



## Hitacu home ownership can now be registered

Yuulu?it?ath citizens now have a unique opportunity to raise title and register their homes as their own, through the BC Land Title Register. Last week the government was notified that the subdivision plan of 114 lots (Hitacu) has now been registered with the BC Lands Title Register.

“This is a historic moment; what this means is that the process of land and home ownership can now begin,” said an enthusiastic President Charles McCarthy. “People who have built their homes or who have built and maintained their own homes can now raise title and we (the Executive) have the authority to transfer title from the government to citizens.” he added.

Now that the properties have all been surveyed, those who own their homes now have the ability to own their lot too, and that also comes with the ability to transfer that lot to other family members or to sell to other Yuulu?it?ath citizens.

Having the surveyed subdivision registered in the Land Title office was the first step in home ownership.

It is not yet known how the property will be valued by BC Assessment as they normally base assessments on market value and since there is no market history in Hitacu, it is not yet known how the properties will be valued. Because houses cannot be sold on the open market, and sales are limited to Yuulu?it?ath citizens, it is expected that assessments will be less than you might see elsewhere, but that

has not yet been determined.

For citizens who are currently renting or do not own property in Hitacu, there will be future opportunity to apply for lot. The processes have not yet been determined as to how lots will be transferred but a number of lots will be available to citizens.

There will be requirements placed on citizens who apply for vacant lots, such as building homes within a given time-frame, and paying for infrastructure hook-ups such as sewer and water to the new building sites.

Infrastructure services end at the roadway and owners will be responsible for bringing the services to the building site.

President McCarthy estimated there are a dozen or so people who currently own their homes in Hitacu and would qualify to raise title.

A transfer application from the Yuulu?it?ath Government to citizens will cost \$75 in most instances and all fees and forms for transfers can be found in the Yuulu?it?ath Titled Lands Transfer Regulation which was enacted on October 3, 2014. Citizens can download the regulation from [www.ufn.ca](http://www.ufn.ca) or stop by the Government House for a copy. There are additional costs associated with registering title with the BC Lands Title Register.

The BC Land Title & Survey Authority oversees the official land register and keeps records each time a property is bought or sold

in the province. “This gives our people a reliable record of proof of ownership of their house and land,” President McCarthy said.

President McCarthy said it’s important for the government to get information out to all citizens about how they can go about transferring lots into their own names. He suggested that staff provide information at the next Hitacu Assembly, scheduled for December 1, 2014.

The zoning criteria he referred to is the Zoning and Structures Act which was released to the Executive for discussion purposes only at this point. The Act would lay out possible zoning require-

ments for the community of Hitacu and treaty lands.

The Zoning and Structures Act provides guidelines for community planning for such things as the location of houses and outbuildings on lots and also details the uses of the buildings. For instance, there will be certain areas where commercial uses could be created and other areas where there will be no commercial use.

The over-arching goal of the zoning and structures legislation is to create a sustainable community that “people would want to live in and be part of,” President McCarthy said.



Katherine Williams and other dancers joined in as the Yuulu?it?ath drummers and singers came together for the first Culture night of the season. The hall was packed for dinner and Culture.

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## Community centre opening set for mid November; once water and sewer project is completed

Everyone is anxious for the new community centre in Hitacu to open, especially now that its very close to completion. The move-in date has been pushed back a couple of times because occupancy of the building is based on a number of items being completed, mainly the new water and sewer project. Fire suppression equipment cannot be

tested until the new water reservoir is up and running and that has caused a delay for the move-in date. The government anticipates moving the office from its current location to the new building by mid November. Once the occupancy date is known a date for the grand opening will be set and that will be the first event in the new building.

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 December 1<sup>st</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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  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Adjournment



**The new community centre cannot be opened though until the new water reservoir is commissioned and that is not likely to happen until mid November. Photo above shows administration entrance to the building and the new gym. Top left, Legislature member Alan McCarthy chats with Jack Touchie while Suzanne Williams and Charles McCarthy look into the gym from an upstairs office.**

## Facilities policy being created for Community Centre use

With the new Community Centre being close to being completed the phones have already started ringing for event bookings in the new building.

Government staff are preparing a new facility policy that will guide the booking, rental, fees and maintenance policies surrounding the use of the new facility.

The staff have fielded inquiries about hosting different events including a basketball tournament, a potlatch and a conference. Until the Government offices have moved the gym and other facilities will not be available for rent. The new water reservoir must be commissioned before the move can take place.

# Community Newsmakers

## New water and sewer project continues for a few more weeks

Bowerman Excavating has been replacing the sewer and water lines in Hitacu over the past few months and anticipate wrapping up the infrastructure work in a few more weeks. Two weeks ago they began water shut-offs to residential houses in order to complete deep trenching work required for the sewer line.

“We’ll be shutting off the water for about an eight hour period each day until we pass those houses. We can’t have people turning on



their shower or using their toilet; our only options were to plug their sewer lines or turn their water off,” said Jeff Conklin, site supervisor for Bowerman.

He said the crew determined it would be best to turn the water off completely because by turning off the sewer there may be a risk of a sewage backing up into homes. “I have no option but to shut the water off because we can’t have their sewer dumping into our trenches,” he said.

Some residents had their water off for a day and others for a few days in a row. Not all residents were affected at the same time and the crews made an effort to get notices out the night before to warn those who would be affected.

According to Jeff the deep trench is required for the sewer line and noted it is imperative that drivers use extra caution during this time because the workers are working in the trench about nine feet below the road.

