



K^wisitis Theatre re-named to honour Barbara Touchie

The K^wisitis Theatre in the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve will be renamed this weekend to honour Yuutu?it?ath elder, Sičquu?uł Barbara Touchie who worked for Parks Canada for more than 25 years.

After her retirement Barbara took part in an intensive Nuu-chah-nulth language project which taught her to read and write in the Barkley dialect. She spent the years following, until her death in 2014, teaching the language to anyone would

take the time to learn.

“Our mother, Barb is being honoured, in the most wonderful way possible,” said daughter Vi Mundy.

“One of the best parts of her legacy was the redesigning of the Interpretive Centre, when she and many other Nuu-chah-nulth members worked tirelessly to transform the K^wisitis into an acclaimed center and providing top quality historical information, education and cultural enrichment to the region,”

she said.

There will be a private ceremony with the Touchie family, followed by a public event at K^wisitis Theatre at 1 p.m. on Saturday, January 30, 2016.

Matthew Payne, First Nations Program Manager at PRNPR said, “Parks Canada is pleased to honour Barbara Touchie who made many contributions to Hitacu and the communities of Ucluelet and Tofino, including the revitalization of the Nuu-chah-nulth language.”

She was part of the working group that provided traditional knowledge and cultural guidance during the renovation of the K^wisitis Visitor Centre completed in 2011.

Unveiling the Sičquu?uł Theatre in Ms. Touchie’s honour is Parks Canada’s deepest and most sincere way of saying “thank you” and “łeekoo” to a long-standing advisor to our staff and for helping us share the gift of the Nuu-chah-nulth language with all visitors in the park reserve.

Rite of Passage marked for Yuutu?it?ath young men

Six young Warriors and their mentors were recognized by the community of Hitacu last

week, as Elders and community members gathered for a dinner to witness the Rite of Passage of

these young men. Anthony Louie, Bryson George, Kyle Kervin, Evan Touchie, James Walton and Peyton

George were recognized for their commitment to learning traditional skills. The Warriors have learned to hunt, fish, make shelters and fires and survival skills. Last week they harvested clams and oysters for the community dinner.

There were about 50 community members in attendance including 11 Elders. Many of the Elders spoke after the dinner, about the importance of the teaching and learning of traditional skills. The Rite of Passage ceremony has not been witnessed here in many years, said organizer Debbie Mundy. She consulted with the Elders about how the ceremony should be done.

“I’m so grateful for their wisdom because they play a huge part in planning cultural events,” she said.

The young men were given cedar branches to mark their passing from childhood into young adulthood and Tim Sutherland, who presided over the ceremony, told the young men that those branches would be exchanged for a gift at some point.

Alongside the young men, adult men were recognized for their contribution to the Warriors program. Ricardo Manmohan has been hired to facilitate the program. YG employees Carlos Mack and Jay Millar have also been helping to facilitate events as well as RCMP Constable Marcel Midlane and community members Dennis Hetu and Dennis Touchie.



Young men in Hitacu who are part of the Warrior program and adult mentors were honoured at a Right of Passage dinner held in Hitacu last week. Shown here, left to right are: Carlos Mack, Ricardo Manmohan, Anthony Louie, Kyle Kervin, Bryson George, Evan Touchie, James Walton and Peyton George.

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Three Yuułu?it?ath citizens are part of this year's Leadership Vancouver Island. The group had their first weekend retreat in Ahousaht recently and are shown here with other participants. Jenna Miller, Celena Cook and Marylin Touchie are taking the leadership course.



Telehealth is now working at the Health Centre. Last week citizens were given a demonstration of how the system works and once the medical contacts are added Pearl Touchie will be able to set up the online appointments.

New fisheries Minister updated regarding denial of Fraser River Sockeye denial for Maa-nulth

The Maa-nulth Nations have sent a letter to the new federal minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, in an effort to bring the new minister's attention to the Fraser River sockeye salmon dispute.

In a letter to the Honourable Hunter Tootoo, President of the Maa-nulth Treaty Society, Charlie Cootes, wrote, "We write to draw your attention to, and seek your assistance on a matter of significant

concern to us regarding our access to Fraser River sockeye salmon... In 2014 and in 2015, Fraser River sockeye salmon diverted down the east coast of Vancouver Island in British Columbia at an extremely high rate, making it impossible for the Maa-nulth First Nations to fish their allocation of Fraser River sockeye salmon in the Maa-nulth Domestic Fishing Area which lies on the west coast of Vancouver Island. In both 2014 and 2015 we requested your predecessor to exer-

cise her discretion under 10.1.6b of the Maa-nulth Treaty to allow us to fish our allocation off the east coast of Vancouver Island and outside the Maa-nulth Domestic Fishing Area. In 2014 our request was inexplicably denied, even though it was projected to be a year of abundance, and in 2015 our request was ignored."

The letter goes on to say that salmon is important, socially and culturally to the First Nations

people and that the last government's failure to take action regarding the requests to access Fraser River sockeye has resulted in the loss of more than 12,500 fish in the food supply of the Maa-nulth First Nations citizens.

"We should not be penalized for having entered into the Maa-nulth Treaty by being denied access we would have had as Indian Bands, before the Maa-nulth Treaty. This consequence of treaty is completely unacceptable to us and should be unacceptable to your government," Mr. Cootes wrote.

He said to date the Maa-nulth Nations have not been dealt with in a respectful way by Canada, or in a spirit of cooperation and, or partnership. "We are looking to you to demonstrate real change in the way your Ministry considers how we access our allocation of Fraser River sockeye salmon under the Maa-nulth Treaty."

