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Chuck McCarthy elected to third term as President

ITACU - Chuck McCarthy has been there before. This is his third term elected President Ucluelet First Nation, as he won the May 8 election, defeating incumbent Les Doiron.

"It's only been a few weeks since the election, and we're still seeing where we're at fi-nancially," he says. "The new Fiscal Finance Agreement should mean we'll be getting more money from the federal government in June as well."

Joining President McCarthy on the legislature are Alan Mc-Carthy, Richard Mundy, Joyce Patrick, Jeneva Touchie, Jenny Touchie and Lorri Touchie.

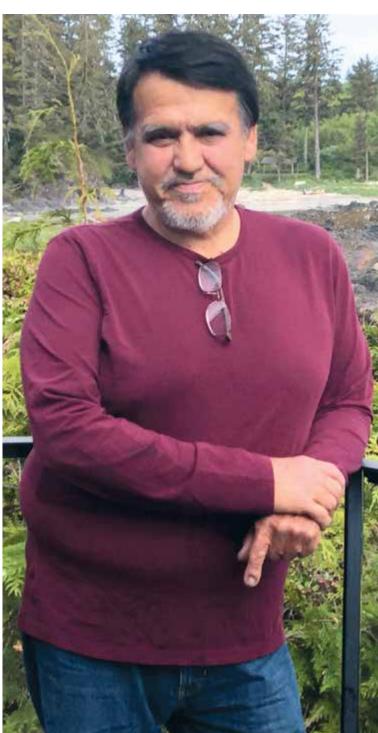
'We have an excellent team," he says. "Two of the people that are on the legislature were active in previous governments. It's good to see the younger generation stepping into leadership positions. They're a well-educated group as well."

President McCarthy says he has enjoyed the last four years, "as I had time to be with my family. Spending time with my family is paramount."

His wife, Elizabeth, was the main person to encourage him to run again.

"Without her support, l wouldn't have run," he says, adding he was pleased with the support he received. "I feel very honoured that over the years, many people have come to me and asked me for my advice. As President, I will continue to listen, and am in a position by leading our government to help out our citizens wherever I can."

President McCarthy and the legislature team have lots of work to do, and a couple of the areas he would like to see addressed are housing and education.



President Chuck McCarthy

Citing his own example of the difficulties of obtaining a mortgage for his own home under the old INAC (Indian and Northern Affairs Canada)

system, he wants to see if something can be done through the government and some of its newfound funding to support first time

homeowners.

That was one of the issues that President McCarthy ran on during the election, and he knows that, as a Treaty Nation, things have changed.

"Our government owns all these homes in Hitacu," he notes. "It's hard for people to buy homes whether they live here, or in Nanaimo, or Port Alberni, or other places. Maybe we can find a way to help them get the down payments. The federal government has also introduced new programs that can help people purchase homes easier as well.

"Home ownership gives people more pride in their home because it's their responsibility and their money they're putting into it."

President McCarthy believes in the importance of education, and suggested the legislature could look at providing help for young people pursuing educational opportunities, especially including trades.

Chuck has lived in Hitacu for most of his life, and attended Ucluelet Elementary School before his parents bought a home in Port Alberni, where he eventually attended residential school.

At age 17 he returned to Hitacu to fish with his father, Johnson. That came to a frightening end when a gas fire during a fishing trip resulted in major burns to both Johnson and Chuck that resulted in his father passing away 10 days later.

Chuck survived, although he suffered serious burns that required a months-long recovery, including a stay with his late brother Richard in Terrace. To this day, he still has all

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Yuułu?ił?ath Participates in 2019 Canoe Journey

e are very proud to have had such a high level of interest from Yuułu?ił?ath citizens ready to participate in the 2019 Canoe Journey that included a stop in Hitacu during the first weekend of July.

Our decision to participate began last year when our Executive decided it would be good for us to get involved again, after an almost 20 year absence. We thank **Melody Charlie** for her hard work in making generating so much interest this year, and acknowledge **Chris Seitcher and Cynthia Fitton** of the **Spirit of the Canoe Society** to help take care of our citizens for the duration of the trip for the second year in a row.

Later this year, the planning team will be meeting again to recap on this year's journey and start discussing plans to prepare for next year's journey – keeping one vision in mind: To participate in the journey independently as Yuułu?ił?ath.

Cultural Day August 1

Samantha Touchie, Culture and Heritage Assistant, is taking the lead in organizing the August 1 Cultural Celebration and Unveiling of the Welcome

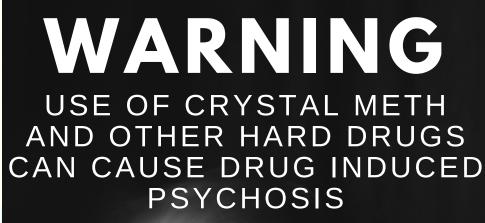


Suzanne Williams DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

Sign, Log Drum, and Canoe – projects created under the Department of Culture and Heritage.

