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Yuutu?it?ath

YG Newsletter

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From the Office Of President Charles McCarthy



First and foremost, we extend our condolences to the Louie Family, on the passing of Yuutu?it?ath Citizen, Rachel Louie. In addition we acknowledge the tragedy within our neighbouring nation, Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation, and extend our support during this difficult time.

February 10 and 11, hita?u received the first round of Moderna Vaccines. The process was informative and reassuring.

We are looking forward to the return of normalcy within hita?u. This will come time and when the majority of the public is vaccinated. Citizens and residents vaccinated are to continue following the guidelines set out in Yuutu?it?ath Phase One Restriction and continue the Provincial Health Order. All information is available on ufn.ca/covid/. Being vaccinated does not issue a free pass to traveling, visiting, and not following PPE guidelines. The vaccine is offering you less of a chance of becoming extremely sick in the case of COVID-19. You can still catch and pass on the virus. Stay safe.

Next step will be hita?u issuing the second dose. We will communicate instruction for the second dose when we are notified by Island Health. As well, we continue to work with Island Health on making the vaccine available to our urban citizens. We will notify urban citizens on this information when officially received and confirmed.

If you have any questions about the vaccine or the processing in receiving the vaccine, head to our Youtube Channel Ucluelet First Nation, or ufn.ca to follow me through the vaccination process. Thank you to the NTC Nurses, Dr Rohan, Simble, and the YG Staff, in making this day possible. While we begin to transition services from NTC, we will navigate and provide resources to hita?u and urban citizens.

A brief of services has been issued through our various media sources and issued in this Newsletter. A full package of information will be mailed and delivered to citizens when complete.

Yuutu?it?ath will not be separating from Usma Nuu-chah-nulth Family & Child Services, until April 1, 2022. Within this year, we will generate stronger Community Engagement for transition of services to MCFD (Ministry of Children and Family Development). Much work goes into the involvement and change of this process, we want to give citizens a chance to maintain participation in seeing this through.

It has been shared, 82 nations in BC run independently from Delegated Aboriginal Agencies for children and family services. These nations work directly with MCFD. As a governing nation, we will strive to provide and offer assistance and direction to resources, not leaving our citizens without connected social services. *The Digital UFN Health Strategy 2019-2024, can be found at ufn.ca; Government, Reports, Community Engagement.*

The Port Alberni satellite office and purchase of a Nation owned community location is still top priority to ensure information and services are offered for urban citizens. Further announcements will be made as the final pieces set in place.

Lands and Resources will begin to issue Harvesting information as we move forward into a new season. Stay tuned.

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Charles McCarthy

<p>WE INVITE YOU TO RECIEVE DIABETES SCREENING WITH RACHEL DICKENS (DIETITIAN)</p>	<p>MARCH 11, 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!**

Director of Operations



We leave February offering our sincerest condolences the Louie Family, Friends, and Extended Family of the late Rachel Louie. In turn our thoughts are with the families of Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation and those residing in Opitsaht specifically.

Yuufu?i?ath was 1 of 11 successful candidates for the Indigenous Cultural Heritage Infrastructure Program, through the First People's Cultural Council. These funds will

help further our cultural resource library and sharing area. Would like to thank the Culture & Heritage Department, respectfully Carey Cunneyworth, Manager of Culture and Heritage for working hard to receive this grant. More information will be provided in the next edition of the Umacuk.

Development proposals are on the horizon within the community of Ucluelet and within the ACRD. The Culture and Language Department has become more involved with these proposals, that may have further impact on Yuufu?i?ath's use of and relationship with land. We will share any direct information related to Yuufu?i?ath or any impacts future development may have within the Traditional Lands.

Fire Services Agreement with District of Ucluelet expired at the end of February. Spencer Touchie, Assets Manager is working hard to negotiate a five year agreement with the Ucluelet Fire Department. Furthering the partnership and support of the Ucluelet Fire Department will go hand in hand with the Yuufu?i?ath Emergency Operations Centre and Emergency Response Team.

Recruitment is underway for a Registered Nurse for hitacu. Having an on-site RN will coincide with transition of services from the NTC. This resource is a highly important component to the Social Services Team. We are also still in the midst of recruiting and interviewing a Communications Coordinator for Port Alberni's Satellite Office, as well as a Language and Cultural Activity Facilitator. We have received great applications for both of these positions and are looking forward to successful candidates to join the YG Team in the near future.

