

Umacuk

August 2017

Traditional Languge:
Sam Touchie learns Barkley
and ignites a passion

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*YG celebrates academic
achievement*

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keep us updated

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*Continue to serve the
community*



Message from the President

It has been a tough month for our Nation. We sadly lost another of our own, Sam Johnson, and I would like to personally send my condolences to his family and friends.

Our people are hurting. Our people have been subjected to cultural genocide as a result of over 150 years of subjugation, INAC rule and Residential Schools.

From birth to death, the INAC system was all our people knew, it has been woven into the souls of our people and all First Nations peoples.

Our culture and the way we were

taught—to care and be respectful of one another—was beaten out of our people literally. We were threatened with imprisonment if we spoke our own language, practiced our songs or followed our traditional ways.

Our people democratically voted to become a modern treaty nation.

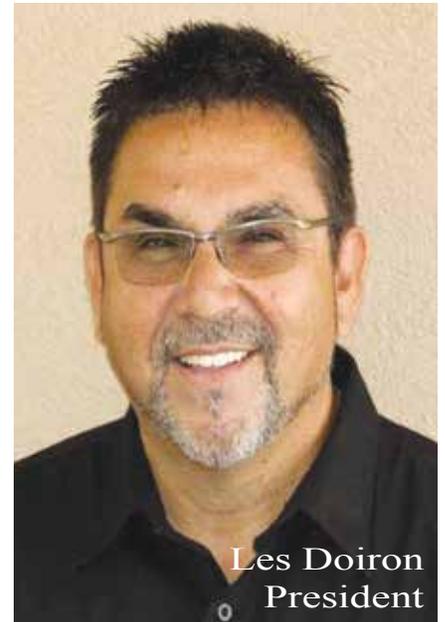
When a former Indian reserve becomes a self-governing modern treaty nation, the challenges are monumental. We were not afforded a transition or a team to help us develop the foundation of governance.

The transition from INAC rule to self-governance will take time. This cannot happen overnight, nor over one term of government, nor over many terms of government.

There is no how-to handbook for a modern treaty nation, and we are

all learning. We must stick together, paddle in unison, and work together to determine a better future for generations to come.

There has been and will continue to be bumps on the road. But if we work with and not against one another, we can forge a more prosperous future for our Nation.



Les Doiron
President

Do you need support with resume writing, treatment options, therapy, nutrition, exercise, education, or training?

Let me know if you ever need support. I'm definitely no expert but I can guide you in the right direction, connect you with the right resources, rally peeps for you, or just cheer you on!

If it involves you healthier & I can help, I'm here!

If you ever see me in my little office (side of my house), & you need assistance or are just curious about any of those, stop by anytime!

Mel Charlie

Traditional Food: **July Fish Delivery**



This is my mom
Roberta Touchie.

We didn't get our fish but my
loving uncle shared his with
us. This was a delicious supper
thank you all.

- Brenna Barker



Beckett and Jonquil
- Moira Barney



- Jacqueline Duifhuis



- Lica Vezina



- Natasha B Mccarthy

Message from the Director of Operations

I hope everyone is having a great summer.

The government staff has been very busy the past month with food fish. I would like to say thank you to our contracted fishermen, Charles McCarthy and Sharon Bennett for harvesting our catch; Christina Klotz, Darwin Webber, Delaney Clayton, and Kali Touchie, for delivering fish; Debbie Mundy, Brenda Jack, Paul Louie, James Walton Sr., James Walton Jr., Leo Touchie, Stella George, Darlene Clayton, and Calvin George for filleting and packaging the catches; and Veronica Williams, Celena Cook, Carrie George, and Sandra Louie for receiving and calling citizens.

It takes many long hours and coordination by the team to ensure all citizens receive their treaty right for food fish.

There have been several additions to the staff in the past month. Sandra Louie has been working in administration and as the Early Childhood Educator Assistant. Janice Webster is our new Sr. Administrative Assistant in the Port Alberni office. Clorissa Tate has been awarded the Administrative Assistant position in the Assets Department. Alex Paler is our new Interim Administrative Coordinator.

I am also pleased to announce that

Suzanne Williams has officially been awarded the Manager of Social Services position. We have employment opportunities open – Interim Man-

ager of Lands and Resources and Manager of Culture and Heritage – and I encourage citizens to submit their resume, cover letter and references for these important positions.

