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In this issue we have provided updates and resources concerning the Highway 4 road closure, emergency preparedness tips, provincial fire ban information, upcoming workshops, notices, fun adventures with the q<sup>w</sup>ayaçiik?iis Childcare Centre, taxation updates, and so much more.

You will also find information on the 2023 By-Election Candidates, as well as a round up of the 2019-2023 Legislative term. With that, the recently appointed Members of the Legislature have been recently fulfilled with attending workshops alongside the Yuutu?it?ath Government Management team, MNP, and Legal Counsel. Workshops have included familiarization with governance, sharing goals, priorities, and making connections.

The July edition of the Umacuk YG News, will feature the 2023-2027 Members of the Legislature and highlight Executive portfolio holders. Until then, read on for more!

Pacific Rim Arts Society  
**Pacific Rim Summer Festival**  
 INVITES ALL YUUTU?IT?ATH ARTISTS  
 To display your art at the Pacific Rim Summer Festival  
 on **Saturday, July 1** and **Friday, July 21!**  
 INTERESTED?  
 Samantha.Touchie@ufn.ca  
 PacificRimArts@gmail.com  
 Leo Touchie Art



# Committee Vacancies

Interested to get involved?  
Join a Committee for the Yuułu?ił?ath Government!

## We are looking for:

### **Citizenship and Enrollment**

#### ***1 Vacancy***

Individual must be an Elder and a Yuułu?ił?ath Citizen.

### **Community Services Department**

#### ***1 Vacancy***

Individual must be a Yuułu?ił?ath Citizen who brings skills or expertise to the committee.

### **Economic Development**

#### ***1 Vacancy***

Must be an individual who is not a member of Legislature and brings skills or expertise to the committee.

### **Treaty Implementation**

#### ***3 Vacancies***

Must be individuals who are not members of Legislature and brings skills or expertise to the committee.

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Send your application or interest to:

**Jill.Hamilton@ufn.ca**

**ufn.ca > government > committees**

# TRAVEL ADVISORY ROAD CLOSURE



## Yuutu?it?ath

[www.drivebc.ca](http://www.drivebc.ca)

### Highway 4 Closure due to Cameron Lake Bluff Wildfire, Alternate Route Available

**June 7, 2023 - Highway 4 remains closed** in both directions between Cathedral Grove/MacMillan Provincial Park and Koen Rd for 7.0 km (Cathedral Grove) due to a wildfire at Cameron Lake Bluff.

This closure may be in effect for a few more days, potentially leading into the week of June 12 or until the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) can ensure safe conditions for travel. MoTI will be bringing in their geo-tech to assess the area. Please be prepared for a possible closure extension if the road requires immediate safety attention.

It is advised citizens required to travel for essential services, re-consider your upcoming appointments. If travel is essential, the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure has released the following information for detour options:

“The detour will route traffic from Port Alberni through to Lake Cowichan via Bamfield using forest-service and privately owned industrial roads. The gravel detour route has narrow sections, sharp curves, single-lane bridges and challenging terrain. There is no cell service, gas stations or washroom facilities on the detour route.

Regular passenger vehicles, such as cars, vans and commercial vehicles weighing less than 14,500 kilograms, can travel through the detour corridor. No over-height or over-weight vehicles will be permitted.

The detour route extends travel by four hours and includes difficult driving conditions. It is strongly encouraged to wait

to travel if possible.

A map of the detour route will be available through an Emergency Travel Information button on the DriveBC website.”

Only essential travel is encouraged at this time, but it is not enforceable.

As the Forest Service Roads (FSR) and private industrial roads are open for commuters, the delivery of essential goods will remain, with expected delays. Local food stores may limit purchasing to offset running low on supplies. Please consider only purchasing what you and your family require.

If you are a citizen who has been impacted by the wildfire, contact Patient Travel: [Carrie.George@ufn.ca](mailto:Carrie.George@ufn.ca) or call Reception at **(250) 726-7342**, or after hours **(250) 266-1225**.

Below is a list of informative sites and social pages to consider for updates and information:

- [www.drivebc.ca](http://www.drivebc.ca)
- [www2.gov.bc.ca](http://www2.gov.bc.ca)
- [www.acrd.bc.ca](http://www.acrd.bc.ca)

Facebook

- PreparedBC
- BC Wildfire Service
- Government of British Columbia
- Sutton Pass Road Conditions (traveller updates)
- How's The Hump (traveller updates)

**Stay safe!**

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I'm going to make a drum.

