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Yuułu?it?ath Hosts Government to Government Meetings



From left: Ministry of Environment and Climate Change George Heyman, Yuułu?it?ath Government CFO Robert Rodvik, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation Scott Fraser, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Claire Trevena, Finance Minister Carole James, Yuułu?it?ath President Chuck McCarthy and Hereditary Chief Wilson Jack



Yuułu?it?ath Dancers performed several dances to welcome guests to the Cix*atin Centre for the Government to Government Feast November 12.

Our Yuułu?it?ath Government was pleased to host a Government To Government culture feast with leadership and technical representatives from the provincial government and Maa-nulth Nations November 12 at the Cix*atin Centre.

Attendees came from: Kyuquot Checklesah - Frances Gillette, Ron Frank and Kevin Jules; Huu-ay-aht - Derek Peters; Toquaht Nation - Lisa Morgan, Angela Polifroni; Maa-nulth Treaty Society: Mark Stephens; and

from the provincial government: Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation Scott Fraser, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Claire Trevena, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy George Heyman, and Minister of Finance Carole James.

A day of meetings and negotiations was held the next day, November 13.

This followed the November 2 Annual General Assembly (Please see photos on Page 4).

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Citizens Invited to Dec. 13 Childcare Centre Opening



Michelle Ralston has been appointed Childcare Manager of the new q^wayaçiiik?iis Head Start Childcare Centre



A look inside the new q^wayaçiiik?iis Head Start Childcare Centre

It is time to celebrate! The new q^wayaçiiik?iis Head Start Childcare Centre has been up and running since the beginning of November, and the Official Grand Opening has been set for Friday, December 13 at 3:30 p.m.

The new Centre is located at 608 Albert Road, next to the Cix^watin Centre at 700 Wya Road.

All Yuulu?il?ath citizens are invited to the celebration, which will include presentations and dinner.

Citizens who want to attend are asked to provide their name and organization they are representing via RSVP to Michelle Touchie at 250-726-7342 Extension 201, or email her at: michelle.touchie@ufn.ca.

We look forward to you joining us on the day of our Grand Opening.



Park Harvesting Right

What is the Park Harvesting Right?

The Maa-nulth Treaty sets out that each Maa-nulth First Nation has the right to harvest renewable resources on the land and non-tidal waters within Pacific Rim National Park Reserve (the "Park").

The Park Harvesting Right (the "Right") is available to "enrollees" (Maa-nulth-ahlt on the Enrolment Register of their First Nation).

There is no fee to exercise the Right (except for renewal or replacement of harvesting documentation).

What activities may be carried out under the Park Harvesting Right?

Under the Right, harvesters may:

- gather traditional foods for food, social and ceremonial purposes;
- gather plants and timber for medicine, ceremony or art;
- trap fur-bearing land mammals; and,
- hunt birds and land mammals for food, social and ceremonial purposes.

Harvesters can trade and barter any renewable resources harvested under the Right with each other, with their own First Nation and with other Aboriginal people of Canada residing in BC.

Renewable resources harvested under the Right may not be sold with the exception of fur-bearing land mammals or renewable resources used for making traditional crafts and art.



Terms and Conditions of the Park Harvesting Right

Harvesters can only harvest in those parts of the Park identified on the map on their Maa-nulth Permit.

Harvesters must comply with:

- Maa-nulth Treaty;
- Resources Harvesting Act and applicable Maa-nulth law of their First Nation;
- Applicable federal and provincial law, including the Canada National Parks Act;
- Terms and conditions of their Maa-nulth Permit;
- Management plan for the Park; and,
- harvesting documentation requirements.

To protect the environment and public health and safety, harvesters CANNOT:

- remove timber from the Park without first notifying Parks Canada;
- sell timber from the Park or use it for construction;
- trap fur-bearing land mammals without first notifying Parks Canada;
- trap fur-bearing land mammals within 100 metres of any highway, beach or Park facility; and,
- hunt animals or birds from a vehicle.

