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## q<sup>w</sup>ayaç'iik?iis Headstart Childcare Centre Officially Open

**H**ITACU - Dreams do come true, as the official grand opening of q<sup>w</sup>ayaç'iik?iis Headstart Childcare Centre proves.

What began as an idea, followed by numerous discussions with architects and the fine work of a construction team that included three members of Ucluelet First Nation, became reality on December 13 when citizens gathered to celebrate the completion of the brand new, 4,200 square foot building in Hitacu.

Childcare Manager **Michelle Ralston** has been involved from the conception of the new building, and proudly notes there are 30 children and 8 staff members working in the Centre already. Previously, there were only 3 staff, which cared for children in Yuu?u?it?ath Government space in the Cix<sup>w</sup>atin Centre next door.

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Preparing to cut the ribbon during the official opening, from left: Executive Member **Jenny Touchie**, **Suzanne Williams**, **Marissa Mack**, **Michelle Ralston**, Executive Member **Jeneva Touchie** and **Marjorie Touchie**. DAYCARE PHOTOS BY JEN MCLEOD PHOTOGRAPHY

## Highway Closure Inconvenient, But A Reminder To Prepare

**H**ITACU - A closure to traffic on Highway 4 at Kennedy Lake and a minor earthquake Friday serve as reminders for Yuu?u?it?ath citizens to be prepared in case of emergency.

"While the highway closure is an inconvenience, we are confident that the Ministry of Transportation department has the situation under control," says President **Chuck McCarthy**. "Our first concern is the safety for our citizens, and thankfully, that is not an issue right now. Nobody

is panicking, which is as it should be, and we have staff members available if anyone has immediate, urgent issues and needs help. They're just a phone call away."

The Ministry issued a statement indicating that Highway 4 at Kennedy Lake was reopened to essential travel between noon and 8 p.m. today (January 24), although that was restricted to passenger vehicles and light pickup trucks only.

Heavy loads, trucks with dual axles and vehicles towing

trailers were not let through. Once permitted vehicles have gone through, a portable bridge was to be installed to open the highway to regular traffic as quickly and safely as possible.

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure estimates a lengthy closure to install the bridge, and will update the estimated closure window for the bridge installation as soon as possible. **Emil Anderson Construction**, the contractor, worked non-stop through the night to build up

the road base after a portion of the shoulder and travelling surface sloughed away.

The damage to Highway 4 was caused by a large volume of rock released during a scheduled blast early on Thursday, January 23, as part of the Highway 4 - Kennedy Hill Safety Improvement project. The highway was closed to traffic at the time of the blast.

**McCarthy** asks that Yuu?u?it?ath citizens remain calm, and be patient as local grocery stores and monitor

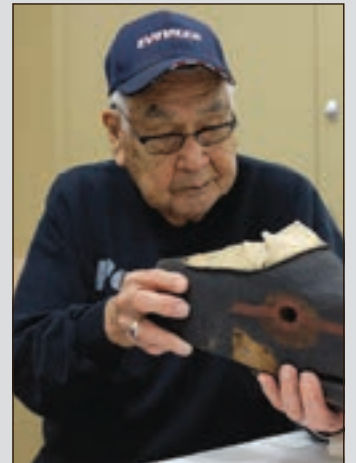
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## New Managers In Place To Start Exciting New Year



Our citizens turned out to join in the celebration of the new Daycare Centre

2019 was a very busy year for your Yuulu?il?ath Government, and it's laid much of the groundwork for what we believe will be a great 2020.

It's been almost a year now since I was officially appointed the Director of Operations and there has been so much to absorb. We have gone

through so many changes over the years and I have grown to understand that if we are going to grow as a nation, we need a stable and solid foundation to work on. I need



**Suzanne Williams**  
DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

to make sure I'm upholding the responsibilities that I have and I need to ensure that our organization has the supports it needs to grow and strategize. It's all about really being prepared.

