



Yuulu?it?ath welcomed a new čapacs to the community last week, paddled by Ashley McCarthy, Asya Touchie and Kathleen McCarthy. More photos on page 3.

### Roads ripped up for water line installation

The road in Hitacu has been taken back to gravel and dirt to accommodate the road work to prepare for a new water line.

Road work is expected to last most of the summer from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. on weekdays.

A new supply line to the new water reservoir will be laid and then distribution lines to take water to individual houses will be installed.

Some residents have noticed a reduction in water pressure that is unrelated to this construction; recently pressure reducing valves were installed to bring the water pressure down.

## Yuulu?it?ath Government investigates allegations of burning toxic material at Lost Shoe Creek site

The Yuulu?it?ath Government and the BC Conservation Authority are conducting separate investigations into a fire at Lost Shoe Creek Commercial Centre which was recently carried out by the Wya Construction and Development Limited Partnership in mid June. Yuulu?it?ath Government President Charles McCarthy said the government decided to complete an internal review to ensure that procedures and laws of the government were followed.

The nation got some unwanted attention after photos were circulated on west coast Facebook sites that showed piles of debris that contained mixed garbage such as bits of gyprock and insulation.

Trevor Jones, CEO of YFN Management Services, was in

charge of the burn and said the piles of debris were not part of the fire and those piles were taken to Lost Shoe temporarily and kept separate from the burn pile.

“Two loads of debris did not make it to the landfill by closing time so they were stored in an area and waiting to be picked up the following day,” Mr. Jones said. The garbage ended up at Lost Shoe for much longer though after the truck that was doing the hauling broke down and then the operator had other scheduled work. The debris remained on the site for about two weeks which fuelled speculation that it was going to be burned.

Mr. Jones committed to Wya Construction not dumping any drywall or hazardous non combustibles at the Lost Shoe site in his initial request to the Government for approval to use

clean wood to ignite the fire. Government approval was not sought for the storage of the debris material at the Lost Shoe site.

BC Conservation officials investigating the matter suggested there may be some confusion as to what is considered clean wood. Debris from the Thornton demolition would not be considered clean because it contained either paint or stain or had been chemically treated. Conservation Officer Brittany Mueller said the permit from the province was intended for the land-clearing debris only and not the motel debris. The investigation by the Conservation Authority continues.

Tyson Touchie, Manager of the YFN Management Services said the burning started on Monday (June 16, 2014) afternoon and the

“pile went up really quick because there was such dry wood from the motel.”

RCMP Constable Chris Squire, who attended the scene, said the fire was approximately 50 feet in diameter. “It was a huge fire and very hot. It reeked like chemicals,” he said, adding that he requested the Conservation Authority to investigate because he had concerns about what was being burned and the air quality as a result of the burn.

Ucluelet Fire Department responded to a 911 call to the fire after a passing motorist reported the blaze. “The firefighters and the cop didn’t realize it was Treaty Lands, but their intention was good,” Mr. Touchie said.

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### Education Celebration

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## Hitacu Fire Department extinguishes hot spots

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Tyson said because the fire was surrounded by gravel, and a water reservoir was on site, there was no reason to have the Hitacu fire truck on site for fire suppression.

The Hitacu Fire Department was called to the scene the following day (when the burning continued), because the wind had picked up and the conditions were dry. “We did that as a preventative thing, we went to make sure all the hot spots were put out and stayed on the scene for about three

hours,” he added.

Teresa Gagnon, accountant for YFN Management Services was asked to provide the load slips for hauling to the dump. “they (conservation) want to know how many loads were taken to the dump. We had insulation and tar paper that we didn’t want to burn,” she added. Four loads were taken this week (Wednesday, June 11) in addition to what was taken when the motel was taken down,” she added.

Eagle Eye Contracting (Yann Gagnon) was the contractor tasked with

moving the debris from the Thornton and also the excavator operator at the burn site. According to Mrs. Gagnon the last few loads “was mixed waste, the bottom scrapings of the motel so there were small amounts of drywall pieces and tar paper and those piles were separated.”

According to Tyson, the crew separating material at the demolition were “meticulously separating by hand” and that machines handled only the big beams. When asked if there could have been mixed debris inadvertently added to the burn pile, Mr. Touchie responded, “there’s always that possibility.”

Wya Construction received approval from the Yuulu?il?ath government Lands Department to use clean wood waste from the Thornton Motel demolition to start the stump fires.

