital organs until a normal heart and pulmonary function have been restored.

About 20 local citizens have been trained in using the AEDs, and even if a person has not been trained, they can still use the AED as the computer device will provide audible, step-by-step instructions as soon as the AED case is turned on.

These units are intended to be used by the general public to help save lives. The public is asked to respect the devices and not tamper with them.

Communal clam licenses available for Yuulu?il?ath citizens

A dozen commercial clam licenses are available to Yuulu?il?ath citizens under the Aboriginal Communal Commercial licensing program which is run by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

David Fogtmann, shellfish manager for the DFO in Comox, BC said the Aboriginal Community Clam Licenses are available to aboriginal people who are looking to make a little extra money by clam digging. He said that anyone interested in harvesting clams could likely pocket a few hundred dollars for a couple hundred pounds of clams.

A fisheries opening is likely to be announced at the end of this month, and Fogtmann is currently trying to determine if that fishery will be two or three days. He said the length of the opening depends on market demand and the number of harvesters.

Commercial oyster buyers can only buy what they can sell; "they can't store overages," Fogtmann said.

Anyone who is interested in purchasing a commercial community clam license, known as a Z2ACL license can do so by contacting Alan McCarthy, Fisheries Manager for the YFN Fisheries LP. The clam license costs

\$30. and you must also have a Fisheries Harvest Registration Card which can be obtained from DFO online at the National Online Licensing System (NOLS); that license will cost \$60. Alan can assist local harvesters with obtaining both of these licenses.

To date only one of the 12 licenses has been obtained. Anyone who is interested in obtaining the licenses will be allowed to dig for clams once there is a fisheries opening. Fogtmann said he expects there will be five openings this season and the areas in which people can harvest is posted by the DFO. The YFN Fisheries manager also posts the fisheries openings (and

regulations) at the Hitacu dock. Anyone who is interested in being on Fogtmann's e-mail list can contact him by calling (250) 339-3799 or emailing him at David.Fogtmann@dfo-mpo.gc.ca; those on the e-mail list will get an e-mail about the dates of openings, what areas are closed and which species can be harvested.

Fogtmann expects that a number of areas and subareas along the west coast of Vancouver Island will be open for manila clams, littleneck clams, oysters, mussels, geoduck and horse clams. The fishery will not include area 23 as main portions are still high for Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning, PSP.



The new community centre in Hitacu is starting to take shape. Here is an overview of the construction site at the end of Wya Road, and to the left, a photo of the front entrance beams and photo below and to the left, the new gym. The building is expected to be completed in the fall.

BC hands over info on Missing Children from IRS

Documents recently released to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) may contain clues about some of the children who died while attending Indian Residential Schools in British Columbia. The TRC's Missing Children Project has been working since 2008 to unravel the mystery surrounding the deaths and or disappearance of aboriginal children. Initially the TRC pegged the number of missing children at about 4000, but now say the number could be much higher than that once the new information is analyzed.

TRC chair Justice Murray

Sinclair said "What we need to do is we need to take those names and cross reference them to the list of students who were in the various residential schools during that period of time to see if we can start matching names."

The documents received by the TRC include the death certificates for aboriginal children aged four to 19 who died between 1917-56 in British Columbia and not all of those deaths may have occurred at residential school.

From the late 1800s until the mid 1990s more than 150,000

children attended residential schools in Canada. The government supported the schools with the mandate of (civilizing) aboriginal children. Many church organizations were in charge of the operations of the schools.

Diseases such as tuberculosis were the main culprit in the deaths of children and record show that malnutrition and accidents were also to blame for many deaths. Justice Sinclair said mortality rates reached as high as 60 per cent at certain schools. Some children died of exposure, after running away from residential school and

others committed suicide; but it is not known at this point, how many children died.

The federal government and provincial government's have been slow to hand over all the documentation regarding residential schools to the TRC. In 2013 the federal government released thousands of documents to the TRC after a court order. It was uncovered in those documents that children were exposed to nutritional and medical experiments in residential school. Only two provinces, BC and Ontario, have released documents to the TRC.

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Yuulu?il?ath canoe being carved at high school

Joe Martin, master canoe carver from Tla-o-qui-aht nation is leading a canoe-building project for the Yuulu?il?ath. Early in January he found a red cedar near Canoe Creek that he determined would be suitable for a canoe. For 17 days he and a crew of two were busy falling, and shaping the log

place a big rock or a piece of wood in place to provide some stability for the log. His start was at the tender age of eight, and in his lifetime he's carved more than 60.