We had a number of key management positions to fill, and we are very pleased with the people we've chosen. They're like-minded, focused on upholding a respectful workplace, and committed to working for our citizens.

Our most recent hire is our new Economic Development Officer, Corey Rich. He's already started on some really good projects and will be working with the Economic Development Committee and others to develop an Economic Development Strategy.

Corey's arrival brings some relief for Spencer Touchie, who was the Officer by default, even though he was already busy managing our Assets.

We nearly have all of our senior managers in place, and watching everybody working together, connecting with citizens, and coming up with new ideas is pretty amazing.

The Gap Funding agreed to under our Fiscal Financing Agreement with the federal government is under review with the Action Plan that we submitted last month, and the next step is to develop operational priorities and procedures that fall under the categories included in our plan. This funding will help us address some of



the high priorities that our Executive has identified for housing, post-secondary education, and mental health and wellness.

Regarding post-secondary education, we've learned over the years that our funding rates are very, very low, which makes it difficult for students who go away to study. They are given \$890 per month while they're going to school, and if it's in Vancouver, that's not enough money. For those going to school, trying to earn a degree or a diploma, that's very challenging.

Culture and heritage will be a big part of helping people through mental health and wellness, and our new programming under the Action Plan will include land-based healing and cultural healing.

There were 22 land title transfers finalized in December, which is great news. This is very historic for our Nation. Citizens who own a home or want to build a home in hitacu can now own the property, and if they need to, they can get a loan from the bank for renovations or building. There is still lots of work to do in this regard, but it is a very, very important development, as this process started in 2014. It is what we can call a "game changer", because it means personal ownership of property on what was formerly known as reserve lands, giving people an opportunity to build or buy, and a true sense of pride and ownership.

As previously announced by the President, we are also working on shifting some of the responsibilities from one Legislature member to another, and we hope to have those decisions made by the time of our next Assembly meeting: February 4.

### CULTURE AND REGALIA EVERY TUESDAY & THURSDAY STARTING JANUARY 21ST.

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SPECIAL GUEST THIS MONTH:  
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MAKING

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\*SHAWL MAKING WILL BE  
FOLLOWED WITH MORE CULTURE  
CREATIONS

## Giving Back To Our Elders



President Chuck McCarthy announced the gift to Yuułu?il?ath elders at Christmas gathering in Hitacu

It's been a long, difficult journey from the INAC days to becoming a full Treaty Nation, and our elders have helped lead every step of the way.

Many people have made significant contributions in one way or another throughout the entire process, either directly or indirectly through family members. It has been a collective effort.

So when your elected officials were able to present cheques to our elders during our Christmas banquet in Hitacu in December, it was a very satisfying and humbling experience to see their surprised responses. All of the members of the Executive were in agreement that it was the right thing to do, and we were glad to be able to do it.

A lot of our elders have not yet benefited from the Treaty process, so a lot of the gift is really just giving back to the people who were such an important part of the process.

A lot of our elders suffered through the old INAC system, and now that we're in charge of our own destiny though the Treaty, it only seems right to give something to the people who paid the price.

The only unfortunate thing about it was that a lot of our elders who contributed during the process had passed away.

Years ago, elders were given \$1,000 when they reached the age of 65.

Now that our Nation has received more funding, we are able to do this now, as it's opened up an opportunity to make a significant difference for our Elders. The Executive decided to restore that, plus add another \$4,000 "top up", so the



Chuck McCarthy  
PRESIDENT

it was very pleasing to have every one of our elected officials agree and endorse it. There was no opposition to it whatsoever. They were pleased, and we all see it as an acknowledgement of our elders' contributions over the years.

They were surprised. I talked about it under my platform. We had talked with the executive and there was agreement with the elected officials that this is what. Everybody endorsed it. As we move forward in restoring our culture and language, we need and want the input of our elders more than ever. They are the ones who are standing up the call and save our language, as well as getting involved to help our young people learn our language, which is such an important part of our tradition and culture.

