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Grass Weaving Workshop

July 20, 21, 22

10:00am to 12:00pm

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Ongoing Events Sundays

Volunteer at Wya Community Garden

10:00am to 2:00pm

Tuesdays

Weekly Warrior Meet

4:00pm- 6:30pm

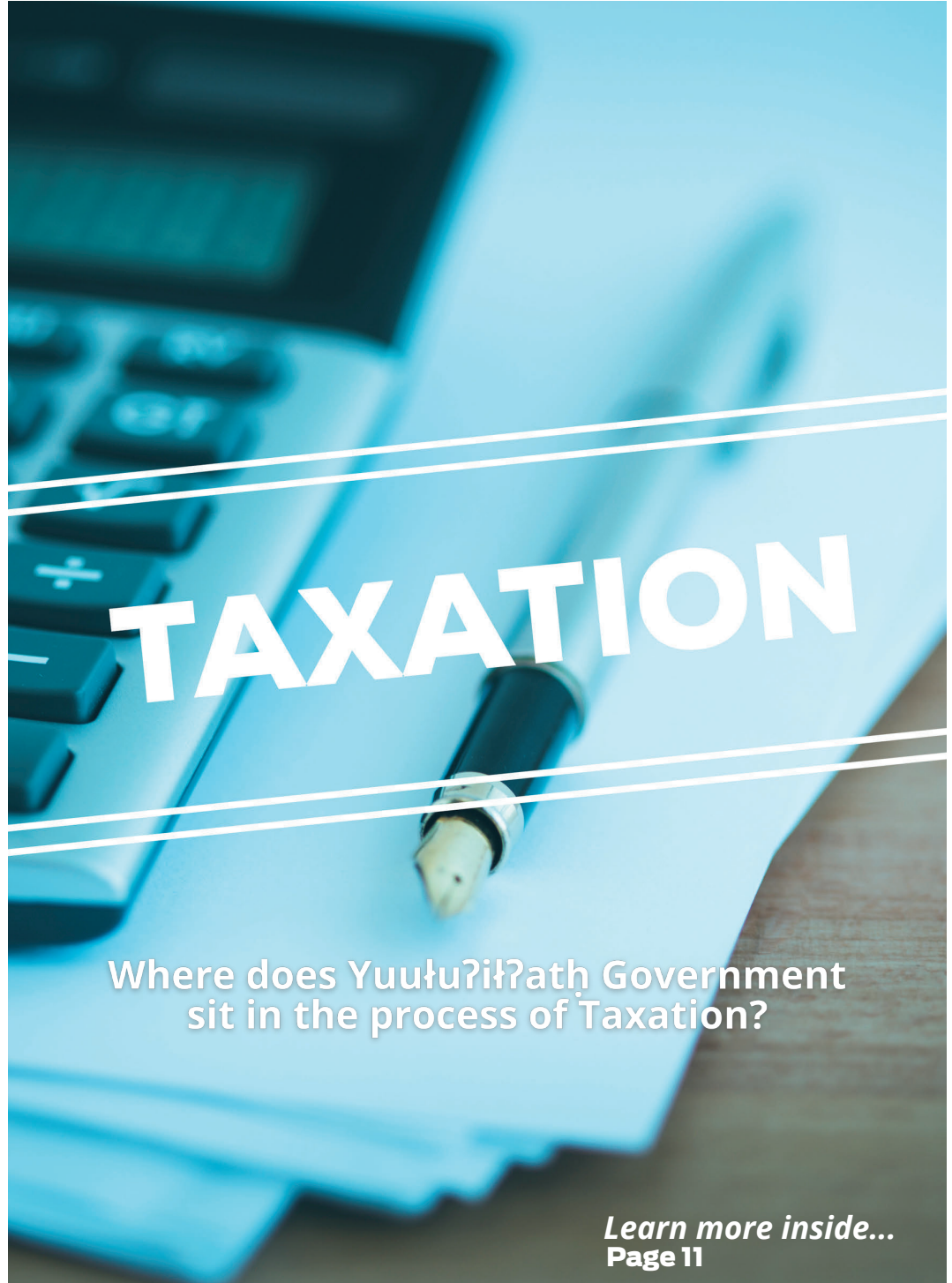
Cixwatin Centre Gym

2nd Tuesday of the Month

Elder's Luncheon

Starts 11:30am

Cixwatin Centre Gym



Port Alberni Urban Office

The 'new' to us Urban Office in Port Alberni undergoes renovations!



