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Language progress good news for citizens

Restoring our language is a very important part of bringing healing and pride to our people.

Master Carver **Tim Paul** spoke to our Assembly in June about the **Nuu-chah-nulth Language Pilot Project** that has been undertaken by the **Ucluelet First Nation**.

The program has resulted in many of our citizens learning the language, and signs of progress are literally everywhere. Including street signs throughout our territory, which now include our own language.

The Yuulu?it?ath government began working with the First Nations Education Foundation in 2016 to develop digital learning tools to preserve and revitalize the local Barkley dialect.

We are pleased to announce that, after some successful fundraising, the team is ready to begin recording Elders. Over the upcoming months, linguists will be coming to Hitacu to digitize existing language resources and support **Dr. Bernie Touchie's** language curriculum work, at no cost to the community.

Once completed, Yuulu?it?ath people will have access to a truly living dictionary of Nuuchah-nulth words and stories on an interactive digital platform.

The community will retain full control and ownership of this language technology.

"When we use our language, it is not just another way of saying something," says Paul. "The principals of our culture are embedded in the language and many words simply cannot be translated. It is only by understanding our language can we unlock the most important values, principles and concepts of who we are."

Paul was born into the house

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Ucluelet citizens building traditional cedar canoe



Joe Martin, left, oversees the construction of the new cedar canoe. Raymond Haipee, left, uses the adze, and Jack Touchie, centre works a planer.

Next to the government building, a massive cedar log is being transformed into a canoe that team leader Joe Martin hopes everyone will enjoy.

Joe, who is from the Tla-o-qui-aht tribe, has built close to 70 canoes over the years. He is leading a team of seven people, including his nephew Donald Williams, to build a traditional canoe for Ucluelet First Nation citizens.

"I learned how to do it with my father," Joe says. "He'd say 'Get ready, we're doing'. When you're young, you had no choice, and at the time I really didn't like it, but I learned from my Dad and Grandfather."

"I'm kind of teaching here," he says. "It's our responsibility to teach others, to our forests, and carving a canoe is actually a service to our culture."

For John Tutube, it's his first time working on a canoe, and he is enjoying it immensely. "I'm

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having a blast," he says.

Martin says that in times past, to build a 22 foot canoe, it would take three people working 12

hours a day, five days a week, for a total of 520 hours.

This canoe will take longer to build, as the original cedar log was five feet in diameter and its finished length will be 34 feet. It is expected to be completed some time this fall. A number of different tools are utilized in the project, including chain saws, adzes, planes, chisels and hammers.

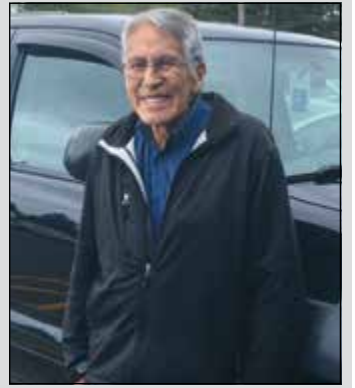
As it currently sits, the canoe is 38 inches wide, but after steaming it will spread to 48-50 inches. Martin explains that the steaming process involves heating up water underneath the canoe with rocks to the point that it steams, with the hot water allowing the wood to be stretched or widened. Any cracks in the wood are filled with epoxy.

The tree that is being used for the canoe came from Nahmint Lake.

Joe explains how the tree was chosen.

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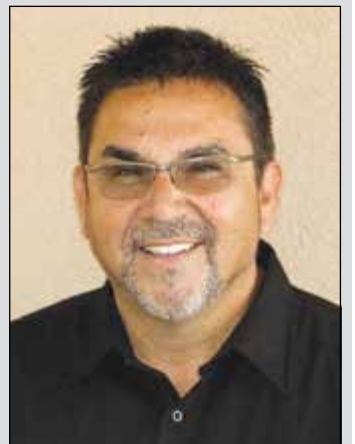
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Suzanne Williams

Director of Operations Report

It has been an exciting and learning-filled journey since I became the Director of Operations in May, taking over from Rhonda Knockwood. We have made plenty of progress, and we have lots to be proud about.

When this term started four years ago, one of the goals was to have the senior administrative management positions in our government filled by Yuulu?il?at citizens. That has been accomplished, as joining me in these positions are Spencer Touchie is now the Manager of Assets Management, Asya Touchie is Manager

of Culture & Heritage as well as Social Services, and Alex Touchie is Manager of Lands & Resources.

