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TREATY LOANS Maa-nulth First Nations pleased with loan forgiveness

The Maa-nulth First Nations in Ottawa are extremely pleased to hear the announcement from the federal government within Budget 2018 on February 28 that the treaty loans have been forgiven by Canada.

\$189 million allocated for self-governance funding is appreciated and the Maa-Nulth First Nations look forward to working with Canada on this.

President **Les Doiron** of Yuu?it?ath Government states, "The forgiveness of our BC Treaty Negotiation Loan ensures that the Maa-nulth treaty implementation can progress without the shackles of the long-term debt that inhibit our ability to progress."

President Doiron adds, "Yuu?it?ath Government has been lobbying for loan forgiveness with the highest offices of the federal government and this is a monumental step of reconciliation between Canada and the Maa-nulth First Nations.

Tiyee Hawith Anne Mack, Toquaht Nation, is thrilled that Canada has taken this important step toward reconciliation. Treaty loan forgiveness will put much needed resources in the hands of the community.

Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' Legislative Chief Peter Hanson states, "In this era of reconciliation and peace, the implementation of the Maa-nulth Final Agreement is contingent upon the forgiveness of debt attached to the Maa-nulth

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GROUNDBREAKING

Much to celebrate as New Day Care Centre starts

Ucluelet First Nation celebrated the groundbreaking for their new Day Care Centre in March.

The centre, to be built by **Coast Mountain Construction**, is to be completed by February, 2019.

This project has been in the works since 2016, when the day care left its former facility due to air quality concerns. Ucluelet First Nations' day care services operated out of the community centre while the community applied for funding from Service Canada, which approved funding for the following year.

"We've had a really good response from our citizens," said **Suzanne Williams**, Manager of Social Services. "I've interviewed a few people, including a young parent, who is very happy with the project. Many of our citizens are especially excited about the work opportunities that will come from the centre. ECE employment opportunities will come with the new daycare facility."

The building, designed by **Elins Architect Inc.**, will include structural features and a color scheme similar to those of the neighboring Community Centre. It is estimated to cost about \$1.1 million, with \$500,000 being provided through the provincial Ministry of Children and Families.

"The building will not only house a day care program, but will be a hub for after-school programming for kids in the community," says Williams. "It will also facilitate a cultural component with a language room where elders can connect with the children."

The ground-breaking was celebrated with the ?i?ayapin ?aatnaqin – Lifting up Our



YG representatives, including President Les Doiron, right, celebrate the official groundbreaking

Children event. It was hosted by **Gloria Valentine**, Community Wellness Coordinator, **Debbie Mundy**, Community Engagement Coordinator, and **Asya Touchie**, Manager of Culture and Heritage.

Attending the event were cultural leaders **Lindsay McCarthy**, **Tim Sutherland**, **Marge Touchie** and **Ron Hamilton**, who was the speaker for the day.

Hamilton spent the day telling elders, families, and staff-members of Yuu?it?ath History and family names that he has gathered over the last 50 years. At this same event, Ucluelet First Nation took the opportunity to welcome 42 new babies (aged 0-4) to their community, and held special naming ceremonies for 13 of their citizens, who received their quuquatsa names.

Asya Touchie says "These events are important to bring the community together and support our children and youth. As we continue to learn with the support of our elders and

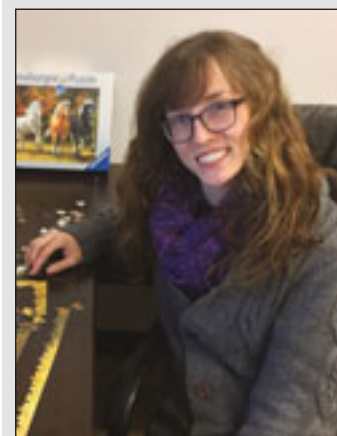
cultural leaders the more we are able to revitalize our languages and culture. These are important events that we must be able to document for future generations.

"The day would not have been the same without our cooks cooking our seafood lunch, and dinner: **Glen Touchie**, **Stella George**, **Darlene Clayton**, **Daryl Dol** and **Marylin Boucha**. We had **Leo Touchie**, **Art Williams** and **Rennie Touchie** attend the event for security."

The day also featured a special presentation from **hawit Jay Millar**. Jay spoke to each one of the Warriors and gifted them each with a drum, which each of the boys were extremely grateful for. The Warriors work hard year round with the support of **Ricardo Manmohan**, **Jay Millar**, and **Ray Haippee**, and the various other support they receive.

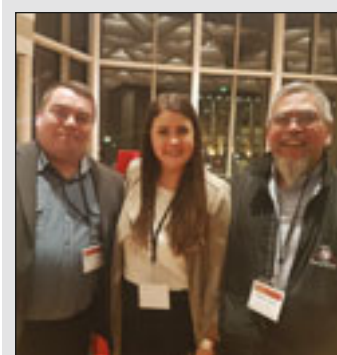
The day closed with **Lindsay McCarthy** leading the men in the dinner song and the community dinner.

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Federal Government and RCMP fail to live up to Community Tripartite Agreement

President Les Doiron is calling for immediate action by the federal government and the RCMP to ensure community safety for the citizens of the Yuulu?il?ath Government in the Hitacu community.

Doiron states: "We have serious concerns regarding the lack of presence in the community by the local RCMP detachment which has resulted in loss of lives of our citizens. This impacts the community as a whole. The local RCMP detachment does have the manpower to live up to the Community Tripartite Agreement. The agreement states that the community should have a RCMP officer in our community 90% of his time."

Doiron adds: "We are a modern treaty government with a direct relationship with the Crown and we lack the ability to provide a safe community for our citizens. We honour our word in our Agreements and the other party is treating this Agreement as if it is not worth the paper that it is written on."

The Honourable **Ralph Goodale**, Minister of Public of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness sent the Yuulu?il?ath Government a letter last January stating that the federal government will be investing \$102 million over five years, starting in 2017-2018, to ensure that existing officer levels in Community Tripartite Agreements are adequately funded and will ensure there will be an additional 110 RCMP officers, starting in 2019, to address the policing and public safety needs of Indigenous communities.