Park Harvesting Right does not include the right to fish and collect aquatic plants for traditional foods, which is set out separately in relevant Maa-nulth fish harvest documents.

Prenatal Infant Toddler Group (PIT) in Hitacu who welcomes you!

Please Note that our Prenatal Infant Toddler Groups (PIT) has been moved to Hitacu Qwayačiiik?iis Children Center. Thursdays 1-2:30pm Our Program invites all Prenatal, postnatal and children up to the age of 3. If you are Pregnant we have Liza who is a doula, and is available for any questions or meet n greet. We offer Co-op cards of 10\$ thru pregnancy and until baby is 6months old Weekly Topics with NTC Nurses, Registered Dietician, Dental Therapist, EYO Jennifer T. Any questions call 250-725-3367

Play, Learn and Grow... Together!

President's Report

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From The President's Desk

Everything is coming together, and the stars are starting to align. By the start of the New Year, we will have the last of our new people in their positions.

It's been a very thorough process, as these positions are very important and we've done everything possible to make sure we hire the right people in the right jobs.

Our new Chief Financial Officer **Robert Rodvik** is here now, and has been working with our Executive, and departments to get geared up for our next steps. New Manager of Culture and Heritage, **Carey Cunneyworth**, is an Archaeologist, and he has already had work lined up for our citizens our working on a dig at Terrace Beach.

We also continue to look at Economic Development, as we need to decide which direction we'd like to go. For example, at our **Wya Point Resort**, we need to figure out if we'd like to develop the site more, and determine our long-term plan for the existing lodge and yurts. We



Chuck McCarthy
PRESIDENT

have lots of land and options to consider.

Our new Legislature members probably thought they'd hit the ground

running when they were elected, but it often doesn't work that way, because there's so much to learn. There are things that we need to change, which will require changing some legislation, and a couple of the legislative acts look like they need to be revamped, but before that is done, we need to see if they're working right now, or not at all.

Yet even as our Government has been busy doing this since our election in May, we continue to focus on

our Yuułuṭiḥ?ath youth and elders.

The most vivid example of this is our new Q^wayačiik?iis Head Start and Child Care Centre building, which had its soft opening in October, and the official grand opening set for December 13. This project has been well planned, as it should, because it is one of the most important buildings we have as it is where our elders and staff will teach and care for our young children.

The building is something that we should all be very proud about. I think this will go a long way for our youth, as it is important to explain our culture, heritage and our language to them.

I would like to see more of our young citizens take an interest in the trades. A couple of citizens are already involved. For example, **George Tate** was a chef and now he's a tradesman, and worked on the Child Care Centre building.

Trades jobs are interesting and fulfilling, as workers continue to

learn new skills along the way as they build projects, and are paid very well while doing so.

For our Elder citizens, we are working on the logistics to increasing their gift to \$5,000 from \$1,000. This will benefit those who, being later in life, may need assistance dealing with the loss of tax exemption status due to the implementation of the Treaty.

I have made it a priority for myself, and for the Yuułuṭiḥ?ath Government to reach out to our citizens, by sending out a one-on-one field worker to meet with citizens, have conversations with them, and to hear firsthand about what they see and what they need in order to create a better way of life for them. We are also asking them what they see their roles in that might be as we move forward.

Taking extra measures to communicate and listen to all of our citizens will ensure we can all move forward in a positive direction towards the future.

New Manager of Culture and Heritage is an Archaeologist

Yuułuṭiḥ?ath has a new Manager of Culture and Heritage, and he's ready to get to work.

Carey Cunneyworth, an Archaeologist, has been working with other First Nations on Vancouver Island, and is excited about the opportunity here. One of the first things he did was put out a Suggestion Box at the November 2 Annual General Assembly, and he was very pleased with the suggestions that citizens put in it.