There have been questions raised recently about my travel to meetings outside of the community. I have limited my travel as much as possible, especially in the first year. However, it is a responsibility for my position to build and maintain relationships with the municipal, provincial and federal governments and aboriginal organizations. As a nation six years into a treaty agreement these relationships are vital to ensure that Ucluelet First Nation moves forward in governance, social well-being, culture and heritage, housing and infrastructure.

Through the Maa-nulth Treaty Society, we are members of the Land Claims Agreement Coalition (LCAC). Twenty-seven modern treaty and self-governing nations across the country are united together to develop position papers and funding proposals to the federal government to address the “gaps” in each of our federal transfer agreements. At the date of signing the treaty, YG has received the same funding model as an Indian Act band, which has happened across the country.

This does not take into account the vast new responsibilities all modern treaty and self-governing nations now have in terms of governance, law-making and managing our lands and resources. Through the LCAC, important work has been conducted in the past year to address the funding deficiencies and these position papers will be presented to the Special Deputy Minister for Treaties and Negotiations.

In addition, these proposals will be presented to the Prime Minister in the coming months by the LCAC leadership and working groups.

Our intention is to have the Federal government commit to working with modern treaty and self-governing nations in the spirit of their reconciliation mandate with First Nations.

It is vitally important for YG to be at the table negotiating hard for this important initiative that could result in additional funding for housing, infrastructure, culture and heritage, social well-being and governance.

Special thank you to Richard Mundy Jr. who has identified this is an important way for our government to be actively involved at the Federal level and to move forward with treaty implementation that includes increased financial opportunity for



Rhonda Knockwood
Director of Operations

Citizen Profile



Sam Touchie *has something to say*

Five years ago, Sam Touchie's best friend texted her a word she didn't understand—"ya?akukwa suw'a". It means "I love you" in Barkley.

Sam asked her friend to teach her more words and their interest in the language grew. Soon, they both committed to becoming fluent in Barkely so they could one day speak to each other the same way their grandmothers spoke to each other.

A few weeks later, Sam's mother invited her to join the language class taught by Sam's grandmother, Barbara Touchie, who she calls Nan. She hesitated at first but decided to go because she wanted to make her Nan happy.

At first, Sam found the classes daunting and she struggled with the symbols and the sounds. "How do you make your mouth do that sound?" She was amazed at the finesse of the language.

It sparked a fire inside of her. "After years of drifting day to day in a mundane fashion, I had finally found my passion" she says of learning Barkley. "Every Wednesday I'd show up to class, eager to learn. My goal from the start was to be able to hold a conversation with an elder or my best friend".

Sam took her language education a step further by enrolling in the language mentor/apprentice program. She started with a vocabulary of 100 words and after 300 hours in the program, she's now fluent. Her new goal is to become a Barkley language teacher. In the meantime, she's helping others learn by introducing language to her friends and family. She and her friend Mel Charlie also hope to create a 'language nest' in Hitacu for people to meet and practice words and phrases with each other.

in her own words...

I am blessed with a wonderful language family, and I hope this family grows.

Seeing and spending time with my Nan has been the highlight of my life so far. I looked forward to my language classes and courses that we took together. I look back on the lessons I had recorded, and I can now see the progress that I've done. It's so rewarding, but I have so much left to learn still.

In sept 2015 I was gifted with my Nan's quu?as name because of my work with the language. I strive to live up to this great name. She was filled with warmth, wisdom, love and grace

Marj (Marjarie Touchie) and I have just completed 300 hours in the language mentor/apprentice program. I have learned many valuable lessons and traditional teachings. I have learned to do those tricky sounds that took me years to learn. I was blanketed by Marj back in September 2016, and she let me know that whomever was there to blanket you, will always be there for you. When you're sad or lost, they'll be there to help you through it. She has been a true mentor and friend, and I am so blessed to have her in my life.

My uncle Bob and Bernice have also been there for me.
I am so grateful to Henry, who has seen so much potential in me.
My wonderful classmates, who can make learning so much fun.