- The creation of the Culture & Heritage department is a source of great pride, since this was set up to get us back to our roots to teach our culture and language to our people. We believe this will become a great source of healing for our citizens. It is wonderful to have Asya Touchie take on this important position to lead us into the future.

- The establishment of our Urban Satellite Office in Port Alberni has also been very positive. Janice Webster is our Senior Administrative Assistant at the office,



recreation area has been started, and although there is still lots of work to do there, it is a place where our younger people can play and enjoy themselves. The Warriors program is a tremendous opportunity to share our traditional skills and enjoy the outdoors.

All of these are healing, and we want to encourage even more interest in sports and culture.

- The Community Consultative Group has been formed to work with the local RCMP to address some of the problems that took place recently, and we look forward to this becoming a place where constructive solutions are produced, and, of course, put in place. We are all very concerned about the Opioid Crisis that is affecting people everywhere, including

and she is visited regularly by our urban citizens and helps with their requests and needs.

- The introduction of the Living Wage Policy has been very positive and helped with improving morale for government employees. A living wage is different from minimum wage in that it takes into account the amount a family needs to cover basic expenses. These are the barebones costs with no extras, but it is calculated as a total compensation, including wage and benefits. Where the minimum wage focuses on the needs of a lone individual, the living wage focuses on the needs of families and includes medical and health needs, food security, transportation, and skills development.

Our Treaty has given us the ability to make decisions based on our values and goals, and implement those decisions in accordance with our own laws. The living wage policy shows how the Maa-nulth Treaty gives us the ability to chart our own future for the betterment of our citizens.

- Even though all of these developments are good and encouraging, my main focus remains on managing the overall operations and encouraging an environment of respect for one another not just as we work, but in the community. We are all family, and it is through close, healthy relationships that we will all grow and be truly well.

Social Services

- One of the most important things for me is to see our citizens become more engaged with each other and enjoy positive relationships. We now have regular Elder gatherings and the basketball court/

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here at home.

- We are delighted to have George Tate participating in a Red Seal carpentry training program, and he’s been working on our new Daycare building that is currently under construction. We truly hope that he not only enjoys learning these fine new skills, but that he will be able to provide carpentry services for our buildings and homes in the future, possibly with his own business!

- We are investing significantly in the well being of our children, as we have not only the new Daycare building (we received \$590,000 grant for that, and YG will be contributing the rest of the \$1.2M project), which will include training some of our citizens so that they can work in the Daycare, hopefully for years to come.

- Last October we held our annual Halloween Party and we’ve since purchased more decorations and we hope that this year’s event will be even more fun for everyone. One of our goals is to create more of these family-friendly events that bring parents and children together and enjoy each others’ company.

NTC DAC Health Ability Fair 2018

“Isaakmiss” – Respecting, loving and caring for oneself

October 3 & 4, 2018 @ Alberni Athletic Hall



The NTC Disability Access Awareness Committee extends an invitation to all Nuu-chah-nulth to join us at the 2018 Health Ability Fair on October 3 & 4, 2018 at the Alberni Athletic Hall. Daily program starts at 9 am each day.

We have been working in collaboration with the Teechukt! and Qu’aasa team and have developed an interesting agenda with 2 days of informative presentations, fun and laughter!

Personal Care Services will be available at no charge, along with Crafting, and personal health and wellness information resource tables.

We will provide lunch both days, along with a dinner on October 3, 2018, followed with entertainment with Gerry Barrett “Big Bear” Elvis!

All activities and services are at no charge to the participants. Door prizes throughout both days! We hope to see you there!

On behalf of DAC Committee:

Helen Dick, DAC Chairperson and Florence Wylie, DAC Coordinator

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

Daycare building construction underway



The foundation has been laid for the new Daycare building

The new Daycare building project next to the government building is now officially underway, and the foundation has been poured.

Before a project of this size is able to

show noticeable signs of progress, a lot of work has to be done, including work on underground connections to water, power and sewer, even before the foundation is poured.



Spencer Touchie beside heavy duty machinery at the Daycare building site.



Richard Mundy Sr.

Elder Richard Mundy Sr. has strong message for youth

Richard Mundy Sr. is 81 years old. He grew up in the United States and came back to Vancouver Island when he was 16 years old. This is when he started to work as a logger, Richard spent a lot of time in and out of logging camps during this time; later in his life he became a bus driver.

Richard has six children. Richard regrets not being able to teach his children how to speak nuučaanuł language, but he always wanted his children to grow up to be strong leaders. He worried that not knowing English would hinder them in their ability to

be leaders.