The 2021/2022 Budget has been finalized. The accounting process has gone through many updates for ease of intonation and understanding of allocated funds. I extend another thank you to John Rankin, CFO, Department Managers, and YG Staff who have made this possible and by the official



Transition of Services from NTC

Services Offered from NTC until March 31, 2020	Services Available or Continuing from UFN April 1, 2021	UFN Service Notes
Community Health Nurse / Home Care, RN Amanda Aspinall 1. Communicable Disease Prevention and Control 2. Maternal Child Health services 3. Monthly clinics, home visits, phone support	UFN Community Nurse Weekly Physician Clinic Registered Nurse hiring process underway	Active since July 2020 Weekly Physician Clinic in UFN Huupatu Centre with Dr. Carrie Marshall starting April 1, 2021 Healthcare and Nursing 3010
Matilda Atleo 1. Nutrition Counselling 2. Health Promotion Activities Healthy Lifestyles 3. Referrals to community services	Dr. Ted Altar to provide healthy living and counselling services. Weekly Physician Clinic for Dietary and Nutritional Questions	Active since June 2020. Healthcare and Nursing 3010
Diabetes Education	UFN Community Nurse Dr. Ted Altar Weekly Physician Clinic VIHA West Coast Mental Health	Active since November 2020
Footcare	UFN Community Nurse	Active since June 2020 UFN Community Nurse is certified and providing services to UFN patients.
1. Adult Clinical Counselling 2. Child and Youth Counsellors 3. Qu'asa Wellness Worker / Counsellor	Dr. Ted Altar VIHA West Coast Mental Health	Active with multiple successes since June 2020.
1. Maternal Child Health Supports for expecting mothers, new mothers, and babies. 2. Infant Development Services Providing advice to parents with young children age 0-6. 3. Supported Child Development Services Providing assessment and support services for children with disabilities to support development and participate in group settings.	UFN Community Nurse Dr. Ted Altar Weekly Physician Clinic VIHA West Coast Mental Health RN to be in place by April 2021	Active (currently with boundaries)
Melody Charlie Coordination of services for children in high-risk situations with the objective of healthy child development within the family, or support to families.	Dr. Altar VIHA West Coast Mental Health Psychiatric Nurse Nanaimo CSIP and other programs with CDO	Have shown success in 2 challenging cases already.

Through the funding agreements we have with Island Health, First Nations Health Authority and the Joint Project Board, the following services will continue to be available to Citizens at the specified locations:

- Health Outreach Program worker Lucy Chiasson (Port Alberni)
- Nurse Navigator Lesley Cerney (via telehealth)
- Aboriginal Liaison Nurses Deb Melvin and Gerri Thomas (At West Coast General Hospital)
- Health Benefits Program Coordinator Robert Cluett (in Port Alberni office)
- Resolution Health Support Workers Daisy Elliott and Richard Watts (in Port Alberni office)
- Harm Reduction Outreach Worker Gina Amos (in Port Alberni)
- Quu-asa Outreach Wellness Worker Irene Robinson (in Port Alberni office)
- Healthy Babies Outreach Worker Liza Hutton (in Ucluelet office)
- Your community nurse will be able to deliver COVID 19 swabs to the Tofino Genexpert testing site for testing to be completed on the Genexpert machine.

This is a guideline of expectations for Transition of Services from NTC. Full package, including schedule and contacts to be provided at a separate date.

due date! The official budget can be found in the Assembly Meeting Kit, and online at ufn.ca; select Government, Reports, Financial Reports.

Lastly, we have a few vacancies within Yuufu?i?ath Government Committees. We are looking for representatives in the Economic Development, Treaty Implementation, and Citizenship and Enrollment Committee. Applications can be found online under Forms (under the Government tab), with Terms of Reference copy request and submission to **Jill Hamilton**, Law Clerk; jill.hamilton@ufn.ca.

Assets

Mail Boxes Have Arrived!

What is one thing we figured would ease communication deliverables to hitacu residents? Something that would avoid foot traffic around your home, less soggy mail in the during the 10 months of the year, easier to find? MAIL BOXES!

We thank the Assets Team for getting the boxes in place for the residents of hitacu. Now, remember to check your mailboxes for notices, newsletter's, magazines and more!

Disclaimer: The mail boxes are used for Yuułu?it?ath Government deliverables and not a replacement for Canada Post.