Education Ceremony

On June 29th 2017 Yuułu?i?ath held it's 12th annual Education Celebration. The event celebrates the academic achievement of the following Yuułu?i?:



Kindergarten

Lillyonna Hetu-Touchie
Khia Little
Natalia Martin
James McCarthy
Leanne Meanney
Jack Patrick
Katrina Sam
Jaime Williams

Day Care

Lincoln Louie
Kiana McCarthy
Chenoa McCarthy-Tom
Timothy McCarthy-Tom
Cynthia Thompson
Victoria Thompson
Jordan Touchie
Tiani Touchie
Christopher Williams

Grade One

Kaiden Burnie
Isabella McCarthy
Marcus Mundy
Gabriel Tate
Breanna Thompson
Matthew Touchie-Edgar

Grade Two

Annabelle Chester
Hannah McCarthy
Kaydance Titian
Kale Touchie

Grade Three

Mathew Jack
Jordyn Louie
Kaila Louie
Monty Mundy
Destiny Tate
Jaysen Touchie
Hector Williams
Katherine Williams

Grade Four

Dallas Louie
Lindsay McCarthy
Nicole McCarthy
Anastasia Mickey-McCarthy
Alyssa Randall-Touchie
Serena Sam
Darryl Tate
Deagan Thompson

Grade Five

Evan Touchie

Grade Six

Reese Touchie

Grade Seven

Peyton George

Grade Eight

Johnny George
Bryson George
Jada Touchie

Grade Nine

Daniel Mundy

Graden Ten

Kyle Kervin
Maxwell McCarthy
James Walton
Randi Lee Willams-McCarthy

Grade Eleven

Ethan Joseph
Kobe Little

Grade Twelve

Suzie McCarthy
Rose Aday
Jaden Touchie Gregg
Claire Corfield
Raven Gagnon

University Students

Levana Mastrangelo
Gordon Taylor
Suzanne Williams



Talking with our Legislative Representatives

Richard Mundy

Concerned citizens, staff and government leaders met with RCMP to discuss on-going safety concerns in the community, with respect to both criminal activity and substance abuse/alcoholism. This prompted discussions on how to apply solutions to the problems in a respectful way; advocates for those afflicted with addiction and alcoholism made it clear that we need to not only address the behaviour, but the person underneath. The path of healing is a lifelong journey and requires the support of a community and its leadership; this engagement session was a productive first step towards developing innovative solutions to a systemic problem that impacts each and every one of us in some way. Community Engagement Coordinator Debbie Mundy is currently planning a follow-up community engagement session; we will hold it during the evening so those who work during the day can attend. Date and time to be announced. I encourage all citizens to provide input for this upcoming session; contact me or any other member of your Legislature if you have any questions or comments.

I had the honour of accompanying a small delegation of UFN elders to the BC Elders Gathering, held in Campbell River this year. There's

something very powerful about being amongst a few thousand First Nations elders; it was emotional and uplifting. To consider the vast amount of experiences and chal-

lenges their generation faced, and survived, gives perspective to the work of today. We have a responsibility to our elders to continue the fight for future generations; they are an important reminder of the enormous strength and resilience of our people. No matter how bad things get, never give up, be strong and proud of who you are. That is the message I took home with me.



As part of the final series of discussions around the collaborative fiscal review process, a workshop was held this month to “ground truth” our proposals. The purpose of the workshop was to be able to prove governance functions and governance costs to Canada, within the context of a new fiscal policy. The outcomes were:

- gained a solid understanding of different governance structures in place;
- better understanding of fixed versus variable costs in government, and how variables affect overall cost;
- examined smaller treaty Nations without core capacity to spend/be effective in carrying out all

responsibilities versus fully funded treaty/self-governing indigenous governments who carry out all responsibilities.

Jeneva Touchie

June was a busy month. I attended the People's Assembly and learned about what we are doing with our businesses. I really enjoyed the feedback from our citizens. On June 21st we celebrated Aboriginal Day, even though we are Aboriginal every day. It was good to see our citizens come out and enjoy the day together. I was brought back to my childhood watching the kids running around. On June 24th I attended the Uchucklesaht grand opening with Les and Richard. It was a good day with gift exchange and welcome.

The highlight of every year for me is the education celebration. So much work goes into this day and I want to thank everyone who made this evening happen. I believe it is so important that our educated youth and citizens feel acknowledged and honoured and to this end I think this year's education celebration was amazing! Plenty of smiles and good words shared.

There has been plenty of conversation within the community to discuss growing concerns of safety. I was unable to attend the meeting with the RCMP but I did forward my questions and concerns to be shared. I look forward to the next meeting, which will be held in the evening so that there will be a strong turnout and we have a chance to talk and come up with ideas together to move forward. Looking forward to next month!

Melodie Charlie

Earlier this year I had told myself that I would challenge myself & that I would begin to step out of comfort zone. So I agreed to speak to a couple hundred reps from all over the province about language, ceremony & spirituality for the Wave Forward event held by Pacific Rim Arts Society at Tinwis.

