



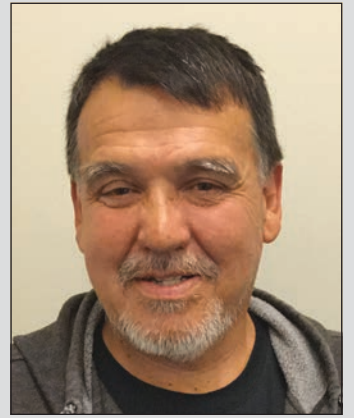
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## Teaching Language Is Important And Fulfilling For Jeneva Touchie

**A**s a youngster, Jeneva Touchie remembers hearing her late grandmother, Barbara Touchie, speak to her in the nuučaan̓ł (Nuu-chah-nulth) language.

A few years ago, she dedicated herself to learning the language, and is now teaching it to

Yuutu?it?ath citizens, young and old.

"I remember her speaking to me, telling me 'go brush your teeth', 'close the door', 'turn off the lights', things like that," Jeneva recalls. "I remember bits and pieces of the language, but I didn't really start learning it until I started taking classes in 2018."

Jeneva is in her second term on the Yuutu?it?ath Government Legislature, and holds the Culture and Heritage portfolio. She recently received an Indigenous Language Certificate from a course offered through the University of Victoria and North Island College, and holds a Bachelor's degree in Hospitality Management from Vancouver Island University, which she utilizes in her position as an Administration Assistant for Parks Canada.

Jeneva is so excited about the language that she's now started on a path to obtain a Bachelor's and Masters degrees, and ultimately a Doctorate in Language to further her efforts to learn and share with others.



Jeneva Touchie teaches language to Yuutu?it?ath citizens

The Indigenous Language Certificate completed a two-year journey where she would travel to Port Alberni every second year to take various language courses.

"I've been working with Bob Mundy for over a year and a half now, on all sorts of things," she notes. "We did 500 phrases last year and 4 stories, and we are still working together, coming up with new ideas for to how to get the language out to our people. It's really great to be

learning the language from someone who has spoken it as their first language."

Jeneva was taking the Indigenous Language class with students from other First Nations, who all recognized the need to learn it and share it as quickly as possible.

"We all don't have speakers left," she notes. "I initially didn't think about teaching it, but I thought, why not just try?"

Starting last November, Jeneva began offering classes to

anyone who was interested. Initially a handful of people attended, and interest was growing until the COVID-19 pandemic arrived and caused them to shift gears. They are now offering Zoom classes in collaboration with Huu-ay-aht First Nation on Tuesday nights.

Jeneva was also teaching the language to Ucluelet Elementary students from January to March, on Mondays.

"We are teaching the

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## State Of Emergency Remains For Nation

**A**lthough the gate to the entrance of Hitacu has been opened, the State of Emergency that was instituted at the end of March has been extended by the Yuutu?it?ath Government.

President Chuck McCarthy is making it clear that travel remains restricted. The State Of Emergency that was instituted to

protect Yuutu?it?ath citizens has been extended several times.

President McCarthy and the YG Government implemented the first SOE in March, and has been renewed 12 times. At the end of March, YG's legislature also enacted its 65th Act, the Emergency Preparedness Act, which allowed the government

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## Health Services Changes Will Take Place in 2021

Your Yuuḷuḡiḡaḡ Government has listened closely to the citizens regarding the implementation of recent adjustments to health services, and while YG is excited about the arrivals of our new health professionals, we are putting a pause on going completely independent from the Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council (“NTC”) Health and USMA services and we will be working on a transition plan to exit by March 31, 2021. We will be working closely with the NTC, Indigenous Services Canada, and the Ministry of Children and Family Development to ensure our transfer of services and knowledge goes smoothly.

Through the transition period, Yuuḷuḡiḡaḡ citizens will be able to access services under the umbrella of the NTC alongside the in-house services that the YG is providing. We are currently working on plans to set up a Medical Health Office and will announce the plans when everything is finalized. Until then, citizens are welcome to call our main office for more information on how to access YG’s in-house services and to inquire on the services provided by the NTC.

Our offices within the Cixwatin Centre and the Hupatoo Centre have reopened and all YG staff are back to work. We have established safety plans and procedures for our staff to follow to ensure proper distancing, handwashing, etc. to ensure we are aligned with the health and safety standards set out by the

Provincial Health Officer and WorkSafe BC. The flow of traffic coming in and going out of the Cixwatin Centre is controlled with designated entrances/exits for staff and for citizens and service providers. We respectfully ask for your cooperation and patience when visiting the Cixwatin Centre and bring to your attention the signage and occupancy limits at our reception area. At present, staff are advised to meet with clients by telephone or video call and where that is not possible, in a safe and open space – using PPE where necessary. Appointments to meet with a member of staff will be necessary as most of our staff are on staggered schedules and working from home on certain days. Please call ahead or send us an email.

The YG recognizes that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to be a risk for all British Columbians. While the Province of BC is doing its best to keep the case numbers relatively low, we still must do our part to ensure that the number stays low.