We will celebrate the completion of the three aforementioned projects, and have aligned this celebration and project to end at the end of a Cultural Camp week that the Summer Youth Program is holding. We look forward to a great week and closing with a great day before the long weekend.

Please stay tuned for more details and plan on joining us for a day of celebrating our culture, enjoying our



SYMPTOMS CAN INCLUDE:

Depression Hearing Voices Paranoid thoughts Seeing things Extreme Fear

Anxiety

Suicidal thoughts or behaviours Difficulties functioning Sleep disturbance - for example staying up all night



food, and fun as we unveil the drum and canoe!

WiFi at the Cix^watin Centre

Over the last couple of years, we have seen abuse and illegal activity on our wireless guest network (YG Guest) and this activity increased significantly over the last couple of months. This network has been provided to all visitors as a courtesy. Unfortunately, the abuse by a limited few has caused us to make changes to how we provide this service.

From this point forward, anyone wishing to use the free YG Guest wireless network will have to obtain a voucher from the front desk. Vouchers are good for 24 hours; they are not to be shared and; they have a download cap*. The voucher will be associated to you and you alone are fully responsible for all activities associated with the voucher.

Continued abuse of our wireless network my result in a lifetime block. When signing out a voucher, our staff will assign your name to the voucher and record the date and time that it was issued.

Executive Portfolios

At the first meeting of the Legislature, appointments to Executive portfolios and committees were made. Committee appointments will be listed on our website, including a notice identifying any vacancies that citizens are welcome to apply for. Here is a listing of the Executive portfolio assignments:



- President, Charles McCarthy (as elected into the position)
 Lands and Resources, Alan
- Lands and Resources, Al McCarthy
- Finance, Richard Mundy Jr.
 Community Services Jet
- Community Services, Jeneva Touchie
- Assets, Jenny Touchie

Other assignments were made at the first meeting of the Executive to ensure our nation is represented at external organizations such as the Nuu-chahnulth Tribal Council Board of Directors, the Maa-nulth Treaty Society Board of Directors, the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust Board of Directors, and the YFN Holdings Board of Directors.

Staffing Changes

Alex Touchie and Asya Touchie left their respective roles with the Yuułu?ił?ath Government on June 20, following two years of service to our Nation. Both have been an integral part of our government organization and exceptional in their service delivery to the government and our citizens. I would like to thank them for their time spent with our nation and wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

In the meantime, plans are underway to ensure continued department oversight and management following their leave and to ensure there are minimal gaps in the placement of new department managers. Advertisements for the upcoming vacant positions are included in this edition of the Umacuk.

Please join me in welcoming Donna Louie and Jenna Miller to the YG team! Donna and Jenna will be working with us on a casual basis in their respective roles. With Donna recently completing the ECCE program with the North Island College she is now ready to take on some work within the qwayaciik?iis Day Care and has been providing some relief for Michelle Ralston (Daycare Supervisor) on a casual basis - Congratulations Donna! Also new to our team is lenna who has been hired to provide assistance in our finance department for the accounts payable role and on a part-time basis. Jenna started her first day just yesterday and is going through orientation to the department with Melody and Raja.

Education

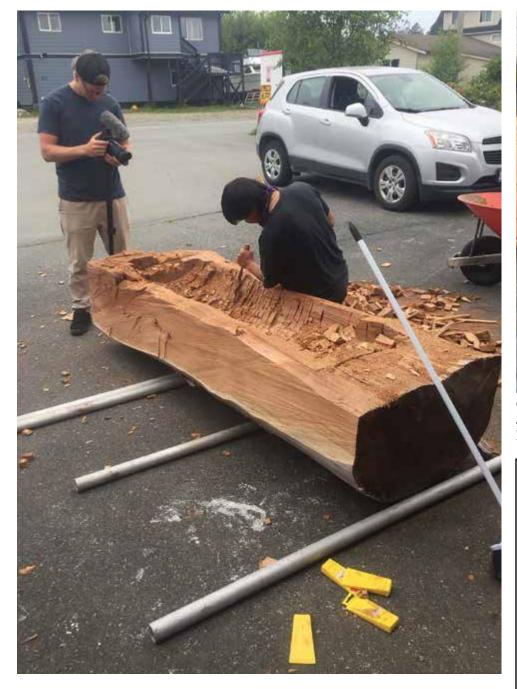
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Celebrating Education And Our Culture

Social Services Education

The school year has come to an end and summer vacation is here! This year has been very exciting

for our children and youth! This year's education celebration was hosted on June 19 to recognize the educational successes of our citizens.