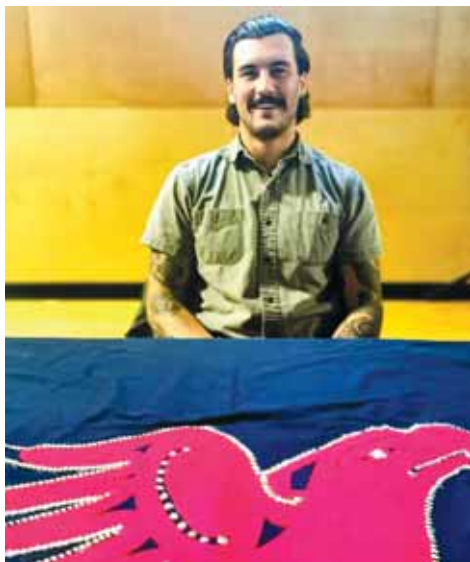
"The first real project is, I got the idea from our citizens, from the suggestion box at the AGA, and it identified a need for a resource lending library, where people can access information on culture and heritage," he says.

The Culture and Heritage Department will be moving from the Yuułuṭiḥ?ath Government building at 700 Wya Road to the Huupatuu Centre on the waterfront.

"We'll be moving there, and with one of the spaces we have there, we'll be making it into an interim Cultural Centre, and Cultural Lending Library," he says. "This will help our citizens learn what they want, whether it be skills or teachings, so we are going to make it a place that has an abundance of learning materials that people want to see."

A 2013 graduate of Simon Fraser University in Archaeology and First Nations studies, he also has a certificate in Cultural Resource Management from the institution.

Born and raised in Squamish, where he has lived his entire life, since graduation from SFU he has worked with Sources Archaeological and Heritage



Resource Inc., and was their Senior Archaeologist when he took the job in Hitacu.

"Mostly I traveled and did a lot of exploration work, in natural resource development – logging, mining and anything on Crown Land and in Traditional Territories," he says. "The majority of my work was on North Vancouver Island, the Broughton Archipelago and the mainland coast, for the Kwakwaka'wakw."

Formerly called the Kwakiutl, it is similar but larger in the number of its member tribes than the Nuuchahnulth.

"The majority of my work was doing exploration, working with a variety of groups, in whichever territory a certain development would fall in," he says. "For example, if a logging company was interested in looking to log in Quatsino territory. I would go out with representatives of the Quatsino First

Nation and look for archaeological and traditional use sites.

"We were often finding multiple burial sites, clam gardens, and whole village sites that still had house platforms. We were looking for middens, culturally modified trees. . .any kind of cultural site that's out there."

One of the perks of his job was that it allowed him to do a fair amount of extensive archaeological excavation. He relished that, as often the development of unknown cultural sites can result in the original areas being destroyed or uprooted. Doing early archaeological testing allowed him to identify and conduct proper excavation of a few large, notable sites.

"For example, I worked at Locarno Beach, a 3,000 year old village site in Musqueam territory (on the lower mainland)," he notes. "I also worked on another 2,500 year old site made up of preserved, organic artifacts like basketry and ornaments, which is very rare, for the Tsawwassen and Semiahmoo First Nations, in their traditional territories."

His journey has brought him to Ucluelet, and he shares "I absolutely love the West Coast. It's been my favourite place to be for work, and I have very much enjoyed working with a variety of First Nations on the West Coast.

"I have traveled so much for work that I was very rarely at home, and I got to the point where I wanted to work for one Nation, get to know that area really well, and put some roots down."

An avid surfer, Carey has been coming to the West Coast for years for the waves and vacations, and adds

"Ucluelet reminds me a lot of where I grew up in Squamish before it got really busy, like it is now. I like small towns."

Since starting at the beginning of November, he has been catching up on what has been previously done in both the Lands and Resources department, and Culture and Heritage, which are so intertwined.

"Culture and Heritage is really intertwined with everything here," he adds.

As far as archaeological sites, one has already been identified.

"We've already got one archaeological project coming up that I've been able to make two job opportunities out of," he comments. "We will have two people working at our Terrace Beach site, which is identified as site DfSj-35. Every registered archaeological site gets one of those designations."