Rite of Passage

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The dinner and Rite of Passage ceremony were made possible through a Clayoquot Biosphere Trust Small Neighbourhood Grant.





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?uuščak mamuuqḥsi Barbara Touchie**

**SPECIAL EVENT
— INVITE —**

**Renaming of the K^wisitis Theatre in honour
of the late Barbara Touchie (Sičquu?uḷ)**



Pacific Rim National Park Reserve is renaming the K^wisitis Theatre in honour of the late Barbara Touchie (Sičquu?uḷ), a Yuułu?it?ath member, for her contributions to her community and the communities of Ucluelet and Tofino; for her work for Parks Canada; and her dedication to Nuuchah-nulth language revitalization in all the work she did.

Date: Saturday, January 30
Time: 1:00 pm
Location: K^wisitis Visitor Centre, Wickaninnish Beach, Ucluelet



Yuutu?it?ath




Executive approves investment for businesses

The Yuulu?il?ath Executive approved an investment of \$135,000 to YFN Holdings at its December 9, 2015 meeting. The investment by the government to YFN Holdings will be invested in several of the YFN group of businesses to assist in the operations during the slow season.

Tamara Nelson, Chief Financial Officer said the “unplanned request came mid-budget. Funds were found within the government’s 2016 budget from surpluses over forecasts in revenues and expenditures, and also, unexpended cash that was available from prior years.”

In cases of mid-budget requests for financial assistance, the process is outlined in

the Financial Administration Act, the Economic Development Act and the Governance and Fiscal Agreement. This process was followed with the Operating Board requesting money from the Holdings Board and in turn the Holdings Board making a request to the Executive.

“The Executive reviewed the request in accordance with the Financial Administration Act, Part 7, and input from the CFO,” Ms. Nelson added.

Under section 5.1 of the Economic Development Act, the Executive, after reviewing the request, issued a directive for the investments as required by section 4.1 of Schedule 1 to the Governance and Fiscal Agreement Regu-

lation. Before the directive could be issued, the government’s Economic Development Committee reviewed and recommended that the directive from the Executive be approved as per (5.2 of the Economic Development Act). The Economic Development Committee suggested it would be in the best interest of the Yuulu?il?ath Government and the Yuulu?il?ath group of businesses to make the investment.

That recommendation triggered the transfer of funds to the Holdings Board. When Holdings received the funds that board invested in accordance with the directive, which indicated the amount to each business per the initial request according to the cash flow requirements of each of the businesses.

Wilson Jack sentenced to two years probation

Wilson Jack received a suspended sentence and two years of probation for poaching Roosevelt elk out of season and without proper authorization. The Provincial Court ordered him to complete 200 hours of community service work within the first 20 months of his probation. The Provincial Court also decided he would not be allowed to hunt outside of treaty lands.

Mr. Jack’s admission of harvesting a Roosevelt elk is in contravention with the Yuulu?il?ath government’s Wildlife and Migratory Bird Regulation.

The Yuulu?il?ath Legislature met last week to discuss the probation order, the court proceedings, the possible suspension of some harvesting rights and a proposed meeting with the Elders and the Ha’wiih.

In October, before the trial, the Elders and the Ha’wiih asked the Taayii Ha’wił Wilson Jack to step aside until matter was resolved. It has not yet been decided who will be the Ha’wiih representative on the Yuulu?il?ath Legislature.

In sentencing Provincial Court Judge Ronald Lamperson said that Mr. Jack, as a Hereditary Chief who was involved in the Ucluelet First Nation treaty process, should have known the rules involved regarding harvesting an elk.

In years past the Nation has managed the elk harvest through a limited hunt. Yuulu?il?ath citizens who had the proper gun license and harvest documentation entered their names into a draw and one person won a tag to harvest an elk. In the first two years of treaty the winners of the elk draw were

not successful in hunting an elk and last year the nation opted out of having an elk draw because the numbers of Roosevelt elk were determined to be too low, especially after the illegal poaching of more than 25 elk in Nuu-chah-nulth traditional territory.

“It’s an embarrassment for our chief, its an embarrassment for our people and the Maa-nulth Treaty Society as well so there are a lot of people involved,” President Les Doiron said. He said that Mr. Jack would need to apologize to the Yuulu?il?ath people and find a way to earn respect.

In court, on January 8, 2016, the Hereditary Chief’s Speaker, Tyson Touchie told the court proceedings that the elk was taken for ceremonial purposes for a potlatch. President Doiron said the court was not told that Mr. Jack had been asked by the Yuulu?il?ath Elders and other Hereditary Chiefs, to step aside until the issue had been resolved.

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YG PRESIDENT
LES DOIRON

contributing member in their community.” Ultimately, Mr. Jack chose to have his day in court via the provincial court system.

In December 2013, the Nuu-chah-nulth

Tribal Council offered a \$25,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of poachers who were responsible for the deaths of 23 Roosevelt Elk that were found, mostly unharvested, in Nuu-chah-nulth territory.

“Elk poaching hurts us all. It takes food off community tables and endangers the health and survival of the herd,” the NTC news briefing said. According to the NTC briefing, BC Conservation suspected that some of the meat was being sold or traded on the black market. According to NTC Vice President Ken Watts, to date, none of the reward has been paid out.

