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Yuutu?it?ath

# YG Newsletter

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## Save the Date to Celebrate!

**Save the date for Yuutu?it?ath Day!** Celebrating 11 years this year, Yuutu?it?ath Day officially lands on Wednesday, September 21. This year, festivities will be held on Monday, September 26 at the Cixwatin Centre in hita'cu. Festivities will include a late morning brunch, followed by activities, song and drum, finishing with dinner and the Annual General Assembly (more details to follow).

In celebrating this year, we would like to extend our invitation to all urban citizens to return home for the festivities and to take part in the 2022 Annual General Assembly! The Yuutu?it?ath Government will provide accommodation for the night of Monday, September 26 and Sunday, September 25 if required.

If you wish to join the celebration and are in need of accommodation, please contact **Savannah.McCarthy@ufn.ca** or call Savannah at the Cixwatin Centre **(250) 726-7342**. We ask anyone interested to contact by **Thursday, September 15**. Ucluelet is still busy for the visiting season and we wish to have as many citizens home as possible!



**Celebrate Yuutu?it?ath Day!**  
Monday, September 26 . hita'cu

Join us to celebrate Yuutu?it?ath Day! This year we are welcoming urban citizens home for celebration on Monday, September 26, joint with the Annual General Assembly.

Accommodation will be provided!

For accommodation requests:  
Email [Savannah.McCarthy@ufn.ca](mailto:Savannah.McCarthy@ufn.ca) or call (250) 726-7342

*See you there!*

Hosted by the YG nursing and early childhood education staff who will be on hand to answer any questions about the young ones' health and development.

# MONTHLY BABY GROUP

## nanayaᑕaaᓴuk

"taking care of babies"

An informal gathering where parents and caregivers with babies up to 2 years old can meet to socialize, share stories, and enjoy a healthy snack while the children play!

**1ST  
WEDNESDAY  
EVERY  
MONTH**

**10:00am to 11:00am**  
**qwayaᑕiikᑦiis Childcare  
Centre**



For more information, contact Judy Gleeson, RN: (778) 942-0579

# CULTURE & HERITAGE NOTICE



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## The Culture and Heritage Department Traditional Song Gifting

With Yuutu?it?ath Day on the horizon, the Culture and Heritage Department and the Yuutu?it?ath Warriors will be supporting Lindsay McCarthy in the gifting of traditional songs.

Yuutu?it?ath Day, honoured on September 21, will be celebrated this year on Monday, September 26, as part of the Annual General Assembly (more information on the front page).

In honour of the festivities on Monday September 26, all Yuutu?it?ath citizens are welcome to participate in traditional song.

The Warriors and Lindsay McCarthy will be hosting song and drum practice in the Cixwatin Centre Gym at 5:00pm on Tuesday September 13 and Tuesday, September 20.

This practice is open to all Yuutu?it?ath citizens who want to learn traditional songs and the cultural protocol that goes with them. The Culture and Heritage Department will

help with travel if required, as well as offer a resource for the songs to be learned virtually, for those who may not be able to attend the in person practice..

For more information or to participate, contact **Samantha Touchie@ufn.ca**.

# CLOSED

Wednesday, September 21, 2022



## Yuutu?it?ath Day!

LIVE FOR YOUR CULTURE  
CELEBRATE YOUR ROOTS

Cixwatin & huu?atu Centre will reopen on Thursday, September 22







*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  
11:30AM**



Questions? Email [Simblejeet.Kaur@ufn.ca](mailto:Simblejeet.Kaur@ufn.ca)

# Health and Wellness

## Elder's Lunch Tuesday, September 13

YG Nurses, Judy Gleeson, RN and Simble Kaur, LPN, are partnering with Ucluelet Councilor and Community Paramedic Rachelle Cole and Island Health, to bring the Community Virtual Care program to the hitaču community.