"We didn't have a choice. You were either hunting, trapping, fishing or canoe building," he said. He recounted being on the ocean, fishing with his father who would point out certain mountains and tell him about the family history, "our songs and dances that come from the mountains." He also remembers his father's talks when they were in the forest selecting trees for canoes. "He would talk about the laws in regards to collecting out in the forest. It wasn't just go out into the forest and take a tree down.

"You had to be respectful to the creatures in the forest...you need to be aware of our surroundings and of the creatures," he said. He noted certain rules about not cutting trees within a certain distance of an eagle's nest and the importance of respecting bears and wolves, and their

homes in the forests. "All the people along the coast had these teachings," he commented, noting that many of the lessons were lost due to residential schools and the shackles of the Indian Act. He also spoke about the fact that there are few forests containing giant cedar trees because of the logging industry. "Some tribes don't even have access to good cedar. We still have some left. I've spent a lot of time in the bush, my late brother Bill and I walked extensively in our territory; there are some good spots left."

The tree chosen for the Yuulu?il?ath canoe was about eight feet wide at the butt, Joe estimated. When the canoe is completed it will be a little more than 20 feet long, and should comfortably fit three or four paddlers on the ocean, and a couple more for an inlet paddle, Joe said.

Using an Alaskan mill the first cut he makes will be the bottom of the canoe, and then the log is rolled over, leveled and measured and the sides are taken off. It is rolled once more for the top part to be cut off and then the canoe shape can be laid out. The log chosen for the Yuulu?il?ath canoe had rot on one side, running the entire length of the log and that made Joe's job a little harder as he had to roll the log a few times in order to

determine where the lengthwise cut could be made which would avoid the rotten part of the wood. Although he uses measuring tapes and other modern tools for carving, Joe said he also incorporates the laws of nature while building; the old trick of tying a rock to a piece of string is used as a level and it provides a marker on the stern and the bow. "Keeping track of the centre line is most important," he stressed adding that you need to keep the bow and stern stem lined up "right through the middle of the hull on the inside."

The canoe shape was roughed out and the bottom was left rough because the canoe needed to be dragged through the forest, to the highway, in order to be brought to Ucluelet. The final cuts are being done at the high school and the bow and stern pieces will be carved and attached at that location too.

Joe said he's often asked how long he waits for a log to dry before the carving process can begin. "A tree laying down for years isn't going to be any drier; it only starts drying out once you start carving. As soon as the dust settles after you fall the tree you can start carving," he said.

Maureen Louie is the canoe carving project coordinator and said the carving has happened much quicker than expected. Students in First Nations studies have been learning about the Nuuchah-nulth canoes and last week had the opportunity to watch Joe carving and ask him questions. Maureen has also planned a Nuuchah-nulth language lesson for the students, based on canoes and their uses.

She said the canoe belongs to the Yuulu?il?ath and that there will be a community celebration once the canoe is brought to Hitacu; there is no date for that yet and according to Maureen the canoe will need to dry for at least a month.

The canoe carving project was supposed to be a learning experience with a master carver working alongside students, but that's not how this project has unfolded. It was also envisioned that the project would take a few months to complete but after only a few days at the high school, the

canoe was nearly completed.

At last week's Executive meeting of the Legislature, President Charles McCarthy expressed disappointment that Yuulu?il?ath citizens were not really involved in the process. "I would have like to see involvement from our citizens, in roughing out the canoe and learning. If there was no participation of citizens I question the benefit to our nation."

Legislature member Geraldine Touchie agreed with McCarthy and commented, "I would like to see our people involved and learning hands on. What value is it to us if none of our people are learning and because they really want to learn."

Legislature Member Alan McCarthy said if the contract for the project lays out that teaching would be part of the project, that should be brought to the attention of the carver.

Legislature members agreed the contract should be reviewed to ensure that it was followed.

"To think that none of our citizens have participated in any aspect is disappointing...it just doesn't give me the feeling that we've achieved anything," President McCarthy stated.

Following the Executive meeting the carving project was adjusted to allow for more teaching opportunities from the master carver with citizens.



before it was brought to the Ucluelet Secondary School for completion.