Sergeant Ben York, Central Island Conservation Officer with the Ministry of Environment said Mr. Jack was the only person investigated, charged and convicted on the one illegal animal. “All other unregulated elk killings in the Alberni area are still unsolved. While they are technically still open and under investigation, realistically there is no new information moving the files forward.”

He said that BC Conservation worked with the Yuulu?il?ath Government to ensure it was communicated that Wilson’s incident had no known connection with the other killings; however, he also said Mr. Jack has not been eliminated from any other investigation.

President Les Doiron said a meeting will be set up with the Manager of the Lands Department, the Elders, Ha’wiih and Maa-nulth Treaty Society to determine how Mr. Jack will come to resolution with the citizens.



Pilot program to provide patient travel assistance

Wheels for Wellness transports non-emergency patients to medical appointments in excess of 60 kilometers (one way) from their

home and is currently assisting Hitacu residents and others on the west coast via a three month pilot program.

The program relies on volunteer drivers whose trips are coordinated through a centralized coordination centre in Comox. This transportation network allows for same day trips to out of town appointments and increases access to health services for those who may be experiencing barriers.

ities or out of the region outside of peak tourism season.

Wheels for Wellness

For Patient Travel appointments to Port Alberni and beyond. This is a non-emergency, door-to-door medical travel program.

Requirements to access this service:

- 48 hours before your appointment, contact Pearl Touchie at the Government Office (250) 726-7342
- Provide a telephone contact number to me in order that I may pass it on to the driver who will contact you to let you know what time to be ready to go.

Check it out at:

<http://www.wheelsforwellness.com/index.html>

Lets do all we can to use this service and make it a success.



Rodney Touchie was the first Yuułu?il?ath citizen to use the new service. He was picked up at 6 a.m. by a volunteer driver who took him to an appointment in Port Alberni.

“He was really helpful. I’m glad I met him, he was really personable and easy to talk to,” Rodney said.

Transportation action planning has been convened through the Alberni Clayoquot Health Network and supported by committed local partners and local governments.

Residents of the eight communities on the west coast experience significant barriers to accessing medical care within and outside of the region in the absence of personal vehicles. Current bus routes in the coastal communities do not allow for same day travel between commu-

“There is no simple solution to address this multifaceted issue; it is evident that solutions will require partnerships and collaboration. Through consultation and planning, local community partners have been working to identify and pursue opportunities which will assist in improving conditions,” said Marcie DeWitt, Coordinator of the Alberni-Clayoquot Health Network.

Yuułu?il?ath citizens living in Hitacu are asked to contact Pearl Touchie at the Yuułu?il?ath Government office (250) 726-7342, at least 48 hours before your appointment. She will need a contact phone number to pass along to the volunteer driver, who will contact patients directly with a pick-up time.

The Wheels for Wellness program is also looking for one more volunteer driver. If you are interested in volunteering to drive please call Joanne at (250) 338-0196. For more information about the Wheels for Wellness program, check out their website at www.wheelsforwellness.com

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Nutrition and cooking healthy foods taught as part of Winter Wellness program in Hitacu

Learning to cook healthy food was part of the Winter Wellness classes held recently in Hitacu.

Two sessions with nutritionist Helene Dafour, taught citizens how to prepare low cost and highly nutritious foods.

In the first session participants made stove top pizza. Prior

to getting their hands dirty in the kitchen they were given a lesson about nutrition.

During the second session the participants made veggie burgers and most were surprised at how good the results tasted.

“They were delicious” said Debbie Mundy, who was part of

the class. As organizer of the twice weekly food program in Hitacu she’s always on the look out for healthy ways to feed the community. Last year she added salads to the mix for the community, and she said although people weren’t too keen at first, the salads are now a regular feature of the dinners, and they are always appreciated.

The burgers were made from black beans, barley and vegetables, so not only are they low in fat, they are also inexpensive to make. Dafour said she priced out the cost of making a dozen veggie burgers verses hamburgers and figured the cost was one third of the cost of hamburgers.



Young people helping clean clams for a community dinner in Hitacu.

Stove Top Pizza

½ cup whole wheat flour

½ cup self-rising flour

Pinch salt

1 tsp. honey

1 tsp. dried yeast

2/3 cup lukewarm water

1 Tbsp. olive oil

½ cup pizza sauce

Toppings: peppers, mushrooms, spinach, broccoli, chicken, pineapple, cheese, etc.

METHOD:

In a non-stick pan, combine all dough ingredients, mix well. Pat the raw dough evenly on the bottom of the pan. Add pizza sauce over the base. Sprinkle with cheese. Add toppings and add more cheese on top.

Cook on medium heat (covered) for five to seven minutes. Seal with foil if you don’t have a lid.

Turn heat to low and partially open lid to release some steam. Cook for about 10-12 minutes or until brown.

You can also broil the pizza in the oven until the crust is brown.

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Veggie Burgers

1 can drained black beans

1 Tbsp. balsamic vinegar

1 red pepper, diced

2 cups cooked barley, rice or quinoa

2 Tbsp. chili powder

1 Tbsp. ground cumin

2 cups diced zucchini, skin on

½ cup flour (more if mix is too sticky) plus ½ cup to coat the patties before cooking

1 egg

Olive oil

10-12 whole grain buns & Slices of tomato, onion, avocado and cheese

METHOD:

In a large bowl, mash the black beans and balsamic vinegar with potato masher

Add diced vegetables, barley, spices, egg and flour.

Shape patties and coat with flour; thin patties work best.

