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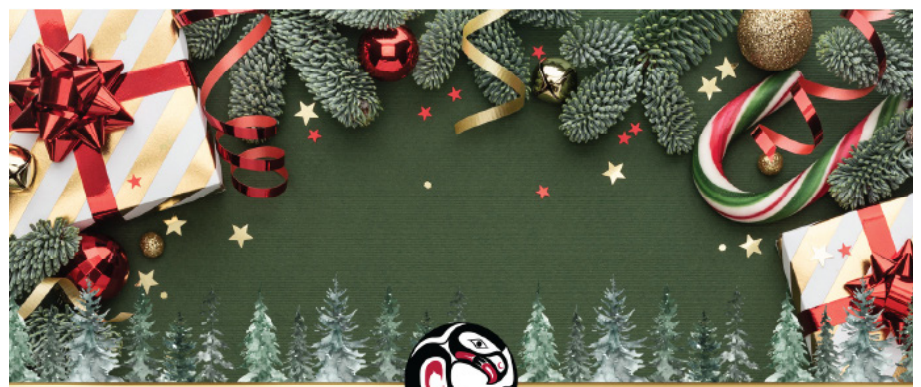
In This Issue

In this issue explore Redd Fish's collaborative work with Yuutu?it?ath Government from the past year, the emergency response to a sinkhole in hitaču, and learn about new funding opportunities for small business operators.

Yuutu?it?ath is getting ready to celebrate the holiday season in hitaču and Port Alberni with dinner, culture, and gifts for children! Travel assistance is available for citizens traveling within Vancouver Island to Port Alberni's Holiday Dinner. Citizens traveling from the mainland can receive travel assistance for the portion of the journey taking place on Vancouver Island. For more information, contact Kimberly.Touchie@ufn.ca.

Santa will be a special guest at the Port Alberni and hitaču holiday dinners! Citizens with children under 17 years old are asked to provide a wish list of up to three (3) items (no technology gifts please) or gift cards. For Port Alberni Holiday Dinner attendees, please email wish lists to Yanny.Poilievre@ufn.ca by **Thursday, November 28**. hitaču Holiday Dinner attendees, please email wish lists to Kimberly.Touchie@ufn.ca by **Monday, December 9**.

Read on for more events, services, and information.



Holiday Office Closures

Yuutu?it?ath Government Offices closed:
Tuesday, December 24, 2024 at 12:00pm

**hitaču Cixwatin Centre, huu?atu Centre & hiłstiis
hupii?uł Satellite Office reopen:**
Thursday, January 2, 2025 at 8:00am



Holiday Dinner!

Thursday

**DEC
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**ALBERNI ATHLETIC HALL
3727 ROGERS ST. PORT ALBERNI**

**DOORS at 4:00PM
DINNER at 5:00PM
Santa arrives at 6:30pm!**

**Join us for a meal, scavenger hunt, cultural dance,
photobooth, and gifts for the kids!**

R.S.V.P. & WISH LISTS

All citizens and guests must R.S.V.P.
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TRAVEL ASSISTANCE

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Sinkhole Emergency Resolved

Quick action and teamwork saves the day.

Written by: Rose Aday-McCarthy

On Friday, October 18, 2024, an atmospheric river hit the West Coast of Vancouver, resulting in an overwhelming amount of water rushing through hitaču. Within hours the extreme rainfall pushed hitaču's infrastructure to its limit.

Jay Miller, Member of Legislature Ha'wiih Representative, and Henry Williams, YG Public Works Labourer, worked hard to combat the potential flooding by clearing drainage in the community. That afternoon at approximately 3:30pm citizen and resident Susan Mundy, reported a sinkhole forming in front of her house.

When Spencer Touchie, Director of Capital Infrastructure and Asset Management arrived, he found a sinkhole already

three feet across, but soon realized that the problem was much bigger than it appeared.

The sinkhole formed because a culvert, suspected to have been installed in the 1990s, began to collapse and the surrounding sand and rocks holding up the road rushed to fill the space left by the broken pipe.

A culvert is a big metal pipe that carries storm water out of an area, letting water flow underneath driveways or roads. The culvert that had collapsed is one of the primary pathways for rainwater to leave hitaču. The collapse had the potential for major consequences for hitaču's infrastructure.

"As I shone the light inside [the sinkhole] I saw that the road construction going up underneath my feet was actually just made of sand. So, I figured the road would disappear fairly quickly."



Images by: Spencer Touchie

Henry leapt into action, knocking on Susan Mundy's door to tell her and her family to move their cars while there was still time, but it was already too late. The sinkhole began to grow and a nearby tree was starting to get sucked in, "I told them to get back in [the house], because the power line is going to go down. I bolted across the falling tree area and got to the other side as the tree was taking down the power lines."

Because of the downed lines, Marilyn Touchie, Housing Administrator, was called on to contact BC Hydro to de-power the lines. Thankfully, due to the BC Hydro station located nearby on Port Albion Road, it took less than two hours for a BC Hydro team to arrive.

