



Three for President and 10 vye for Legislature

Yuulu?it?ath citizens will go to the polls and vote for Members of the Legislature and President. In the last Election there was only a race for the President's seat while the Legislature was acclaimed.

Voters will have the choice of current President Charles McCarthy, current Legislature Member Tad Williams and

newcomer Les Doiron.

In this month's paper we have profiles of the candidates which should help voters made their decision at the ballot box on May 13th.

We asked the candidates to answer five questions so you can get an idea of what they stand for and what they would like to see.

Electronic voting will run from May 4-10th. Voters have been given individual pin numbers and can vote at www.ufn.isivote.com On voting day there will be polls in Hitacu, at the Community Centre and in Port Alberni, at the Maa-nulth office from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. Voters will also be asked to vote for Constitutional amendments.

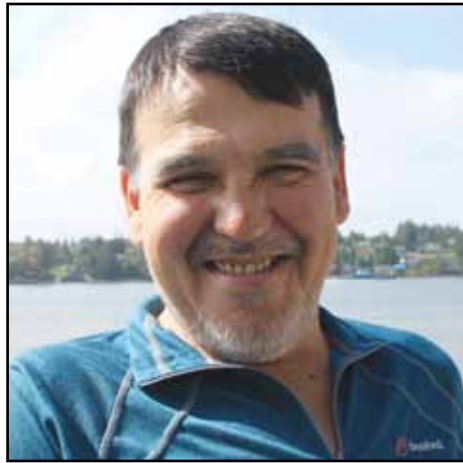
Voters who need help can call toll-free 1-877-726-7342 and talk to Christina Klotz or Celena Cook.

Results of the election will be posted on the nation's Facebook page as soon as the ballots are tallied and we will have details of the election and the swearing in ceremony for the new Legislature in next month's *Umacuk*.



LES DOIRON

"I am accepting nomination because I believe with my vast amount of knowledge in business and my social life as a volunteer over the last 45 years that I can and will help make a difference in our community. My family were all from Ucluelet and I still have numerous relative who currently reside here."



CHUCK MCCARTHY

"For the last 12 years I have been an active member in the treaty process. I was a member of the committee that reviewed the acts which were implemented on effective day.

"The last five and a half years in office has allowed me to become familiar with most of our laws. Over the years I have also worked with economic development within the government capacity.

"My goal is to build a strong foundation that the future generations can build on and prosper from. I genuinely believe that we can achieve revenue streams for the nation if there is continuity in leadership over the next four years."



TAD WILLIAMS

"The reason I am running for President in that I would like to take the next step in government."

"I would definitely stay on the West Coast if elected. Having said that, I know I have gone to meetings via phone and meetings on the internet for our nation as Member of Legislature.

"I have been to negotiations when one party doesn't fulfil treaty obligations. In short I want to help our nation through this process."

Grey whale washes up in YFN territory

A Grey whale washed up on the shores of Wickaninnish Beach on Monday night. The Yuulu?it?ath Government was notified because the area is within the traditional territory of the Yuulu?it?ath.

Parks Canada staff cordoned off the area and had a staff member on site to answer visitors' questions and to ensure people stayed well back of the whale until Monday evening. By Tuesday the whale was still laying on the beach.

The whale attracted a number of visitors to the beach, who could smell the whale as soon as they hit the parking lot. Parks staff was concerned that the whale would also attract visitors of the animal kind—wolves, cougars and bears which frequent the park and could pose a public safety threat.

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Hitacu Assembly April 29th (Wed)

2015 Budget Presentation

(Community Centre Gym)

Dinner is included.

5-8 p.m.

Yuulu?il?ath Legislature gives budget first reading

Draft Budget

The Yuulu?il?ath Legislature gave the draft budget for 2015/2016 first reading at its meeting held on April 8, 2015. The budget will be presented to citizens at the Hitacu Assembly on Wednesday, April 29th and will be enacted into law afterward.

Revenue is approximately 8 million dollars, primarily grants from Canada, including the core/block funding, implementation, capital transfer, resource revenue and other grants for targeted projects though not all targeted grants are confirmed.

Core expenses include the government staff payroll (approximately \$1.6 million), and programmes including: social assistance, education (Local Education Agreement, post secondary support, adult ed, daycare), public works, child and family services, language, health, government administration, etc.

The approximate core funding is \$4.2 million versus approximate core expenses of \$4.3 million, about \$100,000 short, which is an improvement over last year's deficit budget of more than \$400,000.

Chief Financial Officer Tamar Nelson will provide details of the draft budget at Tuesday's Hitacu Assembly; it has also been posted on the nation's website at www.ufn.ca

News from the Executive

The Executive approved the transfer of funds from various accounts to other accounts as they are allocated to specific uses. The capital transfer of \$2,654,352 will go to the Settlement Trust. The province of BC provides funds to be used for Community Development, in the amount of \$41,317 annually.

Huu-ay-aht exits Maa-nulth Society

The Executive gave the go ahead to pay the first quarter payment to the Maa-nulth Treaty Society for the 2016 budget in the amount of \$30,927.00. It is not yet known how much that budget will be affected due to the potential withdrawal of the Huu-ay-aht First Nation from the Maa-nulth Treaty Society.