Canoe carving has been a life-long pursuit for Joe; "I started learning when I was really young. I didn't have a choice, my father said, you ready? We're going. His father, Robert Martin Sr. like his father before him, was a canoe carver.

"I didn't really like it. I had to sit there all day while he was carving," Joe recalled. His father gave him parameters in which he could roam and the only time he helped with the canoe building was when he was asked to



The log that will become a canoe for Yuulu?il?ath is being worked on at the Ucluelet Secondary School. This photo shows the log being worked on by Joe Martin's crew while it was still at Canoe Creek.

Yuulu?il?ath News



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Barbara Touchie and Sullivan Louie discuss the Yuulu?il?ath language at Wednesday language classes. Marilyn Touchie and Ronnie George take a look at the Nuuchahnulth language on the computer. The lessons are taught by Elder Barbara Touchie and Dr. Bernice Touchie.



NOTICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH YUULU?IL?ATH LAW

Notice is hereby given that the Yuulu?il?ath First Nation Government has called an By-Election in accordance with the *Elections Act YFNS 8/2011*, for the purpose of electing one (1) to the office of Yuulu?il?ath Legislature on March 1, 2014 for the remainder of the existing Legislative term.

YUULU?IL?ATH FIRST NATION GENERAL NOTICE TO ELECTORATE

Yuulu?il?ath First Nation Members are advised that a By-Election has been called to elect one (1) person to the office of Yuulu?il?ath Legislature on March 1, 2014 for the remainder of the existing Legislative term.

Specific and required Notices pursuant to the Yuulu?il?ath First Nation Government *Elections Act YFNS 8/2011* will be forthcoming and shall be prepared and posted as required by the Electoral Officer.

All official Notices, Forms, Documents and information from the Electoral Officer will also be posted at this special elections website:

www.yfng-elections.ca

You will also be able to contact the Electoral Officer securely and confidently directly from the website above. To register to receive text-message updates and access important election related information, and election related news and events.

Elder's trip to Effingham Inlet to chose spot for traditional camp

A few Yuuḷuʔiʔaḥ elders took a boat ride to Effingham Inlet this past Sunday, to look at two different potential sites to set up a traditional camp. Kʷiniikʷqil (Cour'd Alene Creek) and the former reserve of ʔUutes (near the entrance of the inlet) were chosen as potential sites for the camp, at a meeting held in December, attended by a dozen or so elders.

Tim Sutherland is coordinating the project to build a camp and is hoping to get started once a site has been chosen. He said the initial plan is to build a long house and then a cook shack and cabins.

Elders seemed enthusiastic about the project at the December meeting and those that could make the boat trip reminisced about time they spent in fishing boats as children, and the stories they heard about their relatives and other community elders, heading to places within the traditional territory, to fish or hunt or gather wood.

Roberta Jones remembered stories her mother, Rose Cootes, told about heading up to Effingham inlet to collect birch wood for smoking fish. As the boat neared the former reserve of Kʷiniikʷqil, she was delighted to see the river, lined with birch trees.

Raymond Haipee recalled spending a lot of time in Effingham inlet, in the early 1990s as part of a team locating culturally modified trees and other cultural artifacts.

Everyone on board seems to like the look of Kʷiniikʷqil, with a fresh-water stream and good beach access. The consensus of the group was that ʔUutes seemed too small, and it was dark, with little beach front. Now that the group has had a visual inspection of the sites a further trip will be done to do a survey of the site to determine where the camp should be built.

Sutherland said Yuuḷuʔiʔaḥ elders have been offering ideas on a number of aspects of the camp, everything from where to build, to ideas on how to simplify the building at the campsite, by pre-constructing the building in Hitacu and then re-constructing it on site. "Part of my job is to figure out what we can do this year and the camp will be built in stages," he said.

As he notices logs on the beach, he anxiously adds, "We could probably use some of those logs for the foundation. On the return trip down the inlet the boat also pulled up to an old cabin and dock, loaded with discarded odds and sods, that have been abandoned within the TSL. The eyesore raised concerns with those aboard who questioned who has jurisdiction over this type of abandoned barge and who would be responsible for cleaning it up.