Once the scene was deemed safe, Spencer proceeded to organize Henry Williams, Public Works Operations Supervisor William Ambrose, and Labourer Kelsmit Webster, to rescue the Mundy family trapped on the other side of the sinkhole. Henry used a weed whacker and a chainsaw to cut a path through the brush up to the house. As he progressed, he discovered a deep unmarked ditch.

William and Kelsmit were in charge of making a bridge to close the gap. They came down, measured the ditch and went back to the workshop. The team successfully built the foot bridge in under two hours. With their quick work the family was able to get safely across and out of the danger zone.

Once the danger to human lives was resolved Interim Director of Operations John Rankin and Office Assistant Carrie George arranged a place for the displaced family to stay un-



til the sinkhole was repaired.

The next step for the Department of Capital Infrastructure and Asset Management, was to begin the process of replacing the broken culvert with a new and improved one. First the unsafe trees had to be removed from the work site.

“Kingfisher Industries came down and sanitized the site for all of the trees that were leaning down and had their roots destabilized from the amount of water that was going through the area so we could safely work.”

By Monday, October 21, 2024, they were ready to begin installing the new culvert. The new culvert is larger and stronger than the previous culvert. The previous culvert had a diameter of three feet and was able to move a maximum of 91,000 liters (24,000 gallons) per minute. The new culvert has a diameter of four feet and moves 150,000 liters (39,725 gallons) per minute.

Once the pipe was in place a proper foundation for the road was built up around it using materials from Yuufu?if?ath Government’s rock quarry. “After placing the new culvert in we properly bedded it using different grades of rock and gravel, and then sand, compacting each layer as we went up. The new road is going to be quite a bit stronger.”

In addition to a strong foundation, the sides of the new road were reinforced with large boulders and landscaping fabrics to prevent erosion during future rainstorms. Because of the increased capacity, along with Public Works Operations Supervisor, Jordan Touchie, and Henry Williams clearing vital drainage infrastructure that had been clogged with weeds and garbage, issues in that part of hitaču are unlikely to occur again.

As soon as the sinkhole was identified as an emergency Marilyn Touchie began coordinating with the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness (EMCR), to receive reimbursement for emergency funds used for relo-



Above: William Ambrose and Kelthsmit Webster

cating the affected family, staff hours and a portion of the materials used for repairs. Formerly called Emergency Management British Columbia, EMCR is a provincial government agency that specializes in helping communities respond to emergencies like forest fires, floods, earthquakes and sink-holes.

Fast emergency response can mean the difference between life and death. Yuuʷuʷiʷaʷ Government places high importance on being prepared of any emergency that may affect Yuuʷuʷiʷaʷ lands or citizens. Development of the Emergen-

cy Preparedness Plan has been underway for several years with many staff members taking part in hands-on training with Holistic Emergency Preparedness and Response.

Citizens and residents of hitaču experiencing an emergency related to hitaču’s infrastructure (water, sewer, flooding, or downed trees) can call the 24-hour Public Works Emergency Line **(250) 726-6518** for immediate assistance.

Curious about getting involved with emergency preparedness? Stay tuned for opportunities in the new year!

Ķeekoo Ķeekoo to Ukee Timber & Road crew, Scott Reed and Jim Reed (below), who delayed their other jobs to help hitaču in a time of need.



Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council presents the 2024 Urban Community HOLIDAY GATHERINGS



Campbell River	December 03 4pm-9pm	Thunderbird Hall 1420 Wewaikum Road, Campbell River
Victoria	December 04 4pm-9pm	Edelweiss Club 108 Niagara Street, Victoria
Vancouver	December 10 4pm-9pm	Japanese Hall 475 Alexander Street, Vancouver
Seattle	December 12 4pm-9pm	To Be Confirmed
Nanaimo	December 17 4pm-9pm	Beban Park Auditorium 2300 Bowen Road, Nanaimo
Port Alberni	December 19 4pm-9pm	Italian Hall 4065 6 th Avenue, Port Alberni

For more information please contact:
Vina Robinson at
nuuvisions@gmail.com or 250-729-1314



Holiday Dinner!

Thursday

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**CIX^wATIN CENTRE
GYMNASIUM HITACU**

**DOORS at 4:00PM
DINNER at 5:00PM
Santa arrives at 6:30pm!**

Join us for a meal, cultural dance, door prizes and gifts for the kids!

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Emergency Supply and Update

Community emergency supply continues to arrive in hitácu!

Written by: Melissa Boucha



Images by: Melissa Boucha

To close out the 2023/2024 fiscal year, the Yuułu?it?ath Government swept through outstanding emergency funds previously issued by the federal government. Funds that were regulated to be used for emergency and medical supply and resources, for the community and government operations.

The funds were used towards two community emergency seacans, containers that are insulated and heat controlled, medical supply including first aid stock, burn kits, respirators and cartridges, masks, high visibility equipment such as tents, cones, wagons and more. In addition to the medical supply and with the assistance of Holistic Emergency Preparedness and Response (HEPR), emergency supply such as flashlights and batteries, headlamps, radios, marine and first aid kits, hypoallergenic blankets, 30-year shelf life food buckets and canned water, were ordered and delivered.

