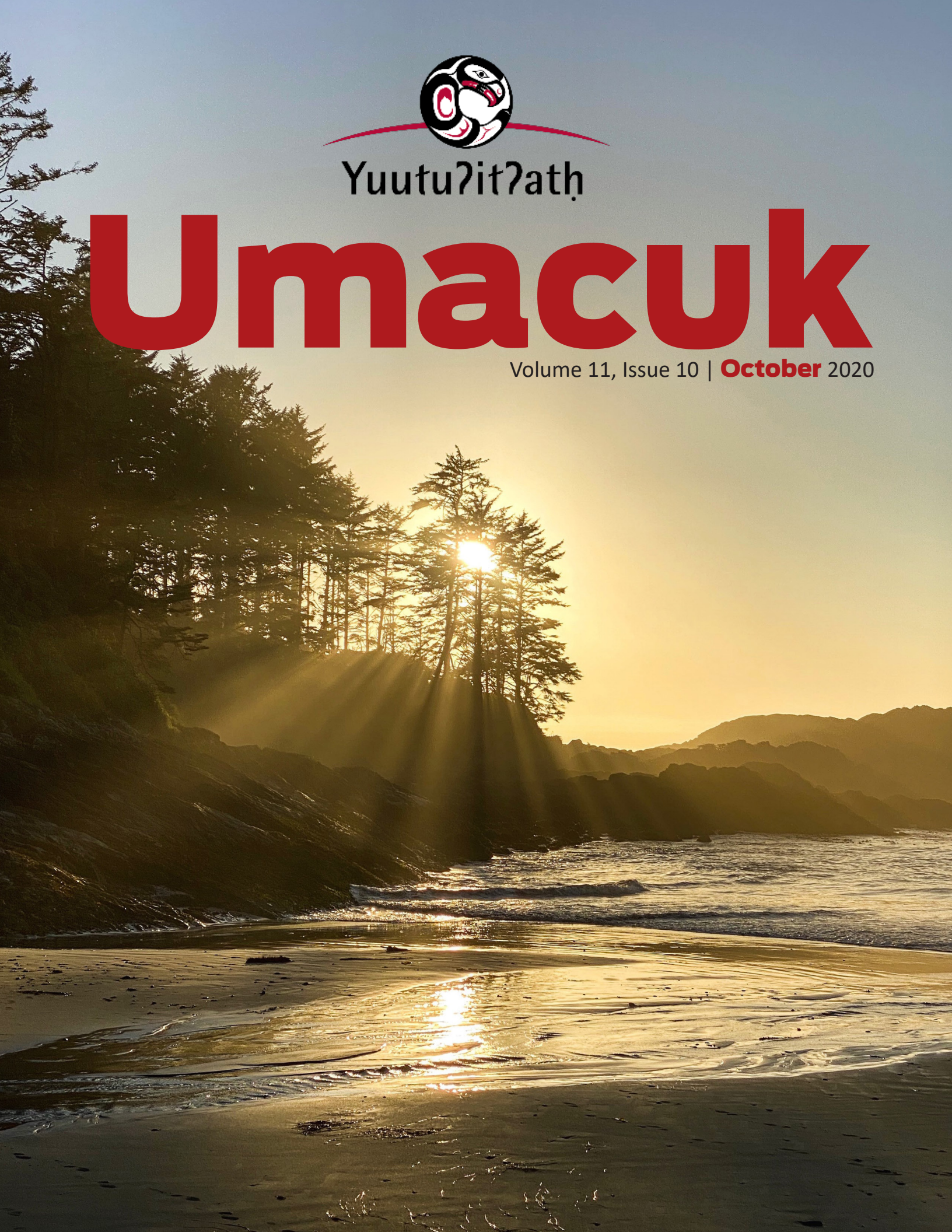




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Back row, left to right: Councillors Rachelle Cole, Marilyn McEwen, Lara Kemps, Jennifer Hoar
Front row, left to right: Mayor Mayco Noel, Yuutu?if?ath President Charles McCarthy

President's Message

Tuesday, October 13, 2020. A milestone day for the Yuutu?if?ath Government where we were welcomed to present the Yuutu?if?ath flag, to the Mayor and Council of the District of Ucluelet, in a Government flag raising ceremony. The flag ceremony represents the District's dedication to the UNDRIP, United Nations Declaration of the Rights on Indigenous People, and for the Yuutu?if?ath logo represents our overall success following the time that our dedicated team put into the treaty developments; allowing Yuutu?if?ath to move to a self-governing nation. The flag represents our independence, and the purpose of the ceremony demonstrates our positive relationship with our neighbours, one where both parties share common interests and both communities have committed to working together. Having our flag raised, to represent our government and the nation of our people, is something I am honoured to accomplish. We are connected by more than just sewer and water...