In late April Trevor Jones requested permission of the Lands Manager (Darren Mead-Miller) to burn wood waste from the Thornton demolition, mixed with the stump pile. In his request Mr. Jones confirmed that all asbestos related drywall was removed from the Thornton site as per Work Safe BC requirements. Mr. Jones said Wya Construction LP would commit to ensuring that no drywall or hazardous non-combustibles would be dumped at Lost Shoe site and that all nails and metal would be collected after burning, utilizing a heavy magnet, and disposed of at the landfill.

Mr. Jones said the debris used to ignite the stumps would be “clean” construction waste salvaged from the Thornton Motel. He reported that the

burn site was well away from all water courses and seasonal fish bearing drainages.

Superior Propane leases space at Lost Shoe commercial site and expressed concern they were not told about the burn at Lost Shoe Creek. “The driver called the district or 911 with concerns because he thought the fire was too close to the big propane



tank but it was far away,” Mr. Touchie said. “I didn’t think there was any issue,” Mrs. Gagnon added.

Mr. Touchie said the owners of Superior may have been informed of the fire but the driver may not have been. He added that it might be helpful if all Treaty Lands were signed so people were aware that the land is privately owned by the Nation.

Mr. Touchie said the burning has now been completed and garbage was hauled to the West Coast Landfill. “I would encourage people to call me directly for facts and don’t count on Facebook for the facts,” he commented.

The government held its initial meeting for the internal review and have met with Conservation officials.

A report from the initial meeting will be reviewed at the Exective level of the Legislature next week.



The remains of a fire at Lost Shoe Creek Commercial Centre smolder on the second day of burning at the site. The burn was to burn the stumps left behind from land clearing; however, there have been accusations that toxic material was burned and that sparked an investigation by the BC Conservation Authority and the Yuulu?il?ath government.

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

**The Hitacu Assembly is scheduled for Monday September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014; 5PM at the Yuulu?il?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. Audit Presentation
5. Economic Development Update – YFN Management Services
6. Updates
  - a. President
  - b. Lands and Resources & Asset Management
  - c. Community Services
  - d. Director of Operations
7. Announcements/Discussion
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# Community Newsmakers

## New Yuulu?il?ath čapac launched in Hitacu



The new Yuulu?il?ath čapac was officially launched last week as Ashley McCarthy, Asya Touchie and Kathleen McCarthy paddled the canoe from the Government House to the beach south of the health centre. The canoe was escorted by a second canoe with Raymond Haipee, Kyle Kervin and Jeff Charleson paddling.

They were met on the beach by Taayii Hāwiih Wilson Jack and his speaker, Tyson Touchie, and about twenty community members and guests. Tyson, his mother Bernice and Tim Sutherland welcomed the canoes with drumming and a song.

The canoe was carved by Tla-o-qui-aht carver Joe Martin, his apprentices Matt and Eric Seicher and support from Ucluelet Secondary School First Nations Studies students. The project was funded by the Yuulu?il?ath Government, the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust and a grant from the province of BC.

The canoe will be managed by the Assets department and a sign out procedure for use by citizens is being created and details will be released shortly.

Yuulu?il?ath community members didn't mind the drizzle as they welcomed the community's new canoe ashore on June 19th. The canoe, carved by Tla-o-qui-aht carver Joe Martin, was funded by the Yuulu?il?ath Government, the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust and a grant from the province of BC.



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Yuulu?il?ath Taayii Hāwiih Wilson Jack and his speaker, Tyson Touchie, welcome the canoe and guests to the beach for the official launch. Below, citizens and guests enjoy a meal at the Community Hall following the beach ceremony. The boat is being stored temporarily at Raymond Haipee's house and will be moved to the fire hall.

## Youth returns from Hooksom Outdoor School

Jamii Walton recently returned from Hooksom Outdoor School where she spent a month, taking part in the West Coast Outdoor Leadership Training. She was nervous about being unplugged for weeks, but found that being outdoors in an active, learning environment was extremely satisfying.

During the month she received certification in Wilderness First Responder, Sea Kayaking Skills, Paddle Canada Introduction to kayaking, Paddle Canada Level I and Level II, Boat Operator Accredited Training, Maritime Radio Course, Lifesaving: Bronze Medalion and Bronze Cross. She also learned about coastal hikes, natural history and indigenous knowledge.

“We did lots and lots of swimming,” she sighs. “I had to do a 600 meter swim, that was the hardest one,” she commented. She also challenged herself with a solo over-night camping trip, where she was given only a potato, a sleeping bag and three matches. “We were prepared and had been taught the skills,” she said. Each participant was dropped off at a remote location about an hour before dark. “You had about an hour to get set ready, build your fire or lean-to.”