Carey says he understands that Terrace Beach was a village at one point, and includes a very deep shell midden, from which some bone artifacts have come out of. It was also likely a portage route from the inlet over to the West Coast.

He is also hoping citizens will come to him with their ideas and thoughts.

"I think my position really relies on the input from the citizens, on what they feel is important in their culture, and what they want to see themselves and young people learning," he notes. "I will really appreciate if people will come and let me know these types of things."

Carey can be contacted at 250-726-7342 Extension 212, or via email at carey.cunneyworth@ufn.ca.

Annual General Assembly



Members of the Yuulu?i?ath Government listened to citizens and made presentations at the November 2 Annual General Assembly



Manager of Fisheries and Wildlife Jonquil Crosby offered information about animals in the area at her booth at the AGA.



Michelle Ralston and Jeremy Valentine passed out information and asked questions about the new q'ayačiik?iis Head Start Childcare Centre

Attached Staff Greetings and Other Phrases

na?aatah?ič čaani listen me you all for awhile	
mamuquł	Office / place
kithšiłmih sahak to phone you need	
kithaa	Ringing
usimhak we?ičuwit	Do you need a room? Room / hotel
aḥaa?ałhak	Are you leaving now?
Čuu, łu?im we?ič	Sleep well
hupii?is	Help me
wikiłma te?iłma uuqpanačma	Not in. he / she is sick away on holidays
pisatu?ił	Gym

Please find phrases you may hear our staff or language workers say. Very grateful for Vi

For doing our weekly lessons for our silent speakers project, tlecko also to attending instructors and mentors.

Any students who take on our culture whether in song, dance, story and language are most appreciated.

In CALR credit courses are Geraldine, Donna, Jeneva and Rose T. Both programs are providing an Opportunity for in-class/group experience, this is exciting and gives us hope for the future of

Our language. Please contact the language Department if you wish to do a learning centre focus.

Thank-you, Bernice Touchie Language Coordinator. Vi Mundy-Silent Speaker Coordinator 250-726-4364



Kim Baines and Raquelle Bob

New Faces

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Dr. Ghatak Arrives To Lead Healthcare, and Social Services

After falling in love with the beauty of the West Coast on an earlier trip, Dr. Rohan Ghatak didn't hesitate to respond when a position opened up with Yuułu?i?ath (Ucluelet) First Nation.

Dr. Ghatak arrived in Hitacu in early November to begin his tenure as Manager of Social Services. His work will involve at least four departments for the Nation.

"When I found out that an opportunity had opened up, I was excited to apply," says Dr. Ghatak. "The most important aspect of the position that enticed me was the fact that the organization needed someone to help grow a department, and not just maintain status quo. I have always enjoyed the challenge to create and develop, and this is a challenge I intend to undertake."

Dr. Ghatak previously worked as the Director of Healthcare, Wellbeing and Social Services at Tl'etinqox First Nation, near Williams Lake, BC, where he successfully developed the infrastructure of the Healthcare department. He was also instrumental in setting up a Child Protection protocol which has resulted in a 90 per cent reduction in the rate of apprehension.

Before devoting his time to develop infrastructure for First Nations, Dr. Ghatak had previously worked in Canada and with the National Health



Dr. Rohan Ghatak at his office.

Service United Kingdom, development infrastructure and Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society

(HIMSS 6) protocols for numerous healthcare organizations.

Dr. Ghatak has infused his education of Lean and Six Sigma to modernize healthcare protocols and improve results.

Prior to his work in the operational side of healthcare and social services, he had worked as a Medical Doctor, practicing General Medicine. His insights as a Doctor formed the basis of his patient-centred approach to healthcare, about which he has written papers in peer reviewed journals.

During his tenure in Hitacu, he intends to develop the infrastructure in the Social Services department.

"To have a robust community you need to have a strong healthcare and a steady hand of development," he notes. "I hope to bring that change here by developing the Health Centre and if possible, bring in around-the-clock nursing. I wish to develop the Social Services aspect with intensifying the child care goals of Ucluelet First Nation."

