



Connecting with urban Yuułu?il?ath citizens

VICTORIA--Yuułu?il?ath citizens living in Victoria had an opportunity to meet with the Yuułu?il?ath President Les Doiron and members of Legislature last week. Seven citizens attended the event.

“I want to stress to everybody It’s important, it really is, as small as the crowd may be, to me it’s huge because you’re here, there are some people here, to make the effort and take the time, is really, really amazing, it’s awesome. I appreciate it,” President Doiron said.

He introduced members of the Legislature, in attendance, including Richard Mundy, Alan McCarthy and Gordon Taylor Jr. He also introduced Maureen Louie as someone who holds a lot of knowledge of the Nuuchah-nulth language and culture and Vi Mundy, “previous chief and helped our nation for years in the past. And she’s a strong supporter of all of us, and you. She drives hard on culture and self- improvement and when she believes in something you are not going to sway her,” he commented.

“Openly I’d say we’ve had struggles but nothing other than we’re changing we’re trying to improve and develop in to being a good government. We’re trying to make this as good as we can be and self-sustainable and provide opportunities for our people.”

President Doiron gave an overview of some of the things that the Legislature has been working on. He welcomed Hereditary Chief Eddie Mack and then informed citizens about the vacancy at the Legislature table due to the Taayii Hāwii being asked to step aside until his charges under the provincial wildlife act have been resolved.

Recently President Doiron and Legislature member Richard Mundy were asked to attend the First Nation Summit in Vancouver. “They wanted to hear about self-government,” President Doiron said.

He introduced Maureen Louie to discuss the efforts of teaching Nuuchah-nulth language. Maureen said she has been learning language for quite a while and thanked Gale Johnsen for coming up with new language material. She said the nation is ‘resource wealthy’ but said more fluent speakers are needed. She talked about her efforts teaching the Nuuchah-nulth language at Ucluelet Elementary School. After her talk citizens watched a film about Indian Residential School that was created in Hitacu last year, with Maureen Louie as part of the film crew.

Citizens were encouraged to ask questions and provide comment. Roberta Touchie said “it’s nice to see people from home. I don’t get home very often, once every couple of years.” She asked whether it would be possible to have the government come to Victoria to do status cards; President Doiron said that was possible, and the government will work on making that happen.

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Yuułu?il?ath Legislature held urban meetings in Port Alberni, Victoria and Nanaimo last week. Here is President Les Doiron with Port Alberni citizen Neal Lamb.

Bobbing for Apples

Yuułu?il?ath Pumpkin Carving and Halloween party were enjoyed over the weekend, here is Kayla enjoying the apple bob as friends watch on. More pictures from the Halloween party and pumpkin carving can be found on page 8.

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Nanaimo citizens' meeting

Six citizens turned up in Nanaimo to meet with members of the Yuulu?il?ath Legislature.

Christine Williams and her daughter Lisa attended the meeting after receiving a reminder from Legislature member Richard Mundy. Christine said she has never taken part in urban meetings in the past and decided she would come and see what was being discussed.

"I didn't vote in the election; I don't do that kind of stuff. I just thought I would see what it was all about," she said. Lisa tagged along because her Mom suggested it, but in the end she did have a question about enrolling her children as citizens and was able to pick up forms to start that process.

Legislature Member Alan McCarthy introduced himself and Legislature member Gordon Taylor and welcomed those in attendance. Richard Mundy was also in attendance and was providing rides to citizens.

Pam Shaw, a planner who teaches at Vancouver Island University gave an overview of the proposed Zoning and Structures Act. She has been hired to review the Draft Act and help explain it to citizens. A few years ago she assisted with the Official Community Plan (OCP) for Hitacu.

She said the Zoning and Structures Act will help manage future development. "Where is new housing going to happen, if someone wanted to site an industry, where would that happen," she asked.

The Act, "makes sure things stay in the right spots," she commented.

Veronica Klimek asked whether there was a designation for aquaculture progressing, and said that she's currently investigating starting a business using algae. Ms. Shaw said that no such designation was set out in the current zoning; however, it would be a good addition, she said.

Maureen Louie, who was part of the entourage travelling with the government to meet urban citizens, asked whether a cemetery expansion was considered and if historical protected areas such as old burial sites would be identified in the zoning laws.

Ms. Shaw said that protected areas have been identified in the zoning laws.

Following the zoning presentation, the group watched the film about Indian Residential Schools that was filmed, in part, by Maureen Louie.



Yuulu?il?ath citizens, Lisa Williams and Christine Williams in Nanaimo.