2019 Arts Program Workshops and Information Sessions

he FPCC Arts program offers workshops and information sessions for Indigenous artists wanting to learn more about FPCC funding opportunities and how to apply for FPCC Arts grants. FPCC Arts funding is available to Indigenous artists residing in B.C. and applies to many different art forms for both individuals and organizations.

Arts workshops share information about FPCC arts grants, how we can support you in completing a successful application and provide an opportunity to improve your grant writing skills. FPCC staff will walk participants through the grant writing process,

providing tips and feedback on how to strengthen your application.

Information sessions provide Indigenous artists with a chance to learn about FPCC Arts programs and funding opportunities, hear examples of funded projects and ask FPCC staff questions about our grants and programs.

The next workshop will be held August 13 at Stz'uminus First Nation Community Centre, 3949 Shell Beach Road in Ladysmith from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

To register for a session and questions, please contact nikki@fpcc.ca or call (250) 652-5952, ext. 212.

Health and Wellness

The Department of Social Services hosted a Walk Challenge to help support our citizens in their health and wellness journeys on June 21.



Our youth have been busy carving a log drum and a sign outside of the Hitacu fire hall.

Walking for just 30 minutes a day can increase cardiovascular fitness, strengthen bones, reduce excess body fat and boost muscle power and endurance! It can also help to prevent or manage conditions such as heart disease, high blood pressure and type 2 diabetes. Throughout the Walking Challenge citizens logged their steps each day and brought in their logs to Cixwatin Centre each week. Citizens received educational materials in regard to health eating, and education and prevention of diabetes! The winners of the Walk Challenge were to be announced on Aboriginal Day, June 21.

Culture and Heritage Carving Projects

Our youth have continued to participate in carving activities through grant funded projects. Currently our youth are working on a sign and a log drum.

These activities have gained momentum and there have been as many as 15 youth participating! The youth have been carving outside of the fire hall feel free to stop by and check it out.

Provided by Asya Touchie, former Manager of Social Services & Culture & Heritage.



DIRECTOR OF LANDS AND RESOURCES

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Hitacu, British Columbia Posted on: Tuesday, July 9, 2019

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The Yuułu?it?ath Government – Ucluelet First Nation is seeking a motivated and experienced individual for the position of Director of Lands and Resources to compliment a motivated management leadership team in the management of its land and resources. The individual is responsible for providing leadership, direction, support and the overall management of the planning, funding, financing, negotiations and delivery, human resource management, financial management and administration of the department. This position will report to the Director of

For a copy of the complete position description, please contact Ashley McCarthy, Administrative Coordinator, at Ashley.McCarthy@ufn.ca.

Qualifications and Experience:

- ✓ Prefer Master's Degree in Land Use Planning or Natural Resource Development
- Bachelor Degree in related Discipline (Land Use Planning, Natural Resource Science) Land Management Certification an Asset
- Six to Eight (6-8) years' experience leading and managing Lands and Resources initiatives, programs and services with two (2) years or more experience supervising employees and overseeing contractors
- Experience in Indigenous Lands and Resources management preferred Experience working for a self-governing treaty nation preferred
- Related experience in Planning, Financial Management, Proposal Writing / Funding and Policy Development
- Project Management experience
- Experience working with applicable Regulations and Standards Experience working with federal and provincial governments Experience with WorkSafe BC

How to Apply: please submit your covering letter, resume and three recent employment references to the attention of the Director of Operations, by email (emploment@ufn.ca), fax (250-726-7552), by mail (P.O. Box 699, Ucluelet, BC, VOR 3A0) or in person (700 Wya Road, Hitacu, BC).

Closing Date: Friday, August 9, 2019

Thank you in advance for your application. We will be in touch with those who are shortlisted for an interview.

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New Legislature Sworn In At Opening Ceremonies



he opening ceremonies of the Inaugural Meeting of the Yuułu?ił?atḥ Legislature was held May 15 at Cix^watin Centre in Hitacu.

The day was intended to start off with a positive leap forward into the next four years for the new Legislature. Before the ceremony, preparation was taking place behind the scenes with the brushing of the gym, to bring positive energy into the ceremony, and room setup with special seating for the President and Legislature, the Tyee Ha'wilth and his Speaker, and our Elder, Bob Mundy.

The q^wayaciik?iis Day Care children

and staff were seated at the front to witness the ceremony, with elders filling the next two rows in the audience. Cedar was laid out along the head table for the Legislature, to represent calmness and connection – bringing the connection of ancestors before us.