On May 28th, the Executive passed an Order lifting restrictions on access to the hitacu community, but renewed the Order under



**Suzanne Williams**  
**DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS**

our Emergency Preparedness Act advising that anyone visiting Yuuḷuḡiḡaḡ lands must follow the orders, directives, protocols and guidelines issued by the Province of BC or BC’s Centre for Disease Control with respect to COVID-19 response measures (i.e. safe practices such as physical distancing, wearing cloth masks, hand washing, non-essential travel, etc.). The Executive Order can be found here: [www.ufn.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/YGO-31-20-Order-of-the-Executive-re-Hitacu-Access.pdf](http://www.ufn.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/YGO-31-20-Order-of-the-Executive-re-Hitacu-Access.pdf).

To ensure the Yuuḷuḡiḡaḡ Government is prepared to respond quickly to any changes in the pandemic curve, the President’s SOE has been extended for an additional week and in doing so, the Executive may do all acts and implement all procedures necessary, or advised, to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of a health hazard such as COVID-19 (see Part 3.4 of the Emergency Preparedness Act ([www.ufn.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/YFNS-65-2020-YG-Emergency-Preparedness-Act.pdf](http://www.ufn.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/YFNS-65-2020-YG-Emergency-Preparedness-Act.pdf))).

The Office of the Chief Financial Officer (“CFO”) recently became vacant as we wish

former CFO, Robert Rodvik farewell on his next journey. We have recently appointed an Interim CFO to hold this office until our recruitment plan is finalized. Until then, we have welcomed John Rankin to hold the Office of the CFO and his first day was Tuesday, June 23rd. John is here to oversee the department and provide senior management support through the 2020 audit.

We are working with the Chairperson of the Legislature, Ken Watts, to set up meetings of the Legislature and the hitacu Assemblies for the rest of this fiscal year and will announce these dates and new meeting procedures in the very near future. Over the last couple of months, the Executive has been holding regular and frequent virtual meetings through our new TELUS Business Connect service, which has allowed us to continue to conduct important business and maintain safe social distancing at the same time. Virtual meetings may continue into the New Year if the COVID-19 continues to pose safety and health risks for our elected leaders and staff.

Thank you to the citizens that provided comments on the 2021 Annual Budget Act. Your comments have been received and summarized for the Legislature to review and consider. Further updates will be provided following their next meeting.

Stay safe everyone!



### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Hitacu, British Columbia  
Posted on: Wednesday, June 17, 2020

The Administrative Assistant is responsible for assisting in the development and review of all administrative functions of the Department of Social Services and the organizing, maintaining and supervising of the administrative functions and related staff, to include reception, office filing, word processing support, community member medical travel, minute taking, assisting in the development of reports, papers and proposals and the administration of office supplies and equipment. The Department of Social Services includes programs in the areas of health, community wellness, social development and education.

#### Qualifications and Experience:

- Prefer Post-Secondary Diploma or Formal training in a related field
- Grade 12 with related Post-Secondary Courses (e.g. Desktop Publishing, Word Processing, Secretarial, Office Administration, Communications, and Budgeting)
- Two to four years’ experience working for an Indigenous Organization and related field.
- Experience in the development, coordination and administration of human resource management policies and programs
- Experience in writing reports and briefing notes
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Ability to work as part of a team and to work independently in a fast-paced work environment

**How to Apply:** please submit your covering letter, resume and three recent employment references to the attention of Suzanne Williams, Director of Operations, by email ([employment@ufn.ca](mailto:employment@ufn.ca)), fax (250-726-7552), by mail (P.O. Box 699, Ucluelet, BC, V0R 3A0) or in person (700 Wya Road, Hitacu, BC). For questions, call Suzanne at 250-726-7342, extension 206.

**Closing Date: Friday, July 17, 2020**

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



## BC PROVINCIAL OVERDOSE ALERT

### INCREASED DRUG TOXICITY REPORTED ACROSS BC (BOTH STIMULANTS & DOWN)

- Increase in both fatal and non-fatal overdoses over the last few weeks
- More severe overdoses being reported
- Increased community overdose & drug alerts since March 22<sup>nd</sup>

#### FOR YOUR SAFETY:

- 1) Use an Overdose Prevention Site, if you can. [FIND AN OPS](#)
- 2) Pick up a naloxone kit. [FIND A SITE](#). Call ahead for hours.
- 3) Avoid using alone. Find a buddy or have someone check on you.
- 4) Talk to your doctor or nurse practitioner about how to access prescription medications to reduce overdose risk and prevent withdrawal. Click [here](#) for more info.

#### THIS IS A PROVINCIAL ALERT

Check your local Health Authority websites for local alerts

For more information on ways to stay safe while using substances during COVID-19 please check the [BCCDC website](#)

**Date Posted: MAY 6, 2020**

(remove by May 20, 2020)

## Graduation Start Of A New Beginning For Our Students

June means the end of the school year, and the start of a new journey for our students who have now graduated from Ucluelet Secondary School.

We understand that this year for our students was difficult, but we want them to know that their accomplishments do not go unrecognized, and we extend a heartfelt congratulations to every one of them. We plan on celebrating their achievements in a bigger way when things begin to normalize with the COVID-19 pandemic.