"We require additional officers now at the Ucluelet RCMP detachment, the high tourist season is fast approaching and our community requires action now," stated President Doiron. "We have a serious problem with



Young citizens watch totem carving with intrigue.

illegal transportation and selling of alcohol and drugs to our community. Lives are being lost and the community is in crisis."

The Yuulu?il?ath Government is calling on the federal government, specifically the Honourable Ralph Goodale, to discuss this issue of great importance of the community. It requires that the government-to-government relationship established in the treaty, is not a false promise to this First Nation community that is working towards true reconciliation with Canada.

The Yuulu?il?ath Government is one of five Maa-nulth Treaty First Nations that has been self-governing for seven years. The principle location of its 250 citizens living on its treaty settlement lands is in Hitacu, located across the bay from Ucluelet.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT Draft fiscal policy makes it clear: Treaty bands need more funding



By Rhonda Knockwood
Director of Operations

These past six months, I have focused my attention on the political lobbying effort with the Land Claims Agreement Coalition (LCAC) and the Collaborative Fiscal Policy for Modern Treaty and Self-governing Nations with the Ministry of Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA).

I am pleased to convey that a draft fiscal policy has been completed and is working its way through the federal government system. It is currently within the Deputy Ministers' Oversight Committee (DMOC) for review and questioning. LCAC technical representatives were requested to attend the next DMOC meeting (March 21) to answer questions, further educate the government departments of the revised policy, and to convey the needs of treaty nations to have sufficient funding to implement their treaties.

It is now clearly understood within the federal government, that the current funding model has not included the full costs for governance, but rather has been the same as an Indian Act band, which does not have the legislative responsibilities as a treaty government.

A Memorandum to Cabinet is being prepared so that the new fiscal policy will be reviewed and approved at the next federal cabinet meeting sometime in June. Work is continuing on this file to develop the annexes for the policy for governance, lands and resources, social well-being gap closing, and

culture and heritage.

YG is a leader representing the Maa-nulth Final Agreement at these tables and ensures that complexities of Maa-nulth Final Agreement are included in the revised policy. The annexes are the templates that government will begin to negotiate with indigenous governments during the federal fiscal agreements.

YG's fiscal agreement expires on March 31, 2019 and it is imperative that the new fiscal policy is adopted so that a significant increase in government funding can be negotiated. The Maa-nulth Treaty Society has begun the process of establishing its negotiating team with each Maa-nulth nation's negotiating team.

The First Nation Housing and Infrastructure dollars announced in Budget 2017 have yet to flow out to the First Nations as the announcement was in advance of policy development, but there is a carve-out for treaty nations to address gaps.

The SGIG carve-out proposal is making its way to Cabinet and is almost complete. The outstanding issue is the methodology for the carve-out, but the Senior ADM reports that he anticipates that over next two months this will be complete. There is pressure within the federal government to get that money flowing and the Senior ADM responsible has been pushing hard to get the memo through the Cabinet process.

The recent federal budget announcements that include the forgiveness and repayment of treaty loans and the announcement for additional governance funding of \$198 million for modern treaty and self-governing nations has been a direct result of YG's leadership participation to lobby the federal government of the financial deficits each indigenous government has to implement its treaty effectively.

It is now imperative to continue working at this table to develop the proposal for each nation's share of the \$198 million and negotiate the repayment of YG's treaty loans.

As the nation reviews YG's budget for 2018-2019, it is expected that a budget amendment will have to be performed in the winter to incorporate the increase of government funding for governance and housing and infrastructure. This will result in reorganizing YG administration with the financial and human capacity to implement, monitor, and enforce the many Acts and Regulations effectively. A task that YG has struggled to implement under the current fiscal policy due to the lack of governance funding from Indian Affairs.

On a final note, my two-year contract expires on May 15, and I will not be applying for the position. The past two years have been a challenging experience, which is to be expected when a significant change has incurred within the government and nation.

I have heard the same struggles in other modern treaty nations across the country as YG has been dealing with since the implementation date, so the generational impacts of colonization struggles are not isolated here.

I am confident that my unwavering dedication on your behalf at the federal tables will create exciting opportunities for YG after I am gone.

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The Nuuchah-nulth Employment and Training Program (NETP), is one of fifteen departments within the structure of the Nuuchah-nulth 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.

Clinical Counselor's goal is to help people heal

Samantha Lankester sees herself as a bit of a "filter".

"I work with people wherever they are at, at that moment. I'm kind of like a filter," says Samantha, a Clinical Counselor with the **Teechuktl Nuu-cha-nulth Tribal Council**, working out of the Hitacu health centre.

"I help them filter through all of their mixed emotions and try to help them hear the message they have within themselves that they don't necessarily hear yet."

Samantha started at Ucluelet First Nation at the beginning of the year, and is thoroughly enjoying her job.

Ucluelet First Nation language as much as she can.

Prior to arriving on the West Coast, Samantha worked for the non-profit **Plea Community Services** on the lower mainland, which provides support for children, youth and adults, as well as with **FOCUS ON**, a program where she worked with adults who came to the lower mainland from the Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

"I would help them be what they wanted to be, and support them in whatever barriers they would need to overcome," she said.



Clinical Counselor Samantha Lankester in her office

"I have been seeing people on an individual basis, meeting with them and talking about some of the issues they are going through," she says. "My job is to give people a voice and helping them through things they've suffered in their lives. . . helping people who have gone through residential school trauma and inter-generational trauma, and with addictive issues.

"Trauma sums it up. All the other things that come up are symptoms of trauma."

Samantha explains that inter-generational counseling helps people deal with parents' post-trauma issues due to residential schools, which often comes out in the form of abuse, self-harm, addiction, negative self-talk, or family conflict.

