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**The Yuułu?ił?ath Government** is found online at: **ufn.ca > forms > as**proud to announce the Home Buver's Purchase Program and Homeowner's Repair Program are now active!

A breakdown of information can be found in this newsletter from pages 9 to 11.

Program guides and applications can be found online at: ufn.ca > programs and services > housing and home programs.

Quick search applications can be

sets and housing.

How to apply information can be found in the guides and at the end of the application forms.

Pamphlets will be distributed and available through the Assets Department and Cix<sup>w</sup>atin Centre Reception at a later date.

\*Please note, homeowners looking to apply for repairs, can backdate applications for the Homeowner's Repair Program to January 1, 2024.\*



MONDAY, MAY 20 MAY LONG WEEKEND Government Offices will reopen Tuesday, May 21, 8:00am

## **?ičayapin taatnaqin** "lifting up our children"

## **BABY WELCOMING CEREMONY**

#### Sunday, May 26 Cix<sup>w</sup>atin Centre Gymnasium 12:00pm

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Lunch will be served at noon, ceremony and dinner to follow.

The Welcoming Ceremony is intended for Yuułu?i?atḥ children or children waiting for Yuułu?i?atḥ enrollment/citizenship, born after the last ceremony March 2019.

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All are encouraged to attend to help us celebrate our nation's future.

To confirm your child's participation please contact Yanny Poilievre: Yanny.Poilievre@ufn.ca or (250) 266-6399

# New Staff Highlight

#### Maci Clements returns as a Policy Analyst for her Co-op placement.

Written by: Mark MacDonald



**For the second summer** in a row, Maci Clements is working for the Yuułu?ił?ath Government as a Co-op Policy Analyst, helping build frameworks for the government and staff.

Maci is going into her fourth year at the University of Victoria studying Honours Political Science with a minor in Applied Ethics, and is looking forward to resuming her work with YG.

"I'm working mainly as a policy analyst, which means doing lots of policy related research, figuring out where the gaps are and what needs to have new written policy," Maci explains. "I'm also doing research on existing policy, coming up with drafts as needed, and meeting with different directors to find out where policy needs fit into their department."

In terms of policy, there are two different aspects to her work.

"Formal policies follow through executive approval, then they are implemented by administration. This aspect applies to wide ranging policies that involve Yuułu?ił?atḥ citizens" she notes.

"Then there are also department policies and procedures, which are passed through administration and presented to the executive for formal approval." "I picked political science as a major a couple of years ago because I thought it would be interesting," she recalls. "I really liked social studies in school, and I've really enjoyed pursuing this as a major. It's been interesting to find out how things work society-wise, how governments function, and it has really helped me understand the things I'm hearing and reading about on the news. I like being aware and this area of study helps me in that way.

Her Honours thesis is focusing on comparative Indigenous governments, including looking at modern treaties and others.

"It's really awesome and something I'm really interested in," she adds. "I'm lucky to find a position like this where my job and school and my interests work together so well.

Maci's family lives in Calgary and southern Alberta, and she chose UVic because "I wanted to find something that was the most un-Calgary like, weather-wise, habitat wise, people wise... everything. I liked the fact that Victoria is close enough so I can still see my family as it's only an hour's flight from Victoria.

Last summer, Maci spent a lot of time in hitacu but it became clear that most of her responsibilities could be done online. This year, most of her work will be virtual, which saves traveling time back and forth from Victoria, where she lives.

Coming to the West Coast was a real awakening for her personally.

"I had never been to the West Coast of the island, and I loved it," she notes. "It has become one of my favorite places in the world. I love the nature, the scenery, the relationship the people have with the land, and the way that the animals are appreciated. This was something I hadn't really been exposed to earlier.

"I am getting to learn a lot about the native plants and animals in the area, and that was all new to me. I was excited to learn about all of that," she adds. "I like being outside, near the ocean, so I try to take advantage of that and spend lots of time at the beach. I really like the people I've met in hitacu, and am really happy to get back here for another summer."

This position fits perfectly with her educational pursuits.

