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Boat Safety And Operation Program Exciting And Informative



Yuułu?it?ath citizens enjoyed the Small Vessel Operator Proficiency Course. Photos by Melody Charlie

Open ocean water on the west coast of Vancouver Island is very beautiful – and dangerous. Better predicting changing conditions, mitigating hazards, and navigating with confidence are all attributes of a great boat Captain and a safe boating experience.

Yuułu?it?ath citizens received expert instruction on boat safety and operation this June and July through a Small Vessel Operator Proficiency

(SVOP) course (with MED-A3 and Marine Radio) presented by Capt. Tom Van Wyck of Datum Marine Services Ltd. of Tofino.

Jonquil Crosby, Manager of Fisheries & Wildlife, arranged for the courses and practical, on-the-water training. This featured seven days of hands-on instruction, including being behind the wheel of each of Datum's three training vessels, as well as UFN's vessel, Nahmint 5.

The courses were open to YG staff and community members, as an opportunity to familiarize with the Nahmint 5, provide greater confidence on local waters and gain certification for future job opportunities.

"Having coordinated, but also being a participant in the course, it was fantastic to see the motivation in everyone to get out on the water," says Jonquil. "There were 20 participants in total, ranging

in age from youth to elders, all with an array of marine vessel experience.

"It was moving to hear the stories of historical gathering and traditional harvest areas, being on the water with family, and of reconnecting with seasonal abundance. I would definitely encourage citizens to take the opportunity to participate in future courses and get out on the water as much as they can."

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Visitor Temperature Checks Required At Cixwatin

Starting on August 27, Visitors entering the hitaču Cixwatin Centre must follow the entrance requirements, including a temperature check.

We thank everyone in advance for their cooperation.

The State of Emergency that was instituted at the end of March continues under the new COVID-19 Transition Act, which was enacted by the Yuułu?it?ath Government Legislature on August 19.

As the Yuułu?it?ath Government has a responsibility to protect the health, safety and welfare of Yuułu?it?ath citizens, including preparing for, responding to and recovering from public health emergencies, the Yuułu?it?ath Government enacted this Act to ensure that all existing Orders continue to remain in effect and to ensure your government can take extra measures to maintain and protect the citizens. Since March, the Yuułu?it?ath

Government enacted the YG Emergency Response Act, amended the Compliance Notice and Ticket Regulation, enacted eight Orders of the Executive and 18 Orders of the President (Re: Access to hitaču and State of Emergency Orders), and developed two policies in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

All COVID-19 safety procedures and measures put in place by the Provincial Health Officer remain in effect for all

those residing on or visiting Yuułu?it?ath lands, notes President Chuck McCarthy.

All visitors to the Government office must follow the safety procedures clearly marked within the building, including social distancing and wearing masks.

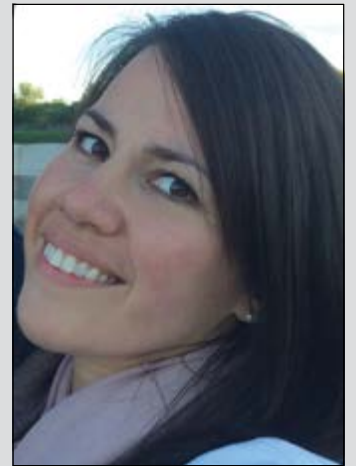
President McCarthy points out that "we continue to take our response to the pandemic week-to-week. Every one of us must do our part to ensure that we get through this safely."

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Protocols In Place For Public Meetings

Operating during the COVID-19 pandemic has brought all types of adjustments to the regular working day in the Yuulu?i?ath government offices.

We've added temperature checks for visitors to the office, along with our usual health and social distance protocols. Now we are taking the next step, as we have our first meetings since the pandemic started.

This Thursday, an All Candidates Meeting will be held at the Cixwatin Centre in hitacu, and this will be our first official meeting with multiple people in the gymnasium. The protocols we have been using will be in effect.

