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November 2017

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Our new tax system
for an independent
and prosperous nation

PLUS: Partnering with
Parks Canada on a
Pacific Rim Park trail

Death of a
Modern Wolf,
an excerpt

With our Final Agreement, we, the Yuuʔiʔath no longer take direction from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada or the Province of British Columbia. We once again have full responsibility for our land, our assets, and our governance.

As negotiated in the Treaty, our own government is charged with managing and protecting our resources for future generations. In order to fund this important work and build our Nation, the Treaty has granted the Yuuʔiʔath the power to generate revenue by collecting taxes.

The implementation of taxation will be phased in over time. This will allow us to adjust to a new and exciting time in our history.

Our story is for us to write. And control over taxation is important to an independent and prosperous future for our peoples.



WHAT ARE THE CHANGES?

MAY 1, 2019

Starting May 1, 2019, Citizens will begin to pay GST and PST.*



For example, when buying gas, clothing, and other goods. "Citizens" means those on the enrolment register of the Yuuʔiʔath – Ucluelet First Nation.



HELPFUL TIP

If you are planning to order a **new car** or other goods, or **build a house** on Treaty Settlement Lands, do so before May 1, 2019, to take advantage of the GST/PST exemption.

JANUARY 1, 2024

Starting January 1, 2024, Citizens who own houses and/or land on Yuuʔiʔath Treaty Settlement Lands will pay property taxes.



"Citizens" means those on the enrolment register of the Yuuʔiʔath – Ucluelet First Nation.

JANUARY 1, 2024

Starting January 1, 2024, Citizens will pay income taxes.*



Citizens will pay income tax on money earned on Yuuʔiʔath Treaty Settlement Lands, notwithstanding where they reside. "Citizens" means those on and not on the enrolment register of the Yuuʔiʔath – Ucluelet First Nation.



IMPORTANT REMINDER

Tax revenue will also be generated from any new business venture and any new residential development on our Treaty Settlement Lands.

* The Yuuʔiʔath still needs to negotiate the GST/PST and Personal Income Tax revenue sharing agreements with the British Columbia and Federal governments. Negotiations will determine how much GST/PST and Personal Income Tax – that both the British Columbia and Federal governments are collecting – will be paid to the Yuuʔiʔath Government.

We invite you to learn more at:

UFN.CA/TAXES

Message from the President

Les Doiron President

Sept 13 I attended the Ucluelet Elementary School welcoming back to school BBQ, our nation had a few students and parents attend. It was great seeing the children excited to be back after summer break. Lots of great food and fun for all, these events support our youth and parents.

The NTC AGM was exciting, Jude Sayers was voted in as President, with another

special election in late October for the Vice Presidents position.

The Maa-nulth Annual General meeting was held in Campbell River, as well as the Maa-nulth board of directors meeting. It was great hearing the successes and the business side of what is happening in the other Maa-nulth communities.

I attended the BCAFN Election for Regional Chief, and after a tie of 70-70 and after the second ballot, we now

have Terry Teegee as our new BCAFN Regional Chief.

We have been blessed with great weather in the first half of October and it was awesome watching the new basketball court get poured.

The housing projects are looking great, enabling our members to live in the community and or have comfortable housing is exciting.

I am proud to welcome Asya Touchie as our Culture & Heritage Manager. After a few years at the University of Victoria and living in Victoria, welcome home Asya.

I would also like to thank Jeremy Valentine and Spencer Touchie for all their hard work over the summer. Our water system has had its challenges and these two have kept our water safe to drink.

In accordance with Yuułu?iŋ?ath Law

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

The Hitacu Assembly is scheduled for Monday, December 11, 2017; 1:00PM at the Yuułu?iŋ?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. Staff Updates/Manager Reports
4. Follow up from Previous Meeting
5. Announcements/Discussion
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
6. Adjournment

Language & Culture Corner

You're never too old to learn! Look who showed up to at language class tonight. We all had to step out of our comfort zones and speak extra loud so he could hear!

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- real cute!!! Wa???*



Message from the Director of Operations

Rhonda Knockwood
Director of Operations

Your government has been working steadily on each department's programming including revitalizing the social programs, monitoring and advancing the assets department, reinvigorating the culture and heritage department, finalizing the last of the food fish deliveries, and ensuring the administration continues with implementing and advancing your treaty.

There are important treaty dates in the near horizon. April 1, 2019, citizens will no longer be exempt from transaction taxes. This requires the government to negotiate with BC and Canada a tax-revenue sharing agreement. Although it may seem far enough away, it's an issue that needs immediate attention. Additionally, the federal government must continually be lobbied to ensure that they also understand their obligation and it must be done before parliament goes into campaign mode for the next federal election.

One of the important tables that YG participates in is the Land Claim Agreement Coalition. This is a coalition

of modern treaty and modern self-governing nations across the country. Collectively the coalition has a lobbying strength to ensure that Canada understand each member nations' successes and challenges of implementing its modern treaties; discuss its context and impact on political, legal, economic and social landscapes within Canada; and highlight that true reconciliation between the Crown and Indigenous peoples includes full and proper implementation of these Constitutionally-protected agreements. As members of the LCAC, your government provides a unique perspective of the challenges of a small, remote community in regards to treaty implementation.

The major issue that the coalition has been working on the past year, is preparing funding proposals for infrastructure, housing, social well-being, culture and heritage, and governance, for all self-governing and treaty nations to address the funding deficiency gap from Indian Affairs. All treaty nations fall under the current fiscal funding policy of an Indian Act band, which is severely deficient and does not address the requirements to adequately implement, govern, regulate and enforce a treaty

nation. Over the course of the next three months, the proposals will be finalized and submitted to the federal government. The coalition has been working with the Deputy Ministers' on these proposals and the expectation is that the funding numbers will be inserted into the next federal budget. This also requires political lobbying with the federal cabinet Ministers to understand the funding asks and ensure that the federal budget is passed. Additionally, work will need to continue to ensure that a streamlined process for accessing the anticipated approved funds for each modern and self-government nation. These are exciting times for your government and this important work will benefit all the citizens with additional capacity; however, we will need to be prepared. I have asked each department manager to begin the assessments to identify their gaps and the costs that will be required to address the many deficiencies since the treaty was signed. More work will be done in this in the near future when we have the full legislature, department managers, and key staff to review the progress and work plan outstanding priorities from last year's strategic plan.

Patient Travel

Did you know that it is your responsibility to get your Doctor to fax Pearl Touchie an appointment notice 7 working days prior to your appointment? This is to ensure that your cheque or purchase order will be ready for you when you need it. It is also to ensure that – for out of town appointments that require travel a day before your appointment – your accommodation can be reserved by YG.

