

Umacuk

January 2018

A Very Happy Holiday

Urban Christmas Party in Port Alberni

PLUS: Our new tax system
for an independent
and prosperous nation

Funding for
our new
Daycare Centre

Updates to our
Pharmacare
Program

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

Food Fish Budget and Plan

This plan was completed early in the year and communicated with the community. Chuck McCarthy caught all the ground fish, including halibut, for the Nation. We used a high-capacity fisherman with a boat named T Bone to catch Somas Sockeye, Chinook, Coho and Chum. We also contracted Gerry Boudreau to catch ocean Coho and Chinook.

Thornton Creek Hatchery

This opportunity came as a result of DFO information from stock assessment. The issue was what is called straying in hatchery language, meaning straying from the place of origin. DFO would like to offer an ESSR to UFN to remedy the situation and stop the straying. Since Thornton creek was not a Salmon bearing stream, it was an experiment back in 1975. The experiment was Japanese technology wanting to show that it is possible to enhance and grow Chum

salmon in a non-salmon bearing stream and it worked. Thornton Creek Hatchery has worked with Ucluelet First Nation and the Toquaht Nation since the 1980's and helped enhance local rivers and streams with Salmon. Both Nations have been on the Board of Directors for quite some time and in 2018 new directors for the Nations will be appointed at the January AGM meeting. The goal moving forward is to raise the profile of the relationship between the Nations and Thornton Creek Hatchery. This will allow Thornton Creek Hatchery to flourish and continue the much needed enhancement work in the region; as well, this will provide UFN another avenue to feed the people and create training opportunities for the UFN Warriors program. The Warriors will build capacity and learn about the biology of salmon and more importantly build capacity in hatchery technology. This will enable the Nations to provide food fish and economic fish; as well, it will help us tell our story to tourists that travel to our homeland. The results of this partnership will benefit the Nations, tourists, the Ucluelet people, and surrounding areas.

Value added Chinook

This year UFN embarked on the first ESSR and caught 240 Chinook. This has allowed us the opportunity to work with St. Jeans and develop recipes such as salmon chunks, jerky and Indian candy as well as other products that will help us to tell our story and connection to our land and resources, and restore our rich history. The Warrior program is a way to bridge the gap in traditional knowledge so that the Warriors program can help restore Salmon Stocks and take care of the land including its people for the benefit of future generations.

Fraser River Sockeye

This is a story that started in 2011, with the Maa-nulth final agreement. In June 2011, the somas Sockeye started to run and we found that we did not have capacity to gillnet sockeye; therefore, we decided to use our self-governing powers to designate commercial fishermen. In 2014 the Fraser River Sockeye run was the biggest run in recent history; however, the issue was that the diversion rate down the ECVI was at 99.8%. This meant the Sockeye did not migrate through the MDFA. We requested a supplemental harvest document for the ability to fish outside of our MDFA but were declined by DFO. We requested several more times following this to fish right to the mouth of the Fraser River and we were

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.

Please be advised that Patient Travel Cheques will be available for pick-up on Wednesdays and Fridays.

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



still declined. This created concern that we may not be able to catch Fraser River sockeye in years of high diversion rates so our strategy was to break the issues into two parts. The first part being access. The second part being the underage for 2014, which was 12,645 Sockeye. In 2015 we were able to negotiate a trigger that would allow us to fish outside the MDFA in years of high diversion rates and that the trigger would be based on 50%. Then it was time to negotiate the underage. We finally got our answer from the DFO that we got the full underage for 2014 of 12,645 sockeye; importantly, we have added it to future year's allocations - of course subject to conservation.

The Urban crawl with the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council to celebrate Christmas with some of our urban members was amazing. Sharing a meal, song, dance, and culture always feels good. There were a lot of good stories, laughter, and friendly faces.

As well our Christmas Dinner at home was great. Santa appeared just like always and another amazing meal was served. Kleco to Debbie and all the cooks and helpers. Our community could not and would not be the same without your generosity.

Our Port Alberni Christmas Dinner was a huge hit as well. Santa arrived just in time and our children enjoyed themselves immensely. Hats off to Janice Webster

- she cooked, baked, made presents, wrapped presents, and did an awesome job. Janice's family all pitched in cooking and cleaning. What a great time.

Kleco to Lindsay McCarthy, Danny, Kenny, Joe, Melody, Tyson and all the other singers who bring our songs and culture to our members both home and away from home.

A huge Kleco to Marge for our opening prayer, and the numerous community members who travelled to Alberni to attend the urban dinner. Seeing familiar faces and relatives warms the hearts of our people and it is good medicine for all.

Daycare

All the hard work from Spencer Touchie, Suzanne Williams and Michelle Ralston paid off in a big way.