## **Red Dress Walk**

## *'I just pray to the Ancestors and hope': Nuu-chah-nulth teens talk truth on Red Dress Day*

Written by: Nora O'Malley for Ha-shilth-sa Newspaper



Maxine Clutesi is 13 going on 14. The young Nuu-chah-nulth teen likes vintage fashion and jokes that the usual bout of coastal rain is flattening her classic 50s big hair.

She speaks the truth like only a teenager can.

"Personally, I'm not scared when I go out because I don't look native. When I was younger, I can't remember who told me, but they told me I was lucky to be pale because nothing bad will happen to me," Clutesi says from inside the Mini Bighouse in hitacu on May 5 during Red Dress Day, a day to honour Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirited People (MMIWG2S).

A small group of supporters have come together to remember loved ones.

"I think about that sometimes," Clutesi continues. "I'm kind of glad it might keep me safer, but I also want to look how I am."

Her friend Bella Martin, who is sporting two beautiful Indian braids, briefly looks up from her phone when asked the same question — Do you feel safe going out? "Not really," Martin admits. "I just pray to the Ancestors and hope."

"There has to be change," Clutesi says. "Change... Any kind of change."

The Indigenous girls know what they are up against. They know that the murder rate for Indigenous women is nearly six times higher than that for non-Indigenous women. They know that Indigenous women are far more likely to expe-





rience violence and they know that whenever they leave their community they could go missing.

Elder Geraldine Touchie expressed her frustration.

"It's like we're invisible, which is really disappointing and aggravating," said Touchie. "I'm sorry to say it, but if we get a missing non-native, it's all over the news, but we have a missing native, it's swept aside. Our lives are just as valuable as non-natives and we have just as much to offer. We have the potential just like anybody else,"

In attempt to bridge the inequality, a national Red Dress Alert System is in the works. Like Amber Alerts, the Red Dress Alert System would notify the public when an Indigenous woman, girl or two-spirited person goes missing. The 2024 Federal Budget revealed a \$1.3 million investment over a three-year period for the implementation of the Red Dress Alert. Denise Halfyard is the coordinator of the Tears to Hope Society, an Indigenous-led organization focused on supporting the families of MMIWG2S. Her cousin Tamara Chapman disappeared around Prince Rupert along The Highway of Tears in 2005.

"Myself and my mom (Lorna Brown) were asked to go to Ottawa and speak on the Red Dress Alert," said Halfyard after the Red Dress Day Memorial Walk in hitaću. "We mentioned how it should be Indigenous-led and that it should be regional. It should be regional because us living here in Ucluelet, I can't do anything about a woman who goes missing in Surrey."

Halfyard, who is of Wet'suwet'en,

Tsimshian and Gitxsan descent, also discussed the lack of cellphone reception in rural areas during her trip to Ottawa.

"There are so many spots on The Highway of Tears with no reception. Even here, between Port Alberni and the Junction, there is no service. If a Red Dress Alert did go out, we're not going to get it until we hit the Junction or Port Alberni. There are still issues there," she said, adding that despite its shortcomings, the Red Dress Alert initiative is still a big step in the right direction.

Ucluelet First Nation's Dyllon Peter walked with the women and girls in hitacu to honour his aunt Rose Paul who was brutally murdered by her boyfriend in 2015.

"It's horrible. It's something that needs to be more in the media," said Peter about his Stolen Sisters. "Nobody really talks about it. It's sad that nobody talks about it. It needs more attention. I'm not really sure what else to say."





lf you harvest on Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Traditional Territory, please remember...

# Sustainable Harvesting is Everyone's Responsibility

- NOOTKA ROSE
- SALAL & BERRIES
- SALMON/BLACKBERRIES
- CEDAR BARK
- CRAB
- SEA URCHIN
- CLAMS
- MUSSELS
- OTHER TRADITIONAL FOODS

Avoid gathering more than you need, harvest with intention.

Have ?iisaak (respect) for the land and ocean.

Know the species you're looking for and how to identify them.











