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SPECIAL ASSEMBLY
MONDAY, APRIL 17

6:00pm

Cix^watin Centre Gymnasium & Zoom



Yuutu?it?ath

ufn.ca/elections



CLOSED

Friday, April 7 & Monday, April 10

*hitaču Cix^watin Centre & huu^patu Centre
will reopen Tuesday, April 11.*





HITAĆU HOOPS CHAMPIONSHIP 23

APRIL 28 - APRIL 30

Hosted by Yuu'tu'it'ath

OPEN BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

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

HITAĆU & USS GYMNASIUMS



INTERESTED TO VOLUNTEER?

INFO

(250) 726-7342 ext 214 or Michelle.Touchie@ufn.ca



@hita'cu Hoops Championship 23

Be Bear Aware

Garbage Security and Bear Safety in hita'cu

We are entering the season where black bears have begun to emerge from their overwintering dens. With this emergence, bears look to food sources, and this can include household garbage, organics, and waste.

It is important for community residents to remain conscious of securing waste bins and any attractants or rubbish, surrounding their homes. What is the best way to reduce your home as a 'food source' attractant? Storing and securing your Sort'ngo cart properly.

Storing carts inside or in a garage is the best option, but carts are easiest stored outside, for most residents. With storing carts outside, carts will need to be properly secured so that they cannot be dragged away.

The Sort'ngo program recommends securing carts to a concrete surface, or to cinder blocks with cables or chains. This equipment can be found at Windsor Plywood or Slegg Lum-

ber in Port Alberni (chains and carabiners are also available at the Tofino/Ucluelet Co-ops).

Keep your organics (green) and garbage (black) carts latched, by locking the clasps to the lid locks when not in use throughout the week. Remember to unclasp the latches and re-attach to the handles the day of pick up.

This is a critical time for the bears when forage is sparse before the lush spring grasses and berry season. Any ability you can do to secure garbage and organics, the better for a safer community and a healthier, living bear.

Last winter, multiple bears were identified accessing garbage in hita'cu. One bear especially became habituated and was culled because of it.

Let's work together to keep wildlife wild!



HUMAN-BEAR CONFLICTS

- Bears account for approximately 20,000 calls to the Conservation Officer Service reporting line every year.
- Garbage is the number one bear attractant cited when reporting a call.
- Relocation seldom works with bears. Individuals often return to their original home territory or become "problem" animals in other communities. In addition, translocated wildlife often fail to adapt to their new habitat and, as a result, may starve to death or be killed by those animals that already occupy the area.
- Bears that become highly food-conditioned and habituated to humans are often destroyed because of concerns for human safety.
- Early reporting of a bear in a neighbourhood helps us address the underlying issues before it becomes a problem.



British Columbia Conservation Foundation



The BC Conservation Foundation is a not-for-profit, registered charity that has been working in BC since 1969. To learn more about our organization please visit us at www.bccf.com

WildSafeBC is funded through partnerships throughout BC. Core funding is made possible through the BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy. To report wildlife in conflict contact the Conservation Officer Service:

1.877.952.7277



Ministry of
Environment and
Climate Change Strategy

www.wildsafebc.com

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photos by Peter Sulzle



BLACK BEAR



British Columbia Conservation Foundation



Co-op Student Progress at YG

Co-op Students Give Archives, Home Ownership Program Reports To YG

Written by Mark MacDonald



Pictured: Nicola Champoux



Pictured: Morgan Warner

University of Victoria co-op students Nicola Champoux and Morgan Warner have been busily gathering information in and around hitaču for the past three months.

Nicola has been studying archival issues while Morgan has been working towards putting together a possible home ownership program for citizens. They shared their encouraging findings with the Yuułu?it?ath Government Executive in March.

Nicola's work consisted of connecting with elders, and categorizing and identifying valuable information within the Nation's archival materials that are now enclosed in 300 boxes and providing viable options for safe storage in a permanent location in hitaču.

President Charles McCarthy has long had a vision to have the YG provide a home ownership program that will help first-time citizens own their own houses, and Morgan's task has been to set up a program for that. Morgan is particularly enthusiastic about the introduction of the plan, which promises to be positively revolutionary for citizens.

The proposed new Housing Grant program will be for citizens that live on and off of Treaty Settlement Lands, and could include a non-repayable \$25,000 down payment grant.

"I'm quite excited about it," Morgan states. "President Chuck is hoping to have this available for all (first time home buyer) citizens, and my instructions were to look into developing the program, which is like the Home Buyers Purchase program for first-time buyers. This will help people with a helping hand from the government so they can build some equity and gain long-term housing," Morgan says, adding that it will be available to any citizen who is not in debt to

the Nation, and is over the age of 19. "The funds will have to be used to finance a home through mortgaging a new or re-sale home, and will include prefabricated homes."

Morgan sees this as a 'game changer' for citizens. "I'm really hoping it helps people and make them more comfortable with their finances," she states. "It was really important to find a way to include manufactured homes, which typically aren't financed by traditional mortgage lenders. It's really not feasible to buy a new home in the Ucluelet area right now as they are so expensive, and there's not much to buy when there is, so having pre-fab homes included is the easiest and most inexpensive option to get housing for citizens who live in remote areas. If people own the land, they can just put the home on it, with the help of the government."