Richard was taught from a young age that he can prove to himself and others that he could do jobs that some may have thought that he could not. This is a message that he would like to pass on to others to help them in their lives that they are able to do any jobs or tasks that they want to do, and they just need to prove to themselves that they can do it.

Richard is very proud of his tribe and is excited for the next generation to rise up and become the next leaders.

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 data 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).

Asset Management



By Spencer Touchie,
Assets Manager

• The Assets Management Department continues to work on the development of a long-term Assets Management Plan and our Assets Registry, which is a database

that we use to plan out the replacement of our assets.

• Part of our strategy for this last year was to create a Community Emission and Energy Plan, but the funding application that we submitted to complete this work was not successful. The creation of this plan continues to remain as part of our strategic priorities and we will be revisiting it in the future.

• We are currently working on Standard Operating Procedures and Regular Safe Operating Procedures for each aspect of regular operations.

Infrastructure and Public Works

• This year our nation has two of our own citizens working to manage our Water and Waste Water Systems: Jeremy Valentine retains his certification and we have our new member of the team, Jordan Touchie

training to acquire certification from the Environmental Operators Certification Program. Our Water Operators are those who work on the day-to-day operation of our water pump house, water infrastructure, and waste water infrastructure.

• This year we completed two phases of the Community Green Space: the new Basketball Court and the Playground. We hope to continue to develop more green park spaces through our community and make Hitacu a more beautiful and livable space for everyone.

• We have also begun work on our new community daycare the Qwayaciikis Daycare and we aim to complete construction early on in the next year. The new daycare will take full advantage of energy and water conservation techniques we have visited on with our new housing construction.

• New solid waste management techniques are being tested at the Cix'atin Centre by composting some of our community waste from the Cix'atin Centre into usable soil. We have acquired two Joracan Composters, each with the ability to compost the waste from approximately 30 people.

Housing

• This year we have completed the construction of seven new housing units, these units follow along our plans to be more sustainable and use less energy, which we hope will help our tenants save money on utilities while using fewer resources. Improvements include: Rain water recycling, Heat Recovery Ventilators, Energy Star Rated Windows, and Energy Star Rated appliances.

• We are also working on annual housing inspections and will be updating our database on the current condition and needed maintenance of the homes we are currently managing.

• The department has also received some funding from Canada Housing and Mortgage

Corporation and worked on re-painting the peeling paint on several social-housing units.

• Housing is also working on a retrofit program on some of our older housing units owned by the nation. This will include replacing heating units as well as windows on doors on a defined set of houses.

Canoe building

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"We simply go out in the forest and sit there," he says. "There is life in the forest. We look for all the cultural signs. It's about teaching awareness, and it's a different education system than the European system.

"When you go to select trees, you're not supposed to cut any tree within 100 metres of an eagle's nest, or near any wolf or bear dens. We're not allowed to disturb those. This is the kind of respect we have for creation."

"We didn't need to make plank canoes. Carving canoes is an important part of our culture," he adds.



Donald Williams, left, handles the chain saw, with John Tutube assisting on the right. Joe Martin, centre, coaches to ensure accuracy in the cut.



From left, John Tutube, Joe Martin and Donald Williams take a break from working on the canoe.

Larry Baird acclaimed to Legislature

Lawrence (Larry) Baird has been elected by acclamation to join the Ucluelet First Nation Legislature.

Larry, 73, has served on the Nations' government on numerous occasions since the mid-1970's, first as a Chief Councillor, then as a Legislature member overseeing

the Assets portfolio in the previous term.

"I was asked by members of the community (to run), and I'm always interested in what is going on," he says. "I don't feel good about things until I know the Nation has lots of money in the bank and the government is running the way it should

be running."

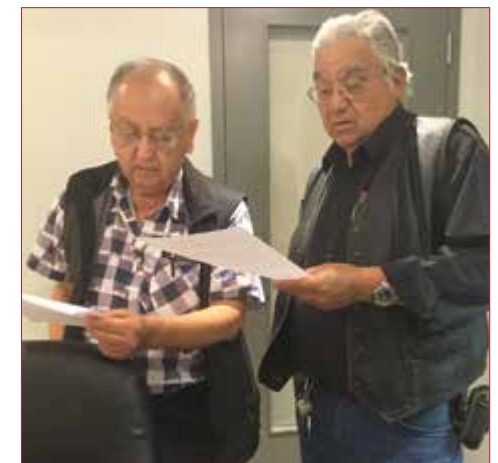
Larry moved back to Hitacu three years ago after spending 60 years in Port Alberni, where he worked for MacMillan Bloedel in its Sproat Lake Division. He served as a shop steward in the IWA Local 185 union, rising to the position of second vice president.