The entrance was performed by Tim Sutherland, he drummed a new song he recently learned – a victory song belonging to Mr. Louie that hasn't been sung in many years.

The new legislative team entered and then were called to stand together at the front of the head table and Yuułu?ił?ath banner to have a traditional brushing by Tim Sutherland and Reynold Touchie. They then were blanketed by Richard Mundy Sr. and Brenda Clayton, while being gifted with a cedar paddle necklace that was made by Ray Haipee.

We all stood together near the end of the ceremony to show support to the new leaders for the next four years.

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Following the brushing, all were seated again at the head table to be read the Oath of Office in our traditional language by elder Bob Mundy, with Tyee Ha'wilth by his side. They all agreed and then shared some closing remarks before heading out to convene the first meeting of the Legislature for the 2019 – 2023 term. Prior to leaving, they concluded with pictures, snacks, and conversations with those in attendance.

This was a great ceremony to be a part of, and the feeling of high hopes, positivity and connection was overwhelming.

Welcome to the new legislature for the next four years! Let's maintain this feeling throughout your years to come!

Exciting news in Assets Department



The Nation's first piece of heavy equipment, a Kubota MX5200, has arrived

ithin the Assets Department we have some exciting news!

We have **Jordan Touchie** coming back from his training course on small waste water systems fully certified by the Environmental Operators Certification Program. This program ensures cities and municipalities that all operators use a single standard, and they meet the criteria to work on civic small waste water systems across North America!

The department also received our first piece of heavy equipment, our Kubota MX5200.

This will enable our workers to tackle bigger problems, and lift and move things around the community without having to contract out as much for equipment. We hope to get a lot of work done on the community green space with this new piece of equipment, so there is a lot to look forward to.

We are also continuing our call



Spencer Touchie ASSETS

for more volunteer fire fighters, as well as inviting you to join them in evening run/jog/walks around the community as part of their Physical Training (or PT) regime on Tuesdays around 7 p.m.

Spencer Touchie, Manager of Asset Management

MANAGER OF CULTURE AND HERITAGE

Hitacu, British Columbia Posted on: Tuesday, July 9, 2019

The Manager of Culture and Heritage is responsible for providing the overall leadership, direction and support for the planning, funding, negotiations, development, delivery, financial management, and administration of Yuułu?ił?ath Government

Please contact Ashley McCarthy for more information on the position or for a copy of the job description. Ashley can be reached at 250-726-7342, extension 205, or by email at ashley.mccarthy@ufn.ca.

Qualifications and Experience:

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- Prefer related Post-Secondary Courses and / or Formal Training, to include Indigenous Language Planning, Management Supervision, Financial Management, Conflict Resolution, Communications and Report Writing, Education Instruction and Administration and Teambuilding
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- Three to Five (3 5) years directly related experience with two to three (2-3) years in a management position.
- Prefer experience and understanding working with First Nations.
- Prefer experience and understanding of the Barkley Dialect of the Nuu-chah-nulth Language and Yuułu?ił?ath history, culture, and protocols.
- Experience in the development and management of Culture and Heritage programs
- Experience in the development of program policy and proposals for funding.
- Experience working with related regulations and professional practices and standards.

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YG PROFILE: Richard Mundy

t has been an honour to serve as an Executive Member of the Legislature for the past four years. In that time, I have gained experience and knowledge that will guide me through this next term.

Here are the things I would like to focus on over the next four years.

Culture and Traditional Governance

The revitalization of our culture and language is a priority. Our speakers and learners have been working hard at preserving our dialect and we must continue to support them and encourage more of our citizens to be involved. The government also needs to ensure there are enough resources to expand the scope of our cultural revival to include teachings on traditional governance. Our modern treaty government structure must better reflect the traditions and values of our ancestors; I believe this is the key to our true realization of self-government.

Community Health and Safety

The Legislature needs to do more to improve safety in our home community of Hitacu. Mental health and wellness needs are not being met and we have to do something about it. We need to tap in to the passion of community members who dedicate themselves to helping others fine the right path; we need to listen to our Elders and be open to their teachings as part of the recovery process. I believe that collaboration between the RCMP, mental health professionals, cultural leaders and our government will help foster an environment of healing and positive change that can also be brought to our urban population.

Urban Engagement and Communications

Meaningful engagement with citizens living away from home is of great importance to me; the government has an obligation to ensure that



Richard Mundy

the concerns and needs of our urban citizens are heard and met. I would like to see more urban engagement sessions and gatherings where we can reconnect and redefine the bond between government, citizens at home, and citizens away from home. I would also like to see the Legislature create and executive portfolio exclusively for urban engagement.