It was so much pressure speaking in between two spiritual gangsters & leaders, Levi & Joe Martin. I shared what it's like begging & yearning to learn a language I should have been born with. I shared about our Young Warriors (more like bragged) & what it feels like to witness some of our Indigenous ways of life revived.

I recently photographed the Indigenous Youth Innovative Youth Symposium which I got to spend five of the most amazing days (almost of my life!) with other language lovers! Around 50 youth from across the province attended. I was SO INSPIRED to know there are others who are just as passionate about our ways as well! To be so young,

educated and connected to who they are. Sighs, wow.

Though I hadn't gone on behalf of the nation (though I feel like I everywhere I go I represent YG) it was an amazing experience! On one of the last days they (well we, as Evan & I ended up participating as usual) had the opportunity to sit with various government representatives to speak about language.

I'm looking forward to sitting with Suzanne and hopefully adding some options for traditional healing programs. In order for people to want help we have to offer help. More than we are now.

Youth, I'd love to connect with you. There are so many rad opportunities, travelling, funding, starting your own business, continuing your education, taking up some new training, applying for a new job, youth exchanges, the world is yours!

I'd love to hear about what workshops you might be interested in, what you might be interested in learning more about, what your goals are & how I can support you

in them! There are some pretty rad events I attend, if you're ever interested in joining, we usually have room! Parents (I think I've connected with most of you) feel free to call or send your youth my way for support.

Remember the Healthy Cooking Classes? Well that's what I called them I think they were called Food Skills For Families? Once a week for 6 weeks, three hours. Let me know if anyone is interested in this for the fall, I'd love to see this return if enough interested!

Also remember the Traditional Foods Workshops we did a few years ago? I'd also LOVE to see this again too if enough interested. I'm happy to coordinate, teach, support, breathe this to life! We could do fish jarring workshops, fish smoking, healthy jams & hopefully some harvesting! I know I can't be the only one in love with food! Even for our away from home citizens, you too!

Again if it involves, healing, language, culture, lifting one another up that's what I reserved what time and energy for!

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Language & Culture Corner

Yuulu?il?ath: People of Yuulu?il?

Pronounced: Yuuthlu-ilth-ath

The entire nation as of group of citizens can be referred to as Yuulu?il?ath.

Warriors Update

Our Yuułu?if?ath Warriors have continued to serve the community over the summer. We have been able to help Elders with summer yardwork and now have a list of community members that need support. Thank you for continuing to reach out to us to ask for help.

We have also been working to build the confidence of our young Warriors to use tools like chainsaws, gas-powered hedge trimmers, and splitter axes. We have been told by parents and grandparents that the confidence the young Warriors are building with these tools transfers in a positive way to other parts of their life.

During July, we had Todd Windel from Parks Canada come to teach us about animal awareness and the tools that his team uses to safely encourage animals to move away from roads and trails. We are excited to have him back in the fall to teach us animal tracking.

We have some fun activities planned for the next few weeks. On Monday nights over the summer, we will be mixing yard work in the community

with traditional canoe paddling with Ray Haipee. We will also be going on three day-trips to fish and learn about our traditional territory with Bob Mundy and Larry Bird on July 21st, 26th and 27th. Everyone

(men and women) is welcome on the fishing day-trips so please let us know if you are planning to join us.

In August, the Warriors will be spending three days at our traditional campground in the Effingham inlet for some hunting, fishing and fun. Yuułu?if?ath men, if you'd like to teach any of your skills or learn any of ours, come join us from August 7th to August 9th.

YFN Holdings Update

YFN Holdings L.P. has completed its external financial audit for the year ended December 31st, 2016, and the catch-up financial reporting to Canada Revenue Agency for the years ended 2014 and 2015. The YFN Group of Companies CEO was extremely grateful to have the capable leadership and capability of MNP LLP (Nanaimo), led by an auditor with local and First Nations' experience, and the great work of our small but hardworking finance

team. The YFN Group of Companies team is now working hard on improvements in internal controls, records management, cataloguing of capital assets and financial forecasting aligned with strategic business operations.

YFN Resorts and Accommodation Limited Partnership, doing business as the Thornton Motel and Wya Point Resort, are experiencing record-level occupancy and business success, which also equates to many ceiling-high stacks of laundry! Our laundry facility at the Thornton Motel has been upgraded and this continues to improve its efficiency for the hardworking team. Safety improvements to infrastructure, build-

ings, and processes and procedures continue to be a focus for the team. Weddings and filming on location are highly sought at

Wya Point Resort. The Thornton Motel is building an excellent reputation with the corporate traveler.