The supply received over the past few months also included individual 72 hour emergency kits. These kits hold food and water rations, blankets, toiletries, and general first aid supply, to sustain an individual for the first 72 hours of an emergency. The kits are designed to allow for an individual to “grab and go” in an emergency situation. These kits can be added to and are suggested to be kept at the office, in

the home, or in a vehicle. Kits were ordered for community residents (adult), YG staff, and reserve supply for the Port Alberni Satellite Office. Branded Yuułu?it?ath water bottles will also be distributed with the emergency kits (bag and water bottle shown below).

When shipment of the emergency kits is complete, a community event will be held to distribute the bags, allowing for an opportunity to learn about the contents and more about the growth of the government’s emergency program.

In other news, funding is being outsourced for a tsunami siren and the government is working with First Nations’ Emergency Services Society of BC (FNESS) to bring fire boxes to hitácu.

What are fire boxes? Fire boxes are secured





boxes that are installed beside every hydrant and hold a fire hose. Fire boxes are generally used in remote communities for enhanced fire protection. The goal is to have the fire boxes installed, and for interested community residents and YG staff to be trained on how to use and access the hoses, ensuring there are ample individuals to assist in the midst of a serious fire related emergency. While we retain a Fire Services Agreement with the District of Ucluelet, further community accessibility and training will enhance overall community safety and environmental protection.

Emergency training with HEPR has been on going over the past few years, which include professional emergency and fire response educators. YG staff have been engaged to supply feedback in emergency planning for the community and government operations, as well as learning more about emergency responses, expectations and supports. Training is set to amp up in the 2025 year, with the start of a new Emergency Coordinator at the helm.



More to come in December's Umacuk YG News!



Redd Fish Restoration Society

Partnership in restoration, research, and education.

Submitted by: Mandala Smulders, Redd Fish Restoration Society



Redd Fish Restoration Society (Redd Fish) is a registered charity focused on restoration, research, and education. For over 28 years, Redd Fish has worked with the nuučaanuł Nations in Clayoquot and Barkley Sound on ecological restoration in their hahuułi (territory). Redd Fish leadership is composed of a board of directors with appointed representation from the five Nations in the region including the hišk^wii?ath (Hesquiaht) Nation, ʕaaḥuus?ath (Ahousesht) Nation, λa?uuk^wi?ath (Tla-o-qui-aht) Nation, Yuułu?i?ath Government, and tuk^waa?ath Nation Government.

Redd Fish has been working closely with a variety of Yuułu?i?ath Government departments to provide support and guidance as requested for restoration, research, monitoring, training and planning. Below is a high-level summary of works completed this year.

Nahmint Restoration Planning

Redd Fish, in collaboration with the Yuułu?i?ath Government, Onsite Engineering, and LGL Limited is currently conducting assessments in the Nahmint River to support restoration planning. In September 2024, a field crew assessed hill-slopes looking at road conditions and areas susceptible to landslides. Additionally, areas were looked at in the lower river, where there is the potential for river changes that could impact salmon habitat. These studies will help Redd Fish to understand how forestry practices have impacted

Images submitted by: Mandala Smulders



salmon habitat in the river and where potential restoration projects could take place in the future.

Escapement Swims

This fall, Redd Fish conducted seven snorkel surveys on the Nahmint River from September 3 to October 29, providing preliminary insights into local salmon populations and river conditions. Water levels were initially low but improved by October, and water temperatures dropped from 18°C to 11°C. Chum salmon had a strong year, with a peak count of 13,137 live fish and 2067 morts on October 16, while

