

General YG Update

The Annual General Assembly was held on Monday, November 15. This Assembly was held in person at the Cixwatin Centre Gymnasium and online via Zoom. In person attendees enjoyed dinner prior to the Assembly start. The Assembly focus was for the Fiscal Financial Year, including April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021. All financial reports can be found at ufn.ca > Government > Reports > Annual Report 2021. We thank citizens for participating and understanding question period is focused on the content presented.

A few weeks later, following the AGA, we hosted the last Assembly of the year. We held this Assembly via Zoom only, participation was low. Beginning the New Year, Assemblies will be in person and online once again. We highly encourage participation from citizens. If you have questions or feedback for the Assembly, to allow more ease for you and you family to attend, please contact communications@ufn.ca.

The Heath Department hosted a variety of clinics this past month; Flu Shot Clinics, Dental Hygienic Clinics, and a COVID-19 Booster Clinic. Clinic notices will always be available online, through email, and delivered to hitacu mailboxes. We will begin sending call out notices to phone for pop up clinics and programs starting in the New Year. These notices may or may not pertain to the urban citizens (due to location), but you are welcome to any workshops and health programs hitacu offers.

Our Finance Department has had a shift in the recent month. We welcome Kevin Mack as Intermediate Account, we re-welcome Tamara Nelson as CFO. Tamara was with us in the beginning years of Treat, for a five year term. Tamara has since worked in the Finance Department for the District of Ucluelet. Welcome to you both.

John Rankin, YG CFO from 2020-2021, will remain with the YG team, in the position as Senior Advisor. Good luck with

your new role, John.

The Port Alberni Satellite Office has been underway with repairs and renovations for the past month. In the interim, our Urban Communications Coordinator is still situated at the Uchucklesaht Thunderbird Building. Citizens and the general public are not allowed to access this building as per Uchucklesaht's Health Orders. We do recommend contacting communications@ufn.ca or Rose.Aday@ufn. ca for any help and support. Rose is available to meet citizens outside with needed paperwork or any items.

The Christmas Gift Application was approved for \$250 allocation per citizen for this year. The process has been relatively smooth for this year. Distribution dates are set back from last year. We have received over 400 applications. The next pay run will be deposited and mailed out prior to December 24 and this will include applications received from December 6 to December 17. Payouts will resume in January.

We would like to acknowledge Michelle Touchie who has gone through training to take over the processing role of the late Debbie Mundy. Michelle successfully put in the hours and time needed, within a short window, and was certified with AIS. We thank Michelle (interim Social Development Coordinator), Carrie, the communications and finance team for collecting applications, helping citizens where needed, processing the data, and turning out the funds.

A Community Gathering was held for hitaću citizens on December 15. Due to health related protocol and protection of our citizens, we held two seatings. Elders joined for a Turkey Luncheon at 1pm and families with children joined at 5pm for a Dinner with Santa. We thank all those who helped pull this event together, with high acknowledgment to Gloria Valentine for her time, planning, and effort. To read more visit page 10 of this newsletter.

We had a soft opening for the Mini Big-house. Åeekoo to the planners and builders who saw this project through. With special recognition to the Culture and Heritage Department. To read more please see page 11.

A reminder; There is to be **NO SHELLFISH HARVESTING** within Ucluth Inlet/Habour limits. There is contamination in the water that could make you and your family very ill. This is not only a YG notice, but a federal government mandate. If caught harvesting in this area, fines can be given.

Food Fish Distribution finalized it's annual distribution. Last drop off points being in Duncan and Victoria, ending in hitacu. Åeekoo to the Lands and Resources Department for hard work and a fruitful year.

In other fisheries related news, the Federal government recently announced closure of most Pacific herring fisheries. Most commercial fisheries for Pacific herring on the West Coast have been closed with the exception of harvests by First Nations for food and ceremonial purposes.

Fisheries Minister Joyce Murray states that the harvesting of Pacific herring will be reduced to a 10 per cent rate in the Strait of Georgia, with a maximum total allowable catch of 7,850 tonnes.