“We’re asking for everyone’s patience; this is the worst part of the job but we’re getting through it,” he said. On October 1st, he estimated there was another six weeks

of work remaining to complete the job. “We’ve got three to four weeks in the road way and then we will be coming into the yards down here (lower properties at the beginning of Hit-tat-soo Road) to remove the septic tanks from about 13 houses.” The tanks will be removed and the holes filled with pea gravel. Once the residential septic tanks are completed the last job will be to replace the water and sewer lines into the current Government House. “Once we do that, we will start the clean up,” he commented.

In the summer road work was stalled for a few days when the work crews hit middens which were then excavated by archaeologists. Human re-

mains were excavated from one site and following the archaeological dig a brushing ceremony was done for workers who came into contact with the remains. It was decided at an Elders meeting that the bones would be re-buried in the Hitacu cemetery. Once the road work is completed the bones will be buried.

Road crews have not come across any more remains but will have the archaeologists on site once they go back into the area where the human remains were found, to replace the force main from the pump station up to the first cul-de-sac.

There is just one tie in left to complete which will connect phase one and two of the water upgrade. “Everyone is tied on and the new system so currently water comes up through the old existing line and comes down through the new lines,” he explained. He said once the water reservoir is filled and the water tested and chlorinated the tie ins can be completed. Normally the pump station would be used to assist in filling the new water reservoir, however; the old pump was dismantled and a new one is being built but not yet in place. This has made filling the reservoir more difficult; the public works crew have used the fire-

truck to help boost pressure to fill the water reservoir, but after days of boosting, it has reached its limit with less than six feet to go to fill the reservoir. The new reservoir is a huge capacity tank. Because there is a difference in elevation between the water lines and the water tower, the booster pump boosts the water into the tower. Once in the tower the head pressure allows the water to be gravity fed to the distribution lines. “That’s the reason they put in the pressure reducing valves,” he said. “We will be at about 100 psi down here, so the water will be controlled to about 65 psi. If you don’t set it and there’s old piles it will blow the pipes,” he said.

Once the new pump house is in place the old water lines will be abandoned and disassembled. “The new building (pump house) is sitting in the shop and the interior is getting wired and plumbed and then it will be dropped into place,” Jeff explained. He said once the pump house is in place the electrical work will be done and then test runs can begin.

Once the new reservoir is operational the old one will be torn down. “But not right away, it will be three or four months to make sure everything is working well and then we will take out the old fire hydrants and the water reservoir. You want to make sure the water reservoir and safety mechanisms are up and running without any glitches,” he commented.

### Road paving in Hitacu may need to wait until spring

Now that rainy weather has set in the road may not be able to be paved until the spring as crews need three weeks without rain in order to proceed. Road crews have been attempting to maintain the road with regular grading however; the rain has made it difficult to keep ahead of the potholes.

The government is considering a temporary measure to place gravel on the road for the winter months; it would need to be scraped off before paving. In the meantime drivers are asked to be patient and slow down.



### Help Wanted: Education Support Worker (Regular, Part-time)

Hitacu, British Columbia  
Second Posting: Wednesday, October 15, 2014

The Education Support Worker is responsible for the planning and administration of department funding and the planning and implementation of Yuutu?it?ath Child & Youth Educational Programs in support and recognition of Yuutu?it?ath non-Post-Secondary students. It is a regular part-time 0.7 FTE position.

#### EDUCATION/TRAINING/CERTIFICATION

- Experience and training in a related field or Undergraduate Degree from a recognized University in a related field
- Grade 12 Diploma
- Valid Class 5 Drivers License and own transportation
- Unrestricted class 4 Drivers License or willingness to obtain it within the three-month probationary period.

#### EXPERIENCE

- Minimum two years’ experience in an education environment involving students in grades 1 – 12
- Ability to interpret and follow educational policies, procedures and guidelines in a day-to-day situation
- Experience in the development and implementation of First Nation education programs and services preferred
- Experience working with First Nation communities, organizations and current with First Nation education issues
- Experience planning, coordinating and managing complex projects and multi-step assignments

Please note that, in accordance with Section A.2.0 – 1, of the Yuutu?it?ath Government Personnel Policy, the Yuutu?it?ath is applying an aboriginal employment preference first to Yuutu?it?ath Citizens and second to members of other First Nations. In addition, the Yuutu?it?ath will request a Criminal Record Check as a condition of employment.

**How to Apply:** please submit your covering letter, resume and two recent employment references to the attention of Iris Frank, Director of Operations, by email (iris.frank@ufn.ca), fax (250-726-7552), by mail (P.O. Box 699, Ucluelet, BC, V0R 3A0) or in person (100 Hit-tat-soo Road, Hitacu, BC. Have a question? Please call Iris at 250-726-7342, extension 206.

**Closing Date: Friday, October 31, 2014**

*Thank you in advance for your application, we will be in touch with those who are shortlisted for an interview.*

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## Audio tapes to be preserved in digital format

Yuulu?il?ath Government has received \$10,000 in matching funding to complete a six month Indigitization project that will see old audio files of the Nuu-chah-nulth language, digitized for preservation.

Language coordinator, Dr.



Bernice Touchie said, digitization “represents a leap towards using technology not

only to preserve the oral culture and language but also to start a long term plan for archival holdings where data management and access provides greater potential for language and cultural program development.” She noted that the digitization of Aboriginal languages has been dubbed Indigitization.

In the last few years there has been a push for the reclamation of language and culture. “A few language instructors have made heroic efforts in instruction in the language but now the revitalization of the language stands precariously

with the few fluent speakers that remain,” Dr. Touchie said.

