



Votes already cast but the count won't happen until May 13th

Yuutu?it?ath citizens have started voting for the next government. The Advance poll held last week saw 42 people vote and electronic voting begins on Monday, May 4, 2015.

The ballots from the Advance poll will not be opened until Election Day, May 13th, when all the ballots--including ballots from Port Alberni, will be brought to Hitacu and counted.

On Election night, once the polls close at 8 p.m. ballots from Port will be brought to Hitacu for the count reported Kit Spence the

Chief Electoral Officer for the election.

Spence said he expects the counts for President and the Constitutional Amendments to go "fairly quickly since there is only one answer to the question."

"The count for Legislature will take longer - up to an hour depending on the number of ballots cast.

"The problem is that you can't just make a pile for each candidate since voters are allowed to vote for up to six candidates. So there is an iterative process where

you go through each ballot, read off the results, and put the ballots in piles depending on which candidate is marked first.

"We will get a tentative result the first run through, but we will need to confirm those results with a secondary count," he said.

"Susan Mundy, (poll clerk) and I have reviewed the process we are going to use and I am comfortable with it, but it will be a bit time consuming before we can get a confirmed result based on a primary and secondary count," he said.

We are hoping to post the official election results on the nation's Facebook page by around 11 p.m. or as soon as they have been announced by the Chief Electoral Officer.

<https://www.facebook.com/UcluelletFirstNation>

Detailed election results will be published in the in the May edition of the Umacuk, which is published at the end of the month.

The new Legislature will be sworn in before the end of the month; a date has not yet been set.



The All Candidates Night brought some lively conversation: details on pages 2,3,4, and 5.

POLLING STATION LOCATIONS

Hitacu: Community Centre

Port Alberni: Maa-nulth office

8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

Electronic Voting

For the first time voters will be able to cast their votes by the click of a mouse to vote for the President and Legislature members for the Yuutu?it?ath government.

Electronic voting will begin on Monday, May 4th and run until Sunday, May 10th. Voters can access e-voting only if they have not voted by mail or at the Advance poll.

Each voter has been provided a password and can sign onto Intelivote systems to cast their votes for President, the Legislature and Constitutional Amendments.

Presidential hopefuls answer questions at All-Candidates

The All-candidates meeting took place in Hitacu on April 28th with about 25 citizens in attendance and most of the candidates running for office. Kit Spence, Chief Electoral Officer, was the moderator for the event.

Prior to the meeting he explained the format for the proceedings and reminded citizens of the advance poll and electronic voting. He said that questions to the candidates could be political, sharp and hard but that no political attacks would be tolerated “because we have to show respect for the people who have served and those who will serve.” He encouraged citizens to formulate questions rather than give speeches themselves.

For the first hour the audience heard from the three candidates for President, Les Doiron, Charles McCarthy and Tad Williams. Each gave a short opening speech and then answered questions from the audience. Charles McCarthy talked about the importance of moving forward with economic development to create transaction taxes that will help the government sustain itself. “We don’t have another kick at the can. People have a vision that we can go back under INAC but we can’t,” he said.

Tad Williams said he’s qualified to be President because he has fresh ideas and he’s educated. He said although he’s worked away from the community he keeps coming back. “Sometimes it’s somebody else’s turn,” he said, referring to the Presidency.

Les Doiron said he believes there is a disconnect between the government and the nation. He would like to see all citizens treated equitably, whether or not they live in Hitacu. He would like to see a better program for food fish for citizens living away from home and noted that creating employment is a top priority.

“I also believe in the hereditary advisory, strongly. I am a rookie and I’m learning and I’m passionate about it,” he commented. He said although he lives in Port Alberni, his family is

from Hitacu and he spends time at Wya every weekend and has bought property in Hitacu. “We will be living there sooner rather than later,” he commented.

Gordon Taylor Sr. stated he is worried about how the Elders will afford to pay taxes when they are living on a small pension. Mr. Doiron said struggling to pay taxes is a reality for most people and he said while he didn’t know the details of the proposed tax system for Hitacu, he would research it.