This is not the end of the road, but the beginning of an exciting new world of opportunities available to our young people. We encourage all graduates to explore and hopefully pursue post-secondary educational opportunities, as these present many options for future careers and employment. As I have said many times, I hope our young



**Chuck McCarthy**  
PRESIDENT

people realize the potential they have within themselves that awaits them in skilled trades and by furthering their education and learning.

No matter what the economy is like, trades will always be in demand, and these jobs provide good incomes that are higher, in many cases, than traditional post-university degree positions that include office jobs.

The future is yours to make it what you want, and we congratulate and support you in your journey, for making it this far, and for making us proud.

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Making housing more affordable for our citizens has been one of the main goals of this Yuuḷuḡiḡaḡ Government, and we continue to explore possibilities to make that happen.

We want to get away from

government-supplied rental units, because they are so expensive, and make it difficult for people to buy their own house. We want to be able to ensure that home ownership is not beyond their reach for the next generation.

Not everyone can spend a half million dollars on a house. In Ucluelet right now, a small two-bedroom home is going for \$400,000. This is high, and paying \$350,000 to \$400,000 is a lot of money for someone wanting to purchase their first home.

Working people are the backbone of the economy, and they need a break to get started with home ownership.

The average working person can pay \$120,000, or \$130,000 for a modular home and have an affordable pad rental.

Working people are the backbone of the economy, and they need to get a break to get started.

One of the ideas the Legislature is pondering is the idea of a modular home park. This will not only address affordability, but it could be an economic development generator for our Nation as well.

Building a new house could cost as much as close to \$300 per square foot

in this market, but well-made and designed modular homes provide sensible, more affordable alternatives for first-time homeowners. It could be a good stepping stone to acquiring your own home.

A modular home pad could be rented for about \$400-\$500 per month, and with a mortgage payment of approximately \$600 a month, someone could own their own home for around \$1,000 per month.

As creators of a modular home park, the Nation would also benefit through the pad rentals. We'd be interested in your thoughts about this, as we continue to look for ways the Nation can create revenue with us quickly approaching 2024, when the Treaty mandates that our Nation needs to be economically self-sufficient.

We continue to negotiate fairness with the federal governments, as they need to be reminded that while other governments have acres of land they can extract royalties from, we don't have that luxury here in Ucluelet. In what other situation does a government have to create economic development in order for the government to get cash back to pay for the Nation's operations??

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language to anybody that's willing to learn. We have people from Ucluelet, Port Alberni, Vancouver and Victoria on our weekly Zoom calls now," she states, adding she is collaborating with **Brittany Cote** of the Huu-ay-aht. "Brittany and I go over the language together. You have to have a lot of repetition to learn it. If you don't use it, you lose it, so we have to keep using it every day."

Jeneva is enjoying teaching, although



**Jeneva Touchie**

she admits she was nervous at first.

"Our students say I'm doing good, and they're really enjoying it," she notes. "Any time you get a chance to learn the language it connects you with the people and our culture. It has helped me learn more about my late great grandmother, too. I knew she sang, but I didn't know she weaved cedar baskets. It was a great surprise, and it is really great to know that."

Jeneva recalls watching a video in class on the Haida nation in Chicago recovering remains that included her late aunt, whose husband was a Haida Chief.

"I'm learning a lot about my history and who my family is," she adds. "It's connected me in ways I didn't think were possible, and it's been really great so far."

Jeneva believes strongly that it is important for all citizens to learn the language.

"Learning our language really connects us to our culture and other people," she observes. "It's so important because you learn the value of practicing and learning something, and this connects us to everything, in our everyday life, and it connects us with our history."

"I always mention English is not supposed to be our first language. It's not, nuucaanul is."

## Legislature Member Joyce Patrick Will Be Missed

It is with much sadness that **Joyce Patrick**, a first-term elected member of the Yuuḷuḡiḡaḡ Government, passed away in May.

Joyce was one of six Yuuḷuḡiḡaḡ citizens elected to YG in the 2019 election.

While explaining her reasons for running in the election, Joyce said "I decided to run to become a Member of the Legislature because I believe I can bring a positive open mind and would make a great coordinator, especially working with the youth and elders of Ucluelet."

Joyce was also well-known in the slo-pitch softball community.

We grieve Joyce's loss with her immediate family and loved ones, and know that Joyce's positive contributions to the Nation will be missed. An announcement about a memorial will come at a later date, due to the COVID-19 pandemic concerns regarding large public gatherings.

We grieve Joyce's loss with her immediate family and loved ones, and know that Joyce's positive contributions to the Nation will be missed. We offer our most sincere and heartfelt condolences to all those that are affected by her loss.



**Joyce Patrick**

## Bears Are Back In Town And So Is WildSafeBC!

While the COVID-19 pandemic may be keeping many at home, that is not true for the bears and other wildlife that live nearby.

WildSafeBC, delivered by the BC Conservation Foundation (BCCF), is the provincial leader in preventing conflict with bears and wildlife through collaboration, education and community solutions across the province, and **Marianne Paquette** is starting her first season as the WildSafeBC *Xiçhuut* Coordinator: Hitacu-Macoah.