This photo, pre renovation, open hall, facing the direction of the kitchen and main entrance.



This photo, facing away from the main entrance and open floor space shows an office in front of a washroom and alternate office/storage space.

Construction on the Port Alberni Urban Office officially started in March 2022. The new-to-us building is located at the 3203 site of 3rd Avenue.

The building is a large hall, complete with washroom facilities, small kitchen, office space, and storage. The renovations will include washroom renovations, adding in office space, and working refurbishing the existing kitchen.

When the Urban Office officially opens, we hope to wel-

come citizens in for use of the facilities, including printing and picking up communication tools, harvest card renewal, and function space for future luncheons, dinners, and events.

We are excited to share this space with all citizens when the renovations are complete. We will continue to share progress photos of the space, hoping to welcome everyone into this new space at a soon to be disclosed date!



These photos, during renovation, show the wall taken down to the existing office space as shown above. New framing as been put to create additional office space and peeking through the framing, renovations to the bathroom are also underway.

Assets & Housing

Triplex Building Underway!

The Assets Department is working on a new community project...a new Triplex is being built in hitaču! Follow along for a quick Q&A with Assets Manager, Spencer Touchie.

Where is the new Tri-plex going to be? On the grassy hill along hitaču Rd. in front of the four-plex.

How far along is the proposed build? Geo technical tests were completed in June, next steps include determining excavation costs, concrete pouring, followed by framing.

How long will the Triplex take to be completed? The build should take shy of a year, aiming to be completed in 10 months.

Garth Cameron Construction has been contracted to oversee the building of this project and are still looking for workers to support this build. Employment will be temporary, running the same timeline, from start, to building completion. Employment is open to all citizens, training can be provided. All resumes or letters of interest can be submitted to employment@ufn.ca.

If you are in need of housing, we strongly encourage submitting a housing application to the Assets Department.

To help us, help you, fill out the fillable and printable application form that is available online:

ufn.ca > Government > Forms > Housing.

You can submit your questions and application (or request an housing application) to: Marylin.Touchie@ufn.ca.

Reminder to submit updated housing applications on an annual basis to remain on the housing needs list.

Understanding housing needs and assessment opens up broader funding to support the housing crisis and in the long term, may provide faster housing builds.

hitaču Opportunities with BC Hydro

Yuutu?it?ath Government is participating in BC Hydro's Indigenous Communities Conservation Program. Starting with Stream 1: Home Energy Check-up and we need your help!

The Assets department is looking for two people to install BC Hydro cost saving products into 110 units within hitaču homes.

To support these positions, a two day training session will be provided designed to train you on required paperwork, proper use of tools required, and knowledge to install the products.

Compensation is based on the installation of products, which is \$150.00 per unit.

If you or someone you know is interested in this temporary opportunity, contact Marylin.Touchie@ufn.ca to submit your interest or to learn about the initiative.

You may also call (250) 726-7342 and request the Assets Department.

Submit Your Housing Application!



Are you in need of housing in hitaču?
Submit or request a Housing Application to
Marylin.Touchie@ufn.ca

A fillable and printable Housing Application can be found online:

ufn.ca > Government > Forms > Housing

Congratulations 2022 Students!

On Thursday, June 23, 2022, the Education Department hosted an Education Dinner for the community of hitaçu, celebrating this year's graduates, grade to grade. Prior to dinner, Jeneva Touchie opened with prayer, followed by an address from President Charles McCarthy, and blissfully wrapped up with song and drum lead by Lindsay McCarthy. Joining Lindsay McCarthy was the q^wayačiik?iis Childcare Centre dancers, performing The Paddle Song.

Following Dinner the children snacked on freshly scooped ice cream, while Jeneva presented the class graduates from the 2021/2022 year with the help of Adele Cantin-Tremblay, Learning Facilitator for the Education Department.

