



Yuutu?it?ath

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From the Office Of President Charles McCarthy

We enter a new year with broader restrictions due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and with continuous strength to keep the community of hitaču and our Urban Citizens safe. January 23, 2021, we issued an updated Travel Advisory, with updated policies and guidelines. We hope Citizens received this via email, delivery in hitaču, through the website, or on a social post.



acknowledged, and I would like to ensure progress is moving forward in the right direction. A strong, resourceful community takes not only time, but tactic, pride, ideas, development, and communication.

Key points of the Travel Advisory are:

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- Urban citizens are asked to avoid travel to hitaču, unless an emergency, a move of location, or should the following guideline be completed.

Another item we are looking forward to in the New Year, is working towards development of a 'new' Satellite Office in Port Alberni. We will share more information on the progress of this service and what to expect in time to come. We want to ensure; support and services are also top priority and of importance for our Urban Citizens, requiring services and assistance.

Effective January 24, 2021, anyone traveling to hitaču are requested have either or all the following:

- A verifiable proof of 15 days quarantine plan before the day of intended travel.
- A negative SARS-CoV2 PCR test done 48 hours before the day of intended travel.
- Communicate a travel plan for the time intended to be in hitaču to the Office of the Nurse at: **(778) 942-0578** or **(250)303-0618**.

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge two treasured Elders, Molly Haipee and Marion Edith Taylor. On behalf of YG, we send our sincere condolences to the Haipee, Touchie, Peter, and Taylor Families; and all further extended friends and family.

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Charles McCarthy

We welcome any questions to the updated Travel Advisory.

We start 2021 with a full realm of staff with key pieces having the chance to settle in. We are now able to move forward with pertinent items within all departments. With this involves, re-structure, strategy, analysis, and critical planning, within our Committees, the Legislature, and Government. All of which take time and elbow grease to prepare and develop. As plans unfold, we will look at community engagement and offer information as required. Demand for resources in each department; Health, Social and Child Services, Assets, Economic Development, and Language are



On behalf of the Yuutu?it?ath Government - Ucluelet First Nation, we offer our sincerest condolences to the families of the late,
Marion Edith Taylor and Molly Haipee.
Taylor Family, Peter Family, Haipee Family, Touchie Family

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Director of Operations

With a heavy heart, I express my condolences to the families of the late Marion Edith Taylor (Haipee, Taylor, and Peter Family), and the late Molly Haipee (Haipee and Touchie Family). We wish the families strength and support in this time.



On a light note, Michelle Tom has officially accepted the position of Administrative Assistant for the Health and Social Services Department. Michelle will offer Reception Services at the Huupatu Centre, Monday to Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm. Michelle will support the Health and Social Services team as needed, as well as utilizing her creative skill set in building notices with the guidance of communications. Michelle previously filled in the temporary role of Reception at Cix*atin Centre and most recently the temporary role of Administration for the Health and Social Services Department officially applying, interviewing and accepting the full time position. Congratulations Michelle, we are glad to have you join the team on a full time basis! *Health Services have officially moved over to the Huupatu Centre*

On January 25, 2021, we issued a 'Letter of Support' to the District of Ucluelet for development of the connecting trail from Peninsula Road to Terrace Beach (Cultural Heritage Site), for public access. The proposed Trail is set to run through adjacent properties, more specifically known as

'The Cabins' at Terrace Beach. Looking to reduce access on private property, the Trail will offer less congestion to the beach. I would like to thank Carey Cunneyworth, Culture and Heritage, for initially overseeing and meeting with the District in this process.

Planning has been underway with the District of Ucluelet to renew the Fire Services Agreement. Initially a two-year trial arrangement, together we are looking at developing a strategic plan, with a possible increase in length of services and support. Once the Agreement

is finalized, a detailed list of services, and non-services, will be issued to the Citizens of hitaču. We are looking forward to strengthen this partnership with the District of Ucluelet.

In relation to the Fire Services Agreement, Yuutu?it?ath Government is proud to re-visit the framework for the EOC (Emergency Operations Committee). However, the Brigade is still looking for like-minded individuals, willing to train and be available to aid their fellow Citizens when required. Becoming a First Responder is a selfless and rewarding service-based volunteer or career opportunity.

If you are interested in more information, head to the main page at www.ufn.ca, click 'First Responders Needed' box.

BC211 - Urban Citizens this may be helpful for you!

