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## President's Message



**N**ovember. Another month of raising absolute awareness and navigation between the phases of the COVID-19 pandemic, inclusive of storms, and power outages...

On the evening of November 16th we were welcomed with a power outage and the storm hadn't even started yet! High winds set in through the evening and once again the power was out by 7am on the morning of the 17th. Trees and power lines were down coming into hitaču and we opened up the emergency access road for citizens. Warm meals were prepared for the end of day, not knowing when the power would come on for the second night in a row.

I would like to give a big thank you to members of the YG Team; Carrie George, Administration; Michelle Touchie, Reception; Zaid Sarigat, Community Development Officer; Simble Kaur, Community Nurse, and Dr. Rohan Ghatak, Manager of Social Services, for coming together to help with cooking and delivering warm meals to hitaču elders. I was honoured to be a part of this joint effort to make sure the elders in the community of hitaču were taken care of.

Moving forward, and recognizing the need for emergency services, the Social Services department will be offering a First Responders training program which includes First Aid and CPR skills training through the Canadian Red Cross. Suzanne Williams is working with a team to begin the process of getting the EOC (Emergency Operations Centre) back up and running. We are looking forward to seed this program for the benefit and safety of our citizens.

Shortly after issuing Phase 2 Restrictions for the nation, we were just as quickly set back to issue Phase 1 Restrictions, due to the increase of COVID-19 cases, Provincial issued restrictions and guidelines, as well as Ucluelet securing it's first known case of COVID-19 at Black Rock Resort (and an outbreak at West Coast General Hospital at the time of this article). Our Health Team was quick to react to the news at Black Rock, issuing possible exposure checks. Consequently, myself and members of the Executive issued a video message, available at [ufn.ca/covid](https://ufn.ca/covid), for the nation. I strongly encourage those to watch the message. We want to keep our citizens safe, whether they are in hitaču or urban. We must look out for each other, keep our friends safe, keep our families, safe, and keep our elders safe. However, as individuals, we must keep ourselves safe. This means following Phase One Restrictions and following the Provincial Government guidelines.

### Remember:

- Stay home - Stick to your immediate household
- Reduce your bubble to one or two people if you live alone
- No gathering in indoor or outdoor spaces
- Essential travel only and if you can, designate someone in your household to shop
- Always wear a mask and wash your hands

These practices are for the well being of you, your family, and your community. Be COVID aware!

*Áeekoo, Charles McCarthy*

# Director of Operations

**W**e close November and welcome December with a new YG employee. Jill Hamilton joins us in the position of Law Clerk. Jill holds training and certification in paralegal/legal assistant, most recently working with Ractliffe and Company LLP, prior to relocating to Ucluelet a couple years ago. We welcome Jill to the team as another positive reinforcement to the year ahead.



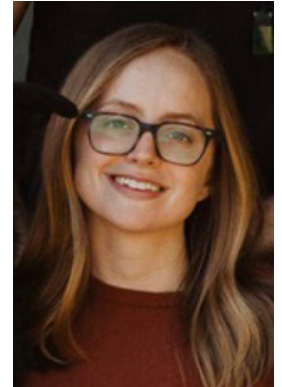
I want to offer recognition Ashley McCarthy for the amount of assistance, time, and work she has put in as Interim Law Clerk. Ashley has been a big support over the last year, while we continue to positively progress forward and build the YG team. Thank you Ashley!

Many may have already recognized a 'singing voice' answering the mainline at the Cixwatin Centre. As of November 23rd, Michelle Touchie officially returned to the position of Receptionist. We are ecstatic to welcome Michelle 'home' on a full time basis, offering support and services to the Administration Team and being the front line liaison to our citizens. I would like to acknowledge Carrie George for filling this role in the interim, most recently for a short term, Michelle Tom.

I would like to acknowledge CFO, John Rankin and the Accounting Team, the Management Team and all other staff involved for supporting KPMG through the 2020 audit. The audit is a lengthy process which requires a time, effort, patience, and accountability.