The hope is the program will be officially launched before the end of this YG term, but it needs to be vetted through lawyers before it can be officially implemented. Thus far, the response has been overwhelmingly positive.

"Everyone has been very excited to see this program get going," she says. "We have had some great comments, and we've been making sure it is fully fleshed out. There has been no major push back on it, and it's taken a quite a bit of time to get it to this stage, so I'm happy it was well received."

Morgan is from Alberta, and she is studying Political Science at UVic. She was looking for a position that furthered her interest in the public service, and jumped at the chance to fill the YG co-op position.

"It's been super educational and I'm very grateful to YG for taking me in," she says. "I hope other people can get an opportunity like this."

Nicola is pursuing her Master's Degree in Public Administration at UVic, and has thoroughly enjoyed her work with the Yuułu?it?ath archives.

"The main part of my presentation to YG was about how much I've learned so far," she says, adding her work included reaching out to archivists in the lower mainland and across Canada. "We want to develop the Yuułu?it?ath archives so they will be cared for like with other Indigenous Nations across the country."

Nicola says the estimated 300 boxes of archives were be-

ing held in a government building, and Sea Cans were purchased to house them before a plan for an ultimate permanent home for their display can be determined.

“We haven’t been able to look through the archives because some of them are of poor quality, and we’re currently dealing with health and safety regulations so that they can be safely transported,” Nicola explains. “It’s been a great learning experience, and our plan is to put all the items where they can be protected.”

Nicola points out that relationships between Colonial and Indigenous groups concerning First Nations archives remain complicated, and need to be worked through. Digitizing the records is also an important step, but that will be something another co-op student could possibly be tasked with in the future.

In the meantime, Nicola has been working on a data base referred to as the Community Knowledge Keeper, which will allow the Nation’s citizens to enter data which will lead to the creation of maps and videos.

“My dream is to have an archival building here where all the elders could meet and gather and have a large projector that project songs and videos onto a screen and have the elders talk about them and answer questions from people when they come,” she says.

With support from the YG interns and Lands department, Nicola had a crew to assist the move of archival boxes from the old band office to the Cixwatin Centre for storage. Due to the state of the old band office, full protection was worn when entering the building and handling the boxed contents.



New Staff Update

New Positions, Familiar Community Faces

The Yuułu?i?ath Government will see a new position for a current key staff member and a welcome back for a former Legislative member!

Savannah McCarthy will be shifting seats as the current Reception for the Cixwatin Centre with the Yuułu?i?ath Government to the next Lands and Resources Officer, pairing up with Daryl in the Lands and Resources Department.

The duties of this position are unique; Savannah will hold a key role when working with others to develop land-based programming, will be responsible for providing marine and land-based services to the Department of Lands and Resources, including patrolling of Yuułu?i?ath water and lands, fisheries and wildlife monitoring and reporting activities, liaising with other government agencies and other duties relative to the Lands and Resources Department.

The Lands and Resources Officer’s overall responsibilities will be aimed at protecting Yuułu?i?ath’s marine and land-based resources. Savannah will be working closely with team members of the health and social services department and the culture, language, and heritage departments in support of land-based programming and other program developments, including youth and elder related workshops and programming.

Former Legislative member Kimberly Touchie will be starting with the Yuułu?i?ath Government as the Outreach Support Coordinator, at the beginning of April.

Reporting to the Director of Health and Social Services, the Outreach Support Coordinator is responsible for implementing a range of strategies flowing from community needs identified by the Department of Health and Social Services and in collaboration with other departments of the Yuułu?i?ath Government.

The Outreach Support Coordinator serves as the first point of contact for Yuułu?i?ath families and citizens (local and urban) who seek help and support in the areas of addictions, mental and emotional health, and wellness – connecting them with professional and traditional services/programs offered by the YG and/or external partners and services and provides navigation, advocacy, and outreach services as needed.

Kimberly will be working with other department staff as required to fulfill the needs and deliverables of the support programs and maximizes all resources available to support citizens on their wellness, safety, and/or recovery plans.

In the May edition of the Umacuk YG News, we will share more of Savannah and Kimberly’s new endeavors.



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REFERENDUM Call-In Support Line

Have a question regarding the Referendum?

Call (778) 942-0572

Call Line Open:

April 11 to April 27, 2023

Tuesday thru Thursday's

10:00am-12:00pm & 1:00pm-3:00pm

Please leave a message with a call back number and your question if you call outside of the scheduled time.

Reminder, this service is not open for opinion on the referendum, the call line serves as a support for questions related to the FAQ and how to vote.

Assets Department

Gap Funding Arriving To Help With Homes

Written by Mark MacDonald

Much needed funding has been arriving at Ucluelet First Nation to help with a number of important home related issues.