Mr. Williams reminded the crowd that the 6-Plex was originally created as an Elder’s home, and he noted that currently, many Elders have no choice but to move away from home.

Mr. McCarthy said the tax rates in Hitacu will be lower than in other communities because the land can only be sold to other Yuułu?i?ath citizens. He said there could be possible subsidies for elders on a pension.

Marylin Touchie asked about the cost of the new community centre and asked how the government would go about paying for other economic development activities. Mr. Williams said he was aware that the process had begun to find a new Chief Administrative Officer for the YFN economic development sector—(YFN Management Services) and said if the right person is chosen they would be held accountable. “Legally either we can see performance or we let them go,” he said.

Mr. McCarthy noted that while the government provides investment funding to the economic development arm and has representation on its boards, there is not political influence on those boards. He spoke briefly on the restructuring of the economic development to create Limited Partnerships for each of the companies which would limit the liability to the government.

He said a five year plan is now being created for economic development. Mr. McCarthy is the government representative on the Holdings Board and the

Operating Board. Note: there is government representation on these boards; however, the Economic Development Act states that the representation cannot be the majority of the board. The majority of the board is citizens or non-government representatives.

Mr. Doiron said he was frustrated that there was “no opportunity for employment (for citizens) when this facility (community centre) was built, and that is frustrating. When you have an 8 million dollar project, I won’t buy into it that someone wasn’t trained. Our people should have had an opportunity,” he commented. He also talked about the economic development’s plans for a gas station on Hwy 4 which he called a “gold mine” and fuel dock at the marina near the old government building. Mr. Doiron sits as a member on the Holdings Board.

Jeremy Valentine asked the candidates how they would improve education for citizens, and he remarked that currently the adult basic education operates only four hours a week out of the old treaty trailer which is long past its prime, and students are working on outdated computers.

Mr. McCarthy said there is a limited amount that the nation has for education and noted that much of the funding is utilized by citizens living away from home who are attending post-secondary education. He also noted there are a variety of courses available to citizens locally. When pressed about how decisions are made regarding how government money is spent, Mr. McCarthy noted that decisions are made collectively by the Executive but not by individuals. He noted that he is the chair of the Executive which means he does not cast a vote.

Mr. Doiron said he heard that an Elders council and a Youth council have been promised to citizens and “that’s something I would look at trying to drive that” Mr. Williams said “you can’t really force people to upgrade their education.

Mr. Valentine asked the candidates if they envisioned having citizens in decision-making roles, and he noted that every manager in the current government is non YFN.

Mr. Williams responded, “it

goes along with education. It starts at a level that we are not at right now.”

Mr. Doiron said he believes citizens should be trained to take over these positions and if qualified citizens should be apprenticing for those positions. “We’ve got the people and resources and whoever’s job it is—the newspaper job or the administration job,” there should be tutoring.

Mr. McCarthy said the goal of the nation is to have citizens fill those positions, but he said, it will take time to come to fruition. He said he believes the focus should be on people who live here

because he said, it’s doubtful that citizens living away from home are lining up to take jobs here. He noted that the government is trying to train citizens and noted the current job posting for a Lands and Resource Technician which has the government paying for education and training for a citizen.

A question about the decision to build a government office building along with a community gym sparked interesting comments from citizens and candidates. Mr. Valentine wanted to know the reason behind building offices. “We wanted a gym and now the gym can’t be used for nine hours a day,” he said.

Mr. Doiron raised the ire of one citizen when he called the community centre a white elephant. “The 8 million dollars is a sore spot or a boo boo that people in the community moan and groan about,” he stated. Mr. McCarthy said the gym and a government building were identified by the community, years ago and noted that the building is used regularly for sporting activities and meetings.

Tyson Touchie asked the candidates how they would deal with a scandal and how they would guide the ship when it came to enforcing laws. Mr. Williams noted the code of conduct that members of the Legislature and government employees must follow. He said if there is a problem with employees “the band manager should be on top of that,” and noted

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Presidential Candidates give views on issues

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Mr. Doiron said as a business owner, he has had to tackle issues head on. "If there is an infraction you have to document it and there is a process that takes place," he noted.

