



Photo by Lisa McKnight-Yeates

Yuulu?il?ath citizens got together for a BBQ at Wya Beach last Thursday afternoon. The BBQ was part of an Elder's camp at the nation-owned campground. Four different Elders and their families enjoyed a two-night stay at the yurts.

Green light for gas station

The business plan for the Hitacu Pit Stop Gas Station at Lost Shoe Creek was given the green light at the Executive branch of the Legislature on March 5th after it had been reviewed by the Economic Development Committee.

The business plan indicates that the business could hire one full time employee and three part-time employees and that there could be a leasing opportunity for a cafe as well.

Chief Financial Officer Tamara Nelson noted that the YFN Retail Services did not ask the government for start-up money for this venture but will require the government's guarantee on the loan they are seeking for the project. She said leases would need to be in progress (from the government to the Limited Partnership) before the government could approve the loan guarantees.

Spencer Touchie wins Yuulu?il?ath by-election

Yuulu?il?ath voters elected Spencer Touchie to serve as a member of the Legislature in the March 1st by-election. Of the 121 votes cast in the by-election, Spencer got 71 votes while opponent Maureen (nee Touchie) Louie got 50 votes.

A referendum for proposed Constitutional Amendments did not pass. The minimum number of ballots requirement was 202 and only 115 ballots were cast in the referendum, 95 Yes votes and 19 No votes were registered. One ballot was spoiled. The

referendum failed to meet the threshold for voter participation.

There were 19 mail-in ballots returned for the referendum and 22 mail in ballots returned for the by-election.

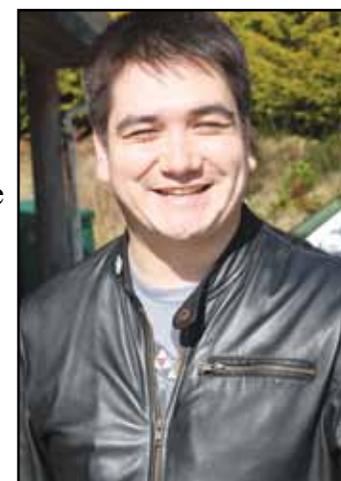
This was the first year that a second polling station was offered in Port Alberni; only 28 votes were cast at that polling station.

Elections Officer Lawrence Lewis said the nation may wish to consider amending the Constitution to include electronic voting in the next

election as a way of increasing the number of voters. The Legislature is expected to discuss the next steps now that the referendum for Constitutional Amendments has failed, at their next meeting. Other Maa-nulth Nations have also tried and failed to change their Constitutions.

Spencer will be sworn in at the next Legislature meeting which has been scheduled for May 5th.

The Hitacu Assembly will be held the same day, starting at 5 p.m. with a dinner.



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Elder's Gathering

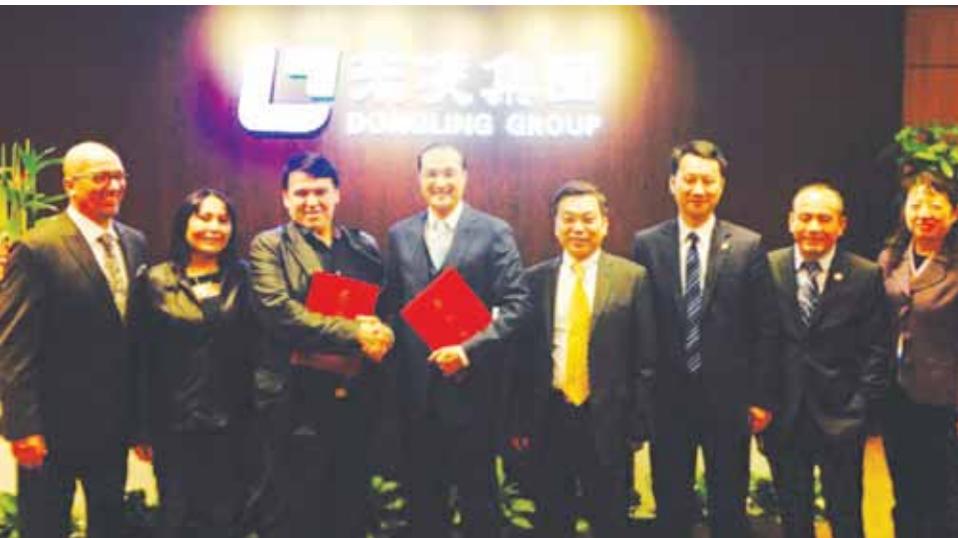
Monday, March 31st

at the 6-Plex in Hitacu, starts at 8:30 a.m.

Community Dinner at 5 p.m. at the Hall.