She said a few fluent and semi-fluent speakers assist to promote the Nuu-chah-nulth language in the local pre-school, K-12 and adult language classes. “At this stage an inventory is being made of all language and cultural holdings within the former Nuu-chah-nulth umbrella, the museums, private collections and the YFN language program. Many tapes, some including other dialects, require editing and digitization.” Dr. Touchie stated in her application.

According to Dr. Touchie the digitization project will “provide a critical catalyst for fluent speakers to realize their role in assisting with additions needed to existing tapes.” She said the project is timely as the nation has young citizens who are excited by the potential of new technology to reinforce their language skills. Digitization can include a variety of material including: photos, documents, maps, visual material and audio files; the six month local project will focus on audio files.

Traditional protocol such as a cleansing ceremony and permission from the Hāwiih will be gotten before the project begins. Elders

will be approached about using tapes and it will be explained why the digitization effort is important. The Elders will be able to assist which materials are a priority to be digitized. An access policy and submission templates will be available and citizens will be informed about procedures for the digitization.

Analogue files will be converted to digital files for preservation and the digital files may be edited to increase the amplification (noise level) of old tapes and equalize them to adjust the low (bass) and high (treble) frequencies.

There will be a person hired to learn the digitization process and to create an archiving system for the material. They will also be responsible for assessing the condition of the tapes and for determining the access for digital files, some which may be open for public access and others that may have strict conditions on who can access them. There will be digitization training provided at the University of Brit-

ish Columbia as part of the project.

Dr. Touchie will serve as the manager of the project. A digitalization technician hired to oversee the project will have skills in the Barkley dialect, audio recording and be familiar with linguistic analysis.

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The Aboriginal Audio Digitization Program is funding this project; the Digitization Program is sponsored by the Irving K Barber

Learning Centre at UBC, the Museum of Anthropology at the University of British Columbia and the First Nations Technology Council. The goal of the program is to provide financial support to Aboriginal communities in BC for the conversion of audio materials to digital file formats.

On Friday, October 24, Maureen Touchie-Louie was hired as the digitization technician for this project. This week she and Dr. Touchie will travel to Vancouver for digitization training at UBC.

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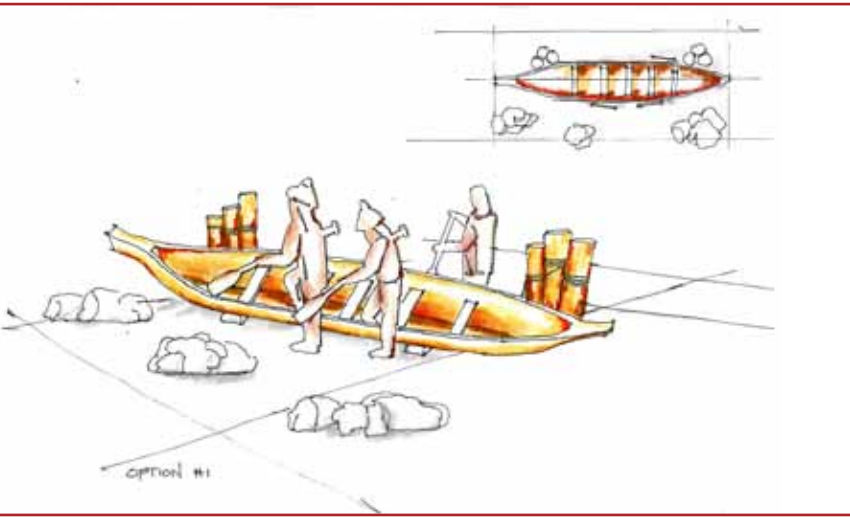
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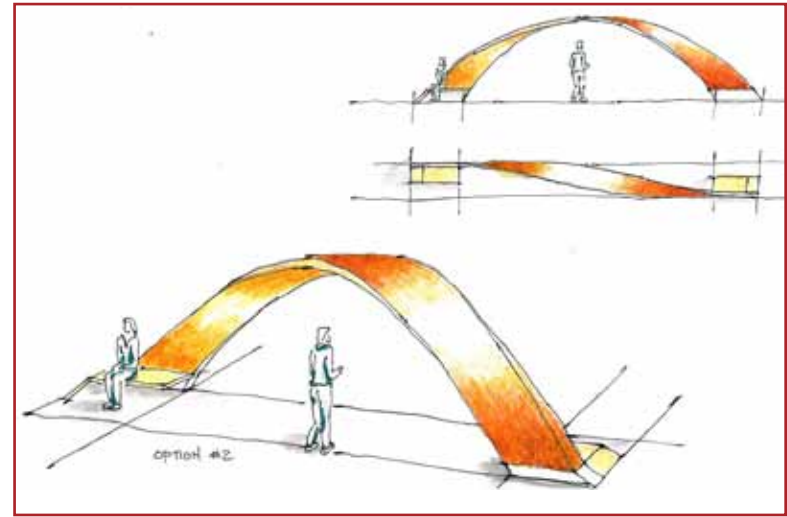
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Two of the six sketches that Scott Kemp presented for the Memorial Garden. All six sketches can be viewed at the Government House or health centre. Digital copies of all six sketches can be acquired by contacting Trevor Wickham at (250) 726-7343



## Memorial garden project back on track with new conceptual drawings

Community members gathered recently to review sketches for a memorial garden to recognize the Indian Residential School experience. Scott Kemp, the architect of Hitacu's new community centre, presented six sketches that were drawn as a result of an earlier meeting in October, where citizens voiced their ideas of what they would like to see for a memorial.

ed to the online survey who answered questions about the type of memorial they would like to see. Of the 35 respondents who were asked whether the memorial should be visible to the public 19 people said that was important and 16 people responded it was very important that the memorial be visible.