I am excited to announce we are working on bringing back the (EOC) Emergency Operations Centre. We held our initial team meeting on Wednesday, November 25th. Recognizing the triumphs through the year; the novel coronavirus pandemic, possible tsunami threats, storms, and power outages, there is no time like the present to work with a dedicated group, and issue training to engaged citizens, to help get the Emergency Responder program and resources up and running. We have much work to do, but I am confident we will excel with effort. More information will be brought forward as we are able and we are looking forward to offer this important resource(s) to the community of hitaču. Stay tuned! Community input or questions please email: [communications@ufn.ca](mailto:communications@ufn.ca).

**Y**uuluʔiʔath Government offers a warm welcome to Jill Hamilton! Jill Hamilton will be officially filling the role of Law Clerk and her first day was December 1.



Jill was born and raised in North Vancouver and is a member of the Lax Kw'alaams Band located near Prince Rupert.

A Capilano University graduate with a certificate in Legal Administrative Assistant and Paralegal studies, Jill worked at a law firm in North Vancouver prior to venturing over to the West Coast. Jill's 6 year employment with Ractliffe and Company LLP offered rewarding work with the focus mainly of First Nation clients. Jill is extremely excited about her new adventure with Ucluelet First Nation; learning and growing within the Yuuluʔiʔath Government.

Resident of Ucluelet for two years now, Jill can be found perusing the local trails and exploring the beaches her partner Riley and dog Milly. Welcome to the YG Team Jill!

## UMBA First Trail Takes Off



**T**he first, new UMBA trail is officially being built on Mt Ozzard! This collaborative project offers paid opportunities for Ucluelet First Nation Trail Builders; with thanks to the UMBA in grant funding shares with UFN. The project is being supervised by the Culture & Heritage Department with assistance from Jay Millar (Lands & Resources Department). Jay Millar will be leading a three person trail building team on Mt. Ozzard Tuesdays & Thursdays. For more information contact [carey.cunneyworth@ufn.ca](mailto:carey.cunneyworth@ufn.ca).

*Photo courtesy of Carey Cunneyworth, Culture & Heritage. Left to right: Carey Cunneyworth, Robert George (UFN Trail Builder), Jay Millar, James Walton (Culture & Heritage, Johnny George (UFN Trail Builder).*



Photo: Melissa Boucha

# Q<sup>w</sup>ayač̓iik̓iis Centre Barreled in Storm

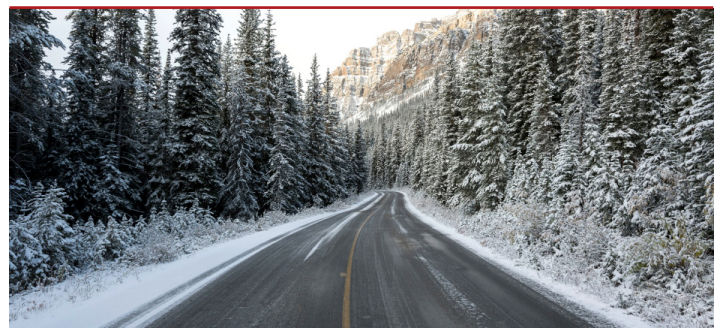


It was a blustery day for the wild west coast on Tuesday, November 16th, blustery being an understatement.

Michelle Ralston, Manager of Q<sup>w</sup>ayač̓iik̓iis Headstart Child-care Centre, had recently purchased two incredible tents for outdoor use and quote “the storm ripped them apart.” The tents tumbled out of the fenced day care and into bushes by the Cix<sup>w</sup>atin Centre seacans. Poles were bent and the tents were completely dismantled (see pictures for reference). Michelle in awe of the destruction she was welcomed to, stated, “the tents were hammered into the ground”.



In the midst of locating the wind struck tents, Michelle took note of the destroyed fencing, shed, dismembered shed panels, and other items strewn everywhere. The wind gusts were so strong that morning, Michelle herself could barely hold up to collect the pieces.