Everyone Welcome

Investment opportunities possible through China connection



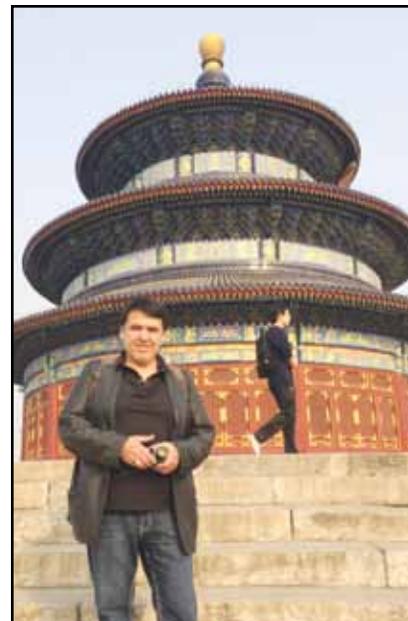
YFN business representatives were in China recently on a trip to meet with potential investors and tour the businesses they own. Yuutu?it?ath President Charles McCarthy, who also heads up the Operating Board and Trevor Jones, CEO of YFN Management Services represented the nation.

“This trip was specifically set up to go and meet two potential investment groups that had contacted us,” said Mr. Jones. He added that prior to the trip to China, he and President McCarthy met with the same potential investors in Vancouver.

“They express an interest in us touring their operations to determine if there is a good corporate fit,” Mr. Jones said.

The first three days were spent in Guangzhou (formerly Canton), the third largest city in China. Situated on the south coast of China, it is a busy port city. There they met with the Dongling group who have a diversified portfolio including manufacturing, shipping, real estate, and retail businesses, Mr. Jones said. He added that he and President McCarthy put in some long days, about 14 hours a day, with meetings and tours of various businesses. Some of the tours included a coffee chain, conference centre, golf-residential development and soy bean processing facility to name a few. Mr. Jones said this group expressed an interest in investing commercially at Lost Shoe Creek, in Wya Resort and in possible fisheries and natural resource development. This group will be visiting here in May.

The second half of the trip was spent in Shanghai, a two hour flight away from Guangzhou. Here they met with investors who own the Lamborghini Hotel and were then invited to spend time at a boutique hotel on a lake in Suzhou. “Suzhou is a holiday area and the hotel has 100 rooms, similar size to the hotel we’re envisioning at Wya Point,” Mr. Jones said. He and President McCarthy met with the chairman of the holdings company that owns the hotel and this company too will be visiting Yuutu?it?ath Treaty Lands in the spring.



Top Photo: YFN business representatives, President Charles McCarthy, YFN Management Services Trevor Jones and Elizabeth McCarthy meet with Chinese business group Dongling. Bottom: Charles McCarthy at the Temple of Heaven in Beijing.

Mr. Jones said the Operating Board approved a budget of \$8,000 for the trip expenses; final figures have not yet been tallied; however, Mr. Jones said that a number of costs for the trip were borne by the Chinese firms. He also noted that although Elizabeth McCarthy joined her husband for the trip; that family paid all expenses connected with her trip.

Mr. Jones said it’s “early days” to be trying to determine what type of joint ventures could be pursued or how much investment there could potentially be. Mr. Jones said he was asked by the Operating Board to attempt to secure external investment in the resort “to reduce the ongoing requirement of the nation to invest our own capital and resources.”

Hitacu Assembly

In Accordance with Yuutu?it?ath Law

Notice is hereby given that the Yuutu?it?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 May 5th, 2014; 5PM at the Yuutu?it?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. Budget 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
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
8. Adjournment



Yuutu?it?ath

**For more information please contact
Christina Klotz, Law Clerk at**

DID YOU KNOW?

When the Treaty was signed you signed away Aboriginal Rights and now have Treaty Rights instead?

Yuutu?it?ath Citizens do **NOT** have the right to hunt and fish under Aboriginal Title. You must have a Harvest Card, harvest in the Maa-nulth Harvest Area and follow proper reporting procedures to enjoy Treaty harvesting rights. Harvest Cards can be obtained at the Government House.

All nine Wya Resort lodges now complete

The last of the nine lodges at Ucluth Beach are now finished and two of the new ones were already rented out last week. YFN Management Services CEO Trevor Jones said the construction of the lodges took three and a half years, and the only work that remains is some landscaping and road improvements.

Earlier this week members of the Operating Board toured the lodges and seemed suitably impressed with what they saw. Spencer Touchie said he doesn't think it will take long, perhaps only a few years until there will be a waiting list to get reservations to the lodges. "They are a truly unique experience on the west coast, and capture the style, and culture of Ucluelet, (Yuulu?il?ath)" he commented.

Operating board member Jenny Touchie had this to say: "Having the opportunity to see the lodges jump from conceptual drawings on paper



to being able to walk through the doors, see the view and feel the power of the incredible location, has been an exciting and humbling process. The lodges may be new, but for the lucky visitors that get to stay in them, we hope they get a true sense of appreciation for the lands that we're so lucky to call home. This resort is truly unique and it will be a game changer for our competition."