Cook patties in a skillet, with a little oil, for 7 minutes. Flip the burgers, cover with a sheet of foil and cook for another 7 minutes. The burgers should be crispy. Melt cheese on top.



Year in Review: Gym opening a highlight for 2015

JANUARY

Hundreds of Yuulu?i?ath citizens and guests crammed the Hitacu gym and community centre for a spectacular opening celebration which attracted more than 450 people. There was drumming and dancing and many gift presentations from other nations and governments.

The Executive branch of the Yuulu?i?ath Legislature has given approval to the first land title transfer to citizen Karen Severinson.

Maureen Touchie-Louie has been creating digital sound files from old cassette tapes. Elders were invited to listen to the recordings that were songs of (Chicken) Robert Touchie and other recordings of Corbett Williams counting in Nuu-chah-nulth. The recordings were of: Albert Jackson, Betsy Fish, Vernon Ross, Ella Thompson, Robert Touchie, Albert Touchie, Barbara Touchie, Rose Cootes and Lawrence Jack.

Amanda Aspinall is the new NTC Community Health Nurse for Hitacu and Central Region.

The 7th Annual Evan Touchie Legacy Tournament of Health took place in the Hitacu gym. Seven men's teams participated.

FEBRUARY



The first two of seven small housing units being built in Hitacu have been given occupancy and will soon be rented out. The houses were slated to be completed by December 2014 but the contractor was given an extension until the end of March to complete the project.

The Nuu-chah-nulth Ha'wiih have publicly condemned the unlawful slaughter of elk within the traditional territories. Hereditary Chiefs released a joint statement calling for the arrest of those responsible for the slaughter of elk, the buying of meat or the possession of the meat of those elk.

MARCH

Delaney Clayton and Joe Thompson spent three weeks learning about trail construction and then put their skills into action with the re-construction of the stairs to Halfmoon Bay in the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve.

Jaden Touchie was the only Grade 10 to make the Oak Bay senior basketball team and ended up being a starter. He was one of three players to play every single game and the team ended up ranked number one in the province.

Raven Gagnon recently earned her black belt in Taekwondo. The 15 year old is a Yuulu?i?ath citizen living in Port Alberni.

APRIL

Three Yuulu?i?ath citizens will vie for the Presidency of the nation while ten people will run to serve as members of the Legislature in the upcoming election.

The Yuulu?i?ath Legislature gave the draft budget for 2015-16 the first reading at its meeting held on April 8, 2015.

The Nation traded approximately 200 gravel truck loads of sand for exchange for about \$30,000 worth of paving.

After months of dirt roads due to the water and sewer project in Hitacu, the paved roads in the community are welcome.

MAY

There were 196 votes cast in the May 13th Election with Leslie Doiron edging out Charles McCarthy by seven votes to be named President. The new Yuulu?i?ath Legislature was sworn in on May 20th. They include President Les Doiron, Executive members: Alan McCarthy, Jeneva Touchie, Gordon Taylor and Richard Mundy. Melody Charlie and Jordan Touchie are also on the Yuulu?i?ath Legislature. Tyson Touchie was named the chair.

Consultants Mayne, Burger and Associates were hired to assess the nation's businesses. The consultants have a six month contract with YFN Management Services (economic development) and a separate contract to create a 5-year Economic Development plan for the government.

The First People's Counsel awarded \$12,000 to Rose Wilson to share knowledge about collecting, processing and weaving cedar bark and grass.

JUNE

Yuulu?i?ath citizens and guests enjoyed Aboriginal Days on Sunday, June 21st. Salmon was smoked on sticks over a fire, the traditional way. Canoe races were also enjoyed by citizens.

The Thornton Motel is open for business again two years after fire destroyed the center block of

the motel. For the last year the motel has rented only four rooms and operated on a skeleton crew. The new 12 room hotel opened just in time for the hectic tourist season.

Suzanne Williams graduated from the Ch'nook Aboriginal Management Certificate program which is part of the Sauder School of Business at the University of British Columbia. She won a bursary worth \$6500 from Leith Wheeler and started the program in January, 2015. She hopes to pursue a degree in business.

Anita Charleson-Touchie recently earned her Master of Education in Counselling Psychology Degree from the University of Victoria. Jennifer Touchie earned her Diploma in Infant Development and Supported Childhood Education from the University of British Columbia.

Bob and Vi Mundy celebrated 50 years of Marriage on June 26, 2015.

JULY

The Legislature requested a cash distribution of \$228,407.48 from the Settlement Trust at the July 13th Legislature meeting. The YG budgeted for expenditures in the amount of \$228,407.48 which meet the definition of community benefits in the Yuulu?i?ath Settlement Trust.

A young Yuulu?i?ath citizen from Port Alberni was murdered on July 15, 2015. Carlene Jack, 19, was stabbed during a fight; she was tended to by paramedics but died from her injuries in hospital. An 18-year-old was charged with her murder.

The Maa-nulth nations believe that Canada has breached sections of the Maa-nulth Treaty and have given the federal government notice that they want a dispute resolution hearing regarding the 2014 Fraser River sockeye salmon harvest disagreement.

Wya Café and Feast House was leased to Shamie Adeken, the

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former owner of the Ucluelet Restaurant 4-Spice.

Melody Patrick is working with the youth in Hitacu this summer; the 16-year-old lives in Nanaimo and hopes to join the RCMP some day.

AUGUST

The Public Order, Peace and Safety Act came into effect August 10, 2015. The Act governs everything from animal control to disorderly conduct in the community. Citizens can now be fined for loitering, being excessively intoxicated, using offensive or indecent gestures or using abusive language.