Marianne will be covering areas on the central west coast of Vancouver Island specifically the traditional territories of the Yuutu?it?ath Government-Ucluelet First Nation and Toquaht Nation, with priority for the communities of Hitacu, Macoah, and Salmon Beach.

"Bears are coming out of hibernation and I am excited to start

working with everyone to keep wildlife wild and all communities safe," says Marianne. "Please do not hesitate to connect with me if you have any questions or concerns regarding human-wildlife conflict in your area."

As Community Coordinator, Marianne will be working hard to reach out to community members in new and innovative ways that maintain physical distancing and safety.

From May to November 30, 2020, Marianne will be involved in a number of WildSafeBC modified program initiatives including door-to-door information delivery campaigns, garbage tagging in Port Albion, community bin monitoring and webinar delivery of our highly requested WildSafe Ranger Program for school-aged children as well as our Wildlife Awareness and Safety Education sessions.

Please email Marianne for more information on how to register for

these free programs at [hitacu-macoah@wildsafebc.com](mailto:hitacu-macoah@wildsafebc.com) or call her at 514-622-7317.

"We also have exciting news," she adds. "We will be offering our popular WildSafe Ranger Program through webinar delivery as well as our Wildlife Awareness and Safety Training. Stay tuned for details."

Please report wildlife in conflict to the Conservation Officer Service 24/7 at 1-877-952-7277. Residents can also report sightings of bear, cougar or wolf near houses and in urban areas. Reports are uploaded daily to WildSafeBC's Wildlife Alert Reporting Program (WARP), available at [www.wildsafebc.com/warp](http://www.wildsafebc.com/warp).

The BCCF is a not-for-profit organization that promotes and assists in the conservation of the fish and wildlife resources of B.C. through the protection, acquisition or enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat.



Marianne Paquette is with WildSafeBC



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### DIRECTOR OF LANDS AND RESOURCES

Hitacu, British Columbia  
Posted on: June 9, 2020

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

**For a copy of the complete position description, please contact Ashley McCarthy, Administrative Coordinator, at [Ashley.McCarthy@ufn.ca](mailto:Ashley.McCarthy@ufn.ca).**

#### Qualifications and Experience:

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

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**Closing Date: Friday, July 10, 2020**

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

## Funding Available For Indigenous Businesses

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has announced a \$306.8 Million measure for Indigenous businesses who are ineligible for the Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA).

This funding is applicable for Joint Ventures, Limited Partnerships and Sole Proprietorships.

Economic Development Officer Corey Rich notes that Al Little is the Yuutu?it?ath regional contact through the National Aboriginal Capital Corporations (NACC). His direct contact is 250-720-5434, or email: [al@NEDC.info](mailto:al@NEDC.info).

Little recommends business owners contact him directly in regards to the challenges they are facing this year.

The federal government also announced its Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) of \$40,000, with no interest paid until 2023. If you do apply for this credit facility, and pay back 75% of the credit line by the end of December this year, the government will grant you \$10,000. If you can't pay back the grant by the end of 2023, the credit facility rolls into a two-year loan at 5%. Applications are processed through RBC, CIBC, Scotia Bank, BMO, TD and credit unions.

The Federal government will also contribute 75% of wages, to a maximum of \$847/week for companies that can show a 15% drop in revenue. This program is retroactive for April, May and June, and may help businesses with a wage subsidy program to keep their employees working if possible.

Regular reporting is required to the government to show that business revenues have been impacted by the 15% each month. The program is known as Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS), and companies must have payroll reporting of at least \$20,000/year. The link is: <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/subsidy/emergency-wage-subsidy.html>

## All Citizens Can Help Improve Garbage Pickup

By Spencer Touchie,  
Assets Manager

We are asking citizens to be more careful and respectful when it comes to putting their garbage into Hitacu's garbage collecting bins.

It seems that some people have been placing their garbage outside the bins, which is unsightly, messy, and has the potential of attracting bears, which would become a safety issue within the community.

Not just that, but it is left up to Yuułu?i?ath staff to clean up the mess, which also means it is costing our Nation money. We had budgeted \$30,000 this year for solid waste maintenance, and due to this type of extra clean-up, we're on the road for a \$42,000 if we don't make changes to our behaviours. It can cost \$150 each time we take a trip to get the bins and take them to the dump when we include man hours and vehicle maintenance, and the carelessness means a lot more extra work for our staff. Which will leave other areas in our community less served.

We need to make sure expenses like these stay within budget, since government operations are scheduled to become locally funded by 2024.

We are working towards establishing a curbside recycling program, and



**Spencer Touchie**  
ASSETS MANAGER  
INTERIM LANDS MANAGER

we're also looking into the possibility of adding a cardboard bin by the fire hall, perhaps by the fall.

We are expecting good news to come in terms of financing through the GAP Funding, which we plan on conducting maintenance on homes in Hitacu.

We've started the early phases of that by doing inspections and energy audits, but the COVID-19 pandemic has hindered our progress. We are planning our next steps as the pandemic fears lessen and safety is assured, but it may not be until the New Year that we can pick up where we left off.