In addition to his work in healthcare and social services, Dr. Ghatak is an avid Chess and Sudoku player, and he won many championships in regional and national level in India. According to his friends, he is also an exceptional poker player, and he had also been a boxer in his youth and is still passionate about the sport.

Welcome to our newest Program Cub Toddler Group



For Ages: 20months to 3 1/2 years

Moe the Mouse, language based

Fine Motor skills, story time, play and explore their world, snacks. All Parents invited to attend with your children. Come and join and have fun. Watch your child grow in development.

Mondays 1-2pm at the Hitacu Qwayaciik?iis Children's center

Join us at the Qwayaciik?iis Children's Center.

G2G Meeting & Cultural Feast



President Chuck McCarthy and provincial Minister of Finance Carole James



Dancers worked hard to prepare for their presentation at the Cultural Feast, and their dancing was very well received

Incinerator Closed Until Further Notice

Starting November 6, 2019, the Incinerator parking lot in Pacific Rim National Park Reserve will be temporarily closed to all public access until further notice. The closure will allow work crews to prepare the trailbed for ʔapsčiiik ʔašii (pronounced ups-cheek tashie) – the new multi-use pathway being built in the national park reserve. While the work is underway at Incinerator parking lot, additional parking is available at Long Beach South and North.

This portion of the work, and the associated closure, is being

scheduled during times when visitation is lower to minimize disruption to locals and visitors. The work is weather dependent, so the exact completion date is difficult to determine. Crews are expected to be working every day, from dawn to dusk, to complete the work as quickly as possible.

Visitor safety is a top priority for Parks Canada, and this closure will remain in place until the work is completed. Visitors to the area can expect to see fencing around work areas and heavy machinery on the move, and are advised to



Singers and drummers greeted those in attendance with several songs

exercise caution and respect all on-site signage. We would also like to inform you that the work which began at Long Beach South parking lot last week is nearing completion. As a result, Long Beach North and South will be open to public access beginning November 5, 2019. Access Point 1, if approaching the Long Beach South parking lot from the beach, remains closed and will reopen shortly once work is completed in this area.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind visitors to the area that the ʔapsčiiik ʔašii corridor is an active construction zone. Visitors are not permitted to enter any portion of the 25 km pathway until its completion is announced.

Parks Canada appreciates the patience of the community and visitors alike while we complete this important work. For updates on ʔapsčiiik ʔašii and other infrastructure projects in Pacific Rim National Park Reserve, visit parksCanada.gc.ca/pacificrim. For up-to-date news on infrastructure work, follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/PacificRimNPR or Twitter @PacificRimNPR.

With kind regards,
Niamh O'Reilly
 Administration Assistant
 Pacific Rim National Park Reserve /
 Réserve du parc national
 du Canada Pacific Rim



In accordance with Yuutu?it?ath Law

Notice is hereby given that the Yuutu?it?ath Legislature has initiated a Hitacu Assembly in accordance with the Constitution and Government Act YFNS 2/2011.

The Yuutu?it?ath Hitacu Assembly for 2019 is scheduled as follows:

Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2019
 Time: 5:30 P.M.
 Location: Cixʔatin Centre Gymnasium
 700 Wya Road, hitacu, BC

The agenda is in draft form until approved by the Citizens at the Hitacu Assembly. (Additional items may be added at the time we adopt the agenda.)

Agenda Items:

1. Meeting called to order
2. Opening/Welcoming Remarks/Acknowledgements
3. Motion and discussion to adopt the agenda
4. Executive Reports
5. Administration Updates
6. General Q & A
7. Other:
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
8. Adjournment

Maa-nulth First Nations
 Fish, Wildlife & Migratory Birds, and Plant Gathering
 Harvest Authorization & Reporting

To Lawfully Harvest Fish, Wildlife And Migratory Birds, or Plant Gathering Within B.C. Parks, All Maa-nulth First Nations Citizens Need To Apply For Harvest Authorization.