The Community Virtual Care program involves home health monitoring (measurements such as blood pressure, blood saturation and pulse rate) for community members with chronic conditions such as diabetes, chronic kidney disease, chronic lung disease, heart failure, and high blood pressure.

Follow up advice and support is given to patients registered on the program to maintain their optimum wellness.

More information about this program will be given at the next scheduled Elders' Luncheon on **Tuesday, September 13** from **11:30am to 1:00 pm** at the Cixwatin Centre Gymnasium.

## Community Nurse Availability

hitaču Home and Community Nurses provide the community with services during the regular operational hours of 8:00am to 4:30pm, Monday to Friday.

To contact the nurses during these hours, please leave a message at the huuḗpatu Health Centre reception (250) 726-7343, or call Judy Gleeson, RN: (778) 942-0579 or Simble Kaur, LPN: (778) 942-0578.

If you have a medical emergency outside of the Health Centre hours (or at any time), please call 911. If you have a health related question or non emergency concern outside of these hours (or at any time you require), call the Nurses Hotline at 811, available 24/7.

At this time, masks remain mandatory in the huuḗpatu Health Centre and Cixwatin Centre. We thank the community for your continued patience in keeping the residents safe.

# PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASK



We ask residents, staff, and visitors to the **Cixwatin Centre** and **huuḗpatu 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:

**huuḗpatu 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





# Roadside garbage pick up coming to Tla-o-qui-aht and Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ communities.

**Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation and the Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government** will be introducing the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District's (ACRD) residential roadside waste collection service in their communities this fall.

There are currently six large containers placed throughout the First Nation communities, which residents can use to dispose of their household waste. This means that there is no waste separation.

The ACRD launched a West Coast Solid Waste Working Group in 2019 that included representatives from Ucluelet, Tofino, Parks Canada, and Tla-o-qui-aht, Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ and Toquaht First Nations. Their goal was to find opportunities to improve waste management in the region.

It has resulted in the introduction of organics to residential waste collection. This new service will divert food and yard waste from landfills, transforming it into "reusable, nutrient-rich compost," the ACRD said in a release.

The nations are anticipating to receive the three-stream roadside collection service for organic waste, recycling and garbage in October, before the program is rolled out more widely across the west coast.

The towns of Tofino and Ucluelet will receive organics pick-up for the first time in the fall on a weekly basis. Recycling and garbage collection with alternate on a bi-weekly basis.

Because the nations are receiving the Sort'nGo service for the first time, it is rolling out in the communities six weeks earlier than in Tofino and Ucluelet.

Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation has never had a recycling program within their communities of Opitsaht, Esowista to Ty-Histanis, said Shawn Quick, Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation public works manager.

He attributes it to a "lack of direction, help and understanding."

"Traditionally, we didn't have to worry about our scraps degrading in a harmful way in the ecosystem," he said. "But now we have all these plastics and other pollutants - we have to properly manage them to make sure we don't poison our territory going forward."

Colonial policies that were put in place to "subjugate" Indigenous communities interrupted how waste was traditional-

ly disposed of, he said.

Growing up, Quick said he didn't see any care given to the disposal of waste.

"[The government] put us into little communities that they could manage," he said. "But now they're leaving it to us to take care of ourselves."

Tla-o-qui-aht is now in the midst of learning how to manage different policies and actions, which Quick said includes effective waste removal.

The introduction of recycling and organic waste collection has been a goal of Quick's since he took on his role around five years ago.

"It's about time," he said. "To take care of our waste properly and reduce our impact on our climate."

Quick said organics will be transported for composting to the Tofino airport, recyclables will be brought to the recycling depot in Tofino, and garbage will be brought to the West Coast Landfill.

"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 plan to work, live, and play."

Residents can expect to receive new collection carts for organics, recycling and garbage ahead of the program's launch, according to the ACRD.

The ACRD received a \$6 million grant in 2020 to introduce organics collection to the region through the Canada Community Building Fund. In 2021, the Sort'nGo program was kicked off in Port Alberni.