When we do, we're planning on fixing and repairing existing homes, and possibly building more housing in Hitacu.

In the meantime, we are letting residents know they may be eligible for Clean BC rebates as well.

We have been working with the District of Ucluelet, the District of Tofino, Toquaht First Nation and Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation and Parks Canada on a new municipal and public works services agreement.

We've been cross-training our water operations staff as part of a mutual aid agreement where, should there be a crisis in another jurisdiction due to

a situation where someone gets sick with something like COVID-19, a certified operator from another area can be brought in to operate the water and sewage systems. This is something we've been working on for about a year and a half.

Everyone must be certified by the Environmental Operations Certification Program (EOCP) of North America, meaning once they are certified, they can work at facilities all over the continent, like in Vancouver or Las Vegas, for example.

This is a good initiative, which ensures that our people are trained to the highest possible quality standards. Our nation currently has three certified operators, something we've never achieved before, and within our crews we are moving to achieving higher levels within the profession than our neighbours.

We are making sure that our staff members are keeping up to date with professional development education opportunities. For example, Corey Rich from our Economic Development office is currently enrolled in an on-line course from the prestigious Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in Massachusetts. He is studying about investment property and housing, which will help us with our Nation's businesses, plans and future investments.

We're also having staff members studying up on Small Vessel Operations Permits (SVOP), which will help manage our Nation's fleet of vessels.

Each year our Water/waste water operators are increasing our skills and certification to maintain our certifications and move up the ladder within the EOCP certification, for example we took part in groundwater protection training as well as well water safety training, since we need to do professional development concerning water use every year.

We are now at the final draft stage of our first drinking water quality Annual Report for Hitacu, it's a report that is required for all municipalities, however first nations are exempt. We are aiming to do one every year even though we are not technically required to, but to make sure that our operators are doing the same level or better than operators in any city or town in the country. . . .

Our Nation is in the works of implementing a new Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) telephone/teleconferencing system in place that allows us to connect us to our Port Alberni office, Health Centre at Huupatuu and the new Qwyaciikis Child Care Centre, all from one number. The same number we've all become familiar with over the years 250-726-7342 or our toll free number.

It is more efficient, and it will also result in savings to our government operations of \$5,000 per year. We've been able to hold virtual meetings during the pandemic through the TELUS Business Connect Meetings program, which is a part of the new system.

## Service Canada Outreach Support Center Line: 1-877-631-2657

The Outreach Support Center offers form pre-filling assistance by telephone for CPP, CPP disability, OAS, GIS and ALW pension applications.

The pre-filled application and a pre-paid pre-addressed envelope will be mailed to the client for review and signature. This service is there to assist those in your communities who do not have access to the internet or have other barriers to benefits and have questions about Employment Insurance, CERB, Pensions or Social Insurance Number. There is currently little to no delay in talking to someone and they can now assist with some pension applications and CERB applications over the phone.

**Social Insurance Number (eSIN)** People can apply for their social insurance number online, they need to be able to upload images of the front and the backside of their required documents. If they do not include the front and the backside, their online application will be rejected. The link to the online application and instructions for that process and the instructions for mailing and application can be found here: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/sin/apply.html>

People need to provide the following

documents:

- A valid primary document that proves your identity and legal status in Canada, and
- A valid secondary document to confirm

your identity, and

- A proof of address
- For further information, contact Maxime Dubé, Acting Citizen Service

Specialist, Citizen Services Branch, Service Canada/Government of Canada at: via email at: [maxime.dube@serviccanada.gc.ca](mailto:maxime.dube@serviccanada.gc.ca) or by phone: 250-331-4535

## STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

# Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.






[cdc.gov/COVID19](https://cdc.gov/COVID19)

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## Toll Free Number For COVID-19 Questions

**D**r. Rohan Ghatak advises Yuutu?it?ath citizens who may feel they have any COVID-19 symptoms that there is a Toll Free number available to call, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

1-844-901-8442 is the direct toll free number at the Island Health Care Centre, and Dr. Ghatak says that “all callers are screened on the phone and directed to the nearest COVID-19 testing facilities in the community.”

“Anyone living in our community, if they feel they have any of the symptoms of COVID-19, can call this number and get immediate help,” Dr. Ghatak states.



Dr. Rohan Ghatak

Dr. Ghatak also notes that the Lifeguard App has been provided to Ucluelet First Nation citizens.

“It’s a very good App to learn about COVID-19,” he notes. “We are using everything we can in this situation so that COVID-19 does not impact our people so information like this is very helpful.”

Dr. Ghatak states: “I would like the citizens of UFN to know that very soon we are also

going to have a weekly doctor’s clinic in the community to provide support to our people. The date and time of this new venture is to be decided as soon as possible. Any inconvenience due to this delay is regretted.”

## An Important Reminder About Patient Travel

**A** reminder that the Patient Travel files were audited for completion of the paperwork. “Confirmation of Attendance of Appointment” included in your Patient Travel check or any Purchase Orders were missing in some cases.

