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## SPECIAL ASSEMBLY UPDATE



[ufn.ca/elections](http://ufn.ca/elections)

Łeekoo Łeekoo to all citizens who attended the Special Assembly, whether in person or via zoom. We apologize for the technical difficulty that delayed the start of the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned abruptly due to the majority requirement from the citizens to approve the agenda to proceed. We did not receive majority consensus to proceed.

It is with important reminder, this Special Assembly was held to seek comment from the citizens and provide a overview of the Referendum, with Legal Counsel in attendance.

When voting to adopt the agenda, this is not voting to pass the contents of the agenda, this vote passes the adoption/approval to proceed with the meeting.

By objecting to the agenda, we are restricted to move forward with the meeting.

There will be an additional Special Assembly

held on **Monday, April 17**, we encourage all who attended the first meeting to return, provide feedback, and learn more on the contents of the Referendum. An official notice is in this newsletter.

Please note: the Referendum package with information and voting details will be mailed out on March 10 by the Electoral Officer. From there, further communications will be released in April.

The deliveries of the Referendum package is separate from the Election package, which will be distributed in April.

Visit [ufn.ca/elections](http://ufn.ca/elections) to find all Election and Referendum materials, including forms, voters lists, candidate information, and more.

If you have any questions regarding the process, please email [communications@ufn.ca](mailto:communications@ufn.ca).

Referendum and Elections will be held in May, **it is important for citizens to vote.**



# HITAĆU HOOPS CHAMPIONSHIP 23

APRIL 28 - APRIL 30

Hosted by Yuutu?if?ath

## OPEN BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

*Men's Division . Women's Division . 17 & under Co-ed . 13 & under Co-ed*



INTERESTED TO SIGN UP OR VOLUNTEER?

**INFO**

(250) 726-7342 ext 214 or [Michelle.Touchie@ufn.ca](mailto:Michelle.Touchie@ufn.ca)



@hitaću Hoops Championship 23





**An open basketball tournament is coming to the gymnasiums of hitaču and Ucluelet Secondary School!**

hitaču Hoops Championship 23 is in the works!

April 28 to April 30, 2023, Yuulu?it?ath will host a Basketball Tournament between hitaču/ Cixwatin Centre and USS gymnasiums. Enter your team now as space is filling and we are looking for Volunteers (contacts below).

**Tournament Details:**

Men's Division \$375 entry fee  
Women's Division \$350 entry fee  
17& under Co-ed \$300 entry fee  
13& under co-ed FREE entry fee

1st, 2nd, 3rd place trophies; MVP, Best Defensive, Most Inspirational, Sportsmanlike, Top Scorer, Hustle, All stars, Player of Game shirts

**Prize Money:** *\*\*based on fulfilled divisions\*\**

**Men's Prize**

1st Place- \$1500  
2nd Place- \$800  
3rd Place- \$400

**Woman's Prize:**

- 1st- \$800
- 2nd- \$325

**Jr U-17 Prize:**

- 1st- \$900
- 2nd- \$600
- 3rd- \$300

**What else?**

- \* Free Dinner 5:00pm-6:30pm
- \* Concession (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)
- \* Free massages (RMT)
- \* Jenny G's Bubble Tea Stand
- \* KIDS CAMP "Against All Odds" with Cory Breland
- \* Action shots at both gyms
- \* Team photos
- \* Free Tournament Magazine (distributed in May/ June)
- \* DRAW!!! WIN FREE weekend at Water's Edge Shore-side Suite- (King bed, sofa bed in livingroom, full kitchen)
- \* \$100 DEPOSIT **due March17, 2023** then a wait list will be taken.

If you have players or teams traveling out of town, it is recommended to book hotel rooms in advance for mid season rates.

**Contact:**

- **Michelle.Touchie@ufn.ca** or (250) 726-7342 ext 214 for Tournament and Kid's Camp Registration
- **Anitacharleson@hotmail.com** for Deposit and Tournament Fee submission
- **Melissa.Boucha@ufn.ca** for Media Inquiries

Volunteer inquires to can be sent to any of the above.

*Acknowledgment and ǵeekoo, ǵeekoo to Michelle Touchie, Jordan Touchie, Anita Charelson-Touchie, and Tyson Touchie for initial planning and getting the event organized. **More to come!***

# Planned power outage: Tofino, Ucluelet, and surrounding communities

We need to switch off power in your area for about eight hours while we perform substation maintenance and replace end of life transmission structures that serve the West Coast. To keep our crews and the public safe, power must be switched off while we complete this important work.