Ratcliff & Company Lawyers provided a briefing note regarding the withdrawal, and said it will need to be determined how Huu-ay-aht will pay for activities which must be carried out collectively. There are a number of joint tripartite activities between Canada, British Columbia and the Maa-nulth Treaty Society such as a collective Implementation Committee and collective tripartite annual reports.

There are also a number of bilateral activities which Maa-nulth works together on such as the domestic fisheries, the commercial fisheries, the "Me Too Side Agreement" stemming from the Ahousaht et al litigation, the Parks Canada Co-Management and the recent Fraser Sockeye dispute. There are more than 50 joint activities that Maa-nulth nations participate in.

To ensure a smooth exit from the Maa-nulth Treaty Society, lawyer Brent Lehmann suggested that a few items need to be determined beforehand, such as how technical advice and confidentiality would be maintained if Huu-ay-aht sought independent counsel. The briefing note questioned how the costs would be shared for the Maa-nulth support staff and technical and legal advice. Huu-ay-aht's withdrawal will be effective on June 30, 2015.

Land Title Transfer Applications

Five new land transfer titles were approved and two that were formerly approved were rescinded and then reapproved after it was noted that the conflict of interest guidelines had not been adhered to. The application by Lawrence Baird and the application by Elizabeth Patrick were rescinded and re-voted upon with Executive members who had an interest in those properties, leaving the room for the discussion and vote on whether the land transfer could proceed; both were re-approved by the Executive and will now be re-posted for public consideration. The latest land title transfer applications were made by: Charles McCarthy, Debbie Touchie, Jordan Touchie and Reynold Touchie. Another application was tabled due to outstanding rent that is owed to



The Legislature met with the District of Ucluelet Council recently to discuss common issues.

the government. None of the approved Land Title Transfers have actually been registered with the provincial Land Title Office; that is not expected to take place until after the Zoning and Structures Act has been approved. That Act has had first reading at the Legislature and has been reviewed by the Treaty Implementation Committee which consists of Vi Mundy, Gordon Taylor Sr. and Spencer Touchie. The Executive has referred the Zoning and Structures Act to the Implementation Committee again so that it may review the maps that show the areas that will be affected by the Zoning and Structures Act.

Darren Mead-Miller, Lands Manager said no construction would be allowed to take place on the new lots until the Zoning and Structures Act was in place. "This could be a potential hold up for construction on those lots," he told the Executive.

A briefing note from legal outlined a few options that the Executive could consider to allow building to go ahead before the Act has been finalized. Without an Act in place that governs the uses and restrictions on the land, there is the potential for the lands to be used in a way that are contrary to the intent of the Official Community Plan Act or may be contrary to the best interests of the government. Under section 4.3 of the Land Act the Executive has the authority to impose conditions when it grants fee simple interest so the Executive could restrict the new owners to develop in accordance to the OCP. Another option outlined by legal counsel was that owners could be made to transfer the land back to the government who would hold it in trust to ensure compliance with the conditions of

the proposed Zoning and Structures Act. If conditions were breached the land would be transferred back to the government and the fee that was paid by the applicant would be returned.

Fiber Optics

The Executive signed an agreement with All Nations Trust Company (ANTCO) who will be providing funding via the Pathways to Technology project, to provide a broadband internet connection to Hitacu now that Telus has started the huge project of stringing fiber optic to the west coast.

The "last mile" solution will enable Hitacu to connect into the fiber optic and provide high speed internet locally. The agreement states that ANTCO will sign a customer service agreement with Telus at the beginning of the construction period and will make monthly payments once construction is completed and connectivity to Hitacu is established, "until such time as ANTCO can assign the CSA to a community endorsed ISP or other related entity."

The Executive endorsed the resolution that agrees that "in the event that no ISP is available at the "in-service" date they will assume the Customer Service Agreement and guarantee the monthly operating payments to Telus." The estimate for those monthly payments was between \$3,000 and \$4,000 per month, depending on the length of the contract.

More Executive news on page 10.

Foster parents urgently required on West Coast

Usma Nuu-chañ-nulth Family and Child Services is looking for Foster Families on the west coast. Recently two social workers, Charlene Thompson-Reid and Amber Severinson were in Hitacu on a recruitment drive.

Amber said there has been an increased effort to place children in Foster homes within their own community; however, there are not enough homes available, and in fact there are no homes in Hitacu, Ucluelet or Tofino.

“There is a real need for than ever we need caring, culturally sensitive adults who are able and willing to provide safe, secure and happy homes to aboriginal children,” the Usma brochure states.

Amanda said they are hoping to attract foster families on a full-time basis but would also be thrilled to get a few families providing foster homes on a relief basis or emergency basis. Charlene explained that when children are apprehended by Family and Child Services they are placed in Foster Homes to ensure the safety of the child; if there are no local homes, often children are placed in homes hours away from their family and friends. “If we have to place children in homes in Campbell River it’s really disruptive to the family and schooling and it’s quite traumatizing for the youth,” Amber said.

There is training for anyone who is interested in becoming

a Foster Parent. You must be 19 years of age and over, and have the maturity to provide care and guidance to children and youth. Singles, couples and families can become Foster Homes; there is a great need for homes who can provide a safe haven for teens and sibling groups.

The length of stay for Foster Children depends on each individual case. Financial assistance is provided to cover expenses such as food, clothing, board and activities the child is involved in.