Mr. McCarthy said if the issue was with an employee the Director of Operations would deal with the issue and if it's a member of legislature then all members of the Legislature would bring that forward to the President; without that direction you can't act independently," he said.

In summation Mr. Doiron said he believes the nation "needs to improve on our own inner feelings and feel good about ourselves." He said the nation should "take care of our elders and our youth."

Mr. Williams said he missed a lot of growing up here because he was in residential school; he envies those who learned from their father's or grandfathers.

Mr. McCarthy said, "I've always felt good about where I'm from, this is where I'm from. What is really missing, you hear some of the old people talk about standing together—the polarization of the community that hurts a lot of people and it's so counter-productive. He said "at times we are our own worst enemy," and he said that community members need to appreciate the good things that are going on here and the fact that they live in such a beautiful place. "Instead of holding each other up we pull each other down," he said.

He said the community and the nation needs to come together to move beyond the polarization to succeed as an independent nation.

There were a few questions about the structure of the Economic Development. Citizens said while they hear there is not political interference there is still government representation on the Economic Development Boards. The President (and a Legislature member) sits on the three Economic Development boards as the government's representative however, the majority of the board are non-

government representatives. The Economic Development Committee consists of: Larry Baird (chair), Chuck McCarthy, Jenny Touchie, Ross Elliott and Lands and Assets Manager Darren Mead-Miller (non voting). The Holdings Board consists of Larry Baird, Jenny Touchie, Charles McCarthy, Ross Elliott and Crystal Mastrangelo, The Operating Board consists of: Les Doiron, Jenny Touchie, Charles McCarthy and Jenny Touchie.

Vote for the President

3 Candidates

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Updated List of Missing Voters

Names of Citizens for whom we have no addresses effective May 1, 2015

George, Robyn Sparrow	McCarthy, Gary Jackson	Stanley, Lance Leon	Touchie, Tanya Natalie
George, Veronica	McCarthy, Jason Eric	Stone, Kirsten Anne	Touchie, Terri Leanna
August, Renee Christine Iris	McCarthy, Marcel Shawn	Thompson, Cynthia Rose	Valentine, Jason Orion
Banks-Charlie, Hyacinth John	McCarthy, Melanie April	Thompson, Madonna Betsy Rose	Williams, Bobby Keith
Barker, Brenna Dawn	McCarthy, Natasha Kecia Louise	Touchie, Corrina Marie	Williams, Bonnie May Judy
Barney, Frederick Leroy	McCarthy, Sheena Lynn	Touchie, Deborah Irene	Williams, Charles Ross
Bob, Preston Alexander Alvin	McCarthy, Triston Charmaine	Touchie, Edwin John Dennis James Clark	Williams, Henry Mason
Charlie, Maria Veronica	Mundy, Chelsey Katrina Devonne Rose Elaine	Touchie, Janette Michelle	Williams, James William
Cootes, Alec Simon	Noddin, Christian Mae	Touchie, Jennifer Sarah Mae	Williams, Lisa Marie
Cootes, Chanelle Aaron	Norris, Courtney Pauline Susan	Touchie, Kevin Patrick	Williams, Mark Joseph
David, Coltyn Garth Jonathan	Pennoyer, Derek Jordan	Touchie, Larissa Lee	Williams, Norman Oscar
Fromme, Jeffrey Frederick	Peter, Kyle Allen	Touchie, Lawrence Melvin Loydd	Williams, Oral Jacob
George, Alexandria Sandy Lila	Peters, Alice Margaret	Touchie, Marjorie Louise	Williams, Reggie Jackie
George, Caroline Angela	Price, Jeremy Peter	Touchie, Matthew Garrett	Williams, Scott Adam
George, Celena Ann	Price, Joseph Charles	Touchie, Michelle Elizabeth O'Toole	Williams, Timothy Jackson
George, Christopher Anthony	Rivera, Debra	Touchie, Michelle Tanya	Williams, Tyler Richard Edward
George, Damien Krystien Clark	Robert, Keith David	Touchie, Moses John	Williams, Wilfred Darrin Third
George, Jacob Edward	Robert, Richard Anthony	Touchie, Myles Desmond	Williams-Dufour, Ashton John
George, James Alexander Daniel Wilson	Samuel, Ruth	Touchie, Nicholas Andrew James	Williamson, Aziree
George, Janet Lisa Beulah	Smoke, Mark Travis II	Touchie, Richard Glenn Paul	Williamson, Gabriel
George, Preston Cecil	Stanley, Josephine Sara	Touchie, Russell	

