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Yuułu?it?ath Students Gain Knowledge At Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre Trip



The group of Grade 6 & 7 students gets ready to begin their journey to the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre.

Story and Photos
By Cecilia Jensen

While other grade six and seven students were in class September 16-18, Yuułu?it?ath students were experiencing a learning adventure.

Yuułu?it?ath students attending Ucluelet Elementary School traveled to the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre (BMSC) where they enjoyed many labs, boat trips, and a bit of art.

Students were taken to Bamfield in a Zodiac (rigid-hulled inflatable boat) from Subtidal Adventures in Ucluelet, and the group got to see

the glorious Broken Group islands from the water. It also allowed the group to avoid a long drive along logging roads from Port Alberni to reach the small community, located on the southern edge of Barkley Sound.

This was a great opportunity for our students, as our Education Support Worker Adam Gleeson had received a Youth and Education grant for \$5,000 from the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust, as well as a \$2,000 bursary awarded by the BMSC. We owe our sincerest gratitude to these organizations for such a greatly informative field trip for our

students.

The goal of the trip was “to develop YFN students science understandings through hands-on environmental science learning experiences, for students to see science/technology as a future education and/or career choice.”

The days were long for the students.

On the first day they got up and went to school as per usual, and the students met after school to board the zodiac to head out on our adventure. It was an hour long trip to Bamfield, and upon arrival we were greeted and shown to our dorm rooms

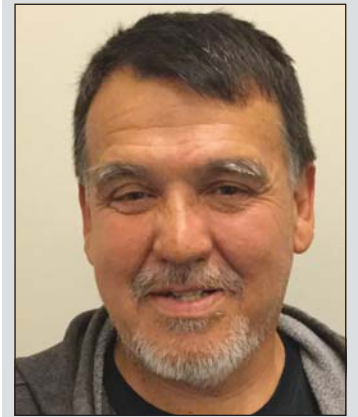
where we had a whole third floor to ourselves.

Once settled in, we went on our first boat trip to learn about Oceanography and plankton collection in Grappler Inlet, followed by dinner and a tour of BMSC. With all the excitement it was hard to fall asleep that night.

Tuesday morning started early, especially since they serve breakfast at 7:30 a.m., and there were at least 50 other students there that we had to eat with. On this day there was three Labs, a field trip and art activity for the children.

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Report From The Director of Operations



Suzanne Williams
DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

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We have been very busy interviewing people for various management positions within the Yuulu?i?ath Government office, and we are making steady progress. We hope to have all of the positions filled as quickly as possible, including a new Chief Financial Officer, Manager of Social Services, Manager of Culture and Heritage, and Director of Lands and Resources. We are also excited to announce the addition of a new Economic Development Officer to the team.

So far, we have filled most of the positions that we've posted, and will officially announce the list of new managers once they're all hired.

A special thank you to **Spencer Touchie**, who has been overseeing two departments over the summer: Assets, and Lands & Resources. He has been working extremely hard, and he is also serving as the Economic Development Officer until a new person comes in to fill that spot.

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Looking forward, our team will be

With our Annual General Assembly and Open House on November 2-3, we are calling our citizens home to Hitacu to celebrate with us.

It will be a great time to see what is happening in Hitacu, as we will also be celebrating Yuulu?i?ath Day at the same time. We are working on a great community dinner and culture package, so it is something we would like to highlight as we come back together again.



A beautiful playground has been installed next to the new Daycare building.



Workers prepare benches for inside the new Daycare building.

busy developing an action plan for the 2018 Gaps Closing budget (i.e. the funding that we received as part of the \$189.2 million from the federal government).

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The official opening of our new Childcare Centre is right around the corner, as we are still undergoing and waiting for final inspections of the facility that are required to be passed before completion.

Those applying for registration are eager to get in and access the services that will be available in the Centre, but we of course want to make sure it's done right. For example, we had



qwayaciik?iis Daycare Supervisor Michelle Ralston in front of the new building.

some internal work to do in terms of providing staff plans, updating job descriptions and making sure our wage and salary terms are up to date, fire safety planning, fire safety clearance, etc.