The decision was taken with the aim of providing sustainable fishing opportunities and increasing stock, while considering the decline of wild salmon, and the impacts of

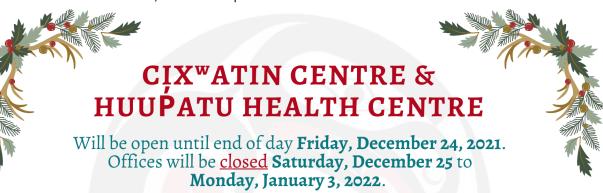
the recent floods and landslides on fish habitats in B.C., according to a statement provided by Murray.

Hugh Braker, president of the First Nations Fisheries Council of British Columbia, said, "On the west coast of Vancouver Island, the First Nations have been calling for a moratorium on herring fishery for many years. The herring [populations] on the west coast of Vancouver Island have been depleted substantially from what it historically was."

Last month the Province announced Old Growth Deferrals which includes land within Yuułu?ił?ath Traditional Territory. President Charles McCarthy issued a statement and letter to the Province in reflection of the recent announcement. Please see the Release issued on page 3 of this newsletter.

Finally; the Business Licensing Act was passed by Legislature in December. The Act is available for review online at ufn.ca > Government > Acts > YFN 72-2021 Business Licensing Act. There will be engagement sessions in the New Year for what this means for Yuułu?ił?ath Business owners. If you have any questions, please contact Corey Rich Economic Development Officer; Corey.Rich@ufn.ca or Spencer Touchie, Assets Manager; Spencer.Touchie@ufn.ca.

All the best to you this holiday season!
President Charles McCarthy
& Suzanne Williams, Director of Operations



Both Centres will re-open Tuesday, January 4, 2022.

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- Assets Management (778) 942-0663
- Public Works/Water Works Emergency (250) 726-6518
- Health on call only
- Judy Gleeson, RN(778) 942-0579; Simble Kaur (778) 942-0578
 - Health Related Emergency 9-1-1





Yuułu?ił?ath Government

Press Release - Old Growth Deferral

Yuułu?ił?ath Statement on Proposed Old Growth Deferrals

November 15, 2021 - This statement is to address the recent announcement made on November 2, 2021, by the British Columbia Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, and Rural Development (FLNRORD) on Priority Deferrals for Old Growth and Yuułu?ił?atḥ Government's expectation of intention.

Yuułu?ił?atḥ Government refuses to accept the old growth logging deferral within Yuułu?ił?atḥ Traditional Territory, as proposed by the Provincial Government. With no consultation in conjunction with First Nations, this mandate was unexpected and offers an unattainable deferral time of 30 days. 30 days is not enough allowable time to properly engage in the deferral and affects the time required to sufficiently access data, maps, and review overall impacts to harvest areas, within our Traditional Territory.

The Yuulu?il?ath Government is currently in the process of negotiating new tenure on crown lands, within our Traditional Territory. This announcement will impact our current licenses within Yuulu?il?ath Traditional Territory and new tenure opportunities, including future agreements with Interfor and Mamook Natural Resources. Yuulu?il?ath Government - Ucluelet First Nation holds 20% ownership of Mamook Natural Resources; an old growth deferral was previously enacted for TSL 54 and 57 in 2020. This deferral directly affected Indigenous resource-based employment within in the logging industry.

The Province of British Columbia's government was elected with a clear mandate to make Indigenous reconciliation a priority. This is reflected in 'Intention Papers' published earlier this year, which outlines the steps required to ensuring Indigenous people are meaningful partners in British Columbia's Forest sectors. This includes an increase in the amount of replaceable forest tenures held by First Nations. We are confident Government-to-Government discussions between the province and the Yuulu?ił?atḥ Government — Ucluelet First Nation will lead to a successful partnership and the creation of an agreement that benefits all parties.

The Yuulu?il?ath Government seeks to develop diverse, sustainable, and profitable forest resource-based businesses that respect the history, culture, and traditions of its people and the living environment. It also aims to develop the capacity of its citizens to become responsible forest stewards. A Management Plan and a Timber Supply Analysis for Treaty Settlement Lands was recently completed. Documents describing management strategies for all timber and non-timber resources within the TSL and the sustainable rate of harvest that would ensure the sustainability of the resources for the foreseeable future; strategies aligned with Yuulu?il?ath Government's relevant Acts and Governance principles. This is an active step we would like to see proceed within Yuulu?il?ath Traditional Territory, for new tenures, moving forward.