Michelle has noted that one tent is salvageable and plans to look at a new shed is in the works. A much anticipated Long House will also take construction in a couple of weeks. A positive outlook to rebuild what was lost in the wake of a destructive storm.

Page 5 photos courtesy of Michelle Ralston



**SHIFT INTO WINTER**

**Highway 4**  
October 1 to March 30

  
**MUST USE**  
**WINTER TIRES**

Check Road Conditions at  
[www.drivebc.ca](http://www.drivebc.ca)





*Photo: Melissa Boucha*

# Storm & King Tides Hit the West Coast

**W**est Coast storms can bring in severe winds, heavy rain, in other parts of the province, hail, snow, and at worst power outages, sometimes lengthy ones. At worst, heavy winds caused by a storm can result in the destruction of property (note pictures from the Q̓ayaçiiik?iis Headstart Childcare Centre) A storm also surges water from the ocean, pushing the body towards the shore by the force of the winds, resulting in increased tide levels and barreling waves.

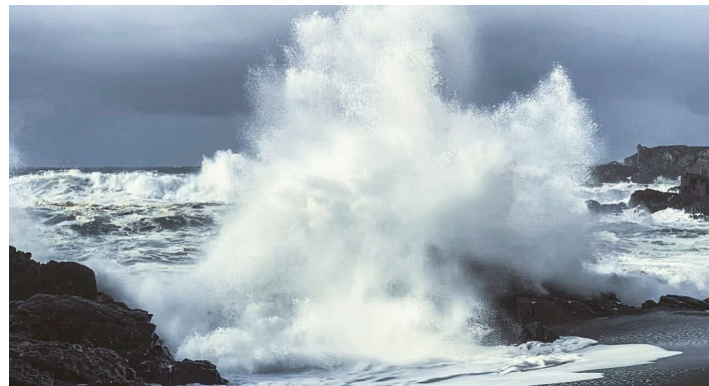
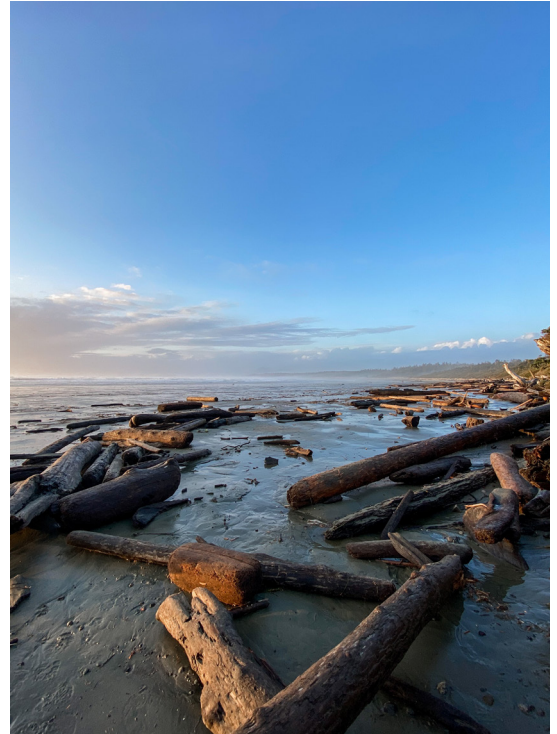
A King Tide (non-scientific term) describes exceptionally high tides. These tides are explained as long-period waves that roll around the planet as the ocean is “pulled” back and forth by the gravitational pull of the moon and the sun as these bodies interact with the Earth in their monthly and yearly orbits. Higher than normal tides typically occur during a new or full moon and when the moon is at its perigee, or during specific seasons around the country. (source: [oceanservice.noaa.gov/facts/kingtide.html](https://oceanservice.noaa.gov/facts/kingtide.html))

The West Coast experienced both; in a matter of days. Trees and power lines were torn down, debris littered the road, Ucluelet, Hitaçu, and surrounding areas were without power even before the storm officially struck. Winds up to 110km battered the coastal communities. We ask, even if you have been warned, even if there is notice, we can still be unprepared for an announced emergency. How unprepared would we be for an unannounced emergency? What do we need to be prepared; candles, extra blankets, flashlights, canned food, bottled water, and a first aid kit would definitely be at the top of the list!