We have successfully distributed the remaining Food Fish to our citizens in hitaču, throughout Vancouver Island and the mainland. Thank you to our Lands and Resources Department for seeing this through and a huge welcome to Zolie Schafer into the role of Director of Lands and Resources. Zolie and I have partnered in many instances over the years and I am confident Zolie will contribute with great success to our government.

The Economic Development Committee has turned up the gears. The pandemic has recently set back our economic planning tactics, but I am glad to announce, we are proactively moving forward within our housing sector and economic development activities. We will share our accomplishments with you as they come to fruition.

As we continue to monitor the spread of COVID-19 and the potential impact to our communities, our Social Services and Health team have been hard at work strategizing safety plans to continue to keep our community healthy. Remember to follow the rules! Keep your bubbles small, try to avoid travel out of the community, wear a mask, and always wash your hands.

ǎeekoo, Chuck McCarthy

Director of Operations

We have gone through many positive changes within the Yuuʔuʔiʔaʔh Government (YG) in the last while, welcoming new staff members throughout the year and securing new roles within the organization. We offer a welcome to Zolie Schafer as the new Director of Lands and Resources. Zolie brings ample experience within the forest industry, formerly working alongside YG in contract positions, and working amongst Yuuʔuʔiʔaʔh partners. Zolie has been efficiently commencing his new role and getting to know the Lands and Resources team.



John Rankin joined the team on June 23, 2020 as our Chief Financial Officer (CFO) on an interim basis and following our the completion of our internal recruitment process, we are very pleased to announce that he has officially accepted and has been appointed to hold the office of CFO on a permanent, full-time basis. John brings a wealth of knowledge in the world of finance and has made a positive impact in the Finance department to date. We are more than happy to welcome John to the YG team and look forward to working with him.

Many years coming, Carrie George as accepted a full-time position as Office Assistant. Carrie has been with Yuuʔuʔiʔaʔh for roughly 18 years, starting in janitorial services for the Health Centre, working in full-time and part-time capacities, most recently in Reception at the Cixʔatin Centre. Carrie is an extremely helpful resource to the YG team, willing and able to perform any task handed her way. Carrie is and will continue to be a dynamic team member.

Michelle Tom will perform as a Temporary Receptionist, while Carrie settles into her new position, and until the return of Michelle Touchie who will be returning from parental leave in mid-November.

The Qʔayaʔiikʔiis Headstart Childcare Centre celebrates one year on November 4, 2020! Michelle Ralston has done an impeccable job managing the Centre for our children and youth and will provide an informative follow up on all activities in November's issue of Umacuk.

Staff anniversaries: celebrating one-year with YG this past month are Manager of Social Services, Dr. Rohan Ghatak, and Manager of Culture and Heritage, Carey Cunneyworth. Samantha Touchie, Culture and Heritage Assistant, two

years! Thank you all for your timely dedication within your departments and for the nation.

Lastly, we are getting ready for the 2020 Annual General Assembly, which will be held via Zoom on December 6 (details to follow). Our communications team will be working on an informational video to present to the citizens of YG accomplishments for the last year and forward-thinking goals.

Welcome Zolie Schafer!

Zoltan 'Zolie' Schafer, is the official, Director of Lands and Resources of the Yuuʔuʔiʔaʔh Government. Avid about the forest industry, Zolie retains approximately 40 years of experience within the industry and has a strong background and education in Forestry Management from BCIT and UBC, where he achieved numerous certificates and accreditations.

An industry professional, Zolie comes to Yuuʔuʔiʔaʔh as owner/operator of Ty Forest Services Ltd, and was recently the Forestry Manager for Ma Mook Natural Resources Ltd, and Barkley Community Tenure and Operations Engineer/Contract Supervisor. Zolie has worked alongside many nations including Toquaht, Nanoose, Ahousaht and Hesquiaht First Nations, including Yuuʔuʔiʔaʔh. Zolie resides on the Board of Directors for Ma Mook Natural Resources Ltd.