BC211 is a British Columbia, non-profit organization that provides a free, confidential, multilingual service that links people to resources for help, where and when they need it. BC211 provides information about and referral to a broad range of programs and services, including:

- Basic needs like food and shelter
- Mental health and addictions support
- Legal and financial assistance
- Support for seniors, and much more

Help is available 24/7 by calling or texting 211.

Referral specialists navigate community and government resources to identify the most appropriate services to address a caller's needs. Interpretation is available in over 160 languages to better communicate with callers, and connect them to services that can help. BC211 is accredited by the Alliance of Information and Referral Systems (AIRS), and meets international standards relating to call response,

privacy and confidentiality, and quality and accuracy of resources listed in the database.

Part of a network of 211 services across North America, BC211 is funded through the generous support of United Way. Visit - www.bc211.ca



Health & Social Services now at the Huupatu Centre!

Huupatu Office Contacts

Michelle Tom, Receptionist/MOA at Health Centre
(778) 942-0569

Zaid Sarigat, Community Development Officer
(778) 942-0570

Simblejeet Kaur, Home and Community Nurse
(778) 942-0578

Economic Development

Stream #1 Applications Now Open!

We are now accepting applications for Stream #1 (Community Micro-business). Information as provided below.

New Covid-19 Business Stream #1 (Community Micro-business). Eligible applicants including micro-business candidates from the community shall confirm to receive \$1500 from the business support fund. If you have been in business selling goods or services before Covid-19 at the community level for two years prior to Covid-19, please let us know.

Some examples of micro-businesses may include home-based businesses such as carving, art production and sales, and community baking for profit. The fund is specific for

those community entrepreneurs who use business as a pastime to enhance their yearly earnings.

- Business has or has not received other Covid-19 emergency response benefits.
- Business has been in operation for 2+ years prior to 2020 (letter of reference)
- Business generates more than \$500.00 dollars in annual sales
- Business complies with YG laws, acts and regulations
- Business has YG business license or will complete registration

For any questions regarding Economic Development support, funding options, and application processing, please contact: Corey Rich, Economic Development Officer

corey.rich@ufn.ca

Economic Development vs Business

At YG, we are looking to create (virtual) Community Outreach Programs, for Citizens, interested in, and possibly already invested, in entrepreneurial ventures. Coaching will include the building of and outlining the variance of Economic Development to Business Relations and Operations.

The proposed, optional program will stress the difference behind Economics vs Business and what that looks like within the programs offered by YG; YG's role in Economic Development compared to that of a Development Corporation.

We will offer guidance and tools to set the framework in taking your entrepreneurial idea (or helping you create one), to developing a full business plan, inclusive of funding options, and stepping through the application processes. We will provide encouragement to see the final steps of your Economic Development plan coming to life, as a full scale, functioning Business. This also includes what to expect for operational requirements; rental/monthly fees, licensing, and employee relations.

We want to encourage Citizens to utilize Economic Development initiatives to engage in idea building, receiving guidance to funding, and services. Economics are the tools and building blocks to and for your business.

We would also like to hear from you! Take our brief, 2 minute survey, to help us build a Community Outreach program/session. What are the areas you would like more information on, what opportunities would you like to see?

We look forward to finalizing the details in offering an Outreach session and working with the community of hitaču and Urban Citizens.

To take the survey, enter the link in your web browser. <https://qjiq4afofy6.typeform.com/to/uSRrBGHj>



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Do you have questions about Economic Development?

Resources, opportunities, support, what we can do for you, how the function of Economic Development and UFN operate?



Fill out our 2 minute survey and submit your questions.

<https://qjiq4afofy6.typeform.com/to/uSRrBGHj>

Health & Social Services



COVID-19 & Vaccinations

hitaçu fortunately continues to remain free of COVID-19 cases, unfortunately, Urban Citizens have endured such cases. Considering the spread and those affected, we continue to ask Citizens to remain diligent and not to take the challenge lightly. Behave accordingly to Phase 1 Guidelines, as found on the website: www.ufn.ca/covid/

We are working efficiently to receive the vaccine as soon as we are able. We will notify Citizens when we have confirmed receivership and are ready to move forward and roll out the vaccine. With this roll out, we will provide information of the vaccine received and be available to answer any questions you may have.