What we were prepared for was the announced King Tides following the drive by storm. Deep ocean surges smashed along the rugged coastline of Ucluelet, resulted in extreme wave watching and photo opportunities for enthusiasts. Local beaches and trails were closed due to tidal activity, but this did not stop visitors and locals alike.

We always want to remind onlookers to be Coast Smart when storm watching. Watch for debris on the beaches, stay off the coastal rocks, pay attention to beach and trail closures, and never turn your back on the ocean.

**Photos - Top left:** log debris on Wickaninnish Beach (Melissa Boucha). **Middle left:** power line down on Port Albion Rd. (courtesy of Carey Cunneyworth). **Bottom right:** wave break at Wya Point (courtesy of Samantha Touchie). **Bottom left:** Ladner Touchie and Kimberly Touchie sit safely on their perch, watching the waves crash upon the rocks at Wya Point.



# Q<sup>w</sup>ayač̓iik̓iis Day Care Turns ONE!



**T**he Q<sup>w</sup>ayač̓iik̓iis Headstart Childcare Centre celebrated it's one-year anniversary on Wednesday, November 4th! The staff and tots celebrated with a catered lunch and treats from Heartwood Kitchen (note drool worthy snacks). Due to health-related restrictions, Michelle Ralston noted few invitees were initiated to attend. There were approximately 4-5 children in attendance, a visit given from Dr. Rohan, Ghatak, YG Language staff and a couple of community elders.

Michelle Ralston, Manager of Q<sup>w</sup>ayač̓iik̓iis comments "the year has really flown by. Being able to participate in the development of (Q<sup>w</sup>ayač̓iik̓iis), new additions to staff, and new programming, it has felt amazing. Growing together, through this pandemic, we have really been able to be creative with what we have been able to use our funding for and can direct to important ideals, such as culture. I am excited for the future. It has been tough since March and I can't wait until we are back to normal." Michelle noted the centre has seen a significant drop in children due to the pandemic and a waiting list is currently being taken.

With the fall of registered children, Michelle continues to encourage her team of support, "when you have a team that has so much passion and drive, everyone feels like family, we are very strong. A sense of normalcy in a strange time." In recognition, Michelle praises Kate Stadnik for accepting the role of Assistant Manager at Q<sup>w</sup>ayač̓iik̓iis, as of November 18th. "Kate is a supportive entity, dedicated and hardworking, an employee to be very grateful for".

As the hope for more children to return in the Spring, Michelle will be focusing on new projects in the wings, such as the construction of a mini Long House. The initial grand opening for Q<sup>w</sup>ayač̓iik̓iis was held on December 13th, 2019. What a year it has been and there will be much more (positive) growth in years to come.

**Natica Deline** spent hundreds of hours and approximately 4 months, on the creative construction of the entry painting. The 3ft x 4ft painting by the front doors depicts 4 animals, each of the Q<sup>w</sup>ayač̓iik̓iis rooms; a thunder bird, eagle, orca whale, and bear.



*Photos courtesy of Michelle Ralston*





# Language with Jeneva Touchie

Online Language classes continue to be a big hit for Jeneva Touchie. Jeneva comments: "Our students have been doing amazing, I am so proud of all of them!". The online language class of 13 students, is currently learning survival phrases, such as:

**ʔuhʔaʕhak – Is that you?**  
**ʔuhʔaʕah – It is me.**

Jeneva notes the students will be doing a small in valuation of 30 phrases, hoping to have 60 phrases complete by the end of March 2021. Jeneva's students range in age from 8-60+. "We meet 3 days a week, they are my pride

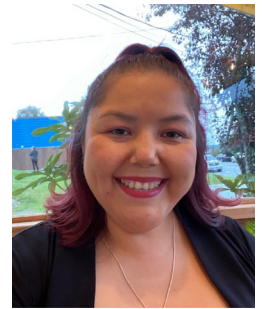
and joy!". The youngest online language student is 9 years old and eldest is in her 60's.