If you are interested in becoming a Foster Family you need to fill out an application form, provide a medical form to identify any medical concerns that may impact your ability to care for children, a criminal record check, a home check and 53 hours of training which will cover a variety of topics including discipline, child care skills, aboriginal culture and relationships. Part of the application process involves a home study whereby a Resource Social Work will attend your home on a number of occasions to talk to all members of the household.

“Fostering is a family opening its home and sharing its love, nurturing and caring with children who temporarily cannot live with their own families. It is about helping children return to their own home or move to a new permanent home. It is about family helping others within their community,” the Usma brochure states.

There are approximately 10,000 Aboriginal children in care in BC. There are many reasons a child may come into care including neglect, emotional or physical abuse, abandonment or by voluntary agreement from a parent who is not able to care for the child for one reason or another.

If you are interested in becoming a Foster Parent or finding out more about the program please call (250) 723-3232. Community Wellness Worker Gloria Valentine, can also provide information about fostering. She was a foster parent for many years and had to quit last year after moving to a smaller home. She can be reached at 726-7342 Extension 217.



A young grey whale washed ashore at Wickannish Beach on Monday. The dead whale attracted many visitors and Parks Canada staff expressed concern that it may also attract predators.

Whale at Wick beach

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Local marine mammal ecologist Wendy Szaniszió gathered blood and blubber samples for the Department of Fisheries which will be analyzed. She said the whale was about two-to three years old, a female who looked in good health. She had no signs of trauma.

Grey whales have been listed as a species of special concern in Canada which means it is a species that is sensitive to human activities or natural events.

This grey whale was approximately 10 metres long and is estimated to be about two to three years old.

Update your contact information

Yuulu?il?ath citizens are being asked to contact the government office with updated information if you have moved or changed your phone number in the last six months.

**Please call (250) 726-7342
or toll free 1-877-726-7342**

Contact information updates are necessary to update the voter's list (2015 Election) & for food fish delivery



Expansion for former Bornsteins

The fish plant near Hitacu, which employs 14 Yuulu?il?ath citizens, plans to expand this summer, a project worth an estimated two million dollars said Wojtek Malach, the plant manager. The seafood plant was formerly owned by Bornsteins Seafood is now owned by Tingle Fishing Ltd. (Chinese investors with head offices in Canada), who bought the plant in September, 2014.

According to Wojtek plans have been submitted to the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District for permits for the construction of two new pre-fab buildings, one which will house an icehouse with 100 tonnes capacity. The current buildings will be demolished and a new commercial marina will also be added. Tingle has purchased the dragger Karenora and will begin fishing ground fish next week. All the fish will be processed in Canada but all caught will be for export.

The fish plant has increased hours of operation in the last year and expects to be operating year round once the construction is complete.

Currently the plant employs 14 citizens and there will be openings for a few more employees once the expansion is complete. Wojtek boasts that he has the best crew on the coast with the fastest 'unloaders'.

First Responders

For medical emergencies
call 9-1-1

And for immediate help
while the Ambulance is on
its way, call our local First
Responders

Celena (250) 918-8910

OR

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More equipment for First Responders

Recently the Hitacu First Responders received an additional \$2000 worth of medical equipment to add to their jump kits.

The First Responder Jump Kits were supplied as the result of the First Nations Health Authority and BC Emergency Health and are estimated at a value of \$10,000 each.



Hitacu First Responders Jay Millar and Celena Cook participated in an emergency responders volunteer day at the Ucluelet Elementary school recently.

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Community Newsmakers

Nation trades 3000 metric tonnes of gravel for road paving

A plan to trade sand from a Hitacu gravel pit, for paving work to be done in the area by the former health center raised concerns for some Yuuḷuʔiḷʔath Executive members initially; however at a second meeting to discuss the plan, they gave their approval.

Last Tuesday the government inked a deal with AWA Asphalt Ltd, the contractors doing the re-paving work at the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve. The deal would see 2000 cubic meters—(approximately 200 gravel truck loads Lands Manager Darren Mead-Miller explained to the Executive), in exchange for about \$30,000 worth of paving. He said AWA Asphalt approached the government about testing the sand at the pit and when they found it was what they required for their paving job they offered to swap about 300 meters of paving for the sand.

Mr. Mead-Miller said the market value for the sand is “anywhere from two to four dollars a cubic metre.” The value of sand negotiated is between six and nine thousand,” and the market value of the pavement is between \$30,000 and \$40,000,” he said.

President Chuck McCarthy asked why the paving company would do a swap of \$6,000 worth of sand for \$30,000 worth of paving. Mr. Mead-Miller explained that a quote they received for the same quality sand “would have cost them more than \$40,000 more than they offered us,” (because they would have to truck it to the west coast). Mr. Mead-Miller said the company decided to share their savings with the nation because it made good business sense.

McCarthy said, “I keep seeing us extracting our resources; we say we’re charging for it but we’re not really charging for it. Do you have some way of accounting for this, can we show how did you get \$40,000 worth of pavement if you only have given them \$6000 worth of sand or are we just doing trade-offs?”

