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# YG Newsletter

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## Events

### Wednesday, June 15

Father's Day Dinner  
5:00pm- 7:00pm  
Cix<sup>w</sup>atin Centre Gym

### Monday, June 20

Hiring Fair  
See poster >>>>>>>>

### Tuesday, June 21

Tseshah First Nation  
National Indigenous  
People's Day Event  
Starts 6:00am

### Thursday, June 23

Education Celebration  
Dinner  
5:00pm- 7:00pm  
Cix<sup>w</sup>atin Centre Gym

## Ongoing

### Sundays

Volunteer at Wya Com-  
munity Garden  
10:00am to 2:00pm

### Tuesdays

Weekly Warrior Meet  
4:00pm- 6:30pm  
Cix<sup>w</sup>atin Centre Gym

### 2nd Tuesday of the Month

Elder's Luncheon  
Starts 11:30am  
Cix<sup>w</sup>atin Centre Gym



## YUULU?IT?ATH GOVERNMENT HIRING FAIR 2022

*Have you considered working with  
Yuutu?it?ath Government as a  
potential career?*

### OPPORTUNITIES:

ASSETS - EDUCATION - HEALTH - LANDS &  
RESOURCES - ADMINISTRATION

*On the job training provided. Get paid as  
you learn in your new career!*

### MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2022

Day Session  
10:00AM - 2:00PM

Evening Session  
5:00PM - 7:00PM

Cix<sup>w</sup>atin Centre Gym

*Tea, coffee, and snacks provided*

More info? [Adam.Gleeson@ufn.ca](mailto:Adam.Gleeson@ufn.ca)



# Welcome 'New' Staff



**William Ambrose Sr.**



**Edward Mack**

This past month, Yuulu?iif?ath Government welcomed 'new' members to the team!

Earlier this year, **William Ambrose Sr.**, former Evening Janitor, for the Cixwatin Centre, put in his time to relocate to another community. Since returning home, William has been working as a contracted Community Maintenance Technician for YG. You may see William helping with building or general maintenance for citizens around hitacu. We are very pleased to have William return to the community and appreciate all his efforts.

**Edward Mack** has recently been acting as a fill for the day cleaning team at the Cixwatin Centre. The position of Traditional Foods Assistant came up, allowing Edward the opportunity to apply and receive the new title. Edward will be learning on the job, working closely with the Lands, Resources, and Fisheries department. Way to go Edward, welcome officially to the team!

We welcome **Savannah McCarthy** to the Administration Department. Savannah and her lovely voice will be the first point of contact when you call or visit the Cixwatin Centre. Most recently Savannah was working within the Culture and Heritage Department as part of the Trail Crew, working on the čumaata trails, in part with the Ucluelet Mountain Biking Association. Savannah too, is learning on the job in her new role, under the training of front-line administration team. We are lucky to have Savannah indoors working closely with the community, while providing exceptional support to the staff.

The qwayačiiik?iis Childcare Centre officially appointed an Assistant Manager. **Freda Thomas**, longtime staff, was se-

lected to take the co-reigns with Skylene Patrick.

We welcome all 'new staff' and thank a them for their dedication to YG. Not everyone is comfortable sharing a photo or their story. We thank those that do and hope to share more about our new staff in future publications as comfort levels rise.

Our newest hires have been within the government function and saw opportunities best for them. We encourage any citizen to apply for a position that piques their interest. You never know where it will land you!

A Father's Day banner featuring two bald eagles. The text reads: "HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! SUNDAY, JUNE 19". At the bottom, there is a logo of a stylized eagle head and the text: "A day gifted to our Fathers (Grandpas, Uncles, Brothers, and Cousins) who help guide us through life. Our heroes, story tellers, and singers of song."/>

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!**  
SUNDAY, JUNE 19

*A day gifted to our Fathers (Grandpas, Uncles, Brothers, and Cousins) who help guide us through life. Our heroes, story tellers, and singers of song.*

# Interns at YG

## The Yuuʔuʔiʔath Government welcomes interns for the season!

Senior Advisor, John Rankin identifies the need for internship recruitment and how the process came to be.