Yuufu?i?ath Government Assets Manager, Spencer Touchie, says an agreement was reached with Indigenous Services Canada in late 2019, for funds to repair homes in hitaču and Covid-19 pandemic related lockdowns kept contractors away. Those delays provided an opportunity to dig deeper into the community's needs and prepare for when the work could eventually begin.

"Using this delay we began to work with other organizations to leverage funds and find ways to get more work done," Spencer states. "This work required good data, so we started gathering the data with building condition inspections completed in 2020-2021."

Those inspections generated over 4,000 pages of data, and Spencer says Aliya Haer from the Assets Department sifted through data, generating important information that prepared YG for an approach to entities such as CleanBC and BC Hydro for partnerships in programs.

"CleanBC brought forward \$200,000 to subsidize the installation of heat pumps, where the heating source had failed or the heating source for the home was carbon producing," Spencer notes, pointing to, for example, wood stoves, pellet stoves and gas furnaces. "A total of 32 heat pumps will be installed through the community, and in those places, wood stoves will be removed."

Spencer adds that BC Hydro has two programs that are supporting YG's efforts. Stream 1 saw Kirk McCarthy and Daniel Joseph visit each home and installed small energy upgrades like lights and door seals.

"The thing they did that was more important for Stream 2 was they recorded more data where we are aiming to secure funds to replace old appliances, and upgrade insulation for units," he notes. "Only units which completed Stage 1 can go through Stage 2."

Spencer also states that the Assets department is currently in the midst of securing funds from Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation for repairs and retro-fits that will be targeted specifically for rental units.

Elder's Luncheons & Cultural Sharing

Beginning March 1, Dr. Bernice Touchie has been hosting weekly Elder's Luncheons in the Cultural Library at the Cixatin Centre, engaging Yuufu?i?ath elders and visitors from west coast communities, to share family stories and lineage.

"We cannot wait for complete healing to come complete with our culture, we must use the culture to heal," Dr. Bernice noted. "The elders are most appreciative of invited guests bringing the culture alive by their memory and acts with cultural respect and another showing an actual Ceremonial Curtain for embellishment of UFN history. Tlecko, tlecko."

The Ceremonial Curtain Dr. Bernice notes was shared at the March 22 luncheon, with Tla-o-qui-aht elder Ron Martin in attendance, sharing the culturally significant story of Yuufu?i?ath and Tla-o-qui-aht. The curtain was painted by Yuufu?i?ath artist and ha'wiih Jay Millar.

The depiction of 'The Whale Story' was told as a hunt and capture of a whale that brought two nations together in a

battle for its possession. We will share this story in full in the next edition of the Umacuk, scheduled for release late April.

Additional stories and topics that have been covered include, monsters of the forest, sea monsters, belief systems, traditional dance; held and lost, cultural marriage proposals, family songs, family lineage, family trees between Yuufu?i?ath and Tla-o-qui-aht, and so much more.

The group is sharing stories and recording the content, The YG Culture Department has been voice recording to archive the files and eventually transcribe into binded material.





SEABIRD MOBILE DIABETES TEAM COMMUNITY CLINIC

AVAILABLE IN PERSON
APRIL 19 TO APRIL 20
AT THE HUUPATU HEALTH CENTRE

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NTC COVID-19 VACCINE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES



NTC Recruits for a Community Health Research Group!

The Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council COVID research team is looking to recruit a supplementary Community Health Research working group.

This working group will allow community members the opportunity to work alongside the NTC research team to create the research protocol for the project. Members of this group will receive an honorarium for their time.

What it is: Community members will be required to give input, to their personal comfort, on the research activities as outlined for Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government - Ucluelet First Nation by joining the Health Research Working Group (HRWG).

This group will work closely with the NTC COVID-19 Research Project team to guide the activities of the Project at the Nation level and together create a Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government - Ucluelet First Nation (YG) research agreement partnership.

Through a process called co-creation, the HRWG will give feedback on the research activities and documents informing the agreement for YG and ensure that the project is appropriate and culturally safe.

The commitment is approximately 6-10 compensated hours and any member of the community is welcome to participate.

If you are interested in this position or have any questions, please contact:

Sierra Boudreau, Community Based Researcher
sierra.boudreau@nuuchahnulth.org, (250) 221-0959

Sierra will be available regularly for community questions and discussions in the common area outside the gym in the Cixʷatin Centre. Please contact Sierra for available times.

For more information on the NTC COVID-19 Research Project, visit: www.nuuchahnulthhealthresearch.org.

DENTAL THERAPIST CLINIC

**WITH FNHA DENTAL THERAPIST
MELANIE BRAKER**

MONDAY, APRIL 24

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**

Herring Roe Harvesting

Passing Traditions to the Next Generation

Written by Mark MacDonald



Harvesting herring roe (sihŋm̄uu in West Barkley dialect) is something that Lindsay McCarthy has looked forward to doing every year since he was a youngster. It is an experience that was passed on to him by elders and family members that he cherishes, and is more than happy to share the knowledge and experience with others.

Joining Lindsay, the lead boat operator, in this year's harvest on March 10-12, were Ron George and Edward Mack. They were joined by interns Waylon McCarthy and Robert Andrew, who participated for the first time, and Lindsay said they did a wonderful job.