In a business case presented to the Executive at an emergency meeting last Friday, Mr. Mead-Miller said the cost for AWA paving

300 meters of roadway is far less than the cost associated with AWA’s allowable budget created to obtain the blend material. The business case noted that “For a long time big paving companies have had a reputation for pushing into communities and talking all the work. AWA’s mandate is to change that stigma and enter into each community to local hire employment, extending affordable services and keeping some revenue local.” The company has hired a few citizens for the park paving.

Corporate Finance Officer Tamara Nelson said she did not have time to review the contract in detail before it was signed, however; she said the amounts are addressed in the contract and will be recorded.” She said that a purchase agreement for the sand and a separate purchase agreement from the nation for the paving services would be preferred. “It’s not a barter system; it’s a purchase and purchase system,” she commented.

Executive member Larry Baird said he was comfortable with the deal and noted the bartering was

the old way of doing business. He was however, concerned about the amount of resources being extracted. “That’s a lot of sand,” he remarked after hearing an estimate of sand to be used. The current water and sewer project used 8334 cubic meters of sand from the pit.

The Executive agreed to have the contract reviewed by legal counsel.

Following the initial meeting the public was notified that gravel trucks would be hauling from the gravel pit in Hitacu for about three or four days however; hauling was stopped when it was discovered that the extraction of the resource would require a permit.

When the contract was signed Mr. Mead-Miller did not know that the permit process had to be done for any resources extracted from Treaty Settlement Lands. On Friday he told the Executive that any resource removal from TSL is subject to the permitting process, no matter how large or small the project is, and whether or not its for the benefit of the government or a

third party.

After some discussion the Executive gave their approval for the extraction of gravel.

A notice in accordance with Yuuḷuʔiḷʔath law was posted publicly and e-mailed to citizens; the notice states that anyone who may be affected by the application for extraction of gravel can make application to the Executive before April 24th; however, most of the gravel will have been extracted by that time.

President McCarthy said the swap may be a good deal for the nation but said he was concerned that staff exceeded their authority by signing a contract that held the government responsible and, he added, “this is an executive decision and that where my concern is.”

The paving job with AWA will see paving to the end of Hitacu Road and is not part of the water sewer project. Paving for that project will go to the top of the hill on Hitacu Road and continue to the end of Wya Road and Wallace Road; paving will begin shortly.

Missing from Yuuḷuʔiḷʔath Voter’s List

Aday Christine	Mack Terrance Wilfred	Touchie Jennifer Sarah Mae
August Renee C.I.	McArthur Steven Allen	Touchie Kevin Patrick
Barney Frederick Leroy	McCarthy Chrystal	Touchie Larissa Lee
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Charlie Maria Veronica	McCarthy Gary Jackson	Touchie Marjorie Louise
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George Robyn Sparrow	Pennoyer Derek Jordan	Williams Bonnie May Judy
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Hartman Adrian Lee	Samuel Ruth	Williams Mark Joseph
Jack Carlene Roslyn	Smoke Mark Travis II	Williams Norman Oscar
Jack Wendy Joyce	Stanley Josephine Sara	Williams Oral Jacob
Johnson Cameron Gene	Stanley Lance Leon	Williams Reggie Jackie
Jones John Arthur	Stone Kirsten Anne	Williams Scott Adam
Little Shaun Bradley	Thompson Cynthia Rose	Williams Timothy Jackson
Lucak Elliot Dalton	Thompson Madonna Betsy	Williams Tyler Richard E Williams Wilfred
Lucak Fawn Hailey	Touchie Corrina Marie	Darrin Third
Mack Curtis Benjamin	Touchie Deborah Irene	Williams-Dufour Ashton J
Mack Martin Alexander	Touchie Edwin John D	Williamson Aziree
	Touchie Janette Michelle	Williamson Gabriel

Statement of Motivation of Candidates

Yuulu?il?ath Election candidates tell why they



LARRY BAIRD

“As an Elder and living away from home citizen, and having sat as a member of this Legislature, I was asked if I was still interested.”

“My reply was yes and I would be honoured to serve another term.”

“My experience would be an asset to any new elected officials.”



MELODY CHARLIE

“As a proud official member of the nation the last four years and a community member the last 23 years I feel ready to take this next chapter with my nation. I’ve always been super passionate about health and healthier, health meaning many things, culture & language, connection to land, access to foods (especially traditional), opportunities though employment, education and training are key in a healthy community (which has been happening & is great!). Lifting and helping our people rise, inspiring our youth & respecting & our elders are keys to wellness. It would an absolute honour to represent my people & continue this journey to wellness & thrive beyond our dreams!”
‘aaqaakah ?ani hiniŋqa ʔuʔtuup?i - I believe in the good things coming!



RICHARD MUNDY

“I am pleased to be running for the position of Member of the YFN Legislature.”

“As a citizen living in the Comox Valley, my motivation for running comes from the need for the YFN government to have more consultation with its citizens living away from home, or “off reserve”.

“Since the Effective Date of our treaty, the YFN government has undergone significant change and taken on responsibilities that were not there before. Unfortunately, during this period of growth they have only maintained a minimal level of communication with those of us living away from home.”

“This needs to change since the majority of YFN’s population live in urban areas all over British Columbia and abroad; we deserve a government who is committed to bringing our voice and our opinions to the table. That is why I am running in this election.”

“I look forward to meeting with you in the near future and I hope to earn your support.”