Giving back to our elders in appreciation and respect for all they're done is one step in the process, and increased funding from the federal and provincial governments enables us to do that. We have other things that we need to discuss now that we have the resources, including

gifts going forward are now \$5,000 to each elder when they become 65.

This was one of the things I had in my platform prior to the election, and

housing in our community and away from home, and support for our people regarding post-secondary

education and trades training.

But this is a good place to start, and the right way to do it.

A poster for the Kw'umut Lelum Indigenous Youth Conference. The poster features a blue background with a map of British Columbia and photos of two young people, Anaya and Miles Scott. The text on the poster includes: "KW'UMUT LELUM PRESENTS INDIGENOUS YOUTH CONFERENCE", "OPEN TO YOUTH AGES 13-19", "17 AND UNDER MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CHAPERONE", "SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22ND", "VANCOUVER ISLAND CONFERENCE CENTRE, NANAIMO", "8am Registration Opens", "9am - 4pm Conference Workshops (Breaks and lunch included)", "4pm - 4pm Free Time / Jam Session", "6pm - 8:30pm Dinner and Dance with DJ Stanislav", "INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS INCLUDE", "&gt; Dream Big: Goal Setting", "&gt; Sobriety, Addictions and Living the Good Life", "&gt; Promotion of Life / Suicide Prevention", "&gt; Healthy Relationships", "The day includes lunch, dinner and a DJ dance party", "Participants will also have access to a variety of wellness partners and resources, cultural support from Elders, and on-site counselling supports where needed.", "While registration is absolutely free, you must arrange your own transportation.", "Kw'umut Lelum", "Clippers, Culture, Community".

## New Economic Development Officer Corey Rich Arrives

Corey Rich began his tenure as Economic Development Officer for the Yuulu?il?ath Government on December 2, and he's already hard at work, preparing for the development of a new economic development strategy for the Nation.

"My immediate plans for this position are to get to know the people of this community, and I'm working personally to connect 'People to Place' and gain insights and stories about this beautiful area and its

rich history," Corey says. "As a government, we are working to gather this information both formally and informally so as to strategize and implement economic development projects that will gain momentum and build on successes."

Corey's arrival has been much anticipated, and he arrives with an engineering, construction and general business background. He completed his Executive Masters of Business program in Aboriginal Business and

Leadership in 2015. In 2005, he graduated with an engineering diploma and his background in construction is as a certified journeyman and business owner in the HVAC sector for the past 12 years

Corey has also worked as a consultant on a variety of projects within the Tsilhqot'in National Government, Heiltsuk Economic Development Corporation and with non-profit organizations like the Industry Council for Aboriginal Business.



Corey Rich is the new Economic Development Officer for the Yuulu?il?ath Government



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Feb 15 2020	Saturday	BST Exam Prep and Exam	8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Feb 16 2020	Sunday	DAY OFF	8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Feb 17 2020	Monday	Patrol Tactics and Techniques	8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Feb 18 2020	Tuesday	Two Way Radio	8:30 am to 12:30 pm
Feb 18 2020	Tuesday	Environmental Security	1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Feb 19 2020	Wednesday	Professional Report writing	8:30 am to 12:30 pm
Feb 19 2020	Wednesday	Conflict Resolution	1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Feb 20 2020	Thursday	Professional Work Ethics	8:30 am to 12:30 pm
Feb 20 2020	Thursday	Wildlife Awareness	1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Feb 21 2020	Friday	Defensive Driving	8:30 am to 12:30 pm
Feb 22 2020	Saturday	Days Off	8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Feb 23 2020	Sunday	Days Off	8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Feb 24 2020	Monday	Bullying & Harassment	8:30 am to 12:30 pm
Feb 24 2020	Monday	Defensive Driving	1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Feb 25 2020	Tuesday	OFA 1	8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Feb 26 2020	Wednesday	Transportation Endorsement	8:30 am to 4:30 pm

"I'm not only here to work on some of the governments' high-level economic development initiatives, but also I'm available as a resource for new entrepreneurs wanting to start a successful business," he notes. "Whatever stage of business development someone is at, even if they are just wanting to discuss an idea they've been dreaming, of please come talk to me.