Sincerely,

President Charles McCarthy
Yuułu?ił?atḥ Government – Ucluelet First Nation
Charles.McCarthy@ufn.ca

Additions to the Finance Team



Kevin Mack; Intermediate Accountant

?ukłaamaḥ (my quu?as name is) yakawaa?aḥ (Kevin Mack)

histaqši\(\hat{A}\)aḥ (I am from) tuk\(\maxra{a}\)atḥ (Toquaht). I live in the village of ma\(\hat{a}\)quu\(\hat{a}\) (Macoah).

My father was Leonard Mack of tukwaa?atḥ (Toquaht), and my mother was Norma Mack (nee Cook) of the Namgis First Nation.

My paternal grandparents were yakawaa?aḥ (Philip Mack) of tukwaa?atḥ (Toquaht), I have my grandfather's quu?as name, and Sarah (Mack) Tutube (nee Joe) of Yuułu?ił?atḥ.

My maternal grandparents were Josephine Cook (nee Dutch) and Alfred Dawson of Namgis First Nation.

I am honoured to be brought on as the new Intermediate Accountant within the finance department of the Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government administration. I look forward to working with all the department directors and managers to assist them in managing the programs and services that your government has planned within their strategic plan and annual budget that will help strengthen your health and wellbeing and the wellbeing of your government.

iisaakmis (Respectfully), yakawaa?aḥ (Kevin Mack)

Former CFO Returns!



Tamara Nelson; Chief Financial Officer

I worked in the same position as Chief Financial Officer for the Yuułu?ił?atḥ Government - Ucluelet First Nation from 2010 to 2016 while the government was transitioning into self-governance — a busy and fulfilling time. I am delighted to be back and to see both familiar and new faces. The government has definitely matured and deepened

its expertise since I left and I look forward to working with all the staff. I must say how grateful I am for John Rankin, Melody Mundy, Sheila Touchie, and Kevin Mack who have made my transition back into the Finance department much smoother than I might expect. I still have a lot to (re-)learn.

I am originally from North Vancouver, but have lived in many places. I came to Ucluelet from Victoria in 2008 for the summer and, like so many people, I stayed. I enjoy walking — sometimes even in the rain — and never get tired of experiencing amazing, powerful nature all around me.

I hope to be a positive, contributing member of the government administration and anticipate running into familiar faces at community meetings, even if via Zoom.

John Rankin Accepts Position of Senior Advisor

YG did not lose John Rankin! John Rankin, CFO from 2020 to 2021, has stepped into the role as Yuułu?ił?atḥ Government's Senior Advisor.

John's main responsibilities will be focusing on the works of the Alliance, SGIG (Self-Governing Indigenous Governments) fiscal negotiation groups (federal and provincial), support for the Infrastructure Assessment Project, and other special projects that arise requiring his support, knowledge, and expertise (e.g. policy developments).

John will be working closely with the Director of Operations on upcoming major projects that need full expertise to create plans for such as taxation preparation.

The SGIG Data Project is a sub-project of the Collaborative Fiscal Policy Development Process. The Collaborative Fiscal Policy Development Process brings together SGIGs and the Government of Canada to develop a federal fiscal policy for supporting self-government. This policy will guide federal officials in negotiating fiscal agreements between Canada and SGIGs.



NO SHELLFISH HARVESTING

Due to <u>CONTAMINATION</u>, shellfish (bivalve) harvesting in the Ucluelet Inlet is strictly <u>PROHIBITED</u>.

By Federal Law.

Shellfish harvesting prohibition includes all areas within harbour limits. You and your family could get become severely ill.

Education Opportunities!



CAPTAIN'S BOOTCAMP

Get your Small Commercial Vessel Certificates PLUS Practical Training on the water in Tofino!

2 sessions available to book:

January 31st - February 8th 2022 March 9th - 17th 2022

Captain's Bootcamp – **9-day course** (includes 1-day off) to get the certifications required* to be the captain of a small commercial boat plus practical training on boats in Clayoquot Sound.

Contact the Lands and Resources Department for sign up and funding. Manager of Fisheries and Wildlife: Jonquil. Crosby@ufn.ca.

The Course: SVOP, SDV-BS/ MEDA3, ROCM* plus Practical -on-the-water training.

