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Yuutu?it?ath

# YG Newsletter

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## President's Message

There has been a Removal of Member of Legislature, pertaining to the ha'wiltth Wilson Jack for the remainder of the 2019-2023 term, due to conduct determined to be contrary to the *Code of Conduct and Conflict Interest Act*.

The administration will be working with the ha'wiltth Advisory Council to have the ha'wiltth member seat on the Legislature filled as soon as is possible. The appointment of a hereditary chief to the Legislature is made by the ha'wiltth Advisory Council. The Yuutu?it?ath Government will be requesting a meeting of the Council to support them through the appointment process.

A summit was held late February for the dispersed/un-authorized camping in the back roads. From this a West Coast Task Force was created with representation from Yuutu?it?ath, Toquaht, Tla-o-qui-aht, Districts of Ucluelet and Tofino, Tourism Ucluelet, ACRD, PRNP (Parks), Ministry



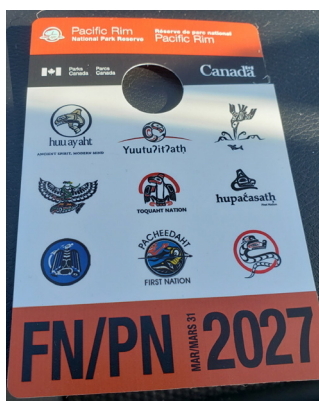
of Transportation, RCMP, and a few more select. Meetings have been taking place to set short term and long term goals for mitigating the issues we are seeing on the back roads, without setting gates and pushing traffic into other areas such as in Yuutu?it?ath TSL and Toquaht lands. This season will start with strong communication and short term solutions.

The Yuutu?it?ath Group of Businesses is seeking three citizens to become Directors of the Operating Board. This is a great opportunity for citizens who have knowledge and experience in business and entrepreneurial initiative, or who see interest in Entrepreneurial activities.

We encourage interested citizens to submit their resume and letter of interest to [Charles.McCarthy@ufn.ca](mailto:Charles.McCarthy@ufn.ca) or [Jenny.Touchie@ufn.ca](mailto:Jenny.Touchie@ufn.ca).

**Charles McCarthy, President**

### Received from the Pacific Rim National Park



The Government of Canada has a long-term commitment to renewing nation-to-nation relationships with Indigenous peoples and working with Indigenous partners, based on recognition of rights, respect, and cooperation. On behalf of the Parks Canada Agency, Pacific Rim National Park Reserve truly appreciates and values the partnerships and the collaboration to co-manage with the nine

First Nations whose hahuuti is within the boundaries of the national park reserve.

As a sign of that commitment, Pacific Rim National Park Reserve uses the First Nations Open Door to remove barriers and provide free access to all First Nation members who

have a connection to the lands and waters within the national park reserve. Starting April 1, 2022, the First Nations Open Door is available to all nine First Nations using a newly designed hangtag with the logos of the following nations: Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations, Yuutu?it?ath, Tseshaht First Nation, Toquaht Nation, Hupacasath First Nation, Uchucklesaht Tribe, Huu-ay-aht First Nations, Ditidaht First Nation, and Pacheedaht First Nation.

A significant change to note is that these hangtags are now valid for five years versus the one-year annual passes. Reminder, these hangtags can be used in all three units of the national park reserve: Long Beach, Broken Group Islands and the West Coast Trail. These new hangtags can be distributed to all eligible community members that live, work or are connected to your nation.

Please visit the Cix<sup>w</sup>atin Centre or call Reception (250) 726-7342 to collect yours or request a mail out.

# Director of Operations

## YG Employee Relations

Please join me in welcoming the following into their permanent, full-time placements. Congratulations to all, we look forward to all your good contributions to your department teams and to the nation overall!

- **Skylene Patrick**, Childcare Manager  
q<sup>w</sup>ayačiik?iis Childcare Center
- **Byron Patrick**, Administrative Assistant  
Health and Social Services
- **Michelle Touchie**, Social Development Coordinator, Citizenship and Enrolment Registrar
- **Evangeline Campbell**, Evening Custodian



We welcome back William Ambrose, who is now contracting with the YG for general maintenance work.

We will be saying farewell to a few staff members who have been with YG for for some time, Tori Pollins Lands and Resources department and Aliya Haer , Assets department. We thank you both for your contribution and attentiveness to YG.