The idea of Co-Op students evolved from continued inability, due to lack of time available from staff, to commence and complete foundational projects in two areas, being data management and policies. As the projects are of few months duration, the difficulty was finding staff willing to work short-term basis.

I shared the challenges we were having to complete the respective projects with a SGIG (Self Governing Indigenous Governments) group to which UFN belongs, and representatives of two Nations noted how they were using Co-Op students to do same or similar projects. Subsequently, in one of the Data group's work-shops, one of the Co-Op students was participating, I was quite impressed with their knowledge and professionalism. The student connected me with their University's Co-Op Office, being UVic, and the Office moved quickly to find suitable applicants.

Having seen benefits of the University of Waterloo Co-Op program, which I understand was one of the first to have such, for students and Chartered Accounting firms early in my career, I am supporter of such programs and overall for students. Education and work experienced integrated provides synergism as versus having only one singly.

Previously, I had made inquires within UFN if there were UFN University students interested in summer employment. Going forward, through working with our cross-departmentally, we can inform and encourage our students of Co-Op and summer work opportunities. If any student is interested I suggest contacting our Director of Operations.

Having Peter and Andrew will be a small step in reconciliation, as they gain insight into and understanding of First Nations, their rights and the uniqueness of Treaty Nations.

John Rankin, Senior Advisor  
Yuuʔuʔiʔath Government

## Meet the Interns!

### Andrew Kalnicki

My name is Andrew Kalnicki, I am Business student about to go into my fourth year at UVic. I grew up in Calgary Alberta, but currently live in Victoria.

My interim position with YG is the Data Management and Accounting Assistant. This job stood out to me because of the beautiful nature around Ucluelet and the Pacific Rim Park.

Growing up, my family would make annual trips out to the coast to go surfing, camping, and relax at the beach. This has really influenced me to come out to the west coast.

I grew up playing ice hockey and really enjoy skiing, an interesting fact about me is I drive a car on the right-hand side.

Moving forward in my career, I really want to be a well-rounded individual who understands the backbone and drivers of organizations and am excited to learn from my new co-workers and what YG has to offer.

I think this will be a great opportunity to learn a lot and gain valuable skills, and look forward to meeting you.

### Peter Inches



You can call me Pete!

I am from Victoria and just finished my first year of law school at the University of Victoria.

I am working with the Yuuʔuʔiʔath Government to complete a policy review, which I am hopeful will facilitate greater clarity of

YG operations.

I am very excited for the opportunity to be out of Victoria, doing substantial work with real people. I am greatly looking forward to learning about and engaging with Yuuʔuʔiʔath.

If you see me, please introduce yourselves, I would love to get to know you!

# Health Services

The Health Department hosted an Elder's luncheon in early May. Guest Speaker for the group was Pam Thymaras of the Pacific Rim Hospice Society.

Pam informed those in attendance about 'Pacific Rim Better at Home Program', a Pacific Rim Hospice Society initiative. It is a non-medical home support program for Elders (55+).

The services the 'Better at Home' program will be providing include the following:

- 'Friendly visiting' with volunteers
- Light house cleaning
- Light home maintenance
- Light landscaping
- Help with groceries/pharmacy
- Transportation to medical/health appointments to Ucluelet and Tofino
- Light weekly meal (soup) program
- Walking groups
- Socials

Applications for this dedicated services can be filled over the phone. The program is also seeking Volunteers, Volunteer drivers, and contractors for house cleaning, home maintenance and landscaping.

Interested parties can find more information at [www.pacificrimhospice.ca](http://www.pacificrimhospice.ca). They can also be reached by phone at 250-725-1240.



## Mark Your Calendars!

Health and Social Services will be hosting Elder's Luncheons every second Tuesday of the month. 11:30am start, Cixwatin Centre Gym!