The YFN Group of Companies looks forward to providing two weeks' work experience for two high school students in collaboration with the Yuułu?if?ath Government's FNEESC work placement program. Ethan and Kobe will join us for two experience-filled weeks in July!

Congratulations to Uchucklesaht Tribe on the opening of your new building.

President Doiron, Executives Jeneva Touchie & Richard Mundy represented YG at opening ceremony.



Managers' Reports

Department of Social Services

Suzanne Williams

On July 17th and 24th Veronica Williams and Melanie Braker provided teeth cleanings in the Health Clinic. They will return on September 11th and 25th so schedule your appointment today by emailing veronica.williams@ufn.ca.

YG strives to increase citizens access to education. Pearl Touchie has been helping students by monitoring our post-secondary education applications, and ordering backpacks for our Nation's elementary school students.

The Hitacu Daycare has extended summer hours. Our new schedule is Monday - Thursday 8:30 - 4:30 and Friday 8:30 - 4:00. This month, we have had more outdoor excursions, including: going to the aquarium, Big Beach, Little Beach, walking the Wild Pacific Trail and the Forest Trail, and berry picking. Also this month, Sandra Louie started working in the daycare, and we have improved the outdoor play space with a sandbox, water table and a play house. Thank you to Karen Severinson for donating the outdoor toys. On June 28th, we held our annual Education Celebration which allows our Nation to show support for citizens pursuing educational goals. The Department of Social Services thanks everyone who attended and who provided their time and support to make the event a success.

In addition to the Elders Conference which was held from the 10th through the 13th, on the 18th our citizens were also involved in welcoming several of the canoes traveling on the Tribal Journeys.

Lastly, Kobe Little and Ethan Joseph started a six-week youth intern program with us in July. Both show amazing potential and we are excited to be a part of their growth.

In closing, we would like to thank you for your patience as we build some solid programming for you. Citizens are at the top of our minds when we plan and we want to make sure that citizens of all ages benefit from our services.

Department of Finance

Arlo McCubbin has been contracted to ensure that our financial obligations are being met until a new CFO is hired. Arlo has wide experience in working with First Nations and has worked with UFN in many different areas of finance over the past decade. He is also the part time administrator for the Settlement Trust. His tasks are expected to be project based such as completing the final aspects of the year-end audit.

Regarding some mis-information being spread regarding our Settlement Trust Fund and who can access it. The trust was created in March 2011, with a purpose of investing contributions of eligible treaty payments from UFN.

Amounts contributed to the trust are held, protected and nurtured for the

beneficiaries. Trust funds, including the original contributions and income earned from these contributions, are intended to be used for community benefits on priorities determined by the YG.

The obligations of the trust are governed by 5 appointed trustees, with the help of a part time contracted administrator. The original trustees are still in place.

Distributions can be made from the trust to YG for community benefit purposes. There is a formal system for making distributions from the trust involving the passing of a Legislative resolution and a time delay after review of the resolution by the trustees. Trust policies further strengthen issuing of payments from the trust.

There have been a very limited number of distributions made from the trust to the Nation. Minutes and annual reports and audited financial statements are available to members.

Department of Land & Resources

Levana Mastrangelo

The Lands and Resources Department has focused on expanding our restoration projects, this includes an extension to our efforts of continued restoration at Effingham River. The extension is through the Coastal Restoration Fund (CRF), this fund allows further instream riparian restoration, slope assessments, and Effingham estuary habitat restoration. The CRF is a partnered agreement between Yuułu?ił?ath Government and Central Westcoast Forest Society (CWFS), which focuses spe-

Employee Profiles

cifically on Effingham River and Effingham Estuary. An additional application to the CRF has been submitted on behalf of Maa-nulth First Nations Committee, this application is in favor of all Maa-nulth Nations. The applications are “Expression of Interest”, successful allocation of these funds will open opportunities for citizens to be involved in work opportunities, and allow us to provide restoration of land that house our Important Harvest Areas.

Yuulu?il?ath Government will be receiving harvested timbers from the Pacific Traverse Trail that are in Yuulu?il?ath territory, this is a great benefit to our nation, utilization of timbers will be announced later.

Florencia Bay is a historical area, Yuulu?il?ath Haa?uuli, which contains a number of pre-contact Archeological sites; we have secured protection of these sites in regards to the Pacific Traverse Trail. The Florencia Bay parking lot is receiving upgrades, the developmental upgrade plans are currently in review, Yuulu?il?ath Government will continue to give our direction and insight as developments proceed. The current plans indicate the parking lot upgrades will occur in the upcoming year.