You are also responsible to submit your Attendance of Appointment Confirmation after your completed appointment. Please be advised that three missed Attendance of Appointment Confirmations will disqualify you for further Patient Travel assistance.

Please contact Pearl Touchie, Patient Travel Clerk at:
Tel: 250-726-7342 ext 211 | Fax: 250-726-7552
Email: pearl.touchie@ufn.ca



Talking with our Legislative Representatives



Richard Mundy
Finance Portfolio

The recruitment process for hiring a Chief Financial Officer concluded this month. After conducting interviews with potential candidates, the Finance and Personnel Committees submitted their recommendations to the Director of Operations. Negotiations with the chosen candidate took place over the course of a week and I am very pleased to report that our offer of employment was accepted and the new CFO joined our team on October 23.

Melody Charlie

Wellness Days – I’m really excited about the return of Wellness Days. Nov 6 and 7 Therese Bouchard will be here in our community offering both massage & reiki for those interested.

WE all know taking care of ourselves is vital ,not only for our SELF but for our family as well. When we are in balanced and looking after our SELF, it benefits those we surround ourselves with. Therese offers both massage & reiki & has a

soft, gentle energy about her that you will immediately feel safe. I’m hoping that sitting in chair massage will be an option for those who may not be able to take in the regular lying down massage. It’s important that everyone feel safe and respected with any form of touch, so know that there will be options for everyone.

Yes traditional massage includes bare back for those comfortable.

No, you don’t remove your clothing if you are not comfortable doing so

Yes, you can have massage with clothing, maybe a head, hand, face, foot might be more for you.

Reiki is a Japanese technique for stress reduction and relaxation that also promotes healing. It is administered by “laying on hands” and is based on the idea that an unseen “life force energy” flows through us and is what causes us to be alive. If one’s “life force energy” is low, then we are more likely to get sick or feel stress, and if it is high, we are more capable of being happy and healthy.

We are all energy, so we invite you to come and renew yours on Nov 6th & 7th at the Hitacu Health Centre. If you aren’t sure and are interested in learning more, please feel free to contact myself, Melody Charlie at 250-266-2507. The vision is to also bring this to our away from home citizens as well so be sure to stay tuned! These will book up fast so be sure to help us by informing your special beings!

Twelve appointments are available and each appointment will last 45 minutes per person. Please call Veronica at 250-726-7342 to book your appointment; bookings

will be made on a first-come, first-serve basis and we will create a waiting list if all appointments are filled.

Exploring other support services for our community with ViHA (Vancouver Island Health Authority) & NTC Mental Health & envisioning filling some much needed empty gaps. If you are interested in accessing support services and need support accessing or navigating services and options, I’d love to help if I can! Apparently VIHA used to offer us their services on our side regularly but majority (at the time) preferred to access services across instead. Again, if you are interested in these services and travel to them is a barrier, feel free to let me know. I’d really like to see more services offered right here in our community, it feels like a need & far overdue.

Youth worker for our older youth is a vision of mine and has been I think as long as I’ve been in this community. I really believe that services don’t and shouldn’t end at 19, everyone needs support, guidance and inspiration! We have so much talent sitting here awaiting to be inspired, trained, educated & lifted up. Supporting where I can with this to bring this to life.

Warriors held a parent dinner on the 16th and the turn out was amazing! It felt really good to hear the boys being lifted up with words of encouragement. The intent of the dinner was to connect with parents, sometimes the boys don’t want to come out & the numbers get really low and sometimes it’s hard to keep that inspiration when only two boys show up. So the dinner was to remind parents that the program NEEDS the boys AND the boys NEED the program. Sometimes we have to make our kids do things they really do not want to do & going out in the dead of winter in the dark while it’s raining sideways to cut firewood for elders sometimes isn’t always a top priority for some & who can blame them for that? Reality is, it’s so much nicer to stay in and play video games and live in a cyber world! BUT these boys support one another and even though yes, that do not want to come, when they do, they’re

always glad they did! So thank you to all the parents who came out to support the program and our young men! We trying to raise our next harvesters & bring back some of our indigenous ways of life such as giving and helping one another.

Urban xmas gathering, excited to be assisting in this as well and hoping we can return with our cultural gangters to provide some much needed medicine for all you away from home'ers!



Gordon Taylor
Assets Portfolio

On September 28, 2017 I participated in the BC Sustainability Energy Association-BCSE webinar. This webinar was about the Energy Step Code, that can be adopted by our Nation, which identifies Net Zero Energy building structures to help reduce energy waste. I suggest we review the BC Energy Step Code and Climate Leadership to help us in future residential and commercial building development within our TSL. Also utilizing Community Energy and Emissions Planning tool.

On September 25, 2017 I attended the Upnit Board meeting, where I asked for last three years of road repair as costs are always high. Island Timber and sub-contractors are causing damage due to logging above Run-of-River hydro road. Wear and tear of equipment, repair and replacement cost will also go up due to 12 years of operation.

I attended an ad-hoc-housing meeting as soon we will be selecting members to live in the 7 units being built, they will have input on how interior is painted.

Regarding some of our houses, hardy planks should not be repainted, due to the underside not being treated, and insulation needs to be installed under the hardy plank to help cut loss of heat from all 30 units.

With regards to the Animal Control Act. I have been in touch with our Manager of Lands and Resources about roaming dogs in the community. A letter was sent out to all households. Care Network and SPCA contacted have been contact and they will help address dogs roaming freely soon.

I am very concerned about why Lot 469 is not available since YG signed agreement with Parks in 2008. This is a work in progress.

On October 16, 2017 Spencer and I met with NTC President Judith Sayer

about how our Nation can proceed with renewable energy and sustainable community development. We discussed community composting, rainwater collection, solar and wind energy; as well as alternative sewage treatment and tidal energy. Judith gave us contacts for how to start the process, and suggested a workshop that we can attend. What needs to take place is A Community Power Audit, Community Water Audit, Community Housing Audit, and we need to form a committee to address how to proceed with where to start developing sustainable resources for these services.

YG must take the lead in renewable energy such as solar to run all of government building.

Upcoming Events

Nov 6 & 7

Reiki Massage Healing
Hitacu Health Centre

Nov 13

Remembrance Day
Government offices closed
(Hitacu & Port Alberni)

Dec 7

Hitacu Xmas Dinner

Dec 16

Urban Xmas Dinner
Italian Hall in Port Alberni

Dec 11

Hitacu Assembly
1pm start time

Dec 25

Christmas Day
Government offices closed
(Hitacu & Port Alberni)

Dec 26

Boxing Day
Government offices closed
(Hitacu & Port Alberni)

Managers' Reports



Suzanne Williams
Department of Social Services

The month of October was steady with department staff planning for fall and winter activities.

