



Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government Allegation of Misconduct

December 3, 2025

ʔuhʔaλhasuu Citizens and Residents of hitaʕu,

On October 15, 2025, a member of the community verbally brought forward an allegation of misconduct against a member of Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government Legislature.

The Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government took this allegation very seriously and conducted a thorough investigation that involved interviewing several individuals, including the alleged victim. **That investigation is now concluded and we want to be clear about its findings: the allegation has been proven categorically false.** The evidence fully supports this determination and the Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government has closed this case.

While this allegation had no merit, it is very important to acknowledge the emotional weight that such allegations carry for the alleged victim, for the wrongly-implicated accused and their family, for the person who came forward with the allegation, and for the wider community.

Spreading unfounded or malicious rumours related to any criminal act is damaging to those who have been wrongfully accused and breeds distrust and division within our community. In addition, knowingly making false accusations can negatively impact persons who are living with trauma from lived experiences and can discourage real victims from coming forward and pursuing justice. No one is well-served when misinformation or unfounded claims circulate.

We understand that hearing about this false accusation may surface difficult feelings for those who have experienced harm, violence or trauma, and we want to be clear: if anyone has personally experienced harm in any situation, we encourage them to come forward and seek support. Their safety and well-being remain our top priority, and we are committed to ensuring all reports are heard with care and compassion, and taken seriously.

Support services are available for anyone who may need them, and they can contact Amber Severinson, Clinical Counsellor with the huuʔatu Health Centre at (236) 544-0464.

Other supportive resources for those who have experienced harm or trauma:

KUU-US Crisis Line - 24 HOUR Support Services

- Adult/Elder Crisis Line: 250-723-4050



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- Child/Youth Crisis Line: 250-723-2040
 - BC Wide Toll Free: 1-800-588-8717
- Tsow-Tun Le Lum Counseling & Culture Support: 1-888-403-3123

In addition, if anyone has any further concerns about this false rumour, we encourage them to speak to Interim CAO Barney Dohm. These discussions would be confidential.

We are grateful for the careful work of investigators and for the patience of all parties during this process. Moving forward, we are focused on supporting healing where needed, and continuing our work with transparency and accountability.

Sincerely,

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