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In this issue we are excited to share new details about Yuutu?it?ath Day weekend, updates on housing, and construction of the new community garden. Other highlights include the soft opening of the Port Alberni Satellite Office and a round up of events from the past month. We also welcome a new service provider to support the Health & Social Services team!

Yuutu?it?ath Government is here to help get students ready for the upcoming school year. Parents and guardians of urban Yuutu?it?ath grade school students and Ucluelet Secondary School students are encouraged to apply for the YG School Supplies Subsidy. Applications can be found by visiting the Yuutu?it?ath Government website at ufn.ca. From the main page select 'Forms', scroll down and click on 'Education Forms', then select the required form. Hardcopy forms are available at Cixwatin Centre Reception.

Please note Ucluelet Elementary School students' supplies have be ordered and will be delivered to the school in time for the first day of classes.

Read on for more events, services, and information.

hita'cu Cixwatin Centre & huu'patu Centre
CLOSED
 MONDAY, September 2
 FOR
 LABOUR DAY
Government Offices will reopen Tuesday, September 3.

Yuuᑭᑦᑭᑦᑭᑦ Day Weekend

Laugh, celebrate, and feast at the first multi-day Yuuᑭᑦᑭᑦᑭᑦ Day!

Written by: ᑭᑦᑭᑦᑭᑦ [Rose Aday-McCarthy]

The events for Yuuᑭᑦᑭᑦᑭᑦ Day 2024, taking place at the Cixᑭᑦᑭᑦᑭᑦ Centre in hitaᑭᑦ and Kᑭᑦᑭᑦᑭᑦ, have been announced. The schedule is brimming with entertainment, relaxation and opportunities to take part in cultural activities. There is something for everyone to look forward to!

Kᑭᑦᑭᑦᑭᑦ is an important cultural location for Yuuᑭᑦᑭᑦᑭᑦ, located within the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve. Because of the significance to ancestral and modern Yuuᑭᑦᑭᑦᑭᑦ it has been arranged with Parks Canada for Kᑭᑦᑭᑦᑭᑦ to be closed to the public from Friday, September 20 to Monday, September 23. Only Yuuᑭᑦᑭᑦᑭᑦ citizens will have access to the area.

Enjoy stunning beaches and trails in peace or use the land for traditional cultural practices as it has been for time immemorial. Citizens who would like to harvest at Kᑭᑦᑭᑦᑭᑦ are encouraged to practice ᑭᑦᑭᑦᑭᑦ [respect] for the land; only take what is needed and do not cause harm to the ecosystem.



Images by: Melissa Boucha

Friday, September 20

The entertainment will begin on Friday, September 20 with Don Burnstick's comedy show, complimented by snacks and light refreshments at the Cixᑭᑦᑭᑦ Centre. Burnstick is a Cree comedian from Alexander First Nation who has been sharing the gift of laughter across the world for over 25 years. His edgy humour and satire about shared experiences of Indigenous people brings everyone together to laugh and heal. Details on how to claim your **FREE** ticket to the family friendly show are coming soon.

Saturday, September 21

On Saturday, September 21, a full day of activities starts at the Cixᑭᑦᑭᑦ Centre in the morning. Try out cedar weaving with Brian and Rose Wilson, get a free haircut from the Windy Clipper, keep the kids entertained with face painting or leaping to their hearts content in the bouncy castle. Don't forget to commemorate the celebration at the photobooth!

In the afternoon, the festivities will continue at Kᑭᑦᑭᑦᑭᑦ. While parking is available a four-minute walk from the main event space, a shuttle service has been arranged for added convenience. The shuttle will make round trips between the Cixᑭᑦᑭᑦ Centre and Kᑭᑦᑭᑦᑭᑦ Interpretive Centre beginning at noon and ending at 7:00pm.

Or take an e-bike to the beach! ᑭᑦᑭᑦᑭᑦ [Thunderbird] E-bike Rentals has donated 10 e-bikes for citizens to use on Saturday, September 21. The e-bikes are available to pick up at the Ucluelet Junction on a first come, first served basis. Established in 2021, ᑭᑦᑭᑦᑭᑦ E-bikes is owned and operated by the Yuuᑭᑦᑭᑦᑭᑦ Taylor family.



Explore, adventure and enjoy beautiful west coast beaches along the recently completed ʔapsčiiik ʔašii with ease on an e-bike. The ʔapsčiiik ʔašii [going the right direction on the path] is a 25-kilometer paved multiuse pathway weaving through the forest connecting Ucluelet and Tofino making for a smooth and joyful journey from the Ucluelet Junction to the Yuuʔuʔiʔaʔh Day celebration at Kʷisitis.

ʔeekoo ʔeekoo to ʔiickin E-bike Rentals for their generosity. Learn more about ʔiickin E-bikes and support local Indigenous business by following @tbirdebikes on Facebook and Instagram.

There will be plenty of fun and games at Kʷisitis! Compete in Beach Games including foot races, stealing sticks, and three-legged race. Awards will be presented to the winners of the children’s and adults’ races!

Giselle Martin will guide people on a walking tour featuring cultural history of the land and teachings on traditional plants and medicines. Participants will learn how to accurately identify and proper usage of plants our ancestors have been using and harvesting for millennia. Afterwards put your observational skills and newly acquired plant knowledge to use in the all-ages scavenger hunt.

Inside the Kʷisitis Interpretive Centre listen to traditional stories told by Tyson Touchie Sr. and watch videos curated by the Culture, Language and Heritage Department in the Babara Touchie Theatre.

The day will finish off with a feast, songs and dances performed by the culture group, and the annual raffle! Prizes will include homemade jams and other delicious offerings made by ka-kawinminh [Women’s Warriors], grand prizes sourced from local shops and more.