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The Candidates: Left to Right Top Row: Lawrence Baird, Melody Charlie, Alan McCarthy, Richard Mundy and Vi Mundy.



Bottom Row, left to right: Gordon Taylor, Geraldine Touchie, Jeneva Touchie, Jordan Touchie and Maureen Touchie

YOU CAN CHOOSE UP TO 6 CANDIDATES

Legislature candidates tackle some tough questions

The All Candidates forum in Hitacu saw most of the candidates running for Legislature in attendance.

Alan McCarthy started things off saying it was his eighth year of serving the Nation. He said he has made changes in his life to make himself a better person. He's pleased that the nation funds education and said his daughter is receiving a college education because of funding through the nation.

"I enjoy what I do because it's for our kids future; it's paramount in my mind that we're not under INAC anymore and we can implement our own laws."

Vi Mundy said she wants to be part of the legislature to continue the ground-breaking that was started by the first council "who broke the ground for treaty." She looks forward to working on a team and to learn how the government structure works today compared to prior to treaty.

Lawrence Baird told the crowd he would be 70 this year and wanted to be a voice for the old folks. "I'm not shy when it comes to facing whoever I have to face and it's a different role for me but I really enjoy it." He said he would like to be a role model for young people who could benefit from his experience. "We've not consulted with the people who live away from here," he said, noting that it would be a priority for him, if elected. "My happiest memories are growing up here and I've got a contribution to make as an elder," he said.

Geraldine Touchie said being on the past legislature has been a challenge and also frustrating. "I'm seeing a divide in our community and would like to see unity. We have to encourage our kids to stay in school; it's sad to see them drop out of school and it feels like we need to support them more. Our community also needs to work with us; it's a two way street. What can we do together? Don't just point to us and say what are you going to do, what are we going to do together."

Jeneva Touchie said she knows it hasn't been an easy road for the current legislature; she told the crowd that she worked on the front line at the government office and knows the difficulty in getting a hold of citizens who move away from home. She said communication is important to everyone and should be a priority. She has heard the frustration of people who live away from home and feel neglected and she said, social media has created a bigger divide in the community. She personally benefitted when she attended post-secondary education and that in turn helped her become the manager at one of the nation's businesses—the Thornton Motel. She encourages education "not just for our youth, but adults too," and she added, "for us to succeed we need to be standing together."

Jordan Touchie has worked with a local contractor, helping to build the new social houses in Hitacu, and he's also been working as a handy-man in the community.

"During that time I've built up some good working relationships with people in our community. I help out in my spare time whether it's cutting your lawn or fixing a leak in your roof." He believes his passion lies in the area of assets management and taking care of the houses in the community.

Richard Mundy lives in the Comox Valley and said the reason he's running is because he has found there is "a lack of information shared with those of us who live away from home." He worked for the government, pre-treaty, in the communications department. "It was my job and a team would talk to every citizen on the voters list and treaty was passed because enough people voted yes. He said there is a "resounding feeling of resentment" felt by some people who live away from home who feel they were "only used for their votes." He said there is a difficult road ahead for the government and said there needs to be a commitment to people living away from home.

Gordon Taylor Jr. has owned his own business for eight years and is on three different committees for the nation including: the Environmental Protection Committee, the Operating Board for Ec Dev . He would like to see more communications about what direction the nation is going with assets, land and water. He believes a long term goal of 25 to 50 years is where people need to be looking at and planning for.