We are excited about the possibilities for not just the children, but our new team of staff as well. It will show them that the years they've put in school to earn their certificates is worth it for them, and that they can get good jobs right here in Hitacu.

Evan Hauser Ever wondered what he can do for you?

Evan can help you figure out what you want to do:

- Career planning
- Back to school planning
- Driver license and training support
- Trades training support

Evan can help you get to where you want to go:

- Resume and Cover Letter
- Interview Preparation
- Work Gear and Clothing Support
- Job coaching support
- Access to Additional Training

Evan Hauser is available to provide all employment related services and programs to all Yuulu?i?ath. And he loves to work with individuals wanting to go back to school but not sure what to do or how to do it.

Interested? Contact Evan by phone 250-266-1584 or by email Evan.Hauser@nuuchahnulth.org or on Facebook: NETP Evan Hauser.



The Nu-chah-nulth Employment and Training Program (NETP), is one of fifteen departments within the structure of the Nu-chah-nulth Tribal Council (NTC). Since October 1, 2010 NETP has been operating under the ASETS (Aboriginal Skills and Employment Strategy). As an ASETS Agreement holder, NETP provides employment related services and programs to all Aboriginal peoples living in the geographic service area covering the Vancouver Island West Coast.

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From The President's Desk



Chuck McCarthy
PRESIDENT

waited a long time for, and we are very proud of it. We look forward to the announcement of the official opening.

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Maa-nulth nations, specifically Toquaht, will be hosting and participating in a Government to Government Forum with the BC Legislature on November 12, and the evening before, on Tuesday, November 12, we have invited members of all attending delegations to join us for an evening of feasting and culture.

We look forward to welcoming them to the area and hosting them in Hitacu prior to the Government to Government forum. Please join us for dinner and culture sharing at 5 p.m. in the Cix*atin Centre Gymnasium on Tuesday, November 12.

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We watch with interest that the T'aaq-wiihak Fisheries group has filed an application in Federal Court seeking

an injunction against the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans' recent decision to reallocate part of the Chinook salmon total allowable catch from the recreational fishery to the regular fishery. That decision does not provide any additional access to the Five Nations involved in the group.

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While we are generally pleased with the results of the October 21 federal election that re-elected Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his Liberal party to a minority government, we remain hopeful that they will prioritize relationships and reconciliation with First Nations across the country.

We agree with the statement of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council's concern that the Prime Minister chose not to address indigenous issues during the election campaign, as four years previously, he said relationships First Nations were the top of

his priorities.

"Trudeau's only reference to Indigenous people in his (acceptance) speech was to say that Canadians have asked him to make reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples a priority," the NTC's press release from NTC President Judith Sayers states. "NTC calls upon the Prime Minister and his government and whatever alliances he forms to work closely with indigenous peoples. Let us not put off the difficult issues and finally resolve them.

"10 years to resolve a Nuu-chah-nulth commercial right to fish court case is too long. Ensure climate action is swift, effective and aimed at mitigating the worst effects on indigenous peoples on our waters, land and air," the statement continues.

I couldn't say it any better. We need action on these important issues, as words are simply not enough.

We are excited about the opening of the new Childcare centre here in Hitacu.

It's a beautiful building with all of the amenities that our child care workers and children will need, and will allow for a smooth transition from the Government building, where they've been for the past few years.

This building is something we've

Watch out for bears and other wildlife

As winter draws closer, Ucluelet First Nation Manager of Fisheries and Wildlife Jonquil Crosby reminds us to watch out for bears and other wildlife.

"At this time of year we are getting more bear sightings than normal, as they're trying to put on more fat and weight as possible before winter," she says, noting that phase of intense eating is called hyperphagia.

"With fish coming to up the rivers, lots of salal berries, and the last of the blackberries out there, there's a lot of food to attract bears," she continues.

Added to that is garbage, that can draw bears into a community.