It is always critical to have the best available opportunity for our youngest community members. The approval of funding will make our Daycare facility a reality next year. Kleco kleco kleco to you all again for your tremendous work.

Culture & Heritage

I am so proud of this department and having one of our members recently completing her post-secondary education at the University of Victoria and coming home to work in culture. Thank you to Asya Touchie for your commitment.

Thornton Creek Hatchery

I raise my hands up to both Bob and Vi for their long commitment to the Thornton Creek Hatchery.

Your years of dedication and commitment to have continuity with our community and the hatchery are so valuable to all. Your presence will be missed. Kleco.

Government to Government

In 2017 we met with municipal, provincial, and federal governments. Our relationships are getting stronger. Although there are still big hurdles in our way, we are making progress. We have been heard by the PM, Premier and numerous Ministers. Our voice is being heard.

In closing I want to thank all of our staff and our business team. I also want to thank our elders, youth and citizens wherever you might live. As well, I want to recognize our singers, drummers, dancers and Hawiith. Our nation is only six years into a Modern Day Treaty. We are still in our infancy and there have been and will continue to be growing pains.

In 2018 I believe if we work together we will make huge strides. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Take care of yourself. Chuu, kleco.

We have over 965 likes!

Yuulu?i?ath Government - Ucluelet First Nation would like to thank all of you for liking us on Facebook. If you aren't already following us please do.

 /UclueletFirstNation



Talking with our Legislative Representatives

Melody Charlie

Men's Group Monday's - this took some time to get going but I am excited that it is finally happening. Feel free to join Chris Seitcher from NTC on Monday's for Men's Wellness.

AA Wednesday's - This has always happened and just trying to support this and those interested.

Mom Baby Yoga - hoping to find funds for this to continue as it is very popular!

Funding for Warriors Literacy for learning language - funds from CBT was approved so we excited to learn, teach, and share!

Urban Connects - was so nice to connect with members away from home, I would love to see more connections with culture and community for all of our members. I vision more culture for our members away from home; indeed, I imagine it must be so hard to be away from land, language and culture and I would love to hear from you on your vision in remaining connected to home.

I continue to support those in need with applications for treatment, applying for EI, job applications, educations applications and housing applications. I am feeling extremely grateful for the opportunity to be a part of your goals! As usual, I can be reached at melodycharlie@mac.com or 250-266-2507. If I can support, guide, connect you to resources I am here!

Language, thank you to those elders who share language with me so it can be shared with you! It is important our language been seen, heard and felt and I look forward to so much more of this.



Jeneva Touchie *Community Services Portfolio*

I have had a few meetings in the last month. I attended a strategic planning session in Parksville on December 5th and 6th with managers and other members of Legislature. There was much to cover and discuss, this conversation I am sure will continue into the New Year.

I attended the community Christmas dinner on December 7th, it was so good to see everyone have a good time and share a meal together. It was amazing to see our citizen's complete work with their sheds and have other nations with us to celebrate their hard work. I have heard from some of the students that they learned a lot and really enjoyed the course. I am hoping we can find some more courses like this that will draw people in and help them achieve goals and pursue more opportunities.

I also attended the urban Port Alberni Christmas dinner on December 16th at the Italian Hall. Many thanks to all the singers who came and shared songs with our citizens. There were many that came out and plenty of food was eaten. The joy

on the kids' faces listening to the songs and running and playing was so cute! I will be in contact with those that have been appointed to committees in the New Year.

I know I have said this before but I would like to say it once more. Thank you so much to everyone for their continued love and support to our family this year. It has been an incredibly difficult year and not uncommon for many in the Nuu-chah-nulth territory. Wishing you a happy holidays and a New Year filled with healing and growth for friends and family



Gordon Taylor *Assets Portfolio*

On November 29, 2017 from direction from Andrew, CEO, I attended a NEI Environmental Leaders Fund info meeting. While I was there I asked them how does this fit with Treaty First Nations? As a result, I was invited for lunch to further discuss opportunities with NEI and Coastal Community Credit Union on January 10, 2017.

As a Upnit board member we were informed that a loan for \$90,000+ has no advantage of being paid out this January 2018, as interest would remain the same amount. So it will stay on monthly payments until paid out in November 2018.

On December 5-6th we had strategic planning and each Legislature/Executive and all managers and staff have determined deadlines for all area of governance.

Ad-hoc housing committee will be selecting tenets for the triplex with move in by end of January 2018.

Managers' Reports



Suzanne Williams
Department of Social Services

Congratulations to all the participants of the Taste of the Trades Program! This three week program was designed and held in partnership with the Toquaht Nation with support from the North Island College and funded by the Nuu-chah-nulth Employment and Training Program. A total of 12 citizens (from Yuulu?i?ath, Toquaht, and Tla-o-qui-aht) took part in the program and learned the basics of carpentry. You may have seen the sheds that they built outside the Hitacu Fire Hall. This program helped open the door to many of those that completed it and some will move on to other training and certification in the film industry or a more enhanced carpentry program that could lead to Red Seal Certification. I wish you all the very best in whatever path you choose next – please do not hesitate to stop in and ask questions. We are here to support you in any way that we can.