"I enjoyed it, and I got a tremendous amount of training in the years I was in," he says.

A two-time cancer survivor, Larry says "I have a lot of experience from both sides of the fence. It's been helpful."

Larry says he's interested in economic development, and he's frustrated with the federal government's negotiating of an eight-year bridge period between the recent settlement confirming aboriginal fishing rights, to when it will actually be able to sell the fish.

He recalls the days when citizens used a "putter fleet" of vessels less than 25 feet in length with small motors to fish and



Elder Bob Mundy, left, leads Larry Baird in the oath of office.

sell what they caught for extra money. He wants to see that practice returned.

Larry was sworn into office on September 17, with the YFN Oath put together by Barb Touchie, Bob Mundy and Henry Kammler.

Evan Hauser Ever wondered what he can do for you?

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

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

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

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

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

The Nuuchahnuith Employment and Training Program (NETP) is one of fifteen departments within the structure of the Nuuchahnuith 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.

Major positive turnaround for UFN companies



Jonathan Cross addresses assembly

When Jonathan Cross of Cross Hospitality started his contract as the Chief Executive Officer of the Ucluelet First Nation Group of Companies in May, he had three goals.

He wanted to see revenue growth in all of the businesses, maintain occupancy levels and control costs.

Mission accomplished thus far.

Wya Point Resort and the Thornton Motel have both recorded 20 per cent revenue increases over the previous year while occupancy costs have been maintained at near capacity levels. A number of adjustments helped reduce costs, and the UFNGC has posted a massive turnaround in its operations of almost a half million dollars, in just four months.

"There has been a pretty remarkable improvement this year," Jonathan told the crowd at the September 17 Annual General Meeting. "That's a real credit to the team we have."

"We'll be able to start next season without being in the hole, and that's obviously critical to our operations," he adds. "We should be able to tell a super positive story next year."

Part of the adjustment this year was moving part of the Thornton Hotel units to an AirBNB booking system.

Cross Hospitality has an extensive background in the hospitality industry, as Jonathan is the former General Manager of the Best Western The Westerly Hotel in Courtenay, past owner/operator of the Hospitality Inn in Port Alberni. Wya Point Resort and the Thornton Motel are the properties under the Nation's ownership, and both have benefitted from the changes in sustainability and profitability that have been introduced. Jonathan remains focused on having these properties employ as many Yuutu?it?ath citizens as possible.

The bulk of Jonathan's responsibilities have thus far been in the hospitality sector, as his arrival coincided with high

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season on the West Coast. Planning is already underway for an even more successful season next year.

That includes a push to hire more Ucluelet First Nation citizens for the hospitality properties. Jonathan noted he has had job postings listed online since arriving in May, and although they haven't yet received any applications, he is hopeful that local citizens will put their names in for positions at Wya Point Resort and the Thornton Hotel.

The Economic Development position remains vacant, as Yuutu?it?ath continues to look for any possible new opportunities that will help the Nation prepare for full implementation of the Treaty in 2023, when Yuutu?it?ath must be fully independent and economically self-sufficient.

Finance Report shows YG in good financial shape



By Fred Tolmie, CFO

The YG continues to achieve and maintain sound financial position with the resources it receives. The

YG had a \$3.3 million operating surplus. The Settlement Trust Fund and the Implementation Fund contributed \$1.4 million of this surplus with the remaining \$1.9 million surplus achieved through operations. Our financial position increased by \$3.1 million from 2017. This was a result of a \$3.9 million increase in Financial Assets and an \$800,000 decrease in liabilities from the year before. Financial Assets increased \$2.3 million due to the increase in the Settlement Trust Fund and the Implementation Fund. Operating expenses, excluding our subsidiary company, were down by \$390,000.

According to our Investment Managers, Leith Wheeler Investment Counsel, the Implementation Fund has achieved the following annualized return on Investment:

1 Year	3.5%
4 Years	6.2%
5 Years	6.5%

Over 5 years, the Implementation Funds' annualized return on investment has surpassed the performance benchmark established for the fund which is 5.2%.

At March 31, 2018 the administration had 30 employees (2017 – 28 employees).

For the 2018-2019 Fiscal year, a number of strategic initiatives are being implemented:

1) Improvements and updates to the financial accounting system. The finance department will be implementing a new accounting software program which will stream-line accounting processes and enable more timely and useful accounting reports.

2) The finance department plans to

review and update YG Finance policies and procedures. The policies and procedures will be more comprehensive in nature and provide better guidance to employees of the finance department in roles and responsibilities.

