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Fraser River Sockeye is ours!

Last November, the Maa-nulth people received great news when the courts ruled they will have ongoing access to Fraser River Sockeye Salmon.

Larry Johnson, NCN Seafood Development Corporation President, says the ruling not only gives Maa-nulth First Nation access to fish outside of its traditional territory, but it sets the stage for the second in a two-part dispute that concerns the underage of over 15,000 Fraser River Sockeye.

"In 2014 the most Fraser River Sockeye came back more than anyone ever thought would, and the Maa-nulth people were denied access because the Sockeye decided to divert to the inside of Vancouver Island and not the West Coast," Johnson explains. "We asked twice officially and were denied twice officially, and all requests were said to be sent forward to the Minister of Fisheries in a briefing note."

In 2015, MFN asked again and were denied again and the Maa-nulth Treaty Society triggered the Dispute Resolution Clause in the Chapter 25 of the Maa-nulth Final Agreement and also filed a claim for compensation through the courts.

"The Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) has continually been minimizing our Treaty Fishing Right by interpretation of the exact words in the Treaty, (while) the MFN have been interpreting it as food for our people. Chapter 10 is all about feeding our people with traditional foods."

Johnson notes that the next negotiation will be on the underage of over 15,000 Fraser River Sockeye from 2014 and

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Two Hitacu citizens enrolled in university programs

There are currently two Ucluelet First Nation members enrolled in university programs, and the knowledge they are obtaining is expected to benefit all citizens.

Gordon Taylor Jr., a YG Legislator and the Operations Manager of YG businesses, is currently enrolled in the University of British Columbia's Sauder School of Business in their Aboriginal Management Certificate – Ch'nook Program.

Another YG citizen, Suzanne Williams, is in her second semester of the Executive MBA in Aboriginal Business Leadership at Simon Fraser University's Beedie School of Business. She recently returned from an intensive two-week residency at the Indigenous Governance Program at the Native Nations Institute at the University of Arizona in Tucson, Arizona.

The Ch'nook Program that Gordon is enrolled in combines the very best in teaching, business research and Aboriginal content that is personalized and focuses on the student's career progression. The program is

challenging and rewarding.

This program offers a dynamic learning experience that will make a profound impact in one's career, their community and their business. The curriculum integrates core business disciplines with practical experience and leadership development, customized with specific Aboriginal content. The five month program allows students to add a globally recognized university to their resume and LinkedIn profile without giving up their day job.

The program integrates leading edge knowledge from Canada's foremost research business school with practical, relevant management training and brings different subjects and Aboriginal contexts together to create a complete, integrated learning experience.

Suzanne is enrolled in the Executive MBA in Aboriginal Business and Leadership that explores contemporary business issues and knowledge while recognizing that the traditional protocols and ways of understanding the world are also

growing and changing as new generations assume responsibility for moving forward.

The program includes the core concepts and knowledge included in most MBA programs, but recognizes that traditional knowledge also plays a significant role in Aboriginal leadership and decision making. It is designed for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students working within this context.

Business and economic development education are increasingly important to First Nations, Metis and Inuit in terms of establishing independent sources of income and control over traditional territories. Business skills and knowledge are also important in protecting and growing resources available through impact benefit agreements or revenue sharing arrangements with governments.

On an individual level, Aboriginal people are increasingly turning to entrepreneurial activities as a way to build security for their families and as a means of expressing their independence and creativity.

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Director of Operations Report

I am pleased to announce that to assist with government operations, I have reorganized a current staff member to include additional duties to assist in achieving the strategic direction outline in the YG five-year strategic plan.

Community Engagement Coordinator – As a strategic action item to assist with the coordination of citizen engagement, I have promoted Debbie Mundy into this position. She is currently performing the duties within Hitacu in her current role and looks forward to building her capacity with the government with the urban citizens and the development of the government census project for future planning.

This position will be also be responsible for the citizen database. The Law Clerk will provide back-up for the



Rhonda Knockwood

membership, as well as social assistance.

Rhett Sullivan, our new Assistant Chief Financial Officer, started with us on February 1.

I have retained a professional recruitment company

to assist in filling the Public Relations Officer position, as it is critical that this position is filled to achieve many of the strategic objectives in the annual plan.

In regards, to our **Strategic Plan**, all of the department managers have reviewed the draft plan and made their edits and it has now been reviewed and approved by the Executive Committee. It has been the document that has assisted in developing next year's annual budget.

We are currently planning for the March 18 Yuutu?it?ath Celebration, which will host cultural events and the official opening of Hitacu's secondary access route. More information will be posted as it becomes readily available.

The next citizen's assembly is scheduled for April 6th to present the 2017-2018 budget.

Assets Report

Gordon Taylor, Jr.

alternate sewage treatment, storm water management.

Elders Meeting re: Aerial Trail

YFN Elders had concerns with safety of the trail, training, the term of the lease, investment and emergency planning.

Rental Arrears

We are conducting a review of rental arrears, as several arrears that are 7-15 years old. Once updated, we will submit recommendation to our housing coordinator.

Coast Mountain Construction CMHC Housing Plans

We discussed renewable energy options for the three units to be built, one tri-plex and two duplexes.

Tax Authority Meeting

We reviewed current property taxes and the 2016 mill rate, and determined the mill rate to be high. It has been adjusted by our CFO.

Legislature Orientation and Strategic Planning

It is our aim to develop an Assets Management Plan within the next six months, as well as develop Canadian Emissions and energy plan by committee in the next six months.

Sustainable Infrastructure for BCFNs

Drinking water protection, and creating emergency water contingency plans are on our agenda. We'll be meeting in March, 2018 to develop strategic partnership and address over burdening storm water management – flooding solution faced by the lower community building.

Housing Project

We are looking into rain water collection, wind and solar energy,

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YFN President Les Doiron and other Citizens attended the official ground breaking for the Traverse Trail

Traverse Trail officially starts construction

Construction started Feb. 14 on the multi-use Traverse Trail, 3.2 metres wide and 40 kilometres long, weaving throughout the West Coast.

The Government of Canada announced \$17.7 million to build a new biking and walking trail in Pacific Rim National Park Reserve, part of a larger proposed investment of up to \$191 million over two years to Parks Canada, to improve tourism and highway assets.