The 2017 Hitacu Christmas Party was well attended and it was nice to see everyone enjoy themselves with some food, celebration, and some culture! Thank you to everyone who helped organize the gathering and to all of our cooks – the meal was fantastic!

We have a number of activities planned for the New Year that will provide learning and social opportunities for all ages. Here are a couple of activities to add to your calendar:

- Men's Group will start up again on January 8th at the Health Centre from 6–8pm.
- January 10 from 5–7pm ABE Open House at the Sixplex, Common Area. Everyone is welcome!
- January 18–19 (Time TBA) Life Skills Workshop with Tsi'tsel Sza'yten (New Beginning). Peter Leech and Gino Odjick will be here to facilitate a two day workshop for the youth. More details will be released at a later date.

We will look forward to more activities throughout the month of January so please stay tuned for new announcements.

Please stay safe and do not hesitate to call me, email me, or check in the “old-fashioned way” and stop in and see me.

2017 Education Department Update

Post-Secondary Applications:
6 Received 6 Approved

Occupational Skills Applications:
5 Received 5 Approved

College Preparation Applications:
1 Received 1 Approved

Technical Vocational Skills Applications:
1 Received 1 Approved

Adult Basic Education Applications:
1 Received 1 Approved

Post-Secondary Scholarship Applications:
2 Received 2 Approved

Elementary/High School Scholarship Applications:
11 Received
5 Approved 1 Incomplete

(Note to Elementary/High School Scholarship Applications – Heavily dependent on Attendance Report)

School Supply Kits Ordered for Elementary Students K–Grade 7: 60

School Agenda Books Ordered: 20

School Lunch Program:
29 Elementary 3 High School

Please note that all education funding polices will be reviewed in 2018. Expect some positive changes!



Marina Rayner
Department of Lands & Resources

Strategic planning for 2018 has been the focus for the last while around the department. The top priority is on sustainable resource management. The main focus from this priority is the forestry act, watershed protection and the foreshore plan. The forestry act will enable the government and its citizens to ensure that sustainable and environmental forestry practices, that take into consideration the nations values, are implemented on your Treaty Settlement Lands. We need to ensure that we are enacting the Zoning and Structures act and some of this was amended at the last sitting of the legislature. The foreshore plan will aid in the removal of abandoned

and derelict boats and how we deal with these in the future.

Other goals that we would like to prioritize in the department include (in no particular order):

- An annual fish distribution plan and update of the policy
- Ongoing monitoring of our treaty obligation to survey all treaty lands
- Increase in capacity to process fish to reduce costs
- Monitor ongoing restoration projects as well as consistently pursue funded opportunities to enhance any of the territory
- Increase awareness of land users about the location of the Treaty Settlement Lands to include signage and better presence on land and water by patrol

This month we welcome Daryl Keeble to the department as the Lands and Resources Officer. He is a local to the area and brings with him an extensive knowledge of resource and land use. Hopefully citizens will get to meet him at the next fish distribution.



Spencer Touchie
Department of Asset Management

Over November the assets department had an important time to look back at the strategic goals we set one year ago. There has been quite a bit of organizational changes since we first set our strategic goals, but we still aim to deliver on them.

Last November we set the goal of developing a communications plan for the department; back then we had no communications department, but we have our new public relations officer now, and since have begun communicating through this medium in monthly updates. We plan working to improve this as well as get more information out there periodically through the website such as general infrastructure information.

Other goals included developing emergency response procedures for our upgraded water system, which is still underway due to changes in the system throughout the year. We are currently working on a few massive planning projects to better proactively manage our assets as well as including an up to date and accurate Assets Registry, and Assets Management Plan; with these we will be able to answer core questions on how we manage our nations' assets including replacement planning, how much do we set aside each year to save to replace large capital assets such as the Cix^watin center, and the water tower some 20-30+ years from now.



Asya Touchie
Department of Culture & Heritage
ʔuhʔaʔhak

Grant Applications

The Culture and Heritage Department has been working on completing grant applications such as the Native Voices Endowment – Endangered Languages

Fund, The First Peoples Cultural Council – Aboriginal Youth Engaged in the Arts, and the Aboriginal Languages Initiative and with the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust for our Language Nest programming.

Language Nest

We have started up another season of the Language Nest programming with the daycare students, and have invited their families to come and learn the language with the children. We are excited to continue this project and hope that we can involve the community as much as possible. In the future we will be looking to incorporate more experiential learning with cultural programming.