VI MUNDY

“My motivation for running for Legislative position is I have demonstrated my commitment to YFN over the years by bringing together various facets of our community. I have the drive, energy and vision to serve YFN at the council level and will continue to make a positive difference in our tribe.”

“I have an understanding of our tribal vision and our values on how to make our government more successful and more efficient in meeting the needs of all our members.”

“I have worked and volunteered on committees and boards for the past several years. I not only listen to our community, but have a strong grasp on our community and tribal issues and community infrastructure. And will continue to work hard for the betterment of the tribe.”

“I am forward-thinking and will work to bring people and viewpoints together for the good for the community, and as an Elder am dedicated to service above self with integrity, experience and commitment.”

“Lastly, I want to give back to my tribe and will be a team member with our legislature.”

Polling Stations

Hitacu: Community Centre & Port Alberni:
Maa-nulth office

All Candidates Meeting

April 28, 2015

Multipurpose Room at the Community Centre in Hitacu
6-9 p.m.
Everyone welcome

**E-Voting
May 4-11**

Exercise your right to vote!

want to run and what they hope to achieve



ALAN MCCARTHY

“The reason I am accepting the nomination and seeking office. I believe I have demonstrated in the last eight years that I have held office a dedication to the implementation and Governance of the Maa-nulth final agreement and that I can be effective at the Legislation and Executive tables and have an understanding of the executive oversight of the executive portfolio. And looking to be part of the planning of the future of our nation.”



GERALDINE TOUCHIE

“I am running as requested by supporters and having six years previous experience on council and as a member of the Legislature I enjoy the challenges and hope to do more to support and help our community.”



JENEVA TOUCHIE

“My name is Jeneva Touchie. I am accepting nomination to submit my name in to be an active member of legislature. I am hoping for the chance to participate as a member of executive because there is much to learn and I feel an opportunity to represent our citizens in a respectful manner. We live in a time where possibilities are endless and we have a chance to be a part of our history. I believe there are areas that we as citizens and members of the legislature can work together on such as communication and options for future education. I am young but am willing to learn and to try everything at least once. I’ve had four years of previous experience working in the office and understand what is expected. Thank you for the nomination and I look forward to this upcoming election.”



GORDON TAYLOR

“I Gordon A Taylor am running for Member of Legislature as I believe that I can contribute as I have and still do sit on three boards with YFN. I also operate my own business for the last eight years.”

“I would like to become part of a successful team within the government to help our Nation succeed for the next generations to come.”



MAUREEN TOUCHIE

“Cuu. I Maureen Touchie and running as a legislature member for Yuulu?il?ath as a new learner I believe fresh thoughts and perusal of innovative ways to communicate is important for Yuulu?il?ath citizens. I bring knowledge of the language, the community, the land and have an understanding of all areas are intertwined. I have a keen observation of being local and partaking in activities in and around the community.”

Electronic Voting
May 4-11th
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Election Day
Wednesday, May 13th, 2015
8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Polling Stations: at the Maa-nulth office in Port Alberni and the Multi-purpose room in the Community Centre, Hitacu
Results of the election will be posted on the nation’s Facebook page

Ucluelet First Nation Facebook
as soon as election results are tabulated.



JORDAN TOUCHIE

“Why I think I would make a good candidate for a member of Legislature. I have a growing interest in YFN politics and reserve policies. Being a subcontractor for the YFN I see many things wrong with our housing department and would like to try help with some of the deficiencies.”

Election 2015

We asked election candidates to answer five questions that would provide voters with information about the candidates and the candidate's motivation, experience and views on the government and ideas for change.

Not all of the candidates answered every question but we have published the information they provided on pages 8,9 and 11.

Vi Mundy

- 1. Why did you decide to run for the position?** We have been a treaty nation for a few years now, and I would like to be a part of the growth and development of our tribe. Because the role of the Legislature is so fundamental, it requires an individual who is familiar with and able to lead the many facets of YFN, as it builds strength through self-governance. With my many years of experience in working within the tribe, I feel I have the capability and the understanding and handling of many complex situations.
- 2. What strengths or experience do you bring to the job?** I am very well acquainted with the tribe and community and the issues. I am a team player, I believe the strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team.
- 3. What areas do you need to learn more about?** I want to learn more about the tax structure, what will it look like and how to prepare ourselves by consulting and working with our members.
- 4. Is there anything in particular you would like to see changed with the way you perceive the government currently operates?** I would like to see the development of a basic tribal library in hard copy and on-line which would include documents; –minutes of meetings – to include resolutions, strategic plans, performance measurements, studies, inventories and registries. Get Active Committees: I have noted it has been a challenge to get committee members. One idea, I have is, to invite members to an “Open House” with manager and staff available to talk about their program areas. This type of forum can also provide legislature with feedback on whether by-laws, policies, vision, and short/long term goals are on track with the citizens of the nation.
- 5. What sort of time commitment are you able to give this job?** Depending on the role of legislature, the time commitment can range from a few hours a week to an almost full-time job. The range and scope of issues our tribe is facing will also have a direct bearing on the amount of time required of legislatures' members, in fulfilling their responsibilities. I have always been a responsible and a hard worker and devote myself to getting the job done.