The package includes the SVOP, SDV-BS/ MED-A3 and ROC-M marine commercial certifications plus practical boating sessions in Clayoquot Sound. The practical sessions will include training on docking, anchoring, Person Over Board, chartwork pilotage, Electronic GPS navigation, Search and Rescue and big wave boat handling strategies.

This package is intended to build beginner and intermediate boaters up to a small vessel commercial captain level of professionalism. Clayoquot Sound offers an excellent mix of sheltered and rough waters for a well rounded marine experience. Datum Marine is a Transport Canada approved captain's school which has been running academic and practical marine training in Clayoquot Sound for 25 years.

To become a captain on a small commercial vessel you need; SVOP, SDV-BS (MED-A3), ROC-M and MBFA certifications.

SVOP (the four day captain's license which includes rules of the road, navigation, vessel stability and many other subjects), SDV-BS (formerly the MEDA3 – an emergency duties basic safety course), ROC-M (VHF radio course), and Marine Basic First Aid. Datum does NOT offer MBFA.

For more information check out www.marinetrainingbc. com/course-registration-tofino/



Education Department

2021 Education Highlights

Adam Gleeson, Manager of Education Services

Larry Baird, Engagement Coordinator joined the education department in the summer of 2021. Larry has a focus on school attendance, engagement and participation. He meets and greets children and youth on and off the school buses each day, as well as spending time reaching out to families to support with attendance needs. Larry has a wealth of experience and wisdom to share with children, youth and families. He is also available to visit classes to provide an elder presence and perspective. His commitment to student well-being and learning success is very welcome.

Adele Tremblay, Learning Facilitator joined the education department in the Fall of 2021. Adele's focus is on academic achievement and learning support from K-12, in the two Ucluelet schools, as well as after school with homework and skills support at the huupatu, Monday to Thursday, 3:30 – 5:00pm. Adele is a trained and certified teacher, and worked for a number of years at UES before joining YG. Her energy, enthusiasm and commitment to indigenous student achievement makes for a welcome addition to the education team.

Jason Sam, STEM Instructor joined in summer of 2021. Jason prepares resources, plans activities and delivers careful and considered instruction to participants in the STEM program. He has an enormous enthusiasm for learning, in classrooms and outdoors - where the wider environment is the learning space. Jason is committed to indigenous student learning success, connecting environmental concerns to technological skill-based active learning. Youth participants have been active and engaged through Jason's enthusiastic leadership in the STEM program.

Summer Education Programs:

The UFN education team had a productive and activity filled summer; the summer of STEM was a great success! Participants explored so many technical skills: Learning to use a 3D printer, learned website design, videomaking, starting with filming on a go-pro; working as a team to plan and refine shots, then taking the raw footage and learning to use ed-



iting software to shape the material, and add titles and music to create something unique. The group participated in UVic Science week, with zoom classes followed by practical activities with a focus on the environ-

ment; this included looking at the health and quality of local water, Students put together and flew drones, built and programmed a small RC vehicle.

Two participants developed their photography skills to create a series of photographs that will hang in the huupatu Centre (after reno-



vations are completed). The photography project required them to work within the following parameters, including costs and recommendations timeline:

- Minimum three, maximum six images
- Images must reflect local community
- Each image to have a title in Nuu-chah-nulth and English
- Each image to come with a brief description or story about the photograph - what it represents, the mood of the photographer, what prompted the picture
- Each photographer contributing to the project will include a brief biography
- Image sizes and print material (paper, canvas, wood, metal) can vary - must be ready to hang - no smaller than 8 x 12 inches, no larger than 20 x 30 inches

The chosen photographs will be printed and delivered using a reputable provider. Budget: total cost will not exceed \$500

All being well, the STEM activities will continue into the winter.

In addition to the STEM program, we also had a summer of literacy and building/making activities. Chantalle Wilson and Adele Tremblay, two UES teachers, came four mornings each week over six weeks to lead a literacy program for elementary aged hitacu children. They read books, told stories, painted, crafted and drew images inspired by their daily reading and beach walks. They listened to tales shared by UFN elder Larry Baird, who was present every day to support children and youth in all the learning programs.

The young ones really enjoyed using the several pairs of binoculars Larry brought along to help in their wildlife watching activities.

In the afternoons, tweenaged children and youth put their teamwork and design skills into action and built a bridge



using popsicle sticks. Many hands and brains were engaged in the construction. The bridge was strong enough to carry one of Larry's remote control cars!