"We started the campsite 4 years ago, almost to the day. There was nothing there," Mr. Jones said. Today there are nine lodges, 27 camp sites and 15 yurts. There is also infrastructure: roads, washrooms, trails and water wells. This year hydro will be installed to the lodges. The Yuulu?il?ath Lands Department is investigating the possibilities for having sewer and water to the resort too because they will need those services if there is future development of the lands surrounding the resort.

Mr. Jones said it feels good to have this project done. "It's a real feather in the cap of the nation to have a resort of this calibre," he commented. Now, he will turn his sights to the development of a gas station at Lost Shoe Creek and the re-build of the Thornton Motel.

This year the Thornton Motel and Wya Resort upgraded the property management software system and are now able to do online bookings. Wya Point Resort also has a new logo, which you can see by visiting the website, WyaPoint.com.

A grand opening for the lodges will take place in the fall.



Wya Resort is spectacular and is now in the final stages of completion. Nine lodges have been constructed and are now being rented out. Below, the view from the deck and left the welcoming carvings by Clifford George.



Call for Summer Help

The following business are looking for YFN citizens to submit resumes by email to: UDCea@ukeecable.net

or by fax **726-3494**

for following opportunities:

Wya point Surf Shop

retail clerk and gear jockey...\$11. starting wage

Kwisitis Feast House

servers, kitchen help, hostesses, bartenders and line cooks \$11. starting wage plus tips

Wya Point Resort

housekeeping, operations and maintenance, front desk \$11. starting wage.

Work to commence in May...work through until September

Seven new homes to be built this year

Alandace Contracting was chosen from three Expressions of Interest to build seven, single family houses in Hitacu this year.

Seven one-bedroom homes are slated to be built on Albert Road in Hitacu, at the cul-de-sac that backs onto the new community centre. The building size will be 500 square feet on the main floor and 300 square feet on the top floor.

This building project was reported at the last Hitacu Assembly Chairperson Michelle Corfield asked if multi-family construction had been considered, noting it would likely be more cost efficient; Lands Manager Darren Mead-Miller said the costs were comparable.

With the recommendation of Senior Staff the Executive agreed to move forward to work out a contract with Alandace Contracting Ltd. to build the houses.



The new community centre in Hitacu is taking shape with both front and side entrances now in place. Bottom right is a photo of the inside ceiling of the main entryway.



Hitacu's new water reservoir near completion

Hitacu's new water tower is nearly complete but it will be a few more months until the community switches over to the new water source. Before that can be done new water lines will be laid in the community from the Government House up to the intersection of Wya Road and Hit-tat-soo Road and a new

pump house needs to be built.

Starting in April the road will be ripped up as crews begin to replace the water and sewer main (from Government House to the gravel pit). The current sewer line has settled due to improper installation, Lands Manager Darren Mead-

Miller commented.

According to Mead-Miller work crews will keep one lane of traffic open on the road and it will be maintained. Besides construction along the roadsides there will also be the ongoing construction of the Community Centre.

The water tower project is being funded by Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC). The new water tower will provide better water quality and standardized water pressure for the community. The new site of the water tower is on the south east side of Hitacu Lake.

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The winter challenge

Yuulu?il?at? citizens in Hitacu and living away from home took the plunge in March--into chilly waters for the Winter Challenge.

Young and old posted videos on Facebook of themselves or their families taking the plunge into the ocean, lakes and rivers. Most started their video explaining why they were and who they were challenged by to do the dip. After they emerged from the chilly water they challenged more people to do it.

There are a few theories on how this craze started, one story is that it began in Ontario, with some friends doing a winter challenge in honour of a friend who has a disease which prevents him from doing activities. Another story is that it was started on Vancouver Island and caught fire through First Nations communities.

Here are the Facebook posts from Evelyn Charlie and Babae Williams. At least 20-30 citizens took part.



Hydro crews were busy in Hitacu in March, bringing 3-Phase Hydro power to the community.

Wya Point Resort-Lodges

These positions are for the upcoming season. Flexibility is a must. The successful candidates must be available during the business hours of operation which includes weekend work.

Please submit your resume to udcea@ukeecable.net or by fax to 250-726-3494 or by handing it in person to Crystal at the UDC office located in Hitacu. You can also drop your resume off at the Wya Welcome Centre. Please indicate any training you have completed including certification or diplomas including whether you have a valid driver's license. Include at least 2 work related references with current contact information.

- Housekeeping-Room Attendants
- Full time and Part time positions
- Rate of Pay- depends on experience. \$11. per hour starting wage.
- Clean guest lodges daily (stays and check-outs) to the standards of Wya Point Resort
- Duties are vacuuming, dusting, making beds, cleaning floors, clean bathrooms, kitchen, windows etc.
- Ensuring all duties, are completed in an efficient and effective manner.
- Previous experience in a housekeeping department is an asset.
- Looking for people that are hardworking, have strong communication and organization skills.
- Must be able to work unsupervised.
- Must be able to work week days and weekends

Community Connections

2014 VOLUNTEER FAIR

April 5th 2014
Tofino Community Centre
10:00am - 2:00pm

Join us for a fun day of food, music, and door prizes including a free trip to Hot Springs Cove!!