"Through residential schools, whole families have been broken," she observes. "And because of that, they have been disconnected from who they are, and the people they love, and their culture." Samantha says she has always wanted to pursue working with First Nations people "Because the learning I receive while I work with them is so valuable for my personal growth. One of my passions is learning about First Nations values. I found the teachers of the elders have always resounded with me."

Another personal goal is to learn the

Samantha earned a Bachelors degree in Social Work from the **University of British Columbia**, and also majored in music at the Fort Langley Fine Arts.

She loves helping people.

"Working with First Nations people has been a huge learning curve for me," she notes. "It's a huge change moving here from the lower mainland, and learning so much about cultural healing."

She would also like to facilitate groups for the communities she works in, to help with building healthy relationships, conflict management and both men's and women's groups.

Samantha can be contacted at samantha.Lankester@nuuchahnulth.org

SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT

Cultural safety plans in place for Tofino, West Coast Hospitals



By Suzanne Williams
Social Services Department

FNHA Health Action Funds Supports Hitacu Wellness Days

The 2018 FNHA Health Action Funds, distributed to the YG through the Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council, started March 6 and continued every Tuesday until March 27 from 9 a.m.

The first session was hosted by **Natalie Mezo**, NTC Clinical Counsellor (New), and five people took part in the session, which started with a healthy breakfast, followed by light yoga, pendant making, and information on self-care. A healthy lunch and door prizes closed the first session.

Thank you to all those who came out for the sessions.

Tofino Hospital Cultural Safety Plans

The FNHA has been working with the Tofino General Hospital on a Cultural Safety Plan that will help integrate more of an Indigenous culture to the facilities and services that they provide.

Citizens will soon be able to opt for the traditional foods menu that will become available to them (it is not known at this time what a full traditional foods

menu will look like). As well, the TGH took part in a traditional cleansing ceremony March 17, followed by a flag raising ceremony on March 20 (TBC). The flags raised feature logos of the NCN Central Region First Nations.

Other plans are underway to connect TGH patients to traditional healers and medicines – more to come over the next year.

Thank you to **Asya Touchie**, Manager of Culture and Heritage, for attending the Cultural Safety Committee meetings and working on behalf of our nation for the betterment of TGH services.

West Coast Cultural Safety Plans

A two-day workshop was held at the West Coast General Hospital in Port Alberni, BC. Elders from each First Nation (in the area) met with care providers (and community members) to hear stories about member experiences when accessing emergency care.

Health Directors learned that the "All Nations Room" project is near completion and it has taken a lot of relationship building to get to this point. Citizens should be aware that there is a room available to them at the WCGH to host family gatherings, ceremonial practices, etc.

Remember that you can request the help of the First Nations Liaison to help find what you need.

Jordan's Principle

What is Jordan's Principle?

Jordan's Principle is about ensuring First Nations receive the services they need when they need them.

Jordan's Principle:

- Applies to all First Nations children on- and off-reserve, status and non-status.
- Applies to all public services,

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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 Yuulu?il?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

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including services that are beyond the normative standard of care to ensure substantive equity.

- Involves all governments. Although a jurisdictional dispute is not necessary.
- Provides payment for needed services by the government or department that first receives the request

The First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) is responsible for administering Jordan's Principle resources in British Columbia. This approach however does not limit or relieve the federal government of its fiduciary responsibilities to First Nations in BC.

For more information, please visit the website noted below or contact Suzanne at 250-726-7342 if you have any questions.

Life Skills Workshop with Peter Leech and Gino Odjick



From left: Peter Leech, President Les Doiron and former NHL player Gino Odjick.

This one-day workshop featuring Peter Leech and former National Hockey League player **Gino Odjick** was attended by approximately eight youth and their family members and provided some good information to help our young citizens think about what is going on in our community of Hitacu.

They learned about the effects of bullying and the importance of treating everybody the way in which you want to be treated, what it takes to run a community, self-esteem, alcohol and drugs, etc.

Our youth had a great time, but so did the adults who came out for dinner, pictures, and autographs the night before.

TREATY LOANS

Treaty loan forgiveness will take millions in debt off the backs of First Nations

By **Andrea Smith**

Windspeaker.com Contributor

The five nations of the Maa-nulth Treaty on the West Coast of Vancouver Island are breathing a sigh of relief, with upwards of \$5 million in treaty negotiation loans expected to be forgiven.

Huu-ay-aht, Ka:'yu:'k't'h' / Che:k'tles7et'h', the Toquaht Nation, the Uchucklesaht Tribe, and Yuulu?il?ath (Ucluelet First Nation) ratified their treaty on April 1, 2011. The loan forgiveness is significant for the small remote communities.

Hereditary chief **Anne Mack** of the Toquaht Nation said loan forgiveness will put "much needed resources in the hands of the community."

The announcement was made in the federal 2018 budget. Government wants to increase the number of modern treaties and self-determination agreements it concludes, and soon they will be reached at a lower cost to all parties.

Since the B.C. Treaty Process began more than 20 years ago, participating First Nations have gone deep into debt to the tune of many, many millions of dollars to 'negotiate' compensation for their own unceded lands and to establish governing authority.

Outstanding loans, as of March 31, 2017, totaled \$537 million among the 65 First Nations in B.C. participating in the six stage treaty process.

First Nations, however, have always asserted that they should not be on the hook for monies required to participate in such a process, which was largely skewed in favor of federal and provincial governments which would prolong processes, deny rights, and delay negotiating certain chapters of the treaties.

The 2018 budget wording is vague and leaves some questions as to the government's commitment to the initiative.

"I don't know if the devil is in the details, and what it's actually going to bring... I don't think anybody knows now, including the federal government... but we're really excited and we think it's going to help us with our governance," said Les Doiron, president of the Yuulu?il?ath Government.

In a statement sent to the citizens of Yuulu?il?ath, Doiron said forgiveness of their BC Treaty Negotiations Loan ensures that the Maa-nulth treaty implementations can progress without the shackles of the long-term debt that inhibit(s) our ability to progress.