When participants weren't building, they spent some time learning how to make short animated movies, using construction paper or modeling clay to create their own little characters and bring them to life onscreen.

Increase in Post Secondary Applicants:

It is encouraging to note there are 20+ post secondary funding applicants this academic year, a significant increase over the previous year, and an indication of growth with UFN citizens choosing post secondary studies — these are in a variety of fields, from welding to carpentry, language revitalization to nursing, community care to administration.



Health and Wellness

The New Year will bring Covid Immunization Clinics in hitacu!

Tuesday, January 18, 2022 - 9:30 am to 4:30 pm in the Cix^watin Centre gymnasium; a clinic will be held for adults aged 18 plus and youth aged 12- 18 years. This clinic is for primary vaccinations (missed 1st and/or 2nd doses), booster shots and 3rd shots (65+).

Wednesday, January 19, 2022 - 9:30 am to 4:30 pm in the Cixwatin Centre gymnasium; a clinic will be held for adults aged 18 plus and youth aged 12-18 years. This is for primary vaccinations (missed 1st and/or 2nd doses), booster shots and 3rd shots (65+).

Monday, January 24, 2022 - 3:00pm-6:00pm at the huupatu Health Centre; this clinic is for children aged 5

years up to 12 years old.

Dental Hygiene Clinics will be available in January at the huupatu Centre.

Wednesday, January 19, 2022 Thursday, January 20, 2022 Friday, January 21, 2022

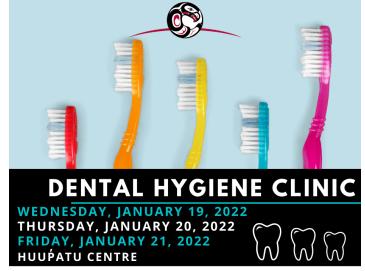
A Shingles Vaccination Clinic will be coming in 2022.

To make an appointment for any of the above clinics, please call huupatu Health Centre reception at (250) 726-7343.

If you have any questions or concerns or would like further information on the vaccines, please call Judy Gleeson, RN a (778) 942-0579.



concerns or for further information.



To book an appointment: Call (250) 726-7343 or email Byron.Patrick@ufn.ca

Yuułu?ił?ath Who Market

On Saturday, December 5, Ucluelet held it's annual Christmas Craft Fair; with the old age motto, 'make it, bake it, grow it'. The Christmas Craft fair suffered one year of interruption, due to COVID-19, in 2020.

2021 saw life back in the Ucluelet Community Centre with vendors, buyers, community members, and Yuulu?il?ath artists!

It was with great pride to see Yuulu?il?ath artist representation. Elder Rose Wilson and son Brian peaked community interest with their interest with cedar weaved baskets, bracelets, devils club necklaces and more. Pearl and Sheila Touchie wowed the crowd with their spread of printed t-shirts, mugs, beadwork, and more.

Sheila's Crafts specializes in t-shirts (and mugs) with personalized saying or generic pictures. Pearl Touchie specializes in beadwork for various accessories including orange shirt pins, poppy pins, breast cancer awareness pins and much more (including the ever popular cloth face masks)!

Sarah Billy with the help of son, Charles 'Little Chucky' Graham, displayed the beautiful Sarah's Beading line of hand beaded jewelery and accessories. Sarah's online shop can be found on Facebook by searching Sarah's Beading/Sarah Billy.

A great time, was seemingly had by all and we wish all the success to our Yuułu?ił?ath artists!

























Santa Clause Came to Town!



A Holiday Community Gathering was held on Wednesday, December 15, in hitacu. The event took place at the Cixwatin Centre Gymnasium and consisted of two seatings, to help reduce full contact between citizens.

hitacu Elders arrived for 1pm turkey lun-

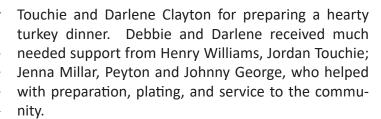
cheon, followed by a 5pm seating with families and children. Santa greeted the children upon entrance and handed out stuffed animals. Gift bags for the kids were handed out upon departure.

We would like to extend gratitude towards Debbie









A special and thankful acknowledgment to Gloria Valentine for putting together his holiday event. From arranging the food and entertainment, to putting together the children's gift bags for takeaway.