Trained eyes keep close watch on the ocean, awaiting the return of multitudes of herring to spawn on Vancouver Island's west coast. It is an amazing visual spectacle when they arrive, as the green sea fills with swirls of white liquid – milt, which fertilizes the eggs – from the herring, resembling a white tide.

Ron George explains that “once the herring gets close to the beach, about full moon or high tide, then we prepare to go out.”

Lindsay says their participation starts with laying tree boughs into the ocean.

“We set the trees in the water and weigh them down with weights, and watch,” he explains. “Once we recognize that

the spawning is about to happen, we set the trees and leave them for three or four days, and we won't disturb them while they're sitting there. We won't check it until the third or fourth day.

“We use branches from little hemlock trees. The old-timers used to say that when the roe is cooked with it, it would release some sort of medicine for us.”

Traditionally, once branches are collected and hung up to dry, later the dried spawn is stripped from the branches and stored in baskets or boxes.

Altogether, close to 400 pounds of herring roe was harvested this year, then shared with Yuułu?it̓ath citizens in Port Alberni, and citizens at hitaču.

“It was like Christmas for them,” says Lindsay. “This is the way we were taught, to always give what we were given from the ocean. That's just how we are.”

Harvesting this year was conducted in Ucluelet harbour, Spring Cove, Stuart Bay and at St. Ines in the Broken Group.

Jonquil Crosby, Manager of Fisheries and Wildlife, notes



Pictured: Lindsay McCarthy and Ron George



Traditionally they were an important food source as they were the first large-scale resource available after the winter solstice, and appeared just as food stores were nearly depleted.

When herring returned to the coast each year, people would corral the fish into concentrated schools and harvest using herring rakes and dip nets. The herring were eaten raw, broiled on sticks, and boiled in boxes. They were also cleaned, split, and dried for later use.

Curtis Curkan, WCVI Resource Manager for Fisheries and Oceans Canada, notes that the primary objective of the herring test seine vessel program was to collect herring biological samples from within the WCVI major stock assessment area for stock assessment purposes.

This was the sixth West Coast Vancouver Island Herring (WCVI) spawn survey, and commercial seine, gillnet and spawn—on kelp herring fisheries were involved in surveying the region for potential harvest. The program identified thousands of tons of spawn in Barkley and Clayoquot Sound, including at Maggie River, Macoah Passage, Hesquiat Harbour.

that the Lands Department “was involved with the herring spawn this year from pre-spawning sounding for the herring occurrence and abundance, patrolling for herring spawn via vessel and incidentally by air (during the bi-weekly marine mammal surveys), accessing herring from the test boat, dropping hemlock boughs for traditional use of the herring eggs during spawning events, distribution of herring and eggs to the community.”

Traditional Foods Coordinator Niamh O’Reilly notes that the big spawn began March 6 in Barkley Sound, and she went up on a plane with Jonquil, who took some spectacular aerial photos.

“For the two weeks leading up to the spawn, boats were out with their sonar as they could see the big schools of herring, and lots of birds and whales were out as well,” she recalls.

“Because it was spring break, Ron’s granddaughter went out on the boat to harvest as well. It was a great experience for a young lady.”

Niamh notes the herring eggs take a couple of weeks before they hatch into baby herring.

Pacific herring is considered a keystone species along the coast because they act as the base of a large and complex food web and support a diversity of marine wildlife and historically sustained many Nuuchah-nulth communities.

Aerial photos of the herring spawn provided by Jonquil Crosby, Manager of Fisheries and Wildlife.



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Still have a question regarding the Referendum?
Speak with Legal Counsel one-on-one!

DIAL-A-LAWYER Day!

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

9:00am to 6:00pm

To make an appointment call: **(778) 942-0572**

Call blocks are **15 minutes** in length.

Reminder, this service is not open for opinion on the referendum, the Dial-a-Layer serves as a support for questions and clarity of the referendum.

YFNS 80 - Heritage Act

YFNS 80 - Heritage Act Enacted

The Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government Legislature enacted YFNS 80 - Heritage Act, March 13, 2023. This Act strengthens Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ's conservation, protection, and management of heritage sites.

The briefing note as provided by Legal Counsel (as shown below), summarized the draft Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Heritage Act, which would:

- exempt activities and works undertaken by or on behalf of a Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ institution from BC's Heritage Conservation Act; and
- adopt BC's Heritage Conservation Act for other activities and works on Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ lands.

BACKGROUND

Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ has law-making authority under the Maa-nulth Treaty over the conservation, protection and management of heritage sites and artifacts on Treaty lands. Such legislation prevails over provincial legislation.

In the absence of Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ legislation, BC's Heritage Conservation Act applies to heritage sites and artifacts on Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ lands, including work undertaken by Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ government. Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ has experienced many challenges with BC's Heritage Conservation Act, including the time it takes Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ government to receive permits for work on Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ lands.

THE PROPOSED ACT

The proposed Act would exempt activities and works undertaken by or on behalf of a Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ institution from BC's Heritage Conservation Act, including the requirement to obtain a permit from BC for an inspection, investigation or alteration of a heritage site. The exemption would cover work undertaken by or on behalf of

- the Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ government,
- a Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ public institution, or
- a Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ public corporation.