After-school Activities

Plans are underway to provide after-school activities for Hitacu children/youth of all age categories. Those between the ages of 5 and 12 will look forward to after-school at the Cixwatin Centre, where they will be provided with some hands-on learning, social interaction, and fun.

In prior years, youth programming was developed for children/youth between the ages of 9 and 17; however, our age demographics have changed and we have a large group of children that are between the ages of 5 and 9. Recognizing that there will be a need to support this age group we will be providing staff resources to make the programming open to the younger children. Here is what our current plan looks like:

- **Ages 2.5–4:** Children in this age category are eligible to attend the Daycare Monday through Friday, but must complete a registration form in order to attend.

- **Ages 5–8:** Children in this category will be eligible to attend after-school programming and parents/caregivers will be required to complete a Consent Form in order for your child or children to attend programming. More information on program schedules and activities will be provided upon registration.
- **Ages 9–12:** Children/youth in this category are eligible to attend after-school programming and parents/caregivers will be required to complete a Consent Form in order for your children/youth to attend programming. More information on program schedules and activities will be provided upon registration.
- **Ages 13–17:** We are nearly done shaping what functions the new Youth Support Worker will hold, but have a clear picture in mind. The new Youth Support Worker will work with our youth in this age category to help encourage and inspire them to complete high school, provide them with a fun and safe place to go after school, and to work with those who need connections to other supportive resources such as the ABE or health and wellness experts. Focus will expand beyond the age of 17 and youth who are 18+ will be provided with the same support and encouragement to get back on track and focussed on whatever they want to do in their lives. At present this age group is supported by the Warrior Program and by the Wednesday Drop-ins with Waylon McCloud.

Overall, our goal is to ensure that our citizens are well-supported and we will do so by working together as a team and walking with our citizens through every stage of life. We expect to hit some hurdles along the way given that this is a new way of doing things, but we encourage parent/caregiver feedback and

will be seeking regular feedback from the program participants too.

Adult Basic Education

Plans are underway to develop a new and improved Adult Basic Education program for the 2017–2018 school year and if it is successful we would like to see that continue for the coming years. Citizens of Hitacu could look forward to expanded hours during the week and possibly some summer openings. We will be working with the School District 70, the USS High School, and the North Island College to design some creative programming that will help our citizens with upgrading, entering into the trades, or achieving their Dogwood Diploma. The ABE Centre is located at the Sixplex Common Area and, understanding that learners of all ages need a comfortable place to study, the Common Area will be nicely set up with a four-station computer lab, reading area, and study area. An Open House will be held in mid-November and everyone is welcome to come check it out to learn where you can be supported – we want to meet you where you are at and help you achieve your goals. We will post more information as it becomes available.

Parent Engagement

Although we didn't get a huge turnout of parents/caregivers at our October 17th Parent Engagement Session, we received a lot of great feedback from community members of all ages on community activities and your Social Services Department will be taking that feedback and applying it to future programs and below is a summary of what is trending.

At present there is a feeling of disconnection amongst our citizens. They want more togetherness and this can be achieved by learning family connections (e.g., understanding family trees), culture,

and language. Parents and elders want to see more culture nights happen and at the same time they want to see that more are taught how to lead culture nights, this would include teaching our young ones how to sing the songs. We can create more connection by encouraging parents and their children to take part in activities together and at the same time teaching our youth some new skills such as cooking or using the internet safely. The possibilities are endless and we look forward to expanding more on this as we continue with our planning with other Yuułu?ił?ath Government departments.

Health and Wellness

With the winter fast approaching we are gearing up to arrange regular health and wellness sessions for our citizens in Hitacu and we are currently exploring our options to expand health and wellness programming to our urban citizens of Port Alberni. Connections to external resources such as the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council and the First Nation Health Authority will greatly support our endeavour to support our adult population with healing and wellness. So far we have learned that many citizens enjoy the Women's Group and yoga, culture nights, and want to learn about personal safety (e.g., aging and exercising the body). Some citizens want to learn more about healthy eating, exercising, and dealing with health issues such as diabetes. More information will be posted as it becomes available and we always want to hear from you on what you think will help fill out our health and wellness program.

ShakeOut

Over 890,000 people were registered for this year's annual BC ShakeOut with over 56.0 million world-wide. This was the first year that the Hitacu community was registered for this event and we had approximately 30 community members, visitors, and members of staff participate. The Emergency Operations Team will continue working on improving its

function with emergency operations training, team work, and hosting information and awareness sessions for the community. Please check out the BC ShakeOut website to read important information on emergency preparations and how you can help your family prepare: www.shakeoutbc.ca/

Sports and Recreation

Changes are happening in the Social Services Department and with the focus being put more on education and the upbringing of our children and youth, the sports and recreation program is off to a slow start. Over the years I have listened to a number of citizens share their stories about the sports and recreation programs that they took part in during their younger years and I cannot help but feel their joy when they talk about their experiences. I want to bring this back and see to it that this feeling of joy is shared with our younger people.

To start, I would like to call on all sports men and women who appreciate and value sports and recreation as a lifestyle and invite them to help design a sports and recreation program that is inclusive of all sporting styles (e.g., basketball, soccer, softball, etc.). More information on dates and session outcomes will be shared once it is ready.

Important Info and Dates

- November 6 & 7: Reiki-Massage Sessions at the Health Centre. Call Veronica at 250-726-7342 to book an appointment or join the waiting list (if applicable)
- TENTATIVE November 8: ABE Open House (Dinner provided and more information will follow)
- November 20 – December 7: Taste of the Trades Program in Hitacu
- Every Monday and Thursday: Flu Shots at the Health Centre with NTC CHN, Amanda Aspinall



Marina Rayner
Department of Lands & Resources

Over the last two months there have been a significant number of complaints submitted to the department regarding animal control. The manager will be working in conjunction with the BCSPCA and RCMP over the next few weeks to enforce the Animal Control Act and Regulations. It is very important that citizens who are encountering dangerous animals or are experiencing property damage that they contact the BCSPCA as well as submit a complaint to the department as soon as possible. Formal written complaints are easy to submit as there are forms available at the front desk.

The department has posted and reposted the Sr. Lands officer over the last two months. We are very hopeful that a successful applicant will be selected this round. This will mean that after some training that patrolling and enforcement will start on your Treaty Settlement Lands and on the water.

Fish distribution is still coming. There will be another distribution in Port for citizens that were missed as well as in Hitacu. We have had a very plentiful season and will be able to do another distribution in the early spring for citizens.

The regional working group on Human-Wildlife Coexistence took place and will be scheduled again soon. This is an important group that citizens are welcomed and encouraged to attend as it

directly impacts how wildlife is managed in the area. Citizens will be updated when the next meeting will be.