Work is beginning at the north end of the park reserve at Radar Hill. Following extensive assessments of the unique landscape of the park reserve, Parks Canada is committed to mitigating impacts on the environment, and is working with experts to ensure that all construction work adheres to these requirements.

For example, crews will be preparing the trail bed by removing some trees and undergrowth. To meet our obligations under the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, all tree falling and undergrowth clearing activities will be halted on or before March 15 to avoid distributing nesting migratory birds. If site preparation is not completed by mid-March, these activities will resume in mid-August, after the nesting period.

"I am so proud of this moment in time, and very pleased with the great ongoing working relationship with Parks Canada, and Tla-O Qui Aht First Nation," says YFN President **Les Doiron**, who was at the ground breaking ceremony. "It was an honor to stand and speak on behalf of our YFN at the ground breaking, with the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation Chiefs & elders, as well with elders & members.

"Kleco to Levi Martin, Elmer Frank, Bruce Frank, Ron Martin, Reg David, Bob Mundy, Richard Mundy SR., Jordan Touchie and Aaron Mundy."

Additionally, over the past week, environmental specialists have been

walking the trail route and relocating amphibians, gastropods and reptiles to an equivalent or better habitat than where they were originally found. Fencing has also been installed in some areas to ensure the relocated species don't return to the area while construction is underway.

It was decided to start the construction at the north end of the park reserve as the landscape in this area will allow us to complete the most amount of work prior to mid-March. In addition, the north end provides us with more flexibility to modify construction activities if we encounter unexpected challenges and increase our knowledge as the project progresses. As we move forward, we will gain a wealth of experience and knowledge to apply and benefit the park reserve, the environment, and the visitors' experiences.

Parks Canada will make every effort to minimize disruptions caused by this work for our visitors. During construction, visitors may encounter reduced parking at Radar Hill, but because the trail route is largely away from the road, there should be very little overall impact to visitors at this time.

Parks Canada has now finalized 90% of the route. We will continue to make small changes as trail building progresses because, by being flexible, we can mitigate the impact on the environment, cultural resources, and visitor safety. However, one significant change to the trail route that was initially proposed, is the removal of the Gold Mine Trail-Florencia Bay loop. After further consideration, Parks Canada felt this proposed section of the trail presented concerns which required more time and assessment before proceeding.

To sign-up for the newsletter, please contact Jessie Hannigan at PacRim-Trail-SentierPacRim@pc.gc.ca

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NEW!

Local Environmental Observer (LEO) Network Launched in British Columbia

The Local Environmental Observer (LEO) Network is a platform for local observers to record observations of unusual changes in plants, animals, and the environment, and to share these observations and collaborate with topic experts with indigenous and Western scientific forms of knowledge. The purpose of the Network is to increase understanding of environmental change and to help identify healthy and effective ways to adapt to those changes. LEO integrates indigenous, local, and scientific knowledge.

The LEO Network was designed by the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) in 2009 to help describe connections between climate change, environmental impacts, and health effects, and to give local communities a platform and a voice. Since its inception, the LEO Network has expanded with new geographic regions (hubs) extending all along the Pacific coast from Alaska to the Baja Peninsula of Mexico, and in other regions.

The First Nations Health Authority officially launched the first hub in British Columbia on November 15, 2016 with a 'LEO Network Champions Workshop' at the First Peoples House at the University of Victoria.

The First Peoples House is an inspiring centre that serves as a safe and welcoming place to encourage the building of community. It was the perfect venue



to bring the diverse group of 32 participants together to kick off the implementation of the LEO Network in BC. Participants, consisting of First Nations regional champions and representatives from public, private, and non-profit groups such as the Commission for Environmental Cooperation, Federal and Provincial Agencies, the US Environmental Protection Agency, The Royal BC Museum, Ocean Networks Canada, and the Coastal Stewardship Network came from across the nation, the USA, and from all over BC.

The workshop began with a cleansing smudge and opening prayer by the resident Elder. A talking circle served as an effective way to open our hearts and our minds and share personal and professional experiences about the impacts of the changing climate on people's daily lives. Furthermore, everyone was asked to reflect on how the LEO Network could be

a benefit to them or their organizations. Experiences and stories that were shared in the talking circle encompassed changes in the environment that ranged from small to extreme; some were sad or even tragic, but there were also stories of unity, positive opportunities, and hope. The talking circle was a respectful approach that set the stage for the workshop and provided a sense of communion and interconnectedness for the participants.

During the afternoon portion of the workshop, ANTHC representatives led the group through the various components of the LEO Network website and mobile app. They provided guidance on what makes a good observation and outlined tools that are available to create rich observations and ways of maximizing the sharing of knowledge.

Overall response from the workshop was enthusiastic and positive. Most partic-

ipants felt that communities and other groups in their region would benefit from joining the LEO Network and they were eager to share the information they had learned. A few participants even posted LEO observations from their regions, which provided examples to be discussed during the workshop. A couple of the unique ideas that were posed during the training were ways to incorporate different First Nations languages into the Network and potentially including map overlays for traditional place names and territories. Some of the challenges expressed were around concerns regarding community approval of sensitive observations and how the LEO Network would complement existing programs already being utilized in BC by some First Nations communities.

The LEO Network began in Alaska with the intention of providing a tool to help local observers share observations of unusual environmental and biological changes, and to provide communities with a platform to document and communicate those changes. It has now expanded across North America and continues to grow with each new observation. The LEO Network is open to all so come join the Network and together we can share, learn, and create solutions for adapting to our ever changing environment.