A leader by nature, Zolie spent many years coaching and mentoring youth in hockey from the mites to bantam leagues. Having grown up playing hockey for the Alberni District, Zolie has coached his sons and youth from Ucluelet. In his downtime, Zolie enjoys spending time with his family and travelling (pre-COVID). While hot summers in Osoyoos is a favourite annual pastime, Zolie has travelled to Australia, New Zealand, and Europe, including his native homelands of Hungary and Switzerland. Zoltan, Hungarian for 'life', respectfully lives up to his namesake.

As Director of Lands and Resources of the Yuuʔuʔiʔaʔh Government, Zolie oversees a growing team of four experienced individuals and is responsible for providing leadership, direction, and support to the team. Overseeing management of planning, funding, negotiations, and delivery of financial management and administration of the Programs and Services of the Departments of Lands and Resources.

Zolie continues to reside in the neighboring community of Port Alberni, and now dedicates his time to his current role of Director of Lands and Resources for the Yuuʔuʔiʔaʔh Government.



Natural . Sacred . Connection
Effingham Inlet

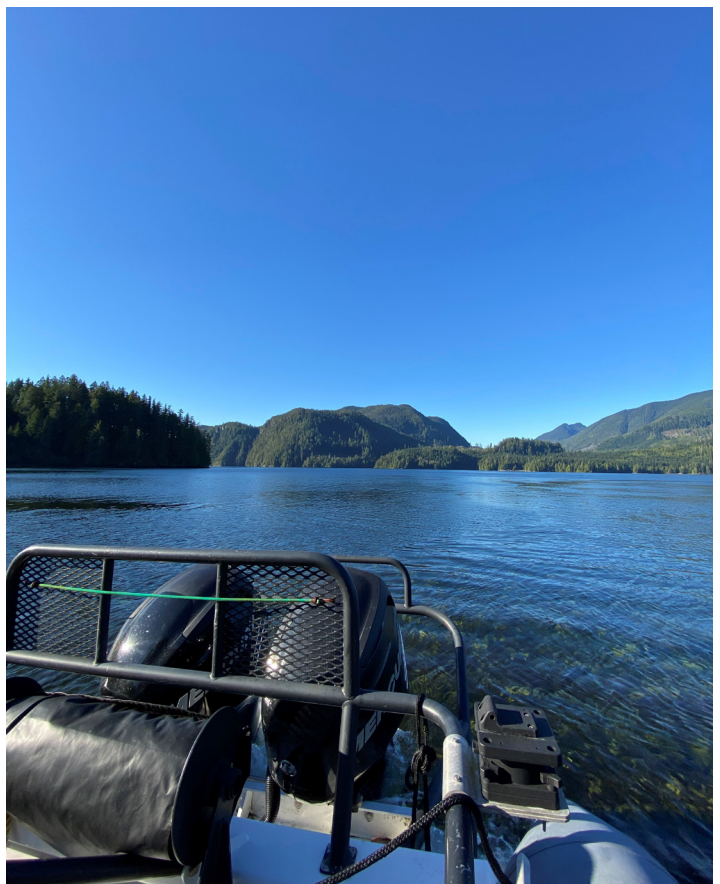
Effingham Inlet



Effingham Inlet, located within Yuułu?if?ath territory in Barkley Sound. An approximate one-hour scenic boat ride, weaving through the Broken Group Islands, into a pristine, bountiful inlet, surrounded by sheer cliffs. Resting within the Inlet is a traditional use campsite; an optimal site selected by the elders several years ago for community use. A site most recently being used for on-the-land programming, supporting young leaders participating in the Warrior Program.

On the weekend of October 23rd, a group of Warrior Program leads visited Effingham. Upon arrival, the group walked to the site through a slight path, recently cut by the members of the Parks and Warriors, took a short ride on a zipline, and arrived at the A-frame cabin, built by Dennis Touchie and Levi Touchie approximately 5 – 6 years ago. A humbling landscape of lush forest, salt waters, the slight rush of a small waterfall, and the casual beauty of blue skies, Effingham could not have been more inviting.