Department of Asset Management *Spencer Touchie*

This past month has seen important progress in the Assets Department, we've upgraded internet speed from approximately six megabits per second to over two hundred megabits. This will allow the government to move opearte quicker and more efficiently for the citizen's needs.

Over this past month we have also spent some time catching up on much needed brushing throughout the community, opening up the graveyard, and clearing a path to the beach for the canoe journey which visited in July. This could not have been done without two summer students working alongside the government this summer; Kobe Little and Ethan Joseph.

The department has been working continuously to maintain high drinking water quality in the community of Hitacu. When the district's water pumps had issues and the resulting maintenance resulted in high levels of water discoloration for the district of Ucluelet our water operator, had flushed the system before most of the turbidity entered our water system.

On the housing front, the new triplex and two duplexes are currently in construction in the community, and we are looking to find qualified citizens to apply for work before they are complete.

The basketball court has regrettably seen some delays, due to confusion on how we could allocate funds from INAC, we are now looking at bearing the costs associated, but not under the umbrella of the new housing project. I give my apologies that we haven't specifically addressed this before, but I was waiting on some communications back from INAC. I cannot give a specific time the court will be completed, but can assure the public it's a project that hasn't fallen to the wayside and we are aiming to have it completed as the seven unit housing project moves forward to save costs for the nation and the citizens.

My name is ?uuklásiis Qwayaci-ik7aqsa and my English name is Janice Webster. I am a full nuučaanul descendant of Peter and Jessie Webster mit of Ahousaht First Nation and Matthew and Mamie Lucas mit of Hesquiaht First Nation and my parents are John and Janet Webster. I am a member of Hesquiaht First Nation. I grew up in Victoria, BC for over 40 years and recently moved to Port Alberni. I am a mother of two grown children; daughter Dawn Webster and my son Donovan John and a 2 yr old grandson Moses Webster (my daughter's son). I raised my children as a single parent since they were young ages 5 ½ and 1 ½ in Victoria, BC.

I have very strong spiritual beliefs and I pray constantly to have that strong connection to the creator and to deal with daily challenges. I enjoy meeting new people. I really enjoy a good cup of coffee and conversation, quality time with my grown children and my grandson Moses, wholesome fun, chats and entertainment. I especially enjoy reading the bible and love our grand creator who gave life to us. I grew up learning culture and language from my late grandparents on both-sides as well as from my parents and an older sibling Pamela.

I feel truly blessed and I would like to thank you so much for the amazing opportunity to work with Yuulu?il?ath First Nation and to provide support to the urban community here in Port Alberni! My past experience as an administra-

tive assistant providing support to various first nations organizations over the years included; the Victoria Native Friendship Centre, The Aboriginal Women and Wellness Conference, The First Peoples' Festival and American Indian Dance, the Aboriginal Education for both; University of Victoria and Camosun College, Aboriginal Sport/Recreation Association of BC mobilizing 1997 North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) and mobilizing Team BC for the; 1999 NAIG (games were cancelled), 2002 NAIG, 2008 NAIG and more recently with the First Peoples' Cultural Council in the language department and recently in the Arts Department.

I have many great ideas and I hope that I will be able to make these happen for the urban community. I want to make you all feel at home and feel welcomed here at the satellite office.

I look forward to getting to know each of you on a one-on-one basis as time goes by. Please watch out for the date of the grand opening in the very near future.

May the creator be with you all on your journey of life today!



Camp Ages: The Children AGES will be 8 & up
Camp Dates & time: Aug 14-16, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Camp Site: Community Centre
Dinner service: Aug 16, 6p.m
The Church of the Sent (생명의 소리 교회)



Osiyo, nigada. My name is Alex Paler and I am a citizen of Cherokee Nation. My parents are Jennifer Price and Lee Paler, and my father is from the Wilson and Thomas families from Chelsea, Oklahoma. I was born and raised in San Diego, California and have been living in Victoria for three years.

My wife and father-in-law are Yuuluʔiʔath, while many of my immediate family members are citizens of Tshshaht, Toquaht, Huu-ayaht and Saddle Lake Cree Nation.

I recently graduated from the Uni-

versity of Victoria with a BA in Political Science and Indigenous Studies. While there, I served on the Native Students Union Council as Administrative Counselor, worked as a research assistant under the Director of the Certificate in Aboriginal Language Revitalization program and worked in the First Peoples House.