3) March 31, 2019 is the last year of the 8 year "Fiscal Financing Agreement". The Fiscal Finance Agreement is a tripartite agreement between UFN, Canada and British Columbia and is the primary fiscal agreement under the treaty. The fiscal financing agreement covers areas such as governance, programs and services, lands and resources, infrastructure and culture and heritage. UFN is participating in a collaborative fiscal policy which provides an overall policy framework to guide Canada in renewing our Fiscal Financing agreement.

Our Citizens In Pictures



Barney Williams enjoyed a visit with elders & relatives



Ucluelet First Nation President Les Doiron addresses the crowd in Ucluelet on Canada Day



Three time world champ pow wow dancer Alex Wells entertains the crowd



Celeste Haldane BC Treaty Commissioner with her husband attended our urban bbq.



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Rural Barbecue Enjoyed By All

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Friends & relatives from all over the coast attended the urban barbecue. Shown here are Evelyn Corfield and Bunny Cootes Baines



Luke and Delores Touchie drove in from Ucluelet to enjoy stories, song and the smiles



Sisters Rose and Molly Haipee enjoying the time together



Daryl Dol, Debbie Mundy, Kali Touchie and Jay Millar preparing sockeye for lunch.

Patient Travel

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

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

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

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By Asya Touchie

Nuučaanul Language

Elders Bob Mundy, Marge Touchie and Vi Mundy and our Language Coordinator, Bernice Touchie teach the Nuučaanul Language on Wednesday nights at the huupatu building. These classes have students that range from beginners to advanced learners.

A Summer Language Camp was held on Lone Cone this year with the support of Moira Barney. Moira worked with Gloria Valentine, Community Wellness Coordinator, Logun Moe, Youth Worker, Bernice Touchie, Language Coordinator and Elder Marge Touchie to successfully coordinate the language camp. The youth enjoyed various language activities to support them in their language learning journeys.

Elders Marge Touchie and Bob Mundy, and Language Coordinator have been involved with coordinating with Daycare Supervisor, Michelle Ralston, to run a Language Nest within the Daycare. We have been working steadily on gaining the participation of parents to ensure that the children can continue to use the language after the day ends at daycare. We are excited for the upcoming year to incorporate more language immersion into our daycare programs.

Work is being done on our on-line language archive including organizing and cataloguing all language documentation that YG currently holds, using past language recordings to begin the language archive, and sourcing local linguists to help support this project. The beginning phase of the app should be released shortly.

We currently have 5 students enrolled in the Nuuchahnulth Language Proficiency Program offered by UVIC in partnership with Quuquatsa Society and North Island College.

Canoe Project

This year we received funding from the Province of BC to support a Canoe Carving Project with Joe Martin. We successfully recruited 3 of our citizens to support the project by learning to carve with Joe. Once the canoe is finished we will be launching the canoe and hosting a luncheon to celebrate.

Tribal Canoe Journey

The Canoes from the Tribal Canoe Journeys landed in Hitacu on July 12, 2018. There were four Canoes from hišk'wii?ath, Ƨaahuus?ath and Ƨa?uuk'wii?ath. The kitchen crew prepared a wonderful dinner and breakfast for the paddlers and we raise our hands up to them for all the work they put into making the



meals. We would also like to thank our community and citizens for their support with the canoes and paddlers. Our citizens have been welcomed to join the Ƨa?uuk'wii?ath canoe with the Spirit of the Canoe Society, Chris Seitcher, and Cynthia Fitton. James Walton paddled from Ƨa?uuk'wii?ath to diitiid?aa?tx and is continuing from Port Gamble to Pullaylup.

Youth Carving Project

Clifford George was in the community teaching children to carve throughout the summer months. Many children were able to benefit from learning carving skills and learning the basics of creating carving pieces.

?ičayapin Ƨaatn'aqin - Lifting up our Children and Youth

?ičayapin Ƨaatn'aqin was hosted in March 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 Yuulu?il?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.

Education Celebration

Ƨekoo Ƨekoo to all those who attended, volunteered and supported the Education Celebration to make it a huge success. Each year we are able to acknowledge the hard work of our children youth, and adults! This year we were able to acknowledge our 11 graduates who have completed grade 12 this year, and 1 post-secondary student who graduated from the University of Victoria with a Bachelor's of Science in Microbiology! We had

many urban citizens attend and Moira Barney provided us with an amazing motivational speech. Our daycare children enlightened us by saying their names and ages in nuučaanul! We were able to award 4 scholarships during our education celebration, to Chiara Mastrangelo, Jada Touchie and Skylene Touchie and Desiree Givens.