Monthly Water Quality Summaries Available Online at UFN.CA

2021 Monthly Yuułu?it?ath Water Quality Summary

Yuułu?it?ath works closely with the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) to ensure drinking water is continually monitored and tested throughout the year. FNHA provides UFN with laboratory equipment and supplies to conduct in-house lab work and to also collect samples for a monthly test at Bureau Veritas Laboratories in Courtenay BC. These monthly tests a Bureau Veritas are a way of providing quality assurance and quality control, another step to ensure Yuułu?it?ath is providing safe, clean water to its citizens. Quality control and assurance includes daily monitoring and recording of water flows, pump hours, chlorine levels, water lab temperatures, supplies, and community reservoir inspections.

There are 10 SPL sites in hitacu. Each week we test the incoming water at the pumphouse, water at the end of the system, the Day Care (when open) or community kitchen and a random site within hitacu. This enables good coverage of hitacu's small water system to ensure everyone receives safe, potable water year-round. There are also SPL sites at the junction property (Coffee shop, RV Fill Station, Food truck, campsites). Each week one of these sites are chosen for water quality monitoring.

January 2021

- All samples collected for were negative for total coliforms and E.coli

Jan, 2021		Ecoli/Fecal Coliform		Total Coliform		Jan, 2021	
SITE	Total Number of Samples	Number of Unsatisfactory Samples	Percentage of Unsatisfactory Samples	Number of Unsatisfactory Samples	Percentage of Unsatisfactory Samples	Consecutive Unsatisfactory Result From Same Site?	Meets Health Canada Guidelines?
hitacu	17	0	0	0	0	N	Y
Junction	5	0	0	0	0	N	Y
Wya Point Lodges	5	0	0	0	0	N	Y

Yuułu?it?ath PUBLIC WORKS hitacu CHLORINE RESIDUAL SUMMARY - 2021												
YEAR/M ONTH	COMMUNITY KITCHEN/CHILDCARE CENTER			SOUTH hitacu			PUMP HOUSE			NORTH hitacu		
2021	Low	Avg	Hi	Low	Avg	Hi	Low	Avg	Hi	Low	Avg	Hi
Jan	0.18	0.24	0.35	0.28	0.31	0.37	0.22	0.38	0.55	0.29	0.32	0.39

YG Public Works will now have Monthly Water Quality Summary reports for hitacu, available online at ufn.ca. Head to ufn.ca, select Government, Reports, Water Quality Summary.

We will include these reports into the Weekly News Blast and Monthly YG Newsletter.

February 2021

- All samples collected for were negative for total coliforms and E.coli

Feb, 2021		Ecoli/Fecal Coliform		Total Coliform		Feb, 2021	
SITE	Total Number of Samples	Number of Unsatisfactory Samples	Percentage of Unsatisfactory Samples	Number of Unsatisfactory Samples	Percentage of Unsatisfactory Samples	Consecutive Unsatisfactory Result From Same Site?	Meets Health Canada Guidelines?
Hitacu	18	0	0	0	0	N	Y
Junction	5	0	0	0	0	N	Y
Wya Point Lodges	5	0	0	0	0	N	Y

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2021	Low	Avg	Hi	Low	Avg	Hi	Low	Avg	Hi	Low	Avg	Hi
Feb	0.21	0.29	0.4	0.27	0.38	0.42	0.25	0.42	0.71	0.31	0.34	0.4

Funding & Grant Opportunities

Clayoquot Biosphere Trust (CBT) Vital Grants

Vital Grants are a stream of partnership funding to address regional priorities and complex challenges that influence sustainability in the Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Region.

These larger grants of **\$15,000-20,000** aim to support meaningful collaboration between organizations, communities, and cultures and must include a minimum of two project partners.

Approximate Funding Timeline

- Applications are open: **February 1, 2021**
- Deadline to apply: **March 22, 2021**
- Funding decisions announced: **May 2021**

Funding Criteria

Vital Grants can be utilized to:

- Support teams with well-developed timelines of activities and budgets that reflect their demonstrated knowledge of what is needed to have a positive impact on an identified regional priority or complex sustainability challenge.
- Support the capacity of an existing or expanding project team to grow a project to new communities, schools or geographic areas within the Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Region to have a positive impact on an identified regional priority or complex sustainability challenge

Apply Now!*

Clayoquot Biosphere Trust (CBT) COVID-19 Responsive Small Neighbourhood Grants

Neighbourhood Small Grants (NSG) provides grants of up to **\$500 for small projects** that foster community connectivity and stay within guidelines for physical distancing.