<https://www.leonetnetwork.org/en>

Community Services Briefing Report to Yuulu?il?ath Executive

Trevor Wickham, Community Services Manager

1.0 Report on Recent Achievements / Status of Works in Progress

- a. **Hitacu Day Care – Relocation Completed**
 - Hitacu children are now attending the new Hitacu Daycare located in the YG Government House/Community Centre
 - Island Health issued new license effective December 21 2016
 - Outdoor playground fence construction almost complete - built by a team of community volunteer parents (Jordon Touchie) and YG Asset Department Staff
- b. **Youth Recreation and Gym Nights Re-Started as of January 9th**
 - Despite the low temperatures in the Gym – programs are now up-and-running again For details - see the January 2017 Calendar
- c. **Promoting Safe Relationships & Communities: Acknowledging the Past and Changing the Future** - January 18, 19 & 20 2017, 6-Plex Common Room
 - A 3-day workshop to understand issues related to domestic violence, health relationships and community communications.
 - For details – see poster
 - Registration required – contact Gloria Valentine.
- d. **Regular Oral Health Clinics held at Hitacu Health Clinic – November 23rd to 25th & December 12th to 16th**
 - Melanie Braker – FNHA Registered Dental Therapist is providing regular (every 2nd month) Dental Clinics in Hitacu
 - Diagnostic, preventative and fillings/extraction services available
 - To-date 45 Hitacu-residents have received dental care in November and December
 - All ages are welcome - make appointments by contacting Veronica Williams
- e. **Ch'nook Aboriginal Management Certificate Program:**
 - CSD will be providing financial support to Gordon Taylor Jr. to attend the University of British Columbia's Sauder School of Business Ch'nook Aboriginal Management Certificate Program in January-June 2017.
- f. **Recent Grants / Donations Received & Grants in the Pipeline**
 - \$14,400 received from the United Church of Canada (Healing Fund Council) for the Yuulu?il?ath Aboriginal Language Literacy Program (Bernice Touchie)
 - \$20,000 (maximum) requested from the BC Civil Forfeiture Office Indigenous Healing & Rebuilding Grant to support the Men's and Women's Warrior programs (Ricardo Manmohan)
- g. **Regional Education Tourism Initiative Program – West Coast NEST Website is now Live**
 - Hitacu is featured in the recently launched NEST (Nature, Environment, Sustainability, Transformation) initiative designed to support the Education Tourism economy
 - Website went live in mid-December www.westcoastnest.org/
- h. **CSD 5-Year Strategic Planning & 2017-18 Annual Budget:**
 - o Working closely with Peter Pynaker to:
 - Strategize, plan and develop a 5-year strategic vision for Community Services Department
 - Develop 2018 CSD Service plans and budgets

DEADLY OVERDOSE ALERT

There has been an increase of reports of overdoses needing emergency medical attention after consuming substances.

This may be **FENTANYL**.

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- ✓ **Call 911 immediately** if something doesn't feel right
- ✓ If someone is unconscious, **GIVE BREATHS** until help arrives

TO RESPOND TO SOMEONE WHO IS NOT RESPONSIVE:

CALL 911 immediately and PROVIDE BREATHS until naloxone is administered and/or they are breathing on their own.

Find out where to get overdose prevention and response training and a naloxone kit close to you:

Date Posted: January 7, 2016



President's Message

Landmark ruling confirms that Fraser River Sockeye belong to our Nation!



President Les Doiron

That's the result of a ruling that the Maa-nulth Fisheries Committee has fought hard for, and we can thank MFC Chairman Larry Johnson for his tireless work on making this happen.

Larry laid out the steps on how this ruling was established, and this summary shows what the Committee had to do to make this happen. Starting on April 11, 2011, the Maa-nulth Nations received the right to harvest allocated fish species within the Maa-nulth Domestic Fishing Area, but we haven't been able to reap the harvest as we should have.

For example, during the 2014 season, the Maa-Nulth Nations,

according to Larry, caught just one fish that might have been a Fraser River sockeye in the MDFA, while approximately 98 per cent of the fish migrated down the east side of Vancouver Island. The MFC asked twice that the federal Minister allow us to harvest Fraser River Sockeye and was denied both times.

It was time to roll up their sleeves. In 2015, our Maa-nulth Nations put Canada on notice that we intended to hold them to the agreement, as we are entitled. Larry believed that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans was stalling, and that looks like that was the case.

It took awhile, but the fight was well worth it. Larry noted that last October, Andrew Thompson called him stating he thought DFO would accept a Maa-nulth proposal for a 50 per cent diversion rate trigger that would allow us to fish outside of the MDFA, and this was followed a week later that the decision was very close.

To Larry's credit, he kept at it, going back and forth with the government until a resolution was reached. On November 24, official confirmation arrived from the DFO that they would authorize the harvest of Fraser River Sockeye outside of the MDFA, with four conditions.

Larry was ecstatic, and shared: "And then there was silence for a while, then MFC reps knew we did it. We got access to fish outside the MDFA! The next step is to work on the Underage for those years and that will be hard work but I'm confident that we have the right team working on this, and that's your Maa-nulth Fisheries Committee."

Again, I just want to say a huge thank you to Larry and his team for doing their homework on the rules and regulations and the strength and courage to bring the case forward until a positive resolution was made that confirmed our rights as a Treaty Nation!

Well done!

Fraser River sockeye

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2015, and the Maa-nulth will try to prove that due to circumstances outside of its control they were denied access to their allocations of Fraser River Sockeye.

"DFO will start with (the idea that) the Maa-nulth didn't have access (permission) to fish outside of the MDFA, therefore you are not eligible for the underage," Johnson notes. "The MFC will use the tools in the Treaty to prove we are owed over 15,000 Fraser River Sockeye and shame the DFO into giving it to us so we can feed our people."

Johnson concludes this Treaty is for the Maa-nulth people to interpret to their benefit and not have DFO (Canada) minimize their Treaty Fishing

Rights by interpretation and use of the exact wording in the Maa-nulth Final Agreement.

"This is not in the spirit of what the Treaty is supposed to bring for our people," Johnson says. "We are Self-Governing Nations within the Nation of Canada. The Treaty is part of Reconciliation and a 'New Relationship', so let's work together with Canada and British Columbia to make it work and show the rest of Canada that Treaties work, and breath life back into this 'New Relationship'. Then I'll call it reconciliation."

Johnson adds: "When we win the negotiation for the underage, the Maa-nulth People will invite DFO representatives for a dinner of Fraser River Sockeye to be shared with our People."

YFN Community Gardening Course
March 10th 1 - 3pm
at The 6plex

Come join Organic Master Gardener Connie Kuramoto to learn the foundations of gardening and tips on how to grow your own food right here in Hitacu!

Contact Debbie Mundy for details
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Parks Canada Anticipatory Summer Employment Opportunity
Wildlife / Coast Smart Ambassador - Summer Student
3-4 positions available - Location: Pacific Rim National Park Reserve, Ucluelet, BC

Work Term: May to August 2017
Hours of work: 37.5 hours per week
Salary range: \$12.77 - \$15.63 per hour (based on education and experience)
Living Accommodation may be provided by the Park at a reasonable market rental rate if available, students will be responsible for travel to Park and work site and students may be responsible for finding accommodation.