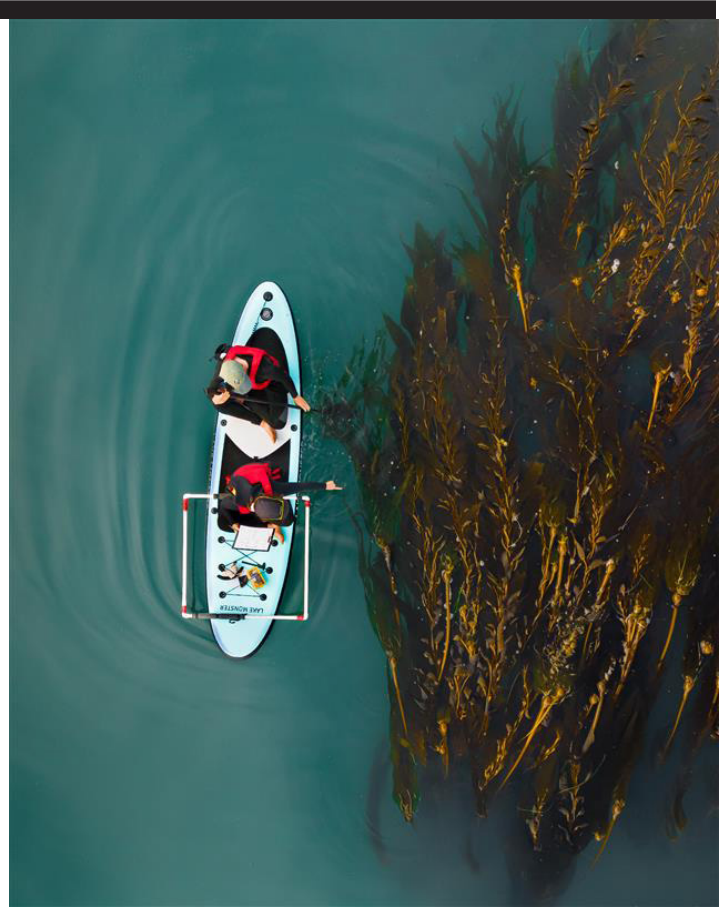


Chinook reached a peak of 957 on October 3, slightly above average. Coho salmon peaked on October 8 with 188 fish, and sockeye peaked on September 25 with 449 fish, slightly lower than recent years. Snorkelers also spotted a mother bear and her three cubs in the lower river. While the data is preliminary, further analysis by DFO will provide a more detailed report, available on the NuSEDs website for those seeking additional information.

Long Term Kelp Forest Monitoring

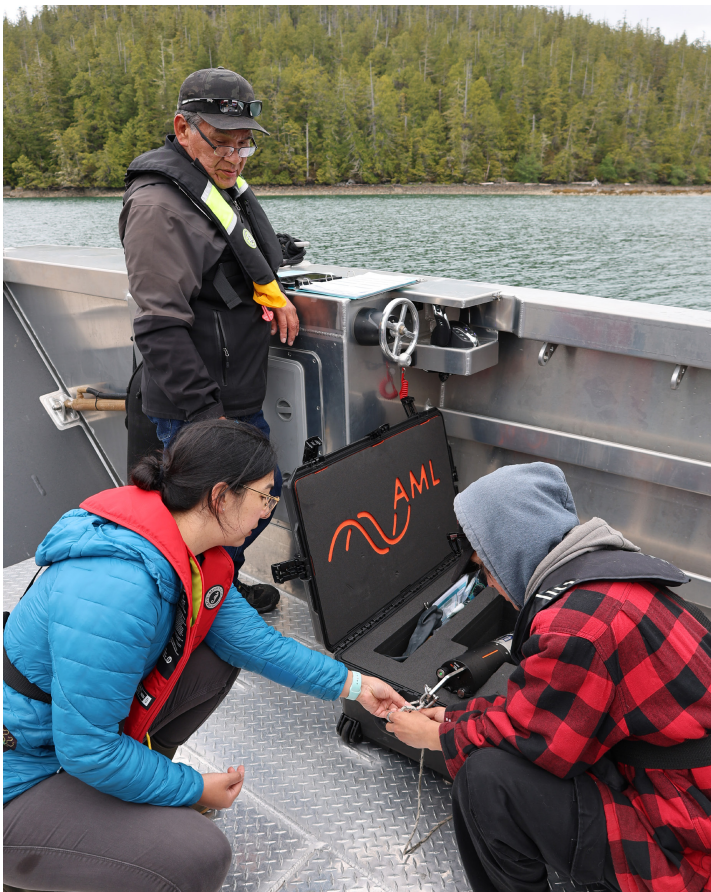
Since 2021, Redd Fish has been working in partnership with YG to monitor and map kelp forests in the territory.

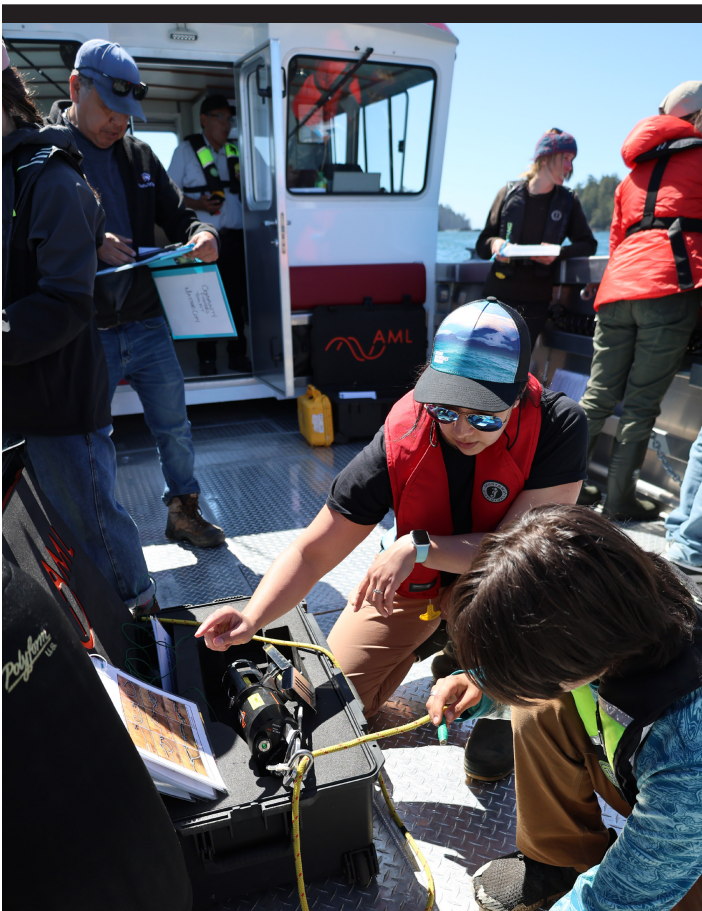
Kelp forests are vital marine ecosystems that provide habitat and food for a diverse range of ecologically, culturally,