# SERVICES IN HITACU Yuutu?it?ath

#### ufn.ca

**The Canada Revenue Agency** and Service Canada will be coming to hitaću on Tuesday, May 28 to offer the following services to community members:

- Benefits and Credits available such as Canada Child Benefit
- Disability Tax Credit
- GST/HST Credit
- Tax slips, forms and resources
- Pension information on Old Age Security and Canada Pension Plan

- Get a Social Insurance Number (birth certificate in most cases will be required)
- Receive an access code to sign up for online My Service Canada
- Canadian Dental Care Plan information
- General Government of Canada information

Join in at the Cix<sup>w</sup>atin Centre from 10:00am to 3:00pm on Tuesday, May 28. Please bring any ID you have as what is required will depend on what service you are accessing.



**The Pacific Rim National Park** has had confirmed cases of avian influenza reported in sick and dead birds found along the coast. Please read below for information from PRNP's social media.

Avian influenza is endemic to wild bird populations and many strains occur naturally. The viral infection can spread to domestic birds and mammals, but it is rare for avian influenza viruses to cause disease in humans.

For your safety, please do not touch or handle dead wildlife. While risk of transmission to humans is low, infections can occur. Parks Canada asks visitors to take the following precautions when visiting the national park reserve:

- Never approach or handle wildlife in the park, including sick, injured or dead birds.
- Never allow your pet to approach wildlife, including sick, injured or dead birds and always keep your pet on a leash.
- If you see sick, injured or deceased wildlife in Pacific Rim National Park Reserve, call 250-726-3604, email pacrim.info@pc.gc.ca, or let a staff member know.
- Never feed wild birds from your hand or try to lure birds with food or seeds.

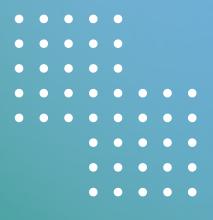
# Calling all Yuuiuiiii Anti Carvers! PAID ARTIST OPPORTUNITY

The Wild Pacific Trail Society is looking for a Yuułu?ił?ath artist to carve a 30 inch by 4.5 inch plank to go on top of a Nuu-chah-nulth Language Audio Box that will be installed on the trail.

## **\*YOUR DESIGN HERE\***

**INTERESTED?** Submit your interest by <u>Tuesday, May 28</u> to:

Carey.Cunneyworth@ufn.ca or Samantha.Touchie@ufn.ca





## Homeowner's Repair Program

#### A new home repair program is in place for Yuułu?ił?atḥ homeowners!

**The Homeowner's Repair Program** is intended to offer Yuułu?ił?atḥ citizens funding of up to **\$5000** to cover the costs of the repairs and maintenance of their primary residences.

The number of grants allocated each year will vary depending on annual budget allocations. Every property, regardless of the owner's eligibility, is only able to receive the grant **once every five years**.

Successful applicants are required to sign a **Home Repair Grant Agreement** which reiterates the details of the grant and its terms and conditions.

The Yuułu?ił?atḥ Government will invite applications for these grants as funds are made available. **Eligibility to apply, backdated to January 1, 2024**.

#### To be eligible for this grant, the applicant must:

- be a Yuułu?ił?atḥ citizen.
- be over the age of 19.
- not have received the grant in the past five years.
- not be in debt to the Yuułu?ił?ath Government (this includes the spouses of applicants and any individuals holding joint title with the applicant).
- be the legal and beneficial owner of the eligible property.
- use the eligible property as their primary residence.

#### For the property to be eligible it must be a:

- a single-family home, side-by-side home, townhouse, condominium, multi-unit,
- or a manufactured home, built under CSA A-277 and Z-240 standards.

To apply for this grant, citizens must submit an application, completed in full, to the Assets Department. There are no deadlines for applications, as grants are to be awarded year-round as need or opportunity arises.

#### Applications will be assessed based on:

- the completeness and accuracy of the applicant's information.
- the purpose and amount requested in the application.
- available funding.
- whether the applicant or their spouse have previously been awarded this grant and if so when.

Applicants will be informed within two weeks if they have been approved to receive this grant. Unsuccessful applicants will also be notified.

Once applications have been approved by the Assets Department, funds will be delivered to either the:

- contractor, given that they provide an invoice that specifies the repairs made on the eligible property, or
- the successful applicant, given that they provide support for work and/or material purchased and proof of payment thereof.

The delivered funds will be the lesser of \$5000, or the invoiced amount/proof of payment. Any funds found to have been used inappropriately may be subject to limitations, and the applicants may be subject to repay the grant amount to the Yuułu?ił?atḥ Government.