I'm available to meet for coffee/tea and we can create a plan to start, develop and grow businesses."

Corey adds that matching funds and resources may be available from Nuuchahnulth Economic Development Corporation (NEDC) and other financial institutions. These funds and other coordinated sources may be available to support new or expanding First Nations businesses in the region.

He has moved here from Victoria, and says "I'm elated to be here and incredibly excited about it! As an outdoor enthusiast the possibilities are literally endless and I can't wait to meet new people to go exploring and adventuring with. Living this lifestyle on the West Coast has always been a dream of mine."

Corey is looking forward to a big year ahead in 2020 and is grateful for the opportunity to work on economic development initiatives.

"I truly believe these will translate into new and exciting futures," he adds.

Corey's office is in the Cixwatin Centre, and he can be contacted via email at: corey.rich@ufn.ca

## Silent Speaker Graduates Enjoy UBC Museum Trip



Yuułu?il?ath citizens handled and interacted with a wide selection of artifacts at the UBC Museum

Graduates of the 2019 Yuułu?il?ath “Silent Speaker” language reclamation program were treated to a private showing of Yuułu?il?ath and Nuuchahnulth artifacts at the Museum of Anthropology at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver on January 9 that was organized by the Department of Culture & Heritage.

The group of 13 travelled from Hitacu by bus and spent two nights in a hotel at UBC, where they participated in a private guided tour of the Museum and were able to handle and interact with a selection of artifacts that included canoe paddles, whistles, masks, and basketry - most of which were over 100 years old. The group woke the artifacts up while interacting with them and then put them back to sleep with a prayer in the Nuuchahnulth language.

The “Silent Speaker” program ran from September to November in Hitacu and involved a cognitive behavioral therapist and offered one-on-one mentorship, as well as group

conversations for people who know the language but do not use it. The program was developed as a way of overcoming the barriers that are preventing the “silent speakers” from using the language.

We would like to acknowledge everyone that came out to the “Silent Speaker” classes and thank them for their courage and participation in the journey of language reclamation.

Language Coordinator Bernice Touchie expressed appreciation to helpers **Vi Mundy** and **Mike McCarthy**, fluent speakers **Marg Touchie**, **Bob Mundy** and **Rose Wilson**, and additional mentors **Jeneva Touchie** and **Sam Touchie**.

Some of the comments from those who participated were: “We helped each other”, “They wouldn’t stop singing”, “They told qu ushin stories”, “Some really good dancers”, “Our ways are right and proper” and “My grandmother said, ‘go listen to the beach’”.

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## Youth Winter Wellness Weekend

at

-Mt Washington-

Depart from the Cixwatin Centre January 31, 2020 @ 10 am

Arrive in Hitacu February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 @ 4 pm

For Sign up Contact:

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YFN Youth Worker

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## Great Turnout For Alberni Urban Christmas Dinner

Photos taken by Bounce-A-Rama Photo Buttons. It was another great turnout for the Annual Yuulu?il?ath Urban Christmas Dinner December 13 at the Italian Hall in Port Alberni.

Those in attendance enjoyed a delicious feast, as well as a visit from Santa Claus, who gave out presents and had his photo taken with citizens young and old.



### Status Cards

YG is receiving forty status cards from AANDC at one time. Once we have issued all forty cards we will receive another forty. At this time, YG would like to begin a list of all of our citizens who require a status card. YG will set up appointments with our citizens – in Hitacu and our Port Alberni Satellite Office – who have recorded their name(s) on this list. If you have any questions or if you reside outside of Hitacu and Port Alberni and need a status card, please contact Debbie Mundy at 1-877-726-7342 ext 214 or at [debbie.mundy@ufn.ca](mailto:debbie.mundy@ufn.ca).