I feel very privileged to have the opportunity to serve in an interim capacity as the Administrative Coordinator for Yuuluʔiʔath. The work of the Yuuluʔiʔath Government is of the utmost importance to me and my family; I will bring to this position the respect and responsibility that it demands. I look forward to contributing new ideas and approaches as an employee of the government and will hopefully get to know the staff and citizens better as time goes on. Wado, dodadagohvi.

Respectfully,
 Alex Paler
 Interim Administrative Coordinator

JOB POSTING

Culture and Heritage Manager

The Yuutu?it?ath Government requires a motivated and experienced individual for the position of Cultural & Heritage Manager to compliment a motivated management leadership team in the development and management of its culture and heritage programming, which includes Barkley Dialect Language Revitalization, Yuulu?it?ath Culture Revitalization, direction, support and the overall management of the planning, funding, financing, negotiations and delivery, human resource management, financial management and administration of the department. This position will report to the Director of Operations.

For a copy of the complete position description, please contact Rhonda Knockwood, Director of Operations (contact information below).

Qualifications and Experience:

- Prefer a Four (4) Year Bachelor Degree in related Discipline (Social Work, Education, Business Administration) or a combination of Education and Experience.
- Prefer related Post-Secondary Courses and / or Formal Training, to include Indigenous Language Planning, Management – Supervision, Financial Management, Conflict Resolution, Communications and Report Writing, Education Instruction and Administration and Teambuilding.
- Three to Five (3 – 5) years directly related experience with two to three (2-3) years in a management position.
- Prefer experience and understanding of the Barkley Dialect of the Nuu-chah-nulth Language and Yuulu?it?ath history, culture, and protocols.
- Experience in the development and management of Culture and Heritage programs.
- Experience in the development of program policy and proposals for funding.

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

How to Apply: please submit your covering letter, resume and three (3) recent employment references to the attention of Rhonda Knockwood, Director of Operations, by email (rhonda.knockwood@ufn.ca), fax (250-726-7552), by mail (P.O. Box 699, Ucluelet, BC, V0R 3A0) or in person (700 Wya Road, Hitacu, BC).

Closing Date: Wednesday, August 16, 2017

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



On behalf of the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust, Yuutu?it?ath Government, and Pacific Rim National Park Reserve, you are respectfully invited to a regional gathering.

As a UNESCO designated site, the Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Region has an opportunity to fulfill the mandate of peace-building at a local level. Together, we have an opportunity and a responsibility to respond to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action.

In the spirit of healing and reconciliation, we will come **together to recognize our unique strengths, shared history, and cultural diversity.**

All communities, residents, and visitors are invited to mark this moment and move forward in a positive direction for the future of our region.



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11 am - 4 pm

Sunday, September 17, 2017

**Kwisitis Visitor Centre and
Wickaninnish Beach**

**Pacific Rim National Park
Reserve**

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For more information, please contact Rebecca or Brooke at 250-725-2219.



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Upcoming Events

August 7

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Elders lunch

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Yuulu?il?ath hosts Chief Clarence Louie of Osoyoos

September 4

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September 18

Hitacu Assembly

In accordance with Yuulu?il?ath Law

Notice is hereby given that the Yuulu?il?ath Legislature has initiated a Hitacu Assembly in accordance with the Constitution and Government Act YFNS 2/2011.

The Hitacu Assembly is scheduled for Monday, September 18, 2017; 5:00PM at the Yuulu?il?ath Gym. Dinner will be provided; all citizens are invited to attend.

The agenda is in draft form until approved by the Citizens at the Hitacu Assembly. (Additional items may be added at the time we adopt the agenda.)

Agenda Items:

1. Meeting called to order
2. Opening Ceremonies/Welcoming remarks
3. Motion and discussion to adopt the agenda
4. Finance Presentation – audited financial statements
5. Economic Development Discussion with Mark Podlasly (continuation from June 12, 2017 Assembly.)
6. Announcements/Discussion
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
7. Adjournment



BC PHARMACARE PROGRAM WELCOMES FIRST NATIONS

Some drug coverage changes are coming for First Nations in B.C.

Some drug coverage changes are coming for First Nations in B.C. BC PharmaCare program welcomes First Nations

First Nations in British Columbia are about to become the first in Canada to join a provincially-based prescription drug program.

Starting October 1 of this year, First Nations Health Authority clients with active Medical Services Plan (MSP) coverage will be eligible for the BC PharmaCare program.