We are also preparing for the General Assembly meeting on Sept. 14, which is the first Assembly we've held since the pandemic. We have



Suzanne Williams
DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

sent out a list of procedures for the meeting to all citizens, and delivered packages to homes in hitacu. It includes 'Zoom etiquette', how to vote and how to send in questions, and we hope to get a good response.

It is a continual learning curve, and we are sure we will receive even better ways to meet this way, which is important because this will be how we meet for the next while, as the pandemic continues.

We are also working on an assessment report to see how our response has been during the pandemic, and we are currently reviewing all of the actions the government has taken since March. We want to know how we've performed and how we can improve, and know the information will get us ready for the expected

second wave.

We are excited that our new Manager of Communications and Public Relations, **Melissa Boucha**, has officially started. We've been busy helping getting her familiar with our various departments during the onboarding process.

We also hope to have our new Director of Lands and Resources position filled within the next month, as we continue to fill our key positions in the government office.

We have been working on several important policy documents with our HR consultant in respect to employees and management relations, and we are nearing completion. The pandemic set us back a few months, but we're now reviewing the documents in preparation of a final draft.

It's been a long, but worthwhile and very valuable process that we believe will positively affect our employees as we move forward.

Over the upcoming months, we will continue to work on our emergency response plans, and prepare to get our emergency operations team trained and up and running. We're excited about how things have been progressing, and there is a lot of enthusiasm regarding the process and we look forward to seeing what it will all look like when the plans and training are completed.

Our goal is to make sure the plans are clear and well communicated, so that our citizens are confident and informed about what they can do, and what the government will do, in cases of emergency.

There is still work to do before we can fully implement our plans to bring our main health services in-house at hitacu, and operate independently from the Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council. The goal is to be fully independent by the start of the next fiscal year, and much of what we need to do internal. We are confident that we will be ready!

CALL FOR NUU-CHAH-NULTH ARTISTS *Deadline extended*

The Usma Canoe Family is in need of a logo to symbolize the beginning of something great, "u-ik-yuk" meaning "be the good story" in Nuuchahnulth language. The winning artist will receive an honorarium of \$500. The Usma Canoe family will reserve the right to be the sole user of the winning design. Please submit designs before **September 11, 2020** via email to leisa.hassall@nuuchahnulth.org or drop off at Usma reception 4000 Stamp Ave, Port Alberni.

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Back To School Sept. 10: Time To Register!

Schools are reopening September 10, so it is important to ensure that your children are registered.

As the September school start up approaches, it is understandable many families are uncertain about what plans are being made and how safe their children will be due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation.

School District 70 has submitted their start-up plan to the BC Ministry for Education, and expects this to receive approval and be available to families starting on August 26. It will detail what families can expect for their children/youth as school gets underway on September 10.

Health and safety for students and staff will be the first priority, and this will necessitate changes to what school will look like compared to the recent past.

For a detailed look at the most current information about the BC

Government Back to School Plan for September visit:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/covid-19-return-to-school>

The situation is fluid and subject to change. One step families can take is to contact the school to ensure your child is registered, and, if you know, inform the school how your child will be traveling to and from school.

Teacher numbers are based on student registrations, so even if you cannot commit to your child physically returning on Sept. 10, it is important to register so SD70 knows and can plan related to numbers registered.

Ucluelet Secondary School and Ucluelet Elementary School will be communicating with families as soon as they have new information to share.

For further information, contact Education Support Worker Adam Gleeson at: adam.gleeson@ufn.ca.

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"THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO LOWER OUR GUARD."

- DR. SHANNON MCDONALD
ACTING CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

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SVOP Training Reconnects Citizens With Ocean

We are still hearing good reports about the Small Vessel Operator Proficiency (SVOP) course that some of our citizens participated in last month.

Capt. Tom Van Wyck of Datum Marine Services Ltd. of Tofino and his team did a great job of training our people in the safe operation of vessels.

Having been on the ocean all my life and operating my own boats on the ocean, I know how much I enjoy it, and it's great to see others be trained so well. Good training gives new boat operators confidence, and with that knowledge, the experiences they will have on the water will be much more pleasant.