Celena Cook led the questions from the audience who asked what sort of time candidates would be able to give to the job. She also asked how many candidates, if elected to the Legislature would want to be chosen for the Executive branch of the Legislature. Most candidates said they would like to be part of the Executive and most have flexibility in their jobs or school to attend meetings.

Gordon Taylor Sr. asked if the nation was utilizing its water reserves and whether it should be sold commercially. Vi said she wondered about getting a community water system rather than paying for water from the District of Ucluelet. Gordon Taylor Jr. said the nation should "pursue countries or states to sell water distribution to other areas. Helping our economy couldn't happen in the next year but in the near future. One of my goals is to see selling the water and conserving the water," he said.

Richard Mundy, Jeneva Touchie and Jordan Touchie all expressed concerns about preserving the resource to ensure it would serve the needs of the nation in the future.

Bernice Touchie asked the candidates if they valued language and culture and were they prepared to support it financially once they are elected. She noted that currently there is no core funding for language provided by the government and that her programming exists due

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More consultation needed the candidates say

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to outside grants.

Richard Mundy suggested that the Elders advisory council could be helpful in ensuring that culture is preserved.

Gordon Taylor Jr. said he would form an education committee and would implement a plan to ensure that students can access funding for education without the red tape.

Jeneva Touchie said growing up in a house where her Grandmother (the late Barbara Touchie) “strived for and worked really hard to bring the language alive. I’m proud of the legacy she left behind,” she said.

Larry Baird said the nation should

have something to compare.”

Jordan Touchie said bylaws should be more reflective of the community and that the rules that work elsewhere do not necessarily work here. Richard Mundy said significant changes to laws should require consultation with the community.

FYI: The current process has the proposed laws reviewed by the Treaty Implementation Committee (made up of citizens) who make recommendations to the Executive, who then review the Acts and make recommendations to the Legislature, who also review and can change the Acts before they are passed. Note: the Yuulu?il?ath government has laws (Acts) and regulations but does not have bylaws, which are regulatory local laws.

to focus on houses in the community and promoting good health in the community for youth. He recalled being on a baseball team in Hitacu as a youth and said the coaches instilled leadership, pride and discipline.

Richard Mundy would like to see the nation prosperous, “generating enough from our tourism businesses to support the infrastructure and work being done in the community. I would like this building to look as good as it does today,” he said, referring to the new gym/community centre.

“I would like to be able to speak and understand our language,” and he would like to see a meaningful connection made with citizens living away from home and also extended health care benefits for citizens.

Marylin Touchie asked candidates if they would speak their mind when they got to the legislature and if they would gather more input from citizens before making decisions.

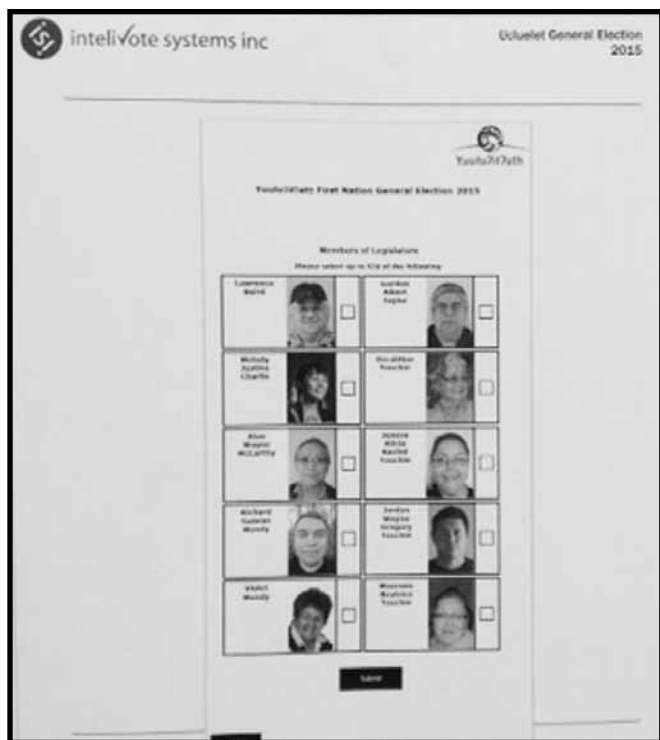
Richard Mundy said he would like to see an addition to the Acts which required consultation and communication and he said he would “certainly be as vocal as I could.”

