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Fire at the Centre

The Ucluelet Fire Brigade was onsite, Friday, July 15, in report of a call to a small electrical fire in the Cix[™]atin Centre. Employees of the Centre were safely evacuated by Administration staff, after Carrie George had noticed a burning smell and slight haze wafting through the Reception area.

The Ucluelet Fire Department was quick to react and enter the community, ensuring a safe return to office for staff.

The issue of concern was located and handled. No immense damage was done to the building.

The Ucluelet Fire Department services hitaču by agreement with the Government.

The Yuutu?it?ath Government has an internal Emergency Operations Centre that includes internal personnel. In building the EOC, we are always looking for community members who are interested in community safety, and willing to train for emergency response, such as First Aid. If you are interested to learn more, email employment@ufn.ca.



Happy Retirement Sheila!



After many years of employment with Yuułu?i?at̓ Government, Elder Sheila Touchie hung up her calculator and retired.

Sheila spent the last seven years of her employment with YG as an Accounting Assistant for the Finance Department. Prior to, Sheila spent several years in different capacities and made many great contributions in a number of departments (the most recent being in finance).

AA farewell lunch for Sheila was held on July 28th. A few

colleagues joined the open luncheon to wish Sheila a hearty goodbye and happy future. A few stories were shared along with recognition speeches offered by Suzanne Williams, Director of Operations, and Tamara Nelson, Chief Financial Officer

Thank you Sheila for your years of dedication and contribution to the Yuułu?i?at̓ Government, the leadership, and the citizens.

We wish Sheila a fulfilling retirement, immersing herself in her creative passions, spending time with family, and attending local markets with her sister and their designs.



It Feels Like Home



Photos by: Melissa Bouchard

“It feels like home... it feels like it belongs to us in our traditional territory.” No words more truly spoken by Jeneva Touchie at the Unveiling of the Bilingual Street Signs in Ucluelet, Friday, July 29. The first street signs (more to come), was for the intersection of k'wak'waλ t'ašii (Otter St.) and y'učkw'anım t'ašii (Peninsula Rd.), y'učkw'anım meaning 'at the point'.

In attendance was the District of Ucluelet, Mayor, Council,

and staff. From Yuułu?iŋaṭh, Executive Member Jeneva Touchie, Elders Vi and Bob Mundy.

The project started in 2019 while District Planner Bruce Greig was taking Jeneva's Language Class and approached her with the idea of translating the community road signs. With that, the story is history. Jeneva and Bob worked with the District over the past few years, translating the signage to West Barkley dialect of the Nuu-chah-nulth language.

The Otter, Peninsula cross road is the first sign of many more to be erected by the end of the year (54 total at this time).

Āeekoo to Jeneva Touchie, Bob and Vi Mundy, Bruce Greig, and the District of Ucluelet, Mayor and Council for seeing this project come to fruition.

We all hope this act of reconciliation within the community will lead a path for future communities to see similar projects, recognizing the traditional lands and territories of those who resided for thousands of years, living with the land, as one.





WHAT IS THIS?

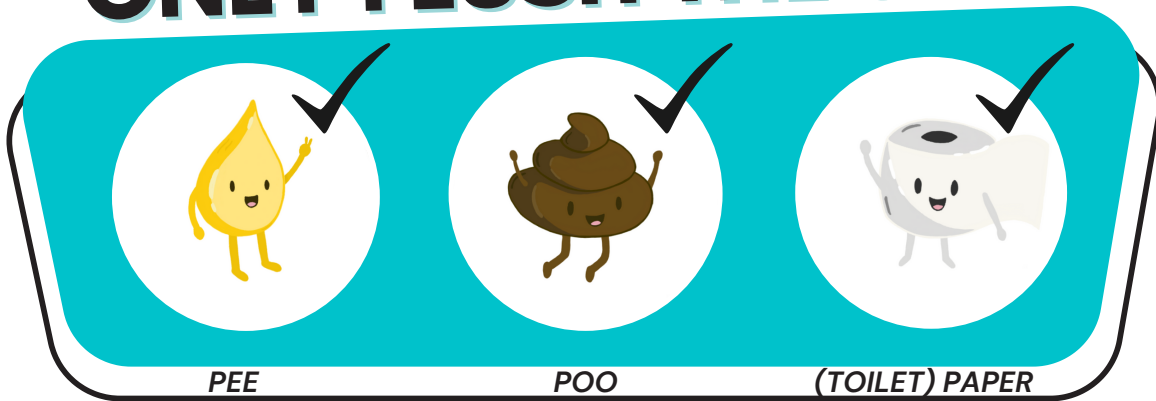
WASTE CLOGGING UP THE PIPES!