Spencer Touchie
Department of Asset Management

This month the assets department has worked on a few notable projects, one mentioned in social media earlier was the meeting I had attended with Gordon Taylor to meet with the newly elected president of the Nuu-cha-nulth tribal council Judith Sayers. This meeting we discussed a few important topics community infrastructure and the importance of transitioning back to a sustainable lifestyle for our people. The reason I say back to is for generations our people have inhabited the land sustainably honoring the teachings of Hishuk ish Tswalk, we have since have adopted a less sustainable lifestyle.

With new technologies, we can move closer to living sustainable using technologies like solar our nation has a couple of pathways we can possibly move forward. Our nation could chase this as an economic or a social endeavor if we chase the project as an expansion of our social housing the power generated will be to the direct benefit of the tenant if you use less power than you generate then hydro would send you a cheque instead of a bill. This does not leave new opportunities for our economic development off the table people ask why not wind or tidal; Tidal being an easy answer no-one has a market ready solution there are tons of prototype

and pilot projects out there but you don't want to have to work with a custom built solution with a very limited amount of people who could maintain it. With wind energy there are many market ready solutions out there and looking at wind we'd have to have discussions about scale.

When we look at water, we see the local effects of the changing climate once powerful rivers reducing in size in dryer and dryer summers. During the level one water restrictions our community used more water instead off less, over three million liters more in one month. We talked about different solutions, and how we are beginning to tackle the problems now with the inclusion of "purple lines" in the new construction which will make the new housing units ready to start using rainwater collection.

With these and a few more initiatives we believe we can bring our community a bit closer to sustainability, and use the resources we have much better.



Asya Touchie
Department of Culture & Heritage

I have been able to sit down with Dr. Bernice Touchie to begin to understand the various language projects that have been undertaken and what we want to see for the future. Bernice and I have had a chance to complete a grant application in hopes that we can secure funding to support one of our local artists in teaching the youth traditional art forms. This will

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be a great experience for our youth as art is a large part of our culture. We hope to have the program up and running in the New Year for five months. We anticipate the group meeting once a week to ensure the youth are able to receive the mentorship that they may need. Through this program the youth will be learning the valuable lessons that come from story-telling and language throughout their time with the mentor. This is a great opportunity for the youth, families and community to come together and engage in culture.

I have been in touch with YFN Holdings as Bernice has reported that there is a need for a secure space to hold language classes that will be available for classes consistently. I am hoping that we are able to rent the boardroom in the YFN Holding Building as well as an office space where Bernice and I will move our offices to. This office space will allow Bernice and I to work together to ensure that our efforts in language and culture revitalization are successful. I was excited to see many attendees at the past language class and I hope that we are able to continue with participation rates.

I am looking forward to the future and the many projects that will come our way!

New YG Staff



Hello, my name is Asya Touchie, my father is Matthew Touchie Sr., my mother is Leah Golling. My paternal grandparents are late Edith Brown nee Touchie of Ucluelet First Nation and late Matthew Brown of Tla-o-qui-aht. My maternal grandmother is late Mary Ida Cardinal of Saddle Lake Cree Nation. I have two

sisters and two brothers and we have ties to Tseshah, Toquat, and Huu-ay-aht.

I grew up in Nanaimo, BC where I began my education in First Nations Studies at Vancouver Island University and moved to Victoria in 2010 to continue my education at Camosun College in the Indigenous Family Support Worker Certificate program and Community, Family and Child Studies Diploma program. I spent two years at Camosun College and from there transferred into my third year at the University of Victoria in the Child and Youth Care Program. I completed my Bachelor's Degree in Child and Youth Care with Indigenous and Child Protection specializations in November 2015.

During my time in University I spent much of my time working in the child care field working with children from the ages of 5 to 10 years old, and leading them through group activities, and various

outings. In the summer of 2014 I had the amazing opportunity to work with the children and youth in Hitacu as the Child and Youth Support Worker. We were able to go on many great adventures together and spent many days at the beach. With the help of many staff we incorporated culture and language into our programming. I was very grateful for this opportunity, but sadly, I had to return back to Victoria to finish up my degree.

I have spent the past three years working with a Delegated Aboriginal Agency, NILTU, O Child and Family Services Society, working as a Family Support Worker for one year and a Guardianship Social Worker for the last two years. I gained a great amount of experience and am interested in culture, self-identity, and the positive effects that culture can have on communities, families, youth and children.

I feel very honoured to have the opportunity to be back working with the Nation as the Manager of Culture and Heritage and to provide support to the community. I am excited to see where this department will go and what we will accomplish in the coming years.

Criteria for Housing Selection

Have you ever wondered how candidates are selected for available housing? The Housing Ad Hoc Committee evaluates a set of criteria when choosing from the list of applicants for available units.

YG strives to meet the needs for housing and to make fair selections. The housing department, when considering applications, will consider the following criteria (in no particular order):

1. Valid application (Dec 1–Nov 30 yearly)
2. Proof of income information
3. Three references from previous landlords, employers and utilities (BC Hydro)
4. No outstanding debts or rental arrears owed to YG
5. Unit availability meets the needs of the applicant
6. Current living conditions of applicant
7. YG citizens only



Q^wayač̓iikʔiis Day Care

Beach Cleanup at Esowista

Helping our neighbour clean their land!



Math at South Beach



Meditation at South Beach

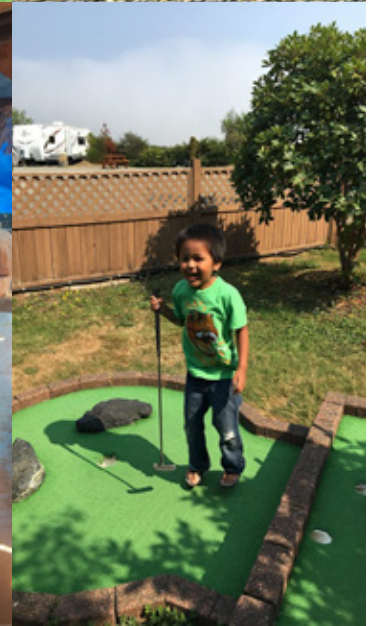


Eating Salal on the Wild Pacific Trail



Visiting Macoah

Children and staff observed the carving of a special totem pole that was raised in September



Ucluelet Elementary School



**Ucluelet
Elementary
School**



Hello families!

As we work through October, we are starting to settle into our routines of school. We have worked as a staff to identify two main school goals this year and it is writing and social emotional learning. We have done a school wide write as an assessment of learning. The topic was “If I were teacher for the day...”. Students have some interesting ideas of what they would like to do if they were the teacher, like have gym and have goodies all day! Sarah Hagar is our school counsellor who is working with teacher around the social emotional goal. She is working closely with teachers to support the needs in their classes around this goal. Primary literacy and numeracy groups have started.