Neighbourhood Small Grants have adapted to COVID-19. Residents can apply for grants of **\$50 to \$500** for a project that connects people socially or shares skills and knowledge among community members while complying with public health orders for physical distancing.*

Funding Timeline

- Applications open: **March 1, 2021**
- Deadline to apply: **April 15, 2021**
- Funding decisions announced: **May 2021**

Funding Priorities

- Connect and engage neighbourhood residents
- Build local community capacity to carry out NSG projects
- Share residents skills and knowledge within the community
- Build a sense of ownership and pride
- Respect and celebrate diversity
- Create a lasting impact

Apply Now!*

**Information as found on clayoquotbiosphere.org*

BC INDIGENOUS TOURISM RECOVERY FUND PROGRAM FOR MARKET-READY INDIGENOUS TOURISM BUSINESSES

Indigenous Tourism BC through a partnership with Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture, and Sport is delivering a \$5 Million Dollar Fund through the BC Tourism Indigenous Recovery Fund. This fund will provide **non-repayable grant contributions of up to \$45,000** to Indigenous businesses in response to the economic impacts of COVID-19.

The program will provide recovery support to assist Indigenous businesses that have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and the disruption of the 2020/21 tourism business.

Eligible recipients are registered Indigenous Tourism BC Stakeholders who are Indigenous tourism businesses (51%

owned or more indigenous-owned) offering market-ready Indigenous tourism products and experiences in BC.

Due to COVID-19, Indigenous Tourism BC has waived all Stakeholder fees.

For questions about joining as a Stakeholder, please connect with **Samantha Rullin**, Stakeholder and Marketing Coordinator at email: **Samantha@IndigenousBC.com**
www.indigenousbc.com/corporate/



Funding & Grant Opportunities

Launch Online

Do you operate an **online business**? **Launch Online** is a grant for community entrepreneurs interested in improving their E-commerce (online) options. Citizens can apply to improve their website by adding E-commerce applications such as calendar booking, or direct sales.

Small and medium-sized businesses are vital to British Columbia's economy. As part of StrongerBC, B.C.'s Economic Recovery Plan the Launch Online Grant program will invest up to \$12 million to help small- and medium-size businesses throughout B.C. move their business model online.

How the program works:

- The Launch Online Grant program provides funding to B.C.-based business to create an online shop and/or improve their e-commerce experience to attract new local customers and expand to new markets. The grant will pay for up to 75% of eligible expenses, up to a maximum of \$7,500 per business.
- The program supports a rapid response for businesses and is accepting applications from businesses ready to start and finish their online shop within 12 weeks.
- Up-to 25% of funds will be reserved for Indigenous businesses and businesses operating outside of the lower mainland and greater Victoria.

The funds must be used to hire B.C.-based company(ies) to do the online store development.

The program application has three steps

Step 1:

Develop a grant proposal that indicates how you plan to use the funds. Businesses need to show a cost estimate that includes how much funding you need and how the money will be spent.

Step 2:

Complete the online application demonstrating that you meet the eligibility criteria and submit your online shop proposal.

Step 3:

Applicants will be contacted within three weeks with the outcome of their application.

Launch Online grant is issued on a **first come first serve basis**, apply today!

For full information on Launch Online funding and applications, head to www.launchonline.ca.*

**Information as found on launchonline.ca.*

Provincial Business Recovery Grant

Grants of **\$10,000 to \$30,000** are available to small and medium sized B.C. businesses impacted by COVID-19. An additional **\$5,000 to \$15,000** grant is available to eligible tourism-related businesses.

The program runs until March 31, 2021 or until the funds are fully allocated, whichever comes first. If you applied prior to December 18, 2020, you are encouraged to apply again. Businesses apply for funding online.

If you're eligible, you'll be asked to develop a recovery plan. Professional service providers are available to help businesses with the recovery plan as needed. More information is available in the application.

Once your recovery plan is submitted and reviewed, approved businesses will receive grant funding for their plan.

You may be asked to give information and documentation about your recovery efforts and how the grant funding was used.

www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/economic-recovery/business-recovery-grant



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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>

Indigenous Women Opportunities

Indigenous Women Entrepreneurs

NEDC will be hosting a **FREE** online event; Empowering Indigenous Women Entrepreneur (IWE). This event will focus on workshops for those Women who wish to start their own business'. These workshops are brought to you in partnership with NACCA & IWE (Indigenous Women Entrepreneurs).



Join NEDC via Zoom: **9:00AM – 3:30PM on Saturday, March 13, 2021**

With Special Guests

Charlene Sanjenko (Founder of powHERhouse) - www.powherhouse.com

Aunalee Boyd & Sophia Good (Owners of Ay Lelum – The Good House of Design) - www.aylelum.com

Jennifer Wensley & Tamara Hide (Owners of The Primal Sisters) - www.primalsisters.com

That's not all! Win Door Prizes! ****LAPTOPS & TABLETS****. You must be in attendance to win.