Instead, such work would need to be conducted with due care and using best practices (s.2.2 of the proposed Act).

With respect to activities and works undertak-

en with respect to heritage sites, artifacts and archaeological human remains by other entities, such as private individuals or corporations, the Act would adopt BC's Heritage Conservation Act including the relevant permitting regime. This means BC would continue to exercise oversight over those activities and works.

If in due course Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ wishes to exercise oversight over heritage works and activities undertaken by other entities on Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ lands, Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ can choose to amend the proposed Act.

To read the Act in full, visit: ufn.ca > Government > Acts > YFNS 80 Heritage Act

Grant Information

Clayoquot Biosphere Trust (CBT)

Fund your project with a CBT grant

Neighbourhood Small Grants	\$500
Arts & Culture	\$5,000
Community Development	\$5,000
Youth & Education	\$5,000
Research & Environment	\$5,000
Biosphere Research Award	\$20,000

Chat with us any time at: grants@clayoquotbiosphere.org

Call: 250-720-6381

Learn more: clayoquotbiosphere.org/grants

All grant applications are due by April 17th
except

Neighbourhood Small Grants due by April 30th



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: Cixwatin 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

Zoom Instructions

Dial In #: 1 (778) 907-2071
Meeting ID: 895 4776 0988
Passcode: 093588

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 OF ELECTION AND ACCLAMATION 2023

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Notice of Election and Acclamation

Notice of Election

The following persons have been nominated as candidates for President:



McCarthy, Chuck



Taylor, Gordon



Touchie, Nick

An election for President will be held on May 10, 2023

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 be 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?it?ath Government satellite offices at 3203 3rd Ave. Port Alberni. This polling station will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on May 10, 2023.

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.

The candidates' statements of motivation are attached to this notice.

Notice of Acclamation

The following have been nominated as candidates for Member of the Legislature. Pursuant to s4.10 of the Election Act, there being only four candidates for the six Legislative seats, the following candidates are declared elected by acclamation.



Mastrangelo, Levana



Touchie, Asya



Touchie, Gert



Touchie, Lorri

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

This notice issued the 3rd day of April, 2023 by

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kit Spence".

Kit Spence, Chief Electoral Officer
Yuukwif?ath Government



Candidates for President - Statements

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My name is Chuck McCarthy and looking back over the last 4 years there have been significant challenges with the introduction of COVID-19. As society has adapted and evolved with the COVID19 Pandemic, so has UFN's way of governing. Virtual meetings have become more commonplace and the connection to each other has been tested throughout the last 3 years.

I would like to share some accomplishments and to follow some of my visions going forward in the government, if elected.

For instance, housing has been a high priority with YFN government and in community citizens can see, there has been ongoing repairs to housing; upgrades to heating systems, and roof replacement. As well there has been construction of a triplex. Over the next 18 months and under the rapid housing there should be an additional 8 units being built.

And lastly the new home ownership contribution of \$25,000, (which is based on pre-approved loans when buying a home or modular home on TSL/ or away from home) will be available once the forms are drafted over the next few weeks to come.

Secondly, health care within Hitacu has improved over the last four years. While our nation moves away from NTC driven services, that haven't evolved with the demand of our citizens. We have chosen a new direction that has brought health care services directly to our citizens in Hitacu.

For example, we have a doctor clinic weekly, two full time nurses on staff, mental health care workers (which includes substance abuse related services), and a monthly optometrist.

We are looking to expand our health care services by bringing in a registered pharmacist to community and additional services at the Port Alberni Satellite office.

My vision for our health care going forwards is to focus on being proactive; and I want to help raise awareness and reduce stigma, as well as support families and citizens affected by the

overdose crisis. The way I see it is that one way or another we have all been affected by the opioid crisis in Canada and I want to be a part of the change.

Lands and resources have been making our presence known within our traditional territories. As that department expands, one of the main issues have been acquiring tenure within our traditional territories. These negotiations have been ongoing over the last 18 months, along with revenue sharing with the Province of BC.

I believe revenue sharing should expand over all our traditional territories as we move forward with true reconciliation. By not limiting ourselves to forestry, my vision for our community to expand further into other areas of revenue sharing within our traditional territories. Lastly, rather than our gov't always going cap in hand to the gov't for top ups; our nation can only move forwards if both governments are considered equals as treaty partners.

Our nation has identified economic opportunities and priorities through community consultation. And by setting our priorities we have the opportunity to have a more meaningful economic foundation for the next generation of YFN citizens to build on. For example, there are development opportunities in the works that will change our nation's ability to contribute to the surrounding economy within the Ucluelet Peninsula and surrounding TSL.

We hope to have our Port Alberni office open within the next couple of weeks. We will bring and expand our services at the new satellite office, and we hope it will give YFN citizens a safe environment to have a voice as well as connect to their community and nation. As well we plan to have an outreach worker start at the satellite office as well as additional services to citizens in the near future.