There's nothing like a warm day out on the ocean, under blue skies and light, if any winds blowing. Nothing beats that. But it's quite another thing to be out in a gale force storm under dark, cloudy skies, being pelted with the rain and no land in sight.

That's when knowing how to operate a vessel safely proves to be most helpful, and really, it's a matter of survival. So the SVOP training is more than enjoyable – it's really going to help a lot of our citizens in the days and years to come if they decide to continue exploring the ocean.



Chuck McCarthy
PRESIDENT

In my view the SVOP training is one step in our people's return to the ocean. It's been the lifeblood of our people for time immemorial, and it is our hope that the students now realize they can take courses like this to return to the ocean, with the benefit of modern equipment.

I grew up on the ocean, and I'm still out there. All of our kids, including our daughters, fish, so they are resource harvesters in the ocean. They all grew up on the boat, as I did. And I'm still there!

We are very pleased to see the interest in learning our language continuing to grow.

It's all evolving, and there are a number of students involved now, and we know that will grow over time. Like anything else, it will take time, but it will come to fruition in the next few years. I am confident of that.

The language teachers are energetic and pretty excited about where we're going with the program. It's taken a number of years to get this started, and it continues to evolve as it moves along.

As our younger people become more exposed to our language, hopefully they will become much more fluent for the future, and

maybe even teach it themselves!

We continue to work on a number of important issues at the legislature, including examining options for housing improvement. Our ongoing move towards bringing our health services home to Hitacu continues to move forward, even though it has obviously been slowed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

It will happen, and timing is important, but we all recognize the need to be able to have control over our health services to look after our children and elders in particular. We need strong mental health support here, and when the transition is completed and we move away from direct Nuuchah-Nulth Tribal Council control, our citizens will benefit and will be able to be cared for much quicker. That will happen, and we look forward to it.

Another project the government has been working on for a few years is getting closer to happening – free Telus WiFi for our Hitacu community.

Improved connectivity will help everyone, and we will all be able to get on the internet faster to do what we need to do. With this new era we're living in where more and more meetings are being held online, it is very important that this now vital service is improved.

This is especially important for our young people who are attending school, but need to do more programs online due to pandemic restrictions. They won't have to worry about keeping pace with other students, as the information they need to learn will be available when they need it, at any time. It's so important for them to keep pace in this ever changing world!

Don't forget to vote on the by-election on September 12 to replace Joyce Patrick, who passed away earlier this summer, in the Legislature. There are five candidates to choose from: Larry Baird, Les Doiron, Geraldine Touchie, Kimberly Touchie and Rose Touchie, so this is your chance to select who you want to join our Nation's elected leadership team.

All Candidates Meeting Sept. 3 For By-election

A total of five candidates have put their names in for the September 12 by-election to become a Member of the Legislature of the Yuulu?it?ath Government.

An All Candidates Meeting is set for September 3 at the Cix?atin Centre gymnasium in hitacu, from 6-8 p.m. Those attending the event will be required to wear a mask and gloves while in the Centre, and PPE will be provided if required.

Candidates are: **Larry Baird, Les Doiron, Geraldine Touchie, Kimberly Touchie and Rose Touchie.**


Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, a State of Emergency is in effect and the following measures have been implemented:

- There will be no in-person voting and no polling stations will be established.

- Electronic voting, including internet and telephone voting, will be available to all eligible voters. PIN numbers and instructions will be mailed to all voters.

- Mail-in ballots will be available to all voters and a mail-in package will be sent to all voters.

Electronic voting will be open from 12:01 a.m. on Sept. 5 to 8 p.m. on Sept. 12. Mail-in ballots must be received the Chief Electoral Officer **Kit Spence**. Counting and announcement of results will take place at Government House in hitacu on Sept. 12.