Jeneva would like to acknowledge the hard work put in by each of her students; June, Trinity, Rose, Christine, Della, Michael, Alyssa, Mel, Evan, Michael, Celena, Khia, Mel M. and Bob Mundy having been instrumental in helping with class.

At the end of the day, after all the collective hard work, and best participation of the students, Jeneva looks forward to encouraging the Language program, stressing the importance

of Nuu-chah-nulth Language preservation.

Would you be interested in a 12 week beginner nuučaañuł class? The class would be online Sundays (with Jeneva) starting January 10th, 2020!



Contact: [samantha.touchie@ufn.ca](mailto:samantha.touchie@ufn.ca) for more details.

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# WildSafeBC hitaču-Macoah

## We want to hear from you!

Take part in a survey about čims (black bear) interactions in your community.

Pick up a paper copy of the survey at the Cixwatin Center or scan the QR Code below for the online version.



YOU COULD WIN A 50\$ CO-OP GIFT CARD!

Please bring your completed survey back to the Cixwatin Center if you chose a paper copy. If you prefer doing this survey on the phone, in-person or you would like the online link, email [hitacu-macoah@wildsafebc.com](mailto:hitacu-macoah@wildsafebc.com) or call 514-622-7317.





WildSafeBC hitaču-Macoah chapter wants to hear from you...AND you could win \$50 by participating! Marianne Paquette, WildSafeBC ʕičhuuł Coordinator: hitaču-Macoah, encourage citizens living in hitaču, Macoah or Salmon Beach to take part in our Human-Bear Interaction survey. The purpose of the survey is to further the knowledge about interactions between bears and humans in within the communities.

The survey takes about 15 minutes to complete and at the end, every participant will be entered for a draw for a 50\$ Co-op gift card. The survey is anonymous, and information is strictly confidential.

### How do you take the survey?

- Scan the QR Code on the poster
- Enter the following link into your web browser <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XYNQKKS>
- Pick up a paper copy from Reception at Cixwatin Centre

If you pick up a copy from the Cixwatin Centre, kindly returned the filled survey back to Reception. Please fill out the survey and return at your earliest convenience.

Thank you all for your participation!

# Economic Development & Funding

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## New Covid-19 Business Stream #1 (Community Micro-business)

Eligible applicants including **micro-business candidates** from the community shall confirm to receive \$1500 from the business support fund. If you have been in business selling goods or services before Covid-19 at the community level for two years prior to Covid-19, please let us know. Some examples of micro-businesses may include home-based businesses such as carving, art production and sales, and community baking for profit. This fund is specific for those community entrepreneurs who use business as a pastime to enhance their yearly earnings.

- Business has not received other Covid-19 emergency response benefits
- Business has been in operation for 2+ years prior to 2020 (letter of reference)
- Business generates more than \$500.00 dollars in annual sales
- Business complies with YG laws, acts and regulations
- Business has YG business license or will complete registration (Contact Corey Rich, Economic Development Officer: [corey.rich@ufn.ca](mailto:corey.rich@ufn.ca))

## New Covid-19 Business Stream #2 (By Application)

The **Indigenous Community Business Fund** now supports costs associated with the adaptation, planning and reopening of community-owned businesses impacted by the pandemic.

Eligible costs include:

- Costs required to comply with provincial health regulations
- Retraining
- Marketing
- Technology
- Professional services
- Planned maintenance and repairs that the business is unable to carry out because of cash flow problems.
- Other reasonable operating costs

Funding for costs outlined above is available to community-owned businesses where financial support will prevent layoffs, bankruptcy or permanent closure. Activities to be funded must demonstrate they are in response to the pandemic, be consistent with public health orders and assist the business to remain viable.

