



Yuuʕuʕiʕʔaʕh Government O u t r e a c h S e r v i c e s

May 10, 2021

Citizens and Residents of hitaʕu,


In light of recent events, we want to express our sincerest thoughts with you all at this time. Yuuʕuʕiʕʔaʕh Government, with emphasis on the Culture and Heritage Department, would like to acknowledge the Community Ceremony that took place Sunday, May 10. We would like to extend genuine appreciation to the organizers for bringing the community together in time of much needed healing. Your work and efforts for your community do not go un-noticed.

ʕeekoo to everyone who took the time to speak and to teach during the ceremony; to all hitaʕu citizens and residents who joined and participated in the healing process. There is recognition for much further cleansing and ceremonial protocols, these practices will be taking place over the next few weeks.

At the time of this letter Yuuʕuʕiʕʔaʕh Government has yet to issue a formal statement. Delay in this statement is due to the investigative process. Our intent is to be as transparent as permitted with the statement of release. We do see, hear, and follow the current media, have been in contact, but have not issued any formal information or statements to these sources. If you are contacted by the media, please direct all questions to President Charles McCarthy, Charles.McCarthy@ufn.ca or Manager of Communications & Public Relations, Melissa.Boucha@ufn.ca

We recognize the impact the crisis has had in the community and would like to extend outreach services; mental health is extremely important. If you are feeling anxious, nervous, or the least bit 'off' and need support due to Saturday's events, or in general, we encourage you to contact the mental health resources as listed below. 24-hour helplines are also available. With this package you will also find resources from the FNHA (First Nations Health Authority) for outreach contacts and healing techniques you can try at home.


Dr. Ted Altar; Yuuʕuʕiʕʔaʕh Government

 (250) 641-9000 - Please call to book a time




West Coast Mental Health

 (250) 726-1282, Monday to Friday, please call to book a time

First Nations and Inuit Hope for Wellness Help Line – 24 Hour Helpline

 1-855-242-3310 - Toll free, *"If you are facing a difficult situation, call us now. We can help."*

KUU-US Crisis Line – 24 Hour Helpline

-  Adult/Elder Crisis Line: (250) 723-4050
-  Child/Youth Crisis Line: (250) 723-2040
-  BC Wide Toll Free: 1-800-588-871

Sincerely,

Yuuʕuʕiʕʔaʕh Government – Ucluelet First Nation