Come join us: Learn more about the amazing activities of local organizations and how you can get involved!

Come join us along with:

The Clayoquot Biosphere Trust, Ucluelet Aquarium, Food Bank on the Edge, Central West Coast Forest Society, Association of Wetland Stewards, Clayoquot Action, C.A.R.E, Edge to Edge, Pacific Rim Hospice Society, Pacific Rim Whale Festival Society, Leadership Vancouver Island and much more!

Thanks to our community partners

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Local teens hiked Mount Ozzard recently with RCMP Constable Marcel Midlane and Auxiliary Member Peter Larkin. Hikers included: Kathleen McCarthy, Robert Andrew, Suzie McCarthy, Kyle Kervin, Dylan Joseph, Charles McCarthy and youth worker Sarah Hagar.

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- academic achievement on provincial grade 12 exams,
- citizenship (e.g. involvement in your community), and
- three letters of reference.

Applications are available on our website at www.clayoquotbiosphere.org under the heading Grants/awards, subheading Scholarships. The deadline for applications is March 31, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. The scholarship will be announced May 31, 2014.

Please direct all questions and completed applications in writing to:

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Youth create music videos

Local youth were busy making music videos during the March break Byte Camp. About a dozen youth from 7-18 participated in the camp. During the week they used video equipment and laptops to learn how to shoot video, mix music and videos and how to create music sampling. They also learned song structure and about temp.

On Thursday when we visited they were learning green screen to work

They filmed at various locations in Hitacu, in Ucluelet and at the Westerly Winds Farm.

Two high school graduates, April Mundy and Dylan Joseph volunteered their time to assist with the camp and get experience in assisting with youth camps.

Sheldon Touchie said he was learning about Loopy Fruits (CHECK) studio on how to make his own sound tracks. He said he's hoping to learn to make his own sound tracks to go along with the video's he produces, "so I don't get sued," he laughed. This young film maker has recently been accepted to Capilano College's film school. (Congratulations Sheldon!). He's hopeful the nation will be able to purchase a copy of the Loopy Fruits equipment so that he can continue what he's learned and put it into practise. Sheldon has also been asked to film Dr. Gabor Mate' when he visits Ucluelet next week.

Maria Williams said making music videos is easy and it's fun. She explained that she took the film and then was taught how to load it onto her computer. Randi-Lee Williams was trying to finish her music video and realized she needed more footage, so she asked her film crew (her sister) to get some more footage of her at the gravel pit...photo shown below.

Kyle Kervin enjoyed making the video and was busy filming the reporter as we went to get this story.

The youth had a public showing of their work last Friday when people were invited to come and watch the collection of music videos that were made during the week long camp.



Yuulu?il?ath youth participated in Byte Camp last week at the Community Hall. Shown here: top photo: April Mundy assists her younger brother Daniel. Below left, Melody Charlie listens to son Evan's music video while older brother Sheldon looks on. Below, Randi-Lee Williams creates an action shot for her video, with sister Maria filming.



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Jack Touchie and Gordon Taylor Sr. keep warm at an Elder's luncheon at the yurts at Wya Beach recently.

Jenna Miller hired as new homemaker

Jenna Miller has been hired as the new homemaker in Hitacu. The Homemaker helps provide cleaning services for the clientele of Yuulu?il?ath's Home and Community Care Program, which includes



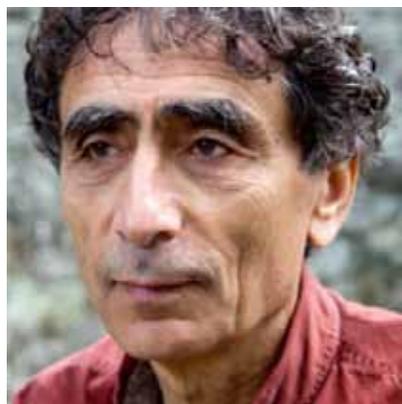
home management tasks, reporting of unsafe conditions in the home of clients, and basic food preparation.

In addition, the Homemaker assists the Social Development Coordinator to maintain the Community Kitchen's sustainability, integrity and growth.



Larisa Gus volunteers at a Culture Night dinner. The Grade 12 student volunteered in the community and is now working part-time in the kitchen at Blackrock Resort.

Dr. Gabor Maté



About Dr. Maté

A renowned speaker, and bestselling author, Dr. Gabor Maté is highly sought after for his expertise on a range of topics including addiction, stress and childhood development.

Rather than offering quick-fix solutions to these complex issues, Dr. Maté weaves together scientific research, case histories, and his own insights and experience to present a broad perspective that enlightens and empowers people to promote their own healing and that of those around them.