Respondents were asked whether the memorial should be "impactful (sic) to all age groups" and 14 respondents said that was important while 19 people said that was very important. Most people agreed that the project signs should be in both English and Nuu-chah-nulth.

When respondents were asked to choose between a number of specified locations for the memorial, about half the respondents chose the Wya Junction property and half chose the new Community Centre property.

When asked what animals should be incorporated in the artistic design of the project nine people suggested an eagle and 12 people suggested a wolf.

Architect Scott Kemp was invited to attend the meeting to provide some sketches of what people would like to see incorporated in the memorial. He asked those in attendance to think about what they would like to see as the memorial, to consider the materials to be used

and if there were specific components that should be included.

"Should it be made of cedar or glass or metal?" he asked. He questioned what sort of message the memorial would present to visitors.

Yuulu?il?ath President Charles McCarthy said he would like to see a positive image projected at the Community Centre garden and Melody Charlie agreed, saying it should be a place of hope.

"We're creating our new future so do you want to capture the pain and suffering or focus on the fact that our people have strength and are resilient?" Mr. McCarthy asked.

Mr. McCarthy suggested incorporating the community's canoe, the Tyee, in the garden. He described his idea of creating a gravel beach with the canoe pulled onto the beach to depict the history of the Yuulu?il?ath and their connection to the ocean. "We can utilize the canoe and show the connection to where we come from," he said. President McCarthy said using materials the Nation already owns would cut costs and a low maintenance garden would keep the ongoing costs to a minimum.

Deb Mundy suggested a drum would be a good symbol of the culture that could be incorporated into the design.

At a second meeting this month Mr. Kemp unveiled his sketches and asked for input from the Elders. Legislature member Geraldine Touchie inquired about the budget for the project and

whether any of the sketch plans could be completed for the budgeted amount.

Manager of Community Services Trevor Wickham said approximately \$50,000 has been pegged for the project budget. He informed the group that two years ago the Truth and Reconciliation Commission awarded the community \$50,000 for the memorial.

Some of the funding was spent to create a video about the local residential school experience and some was spent on community meetings to determine a project and on a survey. The majority of the TRC funds had to be returned to the federal government because the project was not completed in the time frame given for the project Mr. Wickham said. He announced that more funding is being sought and he is hopeful the budget will be more than \$50,000. Mr. Kemp said all of the sketch ideas presented could be done in that price range.

Mr. Wickham encouraged the group to brainstorm ideas and a few more ideas for the memorial garden came forth. Pearl Touchie would like to see a water element, Marilyn Touchie had suggested a totem pole that depicted the Residential School Experience and Gordon Taylor Senior suggested incorporating transformers, a wolf and killer whale. Geraldine Touchie suggested combining a couple of the sketches, the canoe and an arch, to represent a child's journey from Residential School back to the community. The next meeting date will be posted on our Facebook page.



Of the sketches presented, there were two that were favored by those in attendance, and they are shown here. It was decided at that meeting that Scott will now incorporate ideas from the second meeting and come up with another sketch to present in a few weeks time.

Earlier in the month Nene Krandeveldt who has facilitated most of the TRC project meetings in the past year outlined the work that has been done to date. A number of community meetings and elder's luncheons were used to gather information from community members and an online survey was completed, Nene said.

Thirty-six people respond-

## Yuulu?il?ath Citizen half way through chemotherapy treatments, vows to battle cancer and ride again

Lorraine Mundy sits in a hospital chair and sticks her arm out, waiting to be poked. The nurse struggles with finding a vein. "Your skin is tough," she says as she wiggles the needle in trying to find the right spot. "There are lots of veins there they just don't want to be poked," she jokes. After a few attempts the nurse gives up and decides another warming blanket is required to help bring the veins to the surface. Lorraine winces but the intravenous is the easy part. After a few failed attempts the nurse calls another nurse and the process which will deliver her medicine begins.

About five months ago Lorraine had surgery to remove the left side of her colon. On October 6th she had her fifth chemotherapy treatment at Nanaimo Regional General Hospital's Cancer Clinic; she's glad to be more than half way through her prescribed round of treatment.

Every three weeks since her surgery Lorraine has had to get chemotherapy. There are more than 80 different types of chemotherapy, all designed to attack specific types of cancer, and the duration of therapy is designed to suit the person, how far their cancer has progressed and the type of cancer it is. Lorraine was assigned eight rounds of chemotherapy, Oxaliplatin which is used for treatment of colorectal cancer. Adverse effects of the treatment include hypersensitivity to cold (especially with the hands and feet), fatigue, nausea, and sometimes hearing loss. She's also noticed her hair is thinning, but she's been told she won't lose it all.

She remembers after her first chemotherapy treatment in Victoria Lorraine had to walk inside the building and froze as she got part-way up the stairs. No one stopped to help her or ask what was wrong with her, but the fact was, she was having difficulty breathing and felt like she couldn't take another step. Her treatments have been moved to Nanaimo now and that suits her better; she also says the nursing staff is nicer. When she arrived for the fifth

round of treatment, a nurse asked if Lorraine had been to any music concerts lately; the last time Lorraine came for chemo she had just been to an *Earth, Wind and Fire* concert. In turn, Lorraine asked the nurse about her recent experience taking her daughter to go hear Katy Perry.