"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, Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ assets manager. "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 Yuuḷuḡiḡaḡh̄ nears the launch, Touchie said the nation is working with the ACRD to offer information sessions and packages to hitaḷu residents.

“Organic waste diversion is a huge priority for all of us,” said ACRD Board Chair John Jack. “We’ll be working together over the coming months on logistics, education and engagement to ensure a successful pilot project.”

Quick said the move is being made to be “appropriate stewards” of the land.

“To ensure we decrease our footprint in the world today, and try to make the best choices [we can] with our solid waste removal,” he said.

Written By Melissa Renwick  
Ha-shilth-sa  
July 25, 2022  
Hashilthsa.com

## Sort n’ Go Engagement Session for hitaḷu!

**The ACRD will be joining** Assets Manager, Spencer Touchie, in a presentation to the residents of hitaḷu on Wednesday, September 14.

The presentation will be held in the Cix<sup>w</sup>atin Centre Gymnasium from 5:00pm to a tentative 7:00pm. Dinner will start at 5:00pm with the presentation to begin around 5:45pm.

The purpose of the session is to start to educate the community on the Sort n Go program, the process, expectations, schedule, and of course, to answer your questions.

Education on the Sort n Go program will not end with the community engagement session. There will be a Program Educator, going door to door, distributing information packages and reviewing the program with each household.

Any questions, please email [Spencer.Touchie@ufn.ca](mailto:Spencer.Touchie@ufn.ca) or [Communications@ufn.ca](mailto:Communications@ufn.ca).

# Assets

**The Assets Department** has had a busy summer! Among regular daily activities, the Assets Team have been working with BC Hydro on bringing the Indigenous Communities Conservation Program to hitaḷu. With that the community’s first home heat pump was installed! Clayton Jack is pictured bottom right with his new household heat pump.

The BC Hydro Community Representative will be paired with the Sort n Go Community Educator role, offering education to the new garbage, recycling, and composting program as well as information on free LED lights and other energy efficient upgrades to every home.

The Sort n Go Program will start in the Fall of 2022, community engagement sessions will take place, in addition to the Community Educator visiting households. Many questions have risen in respect to bear safe bins, Spencer Touchie has

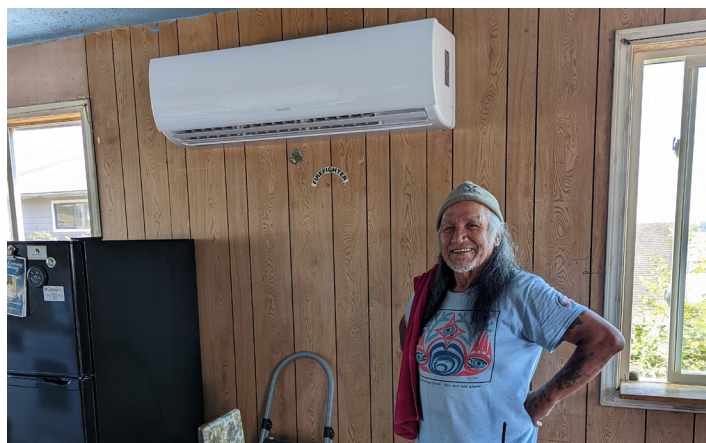
been working diligently to find a solution to offer additional bear smart outdoor storage.

The Assets Team is looking forward to offer community upgrades and welcome new programs throughout the fall and winter season.

We look forward to sharing more on the community projects and those involved in our next issue!



Park space has been cleared by the Assets Team!