Jeneva Touchie said it “defeats the purpose not to speak out” and said going door-to-door for certain issues wouldn’t be a hardship on the Legislature in order to consult with citizens.

Vi Mundy said she’s “curious if we can revise the process ...to make it work for all of us.” Geraldine Touchie said “I would be willing to go house to house. I feel our community should be involved; we are working for you.”

Larry Baird said “we’ve fallen down a little bit” by not consulting with citizens who live away from home. He told the crowd he understood that concerns are different for citizens depending on where one lives.

Two of the candidates for the Legislature did not attend the All Candidate’s meeting.



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negotiate with the federal government since they are the ones that “did away with our language...they owe us big time.”

Tyson Touchie said the zoning Act that is being considered by the Legislature seems ridiculous to him and he asked whether, as legislature members, the candidates would accept rules that are based on bylaws from other communities or “are you going to change that?”

Alan McCarthy said “the Implementation committee can add to it and has the ability to change that (what’s being recommended) at that table.”

Vi Mundy said “bylaws can be changed but I’m not sure about the bylaws we have now. I know we have a dog bylaw but a lot of time it’s not adhered to by the people if they don’t understand it.” Larry Baird said rather than “re-invent the wheel we bring in Acts from other places; it doesn’t mean its Tofino’s bylaw but we

Community consultation and communication were hot topics with most candidates agreeing that more consultation with the community is required.

Geraldine Touchie suggested round table discussions with community members and door-to-door visits with citizens. She wants to see more community meetings where people could speak about issues without the formality of the Hitacu Assemblies.

Vi Mundy and Richard Mundy both said family meetings with members who live away from home is required.

Candidates were asked by Chuck McCarthy, what they envision for the nation in five to 10 years.

Alan McCarthy said he looks forward to the continued growth of the culture and language. “When I first started seeing our little kids dancing, at three years old...that’s our energy and our strength,” he commented.

Vi Mundy said the nation needs to address social issues to become stronger and healthier people.

Larry Baird said he wants to see more consultation with members and an increase in the use of Nuuchahnulth language. Geraldine would like to see “all of our members in jobs.” And, she wants to work together on social issues and the high school drop-out rate.

Jeneva Touchie said she wants stronger communications and she would like to see the nation’s businesses employing more citizens.

Jordan Touchie would like

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<p>VOTE USING THE INTERNET</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Using your PIN (see box below) vote anytime from Monday, May 4 starting at 8:30am PT until Sunday, May 10 ending at 12:00am midnight PT. ▪ To vote using the internet, type the voting website in the address bar of your web browser and follow the instructions. <div style="text-align: center;"> eVoting Website: www.ufn.isivote.com </div> ▪ Please be aware that if you should be interrupted while voting electronically, you may re-access the voting system to complete your voting. 	

BALLOT INFORMATION	HELPLINE / ASSISTANCE
<p>General Election</p> <p>President (1)</p> <p>Members of Legislature (6)</p> <p>Constitutional Amendment (Yes or No)</p> <p>See reverse for lists of candidates.</p>	<p>If you require assistance please contact the Voter HelpLine:</p> <p>Phone: 1-877-726-7342</p> <p>Hours of operation (PT):</p> <p>Monday, May 4 from 8:30am to 5:00pm</p> <p>Tuesday, May 5 to Friday, May 8 from 9:00am to 5:00pm</p> <p>Saturday, May 9 from 9:00am to 12:00pm</p> <p>Sunday, May 10 from 9:00am to 12:00am midnight</p>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- You are qualified to vote as a Yuulu?if?ath citizen pursuant to the Yuulu?if?ath First Nations Government Citizenship Act YFNS 10/2011 who is at least 16 years of age as of May 13, 2015.
- For candidate biographies, please visit the Yuulu?if?ath website at www.ufn.ca.
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