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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Baby Group Starts in September

Simble Kaur and Judy Gleeson are going to be starting a monthly group for parents with young babies in the hitaču community, in partnership with the q^wayačik[?]iis Childcare Centre. This will be an informal gathering where parents and caregivers with babies up to 2 years old can meet to chat, share stories and enjoy a healthy snack while the children play.

The Yuułu[?]if[?]at[?] Government nursing and early childhood education staff will also be on hand to answer any questions about the young ones' health and development.

The program is temporarily titled as the Baby Group, with a Nuuchah-nulth name in the works; Simble and Judy are currently consulting with elders about a formal name.

Baby Group is scheduled to take place once a month, on the first Wednesday of each month from 10:00am to 11:00am at the q^wayačik[?]iis Childcare Centre. The first meeting will be on Wednesday, September 7.

If you are interested to learn more about this program, contact huu[?]patu Health Centre Reception at (250) 726-7343.

Mask Mandate Returns to Centres

Due to an increase in COVID-19 cases along the west coast, the Health Department, with Executive approval, has advised a return to mask order for the Yuułu[?]if[?]at[?] Government. This includes all staff in common areas and visitors to the Centres. This mask mandate is precautionary to reduce the risk and spread of COVID-19 within the community of hitaču.

Nurses Receive Immunization Training

In other great news, Simble Kaur, LPN and Judy Gleeson, RN, will be receiving Immunization Training. This means, future immunizations will be offered at the huu[?]patu Health Centre! In time, anyone who needs vaccinations can be helped when this training is complete. We will notify the community when immunizations are available at huu[?]patu Health Centre.

PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASK



We ask residents, staff, and visitors to the **Cix^watin Centre** and **huu[?]patu Health Centre** to please wear a face mask when entering the facilities, including meeting with staff and attending events.

We advise to keep wearing your mask in public locations to protect yourself from the spread of Covid-19.

HEALTH QUESTIONS? CONTACT:

huu[?]patu Health Centre Reception
(250) 726-7343

Judy Gleeson, RN - Community Health Nurse
Judy.Gleeson@ufn.ca, (250) 942-0579

Simble Kaur, LPN - Community Health Nurse
Simblejeet.Kaur@ufn.ca, (250) 942-0578



Ukee Days Parade!

Yuuluʔiʔath participate in the 2022 Ukee Days Parade!

A group of Yuuluʔiʔath youth, elders, citizens (hitaču and urban), and staff donned traditional attire and lead a parade, proudly, amongst their traditional territory of Ucluelet, representing a Nation.

The day was foggy and the Ucluth Peninsula was full. As the parade started, President Charles McCarthy and Lindsay McCarthy towed the canoe with those on foot beside. As the parade lead into the community, cheers and clapping erupted from the crowds, glad to see a Ukee Days parade for the first time in two years, but also to see the inclusion of the Ucluelet First Nation.

Down at the grounds, Jeneva Touchie opened up the weekend with a prayer and a greeting, followed by Lindsay McCarthy leading song and drum. Dancers gracefully flowed through the ground to compliment the important cultural moment for the crowd.

A table was set up with relics for the local community and visitors to view. This included masks, headwear, and vests, showcasing cultural beading, weaves, and carvings.

Yuuluʔiʔath took home the First Place award for Community Spirit and I think it is safe to say, plans for next year's float is being thought out as requests for Yuuluʔiʔath to continue cultural leadership of the parade stream in.