1. Go to www.ufn.ca/forms/
2. Under 'Lands & Resources'

Fill-out:

RH-1: Harvest Documentation Application

Then fill out one or all the forms below:

RH-2 Fishing Documentation Application
 RH-3 Hunting Documentation Application
 RH-4 Park Gathering Documentation

and for Youth Hunters:


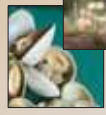

RH-5 Youth Harvesting Documentation

*Print and Submit to the Lands & Resources Department for Authorization

Reporting of Harvest Shows **Respect** For MFN Governments' Self-government and Law-Making Authority

Harvest Information Will Be Entered in to The Maa-nulth Electronic Reporting Program (MERP). This Information Assists To:

- Demonstrate UFN's Traditional Role in Managing Resources
- Properly Participate in Managing The Resources
- Estimate Populations (Catch Per Unit Effort) For The Maa-nulth Wildlife Harvest Area
- Track Fish Species Allocated Under The Treaty
- Track Unallocated Fish Species: Caught For Evidence Of Use And Harvest (These May Be Allocated In The Future, Based On Average Reported Harvest)

Allocated Fish	Allocated Wildlife
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suuhaa/ Chinook, Miʔaat/ Sockeye, • Cwʔit/ Coho, ʔaapi/ Pink, Hinkuʔas/ Chum • Aasmit/ Herring • puuʔ/ Halibut • Sablefish • Rockfish • Groundfish • Intertidal Bivalves 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Xuumin/Elk

- Barter And Trade Is Permitted Under The Treaty and is Encouraged
- Cannot "Trade" For Money
- Sale Of Domestic Fish (Including Shellfish) Is Not Permitted
- At This Time, "Me Too" Clause Is NOT Expected To Allow Individuals To Sell Fish They Catch Under Their Harvest Card

News Update

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New CFO Joins Yuułu?ił?ath Government Team

The Yuułu?ił?ath Government has a new Chief Financial Officer: Robert Rodvik, and he's already on the job.

Robert comes to the Yuułu?ił?ath Government with an undergraduate degree in Finance, a Master's degree in business, and is a Chartered Professional Accountant with more than 25 years in finance and business development.

Born in Prince Rupert, Robert has one son whose mother is a status First Nation. He has lived on Vancouver Island for the past 18 years and has been involved with more than 22 First Nations across Canada.



Director of Operations Suzanne Williams with new CFO Robert Rodvik

"It's a great honor to be a part of a progressive Modern Treaty First Nation representing the Yuułu?ił?ath Government as Chief Financial Officer," he says. "I've had a chance to meet members of the community, many of our managers and staff, as well as members of the Legislature.

"It's such a positive environment to see the commitment from top to bottom towards the health and welfare of our Nation. Honoring our past and embracing our future reinforces the vision as we build out our capacity and infrastructure to meet the demands of the twenty-first century."

As CFO, he will continue to build

off the successes of the previous administration while closing gaps in funding that challenge us to maintain a self-sustaining government and economy.

"It is our priority in the finance department to provide sound timely advice that allows our legislature to make positive contributions toward Yuułu?ił?ath citizens, culture, lands & resources, economic development, and governance," he says. "I look forward to the coming year as we reaffirm and communicate our priorities, goals and objectives."

When not working, Robert enjoys, skiing, scuba diving, hiking and rugby.

Pacific Blue Cross Questions Answered

Pearl Touchie, Patient Travel Clerk for the Yuułu?ił?ath Government, says there have been a number of questions about Pacific Blue Cross since they began providing our health insurance benefits to the Nation, starting September 16.

Here are some of the questions, and her answers:

What Happened on September 16?

- New dental, vision and Medical Supplies and Equipment plan launches in partnership with Pacific Blue Cross.
- First Nations Clients "do not" need to re-enroll-Providers have been notified.
- Clients can check coverage by:

1. Calling 1-855-550-5454
2. Signing into their personalized Member profile at pac.bluecross.ca
3. Visit fnha.ca/benefits for more information.