Several Elders took a trip with President Charles McCarthy on Sunday, to check out spots for a traditional camp at Effingham Inlet. The project is being coordinated by Tim Sutherland, shown on the left. Raymond Haipee, Geraldine Touchie and Roberta Jones are enjoying a smoked salmon and black cod lunch, courtesy of the boat captain, Chuck McCarthy.



New fund-raising committee

The Executive Branch of the Yuuḷuʔiʔaḥ Legislature has recommended to the Legislature, the creation of a volunteer fund-raising committee that would assist the government with fund-raising for various community projects. The new committee will consist of five to seven citizens and a member of Legislature holding the Community Services Portfolio, Geraldine Touchie, will be a non-voting member of the committee.

At the December 10th meeting of the Executive Celena Cook was appointed to the Community Services Department Committee. The government is still looking for committee members for the Finance Committee and the Environmental Protection Committee and volunteers for the Community Policing Consultative Group. Please call Suzanne Williams for more information about any of these positions.

Hitacu Assembly

Monday, February 17th, 2014

Yuuḷuʔiʔaḥ Community Hall

Dinner at 5 p.m.

Everyone welcome



Jeneva Touchie has begun training to take over the duties of manager at the Thornton Motel. Here, current manager, Sharlene McCarthy is training Jeneva on the booking system.

Yuulu?il?ath News



Two week-old Travis McCarthy was one of the highlights of Culture Night last week. His parents, Roxanne Touchie and Lindsay McCarthy II, were happy to show off their new bundle of joy.



A parenting group is meeting every second Tuesday from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Youth and Learning Centre. The informal sessions are being facilitated by Child and Youth Worker Sarah Hagar and Margaret Bird (who works for the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council). The meetings offer an outlet to share ideas and experiences about parenting.

?APCAYIIQ YOUTH AND LEARNING CENTRE

FEBRUARY 2014



?APCAYIIQ Youth and Learning Centre will be open daily from 1pm to 5pm. Adult Students are welcome to come and work on school work between 1:30 and 3:30pm. Afterschool Club welcomes Grades 4 to 12 Students daily from 3:30 to 5pm. Parent's Club runs bi-weekly from 11-2pm with lunch provided.

OUR SERVICES: We offer daily homework support to school age children and youth. We also offer support for out of school teens for resume building, career exploration and can offer High School Credits through SD70 CHOICES distributed learning. We also offer support for parents, guardians and families of school aged Children and Youth. Call, email or drop by and speak to Sarah Hagar your Youth Worker today! sarah.hagar@ufn.ca
250 726 2587 or text 250 726 4074

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2 GROUNGHOG DAY	ADULT ED 6-9 3 Monday Meeting	4 Cooking Class: Donuts	ADULT ED 6-9 5 CLOSED	6 CLOSED	7 KIDS NIGHT: Dinner and activities for kids Grade 4-7 Afterschool to 6pm	8
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16	PRO-DAY 17 CLOSED PROFESSIONAL DAY	18 Cooking Class: Special Guest	ADULT ED 6-9 19 Swimming Lessons 3-4:30pm	20 Art or Outdoorsy Club weather permitting	21 BOYS EMPOWERMENT SNOW BOARD RETREAT	22 BOYS EMPOWERMENT SNOW BOARD RETREAT
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Flu shots still available

Public Health Nurse Michele Eng is anxious to share her flu vaccine with anyone who will stick out their arm. For weeks now she has been trying to encourage folks to get their flu shot as the number of reported cases in BC is higher than ever this year.

“Ideally it’s best to get the flu shot early in October, as soon as it becomes available, before people become sick. But it’s not too late to get the flu shot,” Michele said. “Even if you think you’ve already had the flu but haven’t had the flu shot, you can still be protected from exposure to other circulating flu strains,” she added.

Everyone six months and up are eligible for the flu shot and there is a high priority for people under the age of 65 who have underlying medical conditions, or are pregnant. Children ages six months to four and a half years old are also high priority. To date Michele has given 125 flu shots to Yuulu?i?ath citizens and government employees.

Hand washing with soap and water, tossing away used tissues and sneezing and coughing into your sleeve rather than your hands, are still encouraged as ways to stop the spread of the virus.

“Part of my job is to deliver immunization services to the community. Immunization has saved lives in the past 50 years. Immunization coverage in the community is important to protect not just individuals but everyone in the community. Because of immunizations, we seldom see diseases that can either kill or cause permanent disability...Getting the vaccine is safer than getting the disease.”