## YG Covid Safety and Expectations

**COVID Safety:** Although BC is lifting more restrictions in the coming days, the YG staff will still have safety measures in place, including:

- Optional masks
- Work-from-Home Policy for those who are sick or experiencing cold/flu like symptoms
- Sanitizing regularly
- Day-custodial services will be ongoing
- Essential business meetings only
- Social distancing measures remain in effect

We thank the staff for their integral attention to YG policies and standards through the last few years, to help keep the community and the team members safe and healthy.

## 2022/2023 Fiscal Budget Enacted

**Legislature:** The Annual Budget Act was enacted at the March 28 meeting of the Legislature. Many, many thanks to Tamara Nelson, CFO for all her time spent on this year's budget and to the managers and supporting staff for your contributions to this work. It takes a lot of parties to get to the enactment of law each year and I extend my acknowledgment and appreciate to all involved in the process including the finance committee, Executive Members, the Legislature, and for participation in the hitaču Assembly.

## Satellite Office

**Port Alberni Satellite Office:** Renovations are underway. Next step, we will be reaching out to the departments to

start discussing planning and programming for the new space. We look forward to opening up this new location to offer future programming and services for our urban citizens!

## Economic Development Engagement Sessions with MNP

The **Strategic Planning Survey** that was released earlier in the year saw 62 participants total, on and off TSL (Treaty Settlement Lands). As a follow up to the Strategic Planning Survey, YG Economic Development Officer, Corey Rich and three representatives from MNP (a leading national consulting firm for Indigenous Nations in Canada) hosted

community Engagement Sessions. There was a session for Youth, Elders, Entrepreneurs, and a general Community session. In these sessions, the results of the Strategy was shared and the main focus was to gather the insight from individual groups, through round table discussion, on what Yuułu?i?ath's economic future could look like for citizens.

A separate discussion was held online via Zoom for urban citizen engagement. Due to unforeseen technical difficulties the session was cut short and will resume at a later date in May.

We thank everyone for their participation in the survey and through these engagement sessions. There will be pictures and more information in the Spring edition of the Umacuk!

## Clayoquot Biosphere Trust Education Awards

The **CBT'S Annual Education Awards** are coming up and can be accessed by any graduate student from 2021 (with conditions) and 2022 school years from the 5 Nations listed below, no matter where they live.

*From the CBT -* The Central Region Nuuchahnulth Education Award Program supports students that are registered members of the Hesquiaht First Nation, Ahousaht First Nation, Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations, Yuułu?i?ath Government or Toquaht Nation who are graduating from high school and are attending an accredited post-secondary institution in the upcoming academic year. Students do not have to reside in the Clayoquot Biosphere Region. The education award amount is up to **\$12,000 over 4 years** to support trade certifications, university, and other post-secondary education programs.

Applications are open until May 11th, 2022 and can be accessed at [clayoquotbiosphere.org/grants/education-awards](https://clayoquotbiosphere.org/grants/education-awards)

*Suzanne Williams, Director of Operations*

# Assets & Public Works

## hitaču Water Line Flushing

hitaču water lines were flushed from Monday, March 28 to Wednesday, March 30. The first zone was the supply lines leading to the community. The second zone was the upper area of hitaču; Wya Rd, Ju-ma-da Rd, Dominic Rd, Alec Rd, Albert Rd. The third zone was the lower areas of hitaču leading to the entrance of the community; hitaču Rd, Hılthsorta Rd, Tzah-dus Rd, Up-be-ars Rd, Gwi-yim-da Rd. *łeekoo to Jordan and Henry for their work!*

Early March the Ven-tech Dive Crew serviced the water tower, which included a dive into the reservoir. Ven-Tech Subsea is a Canadian based commercial diving company that provides Underwater Construction and Underwater Inspection Services. All of Ven-Tech Subsea's associated in-tank equipment and divers are fully disinfected according to AWWA Standard C65c-02 prior to each dive

### What is AWWA Standard C65c-02?

All work can be performed while a system is full and operating in a normal manner, eliminating downtime and loss of storage capacity. This standard for disinfection of water-storage facilities describes materials, facility preparation, application of disinfectant to interior surfaces of facilities, and sampling and testing for the presence of coliform bacteria. The standard also includes disinfection procedures for underwater inspection of on-line, potable-water-storage facilities.