Preschool

Kailani Walton
Jake Patrick
Ezra Mack
Tre Sam
Riley Touchie
Lorina Manson
Michaela Clutesi
Nakoa Mountain
Kaleb McCarthy
Byron Patrick
Freddie Mack
Rosita Black
Emilia Black
Trinity Mountain
Charlie Cogna
Zoey Clutesi
Selita Nabose
Abel Jack

Kindergarten

Eric Campbell
Micah Jack
Taleah Touchie

Grade 1

Luis Baquedano-McCarthy
Oliver Cagna
Preston George
Nathan Junior Lafortune
Darryl McCarthy
Taya Patrick

Grade 2

Liam Baquedano
Emily Campbell
Lyric Charlie
James Frank-Mack
Kasen McCarthy
Peyton Walton-Frank

Grade 3

Lincoln Keitlah-Louie
Chenoa McCarthy-Tom

Timothy McCarthy-Tom
Syler Mundy
Travis Touchie
Chris Williams

Grade 4

Amere Charlie
Samantha Clutesi
Cadence George
Cynthia Thompson
Victoria Thompson
Jordan Touchie
Tiani Touchie
Phillip Williams

Grade 5

Lillyonna Hetu-Touchie
Khia Little
James McCarthy
Leanne Meanney
Jack Junior Patrick
Katrina Sam
Jaime Williams

Grade 6

Isabella McCarthy
Marcus Mundy
Breanna Thompson
Terrence Williams
Kaiden Burnie
Shyne Charlie
Matthew Touchie-Edgar

Grade 7

La'tia Anderson
Tammy Charleson
Kale Touchie
Annabelle Chester
Hannah McCarthy
Sean Nelson-Patrick
Kaydance Titian

Grade 8

Mathew Jack

Jordyn Louie
Kaila Louie
Monty Mundy
Jaysen Touchie (Scholarship)
Hector Williams

Grade 9

Dallas Louie
Clianna McCarthy
Lindsay McCarthy
Nicole McCarthy
Anastasia Mickey-McCarthy
Adam Randall-Touchie (Scholarship)
Serena Sam
Darryl Tate
Deagan Thompson

Grade 10

Georgia Frencheater (Community Service Program)
Leon Nelson-Patrick
Cheyenne Biedermann (Scholarship)
Michelle Patrick
Evan Touchie
Change

Grade 11

Peyton George (Community Service Program)

Grade 12

Lance Fred
Johnny George

Post-Secondary Graduates

Dan Clutesi – Carpentry Certificate
Audrey Haipee – Welding Certificate
Shannon McCarthy – Heavy Equipment Operator

Post Secondary Scholarship Awards

Kimberley Baines
Chiara McCarthy
Jeneva Touchie

We would like to extend a ʕeekoo to all the participants and speakers, Debbie Touchie, Darlene Clayton, and the Food and Beverage crew for feeding the families (and clean up).

ʕeekoo to the teachers from the Ucluelet for joining in on a Yuuʕuʔitʔaʕ education celebration and lastly...

A heartfelt ʕeekoo to Adam Gleeson, Manager of Education Services, for providing this day for the community of hitaʕu. In Adam's place was his after school education support lead, Adele Cantin.

The full list of graduates will also be in the summer edition of the Umacuk!





Career Opportunities

Join our team at Yuułu?ił?ath Government
Ucluelet First Nation!

ufn.ca/employment

We are hiring for:

Administrative Assistant
Assets Department

Administrative Assistant
Lands & Resources Department

Marine Stewardship Technician

Infant Toddler -ECE

Custodian

One-on-One Support Worker
q^wayaćiik?iis Childcare Center

Garden Trainee

Summer Students

Lands and Resources Department

**Temporary Construction
Workers**

Send your resume and cover letter to:
employment@ufn.ca

Hiring Fair in hitaču



A Hiring Fair was held in late June at the Cixwatin Centre Gym. The event was noted as well attended with approximately 30 attendees engaging with the YG hosted booths. Participants were mainly from hitaču with a few visitors from outside the Nation.

Special thank you to goes out to Adam Gleeson, the Manager of Education Services for spearheading this event and wrangling departmental participation.

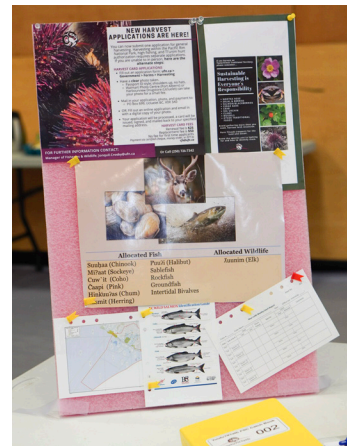


While the interview and hiring process is still underway, there are many positions open across departments at YG.