What you will do

If you have a keen interest in conservation, environmental education and coastal safety, then this opportunity is for you! Parks Canada and Pacific Rim National Park Reserve (PRNPR) are seeking 3 independent and highly motivated students to work closely with the Resource Conservation to assist primarily in prevention programs for human-wildlife conflict reduction and coastal safety through education and outreach. These positions will be based in Ucluelet, BC and will consist mainly of "in the field" work, engaging park visitors to share information on best practices around various wildlife and coastal safety related issues. Participants will also get exposure to park conservation programs such as remote camera monitoring, dune restoration and migratory shorebird monitoring. The successful applicant will be:

- Engaging hikers and beach goers at trailheads, parking lots, campgrounds, trails and beaches using interactive and focused outreach in the areas where wildlife has been regularly observed to inform visitors of wildlife presence, discuss safe and respectful viewing activities, and techniques to reduce conflicts
- Conducting beach patrols to engage and educate visitors about shorebird ecology, best viewing practices to minimize disturbance, and also inform them of park regulations concerning domestic dogs
- Provide Coast Smart messaging to beach goers
- Setting up and attending booths/tables at trailheads and along trails to engage and inform visitors about species at risk within PRNPR, Coast Smart, Shorebird ecology or other visitor safety or conservation initiative
- Shadow regular PRNPR staff during prevention patrols including Bare Campsite
- Participate in park conservation projects and monitoring activities such as invasive plant removal and marine ecological community monitoring.

What we are looking for

Eligibility Requirements

- Applicants must have completed one year of full-time post-secondary education by May 2016
- Applicants must be returning to full-time post-secondary education in September 2016 or January 2017
- Applicants must be between 16-30 years of age, funding is provided by YES (Youth Employment Strategy)
- Applicants must be Canadian citizens or have the legal documentation to work in Canada (work visa)

Language Requirements

- English Imperative

Experience/Skills Requirements

- Strong communication skills, both orally and written
- Knowledge of Pacific Rim National Park Reserve and area
- Skilled in engaging and motivating people
- Can work independently in a wilderness environment
- Attention to detail
- Knowledge of shorebird ecology and best practices for viewing and reducing disturbance to them
- Knowledge of large carnivore ecology and best practices for reducing human-wildlife conflict

Conditions of Employment

- Possession and maintenance of a reliability security clearance (done at time of hiring)
- Willingness to wear a Parks Canada uniform
- Willingness to work varied hours, weekends, holidays, and overtime
- Willingness to work outdoors, sometimes in adverse weather conditions

How to Apply

Please apply with a short cover letter indicating how you meet the Experience / Skills Requirements. In your application also include your resumé and two professional and/or academic references. You must apply by **February 20, 2017, @ 4:00 pm.**

If you have any questions please contact Renee Wissink, Manager of Resource Conservation (renee.wissink@pc.gc.ca) If you are applying through the Coop program please submit to the coop office and the application package can go to Rose Walker via email rose.walker@pc.gc.ca. If this is not a coop work term please send application (short cover letter and resume with 2 references to CoastalBC.HR@pc.gc.ca Selection Process Number Student 2017-036 Only successful candidates will be contacted for an interview.

Parks Canada is committed to employment equity and building strength through diversity. We welcome applications from all qualified candidates and encourage members of the designated groups to apply and to self-identify.

More ideas presented for Economic Development

Chris Burger of Mayne Burger Management Inc. provided an economic development department update for the Assembly.

Burger spoke about the two projects that have dominated discussions about economic development in recent months: The proposed gas station and the aerial trail. He also shared

about a couple of new opportunities that could be of interest in terms of future profitable ventures: An on-land fish farm and possible medical marijuana grow operation that could utilize fish offal as fertilizer.

Burger shared a brief synopsis of the proposed Lost Shoe and Highway 8 junction sites for a possible Gateway Project that

includes a gas station, food store and cultural centre, noting the Lost Shoe property was not possible due to the fact it is near a fish-bearing stream, and the aquifer is at 0 feet during rain season, which an environmental assessment conducted at the end of the first exploration process revealed.

The Junction option, like

the Lost Shoe property, is also above an aquifer, although it lies deep beneath the surface and has been unaffected by current surface use, including salt storage on site. Advancements including above-ground storage tanks and self-contained units make the possibility of spillage minimal.

What would be the big advantage of a UFN gas station is the possibility of the Nation retaining much of the fuel levies attached to fuel that currently go to the provincial and federal governments. Now that UFN is a Treaty Nation, that substantial revenue could possibly stay with the Nation, although that percentage is to be determined during negotiations of a tax-sharing revenue agreement with the province of B.C. and Canada. As it stands, a fuel station would be profitable, but with the change in taxation status, it would be much more profitable.

In regards to the aerial trail, Burger shared how, with the third party operator involved, this could also be a solid source of revenue, with revenue sharing, land leases and property taxes, training and employment for citizens. There has been plenty of consultation with members of the Nation during the last 22 months.

The idea for growing vegetables from fish offal is not new. Taste of B.C. Aquafarms of Nanaimo. Taste of B.C. Aquafarms of Nanaimo grows rainbow trout/steelhead salmon in non-invasive, contained tanks, which are sold commercially. The offal from the fish is diverted into a greenhouse and utilized as fertilizer, resulting in fast growing, large-sized vegetables. That part of the operation is still in the development stage, but it appears the rapid growth of the vegetation is directly attributal to the nutrient-rich offal.

With that, the possibility of having fast-growing medical marijuana by the same method seems very reasonable.

Burger noted that these are possibilities that are presented to the Nation for their consideration and input. A future economic development community meeting will be planned in the next couple of months for citizen input.

The Executive is empowered to make decisions on matters like this following open consultation, as they continue to look for revenue-producing opportunities and businesses that will help the Nation, develop a taxation revenue plan, and provide local, meaningful jobs.



Enhanced Security Guard Program

Security guards work in hospitals, retail stores, shopping malls, offices, licensed establishments and other locations to prevent the loss of property and provide security. In BC, all security guards must be licensed and have completed appropriate training. This provides the knowledge and practical skills required for entry into the field, including mandatory training required for provincial licensing under the Security Services Act. Additional modules provide practical application of skills, and additional certification in WHMIS, Transportation of Dangerous Goods, Occupational First Aid Level 1, and Traffic Control (Flagperson training).