For the duration of the trip, Dr. Ricardo Manmohan led a small group of YG staff, citizens, and mentors, through a COVID-safe empowerment session. Sharing ideas, goals, initiating discussion and connecting in a sacred, natural space.



Beloved Artifacts Return Home



Photo: By Samantha Touchie - a Yuulu?if?ath Headdress



Alongside citizens and elders of the community, hitaču welcomed back the first shipment of artifacts from the Canadian Museum of History in Gatineau Quebec. Citizens gathered at the as the truck pulled in through the dense fog of the morning. A welcome prayer from Jeneva Touchie was given, followed by a brief introduction by Manager of Culture and Heritage, Carey Cunneyworth. The artifacts were shipped in custom made, temperature-controlled shipping container. Although the items could not be taken out for all to see, elders were invited into the facility to respectfully view the initial shipment of artifacts.



Photo: Hereditary Cape by Samantha Touchie

Overall, 46 artifacts are expected to return to the hitaču community, the first shipment contained 13 of the 46. The first shipment of 13 artifacts will be making a permanent home of the Cixwatin Centre, while the remaining artifacts due for delivery will be shared in partnership with CMH.



Photo: By Samantha Touchie - Prayer Rope

The application for the repatriation started within the treaty process. Much work was put in by Samantha Touchie over the past few years and finalized with support of Carey Cunneyworth (and an adventure to Ottawa in February 2020).

Anticipating the arrival of the second shipment, the artifacts will be thoughtfully set out for display at the Cixwatin Centre. Citizens will be notified when the artifacts are ready for viewing, keeping within Covid safety protocol measures.



A delicacy for elder's lunch consisted of freshly picked t'učup. A traditional food, most often consumed raw, by cracking the shell and scooping out the gonads. Eating too many t'učup will make one tired and thirsty, but as Jay Millar puts it, they are full of iodine and nutrients!



Photo: By Samantha Touchie - Rattle

Dinner with a Prayer

Feast offers boat-to-table, culinary events within the communities of Ucluelet and Tofino. An event highlighting the expertise of local and visiting chefs, and for a good cause. There was no exception to see the event run, with COVID-safe protocols in place and smaller event participation.

Language guru, Jeneva Touchie, was invited to kick off **Feast Ucluelet/Tofino** with a welcome prayer at Heartwood Kitchen on Friday, October 16. Active in offering prayers throughout the communities, Jeneva offered a full Feast experience re-cap...

łuł náas Good Day!

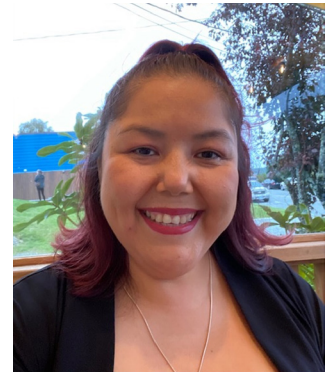
I was asked to do a welcoming to our community by **Feast Ucluelet/Tofino** at Heartwood Kitchen. The organizers Willow Bradshaw and her husband Zane Caplansky, put together a 3-day feast to raise funds for local charities in the area, benefiting communities.

There were celebrated cooks from across Canada who shared ideas on West Coast flavor, one being Bruno Feldeisen, (who was so nice)! For the first night the proceeds would go to the Raincoast Society for language directed initiatives. Another group that would benefit is the Tribal Guardians from łaʔuukʷiath.

It was amazing to hear the work they were doing, it was a well attended event full of good food! I am thankful for this event to assist programs in the area through this pandemic.

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Jeneva Touchie enjoys a much deserved meal at Heartwood Kitchen during her invite to offer a prayer for Feast.



Economic Development in Real Estate Development

Here is the statement, here is the opportunity, here is the demand, and what this means it is a perfect time to explore development. As Economic Development Officer, Corey Rich states, "it is recognizing that vacancy rates for housing as well as commercial lease space are at sub-par levels, rental is slim."

The Economic Development Committee has been exploring opportunities to help the nation create an instituted source of revenue by 2024, which also includes taxation. The priority in the next coming year(s) is to explore and determine economic and housing opportunities for the nation.