Gordon Taylor

- 1. Why did you decide to run for the position?** Gordon A Taylor Jr is running for a seat in YFN legislature to become part of a team that will think of future generations that will follow behind our footsteps.
- 2. What strengths or experience do you bring to the job?** I have owned my own business for 8 years. I sit on three (3) committee's within our nation.
- 3. What areas do you need to learn more about?** I need to understand Government rules and regulations and how the cabinet runs its daily operations.
- 4. Is there anything in particular you would like to see changed with the way you perceive the government currently operates?** Environment, Health and welfare of our people, Alternative Energy. Ecotourism are what I am interested in. Communication with our elders and children are important to keep everyone updated with which direction our Nation is going, and the things that will help our Nation to become successful for years to come.
- 5. What sort of time commitment are you able to give this job?** If elected to legislature I can commit %100 Of my time. Thank You for your support Gordon A Taylor Jr

Geraldine Touchie

You all know me, I've lived on and off reserve, while off I was known as a “professional student.” I got my grade 12, entered “Criminology” with a student loan and was not prepared to take out another loan to complete that, so I switched my credits “social work” while on social assistance as a single mom.

After working here I moved on the work at the West coast Transition House where I have been working for more than 15 years and I love that job.

- 1. Why did you decide to run for the position?** I have heard so much from our community about concerns and here I must express my deep regrets at being unable to help in so many areas.
- 2. What strengths and experience do you bring to the job?** We have a vibrant community here with so many talented people who want to work! I feel we should focus on job creation for our employable people. There are grants out there in so many areas, forestry, fisheries, culture, I feel as elected representatives we should direct our energy to within our community, our people should not be forced to use food banks, we could help out more to ensure a better community for our children by working together.

4. Is there anything in particular you would like to see changed with the way you perceive the government currently operates? I just feel there needs to be more teamwork within the elected body, something I sincerely hope will be there for the term. Having been in this past term has been challenging, I honestly feel there is so much we can do as a community if we work together. Have community discussions, work together to create work!

Change? Unity! Teamwork! Communication! Reform: Focus on the people, community, equality and creating job opportunities!

Q & A

with the candidates

Richard Mundy

I am pleased to be running for the position of Member of the YFN Legislature.

- 1. Why did you decide to run for the position?** As a citizen living in the Comox Valley, my motivation for running comes from the need for the YFN government to have more consultation with its citizens living away from home, or “off-reserve”.
- 2. What strengths or experience do you bring to the job?** An extensive post-secondary background and current studies in Business Administration & Marketing provide me with a solid foundation on which to grow into this position. During treaty ratification, I was the communications worker for our tribe and had the privilege of meeting most of our citizens. I learned a unique set of communication skills that I carry with me to this day; these skills will be an asset in helping our government to re-build and strengthen communication with all YFN citizens, whether they live in Hitacu or away-from-home.
- 3. What areas do you need to learn more about?** Learning and understanding the YFN Acts and Laws is one of the most important responsibilities facing each candidate. This knowledge is key to being an effective Member of the Legislature and is an area where I have more work to do. I also have a desire to learn more about our culture and language, both of which are in the process of revitalization, thanks to the hard work and dedication of many. I am committed to learning about our hereditary system and acknowledging the importance of our hereditary chiefs; they are the link to our traditions of governance and must not be overlooked.
- 4. Is there anything in particular you would like to see changed with the way you perceive the government currently operates?** Since the Effective Date of our treaty, the YFN government has undergone significant change and taken on responsibilities that were not there before. Unfortunately, during this period of growth they have only maintained a minimal level of communication with those of us living away from home. This needs to change since the majority of YFN’s population live in urban areas all over British Columbia and abroad; we deserve a government who is committed to bringing our voice and our opinions to the table.
- 5. What sort of time commitment are you able to give this job?** I am currently enrolled in Business Administration studies at North Island College, Comox Valley Campus. I will be attending school for the next year and a half to two years, with on-line studies allowing me the flexibility to both complete schooling and meet my obligations as a Member of the Legislature, should I be elected.

I’m excited to be running for this position and, if elected, I look forward to being part of a dynamic and effective team that is committed to all citizens, near and far. My email address is rich.g.mundy@gmail.com; I welcome your questions, comments and feedback.

Jeneva Touchie

Hello! My name is Jeneva Touchie. My parents are Maureen Touchie-Louie and the late Brian Mack. I am one of the granddaughters of the late Barb Touchie. I am 33 years old, my husband Michael and I share a 7 year old daughter named Alyssa. I attended Vancouver Island University in Nanaimo for four years for hospitality management. I am a resident of Ucluelet and recently became the manager of the Thornton Motel. It has been an interesting learning curve for me and I am enjoying the new challenges that face me daily. My interests include spending time with family, reading books and travelling when I can.