All Patient Travel clients who receive funds to attend appointments must return the “Confirmation of Attendance of Appointment.” Failure to do so will suspend Patient Travel Assistance in the future and could mean that you will have to attend your appointment at your own expense. Reimbursement will be processed once we have received a “Confirmation of Attendance of Appointment.”

If you have a request to make of Yuutu?it?ath – Ucluelet First Nation with regards to Patient Travel notices – please present the notice to the Yuutu?it?ath Government Office at: 700 Way Road, Hitacu (Ucluelet East) or by fax at (250) 726-7552 7-10 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 Electronic Funds Transfer for urban members to have their Patient Travel Financial Assistance deposited directly to their account granted we receive their banking information.

Required Information on Patient Travel Warrants is the mode of transportation and if someone will be driving you to your appointment, we need their name/address/and telephone number 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.

For further information, contact Carrie George at [carrie.george@ufn.ca](mailto:carrie.george@ufn.ca)

## Benefits Payments To Continue Until The Fall

**C**anada Revenue Agency (CRA) has extended benefit payments until the end of September for those who are unable to file their 2019 tax return on time. For individuals who already receive the Canada child benefit, the GST/HST credit, or both, their estimated payments will be based

on the information from their 2018 tax return.

In addition, this also applies to temporarily extending GIS and Allowance payments if seniors’ 2019 income information has not been assessed.

This will ensure that the most vulnerable population continues to


receive their benefits when they need them the most.

If you are unable to file your clients’ 2019 return in time for it to be assessed by early September 2020, the estimated benefits and/or credits will stop in October 2020. Your client will then be advised to repay the estimated amounts that were issued to them starting in July 2020.

The CRA encourages Canadians

to file their tax returns as soon as possible in order to receive the right amount of benefits based on their 2019 tax return, and in order to ensure continuity of benefits beyond September 2020.

Information about extended filing deadlines for benefit and credit recipients is available at [www.canada.ca](http://www.canada.ca)



### MANAGER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Posted on: Tuesday, June 9, 2020

The Manager of Communications and Public Relations will use a wide range of media to build and sustain positive relationships between the Yuutu?it?ath Government, its citizens and general public through planned publicity campaigns and PR activities. The Manager of Communications and Public Relations is responsible for handling all aspects of planned publicity campaigns and public relations activities.

For a copy of the complete position description, please contact Ashley McCarthy, Administrative Coordinator, by email ([Ashley.Mccarthy@ufn.ca](mailto:Ashley.Mccarthy@ufn.ca))

**EDUCATION/TRAINING/CERTIFICATION**

- ✓ Prefer Bachelor Degree in Public Relations or Media Relations
- ✓ Prefer Minimum of a Two-Year Diploma in a related discipline from a recognized Post-Secondary Institution
- ✓ Prefer Post-Secondary courses or formal training in public relations planning, budgeting, marketing, conflict resolution and event / activity planning
- ✓ Must have successfully completed Grade 12.

**EXPERIENCE**

- ✓ Experience working in Public Relations with First Nations
- ✓ Minimum of four (4) years directly related experience
- ✓ Experience with related computer software, including PowerPoint
- ✓ Experience planning, coordinating, and managing multiple public relations projects and assignments

**How to Apply:** please submit your covering letter, resume and three recent employment references to the attention of the Director of Operations, by email ([employment@ufn.ca](mailto:employment@ufn.ca)), fax (250-726-7552), by mail (P.O. Box 699, Ucluelet, BC, V0R 3A0) or in person (700 Wya Road, Hitacu, BC).

**Closing Date: Friday, July 10, 2020**

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

P.O. BOX 699, UCLUELET, BC, V0R 3A0 [www.ufn.ca](http://www.ufn.ca)

## Indigenous Youth Leadership Opportunity

**A**re you an Indigenous youth community member with a passion for environmental justice?

West Coast Environmental Law is currently seeking three Indigenous youth (aged 19-29) to join our Board of Directors. These youth board positions are meant to support

intergenerational learning, provide opportunities for Indigenous youth to learn about environmental and Indigenous law, and give young leaders a voice in the strategic direction of our organization.

For more information visit <https://www.wcel.org/job-posting/opportunity-indigenous-youth-leaders>

## LPN Sim Gill Arrives In Hitacu

**U**cluelet First Nation’s new Licensed Practical Nurse, Sim Gill, arrived earlier this month and is already meeting with patients.

Sim arrives from Williams Lake, where she attended Thompson Rivers University. Born and raised in India, Sim moved to Williams Lake six years ago where she attended high school, and her family lives in Edmonton and Vancouver.

Sim’s work experience includes working in a long-term care home and in community health care, as well as in a substance abuse program.

“I was always interested in the medical field, and I have wanted to serve a community this way for a long time,” she says. “That’s the reason I chose to work in community health.”

Sim saw the Hitacu position on the internet, and decided to apply, although she had never been to the West Coast.

“It’s my first time here, and it’s beautiful. I love it here,” she says.