## Gifts For Elders and Children at Hitacu Christmas



**S**anta Claus made a grand appearance at the December 18 Hitacu Christmas Dinner at the Cixwatin Centre.

Santa wasn't the only one giving out presents, however, as President Chuck McCarthy and the Yuulu?il?ath Government distributed gifts to Elders, in recognition of their contributions to the Nation. The gathering also featured a photo booth, music and dancing – and of course a delicious turkey feast.



### 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:  
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Email: pearl.touchie@uln.ca



## CARE Network Here To Help Hitacu Pets And People

**J**ames Rodgers cares about people and their pets.

For the past two years, he has been helping Hitacu citizens with pet-related issues through the **CARE Network**, a non-profit organization that provides animal care and control services, that helps to enforce the community's animal care and control act and regulations.

"The CARE Network undertook an assessment of animal service needs and we connected with the administration of each community in the Clayoquot/Barkley Sound area to better understand the needs and gaps that, if filled, would make communities healthier and safer for all residents and visitors, whether they have two legs or four," he says. "At that time that Yuulu?il?ath administrators determined they wanted to establish a role to enforce the local animal care and control act and regulations. My staff and I had been doing similar work with the Tla-o-qui-aht Nation and proposed that we could design a customized service tailored to the needs and requirements in Hitacu."

Thus far, James responds to what has mostly been dog and cat related incidents or issues in Hitacu.

"When someone submits a complaint, report or other notification with the administration, or directly to myself and the CARE Network, we assess it and recommend a course of action for approval by the administrative team," he explains. "That process includes

investigating the report, deciding whether taking an action is required, and when an action is required, exploring which is the best: having a conversation to discuss solutions, issuing a ticket, impounding an animal, or other options."

He gives examples of checking in on a cat that may be sick or injured, looking for lost animals, tracking down stray dogs, or visiting with guardians who have questions about animal care or health issues.

"My favourite part of the job is chatting with folks about their furry family members," he says. "Sometimes that is done just on the front step or on a road, and other times it is over a coffee at the kitchen table."

He also enjoys community gatherings he is invited to, and notes that while he has planned to make presentations, it usually seems to result in a series of question and answer discussions around a table.

"I quite like this, as I get to hear more about peoples' families and animal services they may need," he adds.

Most of James' background is project and business development related, yet somehow becomes involved in helping alleviate the suffering of animals while making communities healthier and safer.

"I have started a bakery, a cafe and specialty grocery store, managed the design and construction of a few unique buildings, and in 2012, I started



James Rodgers of the CARE Network with some four legged friends

the CARE Network with a small group of friends and neighbours," he states.

The CARE Network started out by organizing dog and cat spay and neuter clinics and has expanded to provide foster care, transportation and re-homing of injured or sick animals when requested. It also works with community administrations to develop, and in some cases enforce, animal care and control standards suited to the

specific community.

For James, 2019 was all about getting an animal shelter established in the region, until now, the closest animal holding facility was the BC SPCA Animal Shelter in Port Alberni. They are very close to opening a CARE Network facility to serve Hitacu and other communities along the coast.

"2020 will be the year that veterinarian services are once again established on the coast," he states. "These will be limited services, as surgeries, etc. are still a ways off, but the goal is to get more regular access to vaccinations, diagnosis of problems, and treatment of certain ailments that don't require a full vet clinic.

"The plan is to also be able to increase the access to affordable spay and neuter surgeries. I have been in conversation with two veterinarians and a few clinics for several months to see how we can pull all of this together, and I am quite confident that we can do it, together with our community partners, in 2020."

He is very excited about working with Hitacu citizens this year.

"Together, we can make the community healthier and safer for everyone," he says. "We regularly get calls about dogs wandering around, without supervision, who are scaring children and other community members. I am sure this isn't the intent of any of the guardians of these dogs, and I look forward to working with them to find solutions that keep the dogs, children, other neighbours, and visitors safe.