If you have your MSP enrolled through FNHA, the move is automatic. A very small number of clients do not have MSP paid for by FNHA and will continue to have interim coverage with NIHB, ensuring you will get the drugs you need. To enrol in MSP, just contact your FNHA representative as usual.

The transition to PharmaCare is part of an overall plan to bring decision-making about health benefits closer to home and into the hands of First Nations. Bringing the program home to B.C. is our first step in improving it.

We ask that FNHA clients continue to take both their BC Services Card (or CareCard) and Status Card to the pharmacy when filling prescriptions.

Our current clients will continue to be eligible under PharmaCare for the medications they need - but a small number of recipients may have to change to a different comparable drug. If this happens to you and you have any concerns, please discuss it with your doctor or pharmacist.

We suggest that anyone preparing to travel out of province should plan ahead and fill prescriptions here in British Columbia before leaving. PharmaCare is a BC program, and cannot pay for prescriptions filled in other provinces. In most cases, clients are eligible to receive an advance supply lasting up to 100 days. Anyone needing more information before travelling should speak directly with a pharmacist.

Please visit FNHA.ca for information and updates as these changes come online. Anyone with questions about the switch to PharmaCare may call FNHA's Health Benefits phone number toll-free at 1.855.550.5454, or email FNHA at HealthBenefits@fnha.ca.

Jaden Touchie will wear a UVic Vikings Jersey this fall

Andrew Bailey
Westerly News

The University of Victoria has scored one of Vancouver Island's best young basketball players.

The son of acclaimed local basketball legend Evan Touchie, Jaden has been playing basketball for as long as he can remember and he's excited to continue pursuing his passion while receiving a post-secondary education.

"School is really important to me," he told the Westerly News. "The education part and getting the basketball is the coolest part of going to UVic this year."

The 6' 2" 18 year-old point guard recently graduated from Victoria's Oak Bay High School where he excelled under the leadership of coach Chris Franklin.

Touchie has lived in Victoria for the past 14 years and he's excited to stay and help the Vikings squad he's been cheering for win games.

"I've been watching them since I was a little kid, so it will be really cool to actually start playing for them," he said. "I'm excited to get started. It's a whole new level of competitiveness and I'm pumped."

Touchie said his speed and defensive abilities will be his biggest asset to his new team and added that he likes the high-speed program coach Craig Beaucamp runs at UVic.

He said support from his family and the Ucluelet First Nation helped him stay focused on the sport and compete at a high level.

"They've supported me with everything," he said. "It's a mental thing. You know they're there and you can always go back to them. With your family and your Nation, you always have a home waiting for you. Knowing they're always supporting me is great because I know, going into all my games, that all my Nation is behind me and I just feel well-supported when I play."

YG president Les Doiron said a variety of support sources and scholarship opportunities are available to the Nation's young achievers and has consistently supported Touchie's efforts, most recently with a \$1,500 donation from the Nation's Interfor Relationship Agreement..

"As a Nation, it is important that we support all of our youth. I am a big believer in education. It is the key to a more prosperous future for our Nation," Doiron said.

"For some of our youth, like Jaden, athletics is the key to a University Education. Whatever we can do as a Nation to help kids like Jaden achieve their dreams we will do it. I can't say enough how proud our Nation is of Jaden's achievements."

Touchie plans to take social science and business classes during his first year and his mom Katy Gregg is thrilled that her son will be staying in Victoria to pursue his post-sec-

ondary education.

"We're excited that he's going to be pretty much just in our backyard," she said. "We're really proud of him. He's overcome a lot of adversity in his short years and he's soldiered through that and been really successful."

She added she loves watching her son play.

"I see a lot of his dad in him. He's a different player than his dad was, but it's like watching a ghost out there on the court," she said. "He is the spitting image of his dad physically. When he gets into his stance, he looks just like his dad, but his dad was definitely more of a firecracker on the court...Jaden has a sense of respect for the officials, whereas his dad just felt like he was at war with everyone."

She said Jaden's calm presence makes him a solid leader for his teammates to emulate.

"He is super chill. He's very laid back and keeps his cool. He's a great leader. He definitely was the spirit and the soul of his Oak Bay team this last year," she said.

She added her son's success has been well-earned.

"He's got drive. He always has since he was a little guy," she said. "He's worked really hard to get where he is and he deserves it. He's worked hard in school. He gets really good grades. He's earned the respect of a lot of players...He's worked really hard to get there and he's really happy."