Sunday, September 22

The scheduled events for Yuuʔuʔiʔaʔh Day will round out with the Annual General Assembly on Sunday, September 22. Attending the assembly is a way of taking part in your government and becoming an informed citizen. Gain insight into the hard work that often takes place behind the scenes to bring services and programs to citizens and get a sneak peek at what is in store for the next year.

YG is determined to make attending the celebration as accessible as possible by easing potential financial barriers. Travel expenses within Vancouver Island are eligible for reimbursement and hotel accommodation for up to three nights

in Ucluelet will be covered.

In addition to hotel accommodation, local citizens hosting other citizens coming home for the celebration are able to receive compensation for up to three nights.

To access the Travel Claim Form or Host Allowance Form, visit the Yuuʔuʔiʔaʔh Government website at ufn.ca. From the main page select ‘Forms’, scroll down and click on ‘Yuuʔuʔiʔaʔh Day 2024’, then select the required form.

To ensure accommodation is available and to avoid delays in receiving compensation for travel expenses or hosting submit forms before **Tuesday, August 27.**



Yuuʔuʔiʔaʔh Day Weekend
Friday, September 20 to Monday, September 23



CIXʷATIN CENTRE
700 Wya Road
hitacu

KʷISITIS
485 Wick Road
Pacific Rim National Park Reserve



TRAVEL ASSISTANCE
Accommodation and travel assistance (within Vancouver Island) is available up to 3 nights. Local citizens can receive pay for hosting visiting citizens. Send requests by August 27.



TRANSPORT TO KʷISITIS

Third E-bike Rentals has graciously donated 10 E-bikes for citizen use on Saturday, September 21. E-bikes are available first come, first serve at the Ucluelet Junction.

Shuttle service to kʷisitis will depart the Cixʷatin Centre at 12:00pm with round trips every 30 minutes until 7:00pm.

FRIDAY

All Day Kʷisitis Open
Kʷisitis will be closed to public and open to citizens for harvesting and traditional activities.
6:00pm Don Burnstick Comedy Show

SATURDAY

8:00am Breakfast
8:40am Opening Prayer
9:00am Cixʷatin Activities
Cedar weaving, face painting, bouncy castle, photo booth, and free haircuts!
11:30am Grab-n-Go Lunch
1:00pm Kʷisitis Activities
UFN films at the Interpretive Centre, traditional plants walking tour, story telling, all-ages scavenger hunt, archery, beach games and more!
3:30pm Cultural Dance
4:00pm Dinner
5:00pm Closing Remarks

SUNDAY

All Day Kʷisitis Open
1:00pm Lunch
2:00pm Annual General Assembly

MONDAY

All Day Kʷisitis Open
Yuuʔuʔiʔaʔh Government Offices Closed

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:

Travel Assistance, Accommodation & Hosting
Call: (250) 726-7342 Dial 1 or 0
Email: Reception@ufn.ca

Satellite Office Soft Opening

Port Alberni Nuu-chah-nulth Nations come together for YG soft opening.

Written by: *hiina* [Rose Aday-McCarthy]



In front: Wahmeesh [Ken Watts], histakwaayačič [Darlene Taylor], Deb Foxcroft, Leah Wrigley. In back: Bryson George, Justin Jackway, James Walton, Charles McCarthy, *hiina* [Rose Aday-McCarthy], Yanny Poilievre, Carey Cunneyworth, Lindsay McCarthy Sr., maḥima [Moira Barney], Sheldon Touchie.

Images by: Melissa Boucha

It was a surprisingly cool and cloudy morning in Port Alberni on Wednesday, July 31 when representatives from čišaaʔaḥ [Tseshaht] First Nation, Hupačasʔaḥ First Nation and Yuuḷuʔitʔaḥ Government gathered for the soft opening of the hilstiis hupiiʔuʔ Yuuḷuʔitʔaḥ Government Satellite Office.

hilstiis hupiiʔuʔ [Helping place at the mouth of Alberni Inlet] was named by the late Bob Mundy and is located at 3203 3rd Ave on čišaaʔaḥ and Hupačasʔaḥ haahuuʔi [traditional territories]. To show respect for the territory the satellite office is located on leaders from Tseshaht First Nation and Hupačasʔaḥ First Nation were invited to attend the opening ceremony.

Attendees walked under cedar boughs to enter the main hall at the office. An opening statement from Office Coordinator/Receptionist, Yanny Poilievre welcomed everyone before a prayer spoken by maḥima [Moira Barney] started the event off properly.

Speeches were made by Yuuḷuʔitʔaḥ Government President Charles McCarthy, Hupačasʔaḥ First Nation Councillor





Image by: *ħiiña* [Rose Aday-McCarthy]

Leah Wrigley and Tseshaht First Nation Elected Chief Councillor Wahmeesh [Ken Watts] sharing kind words and well wishes for the future of the satellite office. All three nation leaders expressed hope for future collaborations between the nations.

Councillor Wrigley shared in an email “Hupacasath Chief and Council would like to extend a huge welcome and a congratulations On the YG Satellite Office opening in Port Alberni.

“We are excited, and thankful that the Nation now has a place in our Valley for their citizens to access services who are living away from home, in which, they will now be able to access services in the Port Alberni Valley.”

Wahmeesh performed a prayer chant and spoke on behalf of *čišaaʔath ɥawit histakwaayačit* [Darlene Taylor]. To acknowledge the event and their gratitude for proper protocols being followed Tseshaht gifted a piece of artwork by Patrick Amos. The artwork intentionally features a wolf as the land the satellite office is built on, called *łuukʷatquuʔis*, has great significance to Tseshaht First Nation where powerful, sacred rituals take place.