What does this mean? In the next five years, individuals in real estate development are going to be making big investments that will provide substantial returns for the nation. The focus will be to create a sustainable economy to build a financially secure nation. With that, also comes employment, education and training opportunities within the trades, entrepreneurship possibilities, and investment into real estate for the citizens.

Development has bolstered treaty nations, such as the Tsawwassen First Nation. An established self-governing na-

tion; having secured their own source revenues which sustains the local government and helps support local jobs in the area. The west coast is in a period of growth and advancement, what better opportunity to secure source revenues to establish the framework for a prosperous nation.

The **FLU SHOT**
is now available

The **Annual Influenza** vaccine is now available in hitaču through the **NTC Community Health Nurse, Amanda**.

Please call **Amanda** at **250.726.6114** for further information and to make an appointment to get vaccinated.

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Possible Tsunami Alerts Emergency Preparedness

The events of Monday, October 19 served us with a reminder on Tsunami Preparedness. The United States Geological Survey stated the 7.5 earthquake, which generated a tsunami threat for the west coast, occurred just before 5 p.m. EST. The earthquake location was approximately 97 kilometers southeast of Sand Point, Alaska. An immediate warning was issued for the stated location in Alaska and a threat advisory was issued for the BC coast. Approximately a few hours later, this warning was updated to no threat.

In times of emergency alerts, or the threat of emergency alerts, we are often reminded of our personal and household level of emergency preparedness. In a coastal community, emergency preparedness could mean a week of no power from a massive storm, to a total community evacuation from the threat of a tsunami. How prepared are you? A great idea to prepare your household is to have an emergency plan. Discuss meeting locations in case of an earthquake or tsunami; locations that are easily accessible wherever you are within hitaču or Ucluelet. This could include a couple locations for different scenarios, whether you are at work, shopping, or school. Discuss a meeting point if you and your family were separated. Issue an emergency contact, preferably phone. Remember in time of a possible earthquake or tsunami, power lines and outages will be definite. Most importantly have access grab and go safety kit. What is in this kit? 72-hour minimum supply of water, hydration or purification tabs, dried food, flashlight, first aid kit, waterproof poncho, heat bag, candles, lighters, flares, rope, utility knife/scissors. Some items may be an

investment, but many may be already hanging around the household.

Visit Canadian owned company, www.72hours.ca to view pre-made kits, order individual items of need, or receive ideas of what is included in emergency preparedness safety kits.

Register with the District of Ucluelet's phone or email system at <https://ucluelet.ca/community/emergency-services/emergency-notification>. To receive emergency community, evacuation notices direct to your phone or email.



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST

IN YOUR SAFETY KIT	HOUSEHOLD STOCK UP
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• First Aid Kit• Water, hydration packets, Life straw, water purification tablets• Dried food• Flashlight• Flares, waterproof matches and candles• Waterproof poncho• Work gloves, rope, utility knife, duct tape• Emergency sleeping bag• Tube tent• Charger	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Extra blankets• Warm clothing• Emergency supply of dried and canned goods• Tent• Axe• Extra food for fur friends• Toilet paper

FOR PRE-MADE SAFETY KITS www.72hours.ca

Culvert Replacements

Mainroad Mid Island will be replacing multiple culverts on Port Albion Road, immediately after turning off the Tofino Ucluelet Highway. Please show respect for road crews; slow down and use caution when approaching this area from both directions.

The work will take place from November 2 to November 20, 2020; Monday to Friday; between the hours of 7:00 am and 5:00 pm. Expect delays due to single-lane alternating traffic plane. Thank you in advance for your patience.

Mainroad 24-hour communications and dispatch office will pass on all your observations and concerns to our crews when contacted (1.877.215.6006). As always, a reminder to visit www.drivebc.ca.



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Wilderness & Remote First Aid

The Red Cross Wilderness & Remote First Aid program is one of the leading programs of its kind in Canada. As instructed by Alison Harle, the Junior Guardians and YG staff took part in 5 day program. The program focuses on wilderness and remote environments which require specialized skills, equipment and training. The program is geared for outdoor recreation enthusiasts, or those who live or work in a wilderness or remote setting, or are employed as a professional rescuer.