Economic Development

The government should be investing in an analysis of our corporate structure to determine whether there is a better path forward on our journey towards economic development and self-sufficiency. We must not let our progress be hampered by a structure that doesn't work for us; we must not allow employment opportunities for our citizens to disappear as a result of the government not implementing a better system. Our treaty provides for the tools necessary to do this, we just need to put them to good use.

Strategic Planning

As a result of ground-breaking

negotiations, our government has received an unprecedented increase in funding for governance. Now that we have enough resources, we can expand our organization to better meet the needs of all citizens and fulfill the obligations in or treaty. We need to approach this strategically and ensure that we are able sustain the sudden growth that we are about to experience. This will require extensive planning and consultation with citizens; I will apply the knowledge gained over the past four years as a Member of the Legislature to

help move us in the right directions. The reality of self-governance is that we are learning by experience, and trial and error. Fortunately, we have made significant gains in funding to support treaty implementation and future initiatives that are important to our citizens.

Moving forward, I strongly believe that continuity in leadership is critical to maintaining the course that has been set. We have a long journey ahead of us and teamwork is going to be an integral part of our success; we must work together.



INDIGENOUS WELLNESS COUNSELLOR (REGULAR, FULL-TIME POSITION)

Hitacu, British Columbia

Posted on: July 15, 2019 The Yuulu?il?ath Government has a new career opportunity for an Indigenous Wellness Counsellor. The Indigenous Wellness Counsellor will provide a range of mental health and addiction services to individuals, couples and families, including children, youth and adults. This position works within the context of a client-centered, family centered and community-based perspective.

The Indigenous Wellness Counsellor will provide direct clinical services such as intake, assessment, diagnosis, treatment, and group work and crisis intervention for individuals, couples and families. The successful candidate will work collaboratively by consulting with community agencies, schools, hospitals, and other programs as well as prepare educational materials, tools and facilitate educational sessions.

EDUCATION/TRAINING/CERTIFICATION

- Masters in Social Work, Educational Counselling, Clinical Psychology or Child and Youth Care or comparable graduate degree at the Master's level, or equivalent.
- Criminal Record Check in the Vulnerable Sector
- Valid Class 5 BC Driver's License and own vehicle
- Criminal Record check

EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS

- Knowledge of case management, outreach and child, youth, adult family engagement principles. Knowledge of other health care disciplines and their roles in working with children, youth, adults and families.
- Knowledge of harm reduction principles, trauma-informed practice and motivational interviewing techniques. Knowledge of issues and challenges of working with Indigenous Communities
- Knowledge of traditional indigenous healing practices
- Demonstrated ability to adjust to unexpected events, assess, problem solve and intervene appropriately in crisis situations.
- Demonstrated ability to make decisions independently when required
- Demonstrated ability to conduct risk assessments and plan treatment for children, youth and adults with complex mental health and substance use issues. Demonstrated ability to handle challenging and emotionally charged situations.
- Demonstrated ability to work with vulnerable populations. Demonstrated ability to work with indigenous population
- Knowledge and understanding of the resident population
- Excellent computer skills

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YG PROFILE: Jenny Touchie

ello, Yuułu?ił?ath! My name is Jenny Touchie. I'm the daughter of (late) Harold Touchie and Lorri Touchie. I've lived 31 years of my 35 years right here in Hitacu.

I've seen many changes in the community throughout my lifetime. I'm from the generation that had to be home when the streetlights came on. .the generation that used to hike to Wya and Ucluth in day camp, when they were commonly known by IR numbers.

In 2008 I graduated from Capilano University with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. All my life my parents stressed the importance of being educated and working hard for the life that we wanted. It was exciting to live away from home and grow into an adult with responsibilities. As much as I loved establishing a new life for myself in the big city, I knew I was meant to be at home. I moved back to Hitacu after graduation. I didn't realize how lucky I was to live here. I didn't realize how attached I was to this place.

I've been working since I was about 10 years old. I dusted and stocked shelves at Dawn's Market in the summer, a job my dad negotiated for us. (I think my parents not only wanted us to learn responsibility but to also just keep us out of their hair all summer.) At the age of 14, I started working as a housekeeper at the Thornton Motel. For 18 years, including summers between semesters at school, I worked in hospitality. I worked my way up from cleaning rooms to managing a staff of 120+ employees. An entry level position was only as limiting as I let it be. I came from a frame of mind that investing in myself, through education and self-discipline, will eventually benefit me in the long run. It did and it still continues to as I transition through another career.

For the last six years, I've been working for the federal government of Canada in the Parks Canada Agency. I'm



Jenny Touchie, left, and Lorri Touchie

a First Nations Liaison for Pacific Rim National Park Reserve. I work with First Nations partners on cooperative management of the Park Reserve and other areas such as economic development, capacity building/training and consultation activities.