"In communities, bears can come in if they're attracted by garbage that's being left out, so we're making sure people keep their garbage locked down and commercial bins closed," she says.

"Garbage acts as bait for bears. Pumpkins, which are popular at Halloween, adds to the list of attractants that may entice bears into residential areas," she notes. "If people are making Jack-o-Lanterns, then we encourage them to bring them in the house at night. To bears, it's just a big piece of fruit sitting out for them at night."

Bears sometimes display aggressive behavior to protect the resources they find. That's not good for people or bears, as Jonquil says when bears cause conflict in a community, a call goes out for Conservation Officers to come and trap them.

"Bears are trapped and put down if they're found in conflict with communities," she says, adding according



Jonquil Crosby is the Ucluelet First Nation Manager of Fisheries and Wildlife

to the WildSafeBC Pacific Rim Facebook page, there have been four bears captured this year on the west coast: Three in the Tofino-Ucluelet area, and one in Hitacu.

If you see a bear, Jonquil says encounters may be defensive or predatory.

"Make a lot of noise to make your presence known," she says. "Do not approach any bear, and back away while keeping an eye on them."

Better still, call the B.C. Conservation Officer Report All Poachers and Polluters (RAPP) line at 1-877-952-7277 if a bear, wolf or cougar is sighted.

"Wildlife sightings are placed on a constantly monitored WildSafe BC website to see which animals are where, and when," she says.

If you like pets, remember that wolves and cougars do, too, but for different reasons.

"Wolves consider dogs to be a territorial threat, and they will attack them," Jonquil says, adding pets should be brought in at night, and if pets are fed outside ensure all food is cleaned up as that is another bear attractant.

Vancouver Island has the highest concentration of cougars and bears in British Columbia.

Jonquil notes that in milder climates like Vancouver Island, the bears don't actually fully hibernate. It's called torpor, and typically lasts from November to late March.

She adds that adult bears and cubs torpor "mostly in cedar trees, because the trees are often rotten in the middle. Or in root hollows. If they can

get their faces into a hole that's even 30 centimeters in diameter, and two and a half feet of hollow space, they will den there."

Dens are also a safe place for them, wolves will attack bears while they are in torpor or hibernating.

When the weather begins to warm up and vegetation starts growing again, bears are out again. As omnivores, black bear diets include approximately 80% plants and 20% meat, and they will sometimes eat fawns if they're available.

Jonquil has been the Fisheries and Wildlife Manager at Ucluelet First Nation since April, when she came to Hitacu from Victoria, where she was a Greater Victoria Water Supply Area Wildlife Biologist.

She notes that wildlife sightings are gratefully received through the RAPP Poachers and Polluters line, and are posted online at the www.wildsafebc.com website.

Criteria for Housing Selection

Have you ever wondered how candidates are selected for available housing? The Housing Ad Hoc Committee evaluates a set of criteria when choosing from the list of applicants for available units.

YG strives to meet the needs for housing and to make fair selections. The housing department, when considering applications, will consider the following criteria (in no particular order):

1. Valid application (Dec 1–Nov 30 yearly)
2. Proof of income information
3. Three references from previous landlords, employers and utilities (BC Hydro)
4. No outstanding debts or rental arrears owed to YG
5. Unit availability meets the needs of the applicant
6. Current living conditions of applicant
7. YG citizens only

Reminder on upcoming housing

Importantly, applications need renewing once a year. If you are unsure about your application and date please be sure to double check with Marilyn Touchie at 250-726-2587 or marilyn.tochie@ufn.ca.

Is your family growing and you are now in need of a bigger space? Are you looking to downsize? Or are you looking to move back to the community? You are encouraged to apply.

Please refer to the Criteria for Housing Selection above on how candidates are selected for available housing.

Units that are soon to be available are: Four 3 bedroom units (Duplex), Two 1 bedroom (Triplex) units, and One 4 bedroom (Triplex).