Initially Lorraine is hooked up to an intravenous drip for about



an hour before the actual chemotherapy drug is administered.

She is one of five people set up in a hospital reclining chair, receiving chemotherapy at the Cancer Clinic on this day. Hospital volunteers are busy delivering warm blankets, water and snacks to the patients, and a few times Lorraine carries on a brief conversation with a volunteer care giver. The drugs given during chemotherapy, the amount of time the drug will be administered for and the number of rounds of treatment are all different from patient to patient. In Lorraine's case, her drug is delivered for two hours--from start to finish her cancer treatment lasts about three hours.

By the end of the second hour, an hour after her chemotherapy begun, Lorraine is falling asleep

in the chair.

By the end of the session Lorraine will barely be able to speak or walk. "When I'm finished it seems like a really huge effort to talk or walk, just even to the car," she said. Following today's treatment she will be driven to a hotel where she will literally crash for a few hours and continue to feel nauseous for days. To combat the

the effects of the chemotherapy are more difficult and long lasting. She was warned that after the fourth session she would begin to feel worse.

After her first round of chemo she felt pretty good and was out walking enjoying the sunshine and even took in a ten kilometer bike ride. "I was pretty tired for the last half," she admitted.

But now, after each session she is more fatigued, has little strength, she finds that the nausea lasts a little longer, and the side effects of the drug seem to be more prevalent. "I'm awful riding in a car, if you brake or accelerate too much I want to throw up. I feel a lot more fatigued," she said.

Her son Jack wondered why she was wearing gloves and wool socks in the summer time; her extremities freeze and she can't eat cold food for about a week after each treatment.

Besides the physical symptoms, Lorraine admitted that having cancer can be a lonely process because few people are comfortable talking openly with her about her cancer. "People don't know what to say or how to respond; they seem uncomfortable," she said.

"It gets depressing; you feel very alone sometimes," she said. Because she has little strength to move, she has plenty of idle time, not able to do much but lie around. "Sometimes I think how nice it would be to be back at work," she commented, but in reality, she needs to lie down a lot. "I'm supposed to avoid sunlight, and I've lost my appetite," she said and that's another side effect of the chemo.

It's been six months since Lorraine was first diagnosed with cancer. She feels like her constant refrain through the months is that's she's tired; but another constant is her hope and future plans to get back to the sport she loves so much, her road biking.

Every treatment accumulates in her system and each time

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## Inner strength helps Lorraine deal with physical changes such as hair loss and constant fatigue

In August, after her third Chemotherapy treatment Lorraine commented, "I've never felt this tired." She quickly corrected herself; "well, after a 100 mile bike ride I was tired," she laughed. At the same time she talked about the physical changes she noticed. "I'm losing my hair," she said. "It's been on my pillow in the morning and I've been brushing my hair a few times a day because it's falling on my clothes. They told me I won't lose all of it, but it will thin," she said. She added, "it's just annoying but not upsetting; there's nothing I can do about it," she stated.

She was told that after the

*"I can't walk ten steps without feeling tired. The most I can walk is 50 feet and then I feel like I can't breathe."*

fourth chemo treatment she would really start to feel the side effects of the chemo. Until that point she had not experienced many of the side effects usually associated

with chemotherapy such as mouth sores or scaly skin.

At that time she described her only symptom as being tired, "no, exhausted," she admits. "I can't walk ten steps without feeling tired. The most I can walk is about 50 feet and then I feel like I can't breathe. At least when I was tired after riding 160 kilometers I had a good reason to be tired," she laughs, and then added, "then I had a great excuse."

The nurse explains that following the chemotherapy treatments Lorraine will get another CT scan (Computerized Tomography) which analyzes internal parts of the body and can assist in diagnosing tumors. Her oncologist will look for tumor markers which are substances produced by cancer or other cells. The tumor marker will be examined to check for the recurrence of cancer and then the doctor will determine if further treatment

is required; if further chemo is required it will be a different type of chemo as the same treatment is never given twice.

She's anxious for her Chemotherapy treatments to be over and for the healing to begin. She knows it will be a long road to recovery but keeps her mind set on

a bike ride she did last year from Seattle to Portland. "It was the most difficult bike ride I've ever done," she laughed. The ride is a two-day, 202 mile event--approximately 325 kilometers. She recalled how she continued to inquire, 'how much further', from a rider beside her who had a satellite computer on his bike. "I kept thinking, I can do this,

I can do this," and she did.

The combination of Lorraine's mental determination and physical strength are sure to keep her in good stead as she continues the battle against cancer. Once her chemotherapy treatment is over and the results are known, we will have another update.

## Strengthening Connections

Monday, November 3, 2014  
10am—2pm

### An Indigenous Education and Career Fair



Ray Van Eng—Flickr

### Location:

## Hitacu Community Hall

Don't miss your chance to meet with representatives from employers and universities:

University of Victoria \* North Island College \* RCMP \* Canadian Forces \* Vancouver Island Health Authority \* Vancouver Island University \* BC Hydro \* Camosun College, Simon Fraser University \* Nicola Valley Institute of Technology \* University of Northern BC \* NETP \* NEDC \* and more!

## Wya Point wins NEDC environmental award



Tyson Touchie and Jenny Touchie picked up a business award at the annual NEDC banquet held at the Tin Wis on Saturday. Wya Resort won the award for the Best Environmental and Sustainable Business Award.