Register at: www.eventbrite.ca/e/indigenous-womens-day-workshops-tickets-143661654877

Webinar "ZOOM" link will be sent the day before the event. Agenda coming soon.

Questions? Email: jennifer@nedc.info

We Work Together to Support Indigenous Business!



Pacific Association of First Nations Women

PAFNW Bursary Award (\$2,500)

The PAFNW established a scholarship and bursary fund for Indigenous women in post-secondary education many years ago. The PAFNW was established in 1981. We envision a matriarchal community where all Indigenous women in BC are safe and respected. To bring our vision into reality, we advocate for systems change and provide Indigenous, culturally-safe learning and offer holistic supports to uplift Indigenous women and strengthen families. This bursary is to help students with financial need.*

\$2,500 Bursary available! Bursary Applicants must:

1. Be a self-identified First Nations, Inuit, or Métis woman.
2. Be enrolled in full-time studies (3 courses or more) at a recognized post-secondary institution in B.C.
3. If applicable, successfully passed the previous semester of post-secondary studies with a minimum "C" letter grade.
4. Demonstrate financial need.

Applications must be received **IN FULL** on or before **March 22, 2021**.

For more information: pafnw.wordpress.com/scholarship-fund/

*Information reference and direct to the application: www.tiny.cc/pafnwscholarship2021

If you have any questions, please email Erika at erika.pafnw@gmail.com

Health & Social Services



COVID-19 & Vaccinations

We have successfully received and administered the first round of the Moderna Vaccine. This Vaccination Clinic was issued on February 10 and 11, 2021. We vaccinated approximately 150+ Citizens and Residents.

With the Vaccine - it is important to know we cannot lose focus on following Yuuʔuʔiʔath Phase One Restrictions and Provincial Health

Orders. It is of most importance now, to be diligent in keeping yourself away clear from contracting the virus. Until the majority is vaccinated, you can still contract, carry, and pass on COVID-19.

Detailed information, as provided from Dr. Helena Swinkels (Office of the Chief Medical Officer) and Marion Guenther (Clinical Nurse Specialist for Immunizations, CDPH).

“COVID-19 vaccinations are a powerful tool against the spread of the COVID-19 virus – indeed, they're the only way we're going to end the pandemic. However, as life often teaches us, there is rarely just one solution to a difficult problem. And so it is with COVID-19.

At this stage, COVID-19 vaccines are an extra layer of protection rather than a replacement for the public health orders and recommendations from our Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry. All of us – even those who've been vaccinated – must continue to wear masks, maintain a safe physical distance, wash our hands frequently, and stay home while sick, even if symptoms are very mild.

Here are the four top reasons we need to continue practicing public health measures even after getting vaccinated:

1. We don't know how well the vaccine prevents spread of the virus. We know that the vaccine works very well to protect those who are vaccinated from becoming seriously ill or sick at all. We also know that the vaccine will help to prevent the virus from spreading. What we don't know yet is by how much. This means that vaccinated people who don't have the illness may still be able to pass on the virus, although much less often than people who have not been vaccinated.

2. Not everyone is protected by the vaccine or can be vac-

inated. The COVID-19 vaccines are very effective – 95 per cent after two doses! But it takes two weeks for the vaccine to have any effect after the first dose, and even a vaccine that is 95 per cent effective after two doses means that five per cent of the population will not be protected. This could include you or your loved ones. What's more, some people choose not to, cannot or did not get the vaccine in the first place because of certain medical conditions, because they were sick or away during the community vaccine clinic, or because the vaccines are only licensed for adults (there is no vaccine available yet for persons under age 16, although testing is underway and we hope to have a vaccine soon).

3. We won't have community immunity until almost everyone has immunity. We know that once 70 per cent or more of people in the community are immune to the virus, the potential for the virus to be transmitted will be much, much, lower. But until we have a vaccine for children, and for everyone outside of the community in which we work, attend school, or shop, following public health measures is the best way to keep people safe.

4. We want to protect all communities, not just ours. Continuing to follow public health measures is the best way to protect those in and outside of our communities – especially those who are young, who are old, and who are vulnerable. It allows important services like support groups, children's programs and schools to remain open. It allows people in service and other industries to get back to the jobs they are dependent on for income, and it allows space in hospitals for all patients, not just COVID-19 patients. Finally, it helps ensure that less of the virus will be able to circulate in our communities as well as communities around us, thereby protecting friends and loved ones.