The following departments were represented with one or more positions to recruit for and open to discuss with interested applicants:

- Lands & Resources, Jonquil Crosby
- Assets, Marilyn Touchie
- Health, Judy Gleeson
- Social Services, Michelle Touchie
- Education, Adam Gleeson
- Wildsafe BC

We are looking for Administration Assistants in both the Assets and Lands & Resources Departments, Infant Toddler/ECE, One-on-One Support Workers, and Custodians at the qwayačik?iis Childcare Centre, Temporary Construction Workers, BC Hydro Recruits and more! Visit ufn.ca > Employment for more information!



Food Fish

Food Fish Season is officially here! Kicking off with Sockeye Distribution in the community of hitaču, distribution is beginning to make it's way out for Urban pick up. Two dates in Port Alberni have already been scheduled and completed!

For information; Sockeye distribution for Urban citizens will be held in select locations mid-July. All other species will be processed and distributed throughout August, September, and October.

The Fisheries Department keeps active in the field during the season, distribution comes with short notice due to the provider's delivery schedule. As well, expected piece count may fluctuate. We will do our best to keep the Nation notified with the details to the best of our ability.

For anyone wanting to schedule a family member to pick up fish, email **Savannah McCarthy@ufn.ca** with your details, or call **(250)726-7342**.



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!

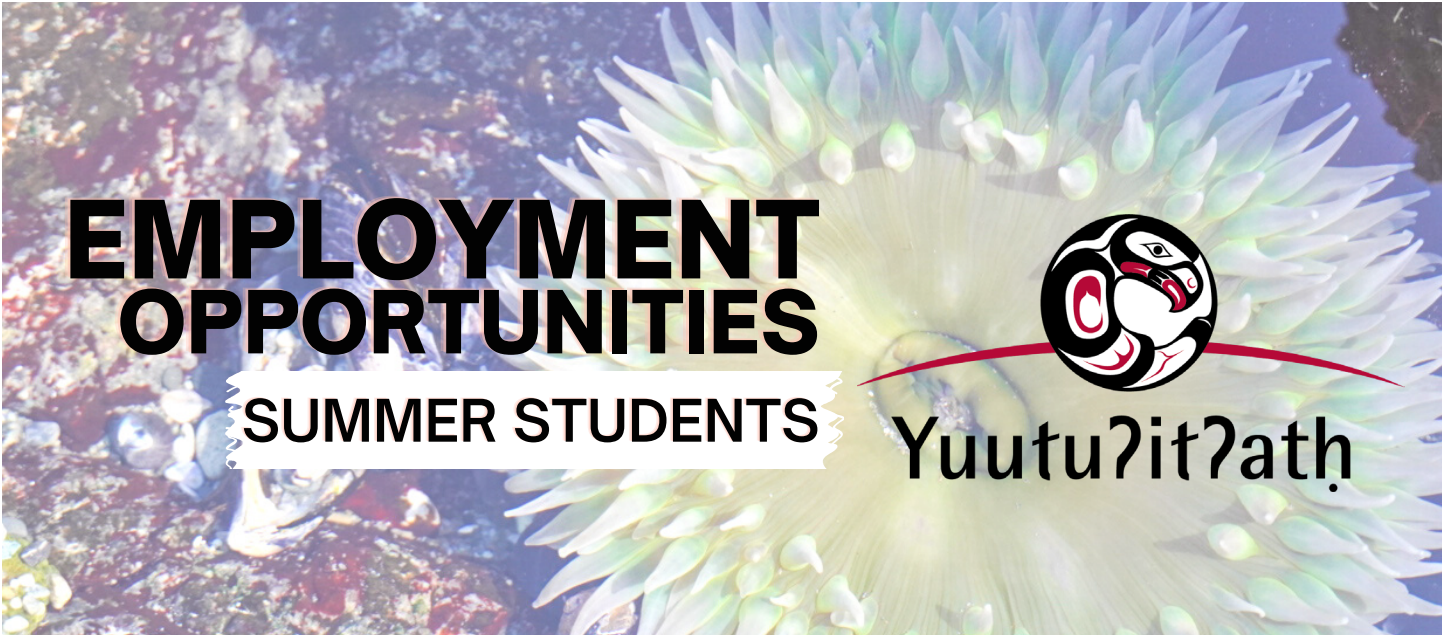
Sundays

May thru September

10:00am to 2:00pm

Everyone welcome, no experience necessary.