Education Support Worker from Adam Gleeson shares:

“From an education perspective, seeing youth step forward and learn with enthusiasm – it was so much to take in over the week – this was very positive. (Youth) Jada and James showed calm and poise, flexibility and a thoughtful practical approach to every emergency scenario the trainer threw at them. With trained young leaders like this, going out into traditional territory far from hitaču will be an even safer prospect.

Learning that takes place outside a regular classroom is extremely valuable – this wilderness first aid course was practical and hands on all the way through. Participants learned how to evaluate a situation before, during and after an accident or emergency. Planning and preparation was as important as being able to respond to something unexpected. Having a WFA qualification means participants will be able to apply for a range of occupations in the future where

this training is a prerequisite to employment. Employment which includes: guiding, forestry, beach-keeping and occupations with BC or Canada Parks, to name a few.

It is always a delight to learn alongside community members and an even better experience for our youth. A reminder it is as tiring and challenging to be a learner as it is to be an educator.

Adam recalls being carried down a trail, tied to a stretcher made from two found poles and a tarp, acting out a ‘broken’ leg scenario, was a little nerve wracking. “I’m not the lightest patient, but the lift, carry and patient care was excellent!” Łeekoo Adam!

We respectfully acknowledge all participants and thank Alison Harle for a memorable week of training and guidance.



First Aid scenario training.

Bear & Vehicle Safety

Port Albion endured a tragic wildlife fatality on the foggy morning of Thursday, October 1. A sow and three cubs were struck and killed, on the first bridge, coming into Port Albion. Local authorities (BC Conservation Office, Parks Canada, WildSafeBC) were aware of the incident. Parks Canada were on scene directing traffic and respectfully moving the bears into a safer area until further instruction was made.

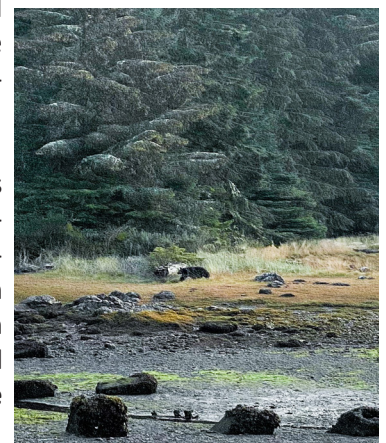
“This is a reminder as well to everyone that the bears are very active this time of year as they forage for food. As the days become shorter and the weather worsens, drivers need to be diligent in slowing down and looking for wildlife.” Jonquil Crosby, Lands and Resources Manager for Ucluelet First Nation states.

The first bridge is a short, but very narrow causeway on Port Albion Road, with sharp blind corners on either side, proving difficult for vision on the best of days. This fatality raises the important reminder for all motorized vehicles to slow

down when approaching (from either side) and crossing the bridge. Whether there may be wildlife, a commuter in vehicle or on foot, speed can truly result in injury or at worse, loss of life.

Lands and Resources Management raise another reminder to keep garbage locked up, to help reduce wildlife activity within the community.

If you ever come across injured wildlife, or if mortalities occur, please report directly to the **British Columbia Conservation Officer RAPP (Report All Poachers & Polluters) line at 1-877-952-7277.**



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TTY: 1-833-719-2657

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The Government of Canada recently announced the gradual and safe reopening of the in-person Service Canada Centres across the country for key services such as Employment Insurance, Canada Pension Plan, Old Age Security, and Social Insurance Numbers. Priority is the health and safety of all Canadians, while continuing to maintain service to the public.

It is advised to continue to use Service Canada's many online services. Follow the steps below if online servicing is unattainable for you.

1) Go online: For the most convenient, easy-to-use and secure way to apply, view or update your information, access our most requested services online. Please note that you can now apply online for a Social Insurance Numbers, essential for accessing government services and benefits, through the secure SIN online portal.

2) Call us: Access our most requested toll-free numbers for service. Please note that call volumes are expected to be high during this time.

3) Get extra help without leaving your home: If you have a question, need extra help or need to make an appointment for an in-person service, fill out the service request form and a Service Canada officer will call you back within 2 business days.

If your community members or individuals within your network do not have access to the internet or face other barriers, the Service Canada Outreach Support Centre will ensure they get access to the critical benefits they need. Call our toll-free number 1-877-631-2657 or TTY: 1-833-719-2657 from 8:30am to 4:00pm Monday to Friday.