"We're looking forward to working with the government of Canada... It's



Our girls battle it out at the 2018 Under 17 Junior All Native Tournament

monumental for the government in real treaty implementation."

YG President Les Doiron said the Maa-nulth Nations have been lobbying for this move for years, so the announcement was welcome.

Chief Councillor for Huu-ay-aht First Nation, **Robert Dennis**, is also happy with the government's decision. Dennis was a critical player as the negotiator for Huu-ay-aht throughout the phases of the treaty process and through to the Maa-nulth ratification. This was complicated and often tension-filled work, with long days around the table and often away from the comforts of home.

It's been expensive for his nation, and the other fMaa-nulth nations, he said, and a cost they should not have been responsible for in the first place.

"We've been raising this matter for quite some time. During the negotiations it was always raised as to why should we be paying for something that is not our doing? But it's a surprise in the sense that this favorable response did come out in the budget," said Dennis.

Being on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, they are as far west from Ottawa and Parliament that one can get, so travel also added to the loan burden.

"It'll be a very positive outcome. I think it will be a way of motivating Canada and B.C. to get more serious about negotiations as opposed to dragging them on," said Dennis.

"This will motivate Canada to get more

involved in meaningful negotiations... The way it was done in the past there was no motivation for them to get a deal done. As a matter of fact, it was contrary... the thought was 'Maybe we can get the First Nations to a get a negotiation quicker because there was a cost...' which in my view was a very underhanded process to begin with," he said.

Tsawwassen First Nation was the first to achieve treaty under the BC Treaty Commission process. Then the first multi-nation treaty came about with Maa-nulth, and among the nations that followed was Tla'amin. The Nisga'a Treaty was reached in the 1990s, but outside of the BCTC process.

Reaching ratification has been elusive, however, for the majority of participating nations.

The department of Crown-Indigenous Relations says loan forgiveness is a step that's going to affect all First Nations with treaty negotiation loans.

The plan going forward is to no longer have First Nations take out loans from the government, and instead the government will make financial contributions to help First Nations get through the treaty negotiation process.

"The Government of Canada is committed to increasing the number of comprehensive modern Treaties and new self-determination agreements in a manner that reflects a recognition of rights approach," said **Valerie Hachie**, spokesperson for the department.

UFN CHAIR

Our children want reconciliation to start here, at home



Dr. Michelle Corfield

Restoration means “the restoration of friendly relations.”

This year the legislature passed a resolution to have the Assembly be themed after reconciliation for many reasons: 1. The Federal Government in respect to reconciliation is taking steps to correct over a century of wrongs. 2. The United Nations of Indigenous People is being implemented. 3. Inherent rights and the right to self-determination are being recognized. Just to list a few.

However, at home here in Yuuthuthaht, what has our government been doing to start the process of reconciliation?

For the past seven years, we have been implementing a treaty, and we have yet to reconcile with ourselves as Yuuthuthaht members first and foremost, then reconcile with external governments, or reconcile our relationship with neighbouring nations.

The Treaty came in with a bang and overnight, and with no extra resources, we

went from being an Indian Act band to a self-governing Nation. We had to develop laws and enact legislation from scratch. We did that, but at the same time we did not develop the capacity to understand what implications it would have on our relationship with each other here, externally with other nations, and with the provincial and federal governments.

The legislature has taken a lot of time to understand and begin the rebuilding of relationships with governments at all levels, our neighbouring nations, and the membership. It is a huge undertaking, to say the least.

This past assembly, our purpose was to acknowledge that we as a nation need to reconcile amongst ourselves, and to re-establish friendly relations with each other. Over the past while, our children of our nation have been asked what concerns and troubles them the most, and they called out the adults. They have stated they want the infighting they are watching to come to an end. They want to live in a community that is at peace with itself. They want to feel love and kindness and feel good about their homes.

As a nation, we in the community have to find our way. We cannot continue to have lateral violence front and centre. Intimidation, bullying and harassment has become the norm, and that must come to an end. We must get along and appreciate ourselves, as a Nation and as a family.

The legislature has passed a resolution to start the process of reconciliation, and over the coming months professional services will be engaged to help us on our reconciliation journey. We look forward to positive results that our children will be pleased with.

At March 31, 2017, outstanding negotiation loans totaled approximately \$537 million. Furthermore, the Government will engage with affected Indigenous groups on how best to address past and present negotiation loans, including forgiveness of loans.

Loan Forgiveness

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Treaty. We cannot progress adequately as a Nation with the albatross of debt.

“This is a huge step for us as a Peoples and Nation. Our Nation is one of the few Nations that are still remote, and the isolation factors ignored prior to Treaty have hindered us. This will help move us forward and in the right direction. We look forward to moving forward in this time of peace and reconciliation.”

BC has 65 First Nations in the various six-stage treaty process and the Maa-nulth First Nations (Huu-ay-aht, Ka:’yu:’k’t’h’/Che:k’tles7et’h’, Toquaht, Uchucklesaht, and Yuulu?il?ath), along with Tla’amin Nation and Tsawwassen First Nation have achieved Stage Six with the conclusion of their final agreements.

IMPORTANT KUU-US DETAILS

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

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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.

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Daycare focused on preparing

Qwayaciik?iis Daycare Supervisor **Michelle Ralston** is excited about the new Daycare facility, and is also pleased with what she sees happening with the Nation's children under her and coworker **Sandra Louie's** care.

Michelle, who started in November,

2015, recalls the journey that has seen them move from their old location to its current site, in the main government building, in a large enough boardroom to house 16 children.

"It was a temporary solution until we figured out a better location for us," she

says. "With a strong team we powered through the application for the major capital funding and with many hoops to jump through got approved."

Michelle met with the architects many times to meet the needs of Ucluelet First Nation and to design four large rooms for

different ages. The new daycare will house up to 52 children.

"We have had many babies born and there are many children up to the age of 12 in the community," she notes. "It would be great to see more families move back, and be able to provide quality childcare



It's all about our children, shown here making tasty apple crisps.