## Yuułu?if?ath Elects Asya Touchie as Member of Legislature!

ʔuklaamaḥ huupkʷis̱taʔaqs, mamaaṯni q̱ic Asya Touchie. Yuułu?if?aqsupmaḥ. ʔuhukʷaḥ ḥuwiqsuu Matthew Touchie, yuułu?if?ath, ʔuhukʷaḥ ʔumiqsuu Leah Golling, Saddle Lake Cree Nation. ʔuhukʷitaḥ nananiqsuu Edith Brown, yuułu?if?aqsupma, Matthew Brown, ʔaʔuukʷiʔath, ʔuhʔiḥ Mary Ida Cardinal, Saddle Lake Cree Nation. ʔunaakaḥ cawaak taḥeʔis, ʔuklaama hiinaḥuuḷ, mamaaṯni q̱ic Edith.

Asya Touchie was elected to the Legislature after running a campaign that focused on transparency, accountability and the meaningful involvement of citizens in government decision-making. Asya received approximately 67 percent of the votes cast in the July 4, 2022, by-election and has hit the ground running as the Legislature’s current term moves through its final year. Asya grew up in Nanaimo, BC, with her siblings Larissa Touchie, Matthew Touchie Jr., Brian Touchie, and Wanda Touchie and her parents Leah Golling and Matthew Touchie Sr. Asya’s grandparents are Edith Brown (Touchie), Matthew Brown and Mary Ida Cardinal.

Asya Touchie has spent time on Vancouver Island, including living in Victoria and Ucluelet. In Victoria, Asya completed her Bachelor of Child and Youth Care in 2015. After completing her degree, she began working as a Social Worker with a Delegated Aboriginal Agency. “Supporting Aboriginal children, youth and families to reach their goals was so rewarding. It felt good going home each day knowing that I was doing work in a good way”. Asya made the tough decision to

leave her job as a Social Worker to move to Ucluelet in 2017 to support the Yuułu?if?ath Government as the Manager of Culture & Heritage and the Manager of Social Services. “The Yuułu?if?ath Government supported me throughout my education, and I felt compelled to give back to the government and citizens.” She has since gone on to complete additional educational goals, including a Certificate in Indigenous Language Proficiency and a Master’s in Public Administration, both from the University of Victoria.

Asya spent just under 2 years managing the Department of Culture & Heritage and the Department of Social Services. She noted how clear it was that the work of our government and community is about people building on the work of those who have come before them, and she saw her role in the Department of Culture & Heritage as part of this process. “It was a privilege to be selected as the first Manager of Culture & Heritage. I was able to spend time with our elders, built upon our Language Nest and Adult Language programs, and laid the foundations for bringing our artifacts home”. Since leaving her positions at the Yuułu?if?ath Government, Asya has begun working within post-secondary institutions, including Simon Fraser University, where she supported Indigenous students attending the university, and the University of Calgary, where she is supporting Indigenous students to reach their academic goals through academic upgrading and develops Indigenous programs to support the path to reconciliation.

“We have a democracy; one with the recognition and powers needed to allow our people to exist independently yet equally within Canadian society, surrounded by our distinct culture, and in communities that are healthy, safe and prosperous.” Asya believes that to achieve this, it is crucial that our government, and its decisions, reflect the needs of our people. This requires transparency in government, the meaningful engagement of the public when the government is making decisions and effective communication between citizens and their elected officials to ensure that the priorities of the government are the priorities of the people. “We have to make sure that no one is left behind while we do this work and that as we promote positive change, we do so in a way that ensures that change is felt equally, with a focus on those most in need; this is what will deliver us a community that is cohesive, healthy, and sustainable.” She is very interested to hear from citizens and encourages them to reach out to her at [asya.touchie@ufn.ca](mailto:asya.touchie@ufn.ca). She will be hosting citizen engagement sessions in the future to meet with citizens and listen to them; for more information, you can visit her **official Facebook page - ‘Legislator Asya Touchie.’**



# New Staff Highlight



The Lands and Resources Department welcomes a new team member! The Yuułu?i?paḥ Government embraces Catie Bateman to the role of Administrative Assistant. Catie will be working closely with the Director of Lands and Resources, the Manager of Fisheries and Wildlife, and the department in its entirety.