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In accordance with Yuulu?it?ath Law

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

The Hitacu Assembly is scheduled as follows:

Date:	Monday, September 14, 2020
Time:	3:00 P.M.
Location:	Zoom (Details to be provided)

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:

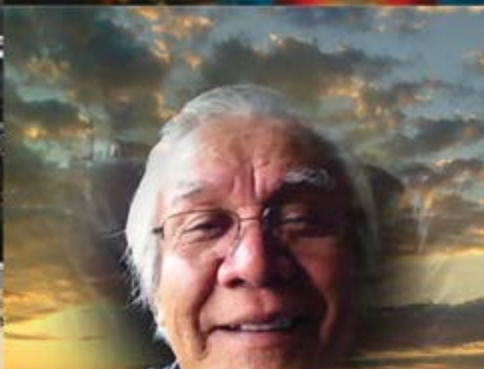
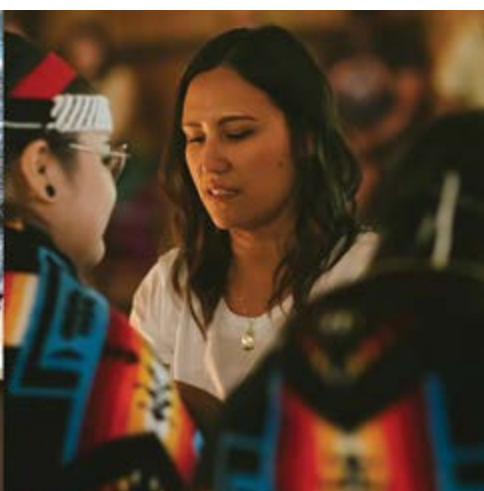
1. Meeting called to order
2. Opening/Welcoming Remarks/Acknowledgements
3. Motion and discussion to adopt the agenda
4. Executive Reports
5. Administration Updates
6. General Q & A
7. Other:
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
8. Adjournment

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(All SVOP Photographs By Melody Charlie Photography)



Good Medicine

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Those who participated in the training enjoyed the experience, while learning valuable skills on the water and in the classroom.

Jada Touchie, 16, is but one example of how successful the training sessions were. After six days of training, she confidently and comfortably navigated a boat at top speed and through rough water as if she was a life-long veteran.

"The course is really hands-on. We were out on the boat the first day, and that really helped. We were able to experience all of the different boats they have," she says. "I was nervous at first, but once we got on board it was fine. Being able to do it in our harbor, at home, is a big part of the course. "I really enjoyed it. We really found out how to improve," she adds. "My family has spent lots of time on the water, and we grew up on the beach."

Others who participated shared their thoughts:

Isaac Cook: "We're learning about the charts. We went out for two days in a row during the night. We're learning about how to throttle down and up while going into the waves, and docking. It's fun."

Sandra Louie: "It's awesome. I used to go fishing with my father, and

we're learning about navigation and marine charts."

Lindsay McCarthy: "It's good to see the younger ones learning to navigate a boat in our territory."

Nathan LaFortune: "It's pretty awesome. We're learning a lot, and it helps us feel confident about being out on the water."

SVOP is a Transport Canada certification program for how to operate a Small Commercial Boat less than 5 Tonnes for Passenger and Cargo boats such as Crew boats, Work boats, Sport-fishing, Whale-watching and less than 15 Gross Tonnes for Commercial Fishing boats.

SVOP classes require 26 hours of classroom time over a 4-day period, and participants must attend the whole course to pass. There is a multiple choice exam at the end of the course.

The indoor portion of the UFN course covered cold water/hypothermia, weather, tides, ropework, aids to navigation (buoys and lights), charts, latitude/longitude course exercises, safe working practices, emergency situations, and how to abandon ship in the morning.

In the afternoon it was out on the water, where students were taught how to do boat checks and learned about towing and running lights, as well as wave mitigation: How to

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ride big waves carefully and safely, and “slaloming”, or running with the waves. They also took trips around the area, including through the Broken Group islands.