What Do We Get With Our Pacific Blue Cross Membership?

(Your status number is also your Member ID number.)

- Full visibility into benefits coverage,
- Faster action and claims processing,
- Pay-direct provider network,
- Online claims,
- Reimbursement in as little as 48 hours,
- Ability to Print Pacific Blue Cross ID care.

How Do We Use The Mobile App?

- Sign in with fingerprint touch ID,
- Display member ID card,
- Take photos of receipts and submit claims,
- Look up coverage.

What are the Highlights of the Plan?

Dental Plan:

- New Dentures once every 5 years,
 - Replacement if dentures are accidentally lost will be replaced immediately/repeat loss of dentures will require more paperwork.
 - Exams/Cleaning – 2 per year,
 - Fluoride Treatment – 2 per year,
 - Nightguards -eligible coverage,
 - Bridges/Crowns/Partial/ Inlays & Outlays – no prior approval required up to a \$4,500.00 combined limit in a five year period,
 - White fillings -eligible coverage.
- #### Vision Plan:
- Eye Exams and sight tests-eligible for \$100.00 every calendar year,
 - Eyewear- no need for prior approval. Standard

prescriptions eligible for \$275. Every 2 years; \$415.00 for high index lenses,

- Direct payment where available. Ability to look up participating providers,
- Support for clients with complex needs.

Medical Supplies & Equipment:

- Hearing-prior approval no longer required for eligible hearing aids. Replacement every 5 years,
 - Faster action and simplified claiming,
 - Reduction in prior approvals.
- #### Pharmacy Claims:
- Most drugs continue to be covered through BC PharmaCare Plan W,
 - Pharmacies can submit claims to Pacific Blue Cross if client is not enrolled in Plan W,
 - First Nations Health Authority

is working with pharmacies to support clients who do not have coverage to enroll in Plan W,

- A small number of supplemental drugs will be covered by Pacific Blue Cross,
- Pharmacies can direct bill for medical supplies and equipment.

What is Plan W?

Plan W is defined as Plan Wellness First Nations Health Authority. Clients in BC joined PharmaCare to receive drug benefits services through a tailored program designed

specifically for First Nations called Plan Wellness (Plan W). Formerly these patients received drug coverage from Health Canada's Non-insured (NIHB) program. This change is the first step in improving First Nations health care by bringing it closer to home in BC.

All First Nations Health Authority clients who are eligible for the BC Medical Services Plan (MSP) are eligible for PharmaCare Plan W benefits.

For any questions, please call 1-855-550-5454.

Lorri Touchie

The Umacuk has given our Yuuḷuḡiḡaḡ Legislative members an opportunity to tell our citizens about themselves. Here are their answers to our questions:

Q: Please tell us about your background.

A: “My name is Lorri Touchie, I was married to the (late) Harold Touchie. I am the mother and I have been blessed with two truly amazing daughters: Melanie Touchie and Jenny Touchie. I’ve lived here in the community of Hitacu for the last 39 years.

I’ve worked in a few jobs over the last four decades, which consisted of working in one of our local fish plants, and working as a youth worker for Yuuḷuḡiḡaḡ First Nation. I’ve mainly worked in the hospitality industry for over 20 years, primarily in the Tofino area as an Executive Housekeeper, and I was promoted to the Director of Operations position at one of the resorts in Tofino. I was also the resort manager of our beloved Wya Point Resort. I’m now working for the Federal Government in the Parks Canada Agency as the



Lorri Touchie

Human Resources, and it is a job that I truly enjoy doing.”

Q: What are your responsibilities in the Legislature?

A: “I was appointed to the YFN Executive on August 6, to the Community Services Portfolio. I feel very honored and humbled to serve on the YFN Executive in this capacity. I also sit on the Personnel Committee and Treaty Implementation Committee. Over the last six months I’ve been thoroughly studying and reading our laws and becoming more familiar with the laws of our lands.”