For twelve years Dr. Maté worked in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside with patients challenged by hard-core drug addiction, mental illness and HIV, including at Vancouver's Supervised Injection Site. With over 20 years of family practice and palliative care experience and extensive knowledge of the latest findings of leading-edge research, Dr. Maté is a sought-after speaker and teacher, regularly addressing health professionals, educators, and lay audiences throughout North America.

As an author, Dr. Maté has written several bestselling books including the award-winning *In the Realm of Hungry Ghosts: Close Encounters with Addiction*; *When the Body Says No: The Cost of Hidden Stress*; and *Scattered Minds: A New Look at the Origins and Healing of Attention Deficit Disorder*, and co-authored *Hold on to Your Kids*. His works have been published internationally in twenty languages.

Dr. Maté has received the Hubert Evans Prize for Literary Non-Fiction; an Honorary Degree (Law) from the University of Northern British Columbia; an Outstanding Alumnus Award from Simon Fraser University; and the 2012 Martin Luther King Humanitarian Award from Mothers Against Teen Violence. He is an adjunct professor in the Faculty of Criminology, Simon Fraser University.

April 4th, 2014 – Two Presentations!

Tofino - Tin Wis Hall
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Registration Fee: \$5.00

Ucluelet - Community Centre Hall
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By Donation

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Car-seat program

Hitacu will be receiving a child car seat thanks to the 2014 Community Child Car Seat Program (CCCS), a partnership between BCAA & United Way of the Lower Mainland. The car seat will be delivered in June.

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

Access medical files from home

The First Nations Health Authority is making improvements to patient care by enabling patients to access lab results through internet access. More patients are getting involved in helping manage their own health care and more patients are asking for copies of their test results which labs typically send through the mail. Through ehealth, patients can receive results as soon as they are released from the performing lab. My ehealth is a free service for BC patients. To create a profile and get started please visit: <http://www.myehealth>.

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- Barbara Touchie would like to thank friends and family for cards, flowers, food, visits and well wishes during her recent hospital stay.

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Wild women travel to Rupert for BC All Native tourney

By Anita Charleson-Touchie

The Wild Women basketball team journeyed 991.6 km's to Prince Rupert, BC to compete in BC's largest All Native Basketball Tournament (February 9-15, 2014). The Wild Women were the new team on the block and faced a grueling schedule. Nevertheless, we suited up, battled through each game, and showed how un-tame and relentless our game can be! On Monday we beat Vancouver 59-46 and then lost to our relatives the Nanaimo Spirits 61-51. On Tuesday we beat Hazelton 65-57. On Wednesday we played our 2 final games with another win against Vancouver 67-60 and then a loss to Kitimaat 69-66!

Despite the challenging tournament draw the Wild Women placed 6th out of 14 women's teams. In each game we played our hearts out and represented the West Coast community with pride and respect. Our months of training, fundraising, blood, sweat and tears paid off. Thank you to everyone who supported our team. With your support we were able to play, put food in our bellies, fuel in our vehicles, take beatings, hustle, laugh, cry, shout till we lost our voices and hold our head high after our wins and losses.

λeekoo λeekoo to our Coach Tyson Touchie for leading us through each battle. Thank you to our support crew Pauline Charlie, Cathy Williams, Matt Jack Sr & Jr., Gary Tom and Thomas Sam. λeekoo λeekoo to all our fans who cheered us on from home as we felt the love, support and positive energy. λeekoo λeekoo to the following sponsors: Shelter Restaurant, Schooner Restaurant, Ocean Outfitters, Studio One, Pina, Storm Light Outfitters, Storm Surf Shop, Long Beach Surf Shop, Wild Side Grill, Duffin Cove Resort, Tofino Brewing Co., Tofino Pharmacy, Tofino Co-op, Chocolate Tofino, Ucluelet First Nation, People's Drug Mart (Ucluelet), Cermac, Melody Charlie Photography, Eagle Aerie Gallery, Petro Canada (Ucluelet), Peninsula Restaurant, Wya Surf Shop, Wya Welcome Centre, Wya Resort. We are extremely grateful & look forward to doing it all over again next year!

Hitacu Surf Club

Twice a month. Youth will be picked up from school and dropped off at home. 10 participant maximum
Registration on first come, first served basis. (Min of 6 participants).
Register with Veronica by calling

(250) 726-7343

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



Team Captain Skylene Touchie during the All Native Basketball Tournament in Prince Rupert. Photos courtesy of Melody Charlie Photography.



The Wild Women: Coach Tyson Touchie, Captain Skylene Touchie, Michelle Touchie, Evelyn Charlie, Catherine Thomas, Anita Charleson-Touchie, Marlene Charlie, Natalee Dennis, Melody Charlie and Tara-lynn Curley.