We are excited to share that we have a new opportunity for Summer Students!

The Lands and Resources Department is looking to employ two students for an 8 to 12 week summer contract; three days a week starting mid-July 2022.

The positions will be provided mentorship and training, while stewarding and monitoring Yuutu?it?ath territory. Duties may include: fisheries and wildlife monitoring, traditional foods assistance, forestry-based activities, and landscape monitoring. Successful applicants will develop scientific monitoring skills, knowledge of local ecology interactions, fisheries management and increased marine awareness, boating practice, and a better understanding of Yuutu?it?ath Government Operations, Laws and Regulations under the Lands and Resources

Department.

Interested students returning back to high school or post-secondary school in the fall are encouraged to apply to employment@ufn.ca or by completing and submitting an employment application at the Yuutu?it?ath Government office located at the Cixwatin Centre in hita?u. A fillable application can be found online:

ufn.ca > Government > Forms > Employment.

Applicants are encouraged to apply by July 6, 2022, however late submissions will be considered if the positions remain open. Apply today!

Come spend the summer working with the Lands and Resources Department!



The Culture and Heritage Department is excited to share they are planning out a canoe-journey to k'winaqu?h (Effingham Inlet) for Yuutu?it?ath citizens. There & back!

The trip will be for any capable and up for the challenge nation members. The journey will be 4 days from August

17th to the 21st.

For those that are looking to go on this endeavor, weekly meetups will be held, which are essentially training sessions to be physically ready for such a journey. Follow us on Facebook @uclueletfirstnation for meeting updates!

huuhtakšiiḡ mamuʔacsyi

Learn how to do grass weaving.

With Elder Rose Wilson



JULY 20, 21, & 22

Grass Weaving Workshop

10:00am to 12:00pm . Mini Bighouse

Questions? Contact Samantha.Touchie@ufn.ca
(250) 725-8700

Taxation Planning at YG

Senior Advisor John Rankin, for the Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government has been working diligently with the Maa Nulth First Nations, provincial (BC) and federal (Canada) governments, representing the Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government in discussion regarding the taxation exemption expiration.

A Taxation Work Group was formed earlier this year to support the foundations, progress, and communications planning. This Working Group consists of the Executive Member Richard Mundy (Finance Portfolio), Director of Operations Suzanne Williams, Senior Advisor John Rankin, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Tamara Nelson, Law Clerk Jill Hamilton, and Manager of Communicators and Public Relations, Melissa Boucha.

The communications planning has included Deloitte Canada, which is an auditing, consulting, and financial advisory company, with experience in working with self governing nations with their tax journey.

Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government and representatives from Deloitte Canada are currently working together to create a communication's strategy for the Nation's citizens, both on and off TSL. Engagement sessions are being planned for October.

Following is information on Taxation and progress updates from the Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government.

Indian Act Taxation Exemption

Under clause 19.5 of the Maa-nulth First Nations Final Agreement (the "Treaty") the section 87 exemption for Personal Income Tax (PIT) and Property Tax (PT) **is to expire on January 1, 2024**. Without an amendment or other arrangement with Canada and BC Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Citizens who currently 'benefit' from the Section 87 exemption will be required to pay both income tax and property tax starting in the 2024 calendar year.

For several months Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government and other First Nations with Section 87 exemption expirations, have had discussions with Canada and BC to ascertain their respective positions on flexibility of the impending expiration. We are awaiting for Canada to clarify their position of Section 87 for Personal Income Tax (PIT) and BC on Property Tax (PT).

In addition to the ongoing Government-to-Government (G2G) discussions, the Executive has tasked Administration, since October 2021, to ensure the Executive board is fully up to date on taxation progress and prepared to take proactive steps as required.