Wya Resort has been recognized by the Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Business Corporation, winning the Best Environmental & Sustainable Business Award.

On Saturday, October 25, Tyson Touchie, Manager of YFN Management Services and Jenny Touchie a member of the Holdings Board received the award at a luncheon held at the Tin Wis.

The NEDC Aboriginal Business Awards celebrate the accomplishments of Nuu-chah-nulth businesses.

“The Resort was chosen for this award because it continues to limit its environmental impact. Wya Resort demonstrates a good means of preservation of the environment and great means to promote energy efficiency,” said Jennifer Gallic, NEDC Business Service Officer.

“The award categories allow for the unique strengths and diversity within the business community and recognize motivation, focus and achievable goals.

The judging criteria for the award included the financial viability of the business, the environmental foot print, the innovative practices and energy efficiency of the business.

“Wya Point Resort has been able to create a sustainable business that balances what their people want with what the market needs without disrupting the natural balance of their home... the Resort is becoming a jewel on the West Coast due to its unique nature and untouched beauty” wrote the person who nominated the resort; names of the nominators are kept confidential by NEDC.

Tyson pointed out that when the campground was build there was consideration given to taking out as few trees as possible, leaving the beaches free of development and protecting midden sites.

“One of the most important goals was to reaffirm Cawaaksamin with our staff and with our guests. We want them to reconnect with our home and feel the natural power and energy of both our village sites, Wai-ii and Ucluth. This connection is achieved by not allowing modern noise and distractions in the building so you won’t find a TV or phones in the lodges or yurts,” Tyson told the NEDC.

## Sunday School Adventures

Ages 6-13

Join Aaron and Julie Sunday mornings at the Six-plex. Each morning will include a teaching time from the Bible, fun games and food. We will start at 10:30 AM and end at 1:00 PM.

Contact Aaron Otis with any questions. (250) 266-0090

## Casual Employees Needed

The Yuulu?il?ath Government is seeking interested citizens to apply within in case a temporary, casual position opens up for either full-time hours or part-time hours.

If you are interested in any of the following types of work, please apply by completing an employment application or by sending a cover letter and resume – please be sure what kind of work you are interested in.

- **Casual Receptionist – will provide basic training**
- **Surveyor Assistants – will require your own safety gear**
- **General Labourers**

Applications can be found at the Government House or Community Services Centre. Once complete, please submit your application or cover letter/resume to the attention of Iris Frank, Director of Operations, by email ([iris.frank@ufn.ca](mailto:iris.frank@ufn.ca)), in person at the Government House or by fax (250-726-7552).

## NEDC Business planning

Learn about NEDC Programs and Services on Monday, November 3rd from 2-3:30 p.m. at the Community Hall in Hitacu. NEDC staff will be on hand to talk about the importance of business planning. Bring any questions you have about starting a business.

## Youth conference

Huu-ay-aht First Nations is holding a conference for youth on November 7 and 8th at the Barclay Best Western hotel in Port Alberni. The conference is aimed at Aboriginal Youth ages 15 to 30. Registration is free and limited. Please visit: <http://huuayaht.org/?p=4260> for more information.



## Dock gets moved to Effingham for start of camp

The traditional camp at Effingham inlet is one step closer to reality after Dennis Touchie and Levi Touchie spent a soggy week in the Yuulu?il?ath traditional territory, securing a dock, packing lumber to the site and starting to clear a lot for a shelter.

“We were pretty soggy,” Dennis laughed. He said the location of the site had to be altered somewhat because the area that was chosen initially was too marshy. Dennis and Levi met a barge in Effingham last week; the barge was hired to drop the anchors for the dock and transport all the building material from Port Alberni to the camp site.

“It ended up that the site where we



thought the dock would go was too shallow,” and they ended up using a site nearby, “around the corner from the tree, out towards the point,” he commented. The dock was assembled in Shoemaker Bay in Port and then towed to Effingham where it had to be re-fit together and anchored.

The work crew has experi-

enced a few challenges along the way other than the site of the camp. They borrowed the Nahmint V for the trip and ended up having issues with the batteries going dead, they were supposed to be a work crew of three and ended up with a crew of two and the drier camp site chosen is still thick with salal and berries which has made the land clearing a tough slough.

They worked from Wednesday until Saturday last week, clearing bush and burning the slash. “We got the dock secured and changed the moorage lines and then we swung all the lumber on shore,” Dennis said. Once all the building supplies were safely towed the two started clearing a spot for a cabin.

“We cleared and burned all the bush, a huge pile; it took all day to burn,” he said. “We were looking for a decent flat spot,” he said, reporting that a swath about 60 feet by 55 feet has been cleared. “Now that we’ve got some equipment we will go back and look for some bedrock and hopefully find a solid foundation spot,” he added. Dennis described the land as “quite spongy, with lots of rotten logs, so it’s a fair amount of digging for two guys.” He said the building plan may be altered to suit the cleared lot. “There’s not a lot of room out there

and everything is muddy,” he noted.

“I’m leaning towards a simple plan. I’m focused on getting something with a roof,” he said noting that a cooking shack and outhouse have taken a back seat for now. Building plans were drawn up for a 32’x16’ cedar building with a common area, food preparation area and sleeping quarters. Dennis said the plan may have to change to accommodate the smaller lot.

The current work contract to build the camp ends in November, and Dennis is not sure how much work can be completed before that time. He noted the foul weather and rough seas hamper the efforts of a building crew.