**EDUCATION & SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

ufn.ca > Government > Forms > Social Services > Education

**Applications for Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Secondary** (high school) and Post-Secondary Scholarships are now open! Make sure to send in your application before the deadline on **Friday, June 17, 2022**. Applications can be found online at [ufn.ca](http://ufn.ca) > Gov-

ernment > Forms > Social Services > Education.

**An Education Celebration Dinner** will be held Thursday, June 23 from 5pm to 7pm at the Cixwatin Centre Gym!

# Assets & Public Works

## Community Gym Open!

The Public Works team (Henry Williams and Jordan Touchie) have been working hard at transitioning the old day care into a new Community Gym facility!

The gym has equipment such as a treadmill, elliptical, bike, and much more for your fitness needs! If you wish to gain access to the gym, contact [Spencer.Touchie@ufn.ca](mailto:Spencer.Touchie@ufn.ca) for a code.

Work on your health and well being as a great way to beat the rainy blues! Great work team!



## Advisory Still In Effect

On March 4, 2022, a letter from the First Nations Health Authority on behalf of Yuułu?i?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?i?atł Government, certified water operators.

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.

**EDUCATION DINNER**  
Thursday, June 23 at 5pm  
Cix'atin Centre Gym

Join us to celebrate the  
2021/2022 students!

See you there!

For more information email [adam.gleeson@ufn.ca](mailto:adam.gleeson@ufn.ca)

# Nahmint Łuunim (Elk) Project

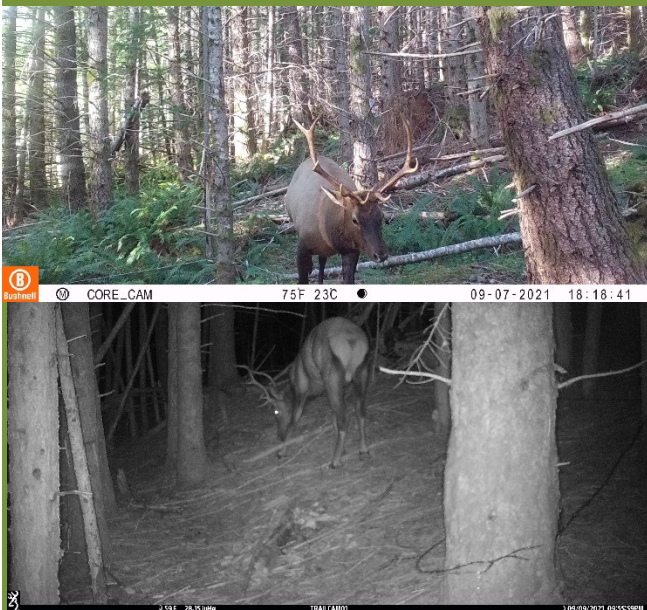
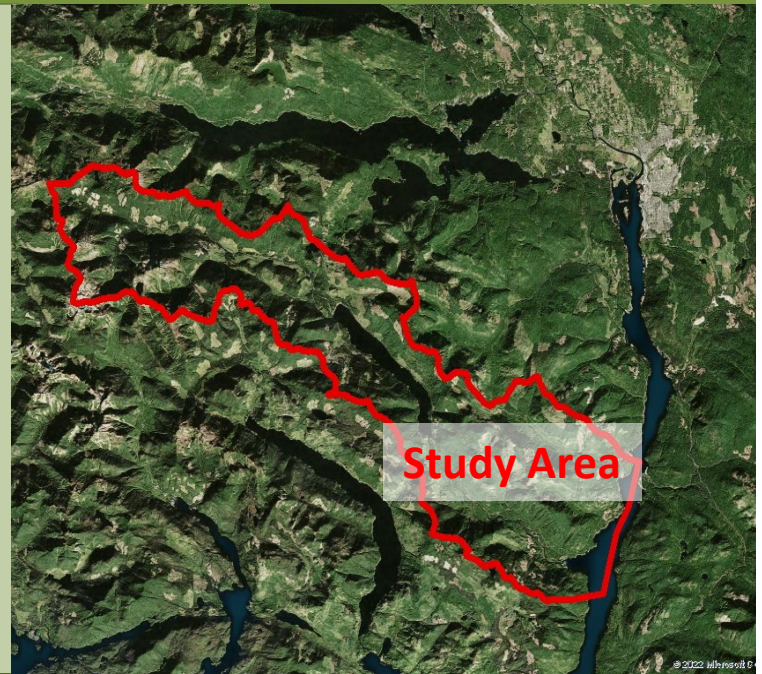