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During Lab, the students learned about Marine invertebrate diversity in Barkley Sound, microscopic examination of plankton and had a discussion of oceanographic data, and lastly, a study of Adaptations in marine mammals.

A field trip in the forest featured lessons about Temperate rainforest ecology, and the children learned fun facts about plant life on our hike through the forest that they will be able to repeat and teach others.

For art, they learned about Japanese nature printing called Gytaku, and for their last activity of the day, they took a late-night stroll where the children experienced Bioluminescence, which is the production and emission of light by a living organism. This occurs with marine vertebrates and non-marine invertebrates, such as fireflies.

A Fun Fact we learned was how moss can grow on the bark of trees where conditions are favorable, which is on old growth and takes many years to grow. Mosses are important because they help regulate water in the forest ecosystem by slowly absorbing and releasing rainfall, while keeping nutrients in place. Their nutrients and water come from rainfall or running water.

Our final day at BMSC was Wednesday, and we got up early and moved our luggage out of our accommodations and went for breakfast. We went for a boat trip to the awe-inspiring Wizard Islet, where some of the students were able to watch and participate in a live beach exploration of the Islet that was broadcast to the University of Victoria library for Science Literacy Week. We ended our stay with the BMSC with a Lab about



Kaila Louie checking out the sea urchin -t'uc'up

Climate Change and Oceans, and a Sea Skills Workshop, where students were taught to tie knots, read charts, tide tables and learn about safety.

Another Fun Fact we learned was: Did you know that something as tiny and microscopic as plankton plays a huge part in the production of the oxygen that we need to live? Plankton are a microalgae, that contains chlorophyll and needs sunlight in order to live and grow. Most are buoyant and float in the upper part of the ocean, where the sunlight penetrates the water. They get their energy from the sun just like plants, using photosynthesis. As with ocean life, we need plankton to survive. Trees and land plant life make up 30% of the oxygen that is needed on land, while ocean plant life such as sea grass, seaweed, etc. make up 10% and plankton make up a mind-blowing 60% of the oxygen needed in the ocean. Now that is food



Students learn to tie knots

for thought!

The students were gifted with this great opportunity and they represented themselves and the Yuulu?i?ath community well.

It was a fun trip with a great group of students and Adam. It would be amazing to see this trip lead at least one of our children into marine

sciences for future education or career path in the future.

Adam asked the students what they thought about the adventure, and

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Alyssa Randall-Touchie examines the sea mammals



Students and teachers during the Temperate rainforest ecology field trip



Jaysen Touchie checking out the sea mammals

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what they learned, and here's what some of them had to say:

Jaysen: "It was really fun. The highlight for me was Alyssa finding a really big crab on Wizard Island. Thank you for teaching us."

Jordyn: "I enjoyed the fish painting art. Thanks, I enjoyed the trip."

Destiny: "The marine science centre was fun. I enjoyed testing the water for temp and salinity, Tom on the boat was a good instructor, and I really liked picking up the starfish. I would go again!"

Kaila: "The accommodation was comfortable, and the food was good (except for the carrots). My favourite activity was looking at the plankton through microscopes. Em was a good instructor. Thanks! I would go again."

Alyssa: "Two thumbs up! My best memory was picking up the crabs. Em was a good instructor."

Lindsay: "I liked the turtles. Lunch was good, and Em had a good sense of humour. I would recommend it, and I would drag my friends onto a boat to go there."

Dallas: "The food was good, and I



Learning about Oceanography

had a lot to eat! I liked the boat trip to Wizard Island and finding the hermit crab. All the boat trips were fun,

and Em was a good instructor."

Calianna: "The food apart from the carrots was good. Em was lively and

was a good teacher, as was Caroline. The plankton lab was my best activity. Thanks!"



Lindsay McCarthy checking out the Sea Cucumber and Deagan Thompson checking out the pool



Destiny Boucher and Jaysen Touchie



Kaila Louie on the boat ride to Bamfield

Yuulu?il?ath Government – Uchuelet First Nation

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Email us your questions/concerns to info@ufn.ca



Sami Language Blockage Project

Language Nest and Silent Speakers luncheons were held August 27 and 29 to continue the work on restoring our language to our people, says Dr. Bernice Touchie.