Teachers are sending home weekly or monthly newsletters to let parents know what is happening in their classrooms. If you are not receiving these please ask your child or get in touch with the teacher. Teachers have some very exciting activities happening in their classes that I am sure you would like to know about. Also if you have any concerns please make sure you are touching base with the teacher as soon as possible so they can address any of your concerns right away.

We have started Roots of Empathy with Robin Gladstone in Ms. Sigmund’s kindergarten class. The students first lesson was what they think their baby will be able to do when mom and baby come to visit. Their responses were, crawl, sit up, eat, and cry. It will be exciting to see if their predictions were correct when the baby comes next week.

Yuuh?il?ath Government – Ucluelet First Nation

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Port Alberni Satellite Office



Janice Webster
Senior Administrative Assistant

It is hard to believe three months has gone by so quickly already and how great it is working for Yuułu?ił?ath - Ucluelet First Nation! We have had a couple regular members come down to the office.

Debbie Mundy came for one day to do status cards as she has a list going. She only gets so many cards from INAC, so please submit your name to me, so I can pass onto Debbie.

I currently have projects happening or in the works;

1. I have been given the task of updating the citizen membership list. I have several ideas of how it will be updated, so please keep a listen out for updates on social media or via email, mail etc.
2. Preparations for the December Xmas Dinner are in the works. We will keep

you posted for updates.

3. Nothing confirmed as of yet for a healing wellness self-care, but please watch out for further information on social media, email, telephone and mail, etc.

For the citizen membership list, upon approval we could be doing a draw for this. You simply need to complete a contact form and sign an email consent form and send it to me at the Satellite office to have your name entered. For those who have filled our citizen contact information form, you do not need to fill it out again. If you need further information, please feel free to contact the Satellite Office at (250) 724-1832 ext. 222 (voice mail available) or email: janice.webster@ufn.ca

Please come and visit; have a cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate or water or update your contact information if you haven't already.

OFFICE HOURS

Please note that for months with statutory holidays the week may change.

week	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	8:30am – 3pm	12:30 – 4:30pm	8:30am – 3:30pm	12:30 – 4:30pm	12:30 – 4pm	Closed	Closed
2	12:30 – 4:30pm	8:30 – 3:30pm	8:30am – 3pm	12:30 – 4:30pm	8:30am – 12pm	Closed	Closed
3	8:30am – 3:30pm	12:30 – 4:30pm	8:30am – 3pm	12:30 – 4:30pm	8:30am – 12pm	Closed	Closed
4	12:30 – 4:30pm	8:30am – 3:30pm	8:30am – 3pm	12:30 – 4:30pm	12:30 – 4pm	Closed	Closed
5	8:30am – 3:30pm	12:30 – 4:30pm	8:30am – 3pm	12:30 – 4:30pm	8:30am – 12pm	Closed	Closed

YFN Holdings Update

This month has seen the rain and wind finally arrive to our shores. As a result, some of the best storm watching opportunities on the entire coast now exist down at Wya Point Resort. Our Yurts down on Wya Point are so close to the raging surf that you can lay down in your bed and get a nice little back massage from the BOOM of the waves! Over on Ucluth Beach, the safe landing spot provides a more calm and sheltered place for you to snuggle up in one of our lodges and watch the amazing power of the Pacific roll into our shores.

We are currently looking at new and creative ways to make our resort property more enticing and hospitable to our hearty

storm watching friends and customers. We have even gone so far as to look to the Mongolian Yurts to see how they stay warm in those frigid winter climates! Any and all suggestions for keeping our guests warm and dry are sincerely appreciated as the storms get stronger and the temperature drops.

We are excited to see the language classes at our YFN Offices being well attended. Wya Point Resort will be looking to add a significant amount of traditional language signage to the property over the coming year. We are also going to be operating walking/hiking tours of the lands with the intention of having Nation members as paid guides who can share

language and some stories about their traditional territory.

The Organic Garden at the Tofino Ucluelet Junction is getting ready for a whole bunch of care, attention and skilled green thumbs. We are developing an extensive permaculture program for the garden that will soon be put into action. It is our intention to begin producing fresh healthy produce for Nation members and the local grocery stores and restaurants of the region who crave local organic produce.

Andrew Crawford, CEO
YFN Holdings Limited Partnership

Warriors Update



During September your Warriors helped Chief Anne Mack and the Toquaht First Nation to serve Elders at Bert Mack's Memorial Potlatch on Sept 23. You would have been proud to see your Warriors moving between tables serving and cleaning all day and into the evening. We have received so many positive comments throughout the day and since that day from people across our region.

At the end of September, we went to work on our community's Effingham campground again. This time, we put up an enormous tarp that we can retract by a heavy-duty clothes line. We effectively quadrupled the dry area that we have at the camp now. It's so big that we feel like we should have a tiger to train under our

new circus tent. On Saturday afternoon the young men went out with Jay and Carlos on the Namint 5 to fish and hunt. That evening we also started to build a twelve-foot long dinner table to accommodate how large our Warrior group has become.

The Warriors would like to extend a huge thank you to Rodney Touchie who has donated a ton of supplies including filet knives, pocket knives, signal flares, water bottles and my personal favourite, an extra-large coffee thermos to ensure that our adult leaders are well-caffeinated. If you have any hunting and fishing supplies or rain gear around the house that you would like to donate... we would be so happy to give them a new home in Effingham.

We just came back from our October 27th weekend Effingham trip. We continued to make the camp more accessible for Elders, including widening trails and removing roots. We also created a new fire pit area and more sleeping areas under our circus tent so we can fit our growing group of Warriors. We had more than 20 people come on our trip...looks like we'll need to build a longer table already. We fished, we hunted and we connected as we work together to create a place of healing for our community.

Our Warriors



Parks Canada

Parks Canada gets set for next phase of trail building in Pacific Rim National Park Reserve

National parks, historic sites and marine conservation areas represent the very best that Canada has to offer. Parks Canada protects and presents these treasures because they tell stories of who we are, including the history, cultures and contributions of Indigenous Peoples

The new multi-purpose trail in Pacific Rim National Park Reserve will provide an opportunity to celebrate Canada's rich natural and cultural heritage. Located in the traditional territories of the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation and Yuulu?il?ath, the trail will extend approximately 25 km from the southern to the northern boundary of the Long Beach Unit. The trail will enable visitors to explore the wonders of Pacific Rim National Park Reserve, whether they are walking or cycling, and also

responds to a long-time request from local communities.