Community volunteers and Fire department members were recognized at a community BBQ in early August. Approximately 80 people attended the BBQ held to thank those who helped extinguish a fire on the road to the water reservoir.

Youth in Hitacu learned to play the ukulele in a ukulele music workshop held by a Korean Christian Group from the lower mainland. The week long workshop wrapped up with a Korean dinner catered by the Church of the Scent for Life Proclamation.

Community members met to discuss alcohol and drugs and the effect they are having on the community of Hitacu.

SEPTEMBER

Debbie Touchie was blanketed at the September Hitcu Assembly in recognition of her retirement after 25 years of service for the YG government.

The Yuulu?il?ath Legislature held an open house prior to the Hitacu Assembly, to encourage input from citizens and to offer citizens the opportunity to have discussions with representatives from various departments and Economic Development. Citizens passed two resolutions from the floor; one to open up Legislature meetings to citizens and another to initiate a plan that would replace all current non YG managers and staff with

Yuulu?il?ath citizens.

Yuulu?il?ath has a new Warrior program that is aimed at building the warrior spirit by teaching skills to young men such as hunting, fishing, smoking meat, bow making, etc. Participants will learn skills and develop a network of peers and mentors.

Carlos Mack, the Lands and Resources Technician wrote a successful grant application that brought a number of courses to Hitacu including boating, first aid and gun courses.

OCTOBER

Yuulu?il?ath citizens living in Victoria, Port Alberni and Nanaimo had the opportunity to meet Yuulu?il?ath President Les Doiron and some of the members of legislature during urban meetings. Consultant Pamela Shaw made a presentation at the Port Alberni and Nanaimo meetings about the proposed Zoning and Structures Act.

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'wisitis.

The CEOs of YFN Management Services reported that the majority of the nation-owned businesses are losing money but there is no plan to close the businesses, but instead, change the operating structure of those businesses. The Wya Surf Shop and K'wisitis Gift Shop are the only profitable businesses and the remainder are losing "hundreds of thousands" of dollars, the interim CEOs told citizens.

President Les Doiron brought a truck load of pumpkins and created a whole lot of smiles for children in Hitacu. The YG hosted a Halloween party, complete with pumpkin carving, costumes and a piñata.

NOVEMBER

Yuulu?il?ath citizens will have access to healthcare via the internet thanks to the First Nation's Telehealth Expansion Project, organized by the First Nations Health Authority.



Asya Touchie graduated from the University of Victoria, earning a degree in Child and Youth Care with a specialization in Indigenous Child Protection. She is now working as a social worker through the NiL Tu,O Child and Family Services Society in Victoria.

Dr. Bernice Touchie was re-appointed to the BC First People's Cultural Council Advisory Committee.

The Warriors spent a night at the camp in the traditional territory at Effingham Inlet. The group, seven adults and three young men, enjoyed a weekend of fishing and hunting.

Chris Bird of Sonbird Refuse and Recycling recently delivered recycling bins to Hitacu. The bins will be used for recycling from the community kitchen at the community center.

Wya Resort is proving a popular wedding spot. There were ten weddings held there last summer and 11 more were already booked in November for next summer.

DECEMBER

Yuulu?il?ath joined four other Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations in forming the NCN Cannery LP which has purchased shares in St. Jeans Cannery and Smokehouse in Nanaimo. Yuulu?il?ath President Les Doiron said the opportunity "will bring many benefits to our nation. It lays the foundation for future investments in seafood and our nations can use this as an example for Economic Development. YFN is excited to tell our story through

marketing."

The Yuulu?il?ath Government held its Annual General Meeting on November 30th. Citizens passed two resolutions from the floor, that YFN Management Services hold an Economic Development AGM and that the Legislature reconsider the K'wisitis Development Aerial Trail Study due to its cultural and historical sensitivity.

Yuulu?il?ath citizen Raymond Haipee was recognized for his years of service to the West Coast Inland Search and Rescue team. He received five year, ten year and 15-year service pins.

The Yuulu?il?ath Government's proposed 5-year Economic Development draft plan was presented at the AGM. Some of the highlights of the plan include the lease of the K'wisitis Feast House and Gift Shop to Greenheart Incorporated; a Vancouver company that is seeking a 20 year lease agreement with the YG to operate in the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve. The plan provides a temporary fix to the Wya Resort water woes and revealed plans to move the proposed gas station on Hwy 4 to the Junction rather than the proposed Lost Shoe creek site. A marine shipping facility, on-land fish farming and medical marijuana were other options being considered for economic development. Wick

Yuulu?il?ath citizens celebrated Christmas with visits from Santa and a dinner in Hitacu. Port Alberni members also came together for a turkey dinner organized by President Les Doiron and his family.

Nuu-chah-nulth and national news tidbits

National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women

The federal Liberal government has started the first phase of a national inquiry into missing and murdered aboriginal women and has pledged \$40 million for the inquiry.

Minister Jody Wilson-Raybould made the announcement in December 2015, and said the first phase—a design phase--will include consultation with families who have been affected and aboriginal community organizations, to get input on goals of the inquiry. The second phase will be the actual inquiry which is anticipated to begin next spring.

Minister Wilson-Raybould said “Families are looking to tell their stories, looking to seek justice around the murder and missing indigenous women and girls,” she said.

Calls for a national inquiry have been growing since a 2014 RCMP review found that 1,181 indigenous women had been murdered or gone missing since 1980 -- 164 missing and 1,017 homicide victims.