Program Dates:

Spring 2017: May 8 – June 5, 2017 Monday through Friday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Location: North Island College, Port Alberni, BC

Funding Eligibility:

Funding for this program is provided by the Government of Canada through the Canada-British Columbia Job Fund. Tuition and textbooks are provided at no cost to eligible participants. Sponsorship does not include living expenses.

All participants must meet the following basic eligibility criteria:

- Unemployed – NON EI eligible OR
- Employed

Full time (30+ hours/week) in a seasonal, casual or part-time position

Part-time (<20 hours/week)

Either full time or part time but without a High School diploma or recognized certification

Either full time or part time but not utilizing your education and/or experience in your current job

- be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident
- be legally entitled to work in Canada
- currently be living in British Columbia
- consent to a criminal record check, a police information check and a correctional service check
- not be a student (i.e., not enrolled in high school or post-secondary training) and
- at the time the training is to take place, not be participating in another provincially or federally funded labour market program.

Participation Requirements:

You should be in good physical condition; able to work standing for long periods of time; able to lift items weighing up to 20 pounds; and able to read and write in English. A criminal record check is required for admission.

To confirm your eligibility:

Contact North Island College, Continuing Education: Leanne.Moore@nic.bc.ca - or 250-724-8705



Funding provided by the Government of Canada through the Canada-British Columbia Job Fund.

Survey aims at improving oral health

Smile! Your participation is needed in our Project to Improve Oral Health, set up by Kyle Pearce, Principal of Think:Act Consulting.

The Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council, First Nations Health Authority and Island Health want to know what you feel is important about oral health, and how they could make it easier for people to get the care they need.

You can help by filling out a survey – and you can do that online or at a community event. The answers are anonymous and you will be able to see a report about how your community responded after the survey results are in. Best

of all, you get to help shape the plan by telling them how they can help you have better oral health.

Pearce says “Our goal is to understand how we can improve access to dental care and improve oral health of Nuuchahnulth people. The more people and range of perspectives we hear, the more responsive the plan can be. We need your help if we are to have better oral health.”

Here’s the link to participate in the survey:

<https://www.quicktapsurvey.com/survey/baccc61c2e-b3e0ed911ddad0f85f2904>
Or contact Veronica at the Government House.

UFN's Levana Mastrangelo excelled in UVic indigenous culture program

From the University of Victoria

Microbiology co-op student Levana Mastrangelo is doing her part to make a difference in local Indigenous communities.

She recently completed a co-operative education (co-op) work term with the Aboriginal STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) Outreach Program, where she became a liaison between UVic's Science Venture and Indigenous youth on Vancouver Island.

The Aboriginal STEM Outreach program is a reciprocal partnership between Indigenous communities and the University of Victoria's Office of Indigenous Affairs, Science Venture and the faculties of science and engineering. Its goal: to break down the barriers to scientific education by providing engaging, community-based programs to Indigenous youth.

During her co-op work term, Mastrangelo acted both as an Aboriginal STEM Outreach Instructor and as the Regional Aboriginal STEM Project Lead.

Her position was made possible by the President's Excellence Fund, a fund that co-sponsors Indigenous students at UVic who complete a co-op work term or internship with Indigenous businesses, communities and community groups in Canada.

"As an Indigenous STEM project lead, I connected with and interviewed the Indigenous communities and organizations that Science Venture has built a relationship with, developing a model of best practices for Aboriginal STEM programs," says Mastrangelo. When she attended Actua's National Conference in Ottawa last month, she delivered this model back to network holders, ensuring her work will continue to build and strengthen relationships for Aboriginal STEM programs across Canada.

For Mastrangelo, who is a member of the Yuutu?it?ath First Nation, working with the outreach program has been an invaluable way to not only gain work experience but also to reach out as a mentor to Indigenous youth in her community.

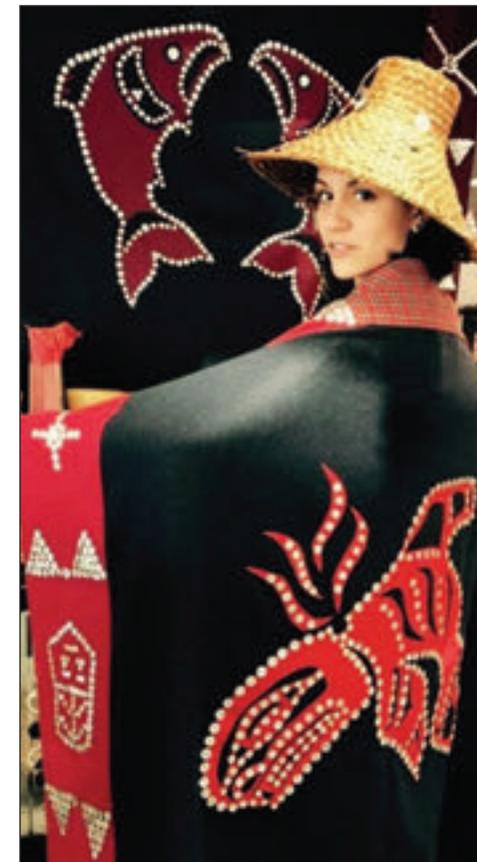
"This role is extremely important—

our goal at Science Venture is to help all youth feel comfortable with learning and experiencing STEM topics and activities," she says. "Our program builds confidence, expands our children's perspectives and allows them to connect and learn STEM through hands-on experience with amazing mentors."

Although just beginning her co-op journey at UVic, Mastrangelo has already left a lasting impact on the community through her work term. Moving forward, she's eager to explore the fields of biomedical research, traditional medicine and ethnobotany and expand her co-op experience to contribute to current research in those fields.

Confident in her decision to join the co-op program, Mastrangelo knows that far more opportunities wait in the future.

"Co-op is one of the best options for students looking to expand their perspective and gain experience within their field of study," she says. "If you break out of your comfort zone, co-op will open more doors and opportunities than you ever could expect."



QUESTIONS?
Please visit the FNEL website fnel.arts.ubc.ca to learn more about our program. You will find current course offerings, profiles of our faculty, staff, community partners, alumni and students, as well as information about our research projects, resources, events, and other related Indigenous initiatives at UBC.