Q: Do you have any specific goals or projects you’d like to see get done while you serve in the Legislature?

A: “My specific goal, as the Community Services portfolio holder, is to make the community of Hitacu a safe place for our citizens to live again. Also, to make more social services available to YFN citizens. I would love to see an Indigenous Wellness Center built in our community, as this centre would serve as a safe place for our citizens to go when they are in the need of help. I would also make more resources available for our youth, to help them pursue their educational goals. We need to stress the importance of education to our

youth, for after all, they will be our future leaders.

“Economic Development is also very important to me as a Legislative member. Indigenous Tourism is the fastest growing sector in the Tourism industry, and we need to capitalize on this as soon as possible. We need to create a strong economic foundation for our future generations”.

Q: Why did you decide to run for the Legislature?

A: “The reason why I decided to run for the Legislature is because I felt it was time for change and new direction for our Nation. I want to bring positive change and prosperity to our Nation, especially for our future generations. Being a civil servant for the Federal Government has taught me a lot about what it means to serve the people of Canada. Promoting transparency and accountability is what it means to me, when it comes to serving the citizens of YFN. I take this role and responsibility very seriously, and I do thank you for the trust you’ve bestowed in me as one of your Legislative members.”

Jenny Touchie

The Umacuk has given our Yuuḷuḡiḡaḡ Legislative members an opportunity to tell our citizens about themselves. Here are their answers to our questions:

Q: Please tell us about your background.

A: “I’ve lived in Hitacu for 31 of my 35 years. I lived in Vancouver for four years when I was attending University, and after I earned my degree, I came back home. I’m the youngest daughter of late Harold Touchie and my mom is Lorri Touchie, fellow Legislative member. My older sister, Melanie Touchie, is married into the Frank family of Tla-o-qui-aht. Since I was about nine years old, I’ve been working in the retail or hospitality industry, including at Dawn’s Market, the Thornton Motel, and the Director of Sales and Marketing at the Best Western Tin Wis Resort, then Director of Operations for three years. I then worked in a restaurant with a good friend, before getting my foot in the door at Parks Canada as the part-time Administrative Assistant for the First Nations Program in Pacific Rim National Park Reserve. I’m currently the First Nations Liaison for Pacific Rim National Park Reserve”

Q: Please tell us about your experience in politics.

A: “This is my first experience in politics. My father always told me to stay away from politics, so this



Jenny Touchie

is one of the few times I’m going against the advice of my father. I didn’t make that decision lightly, and if my father had a chance to know the person I’ve grown into being, I’m sure he would support my decision to pull my chair up to the table.”

Q: What are your responsibilities in the Legislature?

A: “I currently hold the Assets portfolio and I am a member of the

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Executive team. The Assets portfolio is comprehensive from housing, to infrastructure, to public works to economic development. It’s going to be a very busy four years and it’s exciting. I serve as the alternate director for the Maa-nulth Treaty Society, and this board is incredibly active. I’m also a committee member for the Taxation Authority, and lastly, I’m the chair of the Economic Development Committee.

Q: Do you have any specific goals or projects you’d like to see get done while you serve in the Legislature?

A: “I’ve informally set some priorities for myself and the portfolios I’m in: Enacting our government’s first Economic Development plan, initiating a housing strategy, creating some community green space and reviewing some key pieces of legislation to make our laws work for us. “Some of the other areas that I would like to see our Legislature and Executive focus on are: Increasing support for post-secondary students, including students wanting to go into the trades; creating an environment where citizens can purchase property and build their first homes; providing increased access to expanded services for citizens; working more closely with adjacent governments and municipalities; protecting treaty rights; and being a role model of stewardship of lands and resources.”

Q: Why did you decide to run for the Legislature?

A: “I decided to run simply because I thought I could be a voice for citizens at the table. I’m passionate about our community, our citizens and our government. I truly believe your elected officials need to work for you. In my heart, I’m not in politics, but I’m in public service. Public service means doing right for the many, not the few.”