For further support or any other questions, please contact the Assets Department.

#### Step-by-Step Application Guide

#### 1. Fill out the Homeowner's Repair Program Application.

- The application is accessible through the Yuułu?ił?ath Government website. You may also request the application by contacting the Assets Department.
- This application will require information about the applicant, the proposed property and a project description outlining projected plans, anticipated costs and supporting documentation.

## 2. Submit the completed application to the Assets Department.

#### 3. Wait up to two weeks to hear back from the Yuułu?ił?atḥ Government on the status of your application.

• All applicants will be notified regardless of if they are receiving the grant or not.

4. If notified that your application was successful, you must sign the Home Repair Grant Agreement. Note that the agreement to be signed differs depending on if you are the sole owner of the property or if it is jointly owned. Please ensure you are signing the correct agreement.

5. Once the agreement has been signed, provide (or have the contractor provide) invoices/proof of payments of the work done to the authorized property. Please also provide the payment information for the receiving entity.

- 6. Wait for Yuułu?ił?ath Government to deliver the funds.

## Home Buyer's Purchase Program

#### A new purchase program is in place for Yuułu?ił?atḥ first time home buyers!

**The Home Buyer's Purchase Program** is intended to offer Yuułu?ił?ath citizens funding of **up to \$25,000** to go towards the first-time purchase of primary residences.

The number of grants issued each year will vary depending on annual budget allocations. Eligible properties, regardless of applicant's eligibility, are only able to receive this grant once.

The Yuułu?ił?ath Government will invite applications for these grants as funds are made available. Unsuccessful applicants may reapply no more than twice per calendar year.

#### In order to be eligible for this grant, applicants must:

- be a Yuułu?ił?atḥ citizen.
- be 19 or older.
- have not previously received this grant (this includes the spouses of applicants and any individuals intending to hold joint title with the applicant).
- not be in debt to the Yuułu?ił?ath Government (this includes the spouses of applicants and any individuals intending to hold joint title with the applicant).
- be a first-time homeowner.
- intend to use the grant for the purpose of the firsttime purchase of a long-term primary residence.

#### In order for property to be eligible for this grant, it must be insurable and be one of the following:

- newly constructed homes with a new home warranty.
- resale homes including single-family, side-by-side, townhouse, condominium, multi-unit.
- manufactured homes, built under CSA A-277 and Z-240 standards.

Interested and qualified citizens may apply for this program by submitting a completed application form to the Yuułu?ił?ath Government. These applications are to be submitted through two streams. Please review the streams below to determine which stream you should apply through.

#### Stream 1: Applicants who HAVE mortgage pre-approval.

• If you fall into this stream, please submit the application form completed in full along with proof of mortgage pre-approval by a lender. Please also include permissions to contact the specified lender and references.

Stream 2: Applicants who do NOT have mortgage pre-approval and require the grant to secure mortgage pre-approval.

• If you fall into this stream, please submit the application completed in full, along with the potential lender's mortgage pre-approval requirements. Please also include permission to contact the potential lender and references.

The application packages with the appropriate attached requirements should be submitted to the Director of Operations. Following submission, applicants will receive a notice that their application was appropriately received. There are no deadlines as grants are to be awarded year-round based on need and opportunity. Applications will be reviewed and responded to within 30 days following submission.

#### Applications are assessed by an application review group. Assessment of applications will be based on the following criteria:

- The completeness and accuracy of information in the application package.
- The applicant's intent and the provided confirmation of intended future primary residence.
- The funding available.
- If the applicant or applicant's spouse has previously applied for the grant.

Both selected and unsuccessful applicants will be notified of their applications' success or lack thereof following the review.

The process of accepting the grant if your application is selected differs depending on which stream you applied through. Please note below the process of grant acceptance for your stream.

#### Stream 1: Applicants who HAVE mortgage pre-approval.

• If you were approved for this grant and applied through stream 1, please proceed directly to signing the agreement and complying with the conditions of funds delivery.