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Mobile Mammography

West Coast Schedule – 2017

- If you are age 40-74 with a first degree relative (mother, daughter or sister) with breast cancer – you should get a mammogram every year. A doctor's referral is not needed.
- If you are age 40-49 without a family history of breast cancer – you should get a mammogram every 2 years. A doctor's referral is not needed but recommended.
- If you are age 50 to 74 without a family history of breast cancer. It is recommended that you get a mammogram every 2 years. A doctor's referral is not needed.
- If you are younger than 40-screening mammograms are not recommended unless you have a known BRCA1 or BRCA2 mutation, prior chest wall radiation or strong family history of breast cancer. A doctor's referral is needed for every screening.

UCLUELET - 28-29 March at the Ucluelet Community Centre-Parking Lot

TOFINO - 29-30 March at the Tofino General Hospital-In Back Parking Lot

For Scheduling and inquiries, please call **Toll Free 1-800-663-9203**





Nuu-chah-nulth Scholarship Program



Hjalmyr Wenstab
2017 Nuu-chah-nulth Scholarship Recipient

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT
\$12,000

DEADLINE
March 31, 2017 @ 4pm

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be considered, students must:

- Be a member of the Ahousaht, Hesquiaht, Tla-o-qui-aht, Ucluelet or Toquaht First Nation,
- Graduating from high school the same year as applying for the scholarship,
- Be attending an accredited post-secondary institution in the upcoming academic year.
- Have a strong academic standing and show community involvement

HOW TO APPLY

Download an application from our website @

<http://clayoquotbiosphere.org/scholarships/>

Or contact Faye Missar, Program Coordinator @

250-725-2219 or faye@clayoquotbiosphere.org

NUU-CHAH-NULTH TRADITIONAL PLACE NAMES FOR Yuulu?il?ath

1. Amphitrite Point - ?i?aa?i?st * **Meaning "Lifted up on the rocks"**
2. Hetinqis park access – Hitinqis Tašii * **Hitinqis means "Beach", Tašii means "road, path, trail way on land or sea"**
3. Terrace Beach – Čiisanapuwis * **"Pull up on the beach"**
4. Little Beach – λawa?aaqtu * **"Near/close to: there was a small passage for hauling canoes to outer passage"**
5. Big Beach – ?iihatis * **?iih means big, "is" means Beach**
6. Wick Beach- K^wisitis * **"the other side"**
7. South Beach – Tučiiqis * **"South of the beach"**
8. Florencia Bay – Qaanimča * **was a fishing spot "fishing bank" -**
9. Half moon Bay/Beach- Qatwatuwis * **Qatwat "half of something"**
10. Wya Pointe- Waayi * **means "high hill"**

Research by Kali Touchie with the help of Bernice Touchie, Bob and Vi Mundy, Marjorie and Jack Touchie, Maureen Touchie – January 2017.

Executive Report – Finance

Richard Mundy

Our new Assistant CFO **Rhett Sullivan** started with us February 1. I went over a Fiscal Policy Review update from **Bill Stipdonk**.

The initial six month timeline for the fiscal policy work came to a close so there has been a flurry of activity and a number of meetings both at the working groups and with more senior officials. I was unable to participate in many of the meetings due to either work or holiday plans, but I have managed to put together the following general note on what occurred:



Richard Mundy

The bottom line is that the parties have agreed to continue working on the policy development for at least another six months, and work will move forward with a focus on the following topic areas: Meaning of comparability, Population, Programs and Services, Gap closing, Part Time issues and Revenues.

There were comments made for the need for additional funding from Canada for the process (currently Canada fund the travel and admin expenses) as participation is starting to become time consuming and costly. There was also some discussion on involving other interested parties, provinces, territories and most importantly negotiating nations.

The push for increasing the participation is coming from Canada and is meeting considerable resistance from Indigenous

Governments. The topic was left with the suggestion of developing an information sharing protocol at some point so that Canada can distribute information outside the policy working groups. I followed up with INAC BC region as they are very keen on having a dialogue with negotiating groups and they informed me that they were working on something but had no details to share.

There was a meeting with **Joe Wild**, SADM INAC, on Dec 15, a large part of the discussion focused on recent announcements made by the Prime Minister r.e.: a Kelowna type process to be set up with indigenous organizations.

There was a meeting with the Deputy Minister Oversight Committee (DMOC) in Ottawa on Dec. 21, and we provided a written submission as well as a few of the IG reps made a short presentation.

Finally there was a short meeting with the Provincial Minister Bennett on Dec. 8 with some IG leaders.

Clearly there is change coming on the fiscal relationship, work done by the IG as well as new committees and initiatives for Indian Act bands show lots of promise. However, the process is extremely time consuming and so far none of the talk or good intentions has made it into a policy or funding agreement. There was also a Tax Authority Meeting to look at current tax amounts, the results of which will be shared once calculations are concluded.

Lands and Resources

Alan McCarthy

Here are some of the meetings I attended recently:
Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District, Board of directors meeting

Elections for Chair and Vice Chair were held. **John Jack** of Huu-a-yaht First Nation was elected as the Chair of ACRD and **Josie Osborne** elected as Vice Chair.

Maa-nulth Joint Fisheries Committee

Concerning Fraser River Sockeye, a 50% diversion rate criteria has been agreed to by DFO.

A letter was received confirming that the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans had signed off on a 50% trigger for Maa-nulth to fish Fraser Sockeye outside the MDFA.

The Letter included four conditions regarding catch monitoring, proof of an agreement between Maa-nulth and Nation whose territory Maa-nulth would be harvesting from, documentation on efforts to harvest in the MDFA and 50% diversion

rate trigger MFC is to develop a work plan in time frame for the annual implementation of the trigger,

Clayoquot Biosphere Trust Executive Committee Meeting

We approved the Biosphere Centre Committee, and appointed Biosphere Centre Committee Membership, as well as directed the Committee to develop the business cases or specific properties with specific financial constraints.

I also attended Maa-nulth Wildlife council meeting, where

we discussed phase one and two deer inventory for 2017 and discussed preparing a wildlife harvest plan, and Maa-nulth Fisheries Committee meeting, which covered Fraser River Sockeye, as well as prawn and crab concerns from nations considering having closed areas within their territory.