Travel

A strong reminder to Citizens, travel out of hitaçu is for essential services only. A full Travel Advisory can be found on the website: www.ufn.ca/covid/

Should you deem travel essential:

- Maintain a safe distance
- Wear your mask (PPE) when in public or speaking to someone outside of your immediate household or bubble
- Sanitize and wash your hands often when in contact with door handles, products, amenities not in or from your household
- Stay in your vehicle when and where possible
- Stick with those in your immediate household only

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Mental Health & Support Drop In (18+)

**Huupatu Building
Thursday's 9am to 3:30pm**

Support Services

- Occupational Therapist
- Substance Abuse Counselor

Offered on an alternating schedule

Remember to mask up!

CONTACT
West Coast Mental Health (250)726.1282
Huupatu Reception: (778)942.0569

We are excited to note, Huupatu is now the official hub for Health and Social Services! Contacts listed on page 2.

Pharmacy Benefits

Looking for information on prescriptions, coverage, appeals? Below is changes and availability through the First Nations Health Authority.

You must be enrolled with Health Benefits to access pharmacy benefits. Your plan covers the following pharmacy items:

- Prescription drugs
- Over-the-counter drugs
- Non-drug over-the-counter items (eg, lancets for diabetics' use)
- The Shingrix® vaccine

PharmaCare

Most pharmacy items and services are covered through a partnership with BC PharmaCare, which has different plans for different needs. PharmaCare Plan W (for Wellness) is the plan for First Nations people living in BC. When you need medication or pharmacy items, the best way to avoid out-of-pocket costs is to talk to your pharmacist about which items are fully covered by your plan.

1. See a prescriber to get a prescription for your medication or pharmacy item.
2. Some medications need Special Authority from PharmaCare for coverage. Ask your prescriber if your medication requires Special Authority.

Pharmacy Benefits cont.

3. Talk to your pharmacist about which medications and items are fully covered by your plan. Most pharmacy items are either fully covered or have a fully-covered alternative. If you are being asked to pay for your medication, ask the pharmacist if there is an alternative covered by your plan.
4. The pharmacist will dispense your medication and bill Plan W or PBC directly.

If you have any questions about your pharmacy plan, how to access coverage, or why a claim was denied, call Health Benefits at **1-855-550-5454**.

What My Plan Does Not Cover

Some items and services are considered Exclusions. Exclusions cannot be covered as an exception and cannot be appealed. Pharmacy benefit Exclusions include, but are not limited to:

- Alternative therapies (eg, glucosamine and evening primrose oil)
- Anti-obesity drugs
- Cannabis
- Clinic, physician and hospital fees, including for completing a form
- Drugs with investigation or experimental status
- Fertility agents and impotence drugs
- Prescriptions written by a veterinarian
- Vaccinations (the Shingrix® is covered; see What My Plan Covers, above)
- Note that the flu shot is free.

For full information visit:

www.fnha.ca/benefits/pharmacy

**Information provided direct from www.fnha.ca/benefits/pharmacy*



<p>WE INVITE YOU TO RECIEVE</p> <p>DIABETES SCREENING WITH RACHEL DICKENS (DIETITIAN)</p>	<p>FEBRUARY 10, 2021 1PM-3PM HUUPATU CENTRE</p>
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**FRIENDLY REMINDER:
PLEASE WEAR PPE AND SANITIZE UPON ENTRY
CALL 778.942.0569 TO BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT
SPOTS ARE LIMITED!**

Preference will be given to individuals living with diabetes or borderline diabetes/pre-diabetes.

Warrior Program x Parks Canada

Parks Canada has renewed the Warrior Program and budget from over last year. The partnered program has been successful with Yuutu?it?ath Youth, creating a positive outlook and direction for further education and employment.

With further announcement, Edward (Eddie) Mack Jr. has taken the reigns over from Dr. Ricardo Manmohan to lead the Warrior Program. Eddie has been intimately involved with the Warrior Program over the previous 2-3 months and has learned greatly from the experiences of Ricardo and the Youth alike. Eddie officially entered the role of program lead in January, 2021.

Dr. Ricardo Manmohan has moved on to focus on the progression of the Warrior Program, on a regional level. This comes in accordance to the to coordinate the rapidly increasing Youth demographic in the regional area.

Yuutu?it?ath sends gratitude to Dr. Ricardo Manmohan for his endeavor with the Warrior Program, creating what we can successfully pass on to Edward Mack Jr. We look forward to continuing a strong alliance while both parties shift settle in to their respective roles.

Education Funding & Support

Applicants for Post-Secondary funding have continued to roll in - in addition to the currently enrolled Post-Secondary students. We consider the continued interest and a growth of applicants a huge success. The deadline for the first round of applications for Post-Secondary funding, start date September, is coming to a head February 28, 2021. All those interested in Post-Secondary funding please contact Adam Gleeson, Education Support Worker.