We are so proud of our students and graduates. We look forward to what you are going to do in the future and the changes you will make!

Elders Gathering

This month we had 4 of our Elders attend the 42nd Elders Gathering in Duncan, BC from July 10th 2018 – July 12th 2018. This was a great opportunity for our elders to connect with other elders and network. We were provided financial support from New Relationship Trust from their BC First Nations Elders Initiative Grant.

ha?ukšii?aa?iš - Come eat with us

On June 24th, 2018 the Yuulu?il?ath Government hosted a Salmon BBQ in at Canal Beach. We thank Janice Webster for organizing and coordinating the day! During the day were able to recognize the cišaa?ath and hupač'asath for letting us do our work on their territories. Those who attended enjoyed traditionally prepared salmon, face painting, weaving and other beach activities. We thank everyone that was able to attend, volunteer and support the BBQ.

Aboriginal Day

On June 21st, 2018 a dinner and activities were held at Cix'atin Centre for National Aboriginal Day. Our staff were prepared with activities for adults and children, face painting, language activities, and shawl making. We had a wonderful afternoon, and are grateful for the support from the First Nations Health Authority to make this day a success.

Recreation

Cix'atin Centre gym and Lounge area is open to community members 16+ on Friday and Saturdays from 7:30 pm – 11:30 pm. Other days of the week are available upon request if the

gym is not already in use. Please book in advance to allow us to accommodate the request.

Youth Summer Program

Our Youth Summer program was kicked off with a campout in Nanaimo at Westwood Lakes. YG has recently hired Logun Moe to work with our youth and support with the coordination of the summer program. Logun has extensive experience working with children and youth and we are happy to welcome him to the team. We are looking forward to all the fun activities planned throughout the summer and the school year!

Youth Language Camp

This summer the Youth Program will be participating in a Language Camp at Lone Cone. We are very excited to be offering this program this year with the support of Gloria Valentine, Bernice Touchie, Logun Moe and Moira Barney. The camp will incorporate various language learning techniques and provide the youth with the basics of the nuučaanul language in the West Barkley Sound Dialect! Moira Barney is currently part of the cohort attending the Nuuchahnulth Language Proficiency Program through North Island College, the University of Victoria and the Quuquatsa Language Society. We are very excited to have her on our team for the summer.

The Living Dictionary

The Dictionary will be used as a digital language archive of previous language recordings and newly created materials. It will be both a tool to preserve and practice the nuučaanul language.

The First Nations Education Foundation will be supporting the Department of Culture and Heritage to create a digital platform that will provide interactive and easily accessible content to community members both on and away from

our territory. All students of existing Yuulu?il?ath language education programs will directly benefit from the digital language archive, as teachers will integrate its contents into their existing curriculum. It is believed that the entire community will benefit from the revitalization of our language and the resulting reconnection to our culture.

This project is 100% funded through the National Indian Brotherhood Trust Fund. We were the successful applicants for the group and organizations call out in January of 2018. This means that we are required to adhere to a strict budget that was approved by the National Indian Brotherhood Trust Fund.

If you have any questions in regards to this project please feel free to contact Asya Touchie, Manager of Culture and Heritage at 250-726-7342 or by email at asya.touchie@ufn.ca

In the future

We look forward to many more culture nights with our drum group. We will be starting up again this fall and are excited to see everyone for dinner.

The Canoe Project was started in hopes that we would be able to carve a canoe that is sea worthy. This is a canoe that we would like to be able to take on the Canoe Journeys next year for the Warriors paddle to Lummi.

Our weekly language program will start up again this fall and will run once a week for 3 hours. We look forward to seeing all the students getting back together to learn the nuučaanul language.

Our language archive will help to support our current and future language learners by creating a resource that can be accessed by citizens living at home, or away from home. This will greatly benefit our language as we continue to gain more people who are interested in learning.



Larry Johnson sitting and enjoying time with his Auntie Molly

Secondary Access Road ready for emergencies



Assets Manager Spencer Touchie at the gate for the secondary access road

It's ready, but only for emergency purposes, for now.

The secondary access road into and out of Hitacu that was completed last year is in great shape and is drivable, but for the time being is only to be used for emergency purposes.

Assets Manager Spencer Touchie notes that "the road is used for emergency access in the event of a catastrophic event such as an earthquake or tsunami destroys the main access road in the community.

Spencer adds that "It is not so much an evacuation route, but a way for emergency supplies to enter the community in the event of emergency as one of the safer places to be will be Cixwatin Centre as it will have access to power and water.

Spencer explains that the road is kept closed for a number of reasons.