## Tourism and Hospitality

All ICBF (Indigenous Community Business Fund) applications for community-owned businesses in tourism and hospitality sectors will be assessed for approval by our delivery partners, Indigenous Tourism Association of BC together with Aboriginal Financial Institutions. This includes applications for both operational support as well as the adaptation activities noted above.

Applications from businesses in Tourism and Hospitality sectors can be sent to [info@indigenousebc.ca](mailto:info@indigenousebc.ca). For more information, please contact Gail Joe at (604) 505.7762 or [gail@indigenousebc.com](mailto:gail@indigenousebc.com)

For all other sectors please send your application to the Indigenous Services Canada Economic Development Unit [aadnc.bcecdev.aandc@canada.ca](mailto:aadnc.bcecdev.aandc@canada.ca).

WEBSITE <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1596809415775/1596809469296>

# HEALTH & COVID-19 UPDATE



## Yuutu?it?ath

[ufn.ca/covid](http://ufn.ca/covid)

**N**ot only were we welcomed with a power outage on the week of November 16th, Ucluelet also saw its first reported COVID-19 case. An employee of Black Rock Oceanfront Resort tested positive for the novel coronavirus. The management team issued a community statement, notifying the public the employee had worked on the evening of November 17, during the operational hours of the power outage. The Restaurant, Lounge, and Spa facilities were closed immediately, November 18th.

The hitaču Health Team were quick to respond to citizens that may have been in exposure to the infected employee, visited, or worked at Black Rock during this time. At the time of this article, the community of Ucluelet and hitaču remain at low risk in, communication with the Island Health. An outbreak would be considered 5+ persons infected from one facility.

As cases continue to rise the Province of BC issued stronger restrictions on November 20th prompting a pushback in non-essential travel to the coast. Fellow nations returned to lockdown, hitaču returning to Phase 1 Restrictions. A video message from President Chuck McCarthy and Executive Members; Richard Mundy, Jenny Touchie, Lorri Touchie, and Alan McCarthy, was issued to citizens on November 22nd. This video can be viewed on the [@uclueletfirstnation](https://www.facebook.com/uclueletfirstnation) Facebook page or [Ucluelet First Nation Channel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuclueletfirstnation) on Youtube; video titled: *Yuutu?it?ath - Uclulelet First Nation COVID Response, November 25, 2020.*

We ask citizens remain patient and diligent with the recommendations of the Province and YG. To reduce your risk of

exposure and infection, travel for essential services only, wear a mask, practice strong hygienic methods, and for the most, part stay home with your immediate household, parties are prohibited.

For updates, shares, and notices, follow our Facebook page [@uclueletfirstnation](https://www.facebook.com/uclueletfirstnation), sign up for the **Yuutu?it?ath Weekly E-Blast**, or visit [ufn.ca/covid](http://ufn.ca/covid). At the time of this article, a COVID-19 outbreak was issued at West Coast General Hospital in Port Alberni.

**BE SAFE & RESPONSIBLE**  
COVID-19



**Wear a Mask in Public!**

- To the bank
- Shopping Stores
- Dr.'s Office
- Post Office
- Restaurants & Cafes
- Gas Station
- Schools

**Wash Your Hands!**

- After shopping
- When Returning home
- After receiving packages
- Keep sanitizer in the car or in your purse
- Keep wipes on hand for emergency washing needs



**Wash Your Hands often**

**Stay Home!**

- Keep your bubble small
- Immediate household only
- 1-2 people outside your household if you live alone
- **No parties with friends**
- No gatherings indoors or outdoors
- Essential shopping and services only



# Pandemic Got You Stuck Inside?

**W**e all know the requirement to stay home, as much as we can these days...BUT! We can still get outside and get active (and find rainy day pursuits).

Gratefully living on the West Coast, there are plenty of accessible beaches and trails nearby. Take your immediate household out for a day of adventure. If you live alone, grab your bubble buddy, a few snacks and head out for a distanced walk.

If transportation is a road block (excuse the pun), a beauty stroll through hitaču, down to the beach, or even a trek down to the dock; offering sunset views on a nice day, will help relieve that pent up feeling you get when staying inside for too long.