*With Lindsay McCarthy*



**DATE TO BE DETERMINED**

# Drum Making Workshop

Lindsay McCarthy will be leading a Drum Making Workshop in hitaču. All supplies provided! A workshop date will be provided when we have an idea of interested participants.

**SIGN UP NOW**



Interested? Contact [Samantha.Touchie@ufn.ca](mailto:Samantha.Touchie@ufn.ca)

# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



Yuutu?it?ath

## Do you have an Emergency Grab-n-Go Bag for your home and family?

**Emergency preparation often goes** over-looked until there is an immediate emergency. Whether a tsunami warning, alert to head to higher ground, evacuation or road closures due to natural causes; accidents, fires, tree and power lines down, it is always important to remember to have a Grab-n-Go bag or an at home stock of essential items you may need. What do these items look like?

For a Grab-n-Go bag, you are going to want to prepare an easy to grab, emergency bag that can provide you and your family with the essentials, in case there is an emergency evacuation from your home or community. Below is a list of immediate needs to consider; you can add what is essential for you and your family. Remember to consider a bag for 72

hours worth of supplies (food, water) for each person.

At home essential items are resources that may be limited in your community in time of need; food, water, and general supplies. Below is a list of items to keep as a comfortable stock pile of essentials, if you were to be stuck at home in an emergency. Your at home supply can cover what you need for a comfortable amount of time for your family and be used to replenish your emergency Grab-n-Go bag. This also reduces panic purchases when an emergency in your community has commenced.

To purchase emergency related supplies or pre-made Grab-n-Go bags, visit [www.72hours.ca](http://www.72hours.ca). **Stay Prepared!**

### Grab-n-Go Bag

- First Aid Kit
- Hygienic products
- Water, hydration packets, Lifestraw, water purification tablets
- Dried food
- Flashlight
- Flares, waterproof matches and candles
- Waterproof poncho
- Work gloves, rope, utility knife, duct tape
- Emergency sleeping bag
- Tube tent
- Charger (in case you still have access to power)
- Emergency money in cash form
- ID

### At Home Essentials

- Grab-n-Go bag
- First Aid Kit replenishment supplies
- Supply of toilet paper
- Extra blankets
- Warm clothing
- Supply of dried food and canned goods, remember to check for date expiration
- Extra food for pets
- Extra bottled water or purification tabs
- Axe, flame source (matches, lighters)
- Extra candles
- Flashlights
- Batteries, all sizes
- AM/FM Radio
- Jerry can of gas
- Emergency money in cash form

# CATEGORY 1 FIRE BAN



## Yuutu?it?ath

### Coastal Fire Centre Bans and Restrictions Category 1

A **Category 1** open fire ban is currently in effect, as of 12:00pm on Thursday, June 8, 2023.

In allowance to the Category 1 fire ban, hitaču residents may have a fire for ceremonial purposes **ONLY**. This fire may be no larger than 0.5 metres high by 0.5 metres wide. This includes ability for smokehouse use. Please use utmost diligence and respect for the surrounding community and land.