## Why is the project needed?

Łuunim abundance in the Nahmint Valley appears to have declined around the years of 2013-2015 and a small population has persisted since then. Due to this decline, harvest can no longer be sustained at the current abundance. Maa-nulth First Nations and the Province of BC are initiating a project to better understand Łuunim in the Nahmint Valley.

## This project will:

- Look at how Łuunim use the Nahmint Valley in different seasons and
- Obtain information on Łuunim abundance that could help inform the population estimate and potential future harvest opportunities.



## How does this project work?

This project will deploy remote cameras across the Nahmint Valley. The cameras will be collecting Łuunim information over all seasons for 2 years.

## What can you do?

If you encounter remote cameras from this project, please do not disturb them as they are collecting valuable information to help Nahmint Łuunim.

You can help the project by reporting Łuunim sightings in the Nahmint Valley or neighboring areas to one of the project leads listed below. Please provide photos, date/time, and location of the sighting. Information on number of bulls, cows, and calves would also be helpful.

## For more information contact the project leads:

Jonquil Crosby, Yuułułıłꞑath Government, [jonquil.crosby@ufn.ca](mailto:jonquil.crosby@ufn.ca)  
Ryan Anaka, Uchucklesaht Government, [ryan.anaka@uchucklesaht.ca](mailto:ryan.anaka@uchucklesaht.ca)  
Shelley Marshall, Province of BC, [shelley.marshall@gov.bc.ca](mailto:shelley.marshall@gov.bc.ca)  
Jen Smith, Province of BC, [Jennifer.x.Smith@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jennifer.x.Smith@gov.bc.ca)





## NEW HARVEST APPLICATIONS ARE HERE!

You can now submit one application for general harvesting. Harvesting within the Pacific Rim National Park, high fishing, and Tl'unim hunt authorization requires separate applications. If you are unable to in person, **here are the alternate steps:**

### HARVEST CARD APPLICATIONS

- Fill out an application form: [ufn.ca](http://ufn.ca) > **Government > Forms > Harvesting**
- Have a **clear** photo taken.
  - Passport ID style; shoulders up, no hats.
  - Walmart Photo Centre can take your photo for a small fee.
- Mail in your application, photo, and payment to:
  - PO Box 699, Ucluelet BC, V0R 3A0
- OR: Fill out an online application and email in with a digital copy of your photo.
- Your application will be processed, a card will be issued, signed, and mailed back to your specified mailing address.

### HARVEST CARD FEES

Renewal fee is **\$25**

Replacement fee is **\$50**

No fee for first time applicants

*Payment via certified cheque, money order, or EFT to [cfo@ufn.ca](mailto:cfo@ufn.ca)*

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Manager of Fisheries & Wildlife; [Jonquil.Crosby@ufn.ca](mailto:Jonquil.Crosby@ufn.ca)

Or Call (250) 726-7342

## Harvesting Applications have been updated!

**Great news!** The Lands and Resources (Fisheries and Wildlife) Department updated the Harvesting applications to make the process easier for you.

The forms now include a joint harvesting application for Hunting, Fishing, Park Gathering, and Youth. This form is the RH-1 **Harvesting Documentation Application**.

The RH-2 form for **High Capacity Fishing Documentation Application** applies for fish harvested for domestic purposes (as defined in the Maa-Nulth Harvest Document) only and are not to be sold.