What do we do when it rains? The dreaded West Coast rain, that seems to be thrown on us by the bucket loads.

If you do not have a favorite indoor activity, try colouring, crosswords, puzzles, picking up a book or magazine, getting grandma's crochet or yarn! Cleaning the house, re-organizing cupboards, closets, and clutter, will take you through your day, while offering some sort of momentum. You may also find old treasures for a trip down memory lane.

If baking or cooking is your passion, look for a new recipe to. Learning cultural methods of drawing or beading are also creative options!



Ladner Touchie spreading the peace. Photo courtesy of Samantha Touchie

## What is Contact Tracing?

**C**ontact tracing is the art of noting down where you've been, who you've been with, and most importantly, the date.

Should you have contracted COVID-19, been exposed to the virus in a specific location with certain people, or have been in direct contact with someone who has COVID-19, your personal contact tracing notes will help you and a medical practitioner trace back your steps, if required.

Quick and easy to do, keep a notebook on your bed side table, ready to jot down a daily recap before catching your zzz's! Or simply keep the log with you on you during your daily routine. Whatever it may be, personal contact tracing can be very beneficial to keeping you, your family, and your community safe!

Questions? Contact the Yuułu?if?ath Social Services/Health Team

A spiral-bound notebook with a contact tracing form. The form is titled 'PERRY'S CONTACT TRACING' and has a checkmark next to the name. It contains three entries for contact tracing, each with a date, location, and who they were with. The entries are: 1. Date: November 20, 2020; Location #1: Work in Ucluelet; Who I was with: Co-workers Sherry, Steph & Adam. 2. Date: (blank); Location #2: Dr.'s Office; Who I was with: Aunt Mary. 3. Date: (blank); Location #3: Co-op; Who I was with: Husband Elmer; I was in direct contact with: Cashier Sheila.

# First Responders Needed!

**Yuutu?if?ath Government** is proud to re-visit the framework for the EOC (Emergency Operations Committee). Meetings have already been underway in an effort to fast track the needs and resources for hitaču and urban citizens. Emergency preparedness strategies for both the government and citizens, is top priority.

In addition to, the UFN Social Service Department is looking to re-establish the Yuutu?if?ath First Responder Brigade. The Team in question will be required to go through a comprehensive First Aid course and CPR skills training through the Canadian Red Cross.

Canadian Red Cross comprehensive First Aid and CPR skills training are for professional first responders, or those training to become first responders. This course teaches the patient assessment model, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, hemorrhage control, and care, for a variety of acute and chronic conditions. Participants will be engaged in dynamic training techniques including video, media presentations, skills demonstrations, practice sessions, discussions, and

real-life based scenarios.

The Brigade is looking for like-minded individuals, willing to train and be available to aid their fellow citizens when required. Becoming a First Responder is a selfless and rewarding service-based volunteer or career opportunity.

If you are interested in more information, head to the main page at [ufn.ca](http://ufn.ca) and click the 'First Responders Needed' box or contact [carrie.george@ufn.ca](mailto:carrie.george@ufn.ca).



# Communication Tools

**T**his will be the last issue of the Umacuk for the 2020 season! We will re-issue the Umacuk on a quarterly basis beginning February 2021. There will be Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter editions. Umacuk signifies sharing stories and that is what the quarterly Umacuk will strive to do, with plenty of visuals to accommodate. The Umacuk will continue to be mailed out and available through our online resources.

The YG Newsletter will be re-issued as a monthly publication, offering a more technical outlook from the YG Staff. The YG Newsletter will be available online, via email, and for delivery in hitaču.

The Weekly E-News Blast has been a big hit, issuing weekly newsletters right to your email. Have you received yours yet? Check your junk mail (just in case) or email: [communications@ufn.ca](mailto:communications@ufn.ca) quoting; 'Electronic E-Blast Approval' to register.

More great news! Spencer Touchie with the Assets Department, has been busy sourcing out mail boxes for residents of hitaču! That means more efficient, less contact, no more trespassing onto-property deliveries! We are excited to bring forward this item to citizens and aim with

installation in the New Year.