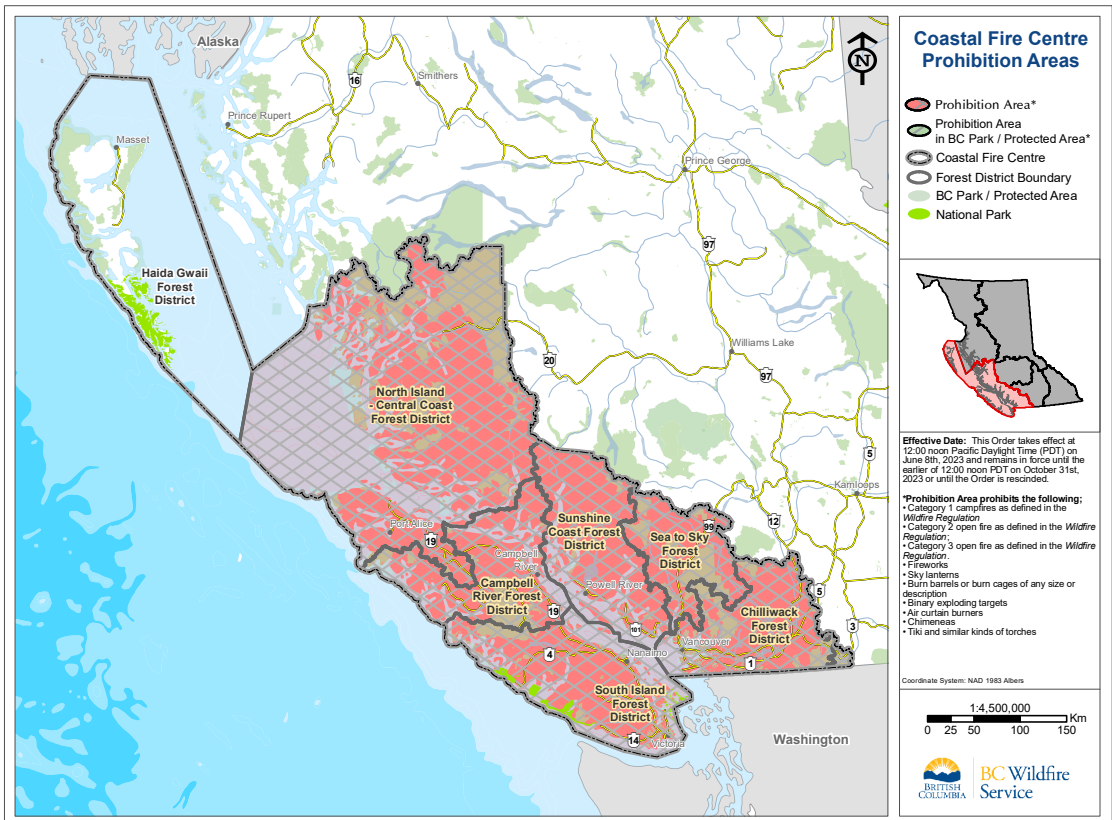
Following the Coastal Fire Centre Category 1 Fire Prohibition, below are notices for **TOTAL** fire bans from the Pacific Rim National Park and the District of Ucluelet.

Pacific Rim National Park - effective Thursday, June 8 at 12:00pm until further notice, a (total) fire ban is in effect throughout Pacific Rim National Park Reserve including the West Coast Trail, Broken Group Islands, and Long Beach Unit. The National Park Reserve-wide ban includes all beach fires, including those below the high tide mark. The prohibition includes campfires, charcoal briquettes, torches, candles, and any open flames.

The District of Ucluelet will also be implementing a total outdoor 'Burning Ban' effective Thursday June 8, 2023 at 12:00pm. This includes no open burning, inclusive of briquette and campfires of any size.

To report a wildfire call **1 (800) 663-5555** or **\*5555** from your cell phone.

To stay informed and get safety tips, follow **BC Wildfire Service** and **PreparedBC** on Facebook!



# Mental Health Support

## Kimberly Touchie is Here to Help You.

Written By: Mark MacDonald



the courthouse,” she says. “I certainly missed home, especially after Covid happened. I felt like I was seeing my co-workers at the court house more than I was seeing my family.”

A typical day at the office in hitaçu, where she works downstairs alongside Education Manager, Karen Severinson, will see Kimberly check in with huuḡatu reception to see if someone has come in for help, she notes, adding she has done some house visits.

“I will also drive around to see people, if they want, rather than having them walk over to see me,” she adds. “We make referrals to counsellors if that’s what is needed, and connect them with the counsellor who can help.”

Communication is also a key part of her position, as sometimes citizens aren’t aware of new developments if they’re not checking in with the regular newsletters, which tells of the latest addition of services.

Whatever question or problem a Yuuḡuʔiʔath citizen might have, Kimberly Touchie is here to help.

Kimberly was recently appointed Outreach Support Coordinator for the nation, and her office in the doctor’s clinic in the huuḡatu Centre is open to assist all citizens with mental and wellness support.

“I am here to help all citizens find mental health and wellness support,” says Kimberly. “Someone might just be needing to get their identification so they can get a social insurance number, or contact the ICBC office, and even just for some emotional support for someone who is having a rough day.

“Sometimes it’s just giving someone a ride to see our doctors if they need that.”