Yuulu?il?ath President Les Doiron chats with Victoria citizen Evelyn Louie; others at the table include: Brenna Barker, Angelina Barker, Roberta Touchie and Maureen Louie.

Victoria citizens will get more food fish delivered

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Roberta also asked about food fish and said that there had been only one delivery of fish and that only a few dozen fish were brought for all the Victoria members. President Doiron said the nation still had vacuum packed, flash frozen fish that would be made available to Victoria members. Note: Fisheries Technician Carlos Mack has made another delivery of food fish to Victoria.

"We need to know from you guys, from all of our people, what you are doing, how you are doing and what we can do," President Doiron said. "You need to be realistic in your expectations but we will make sure that everyone gets looked after. We will get Christina (Citizenship Clerk, Christina Klotz) down here for the day and get Status Cards and do food fish distribution," he commented.

Eddie Mack asked about the nation's businesses and whether a CEO was hired to run

the businesses. President Doiron said the Thornton Motel re-opened this summer and was busier than anticipated. "It looks very nice and is something to be proud of," he said.

President Doiron said the interim CEO's --Mayne, Burger and Associates, "gave us an analysis of everything and we've signed on to another four month extension. They are at the tail end of doing a five-year plan and they are tweaking and fine-tuning the businesses," he said. He said the lack of infrastructure at the Wya Resort has caused many problems for the businesses, but he believes they are on the right track to resolving some of the issues.

President Doiron thanked citizens for coming out and asked everyone to bring a friend the next time the Legislature meets with citizens in Victoria. We want our members to know we care about you; you are important to us," he said.



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Yuulu?il?ath held a career fair in the gym on November 2, 2015.

Port Alberni citizens encouraged to buy land

PORT ALBERNI MEETING

Four Yuułu?il?ath citizens showed up meet with the Legislature and listen to a presentation about the proposed Zoning and Structures Act last Wednesday.

“You are welcome and we’re happy you arrived and came out to participate and we ask that next time you bring a friend,” said President Les Doiron. “We will work harder to improve our attendance and presentations and we want to be 100

He invited citizens to attend the Annual General Meeting which will be held November 30, 2015 at the gym. He acknowledged Legislature member Richard Mundy for designing a new form for the Assembly which includes break-out tables where citizens can talk to staff and elected officials.

“Before the assembly, you can sit down and learn about anything and find out everything the nation is doing about your businesses, how your businesses are doing, what about how are they doing, why are they doing; it’s all right there. We’re open book.” President Doiron said.

He introduced Pamela Shaw, a planner who is currently reviewing the Zoning and Structures Act. She gave a presentation and then answered a few questions. “We have to think what makes sense for the community,” she said.

Citizens asked Ms. Shaw a number of questions ranging from allowances for tiny homes and shipping containers in the zoning law to whether basement suites would be regulated. President Dorion said that he met with Elders recently to discuss small homes. Many elders living in Hitacu have big homes they can no longer care for and that are not efficient, he said, adding that the government could “possibly do a

project where you might put in six to 12 of those lane homes.”

Michael McCarthy asked whether he could buy a piece of property and put a trailer on it and rent it out. “Can I do that?” he asked. “Yes, as far as being a land owner, from everything I understand, you can do that,” President Doiron said.

Elvira McCarthy asked if there is a limit to how many lots a person can buy and said it doesn’t seem fair that someone with money could purchase all the lots. President Dorion said those regulations have not been established yet but the Legislature is aware of that concern.

He encouraged citizens to see what’s available as far as property. “a lot of those lots are already serviced, it’s an unbelievable deal, and an

unbelievable opportunity to have own your own piece of property, to get back home, whether you live there for one month or year round or share it or whatever you do, it’s a fabulous opportunity.”

President Doiron told citizens that the government needs their input. “I don’t think there is any previous government or council that has pushed as hard for the away from home members as what this one is, and will do for its four years. We want to make sure you know that you’ve got property, that’s its available, how much it costs, what you have to do to live there, anything health wise, medical wise, any of that stuff, just so you know, all that stuff is at our fingertips if you need help with that,” he told citizens.



per cent transparent in everything we do,” he commented.

“Ucluelet First Nations is your home and we hope you feel welcome. You can ask anything here. We have a wealth of knowledge here with Vi and Bob (Mundy) and Richard Mundy Sr. Vi has been on our road trip with us and we want to thank you. The Legislature and government we’re working hard for you guys and our job is to provide information to you guys,” the President said.



Yuułu?il?ath citizen Cassandra Little and her son Kaden Fregin. Cassandra’s other son, Brody George is pictured to the left, enjoying his dinner beside Roy Allan Roberts in Port Alberni last week.