Day care is focused on teaching our children about things that are important in life.

children for bright future

to them while they work or go to school. "This will also open up doors to neighboring communities that are in search of childcare. With a lot of hope that we can fill the jobs there will always be families in need of childcare."

Michelle notes that language and

culture is a large focus in their daycare now with having a Language Nest.

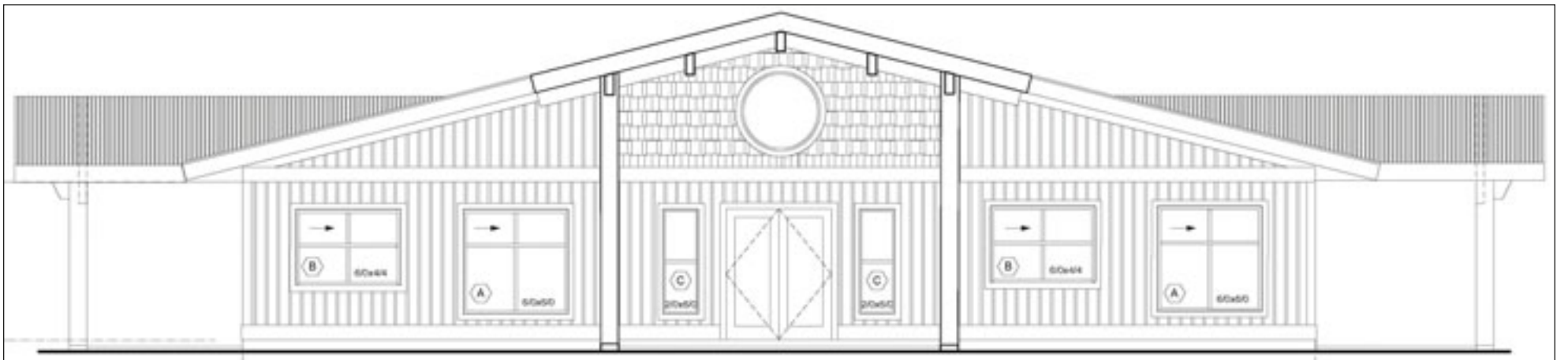
"Typically our day consists of free play time, socialization between children, art, outside time or exercise in the gym. We read books and have circle time," she says. "The children love the puppets and the

program to help with their speech called 'Moe the Mouse.'"

Michelle says staff tries to incorporate as much language on a daily basis in everything they do from manners, asking for water or food, washing their hands, going for a walk, numbers, colours, plants, foods

and animals.

"When we can go on field trips, some of our favorite places to go are the Ucluelet Aquarium, the Wild Pacific Trail, Big Beach and Little Beach," she says. "Everything is looking up for us here in Hitacu and I look forward to a great future!"



Architectural design of what the building will look like when completed. There was much to celebrate with the Day Care ground breaking and accompanying festivities, as the photos on both pages show.



Chief Financial Officer provides 2018-19 budget overview



By Fred Tolmie
Chief Financial Officer

Administration

This year's budget for administration has increased by \$555,022 overall. A majority of this increase is accounted for through an increase in salary costs. These cost increases have materialized through a full year implementation of the Government's Living Wage Policy which resulted in an increase in the minimum wage. The increase has also resulted from plans to fill a number of vacant positions leftover from the previous year. These increases account for roughly \$100,000 of the increase.

The Government also seeks to hire a number of important positions to assist in the administrative leadership of the government. These positions include In-House Legal Counsel, Human Resources Manager, Information Technology Manager and an Inter-Governmental Relations Manager. These positions have been vacant within Ucluelet First Nation and are considered core-administrative positions for a self-governing First Nation. These new positions account for \$317,000 of the overall increase.

Finally, the members of the **Maa Nulth Treaty Society** have considered altering the funding amounts for Maa Nulth Treaty Society to provide it with greater capacity to pursue a broader range of treaty implementation matters on behalf of the Maa Nulth Member First Nations. This increase accounts for \$105,000 of the overall Administration budget increase.

Assets

The Assets budget has increased by \$206,091. The largest portion of this increase relates to an increase in financial support for the YFN Group of Companies. The company continues to research and implement improvements to its business model but has not yet achieved full self-sufficiency. The company is presently in the process of developing a comprehensive business plan that would see it achieve self-sufficiency in the 2019-2020 fiscal year. The increase in support to the **YFN Group of Companies** accounts for \$117,000 of the Assets budget increase.

The other reason for the increase is that the cost of the custodial staff for the Government building was not budgeted in last year's budget. This creates a perception of an increase in the current year budget when in fact the previous year's budget was underestimated. This difference accounts for about \$46,500 of the Assets budget change.

Finally, consulting budgeted costs have increased by \$35,000 to complete a Community Emissions and Energy Plan. This plan has been included on both this year's strategic plan set as well as last years. In January 2018 YFN contracted SRM Projects to set up an application for \$30,000 in funding to subsidize this. The total projected cost is for the \$57,000 so actuals will be closer to \$27,000 if we get the funding from First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund in July. This project will be a major undertaking including HOT2000 audits on 24 houses/community buildings, and multiple community

engagement meetings. The outcome will be that we will become eligible for funding in renewable energy sources for both our businesses as well as our housing units.

Community Services

The Community Services Budget has increased by \$108,556 this year. For the most part, resources to provide services directly to the public have remained steady from the previous year. Examples of this are service agreements in Health and Public Education for Primary and Secondary School education. Direct financial support for patient travel and income assistance have remained steady as well. While support for Post Secondary students and Adult in home care patients have both increased by \$25,000 and \$30,000 respectively. Funding for youth has increased through increases to the Warrior Program as well as funding for Occupational Skills and training.

The daycare budget has increased by about \$110,000. The increase is due to a planned capital purchase of a small passenger bus that has a planned use for transporting children when necessary for daycare activities and will also double in service to assist Elders in travel for related activities. The budget for the bus has been set at \$50,000. The rest of the increase is due to hiring additional daycare assistants.