We will be looking for a Student Engagement Coordinator to assist with student attendance, engagement and participation in learning activities. The applicant need not be a certified educator – mentorship and training will be provided to the successful applicant. A full employment description will soon be released. Stay tuned!

For Education and Support; questions, applications, and resources, contact:

adam.gleeson@ufn.ca



Assets

Rental/Property Inspections, Repairs

Inspections on Rental Properties have been completed. We are now looking to send out notices for homeowners to start another round of the inspection process. Please keep an eye out for notices.

We are looking at an efficient and effective way to tackle repairs. A few factors included in this process is the allotted GAP funds, severity of repair needs to each home, as well as emergency repairs. Further information on this much anticipated roll out will be provided at a later date.

Public Works

Public Works is looking to re-issue monthly water reports to hitaču Citizens. This will continue to ensure hitaču's fresh, safe, and clean water resources. These reports will be located on the UFN website, under Public Works.

Mask Up!

We ask Citizens to please wear a mask when there are Essential Service Workers entering your home. This includes off-hitaču service providers (but not limited to); plumbers, electricians, and delivery services. In addition, please mask up for YG staff, public works, and health services entering your home.

All off hitaču Essential Services Providers and YG Staff, should also be donning PPE during their service stop.



Finance

Training & DataBase Management

In-house Training is being offered to YG staff, through LinkedIn, with select seats available to those interested. The training will offer virtual webinars featuring an array of content inclusive of, but not limited to: Business/Management, Human Resources, Technology, and Design related programming.

Data Base Governance and Training sessions have also been made available to YG Staff as part of continued training and self-development within individual departments.

We will be reviewing Data Base related programming for the fiscal year of 2021/2022. Data Base management will help securely receive, organize, and readily update Citizen information, amongst much more efficiencies. Our relationship with SGIG's (Self-Governing Independent Governments) has facilitated obtaining funds for Database Management, including professional advice, planning and purchase of required software. A key purpose for reliable Data Management Systems, is for UFN to have access to information to make informed decisions and enhance its position in negotiations for funding, from funding sources, including the Government of Canada, in order to understand and meets the needs of its Citizens. At all stages, including development, implementation and use, confidentiality and privacy requirements and regulations will be adhered to.

2021/2022 Fiscal Budgets

2021/2022 Budgets are well under way. The process has included YG Department Managers establishing a criterion of budgetary requirements, this includes, planned revenues, resources, costs and expenses.

UFN follows a process, commencing in November, with Finance providing templates and other information for Managers to work with their staff and Executive Portfolio Members to develop a draft budget for the coming fiscal year, from April 1 to March 31.

In December, a budget package, based on the Departmental drafts submitted by the Executive Director and CFO to the Executive, to obtain feedback and general direction on priorities and mandates. Budgets are finalized in January by Finance and the Departments, with review by the Finance Committee which makes a recommendation to the Legislature. In March the budget is submitted for approval to the Assembly and the Legislature in March. On or before March 31 of each year, the Legislature must, by an Act, approve an annual budget for the Yuułu?i?ath First Nation for the next fiscal year.

Budgets will be available online in time, an official notice will be issued.

Lands & Resources

Land Title Transfer Applications

The Lands and Resources Department, with help from our Law Clerk, has been busy sorting and organizing Land Title Transfer Applications. Between department and managerial change, pertinent information has become slightly puzzled through the years and overdue for care and attention.

We aim to have the work completed within the next month and will have updates for all applicants, whose applications have not been finalized, in early March, 2021.

We apologize for the wait time in this process and can assure, with organization of the files and applications, the final process will be much more efficient.

MacMillan Bloedel Log Sort Claim

We are starting to see successful negotiation processing with the MacMillan Bloedel Log Sort Claim. This negotiation process has been ongoing for some time now and we are encouraged to see the progression. In short, Canada accepted the claim into the Specific Claim negotiation process in June of 2015 and again in February 2019.

Ucluelet First Nation executed a BCR (Benefit Cost Ratio) in May of 2019, agreeing to enter in negotiations with Canada, under the Specific Claims Policy and is still in effect. The Negotiation Work Plan is currently in effect; April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021.

Nahmint Telegraph Line Land Claim

Information sessions and interviews will be held with Ratcliff & Company, in respect to the Nahmint Telegraph Line Land Claim.