Consistent with this, progress and planning steps and action to date include:

- surveying Citizens' views on taxation (completed October 2021 to February 2022);
- assessing options including the benefits and the downside to taxation;
- if taxation occurs, which is the current situation, YG is preparing the internal and external steps to facilitate a smooth transition, including YG receiving the tax revenues and that Citizens who will be impacted will have the support they need;
- presentations to Executive by external specialists and staff (three completed since January 1, 2022);
- forming of a Consultative Taxation Working group, with staff members assigned with specific responsibilities including communications to Citizens, reporting to the Executive.

Recognizing, the complexity of taxation, a communication strategy has been developed, with this message being the first to Citizens. Coming articles will be on the status and options on Personal Income Tax (PIT) and on Property Tax (PT). We are planning engagement directly with Citizens.

As noted, taxation engagement sessions are being planned for early October. With these sessions, you will be provided with a terms of reference for taxation, understanding standard tax terms, and be provided with first hand information from professionals. With these sessions, you will be giving the chance to participate and ask those hard questions. We will assess the questions and needs of the Citizens, further formulating a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document, which will be included in the final Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government Taxation Package*.

The engagement sessions will be held in two accounts, one in person for the citizens of hitacu (living on TSL) and a second session online for the Urban Citizens (living off TSL). Neither sessions will be available online or live-streamed due to sensitivity of the information being provided. Urban Citizens will have a chance to sign up at a later date to participate.

We look forward to bringing forth more information in the next coming months and look forward to engaging in person with this process.

**Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government Taxation Package is a package of materials that will be created for all citizens. This package will include information on Personal Income Tax, Property Tax, FAQ's, Terms of Reference, and Resources for Citizens to further understand and receive help regarding taxation and manage their personal information.*



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^WATIN CENTRE
GYMNASIUM
HITAĆU
11:30 AM**



Questions? Email Simblejeet.Kaur@ufn.ca

Elder's Luncheon



The month of June saw another well attended Elder's Luncheon. June's Luncheon was co-hosted by the Harbourview Drugstore Pharmacist Alex.

Alex spoke to the group of available support, offerings, and billing (if required), that is available through the Harbourview Pharmacy. The Pharmacy is open seven days a week, 9:00am to 9:00pm (exemption being Saturday and Sunday, open 9:00am to 7:30pm).

Alex and the Harbourview Team have been exceptionally helpful for the community of hitaču and offer a wide range of support. If you have a question about your prescription, or need general assistance, call the Harbourview Pharmacy at (250) 726-2733.

For the next Elders' Luncheon, Health and Social Services will be discussing **'Healthy Meal Planning on a Budget'**. This topic was by request from June's Luncheon. The Elder's July Luncheon will be held on **Tuesday, July 12**.

Health and Social Services have been successfully hosting Elder's Luncheons every second Tuesday of the month. See you at the next; 11:30am, Cixwatin Centre Gym!

If you have a topic of interest email into communications@ufn.ca, simblejeet.kaur@ufn.ca, or judy.gleeson@ufn.ca. huuᑭatu Health Reception is available by calling (250) 726-7343.



Driver's Reminded to Slow Down

The Summer is here and the school kids are out and about in the community of hitaču! Drivers in and out of the community are reminded to be mindful of the 30 km/h speed limit.

Child Centre Play Spaces

Reminder: 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**

ᑭeekoo
for understanding.



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

*If you harvest on
Yuułu?ił?ath Traditional Territory,
please remember...*

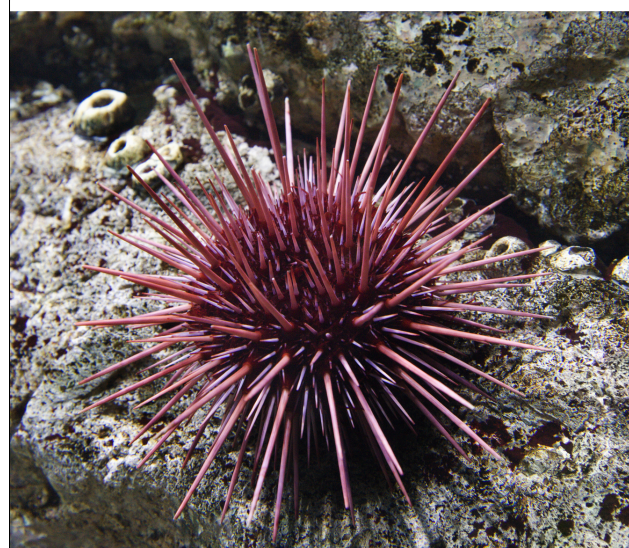
Sustainable Harvesting is Everyone's Responsibility