**Where:** All customers in Tofino, Ucluelet, Ahousaht, Toquaht Bay, Salmon Beach, Port Albion, and surrounding areas

**When:** Sunday, April 2, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Protect your electrical devices: Unplug all electronics and turn off all lights, electric heaters, and major appliances. We'll restore power as soon as we can. When power is restored, give the electrical system a chance to stabilize and avoid immediately turning on your heating system, electronics and appliances.

Visit [bchydro.com/outages](http://bchydro.com/outages) or call 1 800 BC HYDRO (1 800 224 9376) for more information.

**\*This power outage  
includes hitaču!\***





# BC HYDRO ENERGY SAVING PRODUCTS



## Yuutu?it?ath

**hitaču Residents! Have your FREE energy saving products installed by March 31, 2023!**

**LAST REMINDER! To have FREE** installation of energy saving products in all units; homeowners, tenants, and landlords, BC Hydro is offering energy saving products.

The products include (per unit): 25 LED light bulbs, LED nightlight, kitchen faucet aerators, bathroom faucet aerators, high performance shower head, door sweeps, door bumpers, draft proofing foam tape, window film, outlet gas-

kets (10 per pack), pipe wrap for hot water tank, dryer rack, attic hatch insulation.

**Contact** Kirk McCarthy (250) 725-4003, Daniel Joseph (250) 266-7755, or Marylin Touchie (778) 942-0651 prior to March 31, 2023, to have products installed at a time convenient for you.

## Tri-plex Progress

**Submit Your  
Housing  
Application!**



**Are you in need of housing in hitaču?**  
Submit or request a Housing Application to  
[Marylin.Touchie@ufn.ca](mailto:Marylin.Touchie@ufn.ca)

A fillable and printable Housing Application can be found online:

[ufn.ca](http://ufn.ca) > Government > Forms > Housing

hitaču's community tri-plex continues to be well underway! From a cement fill to siding, the construction crew has been hard at work over the fall and winter, with hitaču's newest build.

The tri-plex boasts ocean views of the open harbour and offers one and two bedroom units.

If you are in need of housing, send your applications to [Marylin.Touchie@ufn.ca](mailto:Marylin.Touchie@ufn.ca).



# Snow!

*hitaču has no chance when it snows.*

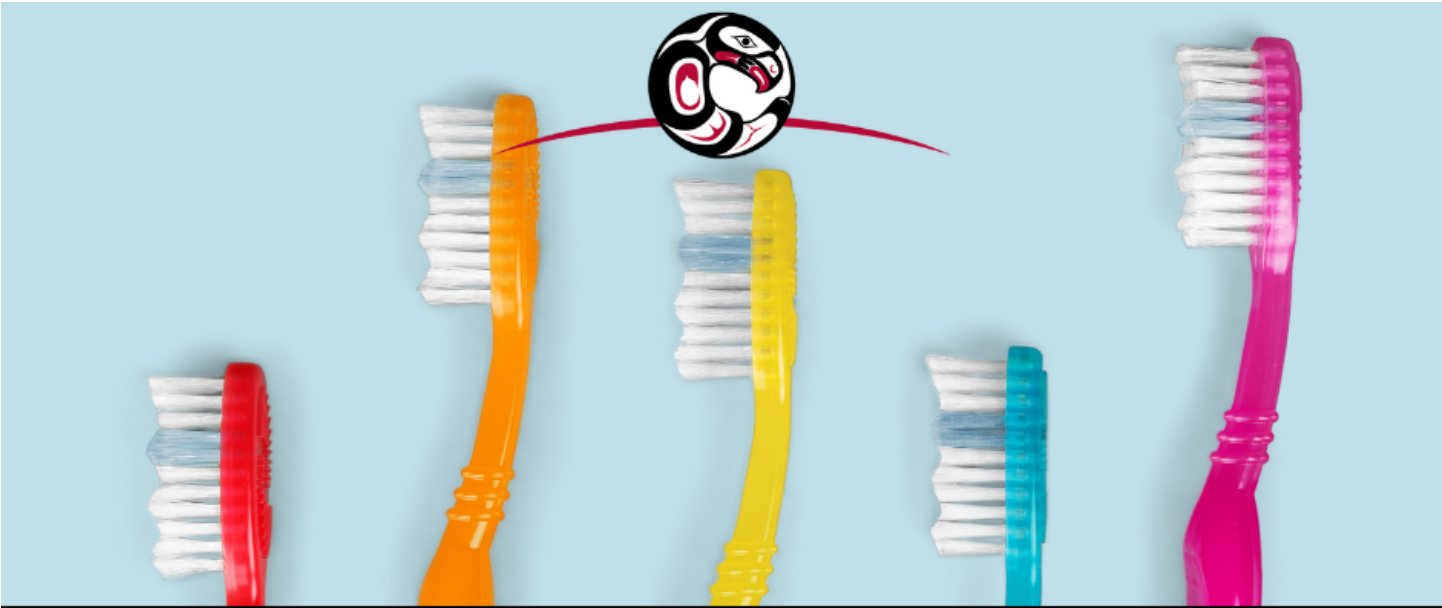
Pictured left, Jordan Touchie takes to the streets of hitaču, with YG's officially un-official snow plow.