“We had to learn to be by ourselves and rely on ourselves. If I was hungry I would have to find stuff. I picked a bunch of mussels and

cooked them over the fire,” she smiled and added, “it wasn’t too bad.” The experience brought back memories of collecting seafood with her Dad.

“I was a little nervous but we had practiced being alone in a spiritual spot, alone in nature, and it helped me be calm about it. Sometimes I would be panicked if I heard a noise and then I would reassure myself that I was fine. The experience changed me a lot,” she commented. “The experience helped me understand about myself

and to appreciate the things around me, like the birds singing; I realized everything has its own music.” She did manage to sleep but was woken up when a mouse ran over her sleeping bag and later wolves woke her with their howling.

Her trip was memorable not only for the knowledge she gained from the courses, but also from the Elders who visited the Hooksom Outdoor School and from being out in nature. “We saw lots of bears and whales. We were doing kayak rescues one day and a whale was

about 100 meters away,” she said. The group learned how to find dry fire wood and what type of wood burns well; they also learned to hang bear bags to keep food safely stored, out of reach of the bears.

After working in the fish plant and as a deck hand on a fishing boat, Jamii is considering a switch in careers. She’s caught the outdoor leadership bug and will likely spend a bit of time this summer doing some assistant kayak and canoe guiding.



Jamii Walton enjoyed her month-long outdoor leadership course at Hooksom Outdoor School. The highlight of her trip was a solo overnight trip with very little creature comforts.

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Yuulu?il?ath citizens received food fish last week; 17,771 pounds of sockeye was delivered to citizens in Hitacu, Ucluelet, Nanaimo and Port Alberni. Shown here: Art Williams, Reynold Touchie, Alan McCarthy and Leo Touchie.

Kia Little sits comfortably in her new car seat, while Grandma Debbie Touchie and Debbie Frank look on. In the foreground Mom, Celenea Cook.

## Car seats made available to Yuulu?il?ath citizens thanks to donation from BCAA and the United Way car seat program

Yuulu?il?ath children will be riding safely in cars after a donation of 14 car seats to the community from BCAA and the United Way Community Child Car Seat Program. Health nurse Michele Eng applied for the car seat grant and was thrilled to receive the donation.

The car seats are comprised of infant seats which are rear facing and can accommodate children up to one year old, weighing up to 9 kgs or 20 pounds. There are also convertible seats for infant/child, which have the same weight limits.

Forward-facing chairs are designed for young children over a year old, between 9 to 18 kilograms (20-40 pounds). Older children, up to nine years old or 4'9" and weigh more than 18 kgs or 40 pounds

Last week a car seat clinic to show parents how to safely install car seats was presented in Hitacu. The seats will be loaned out to parents for use in the community. Please call the Community Services Department for loan information (250) 726-7343.

### Klecko, klecko!

There are not enough words to describe what I have experienced these past four years working as the receptionist for the Ucluelet First Nation. I came in just before implementation and have worked with many people over the years that had so much to offer. I was strongly encouraged years ago to pursue a post secondary education as there was just hope then to have our own businesses and have citizens running them. What a sight we are now! And this is just the beginning. First and foremost thank you to our government office, for giving me the opportunity to learn and grow over the years. I leave with a confidence I didn't dream before and look forward to the future and all it has to offer. The office has celebrated with me in my joys and given me time during my sorrows, for that I will be eternally grateful! I wish you nothing but the best and thank you for allowing me to serve you the best I can.

Sincerely,

Jeneva Touchie



## Kwisitis Feast House

### Appetizers

#### Fish Hash

~ Fresh Salmon, Rice, White onions, Red Onions and Green Onions ~ \$11 half \$14 full

#### Smoked Salmon Tasters

~ Smoked Sockeye salmon on a cream cheese topped fry bread canape ~ \$14

Traditional Fry Bread with Hummus and Tzatziki ~ \$7

#### Chicken Wings

~ 1 Pound of fresh wings Hot, BBQ, Honey Mustard, Sweet & Sour, Honey Garlic or Salt & Pepper ~ \$12

#### Prawn Skewers

~ 2 quarter pound skewers with garlic butter ~ \$14

#### Halibut Nuggets

- 6 pieces of fresh frozen local caught pacific halibut panko breaded and deep fried to perfection served with sweet and sour sauce ~ \$15

#### Calamari

- A basket of deep fried squid pieces served with house made tzatziki ~ \$11

Basket of Hand cut Fries ~ \$7

# Yuutu?it?ath News



Elementary school award winners included, back row left to right, Sommer Jade Gagnon, Raven Gagnon, Maria Williams, Jada Touchie, Chance Tate, Lance Tate, Johnny George, James Walton, Jaysen Touchie, Kyle Kervin, Max McCarthy and Randy Lee Williams. Joining the group photo was little Tiani Touchie.