### Advisory Still In Effect

On March 4, 2022, a letter from the First Nations Health Authority on behalf of Yuułu?ıř?atł Government was distributed to hitaču residents and re-issued March 18, 2022. The Notices instructed to not use drinking water to prepare formula for bottle-fed infants due to higher manganese levels in the water, based on a new recommendation from the Health Authority. **This advisory is still in place.**

We ask citizens to use an alternate source of safe drinking water for preparing formula for infants such as bottled water or other safe source. **Water can still be used for:**

- Consumption (cooking and drinking) by non-vulnerable groups
- hand washing
- bathing and showering

### Remember:

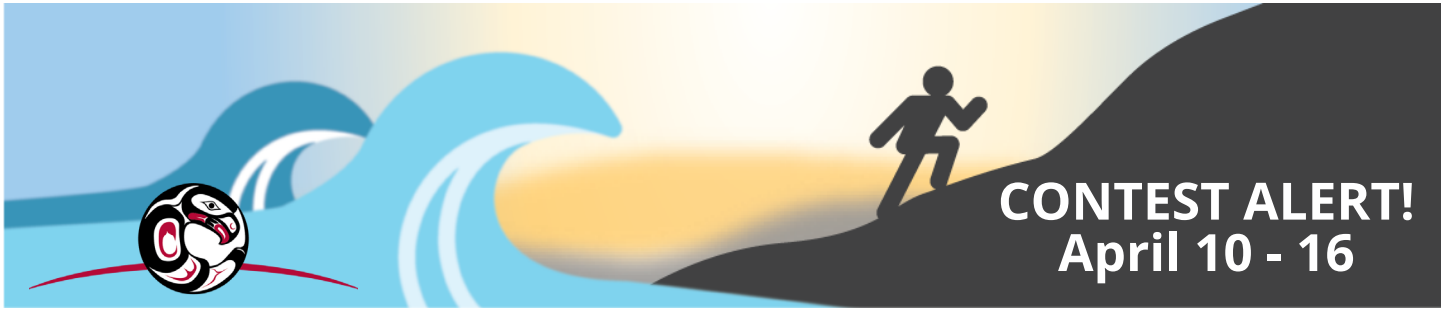
- Feeling or getting ill is not a side effect of manganese.
- Manganese will not affect you right away, but over a longer period of exposure it can affect those under the age of 2. This advisory has recently been added to the Canadian drinking water standards.



- With pregnant and feeding mothers, the body should be able to regulate the levels of manganese well, those concerned can switch water sources. If you have concerns, please speak to your health care provider.
- All those above the age of 2 will not be affected by the current levels of manganese. Should the levels reach cautionary levels, we will notify the community to stop consumption.

hitaču's water is tested 3-5 times a day at different areas through the community by Yuułu?ıř?atł Government, certified water operators. Samples have been showing optimal levels in the water no signs of bacteria, or ecoli. YG lab results are double checked by a third-party lab. TDS (total dissolved solids) in the system has been low to mid 50s which is near perfect drinking water, TDS level between 50-150 is considered as the most suitable and acceptable for consumption and safe water.

We apologize for the inconvenience to the community. We will continue to test the water and only advice infants are not to be fed tap water (or boiled tap water), all other residents of hitaču, the water is safe to consume.



## HIGH GROUND HIKE CONTEST!

Virtual High Ground Hike - Get tsunami prepared and enter to win prizes!

During Tsunami Preparedness Week, **April 10-16, 2022**, participate in the VIRTUAL High Ground Hike and enter to win great prizes! **It's easy.**

### How to Enter:

1. Walk from the shoreline (beach by the totem, huuᑭatu Centre, or your household) to the Cixʷatin Centre.
2. Take a selfie at the Assembly Area (parking lot)
3. Post your selfie to Twitter or Facebook. Tag **@PreparedBC** and use the hashtag **#HighGroundSelfie22**, and you'll be entered to win **one of 47 prizes** from PreparedBC.
4. Also use the hashtag **#UclueletFirstNationHGH** on **Facebook or Instagram** to win one of 4 additional prizes.

**When you tag @PreparedBC and use the hashtag #HighGroundSelfie22, you'll be entered to win:**

- 2 Preparedness kits for 4
- 4 Preparedness kits for 2
- 5 Phone charger kits
- 6 Grab-&-go-bag starter kits
- 10 Waterproof headlamps
- 20 Phone banks

Add the hashtag **#UclueletFirstNationHGH** to your post, and you'll be entered to win additional prizes, such as:

- Hand crank/battery/solar-powered radio
- WorkSafeBC Basic First Aid Kit
- 1 of 2 PreparedBC backpacks

For full contest rules go to: [www.preparedbc.ca/highgroundhike](http://www.preparedbc.ca/highgroundhike) or visit [ufn.ca](http://ufn.ca).