The Language Nest program supports our young children to be immersed in the Nuu-chah-nulth Language. We are currently running our Language Nest two times a week for 2 hours a day. Our programming incorporates our Elders into the daycare and provides opportunities for the Elders to speak with the children in the daycare.

Language Class

The Adult Language Class is continuing to operate from the Huu^{pa}tu Building on Wednesday evenings from 5pm – 8pm. The class is always welcoming new learners to join the class and are very accommodating to beginners. It is a great atmosphere to connect with our fluent speakers and learn more about our language.

Community Signage

An ongoing project is our Community Signage Project; the department has been working hard to produce signage with the International Phonetic Alphabet to ensure that our language is seen within the community. We have created signs for Cix^watin Centre, and we are working on a Directional Map with our street names and place names.

Strategic Planning

The Yuuluʔiʔath Senior Managers, Legislature and the Administration were able to participate in a strategic planning

session over the course of two days. It was a packed schedule and we were able to come up with our priorities for the future in each of our departments.

The Department is looking forward to creating and implementing more cultural and language programming, a successful year of the Language Nest Program with the daycare students and their families, moving to the Huupatu building and creating a designated space for the Language Class, and the Elders Lounge in the new Q^wayaçik?iis Daycare to support language and cultural learning.

We are always looking for more citizens to teach our citizens language and cultural activities. If you are interested please contact by email, the Culture and Heritage Manager – Asya Touchie at asya.touchie@ufn.ca, or the Language Coordinator - Bernice Touchie at bernice.touchie@ufn.ca or call the office at 250-726-7342. We look forward to creating new partnerships and continuing the ones we have.

As we continue to move forward I look forward to providing the citizens what they have identified as needs from the Culture and Heritage Department. Please

feel free to fill out a questionnaire and return it to the government office at your convenience.



Frederic Tolmie
Department of Finance

During the last month I have participated in a number of meetings. Along with President Doiron, I attended the Maa-nulth Society Board of Directors meeting. On December 11th and 12th I attended the Ucluelet First Nation Government's annual strategic planning session with staff and elected leaders. This

session was extremely productive. This strategic planning session offered me the opportunity to collaborate with the Chair of the Finance Committee and confirm our shared objectives to ensure we are meeting all of our obligations. Amongst the outcomes, we confirmed we would build upon the improvements which were identified in last year's planning process as well as coordinate new strategic initiatives such as planning for renewal of the Fiscal Financing Agreement with Canada and British Columbia, assisting with Ucluelet First Nation Government's participation in the Federal Government's renewed fiscal policy which focusses on a renewed Federal funding relationship with Treaty Governments. We also agreed to review our fiscal relationship with our business enterprises as well as undertake necessary planning to administer Property Taxation in 2019.

On December 7, 2017 I attended a workshop to identify and implement key data indicators in preparation for the 15 year review of the Maa-nulth Treaty. And finally, we continued our search for a Finance Controller to fill the final vacancy in the finance department.

Upcoming Events

Jan 1, 2018

New Year's Day

Government offices closed (Hitacu & Port Alberni)

Yuulu?il?ath Government – Ucluelet First Nation

Questions? Contact Us

Mailing: P.O. Box 699, Ucluelet, BC, V0R 3A0

Physical: Cix^watin Centre, 700 Way Road,
Hitacu, BC, V0R 3A0

Tel: 250-726-7342

Toll-free: 1-877-726-7342

Fax: 250-726-7552

Email us your questions/concerns to info@ufn.ca



New YG Staff



Daryl Keeble
Lands and Resources Officer

Just a word or two about who I am as a person, and a little about my interests. I moved to Ucluelet when I was in grade 3 and really loved it from the very beginning. I started trapping, hunting and fishing with my grandpa which became a lifelong interest. It branched out from there to taxidermist, fur tanner, pro wildlife guide, guide outfitting, pro trapper, river snorkeler, and hunter. I then went on to teach the skills and develop more skills such as harvesting wild plants and I

learned about them from a historical and health point of view. I began to make a living harvesting various resources. Each activity lead to more understanding of the previous.

I then headed to the sea where I took up freediving and spearfishing. I began to train with world class divers and competed for Canada. I learned about what is in the sea. I believe I can offer a very realistic picture to the nation of what resources you have, including from many angles maybe not thought of previously.

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

Reminder on upcoming housing

Importantly, applications need renewing once a year. If you are unsure about your application and date please be sure to double check with Marilyn Touchie at 250-726-2587 or marylin.touchie@ufn.ca.

Is your family growing and you are now in need of a bigger space? Are you looking to downsize? Or are you looking to move back to the community? You are encouraged to apply.

Please refer to the Criteria for Housing Selection above on how candidates are selected for available housing.

Units that are soon to be available are: Four 3 bedroom units (Duplex), Two 1 bedroom (Triplex) units, and One 4 bedroom (Triplex).