We know that maintaining public health measures for so long is hard – really hard. And we are heartened to see how well First Nations communities in BC are managing through this difficult time. Drawing upon the strengths and good medicine of intergenerational resilience, cultural teachings from Elders, and connection to each other and to the land, First Nations communities in BC are staying the course, following public health measures, and getting through this – together.”

EXCITING NEWS! Dr. Carrie Marshall will be starting a clinic at the Huupatu Centre once a week starting April 1, 2021. We will issue an official schedule closer to that date.

Recruitment for an Registered Nurse is underway, to support Health services in transition from the NTC.

Education, Lands & Resources

Training & Future Employment Opportunity!

Are you looking for training that will lead to great employment opportunities? North Island College is offering an online **Educational Assistant/Community Support Worker (Indigenous Focus)** program in September 2021 for West Coast residents.

Students will need access to a computer and internet to attend the daily video classes. The practicum element will take place locally in Ucluelet/hitaču, depending on placement. The course would start September 2021 and end June 2022 (approx.)

Successful UFN applicants will likely be sponsored with a living allowance and paid tuition from YG for the duration of the course.

Students need to have completed Grade 12 English for entry - they may be able to take one course (HSW 136) plus ENG 116 in the Fall if their preference is part-time. Students are

encouraged to connect with Bill Morrison at the Ucluelet NIC campus, if they wish to do some upgrading prior to September to be ready. However, those interested should apply to the EACS program in advance to ensure a seat.

The link below takes you to the NIC program page, which outlines the details of the program.

calendar.nic.bc.ca/preview_program.php?ca-toid=3&poid=297

As a graduate of the Educational Assistant/Community Support, Indigenous Focus program, you will be well-prepared to assist individuals who have physical, cognitive and psychiatric disabilities. As an education assistant, you will qualify to work in schools and, under the supervision of the teacher, provide classroom support. As a community support worker, you may pursue career in community-based or government agencies, in departments that assist individuals with diverse needs. For more information, please contact: **Adam Gleeson**, Education Support Worker: adam.gleeson@ufn.ca

Nahmint Telegraph Line Land Claim Update

Information sessions and interviews have been held with Ratcliff & Company, in respect to the Nahmint Telegraph Line Land Claim. This process included information sessions with Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Elders. We are happy to announce, we have finalized the interviews for the Nahmint Telegraph Line Land Claim. We thank those for their time and memory re-jog for the specific items required to move the claim forward.

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

With the conclusion of interviews and submission to Ratcliff & Company, we will continue with the formal process and notify Citizens as the claim advances.

Herring Roe Harvest

As the Herring Spawn Season approaches (March), harvesters are reminded to identify their boughs with a marked buoy.

In accordance with the Maa-nulth First Nations Final Agreement, within the Maa-nulth 2020-2021 Harvest Document:

"Boughs and kelp shall be marked with a buoy bearing the name of the designated harvester and First Nation in characters 75 mm (3") high."

All harvest of whole pacific herring is to be reported to the Department of Lands and Resources under record of harvest for allocated fish species.

Harvesting Applications can be found at ufn.ca. Select Government, Forms, Lands and Resources.

For questions and information contact: **Jonquil Crosby**, Manager of Fisheries & Wildlife: jonquil.crosby@ufn.ca





Environmental Technician Certificate Program

Spring 2021
Tofino BC
April 19-May 21, 2021

If you are interested in attending contact:

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Director of Operations
C: 250-522-1269
mandala@claycoast.org

Chris Godfreyson
Program Coordinator
Vancouver Island University
T: 250-740-6372
chris.godfreyson@viu.ca

Our five-week, 200-hour accredited, 'hands on' certificate training program effectively produces graduates that address the Canada-wide demand for certified environmental monitors. The ETCP is the only program of its kind in Canada that offers Full ABT designation requirements as well as Electrofishing Certification – a valuable and in-demand certificate.

The ETCP series is comprised of a series of 1-week courses:


- Land Monitoring Skills (5 days)
- Water Monitoring Skills (5 days)
- Construction Site Monitoring Skills (5 days)
- Fish and Fish Habitat Monitoring Skills (5 days)
- Essential Environmental Skills (5 days)

NEW: The Environmental Technician Certificate Program is now accredited through the College of Applied Biology and meets all of the required criteria for the Applied Biology Technician designation.



Spring Training!

Smoking Clinics!



BRITISH COLUMBIA LUNG ASSOCIATION

Quit Smoking Weekly Clinic

Are you or someone you know thinking about quitting smoking? QuitNow can help.