Language and Culture

This year we have separated Language and Culture into its own department. Language, Culture and Art are presently budgeted under Languages. This budget may be modified depending on the requirements of any funding agencies that we may approach in the fiscal year for additional Language, Culture and Arts revitalization funding. The Language, Culture and Arts budget has increased by \$338,012. As a separate department more capacity is available to initiate a number of new initiatives. For Languages, a Language Camp, Language

Class, Language Nest as well as other Language Resources will be sought. The total cost for Language programming is \$113,576.

Arts and Culture also has a number of new initiatives. Arts and Culture funding has increased by \$158,000. Included in this increase are Arts initiatives planned for both Hitacu and Port Alberni in the amount of \$17,000. This will cover the costs of 4 sessions in each location for weaving, carving, beading and graphic arts.

Cultural programs included in this budget will be Culture programming titled Coming of Age, Children in Care, Honour our Babies, Repatriation, Cultural Foods, Tribal Journeys, Healing and Traditional Foods. These new programs are estimated to cost \$153,470.

Land and Resources

The Lands and Resources budget has maintained its level from last year. Although on paper, the budget shows a decrease of \$80,000, \$70,000 relates to a planned contribution to Maa Nulth Treaty Society of which never materialized. There were a number of budgeted initiatives that weren't completed and therefore the budgeted amounts for these activities have been carried forward. This includes Place Name Web Maps, Zoning and Structures Act implementation, Treaty Lands Signage, Archeological and Cultural site protection, Archive data storage and training in GIS and Environmental protection.

Implementation Funding

As explained in the foregoing, in total, the 2018-2019 budget has increased by \$1,101,197. This has necessitated an increase in funding from the implementation fund by \$1,056,000 and thus no external financing is being sought. It is important to point out that in 2017, YFN Government was able to allocate a one-time appropriation of "Probyn Revenues" in the amount of \$550,000 against last years budget. Had this one time appropriation not been applied and instead covered with Implementation funding, the increase in funding from the Implementation Fund this year would only be an additional \$506,000.

Another factor that is affecting YFN Government's financial capacity has been the severe under-funding in the Fiscal Financing Agreement. YFN is participating in Canada's Collaborative Fiscal Policy initiative which aims to assist Canada in renewing its' Fiscal Policy in the funding of Treaty Governments. Our experience in participating in this process, along with many Treaty Governments across Canada, has highlighted a shared deficiency in core funding resources in areas such as Administration (which also is experiencing the greatest budget pressures). YFN's Fiscal Financing Agreement is due for renewal on April 1, 2020, with negotiations planned to commence in October 2018. It is YFN's intention to redress these shortfalls.

Capital Projects

As was announced earlier in the year, YFN received funding to construct a new daycare facility. The total capital cost of construction is \$1,026,000 of which YFN will contribute \$436,000 and the Provincial and Federal Government will contribute \$590,000. YFN will continue to source additional available funding to reduce YFN's contribution. The source of YFN's contribution will come from planned expenditures in other capital projects which have been deferred or postponed.

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).

Culture and Heritage focusing on our language



By **Asya Touchie**
Culture and Heritage Manager

In February we hosted an Urban Community Engagement Session at Hilstiis Hupii?u? – Yuulu?il?ath Satellite Office where we met with some of our citizens living in Port Alberni. We look forward to setting up Language and Cultural programming through this office with the help of our Sr. Administrative Assistant.

We have begun weekly language learning opportunities in the office for the staff to increase the amount of Nuuchahnulth used in the Government. This will allow our staff to begin to use the language in daily situations and encourage others to learn as well. We look forward to helping staff learn the language and providing engaging opportunities to do so.

Some of our Language Team participated in the Strengthening and Revitalizing our Indigenous Language and Culture Program, which was a project, held by the Indigenous Leadership Development Institute, Inc. This program allowed our team to meet with the Okanagan Indian Band in Vernon, BC to see their culture and language programs and to discuss their initiatives in strengthening and revitalizing their culture and language.

OKIB hosted us in their traditional Winter House, and allowed us to learn from them and their elders while we were there. They were great hosts. In return the OKIB group visited Hitacu, where they spent time participating in our language programming and were able to spend a morning out on the water touring the harbour, and taking a paddle in a canoe across the harbour.

On March 6-7, 2018 some of our Language Team participated in the National Gathering of the Strengthening and Revitalizing our Indigenous Languages and Culture to participate in discussions around strengthening and revitalizing language and culture.

We spent time listening in keynote presentations from **Richard Tauche Jefferies**, who discussed the successes in New Zealand with the Maori communities, **Teena Calf Robe** who explained the work she has



Community members gathered to celebrate one of the newest members of our family.

been doing as a Curriculum Developer in TssuT'ina, AB, **Perter Jacobs**, a Linguistics Professor, **Brian Maracle**, who shared his experiences in revitalization of the Dakota Language with their Adult Classes, **Tessa Erickson** who was an Youth Representative from Nak'azdli Whut'en Band and she presented on their app creation project that she is leading with youth and elders.

We were very fortunate to be able to participate in this project and we have been able to take new ideas to add to our foundation to strengthen our community.

These tools will all us to promote, protect and revitalize our culture and language and support our citizens to continue to reclaim our identity as Yuulu?il?ath.

Ongoing Projects

Over these past few months our department has been focusing on the revitalization of our language and cultures. We have continued to apply for grants that will support us in our efforts to revitalize the language and culture.

We are continuing with our Language

Nest programming with the daycare children. We are hosting luncheons for the family on Tuesday and Thursday's during the programming for parents to come in and learn with the child.

The Adult Language Class continues to meet on Wednesday nights from 5 pm – 8 pm. We have a designated space in the Huup'atu Building for the language class and we are working on creating more resources to learn the language, including digital resources for those who are unable to access our classes.

Patient Travel

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

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



They're Public Servants - Not Public Slaves

A friendly new waitress at Peoples Restaurant came to the table and asked customers what they wanted for lunch.