Our Culture and Heritage Department has grown to cover all of our traditional values, and our number one priority is to revitalise our language, which we hope empowers and allows our

citizens to connect to their culture. I strongly believe that our connection to our language helps us identify who are as Yuutu?it?ath.

The varying living conditions and possibly unsafe housing within the community are also a high priority for our government. We should be housing the most vulnerable in our community in appropriate living quarters. This is a goal we need to achieve, be it near or far, we must show our citizens that we care about their well-being and quality of life.

Further to that, we need to expand our housing in key areas on the island for educational pursuits like trades or other post-secondary programs. This vision could come to life in the form homes being purchased in key areas close to colleges and universities.

In the next 4 years, if elected, I plan on continuing to be an advocate for YFN citizens living away from home and in community. We must build each other up instead of tearing each other down; with the common goal being the betterment of our community and of our people.

Thank you,

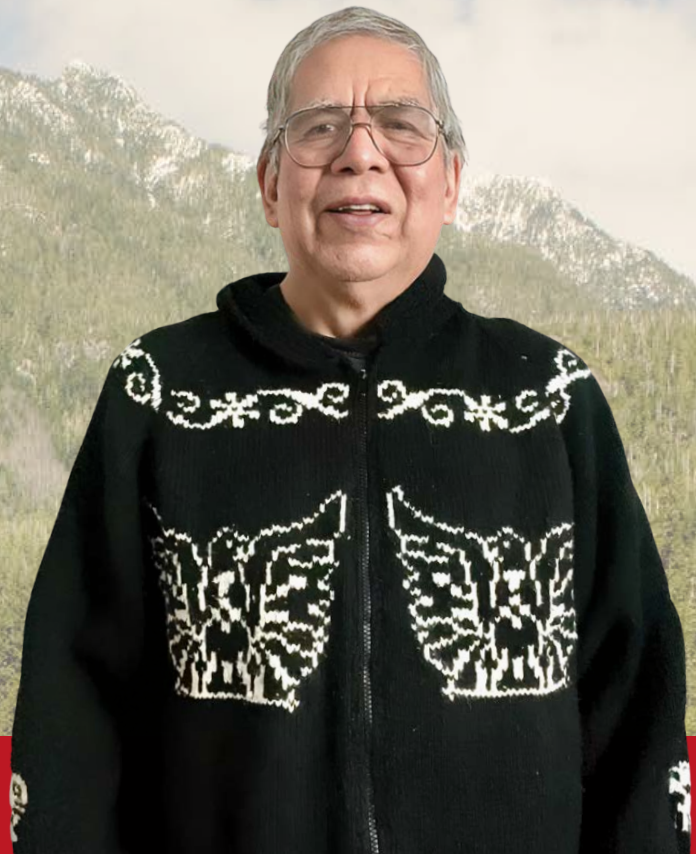
Chuck McCarthy

Yuutu?it?ath
Election 2023



GORDON A.
TAYLOR

for President



A new era, for all Yuutu?it?ath

My name is Gordon A. Taylor, and it is my privilege to be running to serve as your President. It's an even greater privilege to ask for your support as we work to **form a new government that prioritizes engagement with all citizens, growth of our essential services, and economic development that benefits our community and future generations.** We have never been better positioned to achieve this; generations have worked tirelessly, with great sacrifice, to ensure that we could revitalize our ḥawiiḥ and ḥaaḥuuti, and reclaim the wealth of our culture and territory for our people. The time has come, and I am ready. **Join me, and let's walk together into a new, exciting era for Yuutu?it?ath; an era of equality, prosperity and unity.**

"It is my honour to share the inheritance of our territory and nation with each of you. Our leaders must understand that making decisions about our inheritance is a shared responsibility. **Under my leadership, your voice will be heard, you will know that you belong, and I will fight tirelessly to ensure that no citizen is left behind.**"

My first job as a teenager was painting houses on reserve and collecting garbage at Ucluth; **I've been fortunate to spend so much of my life in Hitaču and Ucluelet, and to share this home with such amazing Yuutu?it?ath citizens.** My parents, Gordon Taylor Sr. and Mabel Taylor, made their home in our community, and like many of us, my family has connections across the island. My father's parents were Dominic Taylor and Irene Williams, and my mother's parents were Edward Clutesi and Mabel Jackson. As a parent and as someone who has looked after elderly parents, I know the challenges our families face in caring for our loved ones. **Access to healthcare, education, jobs and housing are priorities that all of us share. Our government has the tools to support our people in these areas and more; it's time we start using them.**

Priorities →

Government needs to take its lead from the citizens; **our priorities and the laws and policies enacted must take shape through engagement with you.** Like others, it's been disappointing to see the current government leadership unwilling or unable to respond to concerns raised at Legislature meetings. **As President, I will always engage my critics and supporters, on and off the Legislature, and be prepared to defend or change my positions accordingly.**

Like many Yuutu?it?ath, I started out working in forestry and in the fish plant. I served the public as an ambulance attendant, on our Settlement Trust and our government's Executive from 2015-2019. Outside of public service, as an entrepreneur, I've been in leadership positions in local businesses for over a decade. **As citizens work to make their dreams a reality, in business, through education and in serving our community, we need leaders who are committed to advocating for what matters to you.**

Economic Development

Nothing is more important than putting food on the table. We must focus on rapid growth and create a regulatory framework that brings businesses, jobs and development to our territory.