The snow came down hard on an unsuspecting Saturday morning, filling the streets through nightfall.

We applaud Jordan's efforts to start plowing Saturday in preparation for passable streets; where these efforts continued through Sunday and Monday.

As the 'plow' is not a standard snow plow vehicle, time to clear the streets takes longer and we thank the community for their understanding and Jordan's attentiveness.

*łeekoo, łeekoo Jordan!*



## DENTAL THERAPIST CLINIC

*WITH FNHA DENTAL THERAPIST  
MELANIE BRAKER*

**MONDAY, MARCH 13**  
**11:00AM - 4:00PM**  
**ASSETS BUILDING** *Down by the Totem*  
**ALL AGES WELCOME!**



*To book an appointment call FNHA COHI AIDE  
Evangeline Campbell: (250) 266-2535*





# NTC Covid Vaccine Study

*The NTC Research Group receive government support to proceed with Community based Research!*

The Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council has been working in support of the Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government Health Department, to better understand the COVID-19 vaccination within the Ucluelet First Nation.

A research group from NTC recently visited the community at a community luncheon and dinner. Their goal was to interact with citizens to better understand the vaccine in relation to immune response, effectiveness, and safety. Speaking with citizens and answering questions.

After demonstrated community support at the two info sessions, Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government formally agreed to move ahead with the research project.

The next steps are to recruit Community Support Workers and members of the Health Research Working Group (see role descriptions below).

We will continue to share information with the community, and the Health Research Working Group will work with our research team to co-create the project and ensure all research activities are relevant and culturally appropriate for the community of hitaču.

Here are some bullets and role descriptions:

**What is it?**

- Nuuchah-nulth led project
- Looking to understand how the COVID-19 pandemic impacted Nuuchah-nulth-aht

- Measuring how safe and effective the COVID-19 vaccine is for Nuuchah-nulth-aht

Get involved! We are looking for community members to fill the following roles:

**Community Support Workers**

Community Support Workers to work closely with the NTC Community Based Researcher to help organize events and share information with community.

This is a part time/casual position that is compensated through a \$25/hour honorarium in gift card format.

**Health Research Working Group**

Health Research Working Group members will provide insight to the research team to finalize the relationship protocol and research agreement for the project.

They will work to ensure that the research activities are relevant to the people of Ucluelet First Nation as well as being culturally safe and appropriate. Members of the working group will be compensated by honorarium in line with Nation's guidance.

**For more information or to apply contact:**

Sierra Boudreau, NTC Community Based Researcher  
[sierra.boudreau@nuuchahnulth.org](mailto:sierra.boudreau@nuuchahnulth.org)  
(250) 221-0959





# Yuutu?i?ath Warriors

## Upcoming Events

### Friday, March 3 to Sunday, March 5

The UFN Warriors will be participating in a course in Tla-o-qui-aht Territory.

### Thursday, March 9 4:00pm - 7:00pm

We will be working on the UFN Warriors training area near Itatsoo Lake.

### Thursday, March 16 1:00pm - 7:00pm

Full day gathering. We will meet at the Cixwatin Centre for a drum making session and to work on the training area.

### Friday, March 17 to Sunday, March 19

The UFN Warriors will be making a trip to the city! This includes a trip to the mall, movie theatre, wave pool and go karts. Limited spots available.

### Thursday, March 23 4:00pm - 7:00pm

We will continue work on the land behind hita'cu. Meet at the Cixwatin Centre.

### Thursday, March 30 4:00pm - 7:00pm

We will continue to nurture and work on the land behind hita'cu.

### Every Thursday

After working on the training ground, dinner will be provided for all Warriors.

\*Remember to bring a water bottle with you!

For more information contact Jason Sam, Warriors Coordinator  
Jason.Sam@ufn.ca



# Warriors Clam Garden Harvest



Written and photos submitted by Jason Sam

Earlier this year, the Yuułu?it?ath Warriors participated in a multi-nation clam dig to begin learning about clam harvesting as well as traditional ways of creating and maintaining clam gardens. Huu-ay-aht hosted the all nation Warriors over a wet and freezing weekend in January.