- 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 ?iisaak (respect) for the
land and ocean.**

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





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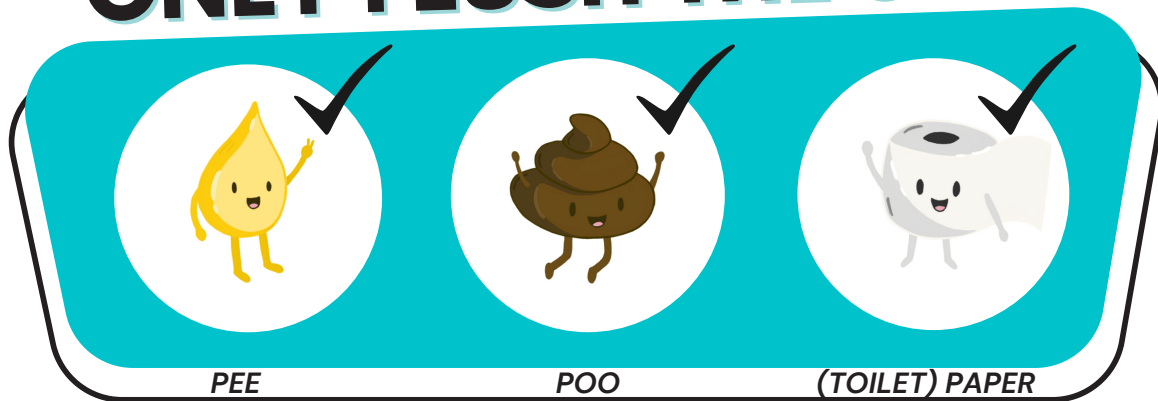
WASTE CLOGGING UP THE PIPES!

A massive pile of single use wipes (pictured left) was found in hitaçu 's south lift station. These 'seemingly' harmless wipes cause damage to the motors that pump waste to the treatment plant. This destructive damage could and will cost the nation thousands of dollars in maintenance, if continued.

Be cautious to not flush, even if product packaging ok's flushing, single use wipes and other paper or hygienic products.

What can we flush into our toilets? The three Ps! **Pee**, **Poop**, and (toilet) **Paper**.

ONLY FLUSH THE 3 P'S



WHY JUST TOILET PAPER?

Only flushing toilet paper helps ensure that the toilets, plumbing, sewer systems and septic systems will continue working properly, to safely manage our nation's wastewater.



Anything else, including any type of "disposable" wipes, paper towels, or feminine products, go in the trash bin.

These types of products will cause back up and damage to a system.



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Notice in Accordance with Yuutu?it?ath Law

Notice of Election Results

Pursuant to Article 11.1 of the Yuutu?it?ath First Nation Government Elections Act YFNS 42/2015 (the Act), notice is hereby provided of the results of the by-election for Member of the Legislature for the Yuutu?it?ath First Nation held on **July 4, 2022**

Voting

A total of 445 voters were registered and 76 ballots were cast in the following manner:

E-Votes	13
Mail-In	2
Advance Poll	29
Regular Poll	32 (Hitaçu 28, Port Alberni 4)
Total Votes Cast	76
Voter Turnout	17%

The two (2) candidates for **Member of Legislature** received the following votes:

- Mastrangelo, Levana 25
- Touchie, Asya 51

The following candidate is hereby declared elected as Member of Legislature:

Touchie, Asya

Recount

Pursuant to Article 10.11 of the Elections Act, there being greater than 5 votes separating elected and non-elected candidates there is no automatic recount.

Pursuant to Article 12.1 a candidate may apply to the Chief Electoral Officer for a recount within 2 days of the posting of this notice.

Kit Spence has been appointed as the **Chief Electoral Officer** for this election. He can be contacted by telephone at (250) 881-0142 and by email at YFN_Elections_Officer@shaw.ca

Declared this 4th day of July, 2022

Kit Spence, Chief Electoral Officer
Yuutu?it?ath First Nation