Asked why Michele is so anxious to give out flu shots she replied, “Having a needle is not a pleasant or interesting experience. Being current with one’s immunization schedule is not always a priority. I do not want a missed opportunity to immunize--lets get it done and over with if you are here!”



Public health nurse Michele Eng still has flu shots for citizens looking to protect themselves from during this influenza season. She also has HIV/AIDS testing available; all appointments are confidential.

Pediatrician visits early February

Dr. R. Hughes, a pediatrician (specializing in children’s medicine) will be visiting Hitacu on February 5, 2014.

Parents who have children birth to 18 years are welcome to see the doctor.

Any parents that have concerns or questions regarding their children health can contact Jennifer Touchie @ 250-266-1617, or contact Michele Eng or Veronica @ the health centre.



Veronica Williams checks out Kaydance Miller’s teeth during a COHI visit recently. Veronica will be doing fluoride varnish applications on January 29th; to make an appointment for your child please call Veronica at (250) 726-7347.

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

This Special Hitacu Assembly is to seek the views of Yuulu?i?ath citizens and to give information on the proposed Constitutional Amendments and Referendum that is scheduled to take place on March 1, 2014.

The Hitacu Assembly is scheduled for Wednesday January 29, 2014; 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 Hitacu 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. Constitutional Amendments/Referendum Discussion
5. Adjournment

Language and Culture

We need your help...

The Yuułuꞑitꞑatꞑ Government needs your support to change our Constitution. Our Constitution is the highest law of the Yuułuꞑitꞑatꞑ Nation, adopted one year prior to Treaty Implementation. We knew prior to Treaty that there would be changes required to the Constitution and now that we've identified those changes, we need your help to make those amendments. 201 votes are required to make those changes.



Yuułuꞑitꞑatꞑ

On March 1st please vote for the Constitutional Amendments either in Hitacu or Port Alberni.

Crisis Volunteers needed for West Coast Victim Services

Training Provided

Contact 250 724-8910

Email tamara.cocco@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

- Be at least 19 years of age; Attend all training sessions;
- Make a 1 year commitment following training
- Agree to a RCMP Enhance security clearance
- Be proficient in spoken and written English;
- Possess common sense, maturity, emotional stability; and be able to handle difficult situations in a calm manner



Robert Andrew, Payton George and Johnny George pose for a photo in front of the home made hamburger buns they made on Tuesday. Cooking is part of the youth activity taking place at the Youth and Learning Centre in Hitacu.

Education Funding

APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

Any citizens seeking funding to assist with post-secondary education are asked to submit an application by January 31, 2014.

Funding is available for post-secondary education and occupational skills funding. Students planning to attend school at any point in 2014; need to submit an application before January 31, 2014.

Whether you have received funding in the past or you are a new student, an application must be completed.

Application forms are available at the Government House or Community Services Centre. If you need a form mailed, please call Lorraine Mundy 250-726-7343, extension 227, or toll-free at 1-866-900-7343.

Completed applications can be faxed, emailed or dropped off at the Department of Community Services, addressed to the following:

Trevor Wickham

PO Box 699, Ucluelet, BC V0R 3A0

Fax: 250-726-7396

Email: Trevor.Wickham@ufn.ca

DEADLINE: January 31st, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

Applications are being accepted to fill vacant seats on the following committees:

- Finance Committee (one seat)
- Community Services Department Committee (one seat)
- Environmental Protection Committee (only one seat has been filled)

For more information on the committee mandate and duties please contact Suzanne Williams at suzanne.williams@ufn.ca or by telephone at **250-726-7342.**

Port Alberni Christmas Party for Citizens Living Away From Home

Photos from the Port Alberni Christmas dinner. Top photo shows the Deonte, Xavier and Malikai McCarthy boys right (Mom Natasha McCarthy) and Chance and Lance Tate (Mom Sharon Tate), singing at the Christmas dinner. Left, the dinner crowd, right, a visit with Santa and below, a group picture of a few citizens at the Port Christmas dinner.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers of any age who are interested in being part of a new Community Consultative Group. This group will work with the government and the RCMP to set local policing priorities.

If you are interested in serving on this volunteer committee please call us and leave your contact information. Contact Suzanne Williams or Jeneva Touchie at

(250) 726-7342



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CULTURE NIGHT