Warriors set up camp, tended to the fire, learned how to identify and harvest clams as well as how to make clam cakes!



Warriors from across the Nations will be taking part in a clam garden restoration project over the next 2 years, moving across different Nation's Territories to learn, harvest and restore clam gardens.

The Warriors weekend harvest of littleneck clams and cockles was sent to the Elder's Luncheon.

The Yuułu?it?ath Warriors continue to meet weekly on Thursday's at the Cix<sup>w</sup>atin Centre and have a schedule of monthly training and events, available on the previous page, for March.

Contact Yuułu?it?ath Warrior's Coordinator [Jason.Sam@ufn.ca](mailto:Jason.Sam@ufn.ca) to participate or for more information!

Warriors Weekly



MEET US AT THE CIX<sup>w</sup>ATIN CENTRE

Every Thursday  
4pm - 7pm

GAMES, TEACHINGS AND DINNER



*The Department of Culture, Language & Heritage is holding a weekly language and cultural discussion with Elders, this is an open invite.*

*Join us for a light lunch or snacks and discuss cultural protocols, history, language and stories!*

# LANGUAGE & CULTURE ELDER'S DISCUSSION

**EVERY  
WEDNESDAY**  
**MARCH 1 -  
APRIL 19**

**CIX<sup>W</sup>ATIN CENTRE  
CULTURE OFFICE  
11:00AM - 1:00PM**

*Elders will receive an honorarium for each meeting.*

Questions? Email [Samantha.Touchie@ufn.ca](mailto:Samantha.Touchie@ufn.ca)



# SPRING BREAK ACTIVITIES

WITH THE LANDS & RESOURCES  
DEPARTMENT



## MONDAY, MARCH 13 - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

*The Lands & Resources Department has organized several fun and educational activities for our youth (ages 10+) for this Spring Break!*

### Fish Smoking

*with Brenda Jack*

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15**  
**9:00AM TO 12:00PM**

- Learn a delicious skill at Brenda's Smoke House!



### Fish Canning

*with Debbie Touchie*

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22**  
**9:00AM TO 1:00PM**

- Learn how to can fish at the Cixwatin Centre!
- Lunch included.



### Barkley Sound Biodiversity Tour & Harvest

*with Lindsay McCarthy Sr. & Ron George*

**MONDAYS & TUESDAYS**  
**MARCH 13, 14, 20, 21**

- Join us for whale monitoring, herring spawn activity, hemlock bough laying and more!
- Depart at 9:00am for 4 hours on the Nahmint.
- **Maximum of 4** youth per day.
- Lunch included.



*To find out more or sign up, contact*  
**Catie.Bateman@ufn.ca**





# Hitacu StrongStart Everyone Welcome



*FREE FAMILY/CAREGIVER AND CHILD  
DROP-IN FOR CHILDREN 0-6!*



**Please join us  
for coffee, tea  
and snacks,  
and play based  
learning  
activities**

**Starting March 28**  
Every Tuesday from 8:15-  
11:15 in the Cix<sup>w</sup>atin  
Community Centre gym  
700 Wya Road, Hitacu



*AN OPPORTUNITY TO STRENGTHEN EARLY  
YEARS TO KINDERGARTEN TRANSITIONS FOR  
YOUNG CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES*

**Contact Carolyn Langhelt at  
[clanghelt@sd70.bc.ca](mailto:clanghelt@sd70.bc.ca) for more information**





NOTICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH YUULU?IL?ATH LAW

**SPECIAL HITACU ASSEMBLY**

In accordance with sections 8.3(c) of the Constitution and sections 5.1.2 and 6.2 of the Referendum Act, YFNS 9/2011 notice is hereby given that a special hitacu Assembly will be held as follows:

**Date:** Monday, April 17, 2023  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Cix<sup>w</sup>atin Centre Gym, hitacu / Zoom

**DRAFT AGENDA**

*The adoption of the agenda, and the inclusion of additional agenda items, will be determined by approval of a motion by a majority of the eligible voters in attendance and voting.*

1. Call to order
2. Opening Prayer/Welcoming remarks
3. Review and adoption of the agenda
4. Constitutional Amendments (*To provide information and seek feedback*)
5. Christmas Payments to Citizens (*To provide information and seek feedback*)
6. Other
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Adjournment

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| <b><u>Zoom Instructions</u></b>  |                  |
| Dial In #:   | 1 (778) 907-2071 |
| Meeting ID:  | 895 4776 0988    |
| Passcode:  | 093588           |
| <b><u>Voting</u></b>   |                  |
| When the Chairperson calls for a vote, the Chairperson will request that Zoom attendees use the “raise hand” feature on Zoom (click <i>Reactions &gt; Raise Hand</i> ), or state their full name followed by “yay” or “nay”. |                  |





Office of the Chief Electoral Officer  
Yuutu?i?ath First Nation Government  
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## Notice in Accordance with Yuutu?i?ath Law

March 10, 2023

### **Notice of Election**

There will be a general election for the office of President and six (6) Members of the Legislature for the Yuutu?i?ath First Nation on May 10, 2023.