An orientation conference call for YG language instructors was held in the Cixwatin Centre boardroom on August 19.

Dr. Touchie quoted from Jane Juuso of Sweden, who published an article titled “I Am Taking My Language Back”, published by the First Peoples’ Cultural Council in 2015:

“It all started in 2010 when Sprakcentrum was in its infancy and was planning its activities. We knew and understood that there was a language blockage among the Sami people. We knew that there was those who knew Sami, but do not speak it, or speak it outside their intimate sphere (at home, with the kids, the dog or only with



Sign welcoming visitors to Hitacu includes Nuu-cha-nulth language names.

people they know very well).

“The South Sami area has very few speakers, and in order to stop the language from going extinct, every speaker is valuable and needed.”

Public Transportation For West Coast Looking For Approval

Do you want public transportation on the west coast?

The Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) has been exploring the potential for a transit service on the west coast with BC Transit and community stakeholders for several years.

Since there are limited public transportation options on the west coast, that has prompted strong community interest to improve local transportation services through the creation of a local transit service.

Public engagement sessions were held across the west coast in the spring of 2019, and the overall feedback for the new transit service was positive.

The initiative is contained in Bylaw E1062, and its adoption is intended to establish and deliver a west coast public transit service through the to serve the needs of local residents within the Districts of Tofino and Ucluelet, Electoral Area C – Long Beach, and the First Nation communities of Yuułu?i?ath Government, Hitacu, Toquaht, Esowista, and Ty-histanis.

The cost to the YG government would be \$16,498 per year in taxation.

The Alternative Approval Process (AAP) is being utilized in regards to the transit option, as it enables local

governments to gain consent of the electorate on a proposed bylaw intended to undertake long-term borrowing, a boundary.

Information and forms for the West Coast Transit Service Alternative Approval Process are available at the Yuułu?i?ath government office in Hitacu, and there are two open houses set for Tuesday, October 29, from 4-7 p.m. One is at the Ucluelet Community Centre, and the other at the Tofino Council Chambers.

The deadline for providing Elector Response Forms is 4 p.m. on Friday, November 29. Elector Response forms can be submitted by mail, email, fax or in person by the deadline to the Corporate Officer, ACRD Office, 3008 Fifth Avenue, Port Alberni, BC V9Y 2E3, email: responses@acrd.bc.ca, fax: (250) 723-1327. **Elector Response can only be submitted by the deadline to the ACRD office. Submissions received after the deadline will not be accepted.**

The following link contains information on the proposed transit project <https://www.acrd.bc.ca/546>.

For further information, contact Wendy Thomson, Manager of Administrative Services at the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District at 250-720-2706 or via email: wthomson@acrd.bc.ca

Lands & Resources Report

Cougars are a part of the West Coast landscape, with Hitacu on the doorstep to nature and wildlife corridors.

Rarely observed for long, cougars prefer to avoid humans, though a few sightings a year are recorded in the areas of Hitacu and Ucluelet. Typically, cougars will be following prey into more urban settings, or may be too old or sick to hunt well otherwise. West coast cougars generally feed on black-tailed deer and smaller animals. Weighing up to 200 pounds and standing 24-26 inches at the shoulder, they are the fourth largest cat in the world.

Cougars generally avoid humans, but that’s not always the case. Be prepared by keeping your children and pets close to you while out in less populated areas.

In the rare event that you see a cougar, never run. Running will trigger its predatory response, like any housecat with a toy. If you see a cougar, make yourself look big, do not turn your back on it, be loud and make noise.

If you observe aggressive cougar



Spencer Touchie
ASSETS MANAGER
INTERIM LANDS MANAGER

behavior or have an encounter with one, please call the Conservation Officer Reporting Line at 1-877-952-7277.