Asya Touchie and Suzanne Williams were the celebration emcees.



Motivational speaker Alexis Baird.



Left: Glenn Touchie, Trevor Wickham, Gloria Valentine and Dr. Bernice Touchie.



Ucluelet Elementary School Principal Jennifer Adamson presents the Grade 7 Graduates with their certificates including: Kyle Kervin, Randy-Lee Williams and Maxwell McCarthy.



Jamii Walton



Elder Richard Mundy easily beats RCMP Constable Marcel Midlane in an arm wrestle.



Tim Sutherland welcomes everyone with a song.



Larry Baird congratulates Eddie Mack on attaining his Bachelor of Arts.



Elementary School awards: Darryl Tate, Calianna McCarthy, Kadence Titian (preschool), Alyssa Randall-Touchie, Lindsay McCarthy III, Nicole McCarthy and Anastasia Mckey-McCarthy.



Asya Touchie and Bryson George



Decorations worn as hats by Kobe Little and Ethan Joseph.



Dinner was enjoyed by many community members.

## Yuulu?il?ath citizens celebrate education

The annual Education Celebration took place on June 24th in Hitacu, with Suzanne Williams and Asya Touchie serving as the emcees for the evening. Awards were handed out to students young and old as the spotlight was on life long learning.

President of the Yuulu?il?ath Legislature, Charles McCarthy, welcomed the crowd and talked



about the importance of education in moving the nation forward. Legislature member Geraldine Touchie commented that she was proud to see Yuulu?il?ath citizens hosting the event. Other members of the Legislature, Spencer Touchie and Larry Baird, also spoke to the crowd.

Following dinner Alexis Baird talked about her experience going back to school after being away from academics for several years. Earlier this year she completed her first year at Vancouver Island University as part of the WEST program where she maintained a B

plus average.

“Alexis said there were many days she wanted to give up; she described some of the challenges she faced including a long bus ride (with three different exchanges) to school and bus drivers that were rude to her. “But I’ve had the support and love and strength I need from my home share providers, my Grandparents and so many other people who encouraged me to follow my dreams and I have done that so far,” she said.

She encouraged the graduating students to continue on with their education and said, “If someone tells you that you can’t do it, don’t believe them for one minute because you will be able to do it.”

Although she has no idea what to expect when she returns to university this fall she said confidently, “I will soar and pick up the peices and believe in myself. I assure you that everyone of you will have the strength to carry on.”

Other speakers included Eddie Mack, who earned his Bachelor of Arts from the University of the Fraser Valley recently. He proudly displayed his diplomas from UFV and Nicola Valley school of Technology. Jennifer Touchie recently completed her Early Childhood Development certificate. She commented, “what brought me this far was all the challenges I’ve been



Scholarship awards were presented to: Christina Klotz, Asya Touchie, Jennifer Touchie, Alyssa Randall-Touchie, Jada Touchie, Lindsay McCarthy III, Dylan Joseph and Lakiesha George. Tiani Touchie joined in.

through in my life. I wanted to prove to myself and to my children that you can do this no matter what.”

RCMP Constable Marcel Midlane spoke briefly to the crowd about working in the community and Ricardo Manmohan, who was the facilitator of the Leadership Vancouver Island on the west coast talked about the program and the participation of Suzanne Williams and Jeneva Touchie.

Following the speakers a number of awards were presented to youth and adult learners. Here is the list of people who were recognized this year:

### Elementary Awards

Preschool: Kadence Titian  
Elementary School: Calianna McCarthy, Alyssa Randall-Touchie, Darryl Tate, Lindsay McCarthy III, Anastasia Mickey-McCarthy, Nicole McCarthy, Maria McCarthy-Williams, Bryson George, Johnny George, Jada Touchie, James Walton, Kyle Kervin, Maxwell McCarthy and Randi Lee Williams. Absent from the awards night but who earned a certificate were: Matthew Jack. Jr., Serena Sam, Evan Touchie, Reese Touchie, Peyton George, Angelina Louie, Anthony Louie and Daniel Mundy.

### Elementary Achievement Awards

were awarded to: Alyssa Randall-Touchie, Darryl Tate, Lind-

say McCarthy, Matthew Jack Jr., Anastasia Mickey-McCarthy, Nicole McCarthy, Serena Sam, Evan Touchie, Peyton George, Maria McCarthy-Williams, Bryson George, Johnny George, Jada Touchie, Daniel Mundy, James Walton, Kyle Kervin, Max McCarthy, Randy-Lee Williams, Calianna



McCarthy, Angelina Louie, Anthony Louie and Abigail Patrick.