The traditional camp project started in October 2013 when Tim Sutherland was hired to coordinate the project. He met with Elders on several occasions and organized a trip with Elders to visit Effingham, via Chuck McCarthy’s boat, to look at potential camp sites. Tim had to resign from his position for health reasons and Dennis was hired to continue the project.

Dennis has done a few reconnaissance boat trips to find an appropriate building site and determine whether there is potable water nearby. Unfortunately, water testing shows high



coliform counts and water will need to be brought in for drinking water.

Dennis has also been looking for donations for the camp and has secured a number of items including a dock from Creative Salmon which has been estimated at a value of about \$12,000. Other donations include: T. Shepherd Trucking from Ucluelet transported the docking from Tofino to Ucluelet, Mars Contracting for a 25 % discount for the Mars Rustler barge, Coastal Bridge and Construction in Port who gave a discount on their crane truck, Windsor Plywood (\$500. discount on lumber), Ucluelet Rent it Centre, one month of scaffolding rental, Island Timberlands, Port Alberni, access to the Shoemaker Bay yard in Port Alberni for barge loading, donation from Charles McCarthy for boat transportation (fuel) of the Elders to Effingham, Trevor Wickham for use of electrical generator and YFN Management Services for the use of the Nahmint V. A cash grant of \$24,800 from the federal government’s New Horizons provided the seed money for this project

## NOTICE: Residential School Survivors

Everyone who received the Common Experience Payment is eligible for up to \$3000. in Educational funding. You can use the full amount yourself or transfer it to a family member or the Ittatsoo Learning Centre where it will be used for Nuuchahnulth Language and Education.

**Time is running out to make this claim; the deadline is Friday, October 31st.**

Please call today to make your claim

**1-866-343-1858**

For more information about donating your Education Credits to the Ittatsoo Learning Centre please call Dr. Bernice Touchie at (250) 726-7343 or Suzanne Williams at (250) 726-7342.

## Increase to patient travel assistance

Changes to the Health Benefits and Medical Transportation Program will mean an increase in meal and mileage rates. Effective October 1, 2014 the First Nations Health Authority announced an increase in the daily meal rate and an increase in the kilo metric (mileage) rate.

For trips that are up to seven nights in duration the FNHA will now pay \$48. per night's stay (increased from \$40) and \$25. per night's stay for children under nine years of age. For trips that are seven or more nights in duration, a weekly rate will apply. The maximum weekly rate of \$163. per week is inclusive of the escort. The same day travel rate of \$10. for trips that

are six hours or more in duration has not changed.

The per kilometer allowance for private vehicles will increase to \$0.22.5 kilometers, increased from \$0.20). There will also be a \$0.29 kilometer for communities experiencing higher travel costs. Health Benefits is currently working with Regional Directors to determine criteria and processes for eligibility for the higher rate.

The additional investments are a direct result of ongoing dialogue with First Nations communities and the First Nations Health Directors Association, FNHA stated.



**Yuulu?il?ath Legislature member Larry Baird welcomed everyone to the Yuulu?il?ath traditional territory for the Traditional Foods Conference hosted by the Toquaht Nation.**

### *Thank you*

Humphrey Construction Ltd. has donated \$15,000 towards the new community centre. A fund-raising drive has been started to make-up the \$200,000 cost over-runs.



**Social Development Coordinator Debbie Mundy shows off a pile of potatoes from the Community Garden. Last week the potatoes were enjoyed at the first Soup Kitchen/Culture Night.**



**Health Nurse Michele Eng returned to Hitacu last week to start flu shots in the community. Shown here, Laddie Touchie getting his vaccination.**



**Isaac Cook prepares some food at the Traditional Food Conference for Yuulu?il?ath Elder Marj Touchie.**



Soup kitchen returns every Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at 5 p.m. at the Community Hall. The first soup kitchen/Culture Night attracted a full house of hungry citizens who were ready to sing and dance. A moment of silence was held to remember Elders Barbara Touchie and Eugene Touchie who recently passed away.



## Culture Night returns



## Four nations join forces to retain the Nuuchahnulth language

A joint Language Revitalization Planning Program will see Yuulu?i?ath, Tuk'waa?ath (Toquaht First Nation), Ohiaht First Nation, (Urban) Ahousaht First Nation and the public schools work together to share their experiences in language retention and program development.

Gale Johnsen of the Tuk'waa?ath nation has been hired to coordinate the project.

In October she met with

grams in the areas of curriculum development, technology and language development and teacher training.

Dr. Touchie said it will be important for all the nations to share the recordings of the language. She explained that some of the nations have very few fluent speakers left and that it is important that the nations work together to share the resources they do have.

The Elders will be involved

in a protocol meeting along with the hereditary chiefs," said Dr. Touchie in her application.

Existing language teachers, public school teachers and YFN stu-

dent language teachers will provide input for the program.

The Indigitization Toolkit from Indigitization.ca lends equipment for digitization and offers training at the University of British Columbia and can assist in training staff.

The grant will match contributions, dollar for dollar, up to a maximum of \$10,000.

some Yuulu?i?ath Elders and Language Coordinator Dr. Bernice Touchie, to discuss the program and to hand out a language survey which will be used as baseline information on how much language is known. There will be a draw for an Ipad and anyone who completes the language survey will be eligible for the draw.

The YFN will be able to share their experiences with pro-



### Help Wanted: Recreation Support Worker (Regular, Part-time)

Hitacu, British Columbia  
Second Posting: Wednesday, October 15, 2014

The Recreation Support Worker is responsible for the planning and administration of department funding and the planning and implementation of Yuulu?i?ath Child & Youth Recreation Programs. It is a regular part-time 0.5 FTE position.