WildSafeBC Pacific Rim Coordinator Bob Hansen is also recording sightings from their Facebook account: WildSafe BC Pacific Rim

<https://www.facebook.com/wildsafebc/pacificrim/>

Observations can also be relayed to the Lands and Resources Department, with your name, the time and date, and the encounter description.

Traditional Foods Update

The Department of Lands and Resources is working hard on keeping up with the incoming fish from the Domestic Food Fish Program. Fish were distributed in September and we posted the events through the many communication avenues available including, social media, bulletin boards and

the community bulletin, as well as automated telephone call-outs.

Thank you for your continued patience.

Have You Moved? Received a New Number? Contact information can be updated on the website: <http://www.ufn.ca/contact/update-contact-information/>

New Daycare Building Close To Completion

It’s almost ready!

The Yuułu?i?ath Government - Ucluelet First Nation is preparing for the opening of our new Head Start Childcare Centre. Final preparations and inspections are underway, and the official grand opening will be announced over the next several weeks.

The q’waya?iik?iis Headstart Childcare Centre will provide inclusive programs in a safe and healthy environment, including programs in culture and language, education, health promotion,



nutrition, parent and family involvement, social support and cultural inclusion.

The Yuułu?i?ath believe in the importance of nurturing the mind, body and spirit through play, culture and exploration, and the Centre will strive to build strong relationships with children and their families.

“We know the importance of trust and value each child’s learning experience while strengthening their skills and experience,” says Yuułu?i?ath Director of Operations Suzanne Williams.

The YG has been busy this fall seeking applications from interested candidates to join its team of educators and support staff.

Harvesting Cards

Are you looking to harvest natural resources off our traditional territory? Whether your card has expired or you have never had one before, you can come fill out an application at the Yuułu?i?ath Government office and submit it to Kali Touchie in the Lands and Resources Department for completion. From there Debbie Mundy will create your Harvesters Card and we will contact you when it is complete. The cost is \$25 dollars.

IMPORTANT:

Please remember Harvesters Cards expire every 5 years.

FOR MORE INFO AND APPLICATION REQUESTS:

Please contact Kali Touchie at 250-726-7342 or kali.touchie@ufn.ca

In Our Community



Rod Potter, left, was hired by Larry and Donna Jack to build a new storage shed at their house on Hitacu Road. Rod and Larry chat about the project, and the finished shed is shown at right. It's a great looking building!



Health Benefits Now Through Pacific Blue Cross

As of September 16, Pacific Blue Cross has taken over and administered dental, vision care services and medical equipment and supplies health benefits programs for the First Nations Health Authority.

The move is intended to be easier to access and use. First Nations Health Authority clients and their health care providers will find the new system easier to use, with fewer requirements for pre-approvals, quicker turnarounds for reviews and payments.

There will be no reduction to existing coverage, which will be improved for many preventative health services/special needs.

Darren McKnight, Director, Benefit Management, First Nations Health Authority, says Health Benefits Community Representatives will present fact sheets about the benefit program.

"I am delighted about this milestone. I am confident it will be a major step in improving the First Nations Health Benefits program – in terms of both coverage and administration," he says.

General Information:
Dental Services

• Dental fee guide in line with the British Columbia Dental Association's suggested rates;

• More coverage for preventative dental care services, such as scaling and cleaning;

• Fewer restrictions on Dentures;

• Pay-direct claims as most dental clinics in BC.

Vision Care Services

• No pre-approvals required for routine eye exams or standard prescriptions (within frequency limits);

• \$100 every two years for routine eye exams;

• \$275 every two years for prescription eyewear (\$415 for high-index lenses);

• Pay-direct claims at participating optical stores.

Medical Equipment and Supplies

• Similar coverage for all equipment and supplies;

• Ability to see what is covered, and how much is covered;

• Simpler and Faster pre-approvals.

For further questions or information, contact the First Nations Health Authority at 1-855-550-5454.

www.fnha.ca

Immunizations: Do Your Children Have Them?

As your children have started a new school year, it is a great time to check if they are all up to date on their immunizations.