In recent years, I've also worked as a Consultation and Negotiations Advisor for the Protected Areas Establishment Branch of Parks Canada. In this role, I was part of a negotiating team that

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was working toward establishing a new National Park Reserve in the Northwest Territories. I'm given great learning and professional opportunities with the federal government, but I wanted to be connected and invested in my own government too.

After several years of being an advocate for all Yuułu?ił?ath citizens and promoting transparency and accountability from our government, I decided that it was time to join the table and bring the voices of the many into the conversation. I take this responsibility with great care. I'm motivated and determined to uphold the responsibility and trust that was placed in me to fulfil my role as a member of Legislature.

In my free time, you can find me at the dog park with our dog Archer, at the gym in Ukee, baking sweet treats and goodies, spending time out and about on local trails and beaches, reading, playing video games, scouting the next great concert to go to, and spending time with my spouse, family and loved ones.

Work hard but have fun! Chuu.

YG PROFILE: Lorri Touchie

feel very honored and humbled that you've bestowed your trust in me as one of our new Members of the Legislature for Yuułu?ił?ath First Nation. I'm the mother of two truly

incredibly amazing daughters: Melanie Touchie and Jenny Touchie. I'm currently employed with Pacific Rim National Park Reserve as the Human Resources Liaison.



Flexible, facilitative, critical and strategic thinking

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Prior to my current employment | worked as the Resort Manager for our beloved Wya Point Resort and I've worked in the hospitality industry in various positions for over 20 years.

I enjoy spending time with my family and sitting outside in my front yard relaxing and watching all the action in the Ucluelet harbour.

Working for the Federal Government as taught me a lot what it means to serve the people of Canada. I will

be bringing this experience as your Member of the Legislature. I'm a firm believer in operating in a completely transparent and accountable manner; this what it means to be a civil servant for the citizens of YFN.

I truly look forward to working for the citizens of YFN for the next four years. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for electing me as one of your Members of the Legislature.

YG PROFILE: Alan McCarthy



The reasons I sought office were to resolve current issues and issues around treaty implementation, SRKW and the effect it may have on access to salmon in MDFA, access

McCarthy to more fish, and promote under-utilized species like crab and prawn.

YG PROFILE: Joyce **Patrick**



I decided to run to become a Member of the Legislature because l believe I can bring a positive open mind and would make a great coordinator, especially working with the youth and elders of Ucluelet.

Also, affordable housing, and infrastructure needed for the resort.

I have been a member of the Executive Branch , and been responsible for representing the YFN in intergovernmental relations , including with other First Nations as per the constitution B 2.20.

I am grateful for representing YFN over the last four years.

YG PROFILE: Jeneva Touchie



I have been learning our language over the past year and will be learning until my journey home. I am happy to be able to learn from our fluent speakers and look forward to having the chance to share

what I've learned in my everyday life. My dream is for Yuułu?ił?ath citizens to have the opportunity if they wish to learn the language and to build relationships. ?uušýakšiže?c

Arts & Language

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Indigenous Language Act Bill passed in Ottawa

ational News is Good News for our language The Indigenous Language Act Bill was passed on June 21, 2019. The Act recognizes the rights of Indigenous people to maintain their languages. The new office in Ottawa now commits \$333.7 million over the next five years and \$111.7 annually after that.

Language Update

Our focus has been on **Mentor Appren**tice, where immersion

learning is done one-on-one.

Pairs this last year have been Marge and Moira, Bob Mundy and Jeneva Touchie, and Rose Wilson and Eileen Touchie. Some have extended their participation to this year. We will be implementing a language nest in the fall that will include a few pairs as well.

The International Conference on Languages in Victoria was well received and provided a great deal of motivation, and once again reflected



Dr. Bernice Touchie

reconnect to our cultural strengths in order to once again achieve high levels of humour, self-care and sharing.

our need to heal and

It was motivating to hear about the advance of Indigenous language from worldwide speakers. We pause to thank our fluent speakers for their hard work to save our language, as at this point, a great deal has been written for linguists and teachers.

Many groups formed their own groups to revive their language – including those

from New York. It is hoped that we can form an urban group for sharing food, culture and language.

A fine example is the Nisqa'a in Vancouver. Please contact Cissy or the band if you are keen to be involved in a Port Alberni chapter.

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Dr. Bernice Touchie, Language Coordinator - Phone: 250-726-7342

Let The Languages Live

conference encouraging

eynote speaker Lorna Williams provided a number of significant takeaways for delegates to the June 24-26 HELISET TTE SKÁL – 'Let The Languages Live' – 2019 International Conference on Indigenous Languages held at the Victoria Conference Centre in Victoria.