and economically significant species, including salmon. These ecosystems play a crucial role in maintaining ocean health by enhancing biodiversity and sequestering carbon. Unfortunately, destructive human activity is rapidly changing ocean environments and jeopardizing the health and extent of kelp forests. Together, YG and Redd Fish have used drones, as well as hands-on monitoring techniques to collect data on the spatial extent, density, and health of kelp on an annual basis. This information is being analyzed to begin to build a picture of change over time and will be used to inform future restoration priorities and opportunities.

This project has offered on-water scientific monitoring and drone training opportunities as well as experiential learning for staff and youth interns with YG. We are looking forward





Store building in Ucluelet, and is now host to offices and a small store. Redd Fish’s dream is to develop a Stewardship Centre designed to uplift nuučaanul culture and history; as well as shed light on the properties of a temperate rainforest; the resource history of the area; and the restoration work undertaken by Redd Fish. Funding is currently being sought out and the society will be looking to develop a steering committee.

The plan is to develop a steering committee, like the board, that has representation from the five Nations in the region including the hiškʷiiʔath (Hesquiaht) Nation, ʕaaḥuusʔath (Ahousaht) Nation, λaʔuukʷiʔath (Tla-o-qui-aht) Nation, Yuuʕuʔiʔath Government, and tukʷaaʔath Nation Government. Steering committee members will help develop foundational pillars of the interpretive space including but not limited to:

- Development of cultural and historical educational content from a nuučaanul perspective and appropriate interpretive displays for the public.
- Development of programming within the Stewardship Centre that will serve the nuučaanul nations.
- Development of artistic installations on interior and exterior of building with nuučaanul artists.
- Elevating nuučaanul art, language and culture through the collaborative design and implementation of the centre.

to the continuation of this project and further data analysis.

Oceanographic Monitoring

This project began in the spring of 2024, and is complementing the existing kelp forest monitoring program, as well as offering relevant environmental data for other YG-led marine initiatives. YG and Redd Fish are following a Nation-wide initiative, led by Ocean Networks Canada (ONC), called the Community Fishers Program. Applying standardized methods and monitoring instruments, Redd Fish is monitoring ocean conditions throughout the territory to learn about climate impacts and environmental changes that may be affecting ocean health and marine life.

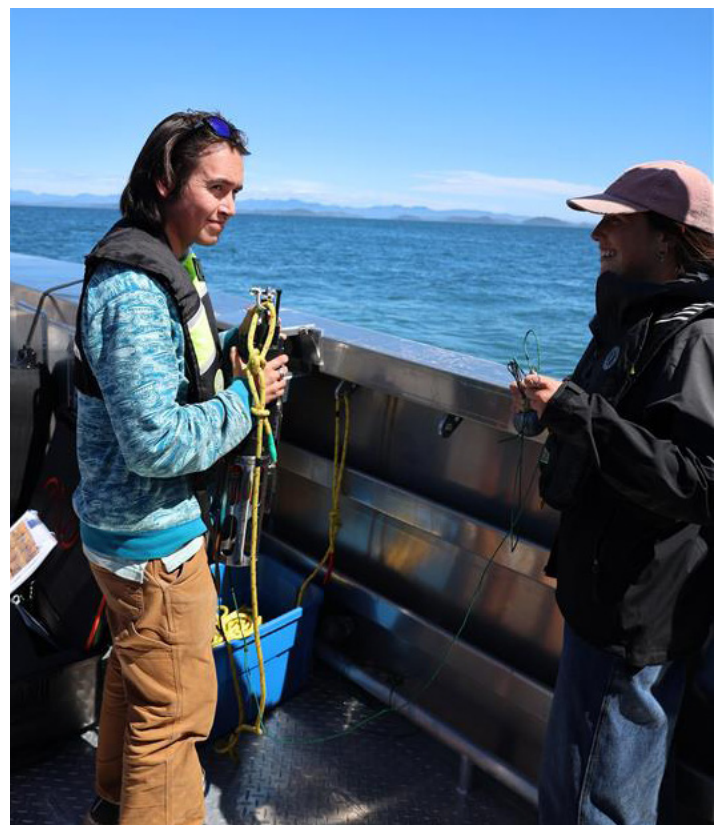
ONC offered a 3-day training workshop for YG and Redd Fish staff, to learn about the importance of oceanographic monitoring, scientific techniques, and technical aspects of working with an instrument called a CTD. Subsequent to our training, we have been working together monthly to deploy this CTD across 20 distinct sites. We are monitoring temperature, oxygen, salinity, dissolved organic matter, and chlorophyll, among other parameters.

The data collected from this program offers an important piece to the puzzle as we build climate-resilient restoration projects together in the future and will illuminate priority areas for further stewardship initiatives.