Twitter **@PreparedBC**  
<https://twitter.com/PreparedBC>

Facebook **@PreparedBC**  
<https://www.facebook.com/PreparedBC>

Facebook **@UclueletFirstNation**  
 Instagram **@UclueletFirstNation**

**JOIN US!**  
**High Ground Hike**

**Thursday, April 14**  
**10:00am, Totem**

Meet down at the Totem and make the High Ground Hike to the Cixʷatin Centre.

Snacks will be provided!

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Lower lying houses are subject to tsunami risk and flooding, see how long it takes you to get to high ground without vehicle access.

## hitaću Tsunami Preparedness

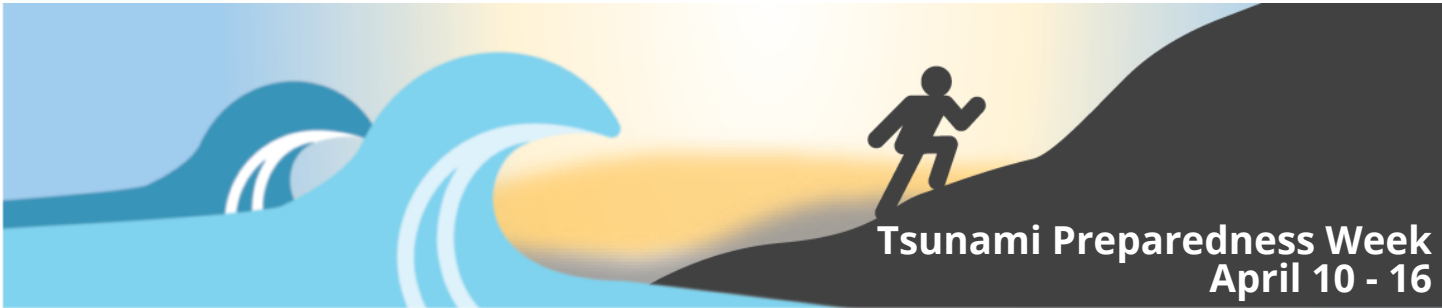


### Know where to go!

Head for high ground in hitaću. Community safe zone is the **Cixʷatin Centre**.

- ✓ Cixʷatin Centre High ground
- ✗ huuᑭatu Centre Low ground





## Yuułu?i?ath Government - Ucluelet First Nation, hita'cu Co-hosting Virtual High Ground Hike

Tsunamis are unpredictable and can strike at any time. When they're caused by far-away events, like the volcano eruption in Tonga on January 15, there's extra time to react. But when an earthquake happens along our coast, we need to respond immediately. If you feel shaking, drop, cover, and hold on. Once the shaking stops, move inland to our tsunami-safe location.

A tsunami caused by a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake could hit the B.C. coast in as little as 15 minutes, which is why it's critical to practice getting to high ground. A prepared community is a resilient community.

Yuułu?i?ath Government is joining several coastal and Island communities, from Stewart to Victoria, in hosting Virtual High Ground Hikes and a selfie contest during Tsunami Preparedness Week, **April 10 - 16!** We hope to see lots of selfies from our tsunami-safe (high ground) location.

The event, coordinated by PreparedBC and co-hosted by Yuułu?i?ath Government encourages residents to take a first step in preparing for a tsunami and have some fun in the process. It's easy to participate, and when you enter the **#HighGroundSelfie22** contest, you could win one of 47 prizes from PreparedBC.

- First, go to our tsunami-safe location at the **Cixwatin Centre**
- Take a selfie at high ground (our tsunami-safe location).
- Between April 10-16, post your selfie to Facebook or Twitter, tag **@PreparedBC** use the hashtag **#HighGroundSelfie22**

### Win more prizes, locally, when you also include the hashtag **#UclueletFirstNationHGH**

It's a good idea for everyone in your household--including pets--to have grab-and-go bags. It's a small emergency kit that's easy to take with you in case you need to leave right away. Consider having them for your home, workplace, and vehicle. They should contain:

- Food (ready to eat) and water
- Phone charger and battery bank, extra batteries
- Small battery-powered or hand-crank radio
- Battery-powered or hand-crank flashlight
- Small first-aid kit and personal medications
- Personal toiletries and items, such as an extra pair of glasses or contact lenses
- Copy of your emergency plan
- Copies of important documents, such as insurance papers and identification
- Cash in small bills
- Local map with your family meeting place identified
- Seasonal clothing and an emergency blanket
- Pen and notepad, whistle

In the event of a tsunami, Yuułu?i?ath Government will keep you informed through social media and door to door notification dependent on time allocation.