The RH-3 form for Tl'unim Hunt Authorization and Reporting is self explanatory, please review this application in detail and contact the Lands and Resources (Fisheries and Wildlife) Department for clear instruction.

The RH-4 form Notification of Intent to Harvest Renewable Resources is for harvesting within the Pacific Rim National Park.

You can find all forms and applications online at [ufn.ca](http://ufn.ca) > **Government > Forms > Harvesting**, including the Maa-nulth Weekly Catch Report.

It is with great reminder to make sure you obtain your harvest cards and report your catch. Reporting (or not reporting) can affect future catch allowances.

For further help, contact Fisheries and Wildlife Manager [Jonquil.Crosby@ufn.ca](mailto:Jonquil.Crosby@ufn.ca).



## *Volunteer at the* **Wya Community Garden**

Get your hands in the soil this Spring and Summer! Volunteer with the Wya Community Garden to enhance your opportunity to learn from experienced gardeners, feed your passion, and nourish the growth of the garden.

### **Volunteer with us!**

**Sundays**

**May thru September**

**10:00am to 2:00pm**

*Everyone welcome, no experience necessary.*







**JUNE 21, 2022**  
**NATIONAL INDIGINEOUS**  
**PEOPLE'S DAY**

**Community Cultural Event**  
**Port Alberni**  
**6:00am**

Yuutuʔiʔath Citizens have been practicing Sundays at the Cixʷatin Centre Gymnasium, gearing up for a performance in Port Alberni for National Indigenous People's Day. The Nation has been invited to participate in an event hosted by the Tseshaht First Nation, to celebrate the Re-awakening of ʔuukʷatquuʔis: Wolf Tower Unveiling.

The event will be held on National Indigenous People's Day on June 21, 2022, starting at 6am. Please see below for

the formal invite provided by Melissa Bigmore, Communications Coordinator of Tseshaht First Nation.

Cultural dance practice will continue to take place at the Cixʷatin Centre Gymnasium, Sundays from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. The community is welcome to participate and view the practice.

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**An Invitation:**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2022 AT 6 AM**

**RE-AWAKENING OF ʔUUKʷATQUUʔIS: WOLF TOWER UNVEILING**

On behalf of Tseshaht ʔawiih (Hereditary Chiefs), we announce the Re-awakening of ʔuukʷatquuʔis: Wolf Tower Unveiling Event, Tuesday June 21, 2022.

For more than 100 years the Tseshaht people have been kept from performing our Wolf Ritual at our Winter Village site ʔuukʷatquuʔis that was lost under duress without treaty for settler occupation. It remains a sacred part of our Aboriginal Title territories and today we have much to celebrate!

In partnership with the City of Port Alberni, Tseshaht First Nation will celebrate the re-awakening of ʔuukʷatquuʔis with the unveiling of our Wolf Tower. Walking together is an expression of meaningful action and ongoing commitment to reconciliation efforts. We look forward to celebrating Indigenous culture and all cultures that make up Port Alberni and surrounding areas.

During our dawn until dusk celebration, we expect to welcome upwards of 1,000 people. Together we uphold Tseshaht responsibilities and protocols by challenging our

neighbouring Nations and other dignitaries to paddle their Chiefs to the ceremonial grounds from their own territory or launch from Clutesi Haven Marina and be escorted by our Beach Keepers vessel for a traditional welcoming protocol of coming ashore.

Breakfast, lunch, and snacks will be served throughout the day, as well as a traditional feast of salmon and seafood for dinner. There will be space available for crafters, artisans and indigenous-focused small businesses to sell their wares. Tseshaht will be performing many of our songs and dances and invite other Nations and cultures to take the floor and share theirs as well.

We look forward to having you attend in celebration and bear witness to the Re-awakening of ʔuukʷatquuʔis: Wolf Tower Unveiling Event.