Housing

Both on and off our lands, citizens face systemic barriers to affordable housing. We need to dedicate significant funding and work with partners to make safe housing available to all Yuutu?it?ath.

Elders and Families

Our elders deserve dignity, access to specialized services, and affordable housing. Targeted support for families around cost-of-living and childcare is as essential as it is urgent.

Sustainability

As we develop our lands, we must prioritize the impacts on health and the environment. We need laws and policies that meet the high standard our people expect, while still encouraging growth.

Hello

I am Nick Touché, Son of the late Barbara and Samuel Touché.

I am currently employed with the "Coastal Restoration Society" and part time with Neptune & Co.

I need a new challenge and therefore am submitting my name for nomination of President.

Sincerely

Nick
Touché



Legislature Candidates Elected by Acclamation - Statements

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Candidates Statements

As there were only four people nominated for the six seats in the Yuutu?it?ath Government Legislature, the following candidates for Member of the Legislature have been declared elected by acclamation.

Each candidate submitted a Statement of Motivation and these statements are attached for the information of Yuutu?it?ath citizens



Mastrangelo, Levana



Touchie, Asya



Touchie, Gert



Touchie, Lorri



Kit Spence, Chief Electoral Officer
Yuutu?it?ath Government



The stream of Lost Shoe Creek that meet the coastal waters of Florencia Bay beach.

Career in Indigenous Relations & Indigenous Governance

My experience working towards resurgence of Indigenous Law, First Nation Governments, Indigenous Stewards of the Lands & coastal waters, and pathways to better education & opportunities.

- 2021 – 2022, a citizen member, Board of Director, to the Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Holdings Board for the Economic Development Committee.
- 2022- current, a citizen member, Board of Director, of the Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Operating board that oversees Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Nation Business.
- 2022- current, Vice President, BOD, helping found the Kurt Grinnell Aquaculture Scholarship Foundation, reaching Indigenous students across North America.
- 2020-current. Board of Director, for the BC Centre of Aquatic Health Sciences Society. Transitioning the board to regional representation of First Nation leaders creating more pathways to Indigenous stewardship and conservation.
- 2019- 2023, Senior Reconciliation Advisor for Corporate relations with First Nation governments in Aquaculture.



Levana Mastrangelo for
Legislature
Campbell River, BC
Vancouver Island

Self - Identifications & Determinations

Hello Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Citizens,

My name is Levana Mastrangelo, I am a proud Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ citizen, committed and passionate to enhancing and protecting our Treaty Rights & Title.

I am one of the Granddaughters from Johnson McCarthy, and a daughter of Lisa McCarthy. I was born in Campbell River and am fortunate to have expanded my education and career throughout Vancouver Island.

My Career is built on 9-years of post-secondary education in Biological Sciences (*North Island College and the University of Victoria*), and 8-years of Indigenous Relations & First Nations Governance experience (*Provincial, Federal, corporate and with Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government*).



Levana
Mastrangelo
for
Legislature

Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government
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Commitment to our Constitution

Listen and Team Building

Listen to our citizens and ensure that all voices are acknowledged throughout the processes of development to our economy and community.

- “The right to express opinions and views on Yuułuꞵilꞵath affairs.”

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Thank you and until next time.

Equal rights to Employment opportunities

Contributing to an effective recruitment and retention strategy, for employment and training with Yuułuꞵilꞵath Government and Yuułuꞵilꞵath Businesses. This includes the formation of agreements with local businesses and developers engaging with our treaty settlement lands and Maa-nulth Treaty Rights.

- “The right to equal employment opportunities within Yuułuꞵilꞵath institutions.”

“Exercising and Enhancing inherent rights of our Constitution and Maa-nulth Treaty.”

Protecting our Lands & Coastal waters

To contribute my knowledge and experience from implementing and developing Indigenous Monitoring and Inspection Plans, that respect and identify our evolving ecosystems to our lands and waters. - “The freedom to contribute to the progress and development of Yuułuꞵilꞵath.”



The University of Victoria supported Levana with the President's Excellence Award for the Aboriginal STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) Outreach Program.

While completing my Bachelor of Science in Microbiology and Biochemistry I also helped co-develop and implement the University's STEM outreach program to reach more indigenous youth across Vancouver Island. The program was identified by ACTUA to use as a regional model for building relations with First Nations communities across BC. The program reached children and youth from kindergarten to grade seven, connecting and introducing children to the University of Victoria to build on teaching of science, technology, engineering and math.

- “The freedom to achieve their fullest potential as individuals.”