For more information on the contest or tsunami preparedness, follow us on Facebook **@UclueletFirstNation** during Tsunami Preparedness Week. You can also follow **PreparedBC** on Facebook and Twitter (@PreparedBc) or visit [www.preparedbc.ca](http://www.preparedbc.ca).

Visit [ufn.ca](http://ufn.ca) to learn more about:

- the **#HighGroundSelfie22** contest
- hita'cu high ground location
- Sign up for Ucluelet's Emergency System
  - <https://ucluelet.ca/community/emergency-services/emergency-notification>

For more information, contact:  
**communications@ufn.ca**





# OUTREACH OPTOMETRY CLINIC

TUESDAY, APRIL 12  
CIX<sup>w</sup> ATIN CENTRE

Contact Byron Patrick to book your appointment:  
250.726.7343 or email [byron.patrick@ufn.ca](mailto:byron.patrick@ufn.ca)

## Health Services

### COVID Isolation Periods and Testing

As of Friday, March 11, 2022, B.C.'s indoor mask order was withdrawn as a mandatory form of PPE, along with eased restrictions on long-term care visitors and gatherings.

Effective Friday, April 8, 2022, at 12:01 a.m., the following changes will also be made to public health orders:

- Showing the BC Vaccine Card proof of vaccination to access non-essential events, services and businesses will no longer be required.
- Individual businesses and organizations can choose to continue to require the BC Vaccine Card proof on their premises.
- The remainder of the Workplace Safety Order will be lifted, which means businesses will transition back to communicable disease plans to reduce risk of all communicable disease.
- The requirement for students residing in residence to be fully vaccinated under the Post-secondary Institution Housing COVID-19 Preventative Measures Order will be repealed.

Vaccinations remain the primary layer of protection that has limited severe health outcomes from COVID-19. We continue to suggest wearing your mask in public spaces and venues to ensure the reduced risk in contracting COVID-19.

For hitaču residents we also encourage a 14 day isolation period if you or your household test positive for COVID-19, and work order for YG staff include a 5 day work from home if exposed, have symptoms, or have a general cold.

Rapid testing kits are available at the huuᑭatu Health Centre for more information or if you need to speak to a community nurse, call (250)726-7343.

### Pre and Post Natal Sessions in Programming

Group pre-natal sessions were offered to citizens previously through Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council (NTC) nurses. Since the separation from the NTC and progress of the huuᑭatu Health Centre, Judy Gleeson, RN has been meeting with pre-natal women individually at the health centre (due to Covid-19 restrictions), since her arrival in May 2021.

Now that there is a window of opportunity, with the lifting of restrictions, Judy is planning to start offering group sessions for pre and post-natal women! The finer details of the program are still underway and we are excited to see this service available at a soon-to-be, future date.

huuᑭatu Health Centre continues to grow, offering more programs and services. For program service, and booking information, contact: [Byron.Patrick@ufn.ca](mailto:Byron.Patrick@ufn.ca) or call (250)726-7343.



# DR. TED ALTAR COMMUNITY PSYCHOLOGIST

HUU'ATU HEALTH CENTRE

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



## ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS & NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS WEEKLY MEETINGS

TUESDAY'S @ 6:00PM, HUU'ATU CENTRE

*Meetings will be held every Tuesday @ 6:00pm.*

For more information contact Deb Botting [250.726.8790](tel:250.726.8790)  
Or email [dbotting@telus.net](mailto:dbotting@telus.net)

# OPPORTUNITY!

## YUULU?I?ATH GROUP OF BUSINESSES

Seeks three (3) citizens interested in becoming a Director of the Operating Board.



### Interested?

Share with us your experience/professional background and tell us what you will bring to board; visions, goals, and interests.