"Our community has expressed concerns about security, and keeping the

gate closed also helps us keep maintenance costs down and accidents down for the road as it's fairly narrow," he says. "As of this point we do hope to make this road a part of our regular infrastructure as we expand Hitacu over the next decade."

Language progress good news for citizens



World renowned artist Tim Paul speaks at assembly

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of li-l tuc um at, part of the Hesquiaht Tribe of the Nuuh-chah-nulth Nation. In his early days he was taught and nurtured by family elders in accordance with ancient principles of family cultural teachings, but was taken from his family home and taken to an Indian Residential School where he was forbidden to speak his language and practice his culture. He relied heavily on his cultural education in his healing and began carving in 1975. He went on to produce prints, silkscreen designs, masks, sculptures and ceremonial paraphernalia as well as totem poles.

In addition to carving, Paul has developed cultural curriculum for the Port Alberni School Board and held positions at the Royal BC Museum of Anthropology. He has also been the subject of

several documentary films about his life and works and was awarded the BC Creative Achievement Award for First Nations Art in 2010.

His work can be seen all over the world, including at the Museum of Civilization in Gatineau, Quebec, the Museum of Art and Design in New York, on the grounds of Stanley Park in Vancouver and at the Vancouver International Airport.

"Oral history, songs, dances, ceremony and art were and continue to be the vehicle for transmitting history, knowledge and sovereign rights from generation to generation," says Paul. "Through storytelling we are also reminded of our family ties to neighboring tribes and nations."

For more information about the Nuuh-chah-nulth Language Pilot Project, visit www.fnef.ca

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.



BC Hydro program helps with payments

A new fund is available through BC Hydro for clients facing financial hardship or who have fallen behind on their hydro payment.

The Customer Crisis Fund (CCF) is a program that offers support for residential customers facing disconnection of their BC Hydro service, despite attempting to make payments. Clients are able to apply for a grant towards an overdue balance (arrears).

This is available between May 1, 2018 and May 31, 2021.

Grant amounts are a maximum of \$600 for customers who heat their homes with electricity, and \$500 for customers with non-electrically heated homes (e.g. natural gas heat).

How often can you apply for the grant?

You may apply to receive a grant **once per year**, i.e. 12 months from the claim date of your successful application from the previous year. For example, if you

receive a grant in September 2018, you would be eligible to receive another grant in September 2019. **If your application was denied** and your circumstances change, you may apply again within the same year.

Will I get disconnected while my application is reviewed?

No, if you have a pending CCF application, you won't be disconnected while BC Hydro evaluates your application. Once they receive your application, a hold will be placed on your account to prevent disconnection of your service while your application is processed. Once a decision is made related to your CCF application, the hold on your account will be removed. *BC Hydro advises that applying online is the fastest way to have your application reviewed.

For more information, contact 1-844-708-3208 or visit <https://www.bchydro.com/accounts-billing/bill-payment/ways-to-pay/customer-crisis-fund.html>



Alex Touchie, Lands & Resources Manager

Lands & Resources Report

Alex Touchie
Lands & Resources Manager

Completed

- Completed the Soil Remediation Project at the former boathouse site in Hitacu and in Clakamucus;
- Cleared backlog of Harvesting Documentation Applications and refined processing procedures to ensure future applications are dealt with in an efficient manner;
- Lands and Resources Officers were designated by Executive Order as Resource Management Officers under the Resources Harvesting Act, enabling them to more effectively carry out monitoring work on Treaty Settlement Lands;

Ongoing

- Began installing signs at various entry points to the Treaty Settlement Lands, including Clakamucus, the Secondary Access Road and Hitacu;

- Continuing fish habitat river restoration work in Effingham;
- Continuing to run the Food Fish Program, which has provided a large volume of fish to citizens across Vancouver Island, and developing plan to increase our infrastructure for the Food Fish Program;
- Establishing and implementing a Treaty Settlement Lands Monitoring Plan, which will support the implementation of various laws, including the Resources Harvesting Act and Zoning and Structures Act;
- Refining administrative procedures for Land Title Transfers to ensure efficient processing of land title transfer applications in the Land Title Office;
- Continuing to handle submitted Referrals related to various activities taking place within our Maa-nulth Area;
- Working with the CARE Network to achieve the full implementation of the Public Order, Peace and Safety Act and the Animal Control Regulation.



Jay Millar is our Junior Lands & Resources Officer

Message From The President

Progress being made in securing more treaty funding from federal gov't



By Les Doiron, President

This past year has been one where your Yuulu?il?ath Government – Ucluelet First Nation has made significant progress in many areas, as we reach forward together to implement the Maa-nulth Treaty and bring understanding about everything it means and entitles all of us to.