Connect with us



@UclueletNation



/UclueletFirstNation



[linkedin.com/company-beta/16256302/](https://www.linkedin.com/company-beta/16256302/)



Capacity Building

Another successful training program recently took place in Hitacu. Our Wilson Jack, Clayton Jack, Jay Millar, Jeremy Valentine and Anthony Louie took part in the Basic Chainsaw Operator Training course. This course was put on by Parks Canada and NETP in cooperation with Ucluelet First Nation. BC Forest Safety delivered the course which educates participants in the safe work and handling principles necessary to safely operate a chainsaw. This was an awesome course put on by a first class trainer. Well done gentlemen in completing this course!



YG Annual Education Funding Deadlines

Post-Secondary Funding Applications: **28/29 February**

Occupational Skills and Technical Vocational Training: **Third Monday of June**

Elementary/Secondary Scholarships: **Third Monday of June**

School Supplies Subsidy Applications K-7: **Second week of August**

Attendance Allowance:

Students Grades 8–12 are eligible to apply for the Attendance Allowance funds on a term to term basis:

The Application Process for Attendance Allowance includes:

- Attendance Allowance Registration
- Statement of Agreement

Guidelines include:

- Students must not miss more than five (5) days per term
- Submitted Report Cards, Attendance Allowance Registration, and Statement of Agreement are reviewed to determine if the student meets the attendance requirements.

Post-Secondary/ Occupational Skills Training/Technical Vocational Training and College Preparation Support Applications are available on request at the Yuułu?ił?atł Government office or by email – please contact Pearl Touchie at 250-726-7342 ext 211 or by email at pearl.touchie@ufn.ca

Deadline for Post-Secondary/OST/TVT and College Prep as stated previously is February each calendar year.

Q^wayaćiik?iis Day Care



We are very excited that we will be offering childcare to children from infancy to 12 years old once the new daycare is built. That being said, in order to run a successful daycare and to fill the spaces with children, we need qualified staff.

Tyhistanis will be offering the Early Childhood Education program for men or women that are interested to come and join our team, for more information please contact Bill Morrison from North Island College at (250) 726-2697 or Evan Hauser from NETP at (250) 726-7347. This program starts in April 2018 and has a limited number of seats.

Our Language Nest is running most Tuesdays and Thursdays, thank you to Marge Touchie, Bob Mundy, Ron George, Bernice Touchie and to Asya Touchie for

being such an amazing support with our language program!

I want to thank Karen Severinson for the beautiful handmade toques, scarves and rubber boots that she donated for our children. I also want to thank Bev and

Kirk McCarthy and Nathan LaFortune for donating healthy food to the daycare. All donations are greatly appreciated!

I hope everybody had a wonderful Christmas holidays!



Ucluelet Elementary School

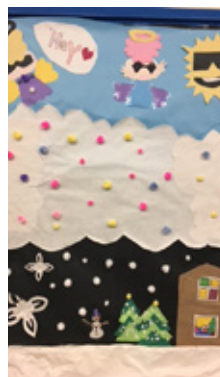
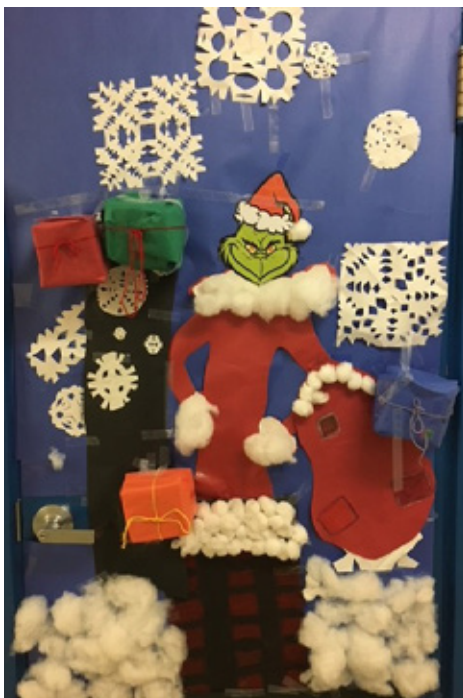


Ucluelet
Elementary
School

In December, the Grade 4/5 students challenged all UES classes to bring in food donations and the challenge was met and surpassed! Thank you to everyone who helped our students gather and donate items to the local Food Bank on the Edge Society. Staff members at the food bank were very touched and thankful for our schools' donations.

UES students were also busy getting into the Christmas spirit by decorating our classroom doors! Mrs. Wilson's class challenged classrooms to decorate their door for the holidays. Students and teachers showed their team spirit and created some delightful Christmas doors that adorn our school hallway.

Our staff looks forward to seeing students and families again in the New Year. School begins Monday, January 8th at 8:30am.