ʔeekoo to all who participated in the parade and at the fair grounds, a big ʔeekoo to Lindsay McCarthy for taking the reigns on the float, culture practice nights and ensuring a good time for all (with assistance from Samantha Touchie).





This photo by: Nora O'Malley, Westerly News

2022 Ukee Days Parade Results

2nd - The Riley Family, The Blue Room, A West Coast Bistro

Judges Award

1st - Pacific Rim Arts Society
2nd - Relic Surf Shop

Best Costumes

1st - Pacific Rim National Park Reserve
2nd - Redd Fish Restoration Society

Best in Theme

1st - Pacific Rim Arts Society
2nd - Ucluelet Coop

Community Spirit
1st - Yuuʕuʔitʔath Government - Ucluelet First Nation





Thursday, July 28

August 11 and 25

2:15 - 4:30 PM

+ free wrap-up BBQ August 25!!
coming to Hitacu (in the GYM)

Christ Community Church
presents

WONDER THURSDAYS

Crafts, games,
snacks, activities,
storytelling

for ages 6 - 14.

Contact Carolyn Corlazzoli
for more info.

or email us at
cccucuelet2@gmail.com

Register on-site
or download form at
www.cccucuelet.org



Taxation Update

The June 2022 YG Newsletter provided a general update of the status the section 87 exemption for Personal Income Tax (PIT) and Property Tax (PT) which was set, per of clause 19.5 of the Maa-nulth First Nations Final Agreement (the “Treaty”), to expire on January 1, 2024.

Shortly after that release of information, the Government of Canada informed the Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government that subject to amendments to section 87 of the Indian Act, the tax exemption will continue, with the First Nation having the option to take up direct tax powers on its own timeline.

This does not mean that the exemption will continue for PIT and PT as we are awaiting clarifications from both Canada and Province of BC for the details of the potential exemptions and any conditions. As it is not a simple yes or no, Management will review and assess the potential alternatives/options and prepare recommendations for the Executive to consider whether the exemption extension should be extended.

The Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government continues to meet with the Maa-nulth First Nations in round table discussions on taxation. The most recent being A Property Tax Visioning Workshop.

This Workshop was scheduled prior to the news from the Government of Canada. Discussion was re-directed to in-

clude the updated information, possible long term implications for the nations and discussion on self-governing nations that already have Personal Income Tax and Property Tax set in place. These meetings include third party advisers, including law representation.

In the short term, much work has gone in from the Senior Advisor to work with the Government of Canada and BC to share the taxation process, including the positive and negative impacts to a government and the citizens. Work has also gone in to push for an extension in taxation exemption.

With the updated news, the Maa-nulth First Nations have much to consider, learn, and ask those hard questions to the Government of Canada and BC, to ensure individual nation needs are being met to establish strong self-governing nations that support both the governing body and the citizens.

The Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government will continue to host a Community Engagement Session in the Fall to help citizens in the understanding of what taxation is, offering terms to take in, and what the positive and negative benefits of taxation are. This session will not be communicating the taxation plan for the Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government, as much more discussion is on the horizon between the Maa-nulth First Nations, the Government of Canada and BC. Stay tuned!



Yuutu?it?ath

**LIMITED
SPOTS
AVAILABLE!**

OUTREACH OPTOMETRY CLINIC

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 23 & WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24
HUUPATU HEALTH CENTRE**

Contact Byron Patrick to book your appointment:
250.726.7343 or email byron.patrick@ufn.ca

**FRIENDLY REMINDER:
PLEASE WEAR PPE AND SANITIZE UPON ENTRY**

Adam Gleeson Retires

Adam Gleeson, Manager of Education Services put in his retirement in early July of 2022. Adam was with the Yuutu?it?ath Government for a strong handful of years. Accomplishing many feats within the Education Department. The strongest hurdle being through the pandemic.

Adam was responsible for leading youth in the path of their educational pursuits and, along with his team, assisting in after school homework support, and receiving education and finding applications.

Even through the pandemic, the Yuutu?it?ath Government saw more applicants for funding support for post secondary courses and general programs, not one application was turned down and graduation numbers were up.

We will miss Adam, and thank him for all the time and energy he put into the Education Department, and trust the future is bright for both Adam and the students.