### Secondary School Achievement Awards

went to: Ethan Joseph, Kobe Little, Jade Touchie, Charles McCarthy, Suzie McCarthy, Waylon McCarthy, Robert Andrews, James Joseph, Luke Millar, Edwin Touchie, Shawn Mundy, Kathleen McCarthy, Alex Louie, Amadea Louie, Lakeisha George, Gordon Taylor, Dylan Joseph, April Mundy, Larissa Gus, Ashlyn Suprenant and Dylon Suprenant.

### Post Secondary and OST

Jennifer Touchie, Eddie Mack, Christina Klotz, Tad Williams and Lance Stanley.

### Nuu-chah-nulth Language

presented by Dr. Bernice Touchie Gloria Valentine, Samantha Touchie, Rose Touchie, Marg Touchie, Vi Mundy, Bob Mundy, Maureen Louie, Marilyn Touchie and Lisa McKnight-Yeates.



Ethan Joseph, Kobe Little, Charles McCarthy and Suzi McCarthy.

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## CEO of economic development resigns

Trevor Jones has resigned as the CEO of the YFN Management Services, the LP that oversees the economic development activities of the Yuulu?il?ath nation. After six years at the helm he said he has accomplished pretty well everything he set out to do and he's now ready for his next adventure.

"Ucluelet First Nations has a very special place in my heart and I've established life-long relationships here," he commented. Sitting in the office which looks out to the harbour Trevor recalls when he started there were dreams of building a resort at Wya resort and said now that dream is a reality.

He has seen many changes as the nation moved from one that was governed by the Department of Indian Affairs, to an independent nation. During his time he has worked with four or five different board of directors. "The plan (for a resort) has been kept alive and intact with that transition, it has been an interesting challenge but successful," he said.

Mr. Jones said it's satisfying to see the nation at the point where they have some key pieces of lands and holdings and "a complimentary base of services that they will now be a player in the tourism market." Watching the nation's businesses and staff of those business grow has been rewarding for Trevor.

"Five or six years ago all we really owned was this building and the Thornton Motel," he said, noting that today the economic development arm boasts a campground with yurts, the lodges, a surf shop, Welcome Centre and has the lease at Kwisitis gift shop and restaurant.

"I was the first hire for Ucluth Development Corp and we've grown from essentially a motel manager and myself to a seasonal employee base of about 100 people," Jones commented. Last year the year round payroll for all the nation's businesses was in excess of \$750,000.

Mr. Jones said he is looking forward to taking a break and doing

some travelling and surfing before he launches a consulting business. Clear Skies Management Ltd. will offer business planning and financing services and will have offices locally, in Port Alberni and

Parksville.

The Operating Board has not yet posted an advertisement for the CEO of Management Services to replace Mr. Jones.



Tyson Touchie, Teresa Gagnon and Trevor Jones. Both Trevor Jones and Teresa Gagnon have handed in their resignation from YFN Management Services to the Economic Development Operating Board; they were finished on the last day of June.

## Caring For Your Dog: Tips to keep your dog happy and healthy

### from the Care Network

Dogs are social animals that need to be part of a pack —that's you! With care, attention, training and love, your dog will be a faithful and loving family companion. Here are some tips for keeping your dog happy and healthy.

### Water

Dogs need access to fresh drinking water at all times. Just like humans, dogs know when they are thirsty, and since they can't ask, water should always be available. Having fresh and clean water available for your dog at all times will improve his health. Dirty water can make a dog sick. Because of this, it's important to change the water every day and to wash the dish regularly.

### Food

Dogs need good-quality dog food on a daily basis to stay healthy. Avoid table scraps, as some human foods can cause serious health issues in dogs. It's recommended to feed adult dogs twice per day,

a breakfast and a supper. Weaned puppies may require feeding three or four times a day.

### How much food to feed?

It's best to look at the feeding guidelines provided on the bag of dog food to determine how much your dog should eat everyday. A dog is too thin if you can see his ribs. It's also important to not overfeed your dog, as obesity in dogs can cause serious health issues.

### Shelter

Your dog will be most happy living and sleeping inside your home with the family. Including your dog as part of your family will help him learn positive behaviors, bond with the family more and feel secure.

The BC SPCA is opposed to having dogs live outside all the time but if this is your only option, an outdoor doghouse is required. A doghouse should provide protection from all weather, be situated in a dry spot, lifted off the ground, have insulated walls and flooring and dry

bedding inside. If your dog is tied up, it's important to have them wear a comfortable collar and a long, light line so your dog can move around freely and comfortably. It is harmful and painful to your dog to use chains as collars or choke chain collars if tying your dog up.