President explains why Taayii Hāwiił asked to step aside

PORT ALBERNI

Three members of the Yuułu?il?ath Legislature met with citizens in Port Alberni on September 29th to provide an update on Legislature activities and get input on issues that are important to them.

President Les Doiron thanked people in attendance and said one of the mandates of the new government was to reconnect with citizens living away from home. “We need to create an awareness of our language and culture, and the importance of elders and youth and make sure we steer our youth in the right direction and that we have the direction of our elders.”

He spoke about two recent Elders meetings that dealt with the issue of illegal harvesting of elk by the Taayii Hāwiił who was charged with two counts with hunting wildlife out of season. “I’m proud to say we’ve met with crown counsel to discuss that

situation and he is bringing in a Cree native judge to preside over that case and the restoration justice process will take place in Port Alberni. It won’t be incarceration it will be taking us back to resolving problems the way that First Nations used to resolve problems,” he commented.

Elder Roy Barney said it should be noted that the Tyee Ha’wiil killed the elk in his own territory and another Elder, Larry Baird said that those hunting rights were given up when the treaty was signed. President Doiron agreed saying that the Tyee Ha’wiil was present and should have understood.

Elvira McCarthy said she was horrified by the news of elk being killed. “This is decimating the herd. You are not just robbing from us but from generations. We have a responsibility as human beings.”

Elaine Baird asked if the Restorative Justice is a closed door process or open to the public as court

is.

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K^wisitit aerial trail and zipline supported by Legislature

The Yuulu?il?ath Legislature threw its support behind the concept study for an aerial trail and zip line through the forest canopy at K^wisitit at its October 13, 2015 meeting. Now, a detailed business proposal will be done for this proposed business partnership between the nation and Greenheart International—a Vancouver based company that has installed zip lines around the world.

The K^wisitit proposal is to be developed in two phases with the aerial trail set for opening in late 2015 and a Paddle and Cultural Centre



**Yuulu?il?ath Lands Manager
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which is proposed to open in 2016. “The investment is estimated to be approximately 1 million dollars with Greenheart providing all design, build and operational capital as well the expertise required to launch and maintain the business,” Mr. Mead Miller wrote in the concept study report.

The report noted that the K^wisitit site is used as a right of way for Parks Canada trails and there is no direct benefit to the YFN. The report identified risks with the business plan which included: include that the business could quickly outgrow the space available in the Parks Canada Interpretive Centre because the new

business would require space for staff and operations.

“It is also understood that the business is reliant on the parking and access granted by Parks Canada and a large increase in parking fees may reduce the number of visitors,” the report noted.

Mr. Mead-Miller pointed out that tourism has grown in this region, “with an ever-increasing demand for nature based activities and education.” The development could provide for training and employment and support the growth of YFN culture and language, he said. He also said there would also be direct benefits for citizens in, “construction, guiding, sales and marketing and management positions to members of the YFN with training provided on the job.”

CEOs recommend no closures despite losses for businesses

Chris Burger of Mayne, Burger and Associates, one of the CEOs of YFN Management Services said although the majority of the nation’s businesses are losing money, they don’t actually plan on closing any of them, just changing the operating structure.

Mr. Burger said the K^wisitit gift shop and Wya Surf Shop are holding their own but other businesses, the Wya Resort in particular, are losing a lot of money each year. At the Hitacu Assembly he reported the businesses were losing “hundreds of thousands” of dollars.

He said that there have been infrastructure challenges at the Wya Resort and that a new water supply is required. “For now we will be trucking in water and storing and treating it on site,” he said, noting that the long-term plan is to hook up to the District of Ucluelet’s water.

The business capital plan will provide an update and overall plan for all the businesses, he said, noting that the CEOs are set to deliver that plan to the Legislature by the end of October.

Mr. Burger said the five year plan will ensure that “we develop business that are in the best interest of the nation,” and said the CEOs have

been working to get new businesses adventures such as the zip line and gas station. “We feel good about this stuff,” he commented.

“We’ve talked about the zipline at K^wisitit as a possible revenue generator and being able to utilize K^wisitit as a major attraction on the coast,” he said.

At the September open house held by the Legislature, Mr. Burger said a couple dozen citizens talked to him about Economic Development and that the feedback from Elders was to “protect the ecological base.”

Timber harvesting, gravel extraction and a potential marina and fuel

station on the harbour are also being discussed.

The Operating Board extended the contract of the CEOs until February 2016.