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Teens attend Gathering Our Voices conference

By Mitcholos Touchie, Alex Boucha and Edwin Touchie

A Youth Conference for First Nations Youth Age 14-24 was recently held in Vancouver. The conference coordinators promoted First Nations culture, health, being proud of Native heritage, and the conference presented many international speakers.

There were dozens of workshops throughout the week and participants came from across Canada. As participants we were invited to join a talent show, participate in a Much Music Dance and experience other Nation's songs and dances.

Three Yuulu?il?ath Youth Alex Boucha, Edwin Touchie and Mitcholos Touchie participated in this conference and attended various workshops.

Alex said she met people from Salmon Arm, Williams Lake

and Port Hardy, and estimated there were about 1500 at the conference.

Mitcholos thought there were about 2000 at the conference. He met people from Barriere and said he had never heard of that community before. His favorite workshops included "Discovering ourselves through writing" and a holistic workshop facilitated by Warren Hooly, "he's a pretty inspiring dude" Mitcholos said.

Alex's favorite workshop was an anti-bullying workshop where she learned a lot about peer pressure. She also enjoyed a hypnotist who was performing.

Edwin's favorite workshop was the Ceremonial Arts because it "spoke to the spirituality part of indigenous culture." He also learned about ancient traditional games including Lacrosse. Edwin won a FitBit bracelet which keeps track of his heart rate, distance travelled and sleep patterns; he won the FitBit

bracelet by participating in the conference's fitness challenge.

When asked if the youth would recommend this conference to others they all replied positively.

Alex: Heck yeah!!

Edwin: Totally!

Mitcholos: Duh. It's AMAZING.

The participants agreed that the conference is important "especially for youth from more isolated

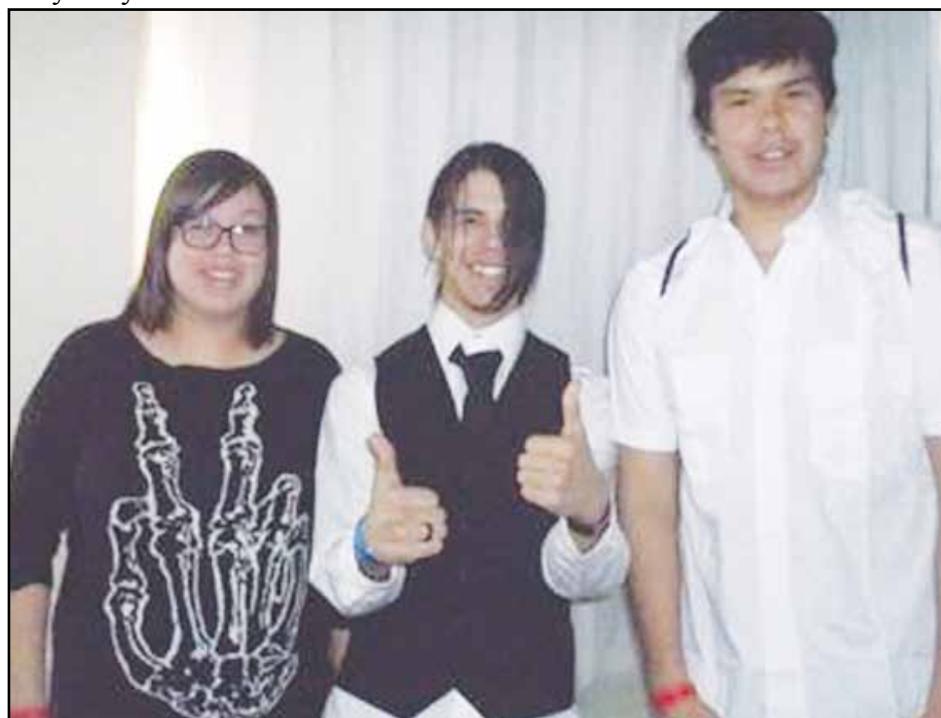
nations."

"It opens up an entirely new world that's inspiring. It instills a lot of pride in being native," the youth wrote.

They also thanked Community Wellness Coordinator Gloria Valentine for taking them to the conference.

"It was so awesome and was truly a life experience."

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Alex Boucha, Mitchell Touchie and Edwin Touchie were the teen representatives at the Gathering our Voices Conference this year.

Business update at Hitacu Assembly

Citizens got an update regarding the state of the Nation's businesses at the last Hitacu Assembly held on February 17th. Jay Norton presented the financials for the year ending December 2012 and said the 2013 financials are still being worked on.

YFN Management CEO Trevor Jones provided an update on the various business entities. He reported that 14,000 cubic meters were logged in Nahmint and the value of the timber should be known within the next month.

Economic Development Manager Tyson Touchie reported that Lori Touchie was hired to manage the resort. He said because only four lodges were ready last summer they were not marketed. He said that in July and August the lodges were between 50 and 60 per cent occupied. "It looks like everything will be sold out we expect in two to three years," he added. He's anticipating about a 30 per cent occupancy rate in the winter months.