At the Long Beach Airport Advisory Committee meeting, we considered a request for decisions regarding airport naming recommendations but put that on hold, and discussed an airport climate action project proposal.



Alan McCarthy

Assets Report

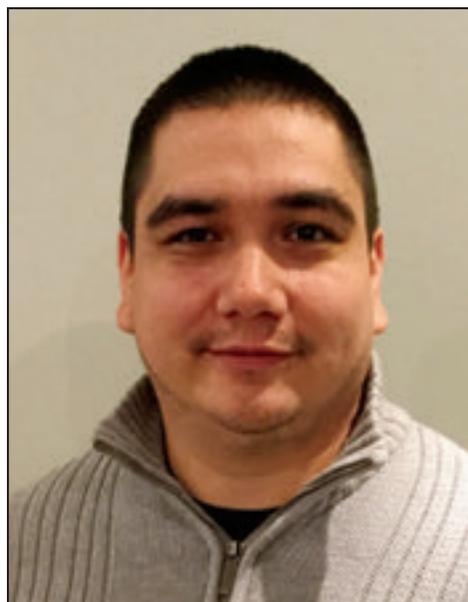
We continue to look into a low cost housing strategy for the nation and set a goal to bring arrears to a balance of zero before the end of this term.

Low cost housing strategy for the nation

The Housing Strategy has been added to the strategic goals of the assets department and we are working to develop a five year residential housing plan. Within this plan we will be looking at information we have based on all our current rentals, on levels of affordability as well as reports generated for the region by the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust on living wage studies to develop a housing strategy based on the best information we have at hand.

Bring arrears to a balance of Zero

The ADHOC Housing Committee met Nov. 23rd 2016 and have started the process of clearing out arrears. More information was needed on much of the list with the Housing Coordinator on medical leave the discussion was deferred. Following this meeting the Housing Coordinator began to send out Final Notices to tenants which have previously held arrears, giving them



Spencer Touchie

10 days to either pay the arrears, or to make arrangements with the nation on a repayment schedule.

I have also been working on negotiating with the bidding company on the details of the new housing project. Meetings with Doug Neff and Wayne Hawthornthwaite took place, and the contract was discussed, but issues around the Home Owners Protection Office (HPO), and potential

for rainwater collection took more center stage. Meeting followed up with new drafts of building plans and follow-up requesting review of the contract with noted amendments.

After asking Brent Lehmann on advise on how to handle the Homeowners Protection office, and how other Maa-Nulth Nations handled this, his answer was that to his knowledge it hasn't

come up with other Maa-Nulth Nations, and his office is capable of drafting covenants. Furthermore looking to our own laws - within our Building and Development Act section 3.5 Home Warranty Insurance, we state that we will follow the Home Owner Protection Act.

The Homeowner Protection Office has changed their name as of Dec 2016 to Licensing & Consumer Services.

YFN YOGA CLASSES
JOIN DEDE MONETTE
EVERY THURSDAY FROM 10:30 - 11:15 AM
FOR A GUIDED YOGA PRACTICE

"CALM THE MIND,
FEED THE SOUL
AND HEAL THE BODY"

EVERY THURSDAY AT THE COMMUNITY GYM
FROM FEBRUARY 23RD UNTIL APRIL 20
ALL COMMUNITY AND YFN STAFF WELCOME TO ATTEND
PLEASE WEAR COMFORTABLE CLOTHING
CONTACT ALICIA GILMOUR FOR DETAILS - 726-7342 EXT. 218

YFN Resorts and Accommodation LP is seeking a Motel Manager for the Thornton Motel

The ideal candidate will be responsible for the day-to-day management and operations of the Thornton Motel as well as its workforce and guests and report to the YFN Management Services Operations Manager.

Job Description:

The Manager is responsible for managing employees and for planning, marketing, coordinating and administering hotel services. Reliability and stamina are essential in hotel management.

Responsibilities include, but not limited to:

- Recruiting, training and supervising staff (Front Desk and Housekeeping)
- Planning work schedules for employees
- Maintaining statistical and financial records
- Setting and achieving sales and profit targets
- Planning maintenance work
- Managing room bookings
- Handling customer complaints and queries
- Promoting and marketing the business
- Carrying out inspections of property and services
- Ensuring compliance with health and safety legislations
- Develop annual budgets and targets, prepare monthly financial reports as well as implement new ways of controlling expenditures
- Complete all assigned tasks for the day in a timely and efficient manner, including room cleaning, laundry, supply re-stocking, cleaning of common areas, and any other duties as required

Position requirements:

- Must be willing to live on-site
- Completion of secondary school, or completion of related college courses
- Must have experience in the hotel industry and/or hospitality management



Women's Group

Hitacu Health Clinic

February 14, 21, 28, 2017

March 7, 28

April 4, 11, 18

Time 4:30 P.M-7:30 P.M (dinner 6pm)

Topics include:

Yoga 5-5:45 pm

Self-care

Empowerment

Language

Fabric and Paint Art design application



For more information please call: Ann Marshall at 250-725-3367

Volunteer firefighters wanted

We are looking for dedicated men and women to join our Volunteer Firefighters team.

Meetings are held each Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. at the Government House.

If you're interested, please bring your drivers license and abstract if available, photocopies of your Identification, and your working home or cell phone number.

Training will be provided once membership is established, and will occur once or twice every other weekend.

If you're interested, or would like more

information, please contact Jay Millar at 250-534-9518 or at the YFN Government Office at 250-726-7342 Ext. 219.

Post-secondary scholarships available

Scholarships for up to \$3,000 per year are available through the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust Scholarship Program.

In 2002, the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust (CBT), with the support of Genus Capital Management, introduced a scholarship program to encourage secondary students from the Clayoquot Sound

region to pursue full-time post-secondary education.

The scholarship program is open to secondary school students from the Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Reserve region who have achieved academic excellence in their Grade 11 and 12 years and will be attending an accredited post-secondary institution the following fall.

Students are eligible to receive up to \$3,000 per year (up to 4 years to a maximum \$12,000) by maintaining a strong academic standing.

For more information on the CBT schol-

arship program, please contact: **Faye Missar**, Program Coordinator, at 250-725-2219 or via email at faye@clayoquotbiosphere.org

Aboriginal Storytellers for Pacific Rim Park

BC and Parks Canada recently joined forces to deliver a cultural interpretation program that's aiming to bring an entirely new crop of Aboriginal guides into the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve.