"These solutions may include building a fence to keep the dog contained, but also not tied up for too long; more training when dogs are still young so they don't grow up with bad habits like 'mouthing', biting and jumping up on people, and taking the dogs for more supervised walks."

### 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.**

- Go to [www.ufn.ca/forms/](http://www.ufn.ca/forms/)
- 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

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- Track Unallocated Fish Species: Caught For Evidence Of Use And Harvest (These May Be Allocated In The Future, Based On Average Reported Harvest)

Maa-nulth Fisheries Weekly Catch Report And Wildlife & Migratory Bird Harvest Form

Responsibilities of Maa-nulth Harvesters When Fishing For Domestic Purposes

Maa-nulth Domestic Fishing Area, Traditional Territories & Area 123

Allocated Fish	Allocated Wildlife
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suuhaa, / Chinook, Mi?aat / Sockeye,</li> <li>Cuw`it / Coho, čaapi / Pink, Hinku?as / Chum</li> <li>łusmit / Herring</li> <li>pıu?i/ Halibut</li> <li>Sablefish</li> <li>Rockfish</li> <li>Groundfish</li> <li>Intertidal Bivalves</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>łuunim/Elk</li> </ul>

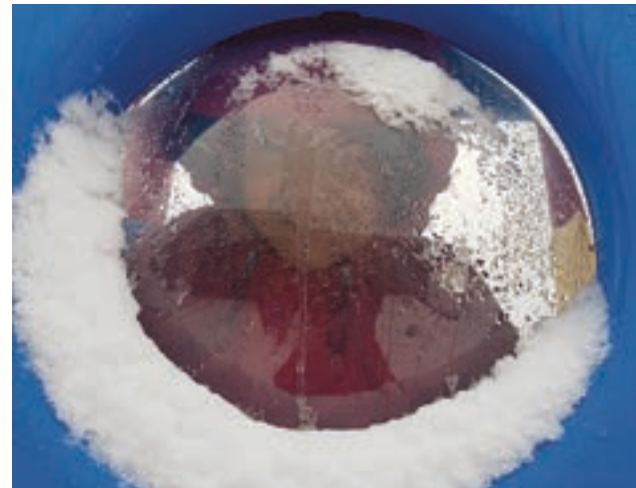
- Barter And Trade Is Permitted Under The Treaty and is Encouraged
- Cannot "Trade" For Money
- Sale Of Domestic Fish (Including Shellfish) Is Not Permitted
- At This Time, "Me Too" Clause Is NOT Expected To Allow Individuals To Sell Fish They Catch Under Their Harvest Card



## Let It Snow: Our Children Love It!



Daryl and Taya



Snow is beautiful and difficult to drive in for adults. . .but our children sure love it! Director of Operations Suzanne Williams stopped by the q'waya'ciik?iis Headstart and Childcare Centre while it snowed recently, and the 2.5 to 5 year program children were playing out in the white stuff.

Nathan LaFortune



Daryl and Taya with Samantha Touchie



Are you a pet owner in Hitacu?

### THINK PET LICENCE

Stop by the Government Office in Hitacu to get your pet licence and pick up some complementary pet supplies!

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The Nu-u-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.

## q<sup>w</sup>ayaç' iik?iis Headstart Childcare Centre Grand Opening

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“We’re very excited,” says Michelle. “We’ve gone from a little board room – we were in there for just shy of three years as a temporary placement - to this humungous building. We have a great team, and everyone is really strong and works so well together.

“It’s a very welcoming building, and it’s a safe place,” she notes, adding that the building, designed by Ellins Architects and built by Coast Mountain Construction, is also being used for language and culture programs after Daycare hours. “We really wanted this building focusing on all families, although it’s mainly for 0-12 years old. It’s all about the care and respect to the families and children whom we care for.”