Success for the Shore Birds

Pacific Rim National Park Reserve implemented a seasonal dog ban on Combers Beach starting April 14, 2022, and initial data shows that the effort is working to protect shorebirds.

Yuri Zharikov, Monitoring Ecologist at Pacific Rim National Park Reserve, reported that generally, bird numbers were lower this spring than previous years across most monitored beaches (Wick Beach, Long Beach, and Schooner Cove), except for Combers Beach, where bird use increased by 32% relative to 2021. This data suggests lower disturbance which has resulted in more time to feed.

On the other hand, visitation has been higher in all beach locations, up to double the number of visitors, except at Combers Beach, where there was approximately a 10% drop in visitation, which likely represents the dog-walker segment.

Parks Canada would like to thank the public for complying with the Combers seasonal dog ban, and encourages pet owners to continue to comply with leash requirements at other beaches.

Ongoing research on other beaches in the national park reserve shows that on-leash compliance is down from 61% in spring 2021 to only 48% in spring 2022. Off-leash dogs negatively impact wildlife. The pilot ban at Combers clearly demonstrates the effectiveness of the dog restriction as management tool. Compliance with the law is the best way for dog owners to continue to be able to enjoy the privilege of bringing dogs into the national park reserve.

Until October 1, 2022, dogs will not be permitted on Combers Beach between Sandhill Creek and Green Point Rocks, including Combers Beach Trail and the boardwalk access to Combers Beach from Green Point Campground. Dogs will continue to be permitted in all other areas of the Long Beach Unit of Pacific Rim National Park Reserve, but must be kept on leash at all times.

Long-term ecological research has identified Combers

Beach as an important habitat for migratory birds and wildlife. Up to 500,000 migratory shorebirds use Pacific Rim National Park Reserve's beaches on an annual basis, making it a shorebird staging area of international importance. In light of our increasing understanding of the importance of the Long Beach area to migratory shorebirds, this limited measure is being taken to decrease disturbance of shorebirds during a critical time of their annual cycle – migration. Migratory shorebirds depend on the national park reserve as a place to rest and forage for food during long trips between the Arctic and areas as far south as South America. When migratory birds are disturbed, the extra time and energy spent fleeing can affect their survival. The presence of dogs can also contribute to the habituation of wildlife such as wolves who frequent beaches to access coastal food sources.

Parks Canada staff and Law Enforcement Officers patrol all beaches, and under the Canada National Parks Act, tickets for a dog off leash begin at \$58 for a first offence and repeat offences can lead to court appearances and fines up to \$25,000. If you see a dog in the Combers Beach area, or off-leash anywhere in the national park reserve, please help protect local wildlife by sharing information with your fellow visitors. You can also alert Parks Canada by calling Parks Canada Dispatch 250-726-3604, or toll free 1-877-852-3100.

More information is available on the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve website: <https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/pn-np/bc/pacificrim/visit/chiens-dogs>

Please let me know if you would like to arrange an interview with our spokesperson, Yuri Zharikov, Monitoring Ecologist at Pacific Rim National Park Reserve or would like to use a Parks Canada photo or short video clip of shorebirds in flight. I also have another story relating to dogs-on-leash that I will be sending out in early August, but follow up with me if you'd like to more information.

*Nancy Hildebrand
Public Relations and Communications Officer, Coastal B.C.
Field Unit Parks Canada / Government of Canada*





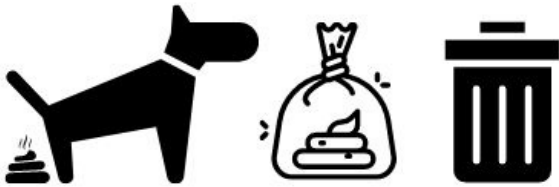
KEEP YOUR SHOES CLEAN!