K'isitit Feast House "met our financial expectations this year" he said and noted the surf shop revenue is up 20 per cent. Mr. Jones reported that the Welcome Centre was renovated over the winter and that is now the reception area for the resort.

Mr. Jones said the Operations Board has discussed potential foreign investment and had three groups of potential Chinese investors visit the community "on a fishing expedition to find out what business opportunities there were." He cautioned "this is very preliminary. Holdings wanted to seek input from the community so that when we sit down with potential investors, 'what do we want to hold on to?" He explained that there are many options with foreign investment. "We want them to engage us based on our development plan," he added. Dr. Michelle Corfield, chair of the Assembly said, "you're asking us, what is an acceptable level of risk."

Legislature Member Larry Baird questioned whether Canadian investors had been sought before we go out of country.

"We don't have stars in our eyes. We're not cutting deals. We're going to go out and try to find some suitable matches and create a MOU (memorandum of understanding)." Mr. Jones added, "We are planning a trip to meet some of these people in China."

Contract awarded for motel re-build

Humphrey's Construction has been chosen to rebuild the Thornton Motel. YFN Management Services CEO Trevor Jones said the Operating board considered three bids and chose Humphrey's and Scott Kemp as the architect. The building design will be reviewed by the Operating Board.

Demolition of the current motel is expected to begin within the next month and constructoin should begin by June, Mr. Jones said. It is anticipated the 12-room motel will take 10 months to construct.

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Food fish expected in June

If predictions are right there will be plenty of fish this year. According to YFN Management Services CEO Trevor Jones, YFN Fisheries is working to have food fish deliveries starting in June.

He is asking that citizens be sure to update their contact information, preferably email contacts, by emailing fisheries manager Alan McCarthy. Please email Alan at fisheries@ukeecable.net

Spencer Touchie

New Member of Legislature

Spencer Touchie will be inducted as the new Yuulu?il?ath Legislature Member on May 5th. Elected on March 30th, Spencer has been reading legislature meeting minutes as well as various Acts, to become familiar with the issues and rules of the nation's government.

He's thankful to everyone who voted in the election and said on the night of the election he gathered with his Mom, aunt Pearl and uncle Jack, at the government house to watch the ballot count.

At 32 years of age, Spencer will be the youngest member of the Yuulu?il?ath Legislature. To prepare himself for the role he has been reading the new Economic Development Act, familiarizing himself with the changes that he will need to understand for his role as a member of the Operating Board for the Yuulu?il?ath businesses and as a member of the Legislature. He has also been pouring over the Constitution, the Rules of Order and other pieces of legislation to get a better understanding of the process and laws. Spencer said he wants to be familiar with the laws so he can easily reference them.

Spencer lives in Hitacu and jokes about having a "fairly boring life" that consists of work, eating and going to the gym. He's an avid reader and has a passion for fast cars and motorbike--owns a Honda Shadow Aero road bike and 2006 Mustang, and he's just started a new business that involves building drones-- far from boring!

He graduated from Vancouver Island University--at that time, Malasapina University-College, from the Information Technology and Applied Systems course, he laughs when he explains, "it was just in time for the dot com bubble to burst." His first job, after graduation was working with the Yuulu?il?ath nation with the language program, creating language CDs and designing a computer program that would translate the language into Unicode, before the language fonts were readily available. He assisted with a team of local speakers to supply the Nuuchah-nulth language dictionary ma-

terial for the First Voices language page.

He got the travel bug and decided to move to Japan where he got a job working as an English teacher, first to young students and later to businessmen. He spent several months in Japan and then visited a friend in Korea and did some travelling before coming back home.

After witnessing a few classmates from his IT program fail at business starts, Spencer realized although they had IT experience they didn't necessarily have the business background so he decided he would go back to school to get some business education. For three years he studied English literature and business management and organizational culture and then his studies got derailed when he started to work for the Central Region.

"I accepted a job with Iisaak to finish a website and do some IT for the company; it was supposed to be a short stint and then I would head back to Nanaimo," he said, adding that he's now been with the company for more than six years, and for the last couple he's been the sole employee at Iisaak.

Spencer feels fortunate that his IT job expanded into many different facets of the business and he's gained a wide breadth of experience such as marketing value-added wood to organizing board of directors meetings and learning about the Forest Stewardship Certification process.

Iisaak has been stalled in logging activity for a couple of years now because there has been no agreement between the various nations that own the company (Central Region) on what areas to log and whether or not to partner with environmental lobby groups to access operating funds. Still, Spencer remembers when Iisaak was a strong company and he believes in its potential.

"I want to see Iisaak survive and live up to more of what its potential could be and what was envisioned for it which was cooperation between the nations, environ-



Spencer Touchie at last year's Toy Run in Port Alberni.

mental sustainability and working as communities to change the face of forestry," he commented.