The building features four large rooms, for: Infants/Toddlers, 3-5 year olds, Afterschool/Elder and Outreach/Preschool.

Director of Operations **Suzanne Williams** appreciates “The support we received from the funders and from our Executive, elders and other citizens through the process.”

“Michelle has been so committed to this over the last couple of years. She did such a great job, and although



There are many toys for children to play with in the Childcare Centre

it overfilled her plate in the last few months, it was a job well done and her ability to see it through to the end affirmed our confidence in her dedication and passion to do the job.”

Michelle notes “We’re applying for a commercial license to provide meals for children all day long, every day. Nutrition is important to us, as well as culture and language.”

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

“We know the importance of trust and value each child’s



Childcare Manager Michelle Ralston gives directions



A happy mother with her baby



Parents got a first hand view of the inside of the building



Having fun inside the Childcare Centre

learning experience while strengthening their skills and experience,” says Yuulu?il?ath Director of Operations **Suzanne Williams**.

Thus the building was designed with physical and mental health in mind, both indoors and on the outdoor play apparatus, to encourage sensory and motor skill growth and development.

“Outside, the children can climb on the climbers, which are age appropriate, and there are enough things they can play with, like soccer balls and sand boxes,” she says. “Inside, we made sure we were following all Island Health Childcare Licensing Regulations. And that they could see out of the windows at their level, and we made sure there was wall space to put up information and pictures.”

Michelle notes that the Childcare Centre follows the 6 Aboriginal Headstart Components: Culture & Language, Education, Health Promotion, Nutrition, Parent and Family Involvement, and Social Supports.

The After School program shares a room with elder/culture/language which already uses it for culture and language teaching twice a week, and “We’re hoping that, as time goes on, we can be offering other language and culture activities.”

Michelle noted that **Jennifer Touchie** was very helpful in the design process, and they shared a desire to include an outreach program to work

with health nurses and outreach services to bring people to a central location where families can come.

“I worked closely with **Clifford George**, who carved our beautiful sign out front, and **Letitia Charleson**, who did our beautiful wood burning signs in Nuu-chah-nulth. There were many tweaks and changes throughout the whole building process, which I worked closely with licensing and the Coast Mountain Construction team, as well as Ellins Architects,” she says.

“I also wanted to specially thank **John Tutube** for preparing our building before we occupied it, and for the support of Suzanne, Assets Manager **Spencer Touchie**, **Aliya Haer**, **Raja Narayanan**, **Angie Sarsons**, **Cecilia Jensen** and **Ashley McCarthy** throughout the entire process.”

The Centre also offers parenting programs, occupational therapy, speech therapy and other health-related workshops.

The new Centre is also open to other communities, as Michelle notes that there are already families from across the bay that drive their children over.

“As soon as we have a pre-school teacher, we’ll be opening a pre-school program,” she adds.

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## Being Prepared For Possible Emergencies

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their supply levels and wait for shipments of food, which have been delayed due to the road closure.

“The website GetPrepared.ca has an excellent list of items that are ideal for a Basic Emergency Kit,” says Williams. “It would be a great idea for our citizens to go over this and make one for their homes for the next time problems like this arise.”

### Basic emergency kit

- Water – at least two litres of water per person per day; include small bottles that can be carried easily in case of an evacuation order
- Food that won't spoil, such as canned food, energy bars and dried foods (replace food and water once a year)
- Manual can-opener
- Crank or battery-powered flashlight (and extra batteries). Replace batteries once a year.
- Crank, battery-powered radio (and extra batteries) or Weatheradio
- First aid kit
- Extra keys to your car and house
- Some cash in smaller bills, such as \$10 bills and change for payphones
- A copy of your emergency plan and contact information
- If applicable, other items such as prescription medication, infant formula, equipment for people with disabilities, or food, water and medication for your pets or service animal (personalize according to your needs)

- Keep a corded phone in your home, as most cordless phones will not work during a power outage.
- If applicable, other items such as prescription medication, infant formula, equipment for people with disabilities, fuel for your home or vehicle, or food, water and medication for your pets or service animal (personalize according to your needs).