Stewardship Centre

Redd Fish recently purchased the old Murray’s Grocery

If you have any questions or would like more information on the Redd Fish Restoration Society please email info@reddfish.org.



Caregiver Information Session

November 20th @ 11:00am

Usma Family & Child Services
would like to invite you to learn
more about becoming a caregiver.

Follow the link below or
scan the QR code to join the
Microsoft Teams meeting.

<https://tinyurl.com/5dffsjyr>

Meeting ID: 253 898 125 865

Passcode: dVQkrt



Become a caregiver!



New Staff Highlight

Welcome to Yuuḷuʔiʔaḥ Government, Jennifer!

Jennifer George, best known for her food truck business Jennii G's Bubble Tea, has joined the Yuuḷuʔiʔaḥ Government team!

Jennifer, daughter of Alice (Curley) and Thomas George Sr. from the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation, started in September 2024 in the Accounting Department, as the new Accounting Assistant. She assists with Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, and Payroll.

Previously, Jennifer was the Payroll Clerk at Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation for five years, as well as filling different roles within the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation for five years before that. In February, three years ago, Jennifer started her journey in the food truck industry with Jennii G's Bubble Tea.

When asked what she is most looking forward to in her new role Jennifer said, "I've been 100% self-employed for over a year so I was constantly on the road and on my feet, I'm looking forward to getting back into a routine schedule and being able to be of assistance to the Nation and staff."

Image submitted by: Jennifer George



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NOTICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH YUUTU?IT?ATH LAW

HITAĆU ASSEMBLY

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

Date: Monday, November 25, 2024
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Cix'atin Centre Gym, hitaĆu / Zoom

DRAFT AGENDA

The agenda is in draft form until approved by the Citizens at the meeting of the hitaĆu 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 #: 1 (778) 907-2071
Meeting ID: 880 1655 2466
Passcode: 941894

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 "yav" or "nav"

A Magical Halloween

Spook-tacular Halloween party in Port Alberni.

Images by: Rose Aday-McCarthy

A fun and spooky night was enjoyed by citizens of all ages! The first annual urban Yuuʷəʔiʔatʰ Halloween Party was hosted at the Port Alberni Friendship Centre. The event featured Hadlen the Magician who dazzled the audience with magic and hypnosis.

Themed activities filled the evening, including a costume contest, cake walk and a Nuu-chah-nulth language scavenger hunt. Kids hunted around the room looking for animals that matched the Nuu-chah-nulth words on their bingo sheets for a chance to win an inflatable pumpkin decoration!



Win Prizes!



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"You Are Strong"

PARENTS/CAREGIVERS SUPPORT CIRCLE

Tuesday, November 26

huu'patu Health Centre . 9:30am to 4:00pm

Facilitated by Avis O'Brien and Amber Severinson.

This 6 hour session offers support to the parents, caregivers or family members of nuu'caan'ut youth who live with the spirit of suicide. In this work we look at suicidality through an Indigenous social justice lens and as a natural human response to carrying the burdens of 500+ years of colonial genocide. Folks will learn the language we use when working with the spirit of suicide.

Additionally, we will share about the tools that we provide to youth in place of self harm for self regulation. We aim to equip loved ones with the tools and resources to support youth during times of crises.

\$50 gift cards provided for all participants!

To register please contact huu'patu Centre Reception:
Email moa@ufn.ca or call (250) 726-7343

RCMP Body-Worn Cameras

RCMP introduce body-worn cameras this winter.

Written by: Nora O'Malley, Ha-Shilth-Sa



Constable Yannick Harry (left) and Sgt. Steve Mancini take a knee beside the late elder Richard Mundy in a display of solidarity during a peaceful protest in honour of Chantel Moore and George Floyd, in Ucluelet, on Sunday, June 6, 2020. The public service is introducing body cameras this winter to promote more trust among the public. Image credit: Melissa Renwick

Vancouver Island, BC - In effort to increase transparency in policing and improve accountability, Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), Canada's federal police force, will soon be equipped with body-worn cameras.

Frontline general duty officers that work in the communities of: Ucluelet, Ahousaht, Tofino, Mission, Prince George, Cranbrook and Kamloops will be amongst the first to start recording evidence from the first-person perspective or point of view (POV), according to B.C. RCMP, or "E" Division, senior media relations officer Staff Sgt. Kris Clark.

"This initiative will see more than 10,000 cameras rolled-out across the country when rollout is complete. E Division will rollout over 3,000 cameras to the frontline beginning this winter," said Clark.

"The RCMP is committed to taking the necessary steps to enhance trust between the RCMP and the communities it serves, and we believe the use of body-worn cameras will assist us with this goal," Clark continued.

Ucluelet RCMP detachment commander Sgt. Marc Jones

has been working as a police officer for almost 28 years. He told the Ha-shilth-sa Newspaper he thinks body-worn cameras are going to be a "great tool" and that he's happy to see them rolling out.