## Stream 2: Applicants who do NOT have mortgage pre-approval.

- If you were approved for this grant and applied through stream 2, you will receive a conditional confirmation of the granted amount that should be provided to the potential lender to secure mortgage pre-approval.
- Once mortgage pre-approval has been approved, applicants should proceed directly to signing the agreement and complying with the conditions of funds de-

livery.

• If mortgage pre-approval is denied despite providing conditional confirmation to the potential lender, the applicant must immediately inform the Yuułu?ił?ath Government and the application will be considered unsuccessful. If no notice of mortgage pre-approval is provided within 60 days, the grant pre-approval will be considered null and void.

The Yuułu?ił?ath Government will provide each successful applicant with the agreement for signing as well as a statutory declaration to swear to as prepared by the Yuułu?ił?ath Government's legal counsel. By signing the agreement, you are legally agreeing to the terms and conditions of the grant.

Applicants must meet certain conditions of delivery in order for the funds to be released. Please ensure that you are following these conditions.

#### The conditions are as follows:

a) For the purchases of new or resale homes, the following must be delivered to the Yuułu?ił?ath Government for the funds transferred in trust to the lawyer or notary responsible for the transfer of the eligible property:

- Copy of closing documents.
- Copy of a signed statement of Adjustment.
- Signed statutory declaration.
- Confirmation of property insurance.
- Copy of the signed form used to register the transfer in the BC Land Title office or First Nations Registry.

(b) For the purchase of a manufactured home, the following must be delivered to the Yuułu?ił?ath Government in order for the funds transferred in trust to the lawyer or notary responsible for the transfer of the eligible property:

- Copy of the bill of sale.
- Copy of notice to change/transfer ownership.
- Signed statutory declaration.
- Proof of CSA Manufactured Home Registration.
- Confirmation of property insurance.
- Confirmation of site location, including applicant(s) ownership of site.
- Copy of the signed Statement of Adjustments.

If there is a mortgage or loan, then on closing, the grant funds, held in trust by the lawyer or notary, may be transferred to the lender as a contribution to the down payment or may be applied to the purchase price of the eligible property. If the anticipated purchase of the eligible property fails to occur, then the grant must be returned directly to the Yuułu?ił?ath Government by the lawyer or notary holding it in trust.

#### **Step-By-Step Application Guide**

#### 1. Fill out the Home Buyer's Purchase Program Application

- This application is accessible through the Yuułu?ił?ath Government website. You may also request the application by contacting the Assets Department.
- For stream 1 applicants this will require:
- Attached proof of mortgage pre-approval
- For stream 2 applicants this will require:
  - Completing the request for grant pre-approval form located within the application form.
  - Attaching the potential lender's mortgage pre-approval requirements

2. Submit the completed application to the Director of Operations, who will then delegate its review to the application review group. You will be notified that your application was properly received.

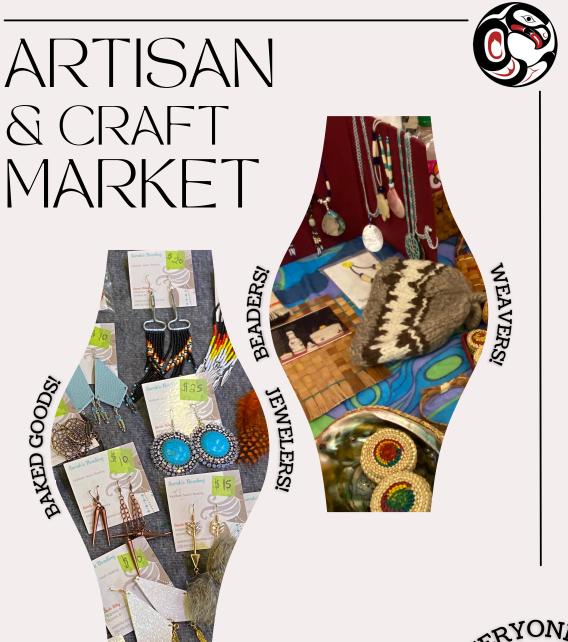
3. Wait up to 30 days for the application review group to review your application. You will be notified of the status of your application following its review.

4. If you are informed that your application was successful and you were selected to receive the grant, you will receive a copy of the Home Buyer's Purchasing Program Agreement. Please sign and submit this agreement along with the other information required that is outlined within the conditions of funds delivery.