Elected Chief Councillor Wahmeesh stated in an email “Yuułʷiʔath Government - Ucluelet First Nation has shown to be true leaders in providing services to their member even living away from home. This important work should be followed by other Nations as often the majority of members do not live in community but rather urban centres such as Port Alberni, Nanaimo, Victoria and Vancouver.

“By following protocol and seeking the blessing to open such a facility in Tseshaht hahoulthee territory of the Alberni Valley, shows not only good leadership, but ensures

protocols are followed. Kleco Kleco on behalf of all Tseshaht for leading by example.”

Closing the event, Lindsay McCarthy Sr. ushered YG staff to stand beside himself, Carey Cunneyworth, James Walton and Bryson George when they sang the *Yuułʷiʔath* song *ʔa-anima*. Their strong voices echoed in the hall lifting attendees’ spirits high. The office was finally ready to open the doors and help *Yuułʷiʔath* citizens.

Currently, the office, open Monday to Friday from 9:00am to 2:00pm, is staffed by Office Coordinator/Receptionist, Yanny Poilievre and Communications Coordinator, *ħiiña* [Rose Aday-McCarthy]. Citizens are welcome to come in to have any YG forms and documents printed off or have completed forms scanned and submitted.

Services by YG staff from *hitaču* including status cards, outreach support, education, economic development, and community wellness are also available by appointment. “A lot of *hitaču* staff will be coming in and supporting us.” Yanny shared.

Excited about developing the programs for the new office, Yanny said “It’s kind of like a blank slate. What do we want to do? How do we want to show up for the citizens here? Especially because I’ve never lived in *hitaču*, I’ve always been a citizen living away from home, so you see posts [for services in *hitaču*] and say, ‘Oh, I wish’, and now we’re like ‘Yeah, let’s wish’! Let’s build the programming and let’s bring the same support, services and the same workshops to citizens here. It’s exciting to think of everything we can do.”

Upcoming programs will prioritize language and culture as well as workshops. “The hope is to get workshops that mirror the programming that we’re seeing in *hitaču*. Shawl making, drum making and eventually, once our kitchen opens, canning workshops.” She adds that hopes for future programming include, “maybe a once-a-month youth night, elders’ luncheons or a baby group. It still remains to be seen how much we can execute, but our hopes are high!”

Yanny and Rose both expressed their appreciation for Tseshaht First Nation, *Hupačasʔath* First Nation and YG staff members who came to show their support, with special thanks to Aaron Watts from Tseshaht First Nation for doing a cultural cleansing of the building “preparing us to go about business in a good way.”

Community Garden

New growth coming to hitaču in the form of a community garden.

Written by: Mark MacDonald



Images submitted by: Niamh O'Reilly

The garden team, including Zoe Jordan, Garden Lead, Sheldon Touchie, Garden Assistant, and James Walton, have been building a new place for growth behind the old fire hall in hitaču.

It's a new community garden, where healthy fruits and vegetables will be grown for Yuułu?it?atł citizens. They are also creating a space where people can come together and grow in their knowledge of gardening.

The community garden is currently in the construction phase. To date, the land has been cleared and leveled, fencing and irrigation have been installed, and the team has been building large cedar boxes that will be filled with quality soil to grow good food.

"In the next few weeks we'll be reaching out in the commu-

nity for involvement in the preparing the boxes for planting" Zoe says. "We'll need many hands to help filling the boxes, transplanting plants from the existing Wya garden, and planting perennials before fall sets in. The more people that get involved from the ground up, the more investment they'll have in it."

Through future programming the team hopes to inspire people to learn more about gardening and food sovereignty.

"We hope that the garden will take care of the community and the community will take care of the garden."

The Yuułu?it?atł Government (YG) also has a community garden at the Highways 4 junction that was retired this year. The garden was maintained by the Ucluelet Local Food Society (ULFS) for many years, but the ULFS was dissolved in 2021 and stewardship of the garden was passed back to YG. Over the past two years, the YG Lands and Resources Department partnered with INEO Employment Services to coordinate a training and employment program at this garden.

Food grown at the garden brought back to hitaču and was given to the community kitchen, the daycare, to elders and young families. Additionally, YG citizens were invited to participate in U-pick events hosted every Sunday from June to September. These programs were a great opportunity for people to see what we can grow on the coast and experience harvesting their own food.

Sheldon notes that the hitaču garden will grow strawberries and other vegetables like potatoes, celery and broccoli, along with a "food forest" section in the garden that will be home to fruit trees, berry bushes, and edible flowers.

"We have a greenhouse to put up, work benches, and a potting shed," Sheldon adds. "We'll have the main garden infrastructure completed by the fall and the perennials replanted. There will also be a timber-framed gazebo and a medicine garden in the common area, as well as WiFi availability."

"The Nation has spent a good amount of money making this transition happen for the betterment of our people, so I wouldn't want it to be a déjà vu of the previous community garden that was behind the fire hall but stopped producing," he says.

"I hope there will be more people who want to learn about

growing their own food. My vision is that YG can support residents in starting up gardens at their homes.” Sheldon also notes the potential hazards of purchasing conventional produce and looks forward to growing healthy organic food for his community.

With food security becoming a growing concern for smaller communities, Zoe knows that with west coast being at the end of a road, it is often last to receive the benefits of the supply chain.

Zoe, Sheldon, and the Traditional Foods team will continue to help foster the knowledge of food production, harvest, and preservation with the YG community. They have a lot of exciting projects on the go and in addition to gardening, they also want to explore opportunities for land healing and foraging traditional foods in our area.