Children entering school are eligible for two booster vaccines, one of which is the MMRV (Measles, mumps, rubella and varicella).

Please contact Nuuchah-Nulth Tribal Council nurses Amanda at (250) 726-7721 or Kaity at (250) 726-6114

to check if your children require any further immunizations, or to make an appointment for immunizing.

It is also a good time to receive your children's updated immunization records if you require them.

Amanda Aspinnall, RN BSc
Community Health Nurse,

Community and Human Services,
Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council.

Phone : (250) 726-7721 (Ucluelet Office)

Information Requests For Citizens Needing Patient Travel Notices

If you have a request to make of Yuułuᑦiᑦᑭᑦ – Ucluelet First Nation Urban and localized citizens (Ucluelet/Hitacu/Clakamakus).

With regards to Patient Travel notices, please present the notice to the Yuułuᑦiᑦᑭᑦ Government Office at 700 Wya Road in Hitacu (Ucluelet East).

Or: By fax at (250) 726-7552, seven business days before the date of your appointment. The cut-off for processing Patient Travel Warrants for checks is Tuesday and Thursday each week. Cheques can be picked up on Wednesday and Friday.

However, there is a possibility of doing an Electronic Funds Transfer for urban members so they can have their Patient Travel Financial Assistance deposited directly to their account, if we receive the correct banking information.

The mode of transportation is required information on Patient Travel Warrants, and if someone will be driving you to your appointment, I need their name/address/and telephone number, and please indicate if you want the funds to go to the driver. If not, the funds will go in your name, as

long as you are of legal age, and you will be responsible to pay your driver the mileage amount.

Respectfully,
Pearl Touchie,
Patient Travel Clerk
Email: pearl.touchie@ufn.ca

Education Funding

• Yuułuᑦiᑦᑭᑦ – Ucluelet First Nation supports greater achievement and communicate higher expectations for students in High School for all citizens who are registered Yuułuᑦiᑦᑭᑦ – Ucluelet First Nation citizens.

• Promote and encourage higher learning through an incentive-based rewards program, and

• Ensure that relevant information is accessible to the Education Worker.

• To qualify for the Attendance Allowance Incentive you must provide the following Supporting Documents:

• Attendance Allowance Registration, and

• Statement of Agreement.

Eligibility:
• Students must be enrolled in Secondary School (Grade 8 – 12,) VAST or

other Distributed Learning Programs (e.g. SD 70 CHOICES Program.)

• Under the age of 19,

• Must be a Citizen of Yuułuᑦiᑦᑭᑦ, Parent/Guardian and Student

Responsibilities:

• Parents must register their child and sign the Statement of Agreement in order to be considered for the Attendance Allowance two (2) weeks before the distribution of the first interim report card of the year or two (2) weeks before the first interim reporting period after the student has been registered for school. Attendance Allowances will not be paid retroactively under any circumstances.

• Provide a term report card to support the Attendance Allowance request.

Attendance Allowance Applications are available on request by email or can be picked up at:

700 Wya Rd.
Hitacu, (Ucluelet East)
Ucluelet, BC

I can also fax the Attendance Allowance Application/Policies to you for completion.

Any questions may be forwarded to me at pearl.touchie@ufn.ca or call me at (250) 726-7342

Choo,
Pearl Touchie,
Education Support Worker

Patient Travel

Please be advised that Patient Travel Cheques will be available for pick-up on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Did you know that it is your responsibility to get your Doctor to fax Pearl Touchie an appointment notice 7 working days prior to your appointment? This is to ensure that your cheque or purchase order will be ready for you when you need it. It is also to ensure that – for out of town appointments that require travel a day before your appointment – your accommodation can be reserved by YG.

You are also responsible to submit your Attendance of Appointment Confirmation after your completed appointment. Please be advised that three missed Attendance of Appointment Confirmations will disqualify you for further Patient Travel assistance.

Please contact Pearl Touchie, Patient Travel Clerk at:
Tel: 250-726-7342 ext 211 | Fax: 250-726-7552
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