A **Voters List** for these elections has been posted in hitaçu in the cixwatin centre and on the YFN web site at <http://www.ufn.ca> and is updated regularly. Citizens for whom address information is missing are noted on the list. If you have any information about these people please contact the Law Clerk, Jill Hamilton at 250-726-7342 or by email at [jill.hamilton@ufn.ca](mailto:jill.hamilton@ufn.ca).

An **All Candidates Meeting** at which you can meet the candidates and ask questions will be held on April 26, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. in the cixwatin centre in hitaçu.

Eligible voters may vote in person at the General Poll or the Advance Poll, by mail-in ballot, or by electronic voting.

An **Advance Poll** will be held in hitaçu in the cixwatin centre on April 28, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Mail-in ballot** packages will be sent to eligible voters on April 10 and mail-in ballots must be received by the Chief Electoral Officer before the close of the general poll at 8:00 p.m. on May 10, 2023.

**Electronic voting** will available from 8:00 am Monday, May 1, 2023 to the close of the polls at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday May 10, 2023. Voters will be provided with a PIN and instruction for electronic voting.

The **General Poll** shall be held in hitaçu in the cixwatin centre from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on May 10, 2023. An additional polling station will also be established at the Yuutu?i?ath Government satellite offices at 3203 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Port Alberni This polling station will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on May 10, 2023.

### **Nominations**

Any eligible Yuutu?i?ath voter may nominate a Yuutu?i?ath citizen who qualifies under Section 4.1 of the Elections Act (see attached) by completing, signing and witnessing a **Nomination Form** and a **Voter Declaration Form**.

The nomination must also include a **Support for Nomination** form with the signatures of ten (10) Yuutu?i?ath citizens, three (3) of whom must not be

ordinarily resident on Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ lands, indicating their support for the nomination. Each sponsor must complete and sign a **Voter Declaration Form**.

These forms must be completed and submitted to the Chief Electoral Officer before 4:30 p.m. on March 24, 2023. The forms can be scanned and emailed to [yfn\\_elections\\_officer@shaw.ca](mailto:yfn_elections_officer@shaw.ca). An election official will be available in the administrative offices in hitaçu in the cixwatin centre to receive nominations from 1:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Note:** *This is a change from previous elections. The **Nomination Form**, the **Support for Nomination** form signed by ten (10) eligible Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ voters, three (3) of whom are not ordinarily resident on Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ lands, and **Voter Declaration forms** from the person making the nomination and all the people who signed in support of the nomination must be submitted at the time of the nomination, no later than 4:30 p.m. on March 24, 2023.*

The Nominee must provide an **Acceptance of Nomination Form**, a **Voter Declaration Form**, a **Declaration of Eligibility as a Candidate Form** sworn before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, or Commissioner for Oaths, and a statement of motivation for candidacy indicating the reason for accepting the nomination and seeking the office. These forms will be available from the election official on March 24 and will be posted on the Web site.

The Nominee must also provide a non-refundable deposit of \$300 for candidates for President and \$200 for candidates for member of the Legislature. Nomination fees must be payable to the Ucluelet First Nation Government.

The complete acceptance of nomination package including the **Acceptance of Nomination Form**, a **Voter Declaration Form**, a **Declaration of Eligibility as a Candidate Form**, and a statement of motivation must be submitted submitted to the Chief Electoral Officer before 4:30 p.m. on April 3, 2023. The forms can be scanned and emailed to [yfn\\_elections\\_officer@shaw.ca](mailto:yfn_elections_officer@shaw.ca). An election official will be available in the administrative offices in hitaçu in the cixwatin centre to receive acceptance of nominations from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Kit Spence has been appointed as the **Chief Electoral Officer** for this election. He can be contacted by telephone at (877) 541-9017 by text at (250) 881-0142 and by email at [YFN\\_Elections\\_Officer@shaw.ca](mailto:YFN_Elections_Officer@shaw.ca)

This notice issued the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023 by



Kit Spence, Chief Electoral Officer  
Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ First Nation



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

## nanayaᑕaatuk

*"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**  
**q<sup>w</sup>ayaᑕiikᑦiis Childcare  
Centre**



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