The new garden will be called the Saasin Čačimħiyap (saasin cha-chim-hey-yup) Garden. A naming contest was held,

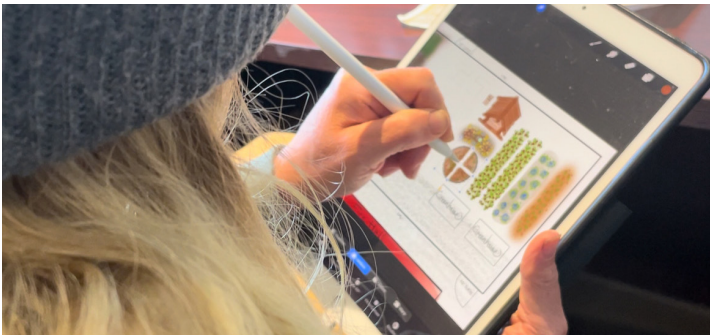
and this name was submitted by YG citizen, Kimberly Baines.

It means ‘hummingbird healing someone garden’ with “hope for the hummingbirds to visit our community garden and bring us healing messages through our food”.

This is a good name as the garden will be a place where elders, youth, and families can come together to connect with the plants and animals, with their food, and with each other.

Zoe and Sheldon were recently hired in official positions to oversee the development of Saasin Čačimħiyap Garden. Zoe, former owner of Zoe’s Bakery in Ucluelet, taking on the role of Garden Lead and Sheldon, Yuułuyił?atħ citizen and hitaču resident, the Garden Assistant.

Both spent much time at the Wya Community Garden at the Junction over the past few years, offering a natural transition to the new space.



New Housing in hita'cu

Move in time for new duplexes and triplexes arrives.

Written by: Mark MacDonald



Images by: Melissa Boucha

Move in time arrived on the first of August for the new duplexes and triplexes in hita'cu.

Spencer Touchie, Director of Capital Infrastructure and Assets Management for the Yuu'uu'it'at' Government, says citizens are expected to be able to move in by August 1, and all of the units are fully rented already. The Rapid Housing Initiative features 8 units in duplexes – four one-bedroom and four two-bedroom units - two duplex one-bedroom units in a building on Hitacu Road, and four two-bedroom duplexes on Hilsortha Road.

Marylin Touchie is the Yuu'uu'it'at' Government Housing Coordinator, and she looks after rental agreements, damage deposits, getting residents the keys so they can move into their new homes, and making sure everything is ready for them to move in. Citizens have to sign the housing application before tenancy, and Marylin explains they go through a scoring system to find out who would be the ideal tenants for each particular housing group.

“We had an inspector look at the units recently, and there were some things that they wanted our Project Manager Wisner Projects to look into,” she notes. “Gordon Homes, the building supplier which built the units, had to come in and fix all of the deficiencies that the inspector had found.”

Marylin is the contact for getting the units filled. Citizens have to sign the housing application so we went through a scoring system to get find out who would be the best to move in there from our housing working groups.

Spencer says the project started in 2022 and they were aiming for move-ins a while ago, which were delayed while the identified deficiencies were corrected.

“We have quite a lengthy waiting list,” he notes. “It’s always good to make sure that people apply, even though they might not have gotten in yet, because there’s more housing coming down the pipe. They need to make sure they have an application in the system, so we can try to figure out what they need.

“As government, the only way we can get an idea of what we need is through surveys or direct input,” he adds. “There is a lot of people on the list already, and we’re glad that the last project that went through with the rapid housing generated a lot of attention.”

It’s taken a lot of contribution from citizens, but the work is paying off in solid, reliable data that enables the Nation to build better quality and quantities of homes, and better maintain the homes that are already in the community.

Assets Management is also working on other projects: CMHC Section 95 Housing

Yuu'uu'it'at' Government has already been approved for this, and they are in the midst of planning how the units should be built, who will build them, what style of housing, and will it be similar to rapid housing or traditional stick-built structures.

YG is pushing to build the next five units as single family, detached units. For close to a decade now, most of the units have been multi-plexes in nature, with small cabins being the exception. Spencer says they are hoping to build the next ones with three-bedroom single-family detached homes on the expansion lands beside Alec Road.

The project can’t proceed until the master plan for the area is completed, and the civil engineering is done for water,

sewer and sidewalks. If all goes well, citizens could be able to move into those units by the end of next summer.

“We’re also working on a mega-project with BC Housing to see if we can compete for funds,” Spencer notes, explaining that by the beginning of September, they’ll learn if they can leverage funds obtained from the federal government in 2021-2022 to build even more homes.

If BC Housing funding arrives, that could result in 30 new houses, which will be different sizes of multiplexes that will be partially managed by BC Housing. Spencer points out that there are no guarantees at this point, but they’re hoping that the funding application to BC Housing is successful to enable it to become reality.

GAP Housing

Spencer says the GAP housing repairs, which was started in 2019, are moving towards a close. Covid-related delays slowed the project down, but their team has succeeded in gaining a great understanding of the community’s needs by doing building inspections on 90 percent of hitaču’s homes.

“We’ve just finished more inspections that we’re going to utilize,” he explains. “Our requests weren’t based on very good data when we first applied, and we’ve used some of the funds to get a better set of data. But now we have amazing data stats, and we know where the problems lie in nearly every single household.”

They’ll also be using the data gathered from this project to leverage into another similar project regarding some of the older generation homes in the community. The data they’ve gathered will make it much easier to go to funders and tell them exactly what is wrong with each house, and exactly how much it’s going to cost based on previous work.

“It puts us ahead of our competition for funding, so we’re not trying to guess about what’s needed in our community,” he says. “We hope it will unlock more funds for work we’ve identified with the GAP project.”

BC Hydro

YG is also undertaking a smaller housing project with BC Hydro concerning energy efficient upgrades that has three different phases.

The first phase included replacing shower heads and insulation, and gathering data on the age of appliances and hot water tanks. That fed into phase two, where the information is given to contractors who will make window and door insulation upgrades, which will help better insulate units in hitaču – resulting in lower energy bills.