As four hungry people listed off what they wanted, the waitress scribbled away, writing down their orders. They didn't notice the words above her name tag: "In Training".

Minutes later, she returned, but, unfortunately, a couple items came out different than requested. A sandwich was toasted instead of plain, and one entrée was accompanied by a salad instead of fries. "I'm very sorry about that," the waitress apologized. "My mistake. It's my first day on the job."

That wasn't enough, though. The irate customers stood up and began berating the woman and humiliated her. "I don't care if it's your first day on the job. . . how could you be so stupid? Are you trying to ruin our day?"

Sound familiar?

Probably not, because this scenario would NEVER happen in real life.

So why is it different in public service?

Somewhere along the way, we've cast aside basic respect towards those that work in government, forgetting that these people are public servants, not public door mats. They're not personal slaves, to be subjected to public floggings and humiliation.

If we believe that public servants "work for us", and that we are technically "their bosses", then why do people insist on treating "their employees" like dirt? We would never stand for that in the private sector, so why do we think it's even close to being acceptable in the public sector? We should be ashamed of ourselves.

Those choosing public service as their vocation, and the people elected to positions by voters have made a commitment to look after others. We should be grateful, shouldn't we?

Sadly, some people believe politicians should accept that their job description includes taking "flack" from people. Why? When did that start?

Elected official positions are paid like part-timers, but morph into full-time duties as they try to look after all their fellow citizens' concerns and wants. They are almost volunteers, really. In fact, one councilor in a small Vancouver Island town calculated that he made 40 cents per hour for his work at city hall.

We have no idea how many good, capable people will not run for public office or work in the public sector simply because they don't want to put up with the abuse and ridicule that has wrongly become acceptable, and far too frequent.

It is time that all of us take a step back and examine ourselves for our treatment of public servants. Are they perfect? No. Are you?

Nobody deserves to be treated with disrespect and ridicule when they work for others.

It's high time that we got back to the "golden rule", where we treat others the way we want to be treated – especially public servants.



YG's Richard Mundy, left, and Gordon Taylor, right, flank Regional Chief Klauane Adamek in Ottawa. Klauane is a member of Klauane First Nation, a modern treaty nation under the Yukon Self-Government Agreement.

YG represented at Ottawa leadership meeting

Executive Members **Richard Mundy**, **Gordon Taylor**, President **Les Doiron** and Director of Operations **Rhonda Knockwood** represented YG recently at the annual leadership meeting for the Land Claims Agreement Coalition (landclaimscoalition.ca) in Ottawa.

The Maa-nulth nations are members of this coalition and works with our other modern treaty nations

to implement its treaties and final agreements in the spirit and intent they were negotiated.

The annual leadership meeting was to review the annual workplan of rising issues, budget, and nominate a First Nation co-chair. This year we had Minister **Carolyn Bennett** attend and address the leadership of the priorities of the new department and to hear from the modern treaty governments their concerns and issues.

This is the organization that lobbied hard to meet with the Prime Minister last November, and Director of Operations Rhonda Knockwood was on the planning committee. The organization will continue to ensure that it meets annually.

This year there was representation from Kuyoqaht, Uchucklesaht, Toquaht and Yuulu?il?ath attend this important annual meeting.

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.



President's Report

Treaty process a learning process, but we are making progress



By Les Doiron, President

Almost three years ago, in May, 2015, I became your elected leader.

I openly admit that I had a wide range of teachings and laws that I had to grasp very quickly. For example:

What was INAC? What is Treaty?

What have we done to implement our treaty?

Where does our funding for implementation come from?

When does our Nation lose our status tax exemptions?

What had our previous government, Chief and Council done to engage with municipal, provincial, and federal governments to help us move forward in regards to Self determination, mutual aid, fire, policing, ambulance, education, SPCA, just to start?

The biggest change was that YG transferred from a band office to a government, yet with the same budget and band office staff!!

YG was not organized like a government.

It became quickly apparent that YG needed policy analysts, an inter-governmental affairs negotiator, and in-house legal council - just like all other governments.

These were some of the evaluations and conclusions that were realized after months of research by both the Director of Operations and myself.

What became crystal clear is that this Treaty requires our citizens to become educated and trained, and hopefully experienced from their other work and background.

We now know that it is imperative that YG recruits externally in order to obtain these necessary skills. Without question, it requires someone with the high level connections to influence federal and provincial governments to work with YG to implement our Treaty.

So, just because we have an effective date for the Treaty in 2023, does not mean the negotiations are complete!

This will be a forever process!

As I stated numerous times, changing from an Indian Act Band to

fully implementing a Treaty is not an easy process. It is evident that we are not alone in this struggle, as many First Nations are facing the same challenges.

Yet there are many opportunities for our Nation! Our new collaborative fiscal policy will change how our nation is funded and will allow us to implement real self-governance.

We have been negotiating YG's tax and revenue sharing agreements with B.C. and Canada with all the political lobbying done over the last two years. We finally had great news on February 27, 2018 coming out of the federal budget, which includes forgiveness and repayment of our Treaty loans. This was very exciting and much appreciated news.

When I started my journey at home here in Hitacu, I quickly came to realize that there are a lot of moving parts to our Treaty.

As I stated in our last assembly, there have been numerous struggles and nothing has been perfect, and this goes back many years. That includes the first term of self governance, as well as the leadership of previous Chiefs and Councils.

I have, with all of you, witnessed past legislatures, executives, citizens, and Chiefs, struggle with the understanding of our constitution, our Treaty and its content. . .

When asked by an elder and past leaders of our community at our last assembly where I get my thoughts, my response was from my late mother, grandfather, my ancestors, and from you.

With that, my late Mother would want me to say what I am going to tell you next, and I want to make this clear: This is not to blame or belittle anyone!

I feel the need to address the concerns of our recent past.

It seems that nobody wants to talk about the fiscal responsibility that our government has been burdened with in regards to our Thornton Motel and Way Resort, and how we as a Nation continue to suffer from debt that the government must pay and secure

loans for, which is about \$500,000 per year. These monies come from our implementation fund. This debt burden was brought on by the previous administration, as well as the \$8 million for this building, which is paid for by our Settlement Trust.