To book an appointment call (250) 726-7343 or email moa@ufn.ca. For those needing appointments in the evening contact Della Shade, call (250) 816-5398 or email Della.Shade@fnha.ca\_\_\_\_\_\_

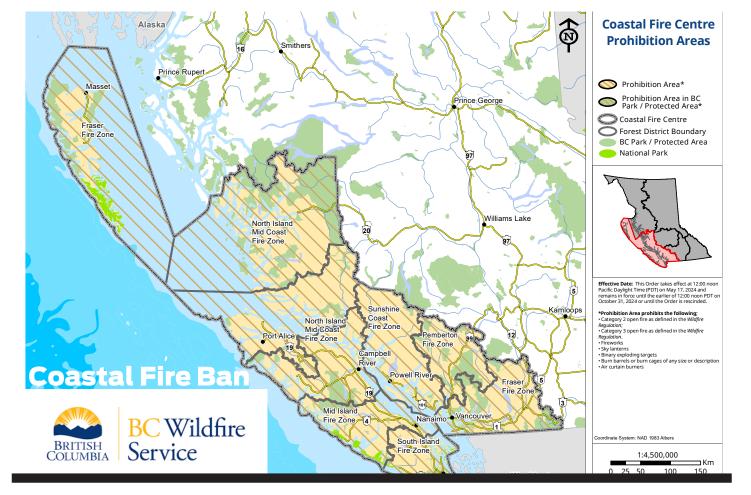




SATURDAY, JUNE 1 9:00AM – 3:00PM Cix<sup>w</sup>atin Centre Gymnasium 700 Wya Rd. hitaću



Interested in becoming a market vendor? Contact touchiesheila@gmail.com



**Effective at 12:00pm on Friday, May 17, 2024,** the province determines an open burning ban throughout the Coastal Fire Centre's jurisdiction. This prohibition is being enacted to help reduce wildfire risk and protect public safety.

Category 2 and Category 3 open fires will be prohibited throughout the Coastal Fire Centre's jurisdiction. This prohibition will be in place until **October 31, 2024**, or until the order is rescinded.

This prohibition applies to all public and private land, unless specified otherwise (e.g., in a local government bylaw). Residents are asked to check with local government authorities for any other restrictions before lighting any fire.

This prohibition refers to the following activities:

Category 2 means an open fire that burns:

- material in one pile not exceeding 2m in height and 3m in width;
- material concurrently in 2 piles each not exceeding 2m in height and 3m in width; or
- stubble or grass over an area that does not exceed 0.2ha.

#### Category 3 means an open fire that burns:

- material concurrently in 3 or more piles each not exceeding 2m in height and 3 m in width;
- material in one or more piles each exceeding 2m in height or 3m in width;
- one or more windrows, each not exceeding 200m in length or 15m in width; or

• stubble or grass over an area exceeding 0.2ha.

Additional prohibited activities:

- Fireworks
- Sky Lanterns
- Binary Exploding Targets
- Burn Barrels or Burn Cages of any size or description
- Air Curtain Burners

#### This prohibition does not apply to Category 1 campfires that are a half-metre high by a half-metre wide or smaller, or to cooking stoves that use gas, propane, or briquettes.

Anyone lighting a campfire must maintain a fireguard by removing flammable debris from around the campfire area and have a hand tool or at least eight litres of water available nearby to properly extinguish the fire.

Anyone found in contravention of an open fire prohibition (by the Provincial Government) may be issued a violation ticket for \$1,150, required to pay an administrative penalty of up to \$10,000 or, if convicted in court, fined up to \$100,000 and/or sentenced to one year in jail. If the contravention causes or contributes to a wildfire, the person responsible may be ordered to pay all firefighting and associated costs.

To report a wildfire, unattended campfire, or open fire violation, call **1 (800) 663-5555** toll-free or **\*5555** on a cell phone.