The third phase is a program that looks very similar to one that just ended, the Natural Resources Canada program, regarding funding solar panels for houses. It dovetails with BC Hydro as it also funds batteries, which store electricity on-site produced by solar units.



“As we’re finishing up these programs, we’re reaching out to BC Hydro reps that we’ve been working with over the past few years to get onto these other two programs. As well,” Spencer states. “The amount these changes give will make a good dent in our hydro bills.”

He notes that as long as the Nation can keep accurate, up to date data, it can continue to apply for new funding.

“Hopefully, we’ll end up with a community where the power never goes off, and we get cheques from BC Hydro for the power that is created from these systems on our homes,” he adds.

Clean BC


YG also continues to work with the Clean BC program, which a lot of the community has already accessed. This program replaces carbon producing heating sources with heat pumps.

“It’s not only going to help people save money on their energy bills, but it will improve community safety by quite a large margin,” he explains. “I was talking to the fire chief at the District of Ucluelet and he asked me, ‘What has happened in hitaču? We haven’t been there on a fire call for a long time. Whatever you guys are doing, keep it up.’”

Spencer notes hitaču hasn’t had fireplace incidents since this program started, and there has been a dramatic drop in fire truck dispatches to the community, noting that stretches back almost three years. As a result of the program, propane and wood-burning stoves have been changed to electric units.

“I ran some stats 2.5 to 3 years stats having a major fire incident in our community. Boring into that period now. We haven’t had an issue so far. It will be much harder now that the work has been done.”

Spencer adds that they are also moving on to look at other programs that identify better insulation solutions and finding other ways to make the community more efficient and sustainable.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES 2024/2025

Yuútu?it?ath Students attending school in September, below is important information regarding school supplies for the 2024/2025 school year.



UCLUELET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (UES)

- Supplies will be ordered and delivered to the UES directly, for September.

Required supplies not provided by YG:

- **Kindergarten:** Velcro gym shoes, water bottle, back pack.
- **Grade 1-7:** gym shoes, water bottle.

UCLUELET SECONDARY SCHOOL (USS) & URBAN STUDENTS

- Students can now apply for the **YG School Supplies Subsidy**

The online application can be found at ufn.ca:

- Select Forms
- Select Education Forms - *YG School Supplies Subsidy Application*

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION TO:

MANAGER OF EDUCATION SERVICES, JENNIFER TOUCHIE:

- Jennifer.Touchie@ufn.ca

OR DROP OFF IN PERSON TO:

- [huupátu Health Centre](#) or [Cixwatin Centre](#)

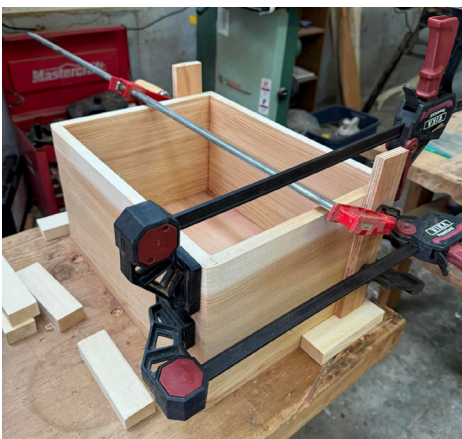
Apply as soon as possible to avoid delays in receiving funding.

Bentwood Box Workshop



On July 9, the *kakawinminh* joined master carver Joe Martin in Tofino for a hands on demonstration of bentwood box construction. They learned how the wood is cut and steamed in order to be bent into a box.

Images submitted by: Savannah McCarthy





MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

MEN'S GROUP

Talk with other men in a safe space with good food and good company.

Tuesday, August 27 . 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Tuesday, September 10

Six-Plex Common Area

GRIEF CIRCLE

Explore practices to support the mind, body and spirit, to aid talking about grief in a helpful way.

Tuesday, September 10 . 12:00pm to 1:00pm

huu'atu Health Centre

For more information contact Cole Schafer, call [\(250\) 616-2254](tel:250-616-2254).



New Clinical Counsellor

Clinical counsellor feels call to nature.

Written by: Mark MacDonald

As the new Clinical Counsellor for the Yuułuᑭiᑦᑭᑦᑭᑦ Government, Cole Schafer feels a real call to nature in his position.

“I’ve really felt a call to doing nature and land-based work,” he notes. “Since Covid I was meeting people out in community, doing forest walks and doing some of our sessions there. I feel really drawn to doing that. I think it’s easier for people to talk about things that are hard to talk about if you’re out in nature.”

Cole started the position in June and works out of the health unit offices for some of his counselling sessions, and he also does community outreach support. In his goal to achieve broader community engagement, he has attended numerous gatherings, including participating in an elders’ lodge meeting.

Cole has worked as a helper for his entire career, and over a decade ago he really became focused on wellness and recovery. He underwent training in Hakomi, which is a mindful-based and body-centered model/approach to healing, and then followed that up by earning a Master’s degree online from Yorkville University in Fredericton, New Brunswick.

Since then, he’s been in private practice and worked for Island Health as a substance abuse, youth and family counsellor for almost five years. Since leaving Island Health and before taking the position at Yuułuᑭiᑦᑭᑦᑭᑦ, he did some work for the Employers Assistance Program in private practice, and taught some group and family counselling classes at the University of Victoria.

“I have participated and been a part of many groups, so that is something that I both personally benefited from and believe in, and I want to get something like that going for YG,” he says. “We’ve had lots of discussions about doing a men’s group, and a grief group.”

Cole has found several pursuits that nourish him, including music, gardening and farming. His wife, Shelley Botterill, is also a therapist, and they have enrolled their daughter in a gardening school. He is a big believer in yoga, which he says has helped him recover from injuries.

Cole notes it was about a year ago that a therapist friend of his who was working with another First Nation explained what he was doing, and he felt drawn to it.