The First Peoples Cultural Foundation and the First Peoples' Cultural Council co-hosted the event in recognition of the 2019 International Year of Indigenous Languages. This conference, by Indigenous peoples and for Indigenous people, gathered Indigenous language experts and advocates from around the globe to celebrate, honour and share expertise in Indigenous language reclamation, revitalization and maintenance.

Dr. Bernice Touchie of Yuułu?ił?ath and noted that Williams, a retired University of Victoria Professor, offered some positive words in her language, encouraging people to arrange so they're not working alone, but together: "Please help one another here and at home."

Key words shared included:

1. Wik'tedwi: Envision.

2. Nuran'tral wi: Remember all people.

3.K'olin: Listen (to one another).

4. Ptinasem: Reflect.

5. Appreciate each other. Show ability to laugh again, to tell stories, to share. "They (oppressors) try to silence us." Challenges emerge, but we overcome them: "We are putting together a mirror shattered in a million pieces," she said, adding that what we put back together "doesn't come out perfect," but to cherish even "the cracked pieces".

6. Pelelchim: To visit homes, have a cup of tea again, reminisce, laugh, joke (remember past as peaceful). Socializing even could be a remedy for cancer prevention. Greet people on the street. She gave an example of a positive life force, where a supportive community took part and collected food from the land.

7. Kamulthkaltha: To achieve flow. When there is a happy participation i.e.: positive energy. When all feel welcome, it gets work done. Share, have no shame, and the experience/ life-force flows from the belly button.

Regarding institutions, she noted that learning has become fragmented, and we need to reconnect generations and resources in our own world-view. Our language is our greatest self-identity, and we need to invite silent-speakers who understand natural language.

Coast Mountain Supports Apprenticeship Project For Locals



New Daycare building almost ready for occupancy

hree residents, including one citizen, of Hitacu, are working on the Daycare project for **Coast Mountain Construction**, an awardwinning company based in Nanaimo. Jori Frank, George Tate and Stuart **Campbell** are all going through the apprenticeship program run in Tla-oqui-aht First Nation, says Coast Mountain Projects owner/founder Wayne Hawthornthwaite.

"These child care facilities are such important parts of these communities," he says. "They give parents the opportunity to go to work and rest easy, knowing that their child is taken care of in a safe environment."

After nearly 30 years in business, Coast Mountain Construction has been impacting Indigenous communities all over Vancouver Island and the BC Coast.

This April, three Coast Mountain projects were featured at the 2019 **Vancouver Island Real Estate Board** (VIREB) Commercial Building Awards, held at the Florence Filberg Centre in Courtenay.

At the awards, the Tla-o-qui-aht Container Housing Project, located near Tofino, brought home a Merit award in the Multi-Family Non-Market category. Coast Mountain projects Tlucha Children's Facility near Tofino (Institutional) and the Toquaht Nation Duplex Project in Macoah Village (Multi-Family Non-Market) were also recognized as finalists.

At the event, judges singled out the Tla-o-qui-aht Container Housing Project for its unique concept and execution.

The structure was a demonstration project funded by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) to see the viability of recycling shipping containers as components in a housing project. The completed structures show a variety of sizes and layouts with 21 units in total. There are five single-family homes at 1,200 square feet and 16 micro units within two 8-plex buildings at 320 square feet each. It was built with the help of **Boni Maddison Architecture** in Vancouver.

"This was a federally funded project," says Wayne Hawthornthwaite, Coast Mountain's owner and founder. "The goal was to see if this was a feasible method of construction. We built a variety of plans to test it out, and at the end of the day, it was about double the cost of conventional construction."

Though the project was successfully completed, Hawthornthwaite doubts that similar projects will be feasible in the future.

"In my opinion, the numbers prove it isn't the best option," he continues. "From what I saw, it doesn't make sense in our climate."

Though the experiment may not have come up with the desired results, the finished product impressed the judges enough to garner second place recognition.

In addition to the container housing project, the company was recognized for the Tlucha Children's Facility at the Ty-Histanis subdivision near Tofino.

"This was a fantastic project to work on," says Hawthornthwaite. "We built about 100 homes in that community, with each house connected to a geothermal system. Now we've added the daycare, as there are enough families living there to justify it. It completes the community, adding some important infrastructure."

The third project was a set of duplexes built for the Macoah Village, part of the Toquaht Nation. Before Coast Mountain completed the project, the community only had 12 homes.

"Adding this many homes was huge step for them," says Hawthornthwaite. "They were designed for families. We didn't want to just build a standard two-storey home with an unfinished basement. We wanted to build a smaller home with more usable space so the client can afford the utilities."