Captain Tom has 10 years of experience teaching various federal government organizations as a contractor, and conducts classes up and down the B.C. coast and across Western Canada for Transport Canada. COVID-19 restrictions disrupted the company’s usual summer schedule, and they were able to adjust and add training for UFN members.

“These are very special courses as usually students do not get the chance to go out on boats,” he notes. “Instead of shifting to online training, for COVID 19 safety we have worked with smaller classes during the mornings, and physically distanced training on boats in the afternoons or evenings to re-enforce the theoretical concepts.

“Many people are kinesthetic learners, so the hands-on approach is best.”

Besides SVOP, Datum offers MED-Aid 3, Man Overboard, VHF Radio, Advanced Radar and GPS courses. Because of the interest from UFN, more courses may be available for citizens this summer.

“These courses are designed as a way to get our students to think on the fly and use their observations and think their way out of problems on

the water,” says Captain Tom. “We use games to simulate the pressure of situations by doing a fun and competitive game.

“In an advanced course, we’ll probably put someone in a wetsuit and teach people how to bring a real person into a boat.

“We use games to simulate the pressure of situations by doing a fun

and competitive game.”

Captain Tom has visited every single village associated with the Nuu-Chah-Nulth language group in Canada.

“Our instructors can come to your village and run the class right where it is convenient for the members of your community,” he states on their www.marinetrainingbc.com website. “We continue to deliver professional,

value added, flexible, top quality training and have received high recommendations.

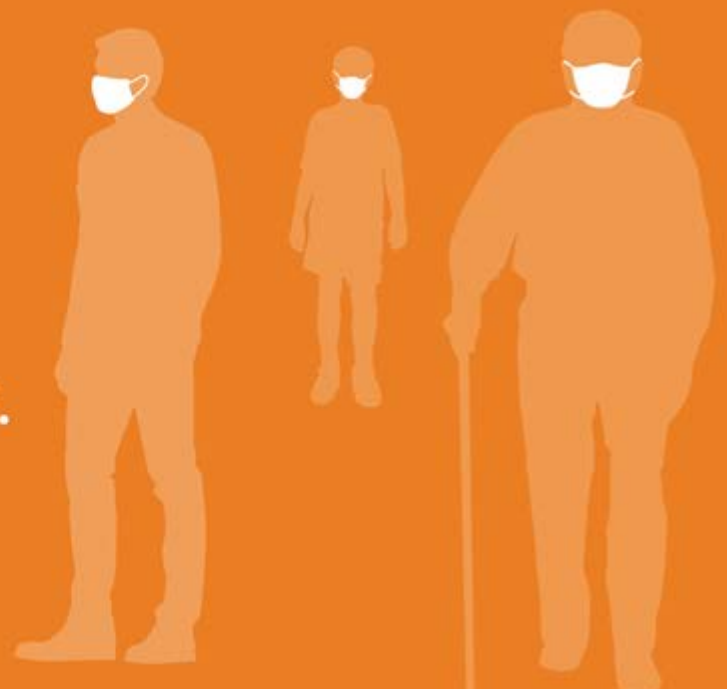
“We want everyone to be excellent on the water, as a rising tide floats all boats,” adds Captain Tom, whose calm and patient demeanor is clearly appreciated by students. “The excellence of a captain is how little power they use, not how much.”

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WEAR A MASK
WHEN YOU CAN'T
PHYSICALLY DISTANCE.



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New Manager of Communications and Public Relations Arrives

Yuułuṭiḥṭaḥ's new Manager of Communications and Public Relations has arrived, and she's looking forward to listen, learn and share.

Melissa Boucha officially started on August 17, arriving from **Black Rock Oceanfront Resort**, where she was worked since 2013, first as Human Resources Manager, and since 2018, Sales and Marketing Manager and Marketing Director.

"I am excited to learn and grow with the Yuułuṭiḥṭaḥ, and I am looking forward to meet with department managers and local citizens to engage in their immediate 'why,'" she states. "I am interested in sustainable growth and economic activities, and about land preservation knowledge and safety.