#### EDUCATION/TRAINING/CERTIFICATION

- Experience and training in recreational programming or a minimum Post-Secondary Diploma in a related field or equivalent
- Grade 12 Diploma
- Valid Class 5 Drivers License and own transportation
- Unrestricted class 4 Drivers License or willingness to obtain it within the four-month probationary period.

#### EXPERIENCE

- Minimum two years' experience in a recreation/education environment involving students in grades 1 – 12
- Experience in development and implementation of First Nation recreation/education programs and services
- Experience working with First Nation communities, organizations and current with First Nation education issues
- Experience planning, coordinating and managing complex projects and multi-step assignments

Please note that, in accordance with Section A 2.0 – 1, of the Yuulu?i?ath Government Personnel Policy, the Yuulu?i?ath is applying an aboriginal employment preference first to Yuulu?i?ath Citizens and second to members of other First Nations. In addition, the Yuulu?i?ath will request a Criminal Record Check as a condition of employment.

**How to Apply:** please submit your covering letter, resume and two recent employment references to the attention of Iris Frank, Director of Operations, by email (iris.frank@ufn.ca), fax (250-726-7552), by mail (P.O. Box 699, Ucluelet, BC, V0R 3A0) or in person (100 Hit-tat-soo Road, Hitacu, BC. Have a question? Please call Iris at 250-726-7342, extension 206.

**Closing Date: Friday, October 31, 2014**

Thank you in advance for your application, we will be in touch with those who are shortlisted for an interview.

# Language and Culture

## Thank you for your support after the loss of Barb Touchie Sičquuʔuʕ

This has been a difficult time for our family – the loss of our mother, grandmother, aunt and a proud member of Yuuʕuʔilʔaṭṭ nation. As always, the community members and friends were here with the family, supporting us each step of the way.

We cannot express enough what a huge comfort it was to us, to know that she had influenced everyone's lives in some way. It helped us to cope at this sad time. We would like to thank Pastor Miles White, Aaron & Julie Otis, Anne Reid, Dorothy Williams and Rick Lindholm for coming to sit and pray with the family at mom's hospital

bed-side. The doctors and nurses were amazing, so kind and patience.

To the Pall Bearers/and honorary pallbearers, your participation in the graveside service and memorial services was so welcome. Thank you for showing your care in this way. Rennie, your unfailing help at the cemetery is appreciated.

To Dora Frank, you were very special to mom, thank you for the delicious meal you prepared for the family. Earlier this year, mom took our family to Opitsaht to introduce us to her family, Mom had family roots at Tla-o-qui-aht, Toquaht and Ucluelet. What a wonderful time,

we had. Iris and family, you fed the family well, it was so welcomed and comforting at such a difficult time. Sharing your meal with us was so thoughtful and something we will long remember. There were gifts of food; cases of home-made jam, fruit / deli trays and dessert trays from local businesses. Ucluelet, indeed has a heart of gold!

There were many generous financial donations from friends and family. Thank you, it helped immensely with funeral costs. Most of all, we thank our Yuuʕuʔilʔaṭṭ government and staff for your love and support, and for the wonderful lunch at the memorial.

At the Cultural Heritage Festival grand opening, sponsored by PRAS (Pacific Rim Arts Society) at the Kʷisitit Centre – there were many comments by guests and staff of Parks Canada honoring our mother for her work in the various language projects within Parks Canada.

To the PRAS Board and Jacqueline, the deepest respect shown mom was amazing and will never be forgotten. Thank you, Mark for the portrait of the family headdress on canvas, its beautiful. Much appreciated, Tyson for the Welcome and for honoring our mother at this festival.

## Wonderful and precious memories

### Snapshots

Mom loved to get together to share a meal. This picture (below) was at our Feast House on Mother's Day, with her first Grand-daughter Melody.

Mom was very com-



munity-minded and always a strong supporter of the annual



Edge2Edge marathon that takes place, in Ucluelet-Tofino area – our Team Touchie has relay and water station for the runners, every year. One year, we won best-dressed table.

Sympathy and Condolence Cards continue to trickle in, your personal note about mom Barb are so welcome, and so very comforting.

We hope we will have more time to share more memories in the days ahead.

*“Death is at once  
The end of the body's  
Old journey  
And the beginning of  
the soul's  
New journey.”*



*Submitted on behalf of the Touchie – Mundy Family*

## Nuučaaṅuʕ

**tuškuuḥ**

**ʔuḥtinma tuḥcitatʔi tuškuuḥ**  
(It's made from ling cod fish heads.)

**tiičšyiiweʔin ʔaani ʕimcsit**  
They say fish head broth is very good for your health.

**tuwiiisuuk quṁeeʔitq ṅaas wiiksinḥap ʕaweeʔii**  
**ʔuuštaqyu**  
Eating a fish head a day keeps the doctor away!

**ʕimcsit**  
fish broth

### Guide to Pronunciation

- ḥ exhale haa
  - ii sounds like ee (see)
  - kʷ pronounced like the qu in queen
  - č as in chop
  - ʔ this symbol is called a Glottal Stop; it tells the speaker there is a break between words...ut-oh is an example where you can hear a break between the words.
  - ʕ is a back throat sound known as a pharyngeal. That term refers to the pharynx (a part of the throat) where the sound is made.
  - š this sounds like the s in shop
  - ʕ walking man sounds like kla
  - ' means these letters are explosive
- Language poster courtesy of Gale Johnsen