Dogs are very social animals and need lots of contact with humans and other dogs. If your dog sleeps outdoors, make sure that he goes on walks with the family at least twice per day and is brought into the home daily to interact with the family, which are his "pack." Dogs like to be around people and other dogs. Remember, your dog depends on you for attention and love. He may get bored and sad if he gets left behind or has no one to play with. Dogs have feelings just like you and I, and need to be taken care of and play time with their family.

Being mean or bullying a human or animal has consequences. In the case of a dog, if he feels threatened he may bite. Being kind to humans and animals benefits

everyone!

### Exercise

All dogs need exercise, no matter how big or small. Different breeds of dogs need different amounts of exercise but they all need to run and play every day. Leaving a dog tied up all the time isn't good for them. Playing fetch, or taking your dog to a beach or off-leash area where he can run around safely is best. It is important that you teach your dog to come when called so that he will be safe and will not run away.

The general rule is, the more care, love and attention you provide to your dog, the healthier, happier and better behaved your dog will be. This will also help to keep medical costs lower and will prevent serious behavior issues.

If you have any questions please call the Port Alberni SPCA at (250) 723-5269 or our local team, the CARE Network SPCA, at (250) 266-9663.



## First Vancouver Island Leadership class graduates on west coast

On Friday the 13th of June, the graduation celebration for the 2013-2014 class of Leadership Vancouver Island was held at the Ucluelet Community Centre. Deputy Mayor Geoff Lyons welcomed the students and guests followed by a blessing from Yuulu?il?ath First Nation Elder, Barb Touchie. The LVI program coordinator, Ricardo Manmohan, shared a presentation about the entire year and the unique places that the participants visited to develop their leadership.

The graduates also shared some of their personal journeys and the impact that the LVI program had on their lives over the last 10 months. It was clear that networks and trust were created on many levels and that this program is bringing the region together. As often as possible, our classroom was the outdoors, which allowed for a deeper level of learning and reflection to occur. We witnessed the strength of the people and the culture of the West coast and gained a deeper understanding of the challenges that each community faces. It was the welcome that we felt from every community we visited, from Ahousaht to Macoah, that meant so much. Thank you to all community members who attended to celebrate with us and to everyone who supported us from the start of the program last year. We have had some amazing experiences over the last 10 months of this unique program and none of it could have happened without the support of the entire West coast community.

LVI wishes to extend a very special thank you to the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation, the District of Tofino, Yuulu?il?ath, the District of Ucluelet, the Toquaht First Nation, the Ucluelet Chamber of Commerce, the Tofino/Longbeach Chamber of Commerce and the Clayoquot Bioshere Trust. Their tremendous support and belief in this program is what made it as impactful as it was for everyone involved. LVI would also like to acknowledge the generous support of the businesses that sponsored students or donated toward that end. Your financial assistance helps to create amazing new leaders within our region.

There are still a few spaces available for this September's program, so our application deadline has been extended to Monday 30 June. If you're still on the fence about applying or nominating one of your leaders, just connect with one of the LVI graduates from this year to hear the stories they have to share about their personal journey. For applications and more detailed information please check out the Ucluelet or Tofino/Longbeach Chamber of Commerce website or contact our program coordinator Ricardo at [ricardo@pacificrimleadership.com](mailto:ricardo@pacificrimleadership.com).



The Leadership Vancouver Island held its graduation ceremony on Friday, June 13th. Two Yuulu?il?ath citizens, Suzanne Williams and Geneva Touchie graduated from the leadership program and both spoke at the ceremony. They are shown here with friends and family: back row, left to right, Jaimii Walton, Suzanne Williams, Kyle Kervin, Veronica Williams, Debbie Mundy, Geneva Touchie. Front row, Larry Baird, Vi Mundy, Barbara Touchie, Tyson Touchie and in the front, the LVI coordinator, Ricardo Manmohan.

## Community Garden

*At the Wya Welcome Centre*

### Volunteer Workers & donors

Ron Williams Jr., Dennis Touchie, Michael Touchie, Glenn Touchie, Henry George, Celena Cook, Donna (TAYLOR), Brandon Cootes, Geraldine Touchie, Aysa Touchie, Watson Touchie, Laddie Touchie, Richard Mundy, Rose Wilson, Debbie Mundy, Pricilla Larsen, Trevor Jones, James Walton, Dean Walton, Floyd Williams, Randi-Lee Williams, Maria Williams, Marylin Touchie, Maureen Louie, Cindy Kunz, Tamara Nelson, Darlene Clayton, Joanne Touchie, Kyle Kervin, Darryl Williams, Larry Baird, Alan McCarthy, Chuck McCarthy, Michele Corfield, Marylin Touchie, Andrew Yeates, James Walton and Lisa McKnight-Yeates.