Sim is living in Hitacu, and her office is in the Huupatuu building on the waterfront, where office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

“I’ve been working on getting orientated with the First Nations Health Authority, and getting to know other NTC nurses and the area,” she says. “I’ve only met a few community members so far, but I’m hoping to get more involved and meet people. I came to Canada by myself, so it’s nothing new for me to move to a different community and get to know everyone.”

## Samantha Touchie Graduates From LVI

**C**ongratulations to Samantha Touchie, who graduated from Leadership Vancouver Island, an accredited Vancouver Island University program, on June 11.

LVI was guided by local leaders in government, business and non-profit organizations and meetings were held periodically at different locations on the Coast, including online meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic. The graduation was held on Zoom, and was attended by local dignitaries, notes Samantha, the Culture and Heritage Assistant for the Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government. Here's what she has to say about her leadership journey:

"I started this journey being so content in my little box. I struggled stepping outside this box, and I struggled sharing my emotions, my feelings and my thoughts. I struggled letting people in, and I struggled accepting



opportunities that were presented to me because I didn't feel worthy of them. "My first LVI day was on October 17, and I was SO apprehensive. I was already trying to think of ways to cancel, and to get out of the course. I was so nervous and anxious that I was crying. After a few minutes I pulled myself together, and realized a lot of people were counting on me. I took that first step outside my box and drove to Tofino Botanical Gardens. I met the most amazing people, and they were so supportive, kind and understanding, and I realized I had nothing to be afraid of. They made my first step feel safe, and I felt secure.

"I left Tofino crying again – this time they were tears of happiness and fulfillment. After a few months I'd come home and tell my mom about my day, about the opportunities I was accepting, and she'd state how proud

she was of me, and how she can see this course was helping me grow. I was letting people in, I was stepping outside my box, I was accepting opportunities, and I was feeling happy.

"My goal this entire journey was to be someone my mom would be proud of. Someone my grandma would be proud of. Someone my Nation would be proud of. We've had so many amazing ladies graduate from this course, and I hope to see several more ladies (and gentlemen!) take this course. "Believe me when I say I was the LAST person who would've wanted to do this course – and believe me when I say this .. IT IS SO WORTH IT! Cheers to glowing and growing, and I hope to see more Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ members graduating from LVI."

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## New Measures To Protect Killer Whales

**A**s of June 1, 2020 boaters must keep 400 metres away from killer whales (with some exceptions) in southern British Columbia coastal waters between Campbell River and just north of Ucluelet. **Canadian Pacific waters**

Year round, boaters must keep 200m away from all killer whales, except when in southern B.C. coastal waters between Campbell River and just north of Ucluelet.

Voluntary measures include observance of a Voluntary Fishing

Avoidance Zone: Stop fishing within 1000m of killer whales; Slow down to 7 knots or less when within 1000m of the nearest marine mammal; Turn off echosounders and fish finders when not in use; and Place engine in neutral idle and allow animals to

pass if your vessel is not in compliance with the approach distance regulations.

For further information contact Manager of Fisheries & Wildlife Jonquill Crosby at 250-726-7342 Ext. 215.

### Ceremonial And Cultural Activities Allowed

**A**ll Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ citizens have the right to practice ceremonial and cultural activities, and traditional harvesting within the parks.

Manager of Culture & Heritage/Archaeologist **Carey Cunneyworth** says if you would like to access a closed area of the park, please contact the culture and heritage department, and they will arrange to have the gates opened for you.

To arrange access, you will need to know what location you would like access to and what time you plan on entering and exiting, as the gates will be locked behind you. Please give us as much advanced notice as possible before your trip. One day in advance is recommended.

Social distancing must be followed while in the park as well as travelling to/from.

For information, email: [carey.cunneyworth@ufn.ca](mailto:carey.cunneyworth@ufn.ca) or call him at 250-726-8585.

### Critical Forecast Sockeye Salmon

**S**adly, sockeye stocks are forecast as Critical so far this year, Manager of Fisheries & Wildlife Jonquill Crosby states.

As mandated by Fisheries and Oceans Canada (under Conservation restriction for the species), currently there is no fishery for Sockeye Salmon, including zero allocation for Barkley Sound Somass Sockeye under the Maanulth Treaty.

This may change in-season, stay-tuned for updates.