Initial work on the trail began in February 2017 with environmental and cultural assessments, and site preparation. The next phase of the work will begin in the spring of 2018. Following Parks Canada's established processes and rigorous standards for ecological protection, work will include preparation of the trail bed, in both the southern and northern portions, including laying gravel, installing drainage culverts and building bridges.

This project is moving forward in partnership with the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation and Yuulu?il?ath. Parks Canada is working with both First Nations to identify potential economic benefits, and is actively exploring opportunities for involvement by the local Indigenous communities during the next phase of work. A Request for Information (RFI) will be posted on the Government of Canada's tendering website (Buy and Sell) to seek the interest from industry in participating in the construction phase of the project, as well as the capacity and availability of local First Nations to be directly involved in the construction of the trail.

Originally announced in Budget 2016, to date, the Government of Canada has invested \$17.7 million towards the development of this multi-use trail that will span the length of Pacific Rim National Park Reserve, with an additional investment estimated to be \$16.3 million planned for the next phase of the project.

In the coming months, the First Nations will provide the trail with a Nuu-chah-nulth name and Nuu-chah-nulth place names to ensure the cultural significance of the area where the trail traverses is acknowledged and appreciated.



Ucluelet First Nation in the News

Parks Canada partners with Tla-o-qui-aht and Ucluelet First Nations on \$34-million trail project

Written by: Shayne Morrow, October 20, 2017, Ha-Shilth-Sa

Parks Canada is moving forward on the next phase of a 25-kilometre multi-use trail in Pacific Rim National Park Reserve, in partnership with local First Nations.

The year-round trail will extend from the southern to the northern boundaries of the Long Beach Unit, in Tla-o-qui-aht and Ucluelet traditional territories. To date, a total of \$17.7 million has been invested in the project, with a further \$16.3 million to be spent on the construction. Tla-o-qui-aht Lands and Resources Manager Saya Masso said it has been an intensive effort to get all the pieces together.

“[The consultation process] came along quite suddenly, with the cash flow from Ottawa, which required, then, an aggressive consultation time frame,” Masso said. “There has been an aggressive schedule that we have pursued in order to obtain the funding.”

Park Superintendent Karen Haugen, who is a member of Huu-ay-aht First Nations, said construction would begin in 2018.

“This is a brand-new multi-use trail,” Haugen said. “The engineering is about 95 to 97 per cent complete. We have a few areas we still have to review.”

Haugen said the engineering is being performed by Public Services Procurement Canada, in consultation with Tla-o-qui-aht and Ucluelet First Nations.

“Tammy Dorward (Tla-o-qui-aht) is the First Nations liaison,” Haugen said. “We are consulting not only on management of Pacific Rim National Park Reserve, but also to identify both short and long-term benefits for both nations.

“We also have had, for some time, an Elders Group that was established to provide us guidance and information – traditional and ecological – on the multi-use trail,” she said.

The Elders Group has been tasked with selecting a Nuu-chah-nulth name for the trail itself and place names for some of the stops along the route.

“We have also implemented a traditional use/archaeological study. Wood from the trail-clearing has been available to both nations for use in their communities. And we are hiring members from each nation for the environmental monitoring.”

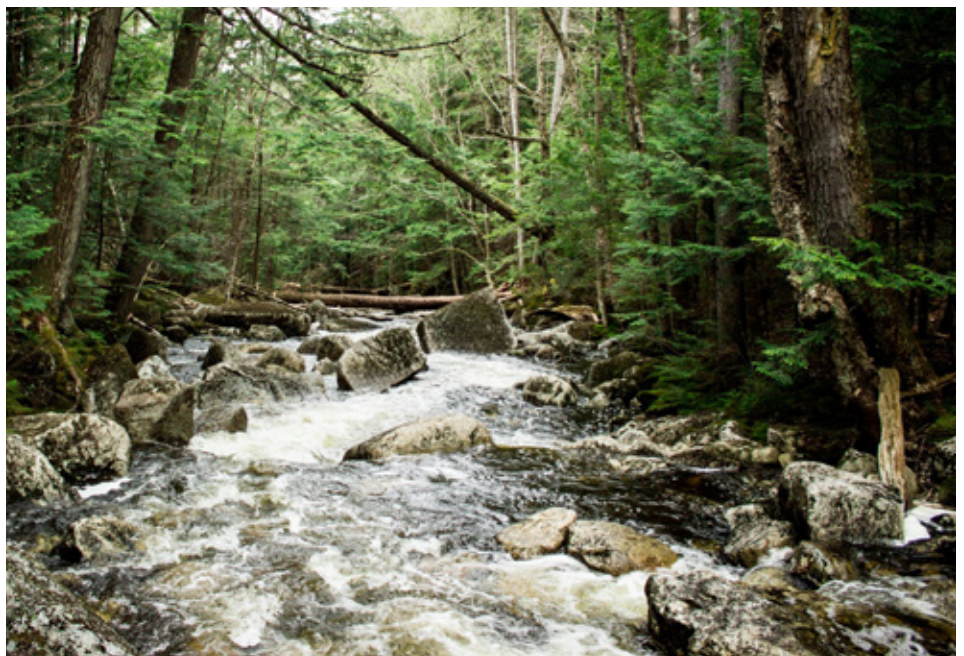
That monitoring process will include the protection of culturally significant areas along the trail, as well as ephemeral ponds and amphibian habitat.

Prior to the commencement of the work, Tla-o-qui-aht members performed a blessing ceremony at the site. Masso said there is some political significance in that.

“The blessing ceremony is somewhat common for projects Tla-o-qui-aht is involved in,” he explained. “It doesn’t always happen in other areas in the municipality. I think it should, but I’m glad that we got to do one with Parks Canada for the commencement of the trail construction.”

When the development takes place on fee-simple lands and requires Tla-o-qui-aht consultation, a blessing ceremony is not always approved, Masso explained.

“But we are involved in this development, and in our culture, we are acknowledging what we are taking from the land, and asking that the trees give themselves for the trail development – and that they are giving themselves for a good purpose. There are people who will be using this [trail] and enjoying the forest, educating people about healthy ecosystems... acknowledging and telling the land why you are going to be impacting it.”



While this is a park trail, Haugen said the entire 25 kilometres would be “paved,” although the surface material has not been selected at this point.

“This is a multi-use trail, so you can ride your bike, or walk or run,” Haugen said.

The engineered width of the trail structure will be five metres, with the actual walking surface just 3.2 metres, so it won’t be a matter of wheeling in hot asphalt trucks, she explained. For that reason, an alternate surface will likely be chosen, to allow smaller equipment to be used.

While the final, detailed route has not been released thus far, the trail will connect with each of the existing day-use areas within the Long Beach Unit. That will allow visitors to plan appropriate-length rides and hikes, Haugen said.