Join **QuitNow's Quit Smoking Weekly Clinic** on **Saturdays from March 6 to 27th, 2021 from 11-11:30am** at the **zoom link below!**

Drop-in (virtually) and learn about the free quit smoking support available and connect with one of QuitNow's Health Promoters – Karen Alden! Just click the link and you can join! (Internet access required)

Every Saturday, QuitNow will cover a different topic followed by an opportunity for participants to ask questions and receive live support. For participants who are looking for more one-on-one conversations, Karen can make arrangements to connect with you after each presentation or upon request.

Participants are welcome to drop into any session! No registration is required.

Weekly topics include:

- March 6: Traditional versus Commercial Tobacco
- March 13: Why is Commercial Tobacco so Addictive?
- March 20: Thinking about a Quit Journey?
- March 27: Challenges & Benefits of Quitting

Saturdays
March 6 - 27, 2021
11-11:30am
Zoom Video Conferencing

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78021619821?pwd=nlHV5SIROQSE5PcW5BY3JlYXk4eDEyUT09>
MEETING ID: 780 2161 9821
Passcode: uva83x

For more information, please contact Karen Alden, QuitNow Outreach Coordinator at aldenk11@gmail.com

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250-667-3121 | aldenk11@gmail.com

West Coast Healthy Babies Group

Healthy Babies is a program governed by Nuu-chah-nulth values to support and empower expecting mothers, new parents, and their families. Healthy Babies believes each child is a precious gift. The program aims to create community through partnership and conversation. It creates welcoming spaces to learn from each other, to learn from traditional Nuu-chah-nulth teachings, and to grow and bond.

Join Liza Hutton, and our feature presenters for a virtual Healthy Babies Group **Tuesdays 11am-12pm.**

This group is to support Indigenous and non-Indigenous parents on the west coast that are pregnant, or have children between ages 0-3 years. Grandparents and caregivers are always welcome too. Together we will explore many different topics throughout the year, such as language and culture, brain/speech development, milestones, attachment, postpartum depression, feeding, dental hygiene, and so much more!

At this time, all sessions are virtual through Zoom. Participants will need to download Zoom onto their device, so that they are able to join. Please message Liza Hutton liza@nuuchahnulth.ca to be added to our group page (NTC Healthy Babies Group) to keep up to date on upcoming group topics and resources, and to be informed of the Zoom group passcode.



March 2021 Topics

- 2nd – Let's talk Midwifery! w/ Midwife, Sarah Bjorgan
- 9th – What to expect postpartum w/ Doula, Tanis Bonar
- 16th – No group (spring break)
- 23rd – Pain management and coping during labour w/ Liza
- 30th – Traditional Birthing Ways and Support w/ Jennifer Touchie

ZOOM Meeting Link

Meeting ID: 963 7488 1062

Contact Liza for meeting passcode

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For more info contact Liza Hutton at (250) 266 9499

NTC Healthy Babies Groups!

ʔiɪhtuup (Whale) Healthy Babies Group

This group originally was called Tseshaht 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 Tseshaht. Tseshaht people were whalers, so we incorporate whale into the new group name *ʔiɪhtuup*.

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 tseshaht 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 (*ʔiɪhtuup Healthy Babies Group*) to keep up to date on upcoming sessions and to get the passcode to access this group on Zoom.

MARCH 2021

Mar 1, 2021-Tseshaht Language-Erma

Mar 8, 2021-Strong Start-Claudine

Mar 15, 2021- Welcoming ceremony teachings Geraldine

Mar 22, 2021- Self Care

Mar 29, 2021- Sleep routine and daily routine their benefits-
GGK-Tasha/Wendy

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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The **Carving on the Edge Festival** has undergone a recent reinvention and has emerged with a new format and new programming! The stay-at-home orders of the past year have provided an opportune time of reflection and the impetus to restyle the festival.

It's the **10th festival** and with that comes anniversary celebrations. In-person gathering is important to the mentorship aspect of the festival but there are more ways to celebrate coastal carving than just a festival weekend.

The Carving on the Edge Festival has always been about more than a singular weekend, not merely a moment, but a movement towards community-building, cultural celebration and preservation.

The first stage is the digital festival, coming to you the last weekend of March, the 26th to the 28th.

This year's festival features the works of Gordon Dick, Kelly Robinson, and more. Joe Martin is mentoring apprentices in stewardship and canoe carving and Hesquiaht elders are hosting a session about language revitalization efforts.

We're offering self-guided tours and festival resources for those looking to view all the spectacular carving across Nuu-chah-nulth territory, from Tofino to Port Alberni and everything in between. There will be a new website, where you can learn about past festivals and community projects related to the festival.