Wildfire Act - www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca



NUU-CHAH-NULTH TRIBAL COUNCIL COVID-19 Vaccine Study Participants:

# Your blood results are in!

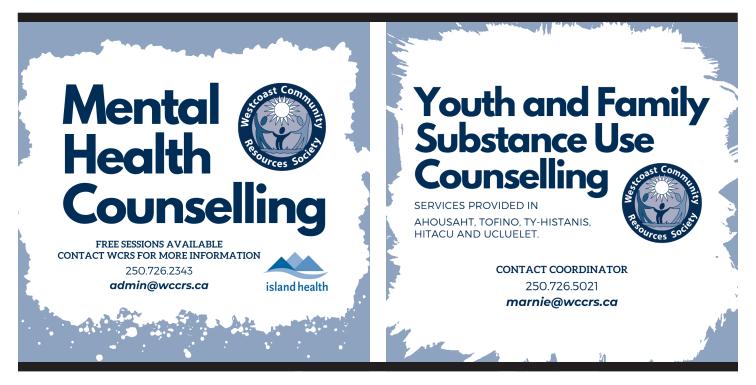
Email us at covid19results@nuuchahnulth.org

#### HOW TO REQUEST YOUR RESULTS

Email us your legal name and date of birth.

You will receive your results within 14 days. \*\*May only request your own results. No email? No problem! Please contact our COVID-19 Director of Research for assistance at (705)-987-6071

For more info about this exciting project, go to nuuchahnulthhealthresearch.org



## **Mental Health Support**

#### Ucluelet's West Coast Community Resource Society has support available.

Ucluelet's West Coast Community Resource Society offers free mental health resources, including general counselling, youth and family substance use counselling, violence and abuse support counselling and programs for youth and children who have witnessed or experience violence and abuse.

Supports are offered by phone and coordinators will visit a patient in the community of hitaću.

Information and direct contacts for the support you need can be found in the information blocks on this page.

In addition, Della Shade Counseling Services will be available in hitacu on Tuesday, June 11 and Wednesday, June 12.

Call huupatu Health Centre at **(250) 726-7343** to book an appointment.





## Employment Opportunity Garden Lead Temporary, Part-time

The Yuułu?ił?ath Government is a modern treaty government located in the community of hitacu on the west coast of Vancouver Island, on the eastern shore of Ucluelet Inlet.

The Yuułu?ił?ath Government is a member of the Maa-nulth Treaty Society and, through the Maanulth First Nations Final Agreement, is a modern treaty Nation operating with a government-togovernment relationship with Canada and the province of British Columbia. As a Self-Governing Indigenous Government, the Yuułu?ił?ath Government continues to promote education and community programs that enhance Yuułu?ił?ath identity.

#### **Position Summary**

Yuułu?ił?ath Government is seeking a Garden Lead to assist with the development and operations of a community garden in hitacu. The Garden Lead will be responsible for general garden construction duties, as well as providing direction and supervision to the Garden Assistants. Performs all duties and responsibilities in accordance with the Yuułu?ił?ath Government policies, standards, practices, and procedures, as directed by the Traditional Foods Coordinator, as well as the hitacu Garden Working Group. This is a temporary position of 25-30 hours per week for May/June to October.

#### **Primary Responsibilities**

- Performs general garden construction tasks including building boxes, moving materials and planting.
- Completes basic gardening tasks such as weeding, watering, harvesting, and pest management.
- Oversees and provides updates on garden construction and maintenance.
- Provides supervision and instruction to the Garden Assistants.
- Communicates effectively with staff and volunteers.
- Promotes a positive and respectful work environment.
- Identifies and reports safety issues and concerns.
- Performs other duties and responsibilities as necessary in the performance of the position, and as assigned by the Traditional Foods Coordinator.

#### Qualifications

#### Training, Education and Experience

- 2-5 years of experience in horticulture, landscaping, or agriculture.
- Experience with garden construction and maintenance.
- Experience supervising and providing direction to a team.
- Satisfactory criminal records check.
- Current Class 5 BC Driver's Licence and access to vehicle.

#### Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Well developed communication and interpersonal skills.
- Knowledge of and interest in community engagement and Indigenous food sovereignty.
- Able to work independently as well as working within a collaborative team framework.
- Physically fit and able to lift 50lbs and perform repetitive lighter lifting and turning.

- Able to comfortably work with power tools.
- Genuine respect for Yuułu?ił?ath traditions, culture, and protocols.