Recently the CEOs (on behalf of YFN Management Services) donated a television to the Hitacu Fire Department. Fire Chief Jay Millar said the donation was made in exchange for brush clearing work that he and Emily Shirley did for the YFN Management Services at the Huupatu Business Centre. The television will be used to show fire fighting training videos.

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Warrior program aimed at teaching young men

The Warrior program began in September and is attracting a fair number of young men to participate in a wide variety of activities. The program is facilitated by Ricardo Manmohan.

This coming weekend the Warriors will be heading to the camp in the Traditional Territory at Effingham Island.

Here is an excerpt from Ricardo's program report to give readers an idea of the type of activities going on.

Bow Making: Dan Law attended the Warriors to demonstrate how to make various types of bows, strings and arrows.

Eight participants came out to this first Warrior's program. Special mention goes to Bryson George who helped other young men to increase their accuracy and confidence with a bow and arrow.

On September 21, six participants learned the principles of camouflage and concealment and 10 reasons why things are seen in nature (such as shape, shine, silhouette, spacing, colour, shadow etc.). Participants were taught how to move stealth-like through the woods.

Afterwards the young men played basketball and Levi Touchie showed that he's still able to move on the court. The evening MVP was Dennis Hetu for his one-on-one coaching.

On September 28 the group learned about shelter building. Jay Millar taught this course in the treeline behind the community centre. The Warriors constructed a teepee frame for the Guardians of the Forest Program; coordinators of that program had expressed interest in having a mobile shelter for the children. There was a feeling of teamwork as they worked together to gather the wood for the structure's frame, clear the ground and find fire pit rocks. Evening MVP was Brandon Cootes for his idea and initiative to secure the base of the shelter's structure with logs.

The Warriors played basketball as a warm-up for the evening and it was great to have RCMP constable Marcel Midlane on the court to build connection and trust with the men in the Warriors program.

On October 5th, Jay Millar taught the group how to light fires with a variety of methods and material in the woods that consistently burn even when wet (i.e. tops of huckleberry plants). The Warriors learned ways to transport fire as well as create torches with tree sap. The building of the teepee for the Forest Guardians

continued and the Warriors were able to add an inner liner to the teepee.

There were 15 participants helping out that night and most of the group worked well together to light the fire, find wood and continue building the shelter.

The evening MVP was shared by three people, Rodney for his work lighting fires, finding wood and hot-dog cooking sticks for the younger men; Evan for courageously climbing high to set up an insulating tarp on the teepee and Bryson for his tireless effort to use a magnesium starter to light a fire.



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Representation for urban citizens discussed

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Richard Mundy answered that it would not be open to the public. *(Since this meeting the situation has changed and Wilson Jack has plead guilty in Provincial Court rather than take the restorative justice route to deal with the charges against him.)*

The topic of representation for urban citizens was discussed at length. Citizens were informed that a motion to hold the next Hitacu Assembly in Port Alberni was defeated at the September Assembly. President Doiron said, that the AGM will be held in Hitacu.

Elder Larry Baird pointed out that the majority of citizens live away from home. "Where's the service, it's supposed to be equal, that's what we negotiated for," he commented. President Doiron said one of the campaign promises was to open an office in Port

for citizens to access services. "The masses are here so it's worth having the discussion," he commented.

Larry Baird said that the time for that discussion is now as the government begins work on next year's budget. "If they needed us for anything pre-treaty there were buses, and Chinese food, we were wined and dined," he laughed. Legislature member Richard Mundy added that there were also haircuts, massages and photo shoots during the ratification time.

President Doiron said, "We're working for you; for all the people, not just the ones that live at home."

Elvira McCarthy said that was welcome news. "We tend to feel like second-class citizens and tend to be treated that way," she commented.

Richard Mundy said "we're

just starting to reach out again to urban citizens" and added, "we want more contact and a better understanding of services." He said a dream of his would be to offer extended health benefits to each citizen.

While citizens offered suggestions on the location of an office and what services it could provide, President Doiron said they would be making no decisions immediately. "We need support and some input," he said. "Maybe we can't define that (details) tonight but lets get the wheels in motion," President Doiron said, adding, "it's safe to say there is a strong interest."

Yanny Poilievre (nee Barney) asked about the Feast House. She reported visiting Wick Beach recently and being disappointed that the restaurant was not open.

Richard Mundy responded to question about Economic Development and said that just recently did he learn that the businesses have been mismanaged. He said a number of things went wrong over the years, but, he said, the Economic Development is now moving forward with three CEO's at the helm.

"I put my faith in them and what they are doing" he commented. Richard is a recent addition to the Operating Board.