Big high five to Larry Baird for sleighing in for his annual Santa debut. Jeneva Touchie and Bernice Touchie for providing prayer at each separate seating; Lindsay McCarthy, Dan Touchie, Lance Tate, Joe Thompson, and Kenneth Miller for their drumming and vocal gifts.











Mini Bighouse Soft Opening



Friday, December 10, the Culture & Heritage Department hosted a soft opening of the Mini Bighouse! A cultural learning facility in hitaču.

The building, reminiscent of a traditional bighouse, was designed and constructed under the guidance of the Culture & Heritage Department and Shain Jackson, President of Spirit Works; an indigenous design and production company. Community citizens and the Yuułu?ił?atḥ Warriors, laboured through the elements to see this house, walled in cedar, complete before the new year.

Due to the elements, the ribbon cutting portion of the ceremony was held in the Cultural Library at the Cixwatin Center. Opening with a prayer from elder Marjorie Touchie; President Charles McCarthy and Tyee ḥawił Wilson Jack cut the cedar ribbon, skillfully braided by elder Rose Wilson.

We were joined for song, prayer provided by Lindsey McCarthy, Joe Thompson, Dan Touchie, Kenneth Millar, and celebration with community citizens, elders, our neighbours from Ucluelet, (Mayco Noel Ucluelet Mayor, Cst. Yannick Harry, and Nora O'Malley), and

welcomed a special offering from Tla-o-qui-aht member Timmy Masso and family.

Jackelyn Williams, winner of the Traditional House Front Design contest, was the artist behind the striking house front. From paper to cedar, Jackelyn poured a multitude of hours into bringing her master creation to life. Jackelyn is Yuułu?ił?atḥ ancestry and Tseshaht member.

To learn more about Jackelyn and the design, visit ufn. ca and check out the Summer edition of the Umacuk! Note the Yuułu?ił?atḥ (YG Logo) door handle as designed by citizen Leo Touchie!

λeekoo to everyone who had a part in this development and joined for celebration. We are excited to learn, share, and grow with the community in this space!

Enjoy these snippets, we will be releasing more in the Winter edition of the Umacuk late January. The Westerly News has released an online and print article, available for pick up in Ucluelet.













Holiday Hours and Availability at the huupatu Health Centre

Open until end of day Friday, December 24, 2021. Reception will be open during regular office hours, clinics will be available. Closed Saturday, December 25 to Monday, January 3, 2022. Re-open Tuesday, January 4, 2022.

December Dates to Note

- December 15 & 16, 2021
 - Judy Gleeson, RN will be unavailable
 - Simble Kaur will be available in office and by phone
 - Reception will be open
- December 20 24, 2021
 - Judy Gleeson, RN will be available by phone and in office select days and hours
 - Simble Kaur will be available by phone
 - Reception will be open

Dental Hygiene Clinic

- January 12 to January 15, 2022

- Appointments will be about 1 1 ½ hr for adults and 30 minutes for children
 Book through huupatu Health Centre Reception

 Byron Patrick (250)726-7343, byron.patrick@ufn.ca

 Dental Clinics require Status Cards or Bluecross upon arrival to appointments

COVID-19

- January 18 & 19, 2022
 Cixwatin Gym, 9:30am-4:30pm, Ages 18+
- January 24, 2022
- huupatu, 3:00pm-6:00pm Ages 5 to 11
 Book through huupatu Health Centre Reception
 Byron Patrick (250)726-7343, byron.patrick@ufn.ca

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- Simble Kaur
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COVID-19 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Booster VACCINATION CLINICS

JANUARY 18 - CIXWATIN GYM, 9:30AM-4:30PM, AGES 18+ JANUARY 19 - CIXWATIN GYM, 9:30AM-4:30PM, AGES 18+

JANUARY 24 - HUUPATU, 3:00PM-6:00PM AGES 5 TO 11

To make an appointment for any of the above clinics, call huupatu Health Centre reception at (250) 726-7343

Please call Judy Gleeson RN (778) 942-0579 with any questions, concerns or for further information.



Economic Development Activities



In the new year, join us to discuss upcoming economic development activities in the region!

Citizens will be able to learn, participate, and share ideas towards the creation of the Nation's 5 year economic development plan!

Stay tuned for future dates in the new year!