My point is that we collectively need to work together to work through this. We require better communication. We require a better sense of community, urban communication and engagement. We need to work together towards building a healthy community. We need our hereditary system in place.

We need to learn from the past - not live in the past

The historical impacts that colonialism, the Indian Act and residential schools had are still affecting our people to this day!

The pain and hurt our tribe, along with most others will take generations to overcome

We need to use our culture and teachings to right the wrongs.

It is my belief that our leadership, Hawi, hereditary chiefs, and citizens want unity, community healthiness, reconciliation, and open, better transparent communication **apart from social media.**

My Introduction to Lateral Violence

It is with much pain that I convey to our Nation that our current Director of Operations, Rhonda Knockwood, will not apply or renew her contract with our government.

Her decision was for two reasons, one of which is political. Her contract was for two-years, and when the uproar that followed raised its head, it ensured that she would not seek to extend past two years.

The second reason is personal. As you may know, our Director of Operations has made significant sacrifices and has been the target of lateral violence, threats and bullying.

On July 17th of 2017, the Citizens For Change threatened and made career-damaging accusations against the

Director of Operations, as well as myself.

With accusations of corruption and threats to remove both her and I from the community, the social media attacks have been merciless and relentless. I have been bashed in public by more than one of the Citizens For Change members, as well as at a recent Mamook board meeting.

As a community, we should be ashamed of this behaviour, and that it continues, and for not standing up against it publicly. The deafening silence is condoning that behaviour, which historically is not tolerated in our communities.

Our Director of Operations still has hope that the real Treaty implementation can be effective and the benefits to the Nation do become real. She also wants to be clear that although there have been mistakes made in the past, it has been a learning experience, and this current government has not laid blame.

Resolving Lateral Violence

Lateral violence is the expression of rage and anger, fear and terror. We need to find ways to deal with it. End it. Eradicate it from our lives and communities.

Governments are not likely to fix the issue on their own! Instead, the solution must come from within aboriginal communities, from aboriginal people who take control and address the issue themselves.

Self-determination can stifle the toxicity of victimhood and powerlessness. By doing so, this enables communities to make their own decisions with respect to resolving disputes, defining acceptable behaviour, and taking responsibility for the well-being of the community.

Naming lateral violence is the first step towards exerting control over it, and an action of prevention that it gives aboriginal communities: The language to name lateral violent behaviours, the spaces to discuss its impact, and the tools to start developing solutions

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From The President

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In order to tackle lateral violence, you need to first “out it”. Name it for what it is!

Lateral violence is a destroyer of indigenous culture and life.

We need to publicly admit it is happening, and then take the steps and measures to deal with it.

We need traditional ways of resolving disputes, such as learning and healing circles.

Addressing lateral violence successfully will require courage, good will, and determination.

Moving Forward

We have made steps to ensure that reporting on the progress of our Legislature will be provided by portfolio holders.

They are accountable, and have been elected and paid to work on behalf of the **entire** Nation.

This government will:
Develop a capacity building strategy.

Provide stronger education focus and programs and training for all of our citizens.

Establish an H.R. department & team building strategy (i.e. staff, team meetings).

Create meaningful engagement with all members in Hitacu and urban areas.

Provide performance evaluations.

Provide roles & Responsibilities courses.

Our tribe, going from an Indian Act Band to an Indigenous Government (Modern Day Treaty Nation) is realizing this is not an easy process.

The transition to self-determination will be challenging, which Nations throughout Canada know.

My colleagues across the country, Maanulth, Niisgaa, Yukon and other tribes, are all having the same struggles.

Our administration staff is overloaded with work.

We have enacted laws over the past seven years that we can’t enforce due to the lack of funding, which leads us right back

to the capacity issue.

Developing capacity and managing poverty at the same time is extremely challenging. We require almost four times the funding in order to operate as a

government.

The work is well underway. There is much to do, and all of us need to pull together to get it done.

And we will get it done, together, as a family.

On A Side Note:

Our urban Christmas party held in Port Alberni showed me and others the difference in our people. There is a much happier group

away from home. The Nation hosted over 200 people, who enjoyed sharing culture, weaving, song, and being with relatives.

They shared a meal the way our people

always did: With smiles, kindness, and lots of laughter.

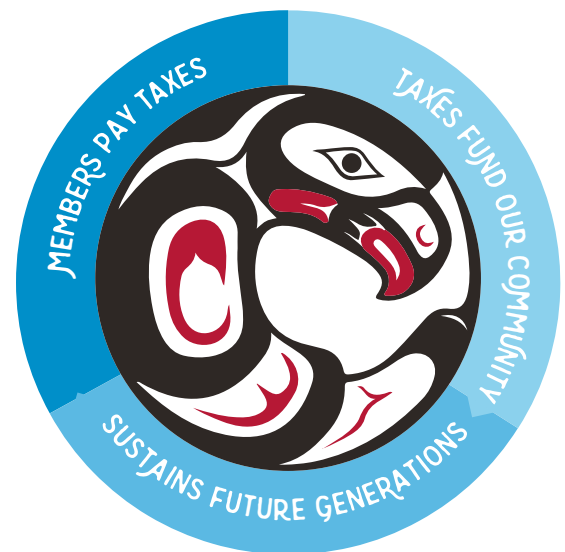
There are not my words. These came from numerous citizens who shared their thoughts with me.

With our Final Agreement, we, the Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ 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 Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ 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 Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ – 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 Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Treaty Settlement Lands will pay property taxes.

“Citizens” means those on the enrolment register of the Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ – Ucluelet First Nation.

JANUARY 1, 2024



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

Citizens will pay income tax on money earned on Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Treaty Settlement Lands, notwithstanding where they reside. “Citizens” means those on and not on the enrolment register of the Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ – 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 Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ 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 Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government.

We invite you to learn more at:

UFN.CA/TAXES