Send your resume and details to:

**Charles McCarthy**  
Charles.McCarthy@ufn.ca  
(250) 266.4499

**Jenny Touchie**  
Jenny.Touchie@ufn.ca  
(250) 266.1509

### Your role as Director is to:

- Provide support and guidance to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the operating companies
- Contribute to making important business decisions that are in the best interest of the company(ies)
- Collaborate and work as a team with the entire board and CEO to achieve sustainable and profitable businesses
- Develop/review company policies and processes
- Contribute to a corporate culture that respects the history and traditions of Yuulu?i?ath people
- Integrate the spirit of the Yuulu?i?ath culture and identity into the operations

### Experience (an asset but not required):

- Business/Entrepreneurship
- Financial capacity/experience (i.e. financial statement comprehension)
- Tourism/Hospitality experience
- Previous experience on a board/committee
- Other professional/industry experience which may be applicable to our businesses

### Who are we looking for?

- Individuals with energy and a positive, proactive approach
- Individuals with knowledge and awareness of Yuulu?i?ath culture/history
- Youth/young professionals (18-30) interested in business and wanting to learn
- Entrepreneurs
- Individuals who can contribute to a team, work well with others and maintain a respectful approach, even during opposing views, difficult discussions or hard business decisions





# Help Make Our Community Safer for Everyone



Providing or selling liquor to a minor or allowing them to consume alcohol at a place under their control:  
**\$575.00 fine**

Selling Alcohol without a license:  
**Up to \$50,000 fine and up to 12 months in jail**

If you have information about any criminal activity, and are not concerned about revealing your identity, call your local police non-emergency line.

*Ucluelet: (250) 726-7773*

*Port Alberni: (250) 723-2424*

*If you wish to remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers 1-800-222-8477 or go to [bccrimestoppers.com](http://bccrimestoppers.com)*

# CLOSED

FRIDAY, APRIL 15 & MONDAY, APRIL 18  
*for Easter Long Weekend*



hitaču Cixwatin Centre & huupatu Centre will reopen **Tuesday, April 19**



*House posts return home! Learn more in the Spring Edition of the Umacuk.*



## **Indigenous Summer Internship Program: Marine Spill Response Technician**

Western Canada Marine Response Corporation (WCMRC) is a Transport Canada certified Response Organization, whose mandate is to ensure there is a state of preparedness in place and to minimize the impact when an oil spill occurs. This includes the protection of wildlife, cultural and environmental sensitivities, and the safety of both the responders and the public.

### **How it Works**

WCMRC is hiring Indigenous Interns to work as a deckhand at each of our six response bases – Burnaby, Nanaimo, Sidney, Beecher Bay, Port Alberni and Prince Rupert. The four month (May – August) summer job is a full-time paid position.

Interns will gain valuable work experience in the marine sector and insight into how spill response works on Canada's West Coast.

### **Who is Eligible?**

Applicants should have a high school diploma and a valid driver's license. Small Vessel Operator Proficiency (SVOP), Marine Emergency Duties (MED A1/A3) certificate and Radio Operators Certificate (ROC- M) are considered assets. Candidates should be physically fit for work at sea in calm and rough waters. You must also be willing and able to work outdoors in extreme weather conditions.

Those wishing to apply must be Indigenous (First Nations status or non-status, Métis, Inuit).

### **How to Apply**

Interested internship candidates can email their resumes and cover letters to [careers@wcmrc.com](mailto:careers@wcmrc.com). The deadline for applications is April 15, 2022.



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## JOIN OUR CITIZENSHIP AND ENROLMENT COMMITTEE!

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The Yuutu?it?ath Government has a vacancy on its  
Citizenship and Enrolment Committee.

The mandate of the Committee is to make decisions regarding the granting and revocation of Yuutu?it?ath citizenship and the granting and revocation of Yuutu?it?ath enrolment under the Maa-nulth Treaty.

**To submit an application**, request a copy of the terms of reference for the committee or for any other questions, please contact Jill Hamilton, Law Clerk, by emailing [jill.hamilton@ufn.ca](mailto:jill.hamilton@ufn.ca).

The application form can be found at [ufn.ca](http://ufn.ca) under:

*Government > Forms > Law Clerk > Application For Committee Membership*



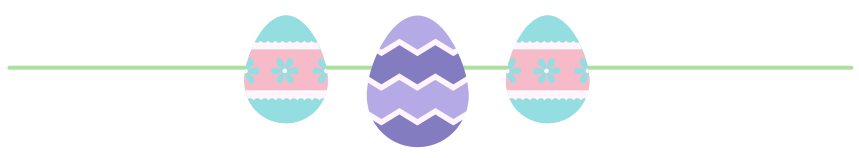
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# EASTER EGG HUNT

Kidlets 12 & under  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 16**  
**10AM**

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Kids 4-12 hunt down at the beach from the Totem  
Kids 1-3 hunt up at the park by the Totem  
*Easter baskets will be provided!*



(LIGHT) RAIN OR SHINE!