- 1. Why did you decide to run for this position?** I ran for this position because I felt that this was a rare opportunity to participate in something great! I worked as the receptionist for 4 years in the government office. I felt that this is a chance to see from the other side how government works and the challenges that they face.
- 2. What strengths or experience do you bring to the job?** My experience over the years has been varied. I’ve participated in student council, events in university as well as a West Coast leadership course last year. My strengths include working hard, being reliable and being open minded.
- 3. What areas do you need to learn more about?** I have an interest in learning more about our education from elementary school to post-secondary. My family has always pushed me towards education because they felt I would have a better chance and they were right. I am also interested in our community. When I say community I mean those that live off Ittatsoo as well as those that live at home. We will be stronger together than apart and it is important to work together.
- 4. Is there anything in particular you would like to see changed with the way you perceive the way the government currently operates?** It sounds really easy but is honestly one of the most difficult challenges, communication. It is important as elected officials to have strong communication with citizens as it is our duty to listen to their ideas, concerns and any questions. There are many outlets for communication and we need to find that balance that enables us to remain in contact with those that live within the community of Ittatsoo and those that live away from home.
- 5. What sort of time commitment are you able to give this job?** As mentioned previously I am currently working at the Thornton motel with a great group of people who know as much if not more than I do about the business. I am centrally located and available via email or telephone or even in person to talk to. I work 5 days a week and have two days off. I felt this was so important to at least try, because there is much we need to work towards together.

Maureen Touchie

- 1. Why did you decide to run for the position?** I ran for the position because I believe in the community and to strengthen communication.
- 2. What strengths or experience do you bring to the job?** I’ve worked for YFN, I am familiar with the lands, traditional use study for the community I am currently involved in the revitalization of the language.
- 3. What areas do you need to learn more about?** My interests are implementation and getting us ready for the date when we will be on our own. Understanding the financial aspects of our nation.
- 4. Is there anything in particular you would like to see changed with the way you perceive the government currently operates?** For others to partake in communication.
- 5. What sort of time commitment are you able to give this job?** Although I have a full schedule, I will make time for this as it is important.

Community Newsmakers

Former health centre rented

The Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council has signed an agreement to pay \$1300. Per month for office space in the former YFN Health Centre. The NTC Health Nurse and Clinical Counsellor are both working from the centre. The government is also in discussions with the RCMP, and Port Alberni Adult Community Corrections to rent another office at the health centre.

IN THE GYM

Tuesdays

Badminton 6-7:30

Soccer 7:30 - 9

Thursdays

Dodgeball 6-7:30 p.m.

Volleyball 7:30-9 p.m.



Children in Hitacu enjoyed an Easter Egg Hunt and egg painting. Youth worker Kalena George organized the fun. Top photo shows Mathew Jack and his mom Evelyn Charlie and Michaela George and Maria McCarthy. Below: Hannah and James McCarthy and J'aime and Katherine Williams.



More news from the Executive

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Government Dock

A draft motion to waive the Annual General Meeting for a limited company (owned by the government) which owns the Government Wharf and to name Lands and Assets Manager Darren Mead-Miller as the sole Director of the company, was tabled by the Executive. The Executive was told that the dock facilities were put into a limited company to allow that company to charge moorage at the facility at a

future date. The dock was divested from the Federal Government at the time of Treaty but a water lot lease has not yet been issued. The Executive said they wanted to understand the justification of having an employee named as the sole director of the company. There was also discussion that once the water lease was in place the limited company should be pushed to the Economic Development Corporation who look after all business interests of the government. The motion was tabled.



Above: the construction crew doing the road work for the sewer and water upgrades were also contracted to take down the old water tower. Mission accomplished, here they are pictured in the bottom of the tank.

Below: the action is swift in a badminton game at the community centre.



Community Newsmakers

Les Doiron

- 1. Why did you decide to run for this position?** I decided to run for President because I feel there is a disconnect between the Government and the people, communication & unity need improvement.
- 2. What strengths or experience do you bring to the job?** I am the past President of the Alberni Golf Club, & past Director 10 years; Past President of the Alberni Valley Bulldogs Jr. A Hockey Club Booster Club; Past Chair & Director of the Alberni Valley Charity Golf Classic 5 years- 17 years total; 20 years in Machine Shop business--President & owner 5 years, 20 employees; I travelled the world as a guitar tech with touring recording bands for 6 years; I am confident, honest, and approachable.
- 3. What areas do you need to learn more about?** The Government is only 4 years old, learning about the new Amendments to the Constitution & how to create a unity within the Government.
- 4. Is there anything in particular you would like to see changed with the way you perceive the government currently operates?** I would like to see improved communication with the government and the on and off reserve people of the Nation. I would like to see the hereditary system in place and its advisory to the Legislature is imperative to maintain the culture and traditional ways of the YFN.
- 5. What sort of time commitment are you able to give this job?** I am committed to improve communication, as well as equality to all members of the Nation; I am committed to having a Hereditary Chief Advisory; I am committed to having our Youth & Elders council; I am committed to creating Employment; I am committed to transparency. I am committed to insuring we as a Nation move forward and are self-sustainable

Chuck McCarthy

- 1. Why did you decide to run for the position?** A number of people that asked me to continue as they have some concerns that if there was change in president that it may become like the old INAC system where everything is changed regardless of a 5 year plan.
- 2. What strengths or experience do you bring to the job?** I have the ability to analyze what is being brought forward and I see possible long term effects-- either positive or negative, and bring that forward to the executive for discussion.
- 3. What areas do you need to learn more about?** There is not a day that goes by that I don't think about the content of the treaty or read the acts and look for some way we can benefit our citizens, so I guess what I'm saying is I try to learn more about all aspects of the treaty and the Acts on an ongoing basis.
- 4. Is there anything in particular you would like to see changed with the way you perceive the government currently operates?** The government through the Acts limits the information that is released to the citizens thus making it like the government has secrets to hide. So how that information flows to the citizens would change by an amendment to the act then make the executive members accountable to its citizens that voted them in.
- 5. What sort of time commitment are you able to give this job?** I have given 10 months of the year to the nation on a daily bases and I conduct my business on a staggered 2 months out of the year whereas I used to conduct my business 9 months a year so my dedication is to the nation.