### Garden Help

If you can help out at the Community Garden we could use help with manual labour (moving compost), watering and weeding. All food that is grown in this garden will be used to feed the community at the soup kitchen that runs from the fall until spring. There will still be strawberries available for the next few weeks; if you are going to pick we hope you will also consider staying for a few minutes to help out.

Volunteers are normally working in the garden at these times:

<b>Tuesday evenings</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday mornings</b>	<b>9 a.m.</b>
<b>Saturday mornings</b>	<b>10 a.m.</b>

If you can assist during these hours, please do, and if you can help out but need to volunteer at a different time, we can arrange to have the garden open. Please call Debbie Mundy at (250) 726-7343, ext. 223.



### Birthday Greetings

Happy 1st Birthday. Denali James Keewatincappo. Born June 27 2013. "Denali" Inuit for Mt. McKinley in Alaska. "Keewatincappo" Ojibwe- Wind from the North. Parents Rachel Louie & Terence Keewatincappo (Ojibwe Nation- Winnipeg MB)

Carter will turn 2 on July 2nd and Denali's turning 1 June 27th.

## NOTICE

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### Klecko, klecko!

Michele Eng would like to thank Emily Shirley and Ron Williams Jr. for helping to pick up the 14 boxes and transport them to the Department of Community Services

Thanks to Deb Mundy, Stella George and Darlene Clayton for filleting and jarring fish for the community dinners. And to everyone who helped deliver fish.

## Follow us on Twitter @ Ucluelet Nation

We've been on Facebook for a few years but now you can **Facebook us @ Ucluelet First Nations** Like us to receive our frequent posts and keep up-to-date with Community news.

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Youth worker Asya Touchie shown with Randi-Lee Williams and James Joseph, collecting bottles and cans to support the summer youth programs. If you have bottles or cans to donate please call Asya at the Youth and Learning Centre (250) 726-2587.



Charles McCarthy has landed the job as the summer youth worker. He will work alongside Child and Youth Worker Asya Touchie this summer running the day camp and assisting with field trips.

## An Invitation to Indigenous Youth from The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a leadership program for youth ages 14 to 24. It is a vehicle for self-development and leadership skills development. Youth are encouraged to develop four areas of their lives:

- community service
- physical recreation
- nurturing a personally chosen skill
- adventure journeys in nature

To find out more about this award please attend a meeting on **Monday, July 7th 1:30 PM**

**Yuulu?il?ath First Nation - six-plex central common area, Hitacu**

Mentorship between generations and across the community is a cornerstone of this award. Youth are encouraged by mentors and supporters who guide and witness their accomplishments. Mentors can be elders, teachers or family. Youth can participate as individuals or as a group.

For more information contact the Duke of Edinburgh's Award British Columbia and Yukon Division

**1-888-881-7788**

Facebook: dukeofedbcyukon

## Food Fish Delivery

Last week more than 17,771 pounds of food fish was delivered in the communities of Hitacu, Ucluelet, Port Alberni and Nanaimo and we do not anticipate more fish until the fall.

Please ensure we have your up-to-date information such as your address, phone and email. Call the Government office to update your contact information.

**1-877-726-7342**

## Melody Charlie completes her fifth 200 kilometer Ride to Conquer Cancer

Melody Charlie participated in her fifth Ride to Conquer Cancer, a two-day, 200 (plus) kilometer cycling journey from Vancouver to Seattle, that took place on June 14-15th. Money raised benefits the BC Cancer Foundation.

Melody made the decision to ride in this year's trek "last minute" and she's still accepting donations to reach her goal of \$2500 which riders pledge to raise. In the past she and Lorraine Mundy have done this ride together; this year Lorraine was unable to do the ride but plans to return next year.

"I really missed riding with my Bud, Lorraine Mundy, but this year I rode for her. Every year I say I'm not going to ride next year and every year I ride and absolutely love it!" she commented.

"I would like to thank our nation, Yuulu?il?ath for always supporting my drive to inspire our people to live their healthiest lives. For years Evan tried to get me to change nations, it at first made me sad that I waited until after he was gone to realize this is where I want and need to be. I'm very proud to be Yuulu?il?ath, there are many things that make me proud to be Yuulu?il?ath this is just one of them."