Show **ʔiisaak** (respect) for our community:
Clean up after your dog

Dog feces has been found around hita'cu. Please take care to pick up after your dog near:

- Gathering spaces
- Playgrounds
- Buildings
- Docks
- Roads and trails

Help keep the roadways clean!
Please pick up your dog's feces.



i FOR ANIMAL CONTROL CONTACT:
Coastal Animal Rescue & Education (CARE)
Call: **(250) 266-9663** or
Email: **info@carenetwork.ca**

Staff at YG

The **Lands and Resources Department** landed two citizens to take on the Marine Stewardship positions! We welcome Lindsay McCarthy and Ron George to the team!

Lindsay McCarthy will be on a two year term, while Ron George will be on a seasonal term until October.

Lindsay, in his role as the Marine Stewardship Technician will be responsible for supporting the technical and cultural stewardship of the marine environment throughout the Maa-nulth Domestic Fishing Area and Yuuluʔiʔath territory.

Other responsibilities may include marine ecosystems monitoring, training and support for data collection (training and support will be included), and observational reporting (alongside staff and community members).

On a seasonal basis, Ron will support Daryl Keeble with lands based patrols for the summer and so much more!

To add, there have been four summer students placed at the Yuuluʔiʔath Government, to help in various roles. We look forward to sharing more on the students journey at a later date.

Interviews for the running positions at the qʷayačiikʔiis Childcare Centre, including Custodian, Early Childhood Educator and Administration Assistants for the Lands and Resources, and Assets Departments have been ongoing.

Stay tuned for more news on Staff at YG!

Summer Youth Coordinator



This photo: Amare, Sean, and Ethan.

We recently highlighted Ethan Joseph in an Education spread in the Winter Umacuk, learning about Ethan's educational journey, including future plans, current curriculum, and how YG supported his journey.

This time around, we are highlighting Ethan as a summer employee for Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government as the Youth Program Coordinator! Ethan graciously filled us in with his summer plans for the program; read more below.

What is your personal highlight to be leading the Youth Summer Programs?

My personal highlight of being in this position, is being able to provide new experiences to the youth who otherwise may not have had the opportunity. Sometimes our program may be the first time kids get to paddle in a traditional canoe or go to the PNE. I know this program introduced me to so many activities when I was younger and it has helped widen my worldview. Hopefully, through this program, the youth are able to get more in touch with their cultural side or able to experience a variety of activities that spark their interest.

What kind of mentorship are you looking to bring to the youth?

I haven't reflected too much on that, but I've personally learned the best by following others' example. So, I just try to be the best version of myself for the kids to see.

I have also made time for the youth outside of the program as well. Some of youth may just want to shoot around at the court, or go for a walk, some have asked for help about work or schooling,

some kept in touch while I was away for college, and some have struggled with their mental health or grief as I have. I just want them to know they have someone there for them, and hopefully they'll pass it on in the future.

How does this program align with your future/education goals?

Before working for our nation, I had no idea what I wanted to do in the future. I almost didn't even apply for the position but it was something that my mother kept bugging me about and she made sure I got the job. Since then, this position has laid the foundation for what I want my education and future to look like. I just hope that in the future I will continue working with the youth, our elders, our cultural leaders, and neighbouring nations in any capacity.

Do you return home from school each summer?

Since 2019, I have been mostly away in Victoria attending Camosun College. I usually come back for a short couple weeks to help run this program, then move back to the city. Returning home always feels like a much needed break from college and the city. It's a completely different world out there so I am thankful for a position that allows me to come back to our land, our water, and our people.

Ethan has also been spending his time attending the weekly canoe practice, gearing up to join the group in their multi-day canoe journey!

ʔeekoo for your time Ethan, we are joyed to have you home for the summer!

Photos provided by Ethan with permission.

This photo: Mathew Edgar-Touchie, Sean, Mathew Jack, Lindsay, and Kaydance.





FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 20, 2022

Tla-o-qui-aht and Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ lead with new Sort'nGo Waste Collection Service

TOFINO/UCLUELET – Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation and Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government will lead the way in introducing the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District's (ACRD) residential Sort'nGo roadside waste collection service on the West Coast this fall.

Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation in Tofino and Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government in hitaču (near Ucluelet) have signed on to receive the three-stream roadside collection service for organic (food/yard) waste, recycling, and garbage, with plans to launch in October, ahead of the full West Coast roll out in November.