Hilstiis Hupii?uł – Port Alberni Satellite Office



**Contact Janice Webster,
Senior Administrative Assistant**

Tel 250-724-1832 ext 222
Cel 250-634-0471
janice.webster@ufn.ca

5251 Argyle Street
Port Alberni, BC V9Y 1V1

It was a very busy month prior, preparing for the dinner that was held on December 16, 2017, which I think was great overall success. There was a lot to do to prepare for the dinner. Food purchases, made crafts, which were given out, door prizes were handed out, all the baking for the dinner, the cultural part of it, and candy bags were given out. Thanks to everyone that helped out in the kitchen. I did send out cards on behalf of the satellite office.

I especially want to thank those who made the dinner and those that served everyone! You guys made it all happen, so from the bottom of my heart Tleko tleko! It was for the citizens, so I hope you all enjoyed it. Thank you to Michelle for stepping up and making things happen in the kitchen (Hychka, Gila'kasla, tleko tleko).

Moira Barney	Jim Doiron
Bonita Williams	Wendy Doiron
Karen Williams (McGregor)	Michelle Corfield
Jeff Williams	Roseanne Doiron
Lisa Vezina	Les Doiron
Alexandria George	Dawn Webster
Preston Bob	Donovan Webster
	Moses Webster

Another big chore, which came at a busy time, was the updating of the citizen list. Thank you so much to Carrie George for taking the majority of the calls and to anyone who participated in that as I was so busy leading up to the dinner with preparations. Handing out of the cheques was challenging for various reasons and because it all happened so quickly. Congratulations to all the staff for all the hard work you all do!

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

Our Port Alberni Satellite Office has been given a name by our Elders: Hilstiis Hupii?uł. Pronounced 'hilth-stees hupee-ulth', the word in our language means: Hilstiis = Head of Canal (meaning Port Alberni) and Hupii?uł = Helping Place.

YFN Holdings Update

In this final month of 2017, YFN has been focusing on resort maintenance, repairs and a nice deep cleaning of all the lodges and yurts down at Wya Point. We are excited to be kicking off our brand new website at www.wyapoint.com. We are particularly proud of our new logos and branding that was created over the past two months. There will be some impressive new logo gear to be had in early 2018. Our staff will be the sharpest

dressed men and women on the whole peninsula!

As we look forward for 2018, YFN is excited to be directly involved in the development of some significant Aboriginal Tourism projects in and around Ucluelet. We will be focusing on the rejuvenation of the Tofino / Ucluelet Junction as well as participation in the construction of the Pacific Traverse Bike

Trail and the Kwisis Aerial Trail. New and exciting employment opportunities will be created as a result of these tourism based projects. YFN is keen to see Nation members become directly involved as we embrace these tremendous opportunities.

As we close 2017, YFN is grateful for all of the support and kind words from our community throughout the year. We are looking forward to an awesome 2018!

Evan Hauser Ever wondered what he can do for you?

Evan can help you figure out what you want to do:

- Career planning
- Back to school planning
- Driver license and training support
- Trades training support

Evan can help you get to where you want to go:

- Resume and Cover Letter
- Interview Preparation
- Work Gear and Clothing Support
- Job coaching support
- Access to Additional Training

Evan Hauser is available to provide all employment related services and programs to all Yuułu?if?ath. And he loves to work with individuals wanting to go back to school but not sure what to do or how to do it.

Interested? Contact Evan by phone 250-266-1584 or by email Evan.Hauser@nuuchahnulth.org or on Facebook: NETP Evan Hauser.



The Nuuchahnulth Employment and Training Program (NETP), is one of fifteen departments within the structure of the Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council (NTC). Since October 1, 2010 NETP has been operating under the ASETS (Aboriginal Skills and Employment Strategy). As an ASETS Agreement holder, NETP provides employment related services and programs to all Aboriginal peoples living in the geographic service area covering the Vancouver Island West Coast.

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.



Urban Christmas Party Port Alberni



Hitacu Christmas Party



Ucluelet First Nation in the News

Ucluelet First Nation receives \$500,000 for new daycare centre

*Written by: Andrew Bailey, Dec. 8, 2017
9:30 a.m.*

The Ucluelet First Nation is excited to be part of the provincial government's recently announced \$33 million investment to create over 3,800 new licensed child-care spaces throughout B.C.

Ministry of Children and Family Development Katrine Conroy unveiled the Child Care Major Capital Program on Dec. 4 and the Ucluelet First Nation's government announced Thursday night that it would receive \$500,000 to build a daycare centre in Hitacu with capacity for 34 children.

The Ucluelet First Nation, also known as Yuułu?ił?ath, is a Maa-nulth Treaty Nation with a government office in Hitacu, located across the bay from Ucluelet.

The Nation's Elders Committee has decided to name the new daycare centre Qwayaciik?iis—Qwaya-tseek-ees—which means 'wolf cubs.'