Nuu-chah-nulth film star

If you are off to watch the latest Leonardo DiCaprio film, *The Revenant*, you may see Mowachaht/Muchalaht's Duane Howard who plays Elk Dog, a warrior, in the movie. Howard has been acting for more than 20 years but this film was the biggest role of his career. The film was shot in 2014, in mid-August, in Calgary and BC. Howard had to learn the Arikara language for his lines.

Recently DiCaprio won a Golden Globe for his role in the film and told the audience that he shared the award with all First Nations people

represented in the film. “It’s time we recognize your history and that we protect your indigenous lands from corporate interests and people that are out there to exploit them.”

Moosehide Campaign

On February 11th, 2016, the Moose Hide Campaign is hosting its 5th Annual Gathering to end violence towards Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal women and children. The event will be held on the traditional territory of the Lkwungen people at the Victoria Conference Centre, 720 Douglas St, Victoria, BC starting at 9 am.

NTC statement re: final report of TRC

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission has released its final report after six years of extensive, intensive and emotional documentation of the residential school experiences of thousands of survivors.

“Now it is left to us—all of us—to learn from and respond to the Commission’s findings,” said the President of the Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council Deb Foxcroft.

“The TRC heard 6,750 survivor statements, including many hundreds from Nuuchah-nulth survivors and other First Nations people who attended residential schools operated in our Nations’ territories. NTC acknowledges the courage of those survivors in sharing their stories. Their pain was our pain as they recalled a time in their lives that many have struggled to recover and heal from and put behind them.”

“We also honor the residential school survivors who are no longer with us today, who did not have the chance to speak their truth or tell

their stories. We send our prayers for their healing and we keep them in our hearts and minds today and always,” said Foxcroft. “It is our hope that our children and grandchildren will never have to go through such a horrendous experience of hurt and pain, and that we can move forward out of the darkness and into the light to a better future.”

“We are mindful that we must continue to live up to our obligations to those survivors. The TRC report is a matter of the public record and survivor experiences can never be denied, now or in the years to come for future generations. Our obligation is to ensure the TRC’s work remains top of mind, and that the 94 Calls to Action are implemented in the spirit of the TRC’s intention. This is our commitment going forward.”

“NTC congratulates the TRC, the commissioners, and all of the witnesses for leaving no stone unturned as they made their attempts to uncover the truth of the residential school era, its harm to our peoples and its terrible legacy. And yet, despite the great effort of the TRC to reveal to us all of the truth, there is still much that will never be known, and that sits heavy in our hearts. We must acknowledge the frustrations that were felt as obstacles were thrown in the path of the TRC’s work, obstacles that continue to obscure that truth.”

“It is our great hope that Canada’s shame of the residential school era is now in the time of the past. The TRC report, we pray, is just a beginning of true reconciliation in Canada. How Canada chooses to respond to its own truth can be a time of its own future glory.”

Notice to Caterers

If you would like to be considered as a caterer for government functions, or to renew your application as a Yuulu?il?ath Government caterer, please submit your name for consideration. Please ensure you have read the Yuulu?il?ath Government’s Catering Policy; copies may be requested at the front desk or can be read on our website at www.ufn.ca

Please ensure your application includes a copy of up-to-date FoodSafe certification.

Deadline for applications is: **February 29, 2016.**



NTC Vice President said, “Our thoughts and prayers are with the survivors during this difficult time as old wounds are reopened. But the healing will continue, and we will continue on the path of reconciliation for future generations.”

Inadequate fire protection

A federal government report has revealed that almost half of the First Nations in Canada have little to no fire protection. British Columbia has the highest percentage of First Nations with inadequate protection. The report notes that fire incidence rates for First Nations are 2.4 times higher than for the rest of Canada. First Nations residents are also 10 times more likely to die in a house fire.

No commercial herring fishery for West Coast

The West Coast of Vancouver Island will be closed for Pacific Herring commercial fisheries for the 2015/16 season.

In a recent press release from Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Andrew Thomson, Regional Director Fisheries Management said “DFO is proposing a balanced, precautionary approach to harvest planning for 2015/16 while a broader renewal of the management framework is underway. DFO will be using the historic assessment model to inform decision-making for the coming season.”

A stock assessment and 2016 forecast was completed in October 2015. The assessment included the status of BC herring stocks for 2015, as well as abundance forecasts for 2016, using current and historic assessment methodologies.

The DFO has also identified funding to support monitoring and assessment of the stocks in 2016 and is working to ensure adequate resources are in place to enable these activities to be undertaken at levels similar to previous years in all five major stock areas.

Increase in paramedics on the coast thanks to pilot project

More paramedics will be servicing the west coast communities over the next few months as Island Health and BC Emergency Health Services are part of a pilot project that is running here and in one other location on Vancouver Island.

The Community Paramedic Initiative is a joint project between Island Health the Ministry of Health and the Ambulance and Paramedics of BC union. It will strengthen the response to medical emergencies by keeping paramedics engaged in remote communities with low call volumes.

Ambulance Paramedics of BC president Bronwyn Barter said BC’s “highly-trained” paramedics are well suited for their new community health role. The paramedicine program will enhance patient care and provide career opportunities across the province, she added.

“Community paramedicine is an exciting and innovative program that will help us expand community-based care for our rural and remote communities,” said Island Health CEO Dr. Brendan Carr. BC Emergency

BC’s Health Minister Terry Lake is excited to see the program unfold.