“I really feel called to this work. Working in community, the cultural supports, and the ceremonies I’ve been invited to



Image submitted by: Cole Schafer

have really filled me,” he states. “It’s definitely something new for me, but it’s also something that I feel really drawn to participating in. And I look forward to supporting it.”

He believes people need to give their mental health enough of focus so that people actually won’t have to focus on it, and instead, just do the things that really give them a sense of joy, whatever those are.

“Regarding seeing a counsellor, I tell people to do it until you don’t have to, so they can have a full life,” he explains. “I would like people to have good experiences talking about things they don’t normally talk about with another person.”

“I would love to see some type of men’s group where we are getting together to talk and have camaraderie and also get involved with community projects. If that is something that is land-based, I’m very familiar with that,” he adds.

“If we’re building something or somehow making the land and the community better, I think if we will feel better about ourselves. Giving our time to our community and the people we care about is a really good way of achieving that.”



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FIRST PEOPLES'
CULTURAL COUNCIL

Starting September 11, 2024!

Beginner Language Class

Cix^watin Centre Cultural Library

Weekly: Wednesday, 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Are you interested to learn Nuuchahnulth language?

Čak^waasiqh^wilim [Jeneva Touchie] will be teaching a weekly, in person class for citizens and Yuu^włu^włi^wath Government employees in the Cix^watin Centre Cultural Library!

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I'm learning to speak Nuuchahnulth.



Interested? Email Jeneva.Touchie@ufn.ca or call (778) 942-0582



BROOKE SMITH MASSAGE THERAPY

**FIRST & THIRD TUESDAY EACH MONTH
AT THE HUUPATU HEALTH CENTRE**

Please wear PPE and sanitize upon entry.

Visit harbourtherapy.com or call (250) 726-7119 to book an appointment

Daycare Bike Rodeo

In partnership with Cst. Yannick Harry at the Ucluelet RCMP, the q^wayaciik[?]iis Childcare Centre hosted a bike rodeo on July 12 to encourage bike safety and for some fun in the sun!

Images submitted by: q^wayaciik[?]iis Childcare Centre



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CLINICAL COUNSELLORS MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Amber Severinson and Cole Schafer are clinical counsellors who are offering Mental Health Services to all citizens and YG employees.

Both counsellors are available to book via phone or in person in hita'cu. Booking contact and dates are available below.

AMBER SEVERINSON

(236) 544-0464

Available dates:

- Tuesday, August 20
- Thursday, August 29

COLE SCHAFFER

(250) 616-2254

Available dates:

- August 26 to August 27

Ukee Days 2024

Yuulu?i?ath participates in the 50th Anniversary of Ukee Days!



Images by: Melissa Boucha

Ukee Days 2024, 50th celebration, was held during the last week of July. Following the last three years of tradition, Yuulu?i?ath led the parade with pride!

President Charles McCarthy towed a traditional canoe filled with Yuulu?i?ath youth, surrounding by singers, drummers, and dancers of the community, song led by Čak^waasiqhwilim-Jeneva Touchie.

Following the parade, Čak^waasiqhwilim opened the weekend events down at the Rec Hall with a prayer and traditional song and drum, decorated with Yuulu?i?ath dancers.

The float won First Place for Community Spirit! ħeekoo to all the citizens, community members, and staff that helped with the float and participated in the parade.





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Starting September 12, 2024!

WAYK Language Class

Mini Big-House

Weekly: Thursday, 4:30pm to 5:30pm

Are you interested to learn Nuu-chah-nulth language using the Where Are Your Keys method?

Čak^waasiq^hwi^lim [Jeneva Touchie] will be teaching a weekly, in person class for citizens in the Mini Big-House! A stipend for students is provided.

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I'm learning to speak Nuu-chah-nulth.



Interested? Email Jeneva.Touchie@ufn.ca or call (778) 942-0582



LISA KUDLA PHYSIOTHERAPIST

**EVERY THURSDAY
1:00PM TO 4:00PM**

AT THE HUUPATU HEALTH CENTRE

Please wear PPE and sanitize upon entry.

To book an appointment, call (250) 935-0803 or email lisa.kudla@ufn.ca

Let's talk about Urban and Away from Home (UAH)!



Calling all First Nations people in BC living in urban areas and/or away from home ("off-reserve"), staff from a health system partner, urban Indigenous organizations or BC First Nations

We want to hear from you!

FREE Event | Food | Gifts | Wellness Supports | Prize Draw

Drop by our upcoming engagements!

Wachiay Friendship Centre in Courtenay on August 21, 2024
From 10am - 3pm (Pop-up engagement booth)

Hiiye'yu Lelum – House of Friendship in Duncan on August 22, 2024
From 10am - 3pm (Pop-up engagement booth)

Port Alberni Friendship Centre in Port Alberni on August 26th, 2024
From 12-2pm and 4-6pm



Walk-ins are welcome.

Pre-register (optional) at fnha.ca/uahengagement or scan the QR code.



For more information please visit www.fnha.ca/uah or contact the FNHA UAH Team at Becki.Nookemis@fnha.ca.



WILLS & ESTATE WORKSHOP

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
9:30AM TO 12:00PM
CIX^wATIN CENTRE, HITACU
Registrants may participate via Zoom



This is a FREE Workshop for citizens!
Having a will ensures your wishes will be carried out and your loved ones are provided for.
Notary fees will be paid by the Yuułu?it?ath Government.



Deadline to register is Thursday, September 12

To register, email Jill.Hamilton@ufn.ca or call **(778) 942-0561**



ALLIANCE OF BC MODERN TREATY NATIONS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COORDINATOR

Who we are:

The Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations collaborates to advance and advocate for shared interests related to modern treaty implementation in British Columbia. The Alliance currently comprises all eight Modern Treaty Nations in BC.