"I am open to learning the language and gaining a hands-on experience when and where possible," she adds. "The current programs and direction of the Yuułuṭiḥṭaḥ are extremely valuable. Culture is a very vital aspect for the Yuułuṭiḥṭaḥ, Ucluelet and the surrounding areas, and the knowledge and stories for all surrounding citizens is essential. The story needs to be told."

Melissa is a 2015 graduate of the **Leadership Vancouver Island** program, studied Commerce at **Camosun College** in Victoria, and earned a diploma in Fashion Merchandising from the **Blanche Macdonald Center for Applied Design** in Vancouver. She is also

an accomplished seamstress with her own hobby company, **House of Missy Jayne**, which features locally designed and handmade quality clothing.

By her own admission, Melissa never sits still, as she is always occupied with some activity. She has a number of hobbies, and loves to hike and camp – anything outdoors, really.

"I am very creative by nature," she notes. "I bake and cook, and have ongoing recipe books of new or altered creations. I still design and sew, and create anything from scrunchies to clothes, to throw pillows. I also design on request or take seamstress projects.

Melissa's West Coast roots are deep and extensive. Born in Tofino and raised in Ucluelet, she played basketball for the **USS Warriors** and played percussion in band and jazz while at Ucluelet Senior Secondary School.

"I could not wait to graduate and leave Ucluelet," she recalls. "But by the time I reached 26, I realized how important and pristine it is here. Though I visited every holiday and opportunity I had, I began to miss all things small town: the beaches, the people, my family and friends who never left or moved back, and gradually picked up my life in Victoria and moved back."

Melissa also has an extensive background in large scale production and events through not only **Black Rock**, but while at **Bear Mountain Resort** in Langford, where she worked with

Hockey Canada, and was involved in numerous signature events, including the **Telus Skins Game**, featuring well-known PGA Tour competitors. Melissa was a Production Assistant and Volunteer Recruitment Manager for Rifflandia through (then) TNT Productions and had the opportunity to work beside a few known indie/pop Bands, such as **Modest Mouse** and **Mother Mother**.

Melissa recently connected with a relative who is former **National Hockey League** player **Henry Boucha**, where she was given her documented family lineage. Her father's late brother, **Dave Boucha**, is a former Yuułuṭiḥṭaḥ resident.

"I am looking forward to re-ignite those roots," she says. "My mother came to Ucluelet in the late 70's with my aunt and some friends, some of whom are still living here. My mom's surname is **Vanderhoek**, which is what I went by growing up and through school, until post-secondary school."

Participating in LVI under **Ricardo Manmohan** helped shape her understanding and appreciation for Yuułuṭiḥṭaḥ culture on the coast.

"I became more familiar with, and recognizing the significance of my story," she recalls. "Since then, I have been waiting for an opportunity to become more involved. I am grateful to have come across this position, and even more grateful to have been given this opportunity."



Melissa Boucha at the Granby Zoo

"It is extremely important for me, having grown up in Ucluelet and watching the growth of tourism, that we maintain the tradition and the stories of the Yuułuṭiḥṭaḥ of our community," she states, adding she has served on the board of **Ucluelet Tourism**. "This information cannot be lost. I am looking forward to hearing, sharing and discussing stories about our heritage and culture."

COVID-19 Stimulus Development Fund Available

Indigenous Tourism Association of Canada (ITAC) recognizes that during these uncertain times, the shared singular focus in 2020-2021 must be on COVID-19 recovery and preparing for future tourism seasons.

ITAC launched the COVID-19 Stimulus Fund to assist Indigenous tourism operators to invest in measures which minimize the impact of COVID-19. The first program intake ran between April 7-30. On June 11, **Marc Miller**, Minister of Indigenous Services, announced an additional \$16 million for a new stimulus development fund to support the Indigenous tourism industry. This funding will be delivered by the Indigenous Tourism Association of Canada. As a result of this announcement, a second intake will launch on August 19 and run until September 9.