"Thank you again for supporting me!" Melody said. She is still collecting donations towards her fund-raising goal. Donations can be either given to Melody directly or sent to the BC Cancer Agency.

**Photo left: Melody Charlie poses with her bike in the 2014 Ride to Conquer Cancer.**

**Below: Asya Touchie and Celena Cook hand refreshments to runners during the Edge to Edge marathon.**

### 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](mailto:suzanne.williams@ufn.ca) or by telephone at

**250-726-7342**



# Language and Culture

## First Responder project aimed at training for remote communities

In partnership with the BC First Nations Health Authority, Red Cross has started a pilot project that will provide First Nations on Vancouver Island access to First Responder training. The goal of the project is to have trained First Responders in every community and the program is aimed training two or three candidates in each remote community. For more information about this program contact project coordinator Richard Elliott at 250-995-3520.

## Authentic Indigenous program

Aboriginal Tourism BC has launched an "Authentic Indigenous" program which is designed to provide buyers of First Nations artwork with the assurance that their purchases have been certified authentic and to ensure artists have been compensated fairly for their artwork.

Aboriginal artists are able to create a profile (which includes their contact information), directly on the Aboriginal Tourism BC website and artists will receive free tags to affix to their artwork that say, "Authentic Indigenous". Aboriginal Tourism BC also has an email list where artists can receive updates regarding the Aboriginal Tourism website, grant notifications and art related opportunities. For more information on the program or to register visit: <http://authenticindigenous.com/>



**Yuuluʔilʔath President Charles McCarthy volunteered to deliver food fish in Hitacu last week. More than 17,770 pounds of fish was delivered to citizens in Port Alberni, Nanaimo, Ucluelet and Hitacu.**



[parksCanada.gc.ca](http://parksCanada.gc.ca) [parcsCanada.gc.ca](http://parcsCanada.gc.ca)

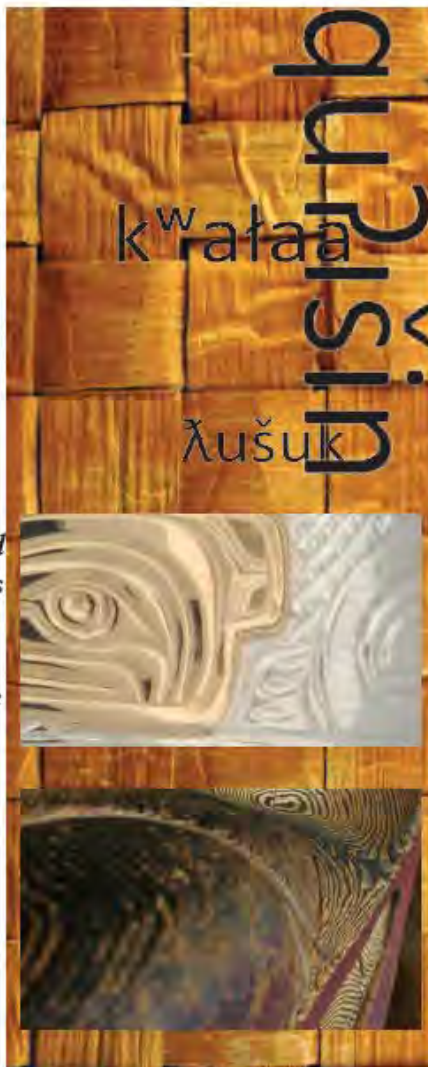
### ATTENTION ALL ARTISTS & TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE SPECIALISTS

*Pacific Rim National Park Reserve is looking for Artists, Nuu-chah-nulth speakers, cultural interpreters and presenters to include in a directory for park programs.*

*If you're interested in submitting your information to the First Nations Program and are willing to be contacted for opportunities with Parks Canada for sharing your traditional knowledge, skills and forms of artwork please contact Jenny Touchie for more information.*

Phone: 250.726.3514

Email: [Jenny.Touchie@pc.gc.ca](mailto:Jenny.Touchie@pc.gc.ca)



## Umacuk

No July Issue

There will not be a July issue of the Umacuk printed. Regular monthly publication will return in August.

### Nuučaaʔul (Nuu-chah-nulth) Phrases

- ʔux<sup>w</sup>aap - paddle
- ʔiih<sup>h</sup>ak - to paddle
- ʔaʔ<sup>w</sup>i - paddlers
- hitingis - beach
- kaʔkintapiih - strawberry

h exhale haa  
 ii sounds like ee (see)  
 † similar sounding to the thl in athlete  
 ʔ this symbol is called a Glottal Stop and it tells the speaker there is a break between words...ut-oh is an example where you can hear a break between the words.