For more information, contact:

Tseshaht First Nation

Melissa Bigmore, Communications Coordinator

[mbigmore@tseshaht.com](mailto:mbigmore@tseshaht.com)

# Strategic Planning at YG



***MNP return for a two day planning session with Yuuṭi?i?atḥ Government Management and Executive Members.***

During the past four months the Yuuṭi?i?atḥ Government has worked diligently alongside MNP consulting towards identifying our government’s five-year strategic planning goals. In order to start this process we’ve involved citizens in group discussions, as well as surveys, which were required to gather important perspectives from community members on the topics of governance and economy. We thank all who participated!

This engagement process has been a massive undertaking, and one that began with the collection of citizen feedback

during this year’s sessions occurring March 7th, 8th, 9th and May 4th . These sessions brought together youth, elders, entrepreneurs and general citizens to identify broad perspectives through both surveys and an analysis tool called a S.W.O.T.

For background, a S.W.O.T. analysis is when you review the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats and explore each topic through one lens at a time. This tool helps identify strategic areas where more focus may be needed, or perhaps areas where a government is already delivering

exceptional value to their citizens.

Next, all of our government staff assembled for two days May 5th and 6th, to reflect on the strategic thoughts of our citizenry. Yuuṭi?i?atḥ Government staff were not only asked to examine the feedback, comments and ideas of citizens, but were tasked to identify a clear list of high-level strategic objectives needed to best serve





the community needs over the next 5-years.

Please stay tuned for next steps. It should be noted that this work is not yet complete. In the coming weeks MNP and our government will be creating two strategic plans: one for our government programs and services, and another for our ongoing government led efforts to help support, stimulate and grow an economy here within our treaty settlement lands.

When complete, the strategic plans will be shared with the citizens to become familiar with the Yuułuᓃifʔatᓄ Government’s 5 year plan. We thank citizens for their input to date, whether via survey or in person participation.

We thank all of the staff and Executive members who graciously attended this planning session.



*If you harvest on  
Yuuʔuʔiʔath Traditional Territory,  
please remember...*

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# **Sustainable Harvesting is Everyone's Responsibility**

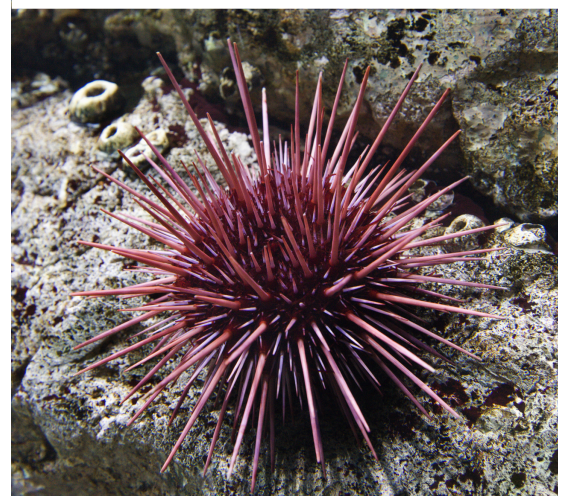
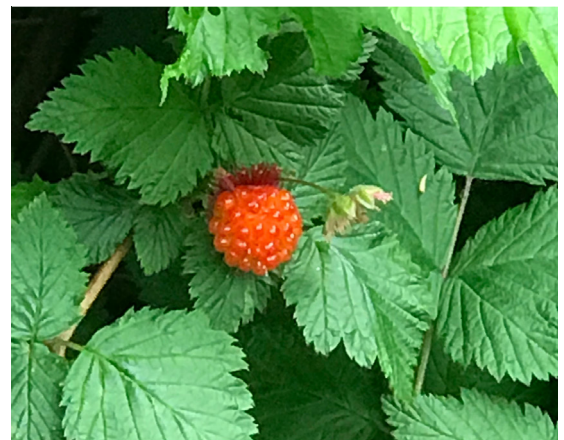
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- NOOTKA ROSE
- SALAL & BERRIES
- SALMON/BLACKBERRIES
- CEDAR BARK
- CRAB
- SEA URCHIN
- CLAMS
- MUSSELS
- OTHER TRADITIONAL FOODS

**Avoid gathering more than you  
need, harvest with intention.**

**Have ʔiisaak (respect) for the  
land and ocean.**

**Know the species you're looking  
for and how to identify them.**



# ʔapsčiiik ʔašii Elder's Luncheon



The Pacific Rim National Park is gearing up to officially open the ʔapsčiiik ʔašii multi-use trail! The Yuuʔuʔiʔath Government, Tla-o-qui-aht and the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve are working together to create a cultural event to officially open the trail for use.