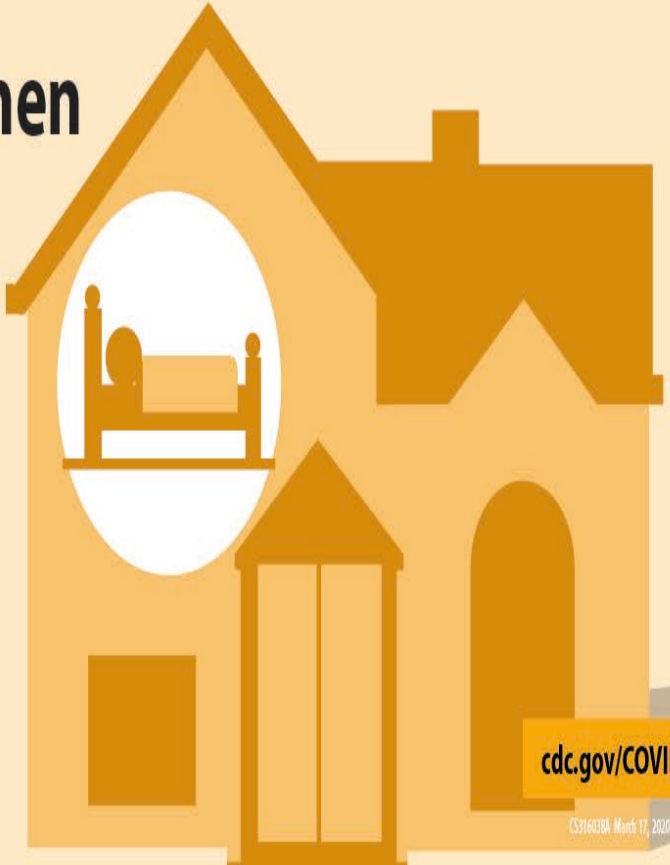
All other salmon species are harvestable currently. There is a strict harvest limit and requirement to submit DNA samples for Ocean Chinook (1 nm outside the surfline) until July 15, 2020.


Harvest ID applications for Fish, Wildlife, Migratory Bird Harvest, and Harvest with in Parks/PRNPR are found at [www.ufn.ca](http://www.ufn.ca). Questions can be sent to Jonquill at: [jonquill.crosby@ufn.ca](mailto:jonquill.crosby@ufn.ca)

## STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

# Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.





[cdc.gov/COVID19](https://cdc.gov/COVID19)

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## Virtual Doctor Program Now Available

If you need a doctor, the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) has introduced a new program that makes them one phone call away.

The First Nations Virtual Doctor of the Day is available through 1-855-344-3800.

The service is easy to use for clients who call the central number to schedule an online visit/consultation. It is hosted by Zoom (www.zoom.us/), which is available to clients on their mobile

phones, tablets and laptop computers.

The virtual call service operates seven days per week from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for clients currently impacted by COVID-19 who are unable to reach their regular primary care provider, or do not have one.

All BC First Nations citizens and their family members living on reserve and away from home are eligible for the service.

There are a number of physicians available for Vancouver Island. They include Doctors

Jessica Tamura-Wells, Laura MacKinnon, Wendy Ross, Karin Kilpatrick, Rebecca Howse, Chris Collins, Morgan Lindsay, Jim Mander, David Whittaker, Dana Hubler and Kelsey Louie.

FNHA is continually working to make access to primary health care easier for First Nations people and

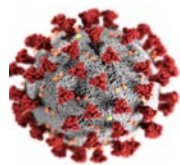
their families. One way they do this is through eHealth. eHealth is the use of information and communication technologies to improve health and wellness. There are many eHealth tools that can support health services for First Nations communities.

The First Nations Virtual Doctor of the Day enables BC First Nations people and their families with limited or no access to their own doctors or

nurse practitioners to make virtual appointments. The intent of the program is to enable more BC First Nations people and their families to access primary health care closer to home.

The FNHA eHealth team is a small group of passionate people who are dedicated in transforming the health and wellness of all First Nations to have access to health care wherever they live in the province.

## What you should know about COVID-19 to protect yourself and others



### Know about COVID-19

- Coronavirus (COVID-19) is an illness caused by a virus that can spread from person to person.
- The virus that causes COVID-19 is a new coronavirus that has spread throughout the world.
- COVID-19 symptoms can range from mild (or no symptoms) to severe illness.



### Know how COVID-19 is spread

- You can become infected by coming into close contact (about 6 feet or two arm lengths) with a person who has COVID-19. COVID-19 is primarily spread from person to person.
- You can become infected from respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks.
- You may also be able to get it by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it, and then by touching your mouth, nose, or eyes.



### Protect yourself and others from COVID-19

- There is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19. The best way to protect yourself is to avoid being exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19.
- Stay home as much as possible and avoid close contact with others.
- Wear a cloth face covering that covers your nose and mouth in public settings.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.



### Practice social distancing

- Buy groceries and medicine, go to the doctor, and complete banking activities online when possible.
- If you must go in person, stay at least 6 feet away from others and disinfect items you must touch.
- Get deliveries and takeout, and limit in-person contact as much as possible.



### Prevent the spread of COVID-19 if you are sick

- Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Avoid public transportation, ride-sharing, or taxis.
- Separate yourself from other people and pets in your home.
- There is no specific treatment for COVID-19, but you can seek medical care to help relieve your symptoms.
- If you need medical attention, call ahead.



### Know your risk for severe illness

- Everyone is at risk of getting COVID-19.
- Older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions may be at higher risk for more severe illness.

## State Of Emergency Remains For Nation

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to drawdown emergency measures as it navigates these uncertain times. Hitacu was closed to the general public on March 23.

The Government office has been opened to limited traffic since June 1, and all visitors must follow the safety procedures clearly marked within the building, including social distancing, wearing masks, sanitizing and hand washing.

President McCarthy states "we continue take our response to the pandemic day-to-day and week-to-week. Things are not going to look the same for a while and every single one of us must do our part to ensure that we get through this safely.