Kimberly grew up in hitaçu and left to attend Vancouver Island University in Nanaimo, where she majored in criminology. After graduation, she worked at the court house in Port Alberni, serving as a Justice of the Peace and Deputy District Registrar up until last month, when she returned home.

“This is a very different role for me, as before, I was working with victim services in Port Alberni. I missed this type of advocacy work, assisting people through things, when I was in

“I am here to be of assistance to citizens any way I can,” she adds. “This is a new position, and I’m getting out there asking people if they need helping out or if there’s anything I can assist with.”

Kimberly Touchie can be reached at **(250) 266-4695** or via email **Kimberly.Touchie@ufn.ca**.



**KIMBERLY TOUCHIE**  
**OUTREACH SUPPORT**  
**COORDINATOR**

**AVAILABLE MONDAY TO FRIDAY**  
**8:00AM TO 4:30PM**

For assistance with health resources and services contact:  
Call **(250) 266-4695** or Email **Kimberly.Touchie@ufn.ca**

# New Staff Highlight



**Yuułu?it?ath citizen Connie Woodward**, has taken on the role of Homemaker for the Yuułu?it?ath Government.

The Homemaker is responsible for providing home management tasks for the clientele of Yuułu?it?ath's Home and Community Care Program, which includes home management tasks, reporting of unsafe conditions in the home of clients, and basic food preparation.

Connie brings to her position, strong experience working with the public in a retail setting and has mastered housekeeping management from many years as a housekeeper and team lead. Connie started her new venture with the Yuułu?it?ath Government team in late May.

While she is off to an exciting start, Connie is looking forward to working within her community of residence, assisting the elders, and being apart of the YG team.

Welcome Connie and congratulations on your new role!



*A prayer, as written by late elder, Barbara Touchie*



**Waikaašhaas Yaatapi Haweel**  
*Praise be to you Creator*

**łatakwinmin**  
*We are making a plea*

**Hupii?in huuhtakšiih**  
*Help us to learn*

**T'aaqsčiiukw'apin łasii**  
*Show us the right path*

**Našuk suqłapin**  
*Strengthen our spirit*

**?uu?uu quk kuka?in kałhak**  
*Let us have a good day*

**łeekoo Haweel**  
*Thank you Creator*

**Na?atahsuk niiwa**  
*You are listening to us*

**?upaal ya?aayaqwinkqin**  
*And our loved ones*



*National Indigenous People's Day!*  
Wednesday, June 21, 2023





# Wildlife Co-Existence

## *Yuutu?it?ath Youth Video Project*



### ***Yuutu?it?ath Youth Wildlife Coexistence Video Project***

Under the principles of lisaak (utmost respect) and as stewards to the land in which we live, wildlife-coexistence is a priority; we are all connected.

Yuutu?it?ath have long existed alongside, and in relationship to, wildlife such as čims (bears), q\*ayačik (wolf), kayuumin (cougar), qu?ušin (raven), and čix\*atin (eagle), to name a few. As we move forward as a community, members may reflect on how their actions affect the wildlife throughout the ɥahuufi.

Throughout the summer and fall of 2022, four Yuutu?it?ath youth interns (Jada Touchie, Jaysen Touchie, Evan Touchie and Calianna McCarthy) worked with the Lands and Resources Department and videographer / WildSafeBC Coordinator, Sam Rose Phillips, to interview and record Yuutu?it?ath and

‘Tuk\*aa? ath members on living amongst wildlife. The interns worked together to come up with a list of interview questions, coordinated appointments and interview set-up, as well as conducted the recorded sessions. Mentored by Sam Rose Phillips, the interns shot, composed and edited the one-hour interviews into a 12 minute video featuring traditional insight and present knowledge on community relationships to wildlife and how we can respect this relationship.

The youth interns set up camera traps in different settings throughout the territory to capture wildlife clips (or “B reel”), investigated a bear den close to hitaču and experienced and discussed the uses of a variety of wildlife habitats and corridors near the community. This included wetland and bog habitat surrounding Ittattsoo lake and Wya wetlands, old





growth trees within and around hitaču, and the connection between forest and inter-tidal areas for forage.

The video is posted online for viewing at [www.ufn.ca](http://www.ufn.ca) under media, and on the nation's Youtube channel @UclueletFirst-Nation. It is encouraged that community members watch the video and apply wildlife stewardship actions such as respectfully managing garbage and attractants around their households.