The Elder's recently gathered for a working group lunch session at the Cix-watin Centre to discuss the events of the opening of the multi use trail. We collected great feedback for location, accessibility expectations, and ideas for a cultural gathering.

The opening date/celebration of the event is set for the end of June. Full details will be released at a later date, when finalized. We thank the Elder's for continuing this conversation in making this event succeed.

Pictured above; Constable Yannick tried his first ʔuʔup! We thank the Culture and Heritage Department for harvesting prior to the lunch.



## Driver's Reminded to Slow Down

The Summer is fast upon us with school nearing completion and (hopefully) nicer weather, the community of hitaču will once again be bustling with kids at play. Drivers in and out of the community are reminded to be mindful of the 30 km/h speed limit.

## Child Centre Play Spaces

Child Centre play spaces are for use but please remind children to respect the toys, play structures, and building and to not climb on the fences and roofs.

The play spaces are not accessible during operational hours of 8:00am to 4:30pm Monday to Friday. The spaces are available to be used during the week after 4:30pm, weekends, and holidays.

**Speed Limit is 30 km/h in hitaču**

ʔeekoo for understanding.



- ▶ Drive slow for community safety.
- ▶ Show ʔiisaak (respect) for our youth, elders & citizens using the road.
- ▶ Go the speed limit inside of hitaču; it's the law.

**Huʔacačičił**  
**Nuutximt Waalak**  
Coming Back to the  
Circle

**Father's Day  
Dinner**

**Community  
Gathering**

**WEDNESDAY JUNE 15, 2022**

**5pm Community Dinner**

**6pm Cultural Song & Dance**

**Cixwatin Centre Gym**

**Everyone welcome.**

**For more information contact  
Gloria Valentine  
250-726-7948**



**1 - 1 Clinical Counselling**  
Anita Charleson-Touchie, MEd., C.C.C., SEP  
[\*\*anita@tiichmiswellness.ca\*\*](mailto:anita@tiichmiswellness.ca)



# Multhmuums Virtual Workshop

Language

June 13 to  
June 30  
10am-3pm

**NEW  
DATES!**

## LANGUAGE INTEGRATED WITH:

### Goals by Design

Space to Grow, Visualizing  
Success, & Self Care

### Move Your Body

Stretching and Breathing  
with cultural context.  
Therapeutic Yoga.

### Use Your Hands

Beading - Tree of Life with  
Lisa Watts

### Update and Fine Tune Your Resume

To Register: Contact your Case  
Manager or your Social Development  
Worker for a referral to PES, or contact  
NETP 250-723-1331 to complete an  
intake.

You will need internet access. We will  
assist you join us using zoom. Laptops and  
all course materials are supplied. You will  
receive voucher for lunch during program.  
We will meet on Monday to Thursday each  
week and no session on Nuuchahnulth  
Day June 21.

### PES Case Mangers

#### Southern Region:

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#### Central Region:

Jerry.Perry@nuuchahnulth.org

### NETP Case Managers

#### Southern Region:

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Canada





*A luncheon will be held on the 2nd Tuesday each month for Elders (age 60+) to discuss health updates and health education.*

# ELDERS HEALTH LUNCHEON

**2ND  
TUESDAY  
EVERY  
MONTH**

**CIX<sup>W</sup>ATIN CENTRE  
GYMNASIUM  
HITAĆU  
11:30 AM**



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