Catie is originally from southwestern Ontario and grew up around the Great Lakes. Catie attended the University of Windsor, in Windsor Ontario, to study Environmental Studies and Resource Management. In February of 2018, after graduation, Catie made the move to Ucluelet, starting her new west coast life in the hospitality/tourism industry.

In addition to her studies in Environmental and Resource Management, Catie began the Advanced Diploma in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) program at Vancouver Island University. Catie has noted the program, is on track to be completed in April 2023.

Catie has been with the Yuułu?i?paḥ Government for just shy of a month and has enjoyed her new employment to date. "I am looking forward to the opportunity to take on a variety of concurrent projects in the Lands and Resource department. I love to learn new things, and exploring the natural environment around me by swimming, hiking, running, and camping."

*Welcome Catie!*

## Ćumaata Trail Building Workshop

Ćumaata Trail Building is opening up once again with a Trail Building and Holistic Workshop.

The trail building workshops have proved to be popular and spots are limited, we ask those who are interested to sign up soon!

There is no experience necessary to participate in the workshop. Trail building is a great skill to have, and given the opportunity to learn from industry professionals right in your backyard is a welcome step forward to participate.

If you are interested to sign up for this workshop or to learn more, email **Tyson Touchie@ufn.ca** or call Cixʷatin Reception at (250) 726-7342 ext. 201



## ĆUMAATA TRAIL BUILDING WORKSHOP

Learn how to take care of the land and build trails with Trail Holistics!

### DETAILS:

- September 27th to 28th, 2022
- 9am to 4pm on Day 1, 9am to 12pm on Day 2
- Classroom instruction at the 6plex with trail work on Ćumaata (Mt. Ozzard)
- Limited availability!

### CONTACT:

For more information email: [Tyson.Touchie@ufn.ca](mailto:Tyson.Touchie@ufn.ca)

or call Cixʷatin Reception: (250) 726-7342 ext. 201

# ARE YOU INTERESTED?

in a beginner nuučaañuł class?

## DETAILS

- Learn the Nuu-chah-nulth West Barkley dialect
- Taught by Jeneva Touchie
- Online via Zoom
- Honorariums provided
- Term September 13 - December 8
- Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 5pm to 6pm

**LIMITED**

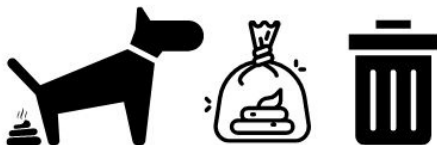
*Class space is limited.  
Priority to Yuułu?ił?ath citizens.*

## CONTACT

**Samantha Touchie**  
Email [samantha.touchie@ufn.ca](mailto:samantha.touchie@ufn.ca)  
Or text (250) 725-8700



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



## KEEP YOUR SHOES CLEAN!

Show ?iisaak (respect) for  
our community:  
Clean up after your dog

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

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

**i FOR ANIMAL CONTROL CONTACT:**

Coastal Animal Rescue & Education (CARE)  
Call: (250) 266-9663 or  
Email: [info@carenetwork.ca](mailto:info@carenetwork.ca)





NOTICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH YUULU?IL?ATH LAW

**Special Legislature Meeting**

In accordance with Section 2.3 of the *Government Act YFNS 2/2011*, notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the Legislature has been called for

**Date:** Tuesday, September 20, 2022  
**Time:** 3:30pm  
**Location:** Zoom

*Yuulu?il?ath Citizens may observe via Livestream*

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**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. Adoption of Agenda
4. 2021-22 Audited Financial Statements
5. Other:
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Adjournment



# Yuutu?it?ath

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 hita?u Assembly (Annual General Assembly) has been called for the following date:

**Date:** Monday, September 26, 2022  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Cix?atin Centre Gym, hita?u / Zoom

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### DRAFT AGENDA

*The agenda is in draft form until approved by the Citizens at the meeting of the hita?u 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*