"And it has changed forestry for the world. Iisaak was one of the first to introduce industrial variable retention logging (no clear cuts)." Spencer said there is more standing timber because of the forest practices of Isaac; he explained that logging was done to mimic natural occurrences such as a windstorm. "Actual blow downs actually look worse than areas that have been logged," he said.

"It gives you a sense of pride knowing this company has been able to cooperate in a global market," Spencer said. When one compares the logging that Iisaak has done to other logging operations, where huge clear cuts are being stripped from mountain sides, it reinforces for him, the belief that Iisaak is a leader in logging.

He believes that the current stumbling blocks can be overcome by the company and pointed out that each generation must decide if they can work together. "A united front was definitely effective for the central region," he commented, pointing out that some of the strong proponents of a united front, have now passed away and he's grateful they had the foresight to protect such large swaths of old growth forest. "I do believe we can be strong again," he added.

In the past few months Spencer has been busy with a new idea, starting a company called Sas-

sin Diversified Technologies Ltd. with another young entrepreneur. The company is two-pronged, with the first being the creation of unmanned aerial vehicles, commonly referred to as Drones, which can be adopted for a variety of uses. One such use is to access remote areas to gather information. Spencer's drone has provided Aerial photography and videography of a remote area to a BC provincial ministry. "Using a drone enables the access of data that would otherwise be unavailable due to the high cost of accessing those areas," he commented. "It's much cheaper to hire a drone instead of a helicopter and it pollutes less," he added.

He and his business partner are still testing the drones and have invested more than \$10,000 in the venture so far and they are currently making application for a business loan. The second part of the business is selling parts for drone enthusiasts and recently Spencer purchased an existing business SteadiDrone and made his first sale a couple of weeks ago. He is currently doing some IT maintenance on the website but will soon have the site operational again; you can check it out at steadidrone.ca

Currently there are few restrictions for drone operators in Canada; but that is changing to ensure operators have adequate insurance and a safety plan to keep the public safe. Spencer is now taking online courses to obtain his UAV (unmanned Aviation Vi) operator's certificate.

Elders enjoy time at the yurts

Yuulu?il?ath Elders were recently invited to spend a couple of nights at the yurts at Wya Beach with their families.

Rose Wilson and her grandchildren, Molly Haipee and son Raymond, Bernice Touchie and her grand-daughters and Marj and Ron Williams took advantage of the free stay. During the camp-out, Marj Williams and Geraldine Touchie gathered some hayištup (chiton) for a traditional snack and smoked salmon and clams were also enjoyed.

The Elders and other Yuulu?il?ath citizens enjoyed a BBQ on the beach on Thursday afternoon.



Yuulu?il?ath and Toquaht drummers at Wya Beach last week for the Yuulu?il?ath beach BBQ. This event was organized by Dr. Bernice Touchie and Debbie Mundy and was enjoyed by many community members.



Nuučaanuł (Nuu-chah-nulth)

łaaktuula - Memorial feast

maayi - salmon berry sprouts

qawii - all berries

łupaa - warm, sunny weather

ł sounds like klah as in claw

ii sounds like ee (see)

ł sounds like like the th (athlete)

Please note: It is impossible to re-create the sounds of Nuu-chah-nulth using the English language as a guide--the examples provided will give you an idea of the Nuu-chah-nulth sounds. We encourage you to speak to a fluent Elder in order to hear the sounds correctly. You can hear language videos on our website @ www.ufn.ca and sound files on the First Voices website.

Pro-D day focuses on teaching the Nuu-chah-nulth language

Dr. Bernice Touchie and Gale Johnson organized a two-day Pro-D day language session at Duquah Gallery last week, that focused on teaching the Nuu-chah-nulth language. One of the guest speakers included Victoria Wells who is a member of the Ehattesaht First Nation who co-created a language App which allows users to listen and practice speaking 750 words and 350 phrases in the Nuu-chah-nulth language (Northern dialect). Her desire to create an App came from a desire to maintain and strengthen the “sense of aboriginal heritage and identity.”

Other guests during the event included: Henry Kammler, and Adam Werle who have both been studying, recording and transcribing the Nuu-chah-nulth language.

A half dozen Yuulu?il?ath citizens, along with Toquaht and Tla-o-qui-aht citizens participated in the workshop. Digital recording and using the Language Tutor on the First Voices website were also demonstrated.

First Nations languages will be the focus of Royal BC Museum summer exhibit

First Nations languages will be featured at the Royal BC Museum exhibition this summer. The Victoria museum is working with the First Peoples’ Cultural Council to develop an exhibition which will be called, “Our Living Languages.” The First People’s Cultural Council is an equal partner in shaping the form and content of the exhibition.

Visitors to the exhibition will learn

that BC is home to 34 unique First Nations languages, making it the most linguistically diverse region in Canada. The exhibition will provide visitors with the opportunity to learn more about the complexity of the languages and the people who are working to document and revitalize them.

Our Living Languages exhibition is scheduled to open on June 21.