Keen to reconnect with their culture, 27 participants from seven bands in Nuu-chal-nulth territory immersed themselves in an intensive two-week program at the end of January. **Jenny Touchie**, Consultation and Negotiations Advisor, Northern National Parks Establishment, attended the gathering, and was impressed by the presentation.

Training covered topics from the AtBC Trailblazers program, First Host and World Host. Parks Canada is bringing more Aboriginal guides into parks as part of their commitment to helping connect park visitors with local Aboriginal cultures, language and history.

"Many thanks to you all for your efforts in coordinating your participants," Touchie says. "It was a highly successful program that exceeded our expectations. We really hope for this to be the foundation of many innovative training programs to come!"

Local Environmental Observer video online

A big thanks for those of you who tuned in to the LEO BC webinar on January 31.

If you have any questions, you can find information on a variety of topics at the '?' menu on the banner strip, which points to <https://leonetwork.org/en/learn>. In effect, this is the LEO user's manual.

You can post a new observation at <https://leonetwork.org/en/members/newpost>

You can register in the LEO Network at <https://leonetwork.org/en/signin>, if you haven't already.

You can discover the LEO Reporter mobile app through <https://leonetwork.org/en/leo/mobile>.

For further information, contact Thomas Okey, PhD, Adjunct Professor, University of Victoria School of Environmental Studies and Ocean Integrity Research at 250-208-0677.

Security Guard Training Program

An upcoming free Enhanced Security Guard Training program for the North Island College Port Alberni campus is scheduled for May 8-June 5, 2017.

All tuition and books are included for participants that meet the eligibility requirements.

You may qualify for Ministry funded training if you are:

- **Unemployed** - Non EI Eligible or
- **Employed**

Full time (30+ hours/week) in a seasonal,

Celebrating Yuutu?it?ath.

Join us for a day of celebration!
Date: Saturday, March 18, 2017

Activities Planned:

- Ribbon Cutting at the new Secondary Access Road 11:00 AM
- Lunch at 12:00 PM at the Hitacu Gymnasium
- Naming of the Gymnasium and Daycare
- Cultural songs and dances
- Dinner at 5:00 PM at the Hitacu Gymnasium

Travel arrangements for citizens will be provided, please call the office toll free at 1-877-726-7342 to confirm your attendance.



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For further information, contact Leanne, Regional Continuing Education & Training Officer at the School of Continuing Education & Training, North Island College in Port Alberni at 250-724-8705.

YFN Housing Notice

There are three housing units currently available in Hitacu:

1. **606 Albert Rd cabin** – 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom, washer & dryer, fridge & stove, rent \$400/ per month, Hydro not included.
2. **315 Hilth-sort-a 6-plex** – 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom, washer & dryer, fridge & stove, rent \$680/ per month, Hydro included.
3. **620 Alec Rd cabin** - 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom, washer & dryer, fridge & stove, rent \$400/ per month, Hydro not included.

For more information – please call Housing Coordinator Marilyn Touchie at 250-726-7342 Ext 211 to request a Housing Application or come to the YG office to pick one up from the front desk.

Vision Care Services available in Port

YFN citizens requiring Vision Care Services will need to obtain them in Port Alberni for the foreseeable future.

Over the past couple of years, these services were available in Tofino, but the services proved not to be beneficial or adequate for the extensive number of clients within the Nuuchahnulth Pacific Coastal Region.

Medical Patient Travel expenditures for Vision Care Services will be reimbursed as per Medical Travel Policy.

For further information, please contact **Robert Cluett**, CD NTC CHS Health Benefits Program Coordinator at 250-724-5757.

In accordance with Yuułu?ił?ath Law

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

The Hitacu Assembly is scheduled for Thursday April 6, 2017; 1:00PM at the Yuułu?ił?ath Gym.

Snacks will be provided; all citizens are invited to attend.

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 Ceremonies/Welcoming remarks
3. Motion and discussion to adopt the agenda
4. Budget Presentation
5. Updates
6. Announcements/Discussion
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
7. Adjournment

For more information please contact Christina Klotz, Law Clerk
Ph: 250.726.7342 extension 209 | Email: christina.klotz@ufn.ca

YG Members Attend Ottawa Land Claims Conference



Participants in Ottawa leadership meeting gather for a photograph.



Hunter Tootoo, Member of Parliament for Nunavut, with YFN First Nation President Les Doiron in Ottawa.



From left, Hunter Tootoo, Member of Parliament for Nunavut, Richard Mundy and Rhonda Knockwood..



National Chief Perry Bellegarde, second from left, meeting with Maanulth Team in Ottawa in February. To the left of Chief Bellegarde is Ucluelet First Nation President Les Doiron, and to the right, Legislature Member Richard Mundy and Director of Operations Rhonda Knockwood

YG Members Attend Ottawa Land Claims Conference

Yuulu?it?ath Government was well represented at the February 21 Land Claims Agreement Coalition (LCAC) conference in Ottawa, as President **Les Doiron**, Executive Member **Richard Mundy** and Director of Operations **Rhonda Knockwood** attended the event.

LCAC, whose members come from the 25 First Nations

with signed Treaties with the Canadian government, meet once a year face to face, and monthly via teleconference.

"The thing that struck me most was how much this can benefit our Nation by participating," says Richard. "Given the experience of Treaty Nations that have been self-governing for 15 years or more and the challenges they've

faced in regards with litigation to force Canada's hand for settling issues, and we've been a Treaty Nation for 5 years, this will really help us in the big picture.

"I think it is really important for us to have a network of support, and learn from each others' experiences. This is an important component of the modern treaty environment. The

treaty is imperfect and we have a responsibility to YFN citizens and all other First Nations in Canada to learn from our mistakes and provide valuable input as to what works and what doesn't.

"It was a great opportunity to meet the leaders from other Nations. I really enjoyed it," Richards adds. "It was a chance for me to strengthen my

networking skills and I'm very thankful for that opportunity. More importantly, it helps YG better understand how we fit in to the federal environment as a Treaty Nation. I look forward to providing more information and updates on the LCAC in the near future.

Please email any questions to richard.mundy@ufn.ca