"We're now going to be introducing video evidence into court trials, so from my perspective, I believe it's going to be great," Jones said. "I do believe that my members and most members in the RCMP act appropriately, and they do what they are supposed to do and I think the camera will catch a lot of situations where evidence will be presented and it might look differently in a court setting now; the video will show a lot more detail than the officer will be able to explain."

He went on to say that if an officer was, for example, dealing with an impaired driver, the video would show considerably a lot more detail than was expected.

"That may be of advantage in a court setting," he said.

Cloy-e-iis (Dr. Judith Sayers), Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council (NTC) president, says Nuu-chah-nulth have been calling

for body-worn cameras since the tragic shooting of Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation member Chantel Moore on June 4, 2020 at her New Brunswick home. Moore was fatally shot by Edmundston City Police Const. Jeremy Son on a “wellness check” after she allegedly advanced toward him with a steak knife.

“The only story we knew about Chantel’s shooting was given by the police officer that shot her – his biased account and some of the evidence. We will never really know the true story of what happened that fateful night as Chantel is unable to tell her story. Had the officer been wearing a body cam, we would know more about what happened. The same happened with Julian Jones, a Tla-o-qui-aht man who was shot and killed on the Opitsaht reserve,” said Sayers in an email.

On February 27, 2021, two officers from Tofino came to a home in the First Nation’s village of Opitsaht on Meares Island to “locate a woman in distress,” according to an RCMP press release. An altercation occurred, resulting in Jones being shot, while another was taken into police custody.

Moore was 26 when she was fatally shot by a police officer. Jones was 28.

“We know that body cams are one good solution and are very glad that all these years later they are finally being rolled out to two communities where our Nuu-Chah-nulth live,” Sayers said. “We still need more trauma-informed trained police officers and other trained people investigating wellness checks. We also need training for shoot to disarm and not shoot to kill. Training of police officers to be more respectful of our people and getting rid of racist actions and attitudes are also things we need to pursue so our people are properly treated and not shot and killed needlessly.”

With new computer software to learn and privacy concerns to navigate, Jones says there is going to be a lot of “growing pains and adjustments for everybody”.

When it comes to privacy, RCMP say body-worn cameras are not intended to be used for 24-hour recording, surveillance and when intimate searches are conducted.

“Even if we want to keep it on all the time we couldn’t,” said Jones. “We’re just one small portion of the world over here in Tofino, Ucluelet and Ahousaht, but you gotta think, when this goes across Canada, everybody is going to be uploading these images. The only time the police officers are going to turn their cameras on and off would be when they are dealing with a police situation.”

RCMP say officers will activate their body-worn cameras during calls for service, including mental health calls, interactions with people in crisis, crimes in progress and for investigations.

But handling privacy concerns is a bit of a grey topic, Jones points out.

“Sometimes when you are going into various situations, does the camera get turned on? Do we redact certain things? Do people’s images get protected? Say if you walk into a home and there are a whole bunch of people in there and you are investigating a domestic, suddenly all these people are getting their faces caught on this video, so we have to take out anyone that’s not involved,” Jones said.


He went on to reiterate that the body-worn cameras only capture one POV.

“The police officers’ notes and their understanding of the situation still comes into effect because the cameras don’t always capture the whole 360 degrees of what’s going on,” he said.

“I’m hoping that it doesn’t have a negative effect where people don’t speak because maybe they’re afraid to talk knowing that that might be something that is going to be automatically put into a court document,” Jones continued.

When it comes to sharing recordings, the RCMP “may proactively disclose footage from a body-worn camera where it is in the public interest to do so.” Members of the public can seek access to the recordings by filing a formal request under the federal *Privacy Act* or *Access to Information Act*.

More information will be released as RCMP body-worn cameras come into action.



COVID-19 & INFLUENZA VACCINATIONS

AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT
AT THE HUUPATU HEALTH CENTRE

Please wear PPE and sanitize upon entry.

To book an appointment: Call (250) 726-7343 or email moa@ufn.ca
Please remember to bring your BC Services Card (CareCard).

Small Business Grants

New funding opportunities for Yuułu?i?ath small businesses.

The Economic Development Officer has been working to facilitate citizen entrepreneurship and empower small business owners. In 2021 the Indigenous Community Business Fund, a \$1500 grant, was released. It helped citizens with business licenses fund graphic design for logos, marketing, advertising, and purchase materials. Now a new program, the Growing Entrepreneurship Program, is expanding available support to offer aid to all citizens running small businesses, regardless of if they have a business license yet.

The Believe In Me Fund provides citizen entrepreneurs with a one-time government grant of \$1500.00 for advertising, marketing, business branding, website development or web hosting service fees. Receipts can be submitted to the Economic Development Officer to assist with processing a reimbursement.

An example of a project a small business operator might want to use the grant for is hiring a web designer to create a website for their business. A citizen would seek out a quote to have the website constructed and submit the receipt and grant application to the Economic Development Department for review. When the grant application is accepted, the citizen will be reimbursed up to \$1500 for the cost of hiring the web designer.

Similarly, the Start-Up Recovery Fund is a \$3000 grant for citizens who have operated a small business for a minimum of three consecutive years. This grant is intended to acknowledge the hard work, effort and difficulties that go into running a business and aid new growth for the business. This fund can be leveraged by citizens to gain increasing financial support from third-party funders such as NEDC. For assistance processing an application please contact Economic Development Officer, Corey Rich.