Existing applicants do not need to submit a new application. Existing applicants must complete a Declaration form and are required

to upload a COVID-19 Recovery Plan and project budget, in order to finalize their original April 2020 application. This supplemental information must be submitted by September 09.

New applicants that have not previously applied for the COVID-19 Stimulus Fund for their business will need to submit a full application, including the Declaration, COVID-19 Recovery Plan and project budget. One application only can be submitted per business. Applications must be submitted by September 9.

As part of the process to apply for funding, businesses will be asked to describe the project for which they need funding assistance. The project must be specific to helping an Indigenous tourism business recover from COVID-19. Applicants must declare:

The business has been in operation since October 1, 2019;

The business has been solvent, financially viable, and not declared bankrupt prior to the onset of

economic disruptions associated with COVID-19;

The business currently is and expects it will continue to operate with a reduction in revenues over the coming months, as a result of COVID-19; and,

The financial support will help prevent layoffs, bankruptcy or permanent closure.

Eligibility for this program is restricted to Canadian Indigenous tourism businesses who are at least 51% owned by Indigenous entrepreneurs or Indigenous development corporations.

There are limited funds available and therefore the funding amount for anyone applicant will be up to a maximum of \$25,000. Due to the high volume of applications anticipated, an offer less than the full requested amount may be considered.

Questions can be directed to **Crystal Quocksister** at crystal@itotem.ca.

Precautionary Water Conservation In Effect

Due to warming weather conditions and Provincial weather forecasts indicating above average drought conditions for the west coast of Vancouver Island, we are asking residents of hitaču to monitor daily usage to help conserve community water.

By monitoring daily water consumption, residents of hitaču will help delay any future mandatory water restrictions, due to the anticipated stretch of dry, hot weather.

Here are a few tips to reduce water consumption:

- Take a shower instead of a bath.
- Turn off the hose while washing the car or during any outdoor household maintenance.
- Run sprinklers for a few hours in the morning

or evening when watering your lawn.

- Make sure all outside faucets are turned off.
 - Check all indoor and outdoor faucets and pipes for leaks and drips.
 - Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth or shaving.
 - Turn off the tap while washing dishes (when not rinsing).
 - Refrain from running the dishwasher with less than full loads.
 - Refrain from running the laundry with less than full loads.
- These water conservation practices will help our Nation reduce water usage while ensuring we are maintaining safe levels for community use and fire protection.
- Thank you for supporting water conservation in hitaču.

Nuu-chah-nulth Story Tellers Provide Online Workshop



Elders Bob and Vi Mundy

Elders Bob and Vi Mundy, and Geneva Touchie and Samantha Touchie shared stories in both Nuuchah-nulth dialects and English in “Story Weavers – A Memoir Workshop” on August 30, a free Zoom presentation sponsored by the Federation of British Columbia Writers (FBCW) and the province of British Columbia.

An article in *The Westerly* newspaper noted that the presentations are part of a memoir workshop on keeping history and tradition by memoir writing, hosted by FBCW board member and Nuuchah-nulth member Randy Fred.

“I know Bob and Vi’s priorities, and for many years have been aware of different projects in Nuuchah-nulth territory preserving and working at teaching the language,” Fred told *The Westerly*, adding that there are more resources than ever

for preserving language and history. “Technology today makes it much easier to catalogue and store materials and promote them so they will be used,” he added. FBCW went online after the COVID-19 pandemic, and programming is expected to increase in September to include writing and reading events that will be free to the public and available almost every day.

A question and answer session followed the presentation.

Jeneva noted the importance of learning and retaining the language, by stating “Our language is history that enables us to connect to our ancestors and guides us in our futures.”

The public can register for Story Weavers events for free at bcwriters.ca and they will be sent a link to the Zoom videoconferencing event.

Briefs

Looking For Committee Members

The Yuułu?i?ath Government has vacancies on the following committees:

- Economic Development Committee – 1;
- Treaty Implementation Committee – 2;
- Finance Committee – 1;
- Citizenship and Enrolment Committee – 2;
- Community Consultative Group – 5.