Established in July 2018, the Alliance addresses the specific needs of BC's Modern Treaty Nations by working with primarily the Provincial government on policy and legislative initiatives. While the Canada-wide Land Claims Agreement Coalition advocates for improved treaty implementation at the federal level, BC's modern treaty nations required a platform for unified advocacy at the provincial level. As a new organization, operating in a changing political landscape, the Alliance is growing in size and ability to advance and advocate even more effectively.

About the Role

Reporting to the Executive Director and collaborating with the Policy Analyst, you will play a key role in our dynamic environment supporting working groups and leadership teams. You will be the go-to person for general communications, scheduling meetings, agenda development, notetaking and tracking actions, and managing correspondence.

Your day-to-day will involve corresponding with partners and members by email, drafting briefing notes, creating presentations, drafting communication materials, data and contact lists management, and providing top-notch administrative and logistical support for both virtual and in-person events. Additionally, you will be responsible for managing access to Dropbox and multiple OneDrive folders for multiple users.

Who You Are

You are passionate about advocating for the independence of Indigenous Peoples, as demonstrated by your past experiences and results. Renowned for your ability to build relationships and maintain trust, you thrive in a collaborative team environment, but work well independently. Your communication, attention to detail, organizational skills, and responsiveness are exemplary. A highly motivated self-starter with an entrepreneurial mindset, you are creative and innovative, always seeking fresh approaches. You see barriers and obstacles as challenges to overcome eagerly and thrive without needing much direction.

We're looking for someone with a post-secondary education or equivalent experience, who has a keen eye for detail, excellent organizational and communication skills, experience working with First Nations communities, and proficiency in MS Office. This primarily remote role offers the flexibility you crave, with occasional travel required. If you're ready to manage multiple priorities independently and be a part of something meaningful, we'd love to hear from you!

<https://alliancebcmtn.ca/>

What You Will Do

Executive and Meeting Support

- Assist the Executive Director in supporting working groups and leadership meetings by taking proficient notes primarily on Zoom with occasional in-person sessions.
- Work with partners to coordinate meetings and develop agendas, manage correspondence, and track action items.
- Help onboard new working group members.
- Support the Executive Director with other tasks as needed.

Writing Tasks

- Draft briefing notes, PowerPoint presentations, and letters for the Executive Director.
- Create materials for working groups as needed.

Administrative Support

- Manage comprehensive file management and record-keeping systems ensuring easy accessibility.
- Manage contact lists and monitor the general administrative inbox.
- Provide logistical support for virtual and in-person meetings and events.

Additional Duties

- Participate in staff meetings and professional development.
- Support internal operations and other tasks as needed.
- Perform other duties as reasonably required to support the Alliance.

What You Bring

- University or college degree or equivalent education and experience.
- Two to five years of project coordination or related experience.
- Ability to capture detailed notes from complex policy discussions.
- Experience working with First Nations communities in Canada.
- Excellent interpersonal skills, including strong verbal and written communication in English.
- Ability to manage complex relationships and communicate with diverse stakeholders, including public officials and modern treaty nation leaders.
- Strong organizational skills to manage multiple priorities and tight deadlines.
- Strong proficiency in file management and record-keeping systems, including the use of Drop Box and OneDrive
- Ability to work independently with minimal supervision.
- Excellent teamwork and collaboration skills.
- Ability to forge and maintain positive relationships with stakeholders, demonstrating tact and diplomacy.
- Uphold confidentiality and manage sensitive information with integrity.
- Proficiency in MS Office suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook) and video conferencing platforms
- Strong attention to detail and accuracy.

The following are definite assets!

- Indigenous ancestry (First Nations, Inuit, Métis).
- Knowledge of B.C.'s reconciliation vision and the implementation of UNDRIP and TRC's Calls to Action.
- Understanding of the British Columbia Treaty Process and modern treaty governance in BC.
- Knowledge of Indigenous cultures and histories in Canada, particularly in BC.
- Experience with event and meeting planning.
- Proficiency with Microsoft 365 and various video conferencing platforms.

What we offer

- Remote work (with some required face to face meetings)
- 3 weeks' vacation, plus paid time off over Christmas and New Years
- 16 paid sick days per year
- 14 Statutory Holidays each year
- Commitment to your ongoing learning and development
- A salary of \$70,000 to \$80,000 k per annum

To Express Interest

Please send your resume and cover letter to: careers.jputa@mnpc.ca

While we recognize the value of diversity in the workplace and welcome applications from people of all backgrounds, *preference will be provided to Indigenous applicants* in accordance with section 42 (1) of the BC Human Rights Code and section 15(1) of the Canadian Human Rights Act. Candidates of Indigenous background are encouraged to self-identify on their application.



ALLIANCE OF BC MODERN TREATY NATIONS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY POLICY ANALYST

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About the Role

Reporting to the Executive Director and collaborating with the coordinator, you will be at the forefront of our policy development efforts. Your days will be filled with analyzing the impact of provincial policies on modern treaty rights, participating in the co-development of policy and legislative initiatives, facilitating working groups, writing briefing notes, creating presentation materials, and supporting the Executive Director with the operationalization of Alliance goals.

You will also support Alliance initiatives by providing coordination support as needed. This includes communicating with partners, file management, detailed meeting notetaking, drafting correspondence, and planning logistics for meetings and events.

While most of your work will be remote, you'll have the opportunity to travel occasionally to Vancouver, Victoria, or Modern Treaty Nation territories for in-person meetings and events. As a part of our new and growing organization, you'll also help shape our internal structures and operations.

If you're ready to make a meaningful impact and be part of an exciting journey, we'd love to hear from you!

Who You Are

You are passionate about advocating for the self-determination of Indigenous Peoples, as demonstrated by your past experiences and results. Renowned for your ability to build relationships and maintain trust, you thrive in a collaborative team environment, but work well independently.