4) Visit us: Some Service Canada Centers are now open to the public. If you need to visit please check Find a Service Canada Office to see if your office is open. Due to physical distancing, space is limited. Please make a request for an appointment by filling out the service request form. A Service Canada officer will call you back within 2 business days. If your request cannot be completed by phone, they will offer you an appointment for service at a Service Canada Centre. Please note that we are not accepting requests for same day bookings. Alternatively, you can call the 1-877-631-2657 number if you have no access to the form.

It is not advised to book an in-person visit if experiencing any of the following:

- Have symptoms of fever, cough or difficulty breathing.
- Have had contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days.
- Have been instructed by local public health authorities to self-isolate due to travel or contact history.

Be prepared to wear a face covering and practice Covid Safe protocol.

In need of CERB benefit replacement?

Visit

<https://covid-benefits.alpha.canada.ca/en/start>

to see what benefits you qualify for. Benefits are available for business owners, seniors, youth, and general applicants.

SERVICE CANADA READY TO HELP



We are ready to help Canadians through the COVID-19 outbreak. Find financial help during COVID-19: covid-benefits.alpha.canada.ca/en/start

Canada COVID-19 App and Daily Symptom Tracker
The app will support you to track your symptoms, receive the latest updates, and access trusted resources.

EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (EI) PROGRAM

We made temporary changes to the Employment Insurance (EI) program to better support Canadians looking for work. If you are eligible for EI benefits, you will receive a minimum taxable benefit at a rate of \$500 per week, or \$300 per week for extended parental benefits.

- Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB)
- Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB)
- Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit (CRCB)

<https://bit.ly/368vygl>
1-800-206-7218

CANADA RECOVERY BENEFIT (CRB)

The CRB provides \$500 per week for up to 26 weeks for workers who have stopped working or had their income reduced by at least 50% due to COVID-19, and who are not eligible for Employment Insurance (EI). Applications will open on October 12.

<https://bit.ly/2l0U55d>
1-833-966-2099

CANADA RECOVERY SICKNESS BENEFIT (CRSB)

The CRSB provides \$500 per week for up to a maximum of two weeks, for workers who:

- Are unable to work for at least 50% of the week because they contracted COVID-19
- Are self-isolated for reasons related to COVID-19
- Have underlying conditions, are undergoing treatments or have contracted other sicknesses that, in the opinion of a medical practitioner, nurse practitioner, person in authority, government or public health authority, would make them more susceptible to COVID-19.

<https://bit.ly/36zGjZH>
1-833-966-2099

CANADA RECOVERY CAREGIVING BENEFIT (CRCB)

The CRCB provides \$500 per week for up to 26 weeks per household for workers:

- unable to work for at least 50% of the week because they must care for a child under the age of 12 or family member because schools, day-cares or care facilities are closed due to COVID-19
- because the child or family member is sick and/or required to quarantine or is at high risk of serious health implications because of COVID-19.

<https://bit.ly/2F6YxXm>
1-833-966-2099

For a complete list of programs, services and resources available through the Government of Canada visit: Canada.ca/coronavirus



Photo: By Jonathan Cross - Ucluth Beach at sunset

Coming off the record year that was 2019, for our companies, 2020 has been a year of adapting and reinventing ourselves to enable

our businesses to stay operational and welcome guests in a safe manner for us all” reports Jonathan Cross of “Cross Hospitality.” “The summer season began with uncertainty, some of our operations and our tenant’s businesses were closed or at reduced capacity but all worked hard to adjust to the COVID 19 environment and the new operating rules, as well as the instant switch from



an International Customer base to a Domestic one. Having just completed an analysis of the Summer Operations and meetings with our Partner Tenants I am pleased to report that we have all ended the season much happier with the business environment than we began. While it may be sometime before we can look forward to our international tourists returning, we have all learned that our Land and Community is just as attractive to our fellow Canadians reminding us just how strong our product and destination is” “As our operations wind down for the winter season and we turn our attention to planning for 2021 we would like to thank our customers for visiting and all of our staff for their hard work and

dedication this season, you successfully welcomed over 10,000 guests without incident, a truly remarkable effort!

Anyone interested in joining our team, please reach out to me directly, we are currently **hiring** for the winter and 2021 Summer Season!

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'People of the Safe Harbour'