For a copy of the terms of reference for the committees, please contact Ashley McCarthy, Interim Law Clerk, by emailing Ashley.mccarty@ufn.ca

To apply, please see the Committee Application form posted at www.ufn.ca

Online Driver’s L Training Available

Teams at Nuuchahnulth Employment & Training Program (NETP) and Pre-employment Supports (PES) have some exciting news to share: We are hosting an online driver’s ‘L’ training to prepare our clients to do their class 7L exam on Sept. 8-9.

The ad in this issue of the Umacuk contains information about the program, and if you have any questions please contact NETP at (250) 723-1331.

Hasaas Film Available For Viewing

The Yuułu?i?ath Department of Culture & Heritage is excited to present a film account of the great Yuułu?i?ath warrior Hasaas, as told by Nanim?saq?asčišt Tyson Touchie. This film is made for the Yuułu?i?ath

people and community and can be found on the UFN website, www.ufn.ca, under the Department of Culture and Heritage.

We hope you enjoy and please share with your family and friends. The film is produced by Dendrite Studios.

Bear Spray Workshop

A bear spray workshop will be held in hitacu on August 31 at 1 p.m. (outside the Cixwatin Centre.

To register email: hitacu-macoah@wildsafebc.com

Visitors Require Temperature Check

Starting on August 27, all visitors entering the hitacu Cixwatin Cixwatin Center must follow the entrance requirements, including a temperature check.

We thank everyone in advance for their cooperation. Kleco, kleco

My Records, My Choice Notice Program

The Indian Residential Schools Adjudication Secretariat helps coordinate the Notice Program: My Records, My Choice program for former students of residential schools who had a claim in either the Independent Assessment Process (IAP) or the earlier Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) process.

Christine Tansey from the Secretariat recently shared important information about the former students’ rights to choose what happens with their IAP or ADR records.

The information is available through their informational website: www.myrecordsmychoice.ca

and on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/My-Records-My-Choice>

Christine can be contacted at (306) 790-3111 for further information.

Your first step to independence

Driver’s L Workshop

Online Delivery—all NTC regions

Date: September 8 & 9th

Time: 10am—2:30pm (includes break)

Location: Zoom

Many of today’s job require licensed drivers and this gives you a head start

PRE-EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS PROGRAM (PES) & NUU-CHAH-NULTH EMPLOYMENT TRAINING PROGRAM (NETP)

NETP & PES—Driver’s L will prepare you to take your Class 7L Written Test. This is to obtain your Learner’s Permit. Participants will need to have a clean driver’s abstract. You will need to have a working knowledge of zoom and preferably zoom client installed. You will also need to have a laptop and internet access with bandwidth.

After completion, there may be supports available to take your test, it is subject to availability from ServiceBC or ICBC office in your area. You may need to book ahead of time and will need valid identification according to ICBC guidelines.

Seats are Limited email today

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Health through wellness

Stay Strong. Stay the Course.

Protect yourself and your loved ones



Wash your hands frequently for at least 20 seconds.

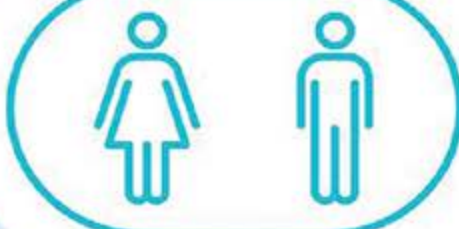


Maintain physical distancing.

Avoid gathering in large numbers.



Wear a mask whenever physical distancing is not possible.



Be cautious if you expand your bubble.

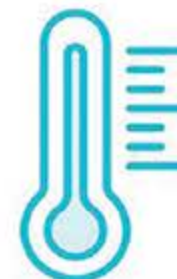


If you feel unwell, stay home.

Be kind to each other.



Testing is available for those who need it, but not everyone needs to be tested.



“ This is not the time to lower our guard. What we’ve been doing is working. Keep it up! ”

– Dr. Shannon McDonald
FNHA Acting Chief Medical Officer