“With a focus on prevention, health promotion and primary care, community paramedicine will help us tailor services to meet the unique needs of rural patients,” he said.



The Language Nest runs at the Ittatsoo Daycare twice a week. The program sees Elders come to visit children to teach the Nuuchahnulth language, tell Himwitsa and share cultural knowledge. Dr. Bernice Touchie is looking for more Elders to be involved in the program. If you can help out, please call Dr. Touchie at (250) 726-7342, Ext. 211



Characteristics of Healthy Relationships

- You can trust them. They can trust you.
- There is no aggressive/unwanted physical contact or verbal put-downs.
- You share sexual relations when you both want – neither of you feel pressured or coerced.
- When you disagree with each other, you are both respectful – there is no shouting and yelling or trying to always be right.
- You are both able to honestly communicate your wants, needs, emotions, concerns and achievements to each other.
- You encourage each other to be your best and do your best. You support each other's goals.
- You see yourselves as equals; no one is better or superior. There is no need to dominate.
- You support each other's healthy hobbies and interests.
- You and your partner have friends and interests outside the relationship. You encourage each other to socialize and do activities without each other as well as with each other.

If you are in, or have been in, a relationship that includes PHYSICAL VIOLENCE or MENTAL ABUSE, there is help.

Stopping the Violence (STV) Counselling Program



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cooking and nutrition with

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sign up today by calling Alicia at 726-7342.

Community Newsmakers



Teens from Hitacu joined the Ucluelet RCMP detachment members for a friendly game of paint ball in December. Here is the group warming up by the fire following the game. Left: youth of all ages enjoy the parachute game. Shown here are: Nicole, Charles and James McCarthy.



Recreation worker Alicia Gilmour (inset), is keeping youth in Hitacu busy with a variety of play activities in the gym and cooking as well. Below Lindsay McCarthy III photo-bombs a photo with his friends.



SUNDAY SCHOOL
in Hitacu
@ the Six-Plex
Sunday mornings at 11 a.m.

Community Newsmakers

Yuulu?i?ath Government staff and the jobs they do

The Yuulu?i?ath Government employs 24 people on a full-time basis. The following is a list of employees and a brief description of their job.

Management

Iris Frank is the Director of Operations. She is responsible for providing leadership, direction and overall management of administration.

Tamara Nelson is the Chief Financial Officer. She provides direction and support for overall financial management. For the last ten months she has also been responsible for the day-to-day accounting.

Trevor Wickham is the Manager of Community Services. He provides direction and support for the planning, funding, negotiations, development, delivery and administration of the YG services including health, youth, social development, education and day-care programs.

Darren Mead-Miller is the Manager of Lands, Resources and Assets. He is responsible for the management of the planning and administration of the Departments of Lands and Resources and Asset Management.

Accounting

Melody Mundy is the Senior Accounting Assistant. She is responsible for processing and administering the Yuulu?i?ath payroll, employee benefits, travel and educational allowances, the reconciliation of general ledger accounts and assisting in the development of financial statements.

Sheila Touchie is the Accounting Assistant and is responsible for the administration and processing of accounts payable, payroll and accounts receivable.

Sheila Williams has just been hired as the Accountant. The Accountant is responsible for the monthly and annual accounting cycle to general ledger, interim

financial statements and year end audit preparation.

Administration team

Suzanne Williams is the Administrative Coordinator. She provides administrative and secretarial services to the Yuulu?i?ath Executive and Director of Operations. She is also responsible for coordinating and maintaining administrative functions including human resource management.

Christina Klotz is the Law Clerk and Citizenship and Enrollment Registrar. She is responsible for assisting in the preparation and the submission of applications and related documents for Indian Status and maintaining the Yuulu?i?ath citizenship registry. In the Law Clerk capacity Christina is responsible for maintaining the registry of laws, and works with the chairperson to schedule Legislature meetings. She also takes minutes at Legislature meetings.

Celena Cook is the receptionist at the Government House. As part of the front-line staff, she is responsible for meeting and greeting the public and answering their concerns or directing them to people who can assist. She answers the phones, books meeting spaces, makes travel arrangements for staff and legislature.

Lisa McKnight-Yeates is the Communications Coordinator. She writes and produces the monthly newspaper, the Umacuk, maintains the nation's social media (website, Facebook and Twitter) and creates posters and newsletters. She contributes to the Maa-nulth Tripartite Annual Report and the Yuulu?i?ath Government Annual Report.

Land, Resource and Assets

Emily Shirley is the Property & Building Services Coordinator. She is responsible for scheduling inspection, maintenance and repair to YG property, services and buildings including the water and waste water systems, sewage, roads, grounds and electrical.

Jay Millar is the Property and Building Services Coordinator. He is responsible for scheduling, inspection, maintenance and repair to Yuulu?i?ath Government property, services and buildings, to include water systems, waste water, sewage, roads, grounds and electrical.

Marylin Touchie is the Housing Coordinator. She is responsible for the coordination and administration of the housing program including CMHC budget management, renovations, and capital projects.

Carlos Mack is the Lands and Resource Technician. He provides marine and land based services to the Department of Lands, Resources and Asset Management, including patrolling, fisheries and wildlife monitoring and reporting activities, domestic food fishing and domestic food fish distribution.

Anna Drabosenig is the Administrative Assistant to the Lands Department. She provides administrative support to the Manager of Lands, Resources and Asset management in the administration of their operating and business affairs.