The final grant in the new program is the Business Skills Fund. This grant is directed towards citizens seeking to develop business skills with short-courses costing under \$5000. Education in financial literacy, budgeting processes or marketing can make massive differences in how a business performs and likelihood of long-term success. Eligible courses include accounting, sales, marketing and general business skills. For courses outside of that scope contact Corey Rich directly to discuss if the course is appropriate for the

grant.

Citizens also have the option to access education funding through Yuułu?i?ath Government's Post-Secondary Funding for diplomas or degrees in business or other fields that will aid career goals from accredited post-secondary institutions. For more information on post-secondary funding contact Educations Services Manager, Jennifer Touchie by emailing Jennifer.Touchie@ufn.ca.

Third party organizations can also be an excellent source for additional funding. Industry Tourism BC has education funding, and organizations like the New Relationship Trust and Island Coastal Economic Trust have opportunities available for citizens seeking capital start-up money.

Curious about short-courses but don't know where to look? Explore options on Small Business BC (smallbusinessbc.ca/education), online courses through SkillShare or LinkedIn Learning Solutions and offerings through universities and colleges like North Island College, Vancouver Island University or Royal Roads which regularly offers "micro-courses".

All three of the Yuułu?i?ath Government Growing Entrepreneurship Program grants have an application deadline of **Monday, March 31, 2025**. Interested citizens are strongly encouraged to contact Corey Rich to explore funding opportunities or for general business advice. Email Corey.Rich@ufn.ca or call (778) 942-0610 or (250) 726-6741.



COREY RICH
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

AVAILABLE IN PERSON, **MONDAY & TUESDAY**
10:00AM TO 4:30PM . ASSETS BUILDING

Assist Entrepreneurs with:

- ▶ Business Start-up and Planning
- ▶ Business Growth and Strategies
- ▶ Cost-accounting Inquiries and Financing Options

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"You Are Strong"

YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION WORKSHOP

Thursday, November 28

Cixwatin Centre Gym . 9:30am to 4:30pm

Facilitated by Meagan Curely, Darci Dorion and Kelly Dennis.

This 6 hour workshop weaves together suicide prevention strategies from a social justice lens, nuučaanuł worldview teachings, trauma informed yoga and land based, culturally rooted healing methodologies.

The work aims to offer life affirming connection to Indigenous identity, the land and culture as an antidote to the epidemic of suicidality for nuučaanuł youth.

\$50 gift cards provided for all participants!

To register please contact huupatu Centre Reception:
Email moa@ufn.ca or call (250) 726-7343

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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, December 3
- Tuesday, December 10

COLE SCHAFER

(250) 616-2254

Available dates:

- November 18 to 20
- November 25 to 30



Committee Vacancy

Interested to get involved?

Join a Committee for the Yuułu?it?ath Government!

We encourage all interested to apply or submit a letter of interest.



We are looking for an individual to join our **Economic Development Committee**

- The Economic Development Committee makes recommendations to the Yuułu?it?ath Legislature and the Executive on economic development matters.
- The individual must bring particular expertise or skills to the committee.
- This committee appointment would involve a corresponding appointment to the YFN Holdings Inc. Board of Directors
- The Committee must meet at least six times each year (majority virtual).

Send your application or interest to:
Jill.Hamilton@ufn.ca



Health & Social Services Programs

November 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday Sunday
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					3 Youth Drop-in Age 12 & under 2:00pm to 4:00pm
4 Brushings 9:00am-1:00pm Community Wellness Lunch 11:30am-1:30pm	5 Massage Therapy kakawinminh USS Homework Hall 3:30pm-5:00pm Men's Group 6:30pm to 8:00pm Counselling with Amber Severinson	6	7 Dr. Marshall Physiotherapy 1:00pm to 4:00pm USS Homework Hall 3:30pm-5:00pm	8	9 10
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11 Remembrance Day YG Offices Closed	12 kakawinminh USS Homework Hall 3:30pm-5:00pm Youth Drop-in Age 13 to 18 4:30pm to 7:30pm Counselling with Amber Severinson UES Homework Hall 3:30pm-5:00pm	13 Suicide Intervention Skills Workshop Elders Health Lunch 11:30am	14 Dr. Marshall Physiotherapy Child & Youth Counselling with Jason Lefevre 1:00pm to 3:00pm USS Homework Hall	15	16 17 Youth Drop-in Age 12 & under 2:00pm to 4:00pm
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*Programs offered during regular operating hours of the Yuutu?it?ath Government, 8:00am to 4:30pm, unless otherwise noted.

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November 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday Sunday
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4 Language Class with maḥima 6:30pm to 8:30pm	5	6 Corey Rich Economic Development Officer 10:00am to 4:00pm	7 Kimberly Touchie Outreach Support Coordinator	8	9
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25	26	27 Cynthia Fitton Community Health Nurse	28 Jennifer Touchie Educations Services Manager 10:00am to 12:00pm	29	30

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