I hope you continue to enjoy the content and new format of the Umacuk, it has been a great pleasure to out together for you. Any questions or ideas, please email me at [melissa.boucha@ufn.ca](mailto:melissa.boucha@ufn.ca).



*Melissa Boucha, Manager of Communications & Public Relations*

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# BC Assembly of First Nations Contest!

Indigenous Youth 26 years and under, get out, get activity, create content, and be entered to WIN! #BCAFNYouthContest

## Video Requirements:

- Make a video showcasing where you get out into nature.
- Communicate which traditional territory you live on.
- List three things you love about your traditional territory (what is not to love?).
- Include three traditional landmarks.

## Entry Details:

- Follow @BCAFN on Instagram or @bcassemblyfn on Tik Tok
- Post your video, tag @BCAFN and add #BCAFN-YouthContest to your caption.
- Contest deadline December 31, 2020.

**HEY!** We can help! Interested in creating a video but need help? Email [communications@ufn.ca](mailto:communications@ufn.ca) or connect with the Social Services Department Don't have an intsragram account? We can post on @uclueletfirstnation for you! Let's do this.

**GET OUTSIDE YOUTH CONTEST**

BRITISH COLUMBIA ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS

**Win 1 of 3 \$200 Visa Prepaid Giftcards\***

\*All eligible participants who complete the contest requirements will be entered into a random draw to win.

**WHAT YOU NEED TO DO**

1. Make a video showcasing where you get out into nature. Tell us which Traditional Territory you live on, and 3 things you love about it, and include 3 traditional landmarks
2. Follow @BCAFN\_insta on Instagram or @bcassemblyfn on Tiktok
3. Post your video, tag us and add #BCAFNYouthContest to your caption

# ARE YOU INTERESTED?

in a 12 week beginner nuučaañuł class?

## DETAILS:

- Online
- Sundays with Jeneva Touchie
- Start date January 10, 2021
- Stipend included

*Class space is limited  
Priority to Yuulu?i?ath citizens*

## CONTACT:

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Cix<sup>w</sup>atin Centre  
Holiday Hours

The Cix<sup>w</sup>atin Centre will be closed from end of day on December 24, 2020 to January 4, 2021, where we will resume regular business hours.

We apologize for any inconvenience during this time. Please email [communications@ufn.ca](mailto:communications@ufn.ca) or call (250)726.5082 for immediate assistance.

Follow along on our social media pages @ucluelet-firstnation for any information during this time.

Will see you soon!

# A Yuutu?it?ath Holiday Message

**A** holiday message from your President, Charles McCarthy. We wish everyone all the best for the 2020 holiday season, staying close to home, with your immediate family. We look forward to welcoming 2021 with a fresh start to the new year ahead, making more connections with our citizens, and building the strength of Yuutu?it?ath.

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December 11, 2020

Dear Citizens,

łuł naas – Good day!

On behalf of the Yuutu?it?ath Government (the “YG”) leadership team, I would like to wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday and I am sorry we were not able to get out to hand deliver your Christmas Gift payments this year; further, that we were not able to gather for our Annual Christmas Dinners in hitaču and Port Alberni.

We understand that the Christmas Holidays for 2020 are going to prove trying times for all of our citizens and our thoughts are with you through the rest of the year and into the New Year. Gift payments and top-ups will be issued via Electronic Fund Transfer or by cheque as applicable.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to the Yuutu?it?ath Government office if you have any questions or need help; our staff are there to help you where possible. Our offices will close on December 24 for a Christmas break and we will reopen on Monday, January 4. If you need immediate support during our office closure, please email [communications@ufn.ca](mailto:communications@ufn.ca) or call 250-726-5082 and we will do what we can to help you.

Thank you all for continuing to do your part and help get us through the COVID-19 pandemic – stay safe, stay healthy, and stay strong.

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Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles McCarthy".

Charles McCarthy  
President





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*'People of the Safe Harbour'*

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