"This is a positive step for Yuułu?ił families to build a new daycare centre

where our children will have a space dedicated to the nurturing and culturally-enriched programming in our community," said Ucluelet First Nation president Les Doiron adding the community's daycare services are temporarily housed in the government building.

"This new centre will be built above the Tsunami safe zone and close to our government building. It will include a dedicated space for our children to enhance their care with language programming with our fluent speaking elders."

He added the Nation is seeking other other grant opportunities and expects to break ground on the new facility in 2018.

Hitacu is one of 52 communities included in the province's Child Care Major Capital Program that's expected to create over 3,800 child-care spaces through funded 103 projects.

"I'm excited to be announcing that we are building thousands of child-care spaces throughout B.C., including more than ever before for Indigenous communities," Conroy said. "Too many B.C. families are struggling to find child care. These new spaces will offer relief and hope to parents."

The program will include 61 new centres and 42 renovation projects.

"We are speeding up the creation of new child-care spaces to address years of pent-up demand for child care," said Minister of State for Child Care Katrina Chen. "Our February budget will show our long-term commitment to building a system of accessible, affordable and quality child care for families across the province."

New funding to replace mouldy daycare in tsunami path

CBC News Posted: Dec 13, 2017

New daycare funding for the Ucluelet First Nation will be used to replace a mouldy building located in a tsunami flood zone.

The \$500,000 grant will help create 34 spaces in a new daycare centre to be named Qwayaciik?iis, which means "wolf cubs."

Les Dorion, the elected president of Ucluelet First Nation, also known as the Yuułu?ił?ath, said the community's existing daycare was moved out of the mouldy building into temporary space in

Harvesting Cards

Are you looking to harvest natural resources off our traditional territory? Whether your card has expired or you have never had one before, you can come fill out an application at the Yuułu?ił?ath Government office and submit it to Kali Touchie in the Lands and Resources Department for completion. From there Debbie Mundy will create your Harvesters Card and we will contact you when it is complete. The cost is \$25 dollars.

IMPORTANT:

Please remember Harvesters Cards expire every 5 years.

FOR MORE INFO AND APPLICATION REQUESTS:

Please contact Kali Touchie at 250-726-7342 or kali.touchie@ufn.ca

the First Nation's government office, but the location is not ideal.

"The daycare is adjacent to the reception area," he said. "It can be a little unfriendly at times. People are coming in and they're looking for their social assistance or they're looking for health care or they're looking for whatever."

Earlier this month, the B.C. government announced \$33 million in grants to create 3,800 new daycare spaces across the province, 535 of them in Indigenous communities.

The new daycare spaces will be built in a separate wing that will be added to the three-year-old government building in Hitacu, across the bay from the village of Ucluelet. The site is on high ground in the tsunami safe zone.

The new daycare will also be used for cultural and traditional language programs for the children.

"One of the biggest challenges that we're facing is we only have seven fluent speakers remaining in our tribe," Dorion said.

The First Nation is working to preserve their language through digitization, but Dorion said there is potential for retaining the language by teaching it to young children.

"They mimic and parrot and reflect on anything that you do, so we want to get the elders involved in the language program in that daycare," he said.

The new daycare spaces will more than meet the current need of the Ucluelet First Nation, but more children are likely to

come from the District of Ucluelet, where daycares are at capacity.

Meanwhile, Dorion said, there are hopes that members who are living off-reserve will begin to return as the First Nation continues to expand housing and infrastructure.

Ucluelet First Nation is one of the five Maa-Nulth Treaty nations that reached a settlement in 2006 that included nearly \$500 million.

"We just built seven more homes and hopefully that will help bring people up to speed and bring more people home," he said.

Dorion said only about 200 members live in the community, while there are about 500 urban members of the First Nation. Dorion himself returned two and a half years ago, after his election as president.

Language & Culture Corner

Word Search

k	ł	u	ł	k	u	ʔ	a	ł	t	ł	i	š	ǰ	k	č	ł	t	m	u	č	i	n	u	ʔ	i	ł
i	š	w	ł	ł	h	ǰ	a	ł	n	t	a	w	č	q	w	u	ł	a	ǰ	ł	p	h	č	w	č	i
q	w	t	i	t	u	m	k	ł	p	ł	e	e	k	o	č	ł	u	h	u	ł	č	ł	ł	h	ł	q
ł	h	c	u	k	w	a	a	w	m	u	č	i	n	k	w	ʔ	n	u	č	h	a	k	a	h	u	w
č	m	h	a	a	ʔ	ł	ɥ	u	š	q	a	ǰ	i	š	ł	a	ł	s	u	w	a	m	č	i	p	a
i	ɥ	a	ł	h	c	č	ʔ	q	a	ł	č	ł	q	q	p	ł	i	č	š	q	a	ł	u	š	a	
č	n	w	k	i	a	n	ł	š	y	a	a	c	ʔ	u	k	w	t	ł	k	h	u	n	t	h	i	s
i	č	s	i	w	i	i	š	u	u	a	h	a	a	ʔ	a	i	x	č	ł	a	k	w	q	š	ł	i
q	h	p	t	ʔ	y	ł	i	ł	i	w	w	ł	ł	č	ł	n	q	ł	u	ʔ	ł	m	n	ł	č	ʔ
a	u	t	u	ł	š	w	ł	h	ł	u	ł	č	h	š	ł	ł	w	h	ł	u	p	a	u	š	i	i
h	w	h	ł	č	i	č	i	m	h	i	m	t	e	ʔ	i	c	u	u	ł	k	i	m	č	ł	a	č