Many of the candidates showed up to discuss the Constitutional Amendments, at the Hitacu Assembly on April 14th.

Lawrence Baird

- 1. Why did you decide to run for the position?** I was asked by a couple of persons if I was going to run again. My answer, "Yes".
- 2. What strength or experience do you bring to the job?** Native politics has been and is my in by blood. I've been involved since 1972 at various levels, President, Chairman, Chief Councillor, I believe I fill the criteria as qualified.
- 3. What areas do you need to learn more about?** Electronics; I was called today and congratulated on my informative presentation by some PA citizen (away from home). "I do what I must".
- 4. Is there anything in particular you would like to see changed with the way you perceive the government currently operates?** We all must follow the rules we've laid down a lot more closely and more consultation with our away from home citizens.
- 5. What sort of time commitment are you able to give this job?** Anyone that knows me, knows that I've always given 100 % nothing else will do. An aside, "Many years ago when I had surgery for my leg, I held council meetings in the hospital while I was laid up."

Alan McCarthy

- 1. Why did you decide to run for the position?** It's a great opportunity because we went from negotiating a treaty to implementing a treaty. We now have the opportunity to move forward because we're not constrained by AANDC (Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada--formerly known as INAC).
- 2. What strength or experience do you bring to the job?** I've been on council for eight years. I enjoy having the ability to speak on issues and debate what is being presented.
- 3. What areas do you need to learn more about?** It would be learning the Acts that are in place
- 4. Is there anything in particular you would like to see changed with the way you perceive the government currently operates?** "No, nothing in particular because everything we do is based on policy or the Acts."
- 5. What sort of time commitment are you able to give this job?** I give 100 per cent when it comes to politics. It's a heavy work load but I'm committed to it and always have been.

Language and Culture

Grant for teaching youth to collect bark and weave

Elder Rose Wilson is a self-taught weaver who has been making cedar hats and grass baskets for many years. She has recently embarked on a project with the Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ government that will ensure Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ youth learn the teachings surrounding the traditional gathering and processing methods.

Grade 5 students at Ucluellet Elementary will head out to the woods with Rose this week to learn skills for gathering material to be used for weaving. They will learn the various types of cedar trees and grass species that are incorporated in weaving; students will participate in harvesting material, learn how to care for material (including processing and storing) and they will also learn traditional protocols about giving thanks to the Creator for providing the materials.

“Proper cedar bark removal does not stop the growth of the tree if it’s done properly. New awareness for appreciation for living plants and forest life is learned through gathering raw materials,” Dr. Bernice Touchie commented. Dr.



Touchie applied for and received \$13,000 worth of funding through the First People’s Cultural Council. The project money will pay for Rose and her sister Molly Haipee

to teach youth and also to pay her son Brian Wilson for collecting the bark.

“Contemporary weavers have observed a scarcity or decline in the quality of their raw materials. This has made it necessary to travel greater distances where clear cut logging has not damaged cedar bark and the roots of certain trees,” Dr. Touchie said. The availability of grass from wetlands has also been reduced, she noted, due to a number



Photos by Melody Charlie

of environmental reasons such as pollutants.

“This project will provide an avenue to increase not only the skills for weaving but will increase the history of the west coast symbols that represent the primary foods and skills involved with their hunting and gathering,” Dr. Touchie said. She added that Rose’s willingness to share her teachings have “given a voice to the west coast history.” Rose has been an exhibitor/weaving instructor at the Pacific Rim Whale Festival for a number of years. Locally she has participated in the Itatsoo Day care Language Nest program and has taught weaving classes for youth.



Family of Whehswisanap



Friday April 3rd, 2015

The Family of the Late Tye Ha-wilth, Whehswisanap (Hugh “Tuffy” Watts), would like to inform family and friends that on the 16th of May 2015 at the Hupacasath House of Gathering, we will come together for a Celebration of Life to honor Whehswisanap. The date for Thlaakt’uultha, to end our grief and fix his seat will be announced later.

Lunch and dinner will be served.

To all recipients of this notice, would you be kind enough to pass this information on.

Where:

Hupacasath House of Gathering (5500 Ahahswinis Drive, Port Alberni, BC – located off of Beaver Creek Road)

When: Saturday May 16th 2015 at 12pm (noon)

Contact info:

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You’re Invited!

Community Input Session

Quuquuaca
(the “Language”)

Citizens are invited and encouraged to join us for a one-day Language Revitalization Planning Session, featuring guest speakers who have extensive experience in the area of language planning and revitalization.

In partnership with the language teams of Toquaht Nation and Urban Ahousaht, Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ’s language team has been working on a number of projects to assist in the revitalization of one of our most precious resources – our language.

To finalize this project, we are seeking final comments and input from guest speakers and citizens that will guide and support the development of our language plan.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for:

- Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2015
- Time: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Place: Community Centre Gymnasium

Snacks and lunch will be provided.

Door prizes will be drawn, including the draw for those who participated in the Language Survey for a chance to win an iPad!

See you there!