Coast Mountain Construction was founded in 1990. Previous to entering construction, Hawthornthwaite was working in the commercial fishing industry.

"My family had a fishing boat, where I worked for a number of years," he says. "I took an apprenticeship in carpentry when the fishing industry started to dry up."

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Yuułu?ił?ath Government addressing safety concerns

une 5, 2019 - HITACU - The be made shortly. Yuułu?ił?ath Government shares the concerns of citizens regarding public safety, and is urging citizens to take necessary precautions and report any incidents to the appropriate authorities.

The newly elected President and Legislature will be working towards a comprehensive strategy, but notes that community safety is incumbent upon all community members working together with the Yuułu?ił?ath Government and enforcement officials such as the local RCMP.

At the March 25, 2019 Hitacu Assembly, Yuułu?ił?ath citizens requested that the government conduct a special community meeting to discuss concerns, and an announcement about the meeting will

If you are a resident of Hitacu and are in an emergency or witness activity that puts you or others at risk, here are some safety tips and contact information to keep on hand:

- 1. Have your car keys close at hand, including by your bed, so if necessary you can push the "panic" button on the car keys, which will set off the vehicle's horn loudly, alerting everyone that there is trouble at hand.
- Call 911 for emergencies or 2. the RCMP at 250-726-7773 to report suspicious activity.
- Contact Crime Stoppers 3. at 1-800-222-8477. All calls to Crime Stoppers are

anonymous, and can also be made through www.nanaimocrimestoppers.com.

To support the efforts of 4. improving community safety for Hitacu, residents are also welcome to submit nonemergency reports to the Yuułu?ił?ath Government by calling 250-726-7342 or emailing communications@ufn.ca. Preventative safety measures are

also helpful, including:

- Making sure all doors and windows are always locked.
- Keeping the outside of your homes well-lit during the evenings.
 - If there is an intruder, find a safe place in the home with

prepared by having things stored in the room that would help during an emergency like water, snacks and a phone you can use to call out.

- Don't panic, and have a plan. Do whatever you must to stay out of harm's way.
- If there is an intruder or someone trying to get into your home, try to remember details of the person in order to give a description to police: Height, build, facial features, and tattoos.

With summer rapidly approaching, citizens are reminded to be extra watchful and careful, being aware of surroundings at all times and report any suspicious activity in the a sturdy door and lock. Be area to the appropriate authorities.

SAFET STARTS AT HOME

Every Yuutu?it?ath citizen has a right to feel safe in their homes!

Here are some tips to ensure protection from harm:

- Make sure all doors and windows are always locked.
- Keep homes well lit inside and out.

If an intruder comes, what should be done?

- Stay out of harm's way and find a safe place in the home with a sturdy door and lock with provisions and a phone you can use to call out.
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4. Contact the Youtu?it?ath Government administration office for Non-Emergency support at 250-726-7342.

President Chuck McCarthy

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the letters of support and encouragement sent to him by friends and family during the ordeal.

"I still have the get well cards, wrapped in a handkerchief," adding they are a touching reminder of the support the community provided during such a difficult time. "It reminds me of how people care for you as a community, even though it was 40 or so years ago."

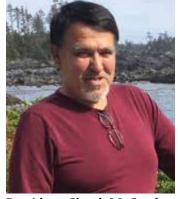
Chuck was mentored as a fisherman by his father, and after his passing continued in the business with his boat. He now has three boats, and eight staff that helps harvest salmon, halibut, dogfish and sable fish (black cod).

The worst weather he's ever endured on the water? 80-knot hurricane-force winds five years ago that had Chuck at the wheel for 16 hours straight as the storm raged on. His crew took over once the winds subsided, and at that point, after such a harrowing experience, they called it a day and headed for port.

During his last term as President, the government built the popular Wya Point Resort and the legislature building in Hitacu.

Chuck was on the Treaty negotiating team, although he made it known at the time that he wasn't in favour of some of the terms of the settlement.

"I was one of the ones that wasn't in favour of the



President Chuck McCarthy

Treaty, and yet I ended up implementing it," he says.

In regards to economic development, President McCarthy notes "It takes money and we'll have to see where we are as a Nation. We're evaluating now and getting up to speed quickly.

"There is a lot of opportunity for the right investment, and we need to decide as a Nation: Do we want to look at partnerships? Do we want to run the businesses? Or do we want to lease the land?"

He is, as always, optimistic.

"Over the last 25 years I've had more opportunities than I could have ever imagined," he says. "I want to share some of the success with our people so they can be proud of who they are and help all of our people share success.

"We live in the most beautiful part of the west coast, and at the end of the day if we work together, we can achieve a lot. We can all be champions."