More Emergency Kit information is available at <https://www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/pblctns/yprprdnssgd/index-en.aspx#s3>

## Youth Program On Again

The Hitacu Youth Program has started up again for youth aged 10-17 years of age.

Please register your child or youth even if they have previously been enrolled. Drop-in after school activities

run Mondays to Fridays, which started on January 6.

For registration, or for more information please contact Jenna Miller, YFN Youth Worker, at the Cixwatin Centre.

Phone: 250 726 2208 | Email: [jenna.miller@ufn.ca](mailto:jenna.miller@ufn.ca)

## Security Training Program Available

Domcor Health, Safety & Security Inc., in collaboration with the Yuutu?it?ath government, is offering a Basic Security Enhanced Training Program in Hitacu in February.

This is an opportunity to obtain training for a new career and there are 12 spaces. Applicants must have a minimum Grade 10 education, and complete a complete criminal

record check and fingerprinting before the first day of class, and results are due to the attention of Carrie George by January 31. Associated costs are reimbursable.

Instructors are Alex Boyko from Feb. 9-21 and 23-24, and Michelle Bernard from Feb. 24-26.

For further information and to register, contact Carrie George at 250-726-7342.

## National Park Job Opportunities

The Pacific Rim National Park Reserve has a total of seven job opportunities available.

There are two positions:

Visitor Services Attendant has various language requirements, and pays \$22.91 to \$24.90 per hour. Closing date for applications is Feb 3.

Visitors Facilities Attendant requires English language skills, and pays \$18.63 to \$20.25 per hour. The closing date is Feb. 26.

For more information, contact Dave Tovell, Visitor Experience Manager at [dave.tovell@canada.ca](mailto:dave.tovell@canada.ca) or Tel.: 250-726-3504.

## Post Secondary Funding Deadline Feb. 28

The Yuutu?it?ath – Ucluelet First Nation Post-Secondary Funding Application deadline is February 28, 2020.

We are at the start of a new funding year in Post-Secondary and the interest from our citizens to access programs that will provide them with a higher education is high – great news for our nation!

New and continuing students, please ensure you fill out your application completely and attach all supporting documentation as listed on the funding application. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the proper information and documentation is provided to ensure that your application package is complete and submitted in time for review.

Any missing information will deem applications incomplete and applicants may not be considered for funding for the funding year – this will be handled on a case-by-case basis (e.g. if you are unable to obtain records from the

schools due to timing). Please be sure to regularly check in with me, preferably by email, to provide status updates on obtaining any supporting documentation that is beyond your control.

Applications will be received by fax, email or mail, to the attention of Pearl Touchie, Senior Administrative Assistant (Post-Secondary Education Support Worker). If sent by mail, please ensure it is sent with plenty of time to arrive at the YG office prior to the application deadline.

Fax: 250-726-7552

Email: [pearl.touchie@ufn.ca](mailto:pearl.touchie@ufn.ca)

Mail: P.O. Box 699, Ucluelet, BC V0R 3A0

Thank you for taking the time to ensure your application package is complete and all the best to our new and continuing students for 2020 – 2021!

Best regards,  
Pearl Touchie  
Sr. Administrative Assistant  
(Post-Secondary Education Support Worker)

## HITACU NOW HAS AN AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY/ON-CALL NUMBER for

THE YUUTU?IT?ATH  
GOVERNMENT  
PUBLIC WORKS  
DEPARTMENT

This number is for any Emergency that requires the attention of our department outside of regular work hours. It includes water or sewer main breaks, dangerous debris or fallen trees on a street, and damaging potholes.

For Assistance, call

**250-726-6757**





## In accordance with Yuutu?it?ath Law

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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:** Cix<sup>w</sup>atin 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