This process is in respect to the Nahmint Telegraph Line Land Claim where (based on) Historical research has determined approximately 807 metres of telegraph line was constructed by Canada across Yuuʔuʔiʔath TSL in 1902 (approximate). Canada did not obtain a permit under the Indian Act and Yuuʔuʔiʔath was not compensated for use of land for this purpose.

With this specific claim, the process will include Yuuʔuʔiʔath information sessions with Elders or those who have insight involving this specific land use.

Rezoning & Development

In respect to Housing needs, we will start to look at TSL for much needed housing development. We are still in the early stages of this process, which includes infrastructure assessment, land use probabilities, and budget implementation. Potential structural and housing development could include, a mobile home/RV park, duplex, and/or apartment complex.

Lands and Resources will work closely with the Assets Department and the Executive, to see swift progression with this project.

q^wayačikʔiis Day Care Center

Cultural Engagement Activities & Outreach

It is with honour, q^wayačikʔiis Day Care Center's two practicum students Donna Lewis and Freda Thomas should be completed their work experience hours by the end of February! This has been a great opportunity for both the students and the q^wayačikʔiis Day Care.

We have been focusing on teaching the children cultural engagement, including the cultural potlatch where participation and practice is enriched with song and dance. The multi-Age program has been using the mini longhouse for language and drumming. To enhance this learning experience and cultural engagement, more drums have been ordered and curtains will be used for future potlatch, once the curtains are complete (close to summer). Among cultural

activities, we are also working with local artists for specialized design projects, that we are looking forward to share with the Citizens.

Providing outreach services has remained a priority for Friday scheduling. We are glad to be able to provide such a service, to offer guidance and support as needed. Discussions have arisen for after-school and summer programming. Information will be shared upon further development of such programs and in accordance to the Health guidelines.

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NUU-CHAH-NULTH TRIBAL COUNCIL

Attention Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Community Members:
WOMEN, ELDERS, And YOUTH

The Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council is preparing a discussion paper to guide their engagement with Canada on "Reconciliation". Please come out and share your ideas and provide input. This is a follow up to the work that was done in 2019. Shana Thomas will be facilitating the discussion.

We will be discussing questions for Each Topic Area:

1. What does "Reconciliation" look like?
2. What are our expectations?
3. What priorities do NTC Nations have in the implementation of UNDRIP?

The outcome of these sessions is to have tangible defined goals that the Tribal Council, and the member communities, can work to achieve; and will be included in the project discussion paper.

Due to COVID Restrictions all meetings will take place via ZOOM.

ZOOM MEETINGS:

February 3 6pm-8:00pm NTC Women's Discussion https://zoom.us/join Meeting ID: 875 7952 5232 Passcode: 926411	February 9 6pm-8:00pm NTC Youth Discussion https://zoom.us/join Meeting ID: 854 1621 4241 Passcode: 105046
February 11 10am- 11:30am NTC Elder's Discussion https://zoom.us/join Meeting ID: 863 6057 9578 Passcode: 915319	

Piihtuup (Whale) Healthy Babies Group

This group originally was called Tsesahth Healthy Babies Group, but in November we opened up the group for all Nuu Chah Nulth. We decided that we needed to move forward with a new group name, but we wanted to still have it connected with Tsesahth . Tsesahth people were whalers, so we incorporate whale into the new group name *Piihtuup*.

Please join Tasha Sam and Wendy Stubbs virtually for healthy babies group
Monday's at 10:00 am to 11:30 am.

This group is to support Nuu Chah Nulth parents, pregnant mothers, grandparents and caregivers of children between the ages 0-3 years old. Together we will explore many different topics through out the year, such as speech/brain development, milestones, attachment, PPD, dental hygiene and so much more. One of the goals for the year is to incorporate tsesahth language and culture in each session.

At this time all sessions are virtual through Zoom. Participants will need to download Zoom onto their device before they are able to join . Please add our facebook page (*Piihtuup Healthy Babies Group*) to keep up to date on upcoming sessions and to get the passcode to access this group on Zoom.

February 2021

- 1st- Postpartum Depression and breastfeeding with Island Moon Doula Tanis Bonar
- 8th- speech and language through Hilton center, Cathy Slatter
- 15th- no group, Family Day
- 22nd- Why play is so important. Lani McClullen and Stevie Staniforth

ZOOM Meeting ID
Meeting ID: 997 9702 1382

For more information contact 250-724-0202
Tasha Sam ext 3
Wendy Stubbs ext 6



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EYE EXAM & GLASSES

February 25th / 26th

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