President Doiron has been on the Operating Board for a few years; he told the group that things got off to a late start this season and it was difficult to get competent staff. "At the 11th hour we didn't have anyone," he said, noting that the contract was rewarded to a non-citizen. He is hopeful that next year citizens will be running the restaurant.

Obituary: Donald Mundy

Yuulu?il?ath citizen Donald Barry Mundy passed away on October 18, 2015.

Donald was born on January 17, 1946. He was predeceased by his Mother Margaret Billy (Charleston), and his Father William Mundy, and sisters Lorraine Mundy, Virginia Louis and Margaret Rose.

He is survived by: brothers Earl Mundy and George Mundy, and many nieces, nephews, step children

and grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at the Chapel of Memories, Port Alberni on Friday, October 23, 2015 followed by internment at Alberni Valley Memorial Gardens, Port Alberni.

Fred Adam delivered the Eulogy and pall bearers were: Ken Joe Sr., Williams Severinson, Raymond Charleston, Ed Samuel, Marvin Samuel, Henry Jackson



Yuulu?il?ath Forest Guardians enjoy a campfire in their new teepee.



Yuulu?il?ath citizens obtained fire arms licenses during a recent PAL course held in Hitacu. Pictured here are: Melody Charlie, Jeremy Valentine and Veronica Klimek. Inset, Marilyn Touchie tries out a hand-gun which was not loaded.

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Vi Mundy knows the secrets of a happy marriage

Vi Mundy knows a thing or two about marriage--after all, she's been married for more than half a century. So, it makes perfect sense that she became a marriage commissioner last year; she performed about 20 weddings so far this year and is already booking for next summer.

She applied to be a marriage commissioner a few years ago, but was working at the time; she was encouraged to re-apply once she was retired. "Weddings can happen on any day of the week and at any time so you need to be flexible, and I had such a busy schedule," she said. Vi still has a busy schedule, but somehow manages to fit in weddings.

Performing weddings is fun, she said. "Everyone is happy; it's such a happy time," she smiles, thinking about it. "I'm a typical Mom who cries when I see a beautiful bride; I can't help it, tears come to my eyes," she laughs.

She's married young and old couples, at local hotels and inns, at Wya Beach and Big Beach, and recently performed a marriage on a beach in the Broken Group Islands. Most of the weddings she performs are small weddings, sometimes just the bride and groom and witnesses or a small family gathering with about 20 people. She did perform one large ceremony, in Port Alberni, with about 300 guests.

Speaking in public doesn't make Vi nervous and she enjoys meeting new people. Before being hired by the Province of BC as a marriage commissioner,



Vi had to audition, on video, so the province could see that her voice was loud and clear and that she was not nervous. It took her three times to get the video right, she said. "The first time I was speaking so fast," she laughed.

Although the wedding itself doesn't take very long, often Vi has to do a lot of ground work, ensuring that the bride and groom have the required paperwork completed and vows pre-

pared. It's common for people to write their own vows, she said, noting that young people especially don't like the traditional, "Love, Honour and Obey" phrase in the wedding vows. There are certain parts of the wedding ceremony that are required by law and other parts that can be flexible. She has a binder full of vows that the wedding couple can choose from if they haven't written their own.

She has married couples from different parts of the world; her first marriage was a couple from Finland.

As for a secret to being married for 50 years, "for us it's communication – it's key to strengthening our marriage - by listening to each other, we trust each other, in everything we do and have made many joint decisions and mutual support which keeps us happy."

Temporary recreation facilities worker hired

Alicia Gilmour, has been hired as the temporary Recreation Facilities Worker for the Yuulu?il?ath government; she will work until the end of November until a permanent employee is hired to fill that position.

An avid skateboarder and surfer, Alicia is keen to share her interests with local youth and adults. She has organized skateboard competitions for both Ucluelet and Tofino and last summer started a surfing and skate-boarding adventure camp. She also worked at the Tofino Nature Kids and worked at after school programs in Tofino and Ucluelet.



Alicia has called the west coast home for 12 years; she has lived in the communities of Tofino and Ucluelet. She is originally from Ontario and moved to BC to teach snowboarding in Whistler. She also worked as a river raft guide in Whistler.

She's looking forward to meeting the youth and adults in Hitacu to find out what recreation program they would like to have and hopefully get some new events off the ground.

She will be the contact for booking the gym. This past weekend she organized a fantastic Halloween party enjoyed by many in the community.



Yuulu?il?ath citizens Bob Mundy and Leo Touchie smoked fish last week for students at Ucluelet Elementary School who are part of the Nuuchahnulth program.



Halloween Fun