Community Services

Debbie Mundy is the Social Development Coordinator. Debbie is responsible for planning, budgeting, funding, development, delivery and administration of Yuulu?i?ath Social Development Programs and Services and assisting in the development of community resources.

Gloria Valentine is the Community Wellness Coordinator. She is responsible for assisting with the development and implementation of prevention and intervention strategies and to support families at risk.

Dr. Bernice Touchie is the Nuuchah-nulth Language Coordinator. She is responsible for the planning, development and implementation of the Yuulu?i?ath language program. She develops programs and strategies to expand the language. She is also responsible for planning and implementation

of programs for individuals with special needs in the community.

Vickie Touchie is an Early Childhood Educator and the Ittatsoo Day Care Supervisor. Vickie is responsible for the coordination and supervision of the planning, development and delivery of the Yuulu?i?ath preschool and day-care program.

Michelle Ralston is an Early Childhood Educator at Ittatsoo Preschool.

Pearl Touchie is the Senior Administrative Assistant for the Community Services department. She is responsible for assisting in the development and review of all administrative functions of the Department of Community Services. She supervises the administrative staff including reception, does patient travel, filing, word processing, minute taking, assisting in the development of reports.

Veronica Williams is the Administrative Assistant/Receptionist. As a member of the front-line staff Veronica answers phones and meets clients of the Community Services. She also provides clerical, administrative and word processing support.

Stella George is the Care Aide, Stella works in the home of community members to maintain a healthy environment and provide personal care to help maintain and preserve family and individual lives that are threatened by illness or family crisis.

Alicia Gilmour is the Recreation Facilities Worker. She is responsible for the planning of recreation programs and overseeing events that take place in the Yuulu?i?ath Government facilities.

Madeline George: The Education Support Worker is responsible for planning and administration of department funding and the planning and implementation of Yuulu?i?ath Child and Youth Educational Programs. Madeline is currently on leave.

The Government House is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Phone: (250) 726-7342

Yuutu?it?ath News



HITACU COMMUNITY CENTRE CALENDAR



First Nations Health Authority
Health through wellness

February 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
GYM Open Drop-in 7pm - 9pm (children 11 & under must be accompanied by an adult)	Guardians Of The Forest 1 3:30-5 <i>Community Gym</i> Ages 7-12 Warriors Program 6-9 <i>Warriors Volleyball Game</i> 6-7:30 <i>Volleyball Drop Ins Welcome</i> Men's and Woman's Basketball Practice 7:30-9	Community Nutrition Class with Matilda Atleo 2 <i>Community Kitchen</i> 10am-12 <i>pre registration required</i> YLC Drop In 3:30-5 <i>Ages 7 and up</i> Soup Kitchen and Culture Night 5pm <i>Community Gym</i>	Community Nutrition Class with Matilda Atleo 3 <i>Community Kitchen</i> 10am-12 <i>pre registration required</i> Youth Basketball and Healthy Snack 4-5 <i>Ages 7 and Up</i> Drop In Volleyball 6:30-7 Drop In Basketball 7:30-9	YLC Drop In 3:30-5 <i>Ages 7 and up</i> Soup Kitchen and Culture Night 5pm <i>Community Gym</i> 4	Teen Night!! 4-6 <i>Pre Trip Meeting and Spaghetti Dinner</i> <i>Youth Learning Centre</i> 5	Teen Snowboard Trip to Mt Washington!! 6 <i>Ages 13-17</i> <i>pre registraton required</i>
Open Drop-in 7pm - 9pm (children 11 & under must be accompanied by an adult)	BC Family Day! 8 STAT <i>No Gym Activities</i>	YLC Drop In 3:30-5 <i>Ages 7 and up</i> Soup Kitchen and Culture Night 5pm <i>Community Gym</i> 9	Youth Basketball and Healthy Snack 10 <i>4-5 Ages 7 and Up</i> Drop In Volleyball 6-7:30 Drop In Basketball 7:30-9	Winter Wellnes Community Dinner 11 Soup Kitchen, Slide Show and Culture 5pm <i>Community Gym</i>	<i>No Gym Activities</i> 12	Open Gym 13 <i>check facebook for details</i>
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Open Drop-in 7pm - 9pm (children 11 & under must be accompanied by an adult)	Check Facebook for any changes to schedule Contact : Alicia Gilmour for details (778) 873 0378 or email: alicia.gilmour@ufn.ca All youth under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a parent during gym activities after 5pm			Warriors Program Contact : Ricardo Manmohan (250)266-2650 Guardians of The Forest Contact : Beth Lutchie (250)266-0497		

Umacuk

"As a member of Yuutu?it?ath receiving the Umacuk is critical for knowing what is happening at home, "it is through our paper, I am reminded of what is happening within the community and what is upcoming" I travel often and nothing brings me more joy then when I get to relax and read our little paper. "In a time when almost everything is digital and disposable having a paper to read is important to me and important to my family." The paper keeps me connected and gives me a sense of belonging. "

Michelle Corfield,
Nanaimo



It's all about Yuutu?it?ath

- Birthday Greetings
- Birth Announcements
- Anniversaries
- Special Events
- Weddings
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"The more that we, (as a people) can work together - to create a better society, which would benefit our people, the better chance, we have as a nation to continue to grow and prosper. And I truly believe that our paper, Umacuk can be a valuable tool for us, in terms of effective communication. I can see now, there is a great deal of room to grow our paper. Call, email Lisa with your thoughts and ideas to help our paper grow. "

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