#### Benefits

- The Yuułu?ił?ath Government is a living wage employer.
- Group benefits that include health, dental, vision, long/short-term disability, etc. are fully covered by the Yuułu?ił?ath Government.

#### How to Apply

Please submit your covering letter, resume and/or how you meet these requirements to the attention of the Director of Operations, by email (employment@ufn.ca), fax (250-726-7552), by mail (P.O. Box 699, Ucluelet, BC, V0R 3A0) or in person (700 Wya Road, Hitacu, BC).

In accordance with the CHRC Aboriginal Employment Preference Policy and the Yuułu?ił?ath Government hiring policies, preference will be given to citizens of the Yuułu?ił?ath or individuals of other Indigenous Ancestry.

Application deadline: Open until filled



### Employment Opportunity Garden Assistant Seasonal, Part-time

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#### **Position Summary**

Yuułu?ił?ath Government is seeking a Garden Assistant to support the development and operations of a community garden in hitacu. The Assistant will participate in general garden construction and maintenance and performs all duties and responsibilities in accordance with the Yuułu?ił?ath Government policies, standards, practices, and procedures. They will receive training and guidance from the Garden Lead, the Traditional Foods Coordinator, and a network of experienced gardeners. This is an exciting opportunity to gain hands-on gardening and construction experience, develop valuable employability skills, and strengthen community connections. This is a seasonal position of 25-30 hours per week for May/June to October.

#### **Primary Responsibilities**

- Performs general garden construction tasks including building boxes, moving materials and planting.
- Completes basic gardening tasks such as weeding, watering, harvesting, and pest management.
- Communicates effectively with staff and volunteers.
- Promotes a positive and respectful work environment.
- Performs other duties and responsibilities as necessary in the performance of the position, and as assigned by the Traditional Foods Coordinator and Garden Lead.

#### Qualifications

#### Training, Education and Experience

- Experience gardening and/or working outdoors is preferred.
- Satisfactory criminal records check.

#### Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Good communication and interpersonal skills.
- Knowledge of or interest in community engagement and horticulture.
- Able to take instruction and work within a collaborative team framework.
- Physically fit and able to lift 50lbs and perform repetitive lighter lifting and turning.
- Able to comfortably work with power tools.
- Genuine respect for Yuułu?ił?ath traditions, culture, and protocols.

#### **Benefits**

- The Yuułu?ił?ath Government is a living wage employer.
- Group benefits that include health, dental, vision, long/short-term disability, etc. are fully covered by the Yuułu?ił?ath Government.

#### How to Apply

Please submit your covering letter, resume and/or how you meet these requirements to the attention of the Director of Operations, by email (employment@ufn.ca), fax (250-726-7552), by mail (P.O. Box 699, Ucluelet, BC, V0R 3A0) or in person (700 Wya Road, Hitacu, BC).

In accordance with the CHRC Aboriginal Employment Preference Policy and the Yuułu?ił?ath Government hiring policies, preference will be given to citizens of the Yuułu?ił?ath or individuals of other Indigenous Ancestry.

Application deadline: Open until filled



#### NOTICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH YUUŁU?IŁ?ATH LAW

#### HITAĊU ASSEMBLY

In accordance with Section 4.2 of the *Government Act* YFNS 2/2011, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the hitacu Assembly has been called for the following date:

Date:	Monday, June 17, 2024
Time:	6:00 p.m.
Location:	Cixwatin Centre Gym, hitacu / Zoom

#### DRAFT AGENDA

The agenda is in draft form until approved by the Citizens at the meeting of the hitacu Assembly. Additional items may be added at the time we adopt the agenda.

- 1. Call to order
- 2. Opening Ceremonies/Welcoming remarks
- 3. Adoption of the Agenda
- 4. Executive Reports
- 5. Other
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Adjournment

#### Zoom Instructions

Dial In #: Meeting ID:

**Passcode:** 

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Voting on Zoom

When the Chairperson calls for a vote, the Chairperson will request that eligible voters on Zoom use the "raise hand" feature on Zoom (click *Reactions* > *Raise Hand*), or state their full name followed by "yay" or "nay".

Notice Date: April 10, 2024