haaʔa

yaacʔuk

łupšilči

łiqʷaasiʔi

łeeeko

wik

čičiqa

nučhakał

huʔinʔumł

łułkuʔał

haʔuk

mučinuʔi

cukʷaa

čičimłimteʔicuu

łuʔapwin

hupičtał

FNHA NCN Family Caucus Updates

At the last First Nation Health Authority Nuu-chah-nulth Family Caucus, updates were provided on the recent transition from the Non-Insured Health Benefits Program to the new Pharmacare Program, the Opioid Crisis, and other updates.

Transition to the Pharmacare Program

Here are some important matters citizens should be aware of:

- Pharmacare offers a number of different plans (10 in total) and First Nations in BC can access these programs, but access is based on eligibility. *Plan W is specific to First Nations Health Benefits and provides 100% coverage of eligible prescription costs, certain medical supplies and pharmacy services, as well as certain over-the-counter drugs, devices, and some health products. Plan W is funded by the First Nations Health Authority.*¹
 - At least 90% of the medicines received prior to the October 1st change to Pharmacare can still be accessed.
 - Some changes might impact access to prescription drugs, but there are options. Your Pharmacist may:
 - switch to a new manufacturer – or – provide the same dosage of medication, but with a different strength;
 - switch to a new prescription drug;
 - Another option would be to enrol with another provincial agency or another Pharmacare plan.
- If you have a reaction to a drug (e.g., a switch from a generic drug to a brand name drug), there is a way to access a “No Substitutions” program under NIHB.
- ### Have a Problem?
- Call 1-855-550-5454. Personal information will be collected.
 - Visit: www.fnha.ca/pharmacare
- ### Opioid Crisis
- BC is the only province that has declared a public health emergency in response to the opioid crisis.
 - In 2017, over 1,000 people in BC died of an opioid overdose with the majority being in Vancouver, Victoria, and Surrey. 185 deaths due to opioid overdose occurred on Vancouver Island.
 - Naloxone training is provided free of charge by the NTC Community Health Nurse or Island Health Harm Reduction Workers. Naloxone kits are provided free of charge by the NTC CHN.
 - In order to remove the stigma on the use of illicit drugs, we must open up the conversation about substance use. There is a need to provide training to families with family members who are battling addictions.
- ### Other Updates
- The FNHA is currently exploring different models and barriers to having physicians in communities
 - The Nuu-chah-nulth Oral Health Program is moving on to Stage Two and assessments will be completed to determine the possibility of providing dental care in First Nation communities. The FNHA plans to engage with those dentists who are providing dental care to First Nation clients.
 - The FNHA will be assessing the First Responder Program to determine where improvements can be made.
 - The NTC Teekchuktl – Quuasa Program is a recognized program across Canada.
 - The FNHA created a contingency fund to support families in treatment (e.g., comfort allowances). Additional funds have also been added to support families.
 - Child and Youth Mental Health programs will be expanded and improved.
 - The FNHA will be looking to recruit help for traditional health and wellness.
 - The Vancouver Island First Nations, Island Health, and the First Nations Health Authority signed a Partnership Accord.
 - First Nations who access hospital services can request the Aboriginal Liaison Service if they don't stop in to see you first.
 - The funding that came from the Health Canada program is not enough to meet the needs of First Nations who are in urban settings or are homeless. There is a need to develop an urban strategy in order to provide the same programs and services that First Nations would otherwise be eligible for at home.

¹ Source: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/health-drug-coverage/pharmacare-for-bc-residents/who-we-cover>

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.

Funded by: The Homeless Partnering Strategy.

"Putting the hope back in home."

KUU-US 24 Hour Crisis Services

Help is only a phone call away.

Adult / Elder
250 723 4050

Child / Youth
250 723 2040

Toll Free (BC)
1 800 KUU US17

HEY... DON'T LITTER!



Spay and Neuter Program for
CATS! Free or by donation



For more
information call the
C.A.R.E Network
at 250 266 9663