"Innovation and collaboration are essential to building clean, vibrant communities," said the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities. "Led by the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation and Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government, the introduction of organics collection and diversion in the Alberni-Clayoquot region helps us to protect the environment and support a greener future."

"It's exciting to see the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation and Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government lead the way on the West Coast with the expansion of the ACRD's three-stream Sort'nGo program," said Josie Osborne, MLA for Mid-Island-Pacific Rim. "This service gives families another tool to reduce impacts on the environment and makes our West Coast communities a healthier place to work, live, and play."

"The ACRD is really excited about this partnership opportunity," said ACRD Board Chair John Jack. "Organic waste diversion is a huge priority for all of us, and we'll be working together over the coming months on logistics, education, and engagement to ensure a successful pilot program."

"Tla-o-qui-aht is excited to partner with the ACRD in implementing the three-stream solid waste removal, which includes the recycling and organic diversion from our communities of Esowista and Tyhistanis. This will be for our Nation's first time, and we look forward to creating a cleaner, healthier community through this service," said Shawn Quick, Public Works Manager for Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation.

"The Sort'nGo Service will be a large change for the residents of hitaču – for decades we've relied on community dumpsters that many are used to using for discarding waste at leisure," said Spencer Touchie, Assets Manager for the Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government. "This new change in providing a weekly service, offering organics, recycling, and waste removal, will help us move forward in a more sustainable way. As we near the launch of the Sort'nGo service, we are working with the ACRD to provide information sessions and packages to the residents of hitaču."

In early 2019, the ACRD started a West Coast Solid Waste Working Group that included representatives from Ucluelet, Tofino, Parks Canada, Tla-o-qui-aht, Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ, and Toquaht. This group assessed the



NOTICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH YUULU?IL?ATH LAW

Ordinary Legislature Meeting

In accordance with Section 2.4 of the *Government Act YFNS 2/2011*, notice is hereby given that an ordinary Meeting of the Legislature has been called for

Date: Monday, August 15, 2022
Time: 2:00pm
Location: Zoom

Yuulu?il?ath Citizens may observe via Livestream

DRAFT AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Determination of Quorum
2. Opening Prayer and Welcoming Remarks

*Creator on this day and always, watch over us, and our loved ones.
Grant us the patience to listen as we were taught,
To be thankful for the gifts we have been given,
and to be grateful to those for putting their faith in us.
We accept the trust placed upon us,
We shall be respectful to one another,
We shall share your teachings with our youth and our children,
And always be thankful for today and tomorrow.
Chuu, Klecko*

3. Review and Adoption of Agenda
4. Oath of Office – Asya Touchie
5. Review of Previous Meeting Minutes – June 13, 2022
6. Government Strategic Plan
7. Economic Development Strategic Plan
8. First Reading of Forest Act
9. Committee Appointments
10. Settlement Trust - Trustee Resignation

Notice Date: July 27, 2022



NOTICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH YUULU?IL?ATH LAW

ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

In accordance with Sections 4.2 and 4.3 of the *Government Act* YFNS 2/2011, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the hitaçu Assembly (Annual General Assembly) has been called for the following date:

Date: Monday, September 26, 2022
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Cixwatin Centre Gym, hitaçu / Zoom

DRAFT AGENDA

The agenda is in draft form until approved by the Citizens at the meeting of the hitaçu Assembly. Additional items may be added at the time we adopt the agenda.

1. Call to order
2. Opening Ceremonies/Welcoming remarks
3. Review and adoption of the agenda
4. Audited Annual Financial Statements 2021-2022
5. Annual Report 2021-2022
6. Annual Yuulu?il?ath Financial Report 2021-2022
7. Executive Reports
8. Q&A
9. Other
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
10. Adjournment

Zoom Instructions

Dial In #: 1 (778) 907-2071
Meeting ID: 819 2536 0038
Passcode: 315728

Voting

When the Chairperson calls for a vote, the Chairperson will request that Zoom attendees use the "raise hand" feature on Zoom (click *Reactions > Raise Hand*), or state their full name followed by "yay" or "nay".

Notice Date: July 20, 2022