“So if you want to go from Incinerator Rock to Comber’s Beach (five to six kilometres), you’ll be able to do that,” Haugen said. “The idea of this route was to connect all these day-use areas. For example, you could go to the Wya Surf Shop, then hike to Wickanninish Beach.”

Much of the trail will run parallel to Highway 4, but with a forested buffer zone to ensure safety and user enjoyment.

Haugen said Parks Canada is in the process of issuing a Request For Information on its tendering website to select contractors for the trail-building.

“That will help determine the capacity and availability of local First Nations to be involved directly with the construction

of the trail, and will inform the potential creation of an Indigenous Benefits Plan as part of the construction contract for the project.”

Masso said while he is not sure if there are Tla-o-qui-aht members with the sort of specialized equipment required for working on a narrow trail surface, the nation will make bids to take on a significant role in the building process, as well as the ongoing monitoring system.

“As far as construction opportunities, we are a ready labour pool, and we hope that with the First Nation requirement component, through the bidding process, that we will be able to participate in a meaningful manner,” Masso said.

Haugen said that, by any stretch, building a trail in a National Park Reserve is a complicated undertaking.

“At Parks Canada, we are committed to do so in a respectful and sustainable way that mitigates any potential impact on the environment or the wildlife in the Pacific Rim.”

Following the recent meeting with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Nuu-chah-nulth leaders observed that, while Ottawa is giving off positive signals, “reconciliation” between Canada and its indigenous peoples would have to include taking on greater participation in the economy and in governance of the greater community.

But Masso said it is important not to dismiss Ottawa’s current charm campaign

as “just words.” Words can be powerful, he said.

“‘Reconciliation,’ and words like that, have brought development to our table on more occasions. It has allowed us to have a role in some of the projects – in the planning, in mitigating the impact on the environment, the design of the trails, to do the archaeological surveying and monitoring. Words like ‘reconciliation’ have brought us to the table.”

Masso is quick to note that this does not mean that full reconciliation has been achieved.

“There is a lot more to full ‘reconciliation’ than environmental monitoring and a blessing ceremony for the trail,” he said.

Haugen said through projects like the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve Trail, Parks Canada is moving in that direction.

“Parks Canada works with more than 300 Indigenous communities across Canada, in various ways – conserving, restoring and presenting all of Canada’s natural and cultural heritage,” she said.

“We truly appreciate the enthusiasm and the cooperation we are receiving from Tla-o-qui-aht and Ucluelet First Nations, and we will continue to identify both long and short-term benefits deriving from the construction of this project.”

www.hashilthsa.com/news/2017-10-20/parks-canada-partners-tla-o-qui-aht-and-ucluelet-first-nations-34-million-trail

Status Cards

YG is receiving forty status cards from AANDC at one time. Once we have issued all forty cards we will receive another forty. At this time, YG would like to begin a list of all of our citizens who require a status card. YG will set up appointments with our citizens – in Hitacu and our Port Alberni Satellite Office – who have recorded their name(s) on this list. If you have any questions or if you reside outside of Hitacu and Port Alberni and need a status card, please contact Debbie Mundy at 1-877-726-7342 ext 214 or at debbie.mundy@ufn.ca.



25km multi-use trail in Pacific Rim National Park named: ʔaps̓ciik ʔašii

On Tuesday October 24, 2017 at Cixʷatin Centre in Hitacu, members of, Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation, Yuuluʔilʔath – Ucluelet First Nation, and Parks Canada came together to share a meal and unveil the new name of the 25 kilometre multi-use trail in Pacific Rim National Park Reserve.

ʔaps̓ciik ʔašii (pronounced ups-cheek ta-shee) is located in the traditional territories of the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation and Yuuluʔilʔath – Ucluelet First Nation, will extend approximately 25 km from the southern to the northern boundary of the Long Beach Unit of Pacific Rim National Park Reserve. Most of the multi-use trail will be located near the highway, but with a forested buffer between trail users and vehicles, and with a short loop to connect the Kwisitis Visitor Centre to the highway. The trail will be open to the public in 2020.

The literal translation of the name ʔaps̓ciik ʔašii is going in the right direction on the trail. However the meaning has many layers of meaning, depending on how the phrase is used.

Individually, it can refer to our personal journeys in life - going in the right

direction. To remember we are on the ʔašii (trail), and going in the right direction refers to being mindful of the environment and all living things.

Collectively, the Elders say, “the land we walk on is made from the dust of our ancestors – in our life journey, we walk it carefully, respectfully, with humility and dignity.”

The name chosen by the Elders of both Nations represents the journey and relationship between the Nations and Pacific Rim National Park Reserve. In this context, as a name given by the Elders for this collaborative project with the park reserve, it refers to how we are beginning to go “in the right direction” in this journey and together on this “path.” The multi-use trail is a healing path and an opportunity for First Nations, communities and Parks Canada to work together.

General information on the trail

In the first phase of the project, a Detailed Impact Analysis (DIA) was developed, informing route planning and design of the

trail. Additionally, some preparation of the first 7 km of the trail began in February, 2017, between Radar Hill and Incinerator Rock at Long Beach. This work included tree felling and the removal of fallen timber and debris, with work stopping on May 3, 2017 to respect the migratory bird nesting season.

Over the summer, Parks Canada worked with engineers, and environmental, archaeological, amphibian, and wetlands specialists to refine the preliminary route and design of the trail.

In August, clearing of the southern portions of the trail began again, in preparation for the next phase of the project.

Once the southern portions of the trail have been cleared, work will begin to prepare both the northern and southern portions of the trail bed. This work will include building a foundation for the trail, bringing in gravel, installing drainage culverts, and fabricating bridges, as well as ongoing environmental monitoring of the project.

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Death of a Modern Wolf

- Excerpt

Written by: J.B. MacKinnon, October 17, 2017, Hakai Magazine

Two months passed. Then, on May 14, just two weeks before a pair of resource management officers would be deployed there with 12-gauge shotguns, a young woman named Levana Mastrangelo walked down Florencia Bay beach to check another wildlife camera.

Mastrangelo had placed the camera as part of a geography field course she was taking, choosing the mouth of Lost Shoe Creek, where water spills out of the rainforest to rush across the sand, as her site. On an earlier visit, she had felt a powerful, unseen presence there. Now she was convinced there would be no wildlife photographs on it. Spring weather was bringing more beachgoers to the

bay every day, and the creek mouth is a popular hangout.

Mastrangelo removed the camera, and then, joined by three other students, sat down to load the photos onto her laptop. Then she happened to glance across the stream and saw a living, breathing wolf.