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Your clear communication, attention to detail, organizational skills, and responsiveness are exemplary. A highly motivated self-starter with an entrepreneurial mindset, you are creative and innovative, always seeking fresh approaches. You see barriers and obstacles as challenges to overcome eagerly.

You are a detail-oriented individual with a passion for drafting high-level policy and government documents. Your meticulous approach to work ensures that every policy, guideline, and piece of communication you produce is precise, clear, and impactful. You thrive on transforming complex information into well-structured, actionable materials that drive meaningful change. With a keen eye for detail and a proactive attitude, you're eager to contribute to the development of policies and documents that shape the future. Your enthusiasm for working with high-level government materials and your commitment to accuracy and clarity make you an ideal candidate for this role.

What You Will Do

Policy Analysis

- Conduct research and provide recommendations on the impact of provincial policies on modern treaty rights.
- Work with Modern Treaty Nation representatives to develop feedback and alternative approaches for provincial partners.
- Support collaborative working groups in co-developing policies and materials to advance the implementation of modern treaties ¹in BC.
- Perform quantitative and qualitative analysis to support policy development.

Drafting Materials

- Draft policies, guidelines, frameworks, and other government materials for policy working groups.
- Create communication materials including presentations, briefing notes, letters, press releases, and speaking notes.
- Assist the Executive Director with drafting organizational policies as needed.

Coordination and Administration

- Facilitate working groups and develop information-sharing initiatives between Modern Treaty Nations.
- Arrange and participate in discussions with local governments, provincial ministries, federal departments and other parties to both gather input, and to share information.
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with municipal, provincial and federal orders of government as well as non-governmental organizations and First Nations.

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- Support the coordination with notetaking, agenda development, correspondence, scheduling, document management, and action item tracking.
 - Provide administrative and logistical support for in-person and virtual meetings and events.
 - Help onboard new working group members.

Additional Duties

- Participate in staff meetings and professional development.
- Support internal operational needs and perform other duties as required.
- Perform other duties as reasonably required to support the Alliance.

What You Bring

- University degree in a relevant field or equivalent education and experience.
- A graduate degree is an asset.
- A minimum of five years of related experience.
- Experience with Indigenous organizations or remote Indigenous communities.
- Strong analytical skills.
- Knowledge of government functions and interactions at federal, provincial, Treaty First Nation, and municipal levels.
- Familiarity with legislation and regulations.
- Ability to foster and maintain positive relationships with stakeholders, demonstrating tact and diplomacy.
- Uphold confidentiality and manage sensitive information with integrity.
- Proficient in conducting and analyzing quantitative and qualitative research.
- Excellent organizational skills to manage multiple priorities and meet tight deadlines.
- Strong attention to detail and accuracy.
- Excellent interpersonal skills with strong verbal and written communication in English.
- Ability to write clear, concise reports and briefing notes.
- Ability to work independently with minimal supervision.
- Excellent teamwork and collaboration skills.
- Proficiency in MS Office suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook) and video conferencing platforms.

The following are definite assets!

- Indigenous ancestry (First Nations, Inuit, Métis).
- Experience with Modern Treaty Nations.
- Experience drafting agreements, legislation, policies, and regulations.
- Knowledge of B.C.'s reconciliation vision and implications for First Nations, including UNDRIP, The Declaration Act, and TRC Calls to Action.
- Understanding of Indigenous cultures and histories in Canada, especially in the modern treaty context.
- Experience with event and meeting planning.

What we offer

- Remote work (with some required face to face meetings).
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- 14 Statutory Holidays each year
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Health & Social Services Programs

August 2024



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday Sunday
			1 Dr. Marshall Physiotherapy 1:00pm to 4:00pm	2	3 4
5 Stat Holiday YG Offices Closed	6 kakawinminh Massage Therapy	7	8 Dr. Marshall Child & Youth Counselling with Jason Lefvre 1:00pm to 3:00pm Physiotherapy 1:00pm to 4:00pm	9	10 11
12 Brushings 10:00am-3:00pm Meet & Greet 1:00pm to 3:00pm	13 kakawinminh Grief Circle 12:00pm to 1:00pm Men's Group 6:30pm to 8:00pm	14 Counselling with Amber Severinson	15 Dr. Marshall Physiotherapy 1:00pm to 4:00pm	16	17 18
Counselling with Cole Schafer					
19 Brushings 10:00am-3:00pm	20 Massage Therapy kakawinminh Pancake Breakfast 9:00am-11:00am Counselling with Amber Severinson	21	22 Dr. Marshall Physiotherapy 1:00pm to 4:00pm	23	24 25
26 Brushings 10:00am-3:00pm	27 kakawinminh Men's Group 6:30pm to 8:00pm	28	29 Dr. Marshall Physiotherapy 1:00pm to 4:00pm Counselling with Amber Severinson	30	31
Counselling with Cole Schafer					

*Programs offered during regular operating hours of the Yuutu?it?ath Government, 8:00am to 4:30pm, unless otherwise noted.

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August 2024



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday Sunday
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5 Stat Holiday YG Offices Closed	6	7	8	9	10 11
12	13	14	15 Melissa Hall Human Resources Manager 1:00pm to 3:00pm Kimberly Touchie Outreach Support Worker	16	17 18
19	20	21	22 Jennifer Touchie Education Services Manager	23	24 25
26	27	28 Cynthia Fitton Community Health Nurse	29 Kimberly Touchie Outreach Support Worker	30	31

*Programs offered during regular operating hours of the Yuutu?it?ath Government Satellite Office, 9:00am to 2:00pm, unless otherwise noted.
Operating on the territory of the Tseshaht First Nation and Hupa?asath First Nation.