To put it very bluntly, we need more money from the federal government to properly implement the Treaty. To that end, we have been working very hard in negotiating sessions across the country over the past fiscal year to make sure that the level of funding we need is increased substantially. What the federal government has given us so far is not close to where it needs to be to fund and implement the services our citizens need. We are confident that positive progress is being made, and we look forward to good news in the next federal budget. They have heard us loud and clear and know that what we have thus far in terms of funding is not sufficient.

We have been busy with many new

positive projects and we are very proud of the accomplishments we've made. We are very pleased to note that all of our senior administrative management positions are now filled with our citizens as part of our Succession Plan. Our Warriors program is a great success as it trains our young people on our traditional skills in the outdoors, and some of our adults are expressing an interest in taking part in it as well. It is helping put Pride back in our

Tribe, starting with our younger people, and their parents and grandparents are very excited about what they're watching.

We continue to work with all levels of government, partners and stakeholders to deliver reconciliation to our people, and I have held significant discussions here, throughout the province and across the nation to make sure every possible base is covered. As I have said before, there is no handbook on how to implement a Treaty, but by listening to what



The Warriors program has been a great adventure for our youth



Osoyoos Chief Clarence Louie enjoys St. Jean's Smoked Sockeye Salmon. Our Nation is a partner in St. Jean's Cannery, based in Nanaimo

other Treaty Nations have already done, it somehow makes the process just a little bit simpler. We in the Ucluelet First Nation believe that successful Modern Treaty Nations are possible, and I have heard firsthand of challenges and victories. Others have already been where we are today, and by seeing the positive steps they have made should give us all courage for a better tomorrow.

"We sometimes forget to celebrate the good things of our nation, and there

are plenty of good things happening. The Warriors program, the Living Wage Program, Christmas bonuses, advances in our language and the formation of a Culture and Heritage program, the secondary road into Hitacu, and the community meal and office in Port Alberni, plus much more.

We have much to celebrate, and we are very grateful for the hard work that so many are putting in to make things better!

News Briefs

Elders wanted

Pacific Rim National Park Reserve is seeking elders, artists, storytellers and youth groups interested in hosting a cultural interpretation program for the H̄aahuupa series.

The 2018 Guidebook includes more

information. kweesh-kweesh-ata-aqsa Tammy Dorward will be recruiting presenters for this and we ask that you share the guidebook with all of your community members and encourage them to contact if they have any questions or are interested in hosting a program.

Tammy can be contacted via email at: Tammy.Dorward@pc.gc.ca or phone: 250-726-7165 Ext. 514, or in person at the

Pacific Rim National Park Reserve Administration Office at 2040 Pacific Rim Highway in Ucluelet.

Old growth logging not in our Treaty Settlement Lands

Articles identifying logging of old growth forests in the Nahmint Valley in the summer are not under the direct jurisdiction of the Yuulu?il?ath.

Director of Operations **Suzanne Williams** says the logging is not affecting the Nation's Treaty Settlement Land (TSL) areas. TSL areas are the areas agreed to under the Maa-Nulth Treaty where our government has been given jurisdictional control of; they make up a bulk of our traditional territories, but do not cover all of them.

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“We are planning to provide more information at a later date with respect to the referral process that we, and all Maa-Nulth Signatory Nations follow – the mechanism that helps to keep the Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government informed, specifically when there are activities, such as logging, taking place around our TSL,” she states.

Currently our own Lands and Resource Officers Daryl Keeble and Jay Millar patrol our Treaty Settlement Lands and waters to ensure UFN jurisdictional lands and waters are not negatively affected, by industry or other activities.

Volunteer Firefighters wanted

Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ volunteer firefighters are currently looking for volunteers.

If you are interested, show up at the fire hall Tuesday afternoons at 4:30 p.m.

New Education Support Worker

A new Education Support Worker has arrived at Ucluelet First Nation.

Adam Gleeson will be supporting students in class in the elementary and secondary schools in Ucluelet, as well as after school, co-ordinating with the youth worker.

Adam has over two decades of teaching experience in the United Kingdom and Canada, and moved to Ucluelet in 2017 from Calgary, Alberta.

“I am very excited to be teaching and learning alongside students and colleagues on the West Coast,” he says.

In his spare time he enjoys camping, paddling and hiking with his wife, and trying to keep up with Scout, their recent dog addition to the family.

Adam can be reached at adam.gleeson@ufn.ca



Adam Gleeson

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