**2023
Yuutu?it?ath
Election**

**VOTE FOR
WHAT YOU
VALUE**

VOTE



ASYA TOUCHIE

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FOR LEGISLATURE

Serving as your Legislator over the last 9 months has been an honour. It is my privilege to ask you once again to **join me in preserving the promise of our treaty and our nationhood, restoring hope to citizens who feel forgotten and reclaiming the bright future that our children and grandchildren are entitled to.** The last 9 months were proof that we can only accomplish this change by working together and by electing Legislators who are committed to reform. I have faced opposition consistently at the Legislature in my attempts to promote transparency, accountability and as I brought forward issues raised by citizens. **For us to succeed, we need a change in government,** we need to establish an Executive that is committed to these principles, and we need to restore confidence and hope for a generation of citizens ready for change. We deserve prosperity and equality, and in this election, we'll make it happen together.

Connect on Facebook at www.facebook.com/legislatortouchie

..... BUILDING A NEW GOVERNMENT.

With your help, we are not only going to bring about a change in government; we are going to transform our nation for all Yuuṭuṭiṭʔath. Together we will say loudly that our government is not driven by division, greed or secrecy; but by justice, equality and openness. **Any candidate could spend their campaign complaining about their opponents, but we are not going to get positive change by only singling out the failure of previous and current leadership.** For transformational change, we need to confront the issues directly; adapt, innovate, communicate and pull together to make big things happen. **The simple truth is this, to make our government succeed, we need two things: to believe in a better future and to do our part to make that future a reality.** I'm ready to start; let's get to work.

PRIORITIZING OUR PEOPLE.

Protecting our Democracy

We need to **improve transparency** on conflicts of interest, make **meaningful engagement** the standard and **empower the Assembly** to challenge government.

Security for Families

Our families need support; we should **subsidize childcare costs for families wherever they live** and do **outreach as citizens navigate the healthcare system.**

Equality in Education

To reach a secondary school completion rate equal to BC, we must do **extensive outreach to students** and provide **funds for extracurricular activities.**

Grow our Economy

Citizens deserve equal access to income, employment and housing. **It's time to market our lands to attract investment;** bringing jobs, housing and prosperity.

..... HOW I GOT HERE.

My father, Matt Touchie Sr., is a Yuuṭuṭiṭʔath survivor of the Alberni Indian Residential School, and my grandparents are Edith Touchie and Matt Brown. My mother, Leah Golling, is a survivor of the 60's Scoop. I grew up in Nanaimo and lived in Port Alberni, Victoria, the lower mainland and Hita'cu. I have a Bachelor of Child and Youth Care and a Master of Public Administration. I have worked for our government, provincial agencies and in post-secondary schools for the past several years. I currently live and work in Calgary with my husband and daughter. **I know the challenges our families face, I have the tools to raise your voice at the Legislature, and I have a proven track record of engaging with citizens to find practical, collaborative solutions.**

GERT TOUCHIE

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POWELL RIVER, BC

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MARCH 31, 2023

LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE FOR

NOMINATION

I would like to provide my letter of acceptance for nomination.

I have been monitoring our Nation deliverables for our community service, since we became self sufficient in our Treaty.

For the most part, become curious as to how decisions have been made within the business.

I would like to be able to help improve on work that has been set to date. I believe a fresh, open mind could improve the existing work.

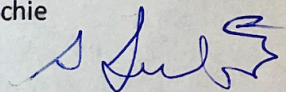
It is my belief that new approaches can only improve for our Nation programs and deliverables.

I would like to acknowledge and thank for the work done to date. I would like to provide my work ethic and drive to better our nation.

I would like to wish all other candidates 'Good Luck' as we strive for improvement for our community.

ʔuḥiyapin Tučihṭayup

Gert Touchie



March 31, 2023

YFN Elections: Statement of Motivation

Candidate: Lorri Touchie

It is with great honor and privilege to accept this nomination for a Member of Legislature. Working for the Yuułuᑭiᑭᑭᑭᑭ Government as a Member of the Legislature for the last 4 years has been a humbling experience. I learned a lot about what it means to serve the people of Yuułuᑭiᑭᑭᑭ.

During the last 4-years I have read and learned to understand Yuułuᑭiᑭᑭᑭᑭ Acts and Laws. This knowledge is key to being an effective Member of the Legislature. It's extremely important that your elected official adhere to the laws that have been set out for the nation. Your leaders need to engage with the citizens to ensure that any decisions that are made are done in a transparent and an accountable manner.

My motivation for running for office for a 2nd term is to continue to build a robust foundation for our future generations to continue build on it and become prosperous from it. We need to be strong role models and stewards for our younger generations because at the end of the day they will be our future leaders. There is still more work that needs to be done. I'm hoping that you will allow me to work at your Member of the Legislature for another 4-year term.

Communication with citizens is vital and extremely important. The citizens need to have confidence in how its government is operating their affairs. Its paramount that your elected officials have more consultation and engagement sessions with citizens here in Hitacu and especially our urban citizens. We need to get citizen feedback, concerns and priorities that they would like to see for our nation.

I just want to express my sincere gratitude and say thank you to all the citizens of Yuułuᑭiᑭᑭᑭᑭ First Nation for allowing me to work as one of your Members of the Legislature for last 4-years. I am feeling confident that the next 4-years will be very rewarding and exciting.

Respectfully yours,

Lorri Touchie