The 10th festival celebration is exciting and this year holds hopeful opportunities for the carving community. We'll be together in person again. But until then, we can still celebrate coastal carving and this community we are working hard to support. Join us **March 26th-28th** for our digital programming and stick with us throughout 2021 for more celebrations.

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January	YG Newsletter
February	YG Newsletter
March	Umacuk Spring Edition
April	YG Newsletter
May	YG Newsletter
June	Umacuk Summer Edition
July	YG Newsletter
August	YG Newsletter
September	Umacuk Fall Edition
October	YG Newsletter
November	YG Newsletter
December	Umacuk Winter Edition

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

Transport Canada – Marine Safety & Equipment Training (MSET) Initiative Questionnaire for Vessel Inventory, Equipment & Training Needs

The Marine Safety and Equipment Training Initiative (MSET) responds to concerns regarding potential safety risks posed by increased tanker traffic interacting with Indigenous mariners and members engaged in activities along the marine shipping route and shipping lanes.

The MSET initiative will provide funding to Indigenous groups for equipment to enhance the safety of certain Indigenous vessels (e.g. Automatic Identification Systems, VHF radiotelephones, and emergency position-indicating radio beacons) and for training to build understanding around safety on the water.

Please answer the following questions so that we can determine your interests and needs in regard to this initiative. If you have any questions, please contact Allan Planes at Allan.Planes@tc.gc.ca or (236) 464-1284.

Please circle the appropriate response:

1. Do you or anyone in your household own one or more boats? **Circle one.** Yes No

- a. If 'yes', go to question 2.
- b. If 'no', go to question 8.

2. How many boats do you have? _____

3. What type or size is it/are they? **Select all that apply.**

- a. Hand powered vessel (ex: canoe)
- b. 12' – 16' open boat (ex: cartopper)
- c. 20' – 30' skiff. (specify open or small shelter) _____
- d. >20' enclosed cabin

4. What activities do you use your vessel(s) for? **Select all that apply.**

- a. Fishing/harvesting
- b. Recreation
- c. Transportation (ex: water taxi)
- d. Cultural use (ex: Tribal journey)
- e. Other – Please specify: _____

5. What kind of equipment do you currently have on your vessel(s)? **Select all that apply.**

- a. (DSC) VHF radio. If 'yes', specify fixed or handheld
- b. AIS class "B" transponder, including antenna and display (for vessels 20' and above)
- c. Emergency Position Indicator Radio Beacon (EPIRB)
- d. Radar reflector. If 'yes,' specify tube or standard
- e. Compact life raft (for vessels 20' and above)
- f. Other – Please specify: _____

6. What additional safety equipment is required for your vessels to improve your safety on the water? Please select all that apply from the following options and indicate quantity (one per vessel).

- a. DSC VHF radio(fixed) Quantity _____
- b. DSC VHF radio (handheld) Quantity _____
- c. AIS class "B" transponder, including antenna and display (for vessels 20' and above) Quantity _____
- d. Emergency Position Indicator Radio Beacon (EPIRB) Quantity _____
- e. Radar reflector (tube) Quantity _____

- f. Radar reflector (standard) Quantity _____
- g. Compact life raft (for vessels 20' and above) Quantity _____
- h. Other equipment – Please specify: _____ Quantity _____
- i. No additional safety equipment is required.

7. What kind of maritime training do you currently have? Select all that apply.

- a. Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC)
- b. Small Vessel Operator Proficiency (SVOP)
- c. SDV-BS
- d. Basic Marine First Aid
- e. ROC-M
- f. Other – Please specify: _____

8. Are you interested in taking any additional boating safety training? Select all that apply.

- a. Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC)
- b. Small Vessel Operator Proficiency (SVOP)
- c. SDV-BS
- d. Basic Marine First Aid
- e. ROC-M
- Other suggested training – Please specify: _____

9. Do you or any boaters in your household need any personal safety equipment such as PFDs/life jackets or Personal Locator Beacons (PLBs)?

10. Is there any other marine safety equipment or training not listed above that you think would enhance the safety of Indigenous vessels along the marine shipping route and in the shipping lanes, or that would help build understanding around safety on the water? Please list/describe: _____

Please fill out this Questionnaire and return to Tori Pollins, Administrative Assistant, Lands and Resources by **March 15, 2021**. Submit via email tori.pollins@ufn.ca or drop off to the **Cixwatin Centre** if you are in hitaču. Urban Citizens, mail to PO Box 699, Ucluelet, BC V0R 3A0 if required.



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