“I took a couple photos, and it just felt really wrong,” Mastrangelo told me. “I put down my camera and I just kind of watched her, and that’s when I got the message. And the message was that this wolf is very sad, this wolf needs help. It was saying, ‘Help me, I’m going to die.’”

Wolves are an important part of First Nations’ traditions and stories on the coast. Photo by April Bencze

Mastrangelo was more inclined to think deeply about the encounter than most of us might be. Her mother had been born into the Yuułu?il?ath, or Ucluelet First Nation, whose traditional territory includes the southern half of Pacific Rim National Park Reserve, but as a child had been removed and placed in Canada’s infamous residential school system, a program of forced assimilation for indigenous people. Only in the past three years, as a university student, had Mastrangelo begun to reconnect with her Yuułu?il?ath roots.

Working as a researcher for the Yuułu?il?ath government, and later as its lands and resources coordinator, Mastrangelo had learned that her family came from Quisitis Point. She also learned that wolves are sacred to the Yuułu?il?ath. In fact, they are the central figures in one of the world’s most extraordinary cultural rites.

Anthropologists have compared the Tlo:kwa:na, or Wolf Ritual, to similarly epic indigenous ceremonies around North America, such as the Hopi Snake Dance and Sioux Sun Dance. Performed by various indigenous communities on Vancouver Island and the Washington coast, the ritual can last 10 days or more.

In it, people take on the role of wolves in order to capture young people for initiation into important cultural practices.

“In our traditions, we don’t kill wolves,” said Mastrangelo, who now represents the Yuuluʔiʔath in ongoing talks about wolves with Parks Canada and other governing bodies in the area.

Written records from the early 1900s describe the rite’s importance to the Yuuluʔiʔath town of Hitacu, just across a narrow inlet from the broader community of Ucluelet. In those days, Hitacu’s relationship with wolves was so close that Tlo:kwa:na initiates, howling as a part of the ceremony, might be joined by a chorus of living wolves in the nighttime forest, and incorrect performance of the rite—even singing the wrong words to a song—was said to cause wolf attacks. It’s a tradition, Mastrangelo said, that asks us to look first at human behavior when wolves’ behavior changes. From the perspective of Tlo:kwa:na, human-wolf conflict is a message to think harder about human-wolf coexistence.

British Columbia is crosshatched with mountain ranges, grasslands, forests, and inlets, and its natural richness is mirrored in a remarkable array of First Nations—198 of them, or about one-third of Canada’s indigenous cultural diversity. Prior to contact with European explorers, as many as 300,000 indigenous peoples lived on the narrow strip of British Columbia’s coast—and yet wolves were present nearly everywhere, as remembered in stories, art, and names.



Dogs were common, too. According to Iain McKechnie, an archaeologist with the University of Victoria and the Hakai Institute, dog bones are abundant and widespread in coastal archaeological sites from Oregon to Alaska and reach back to the last ice age. Historical records suggest that in southwestern British Columbia and western Washington, where Coast Salish peoples kept two breeds of dog, including one that was shorn for its wool, some communities likely were home to upward of 100 dogs. For thousands of years, people, dogs, and wolves all shared the same landscape.

In the Wolf Ritual, initiates would howl as a part of the ceremony, and they might be joined by a chorus of living wolves. Photo by April Bencze.

As Mastrangelo contemplated her encounter with the wolf at Lost Shoe Creek, she found more and more meaning in the wolves’ behavior in Pacific Rim. She realized, for example, that November was the traditional season of the Wolf Ritual, and it had been November when Parks Canada issued its warning about “bold behavior” by wolves, which led into months of human-wolf conflict.

“That’s when they made their first appearance, that’s when they made their first kind of attack, their first initiation, like, ‘Hey, we’re here right now, and this is what’s happening,’” Mastrangelo said. “That was actually more profound than people may think.”

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Social Cultural Support Programs

Location: 4589 Adelaide Street

Weekend Homeless Programs

WEDNESDAYS

Family Night "Discovering Your Roots"
6-8pm

This is an opportunity to share stories, talk about where you were born & discover family roots.

2017: Aug 16, Sept 13, Oct 11, Nov 8, Dec 6
2018: Jan 3, Jan 31, Feb 22, Mar 28

FRIDAY NIGHTS

Homeless Peer Support 6-8pm

This is a chance to be involved in learning & sharing with others about experiences & preventative tips regarding homelessness.

2017: July 28, Aug 25, Sept 22, Oct 20, Nov 17, Dec 15 | 2018: Jan 12, Feb 9, Mar 9

Elder's Social & Cultural Gathering
5:30-8:30pm

This is a coming together to participate in beading, drum making, weaving & painting in a social environment.

2017: Aug 4, Sept 1, Sept 29, Oct 27, Nov 24, Dec 22 | 2018: Jan 19, Feb 16, Mar 16

Youth/Teen Gathering 6-9pm

The event begins with snacks, continues with educational workshops, & ends with a fun activity for ages 15-18.

2017: Aug 11, Sept 8, Oct 6, Nov 3, Dec 1, Dec 29 | 2018: Jan 26, Feb 23, Mar 23

Recovery Group 7-9pm

This is a talking circle format supporting recovery while utilizing the Medicine Wheel & other cultural practices.

2017: Aug 18, Sept 15, Oct 12, Nov 10, Dec 8
2018: Jan 5, Feb 2, Mar 2, Mar 30

SATURDAY

Urgent Need Item Distribution & Workshop 5:30-7pm

A coming together for a hot meal, followed by an educational workshop and food hamper.

This is a weekly Saturday event.
Entrance off Adelaide street (side gate).

SUNDAY

Mobile Street Outreach 5-6:05pm

This is an opportunity to receive a food hamper, hygiene products & educational materials.

There are three street locations: Quality Foods 5-5:15pm, Friendship Centre 5:25-5:40pm, and Echo Centre 5:50-6:05pm.

This is a weekly Sunday event.

If more information is needed call 250 723 4050. Monthly and singular bus passes available for participants.

KUU-US Weekday Homefulness Programs

MONDAY TO FRIDAY 10-2pm

The homefulness team provides assistances to clients regarding housing placements, compilation and distribution of a weekly housing registry, eviction prevention support, the handing out of basic and urgent need items (clothing, household items, food hampers and hygiene products), volunteer/employment linkages and life skill development to address root causes of homelessness.

Due to high demand call 250 723 4050 to book an appointment.

4589 Adelaide (entrance off Johnston rd)

KUU-US Transitional Housing

Housing consists of support and life skill development for individuals with goals to re-enter into independent housing. This is a fully furnished 4 unit home with communal kitchen and living space with private bedrooms. All utilities are included (\$400). Call 250 723 4050 to inquire about vacancy.

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250 723 4050

Child / Youth
250 723 2040

Toll Free (BC)
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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.