This summer YG Lands and Resources will once again be hosting Sam Rose Phillips to mentor a similar youth video composition and editing workshop. More details will be posted online and in the newsletters soon.

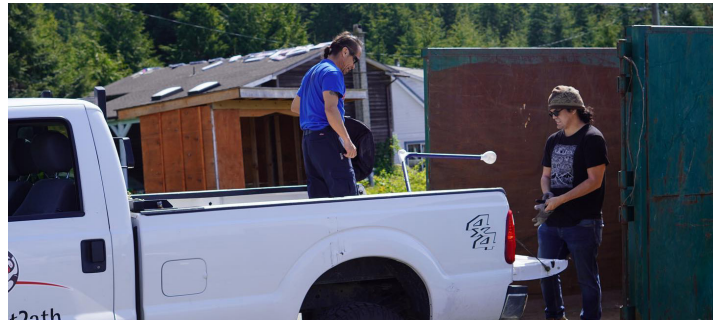
A very special thank you to all those involved with teaching and supporting the youth while providing a voice to the greater community on coexisting and respecting wildlife. Grateful to Lindsay McCarthy, Sr., Vi Mundy, Bob Mundy, Brenda Touchie, Bernice Touchie, Jeneva Touchie, Tyson Touchie, Dennis Hetu, and James Walton, as well as Wild-SafeBC Pacific Rim and hitaču-Macoah Coordinators, Bob Hansen, Marianne Paquette and Sam Rose Phillips, and YG Lands and Resources staff.

**Written by: Jonquil Crosby**  
**Yuufu?i?ath Government**  
**Manager of Fisheries and Wildlife**



# Community Clean Up Day

## hitaçu Gets Ready for the Summer!



The fog lifted and the sun shone down on the Community Clean Up Day that was held mid May. Staff, community, and church volunteers swept the hitaçu streets for waste. Four-40 yard disposal containers and a minimum of a half dozen truck loads were sent to the landfill.

We would like to thank hitaçu residents for preparing for this colossal clean up day and of course the following list of volunteers and YG departmental help.

YG Staff: Community Services, Education Manager, Public Works, Culture and Heritage, Lands and Resources.

Community volunteers: Richard Raschke, Chris Bill and Karl Haipee.

From the Northgate Church in Courtenay: Joshua, Zachary, Micah, Avery, Jasmine, Zoe, Jesse, Tayja, Camilo, Joel, Emily, Alesya, Katja, Moses, Paul, and Matthew.

From Christ Community Church in Ucluelet: Annie, Evan, and Dave.

Of course, this event would not have been made possible without the thought and coordination of Gloria Valentine.





# *Volunteer at the* **Wya Community Garden**

Get your hands in the soil this Spring and Summer! Join us at the Wya Community Garden every Sunday to learn and share gardening skills, and to connect with the land and your community.

## **Volunteer with us!**

**Sundays**

**May thru September**

**10:00am to 1:00pm**

*Everyone welcome, no experience necessary.*



*The Wya Community Garden is located at the Junction behind the JX Surf Shop and Big Wave Café*

# q<sup>w</sup>ayačiiik?iis Childcare Centre

## The q<sup>w</sup>ayačiiik?iis Childcare Centre Goes Whale Watching!



The q<sup>w</sup>ayačiiik?iis Childcare Centre leaders took Yuufu?if?ath youth on a whale of an adventure!

Guided by Jamie's Whaling station, the Childcare Centre went on two separate excursion with the After School Program and the School Age Program. Spending a few hours on the Pacific, the group sailed the open seas, viewed wildlife, and caught a few glimpses of whales (not pictured).

Please enjoy the series of photos as provided by the q<sup>w</sup>ayačiiik?iis Childcare Centre.





# q<sup>w</sup>ayačiiḱʔiis Childcare Centre

## The q<sup>w</sup>ayačiiḱʔiis Childcare Centre Learn to Strip Cedar Bark



The q<sup>w</sup>ayačiiḱʔiis Childcare Centre spent a day in Yuuḷuʔiʔaṭh traditional territory, learning the ever important cultural skill of cedar bark stripping.

Joined by Brian Wilson, elders, Rose Wilson and Dr. Bernice Touchie, the youth ventured to an undisclosed location to learn valuable Yuuḷuʔiʔaṭh traditions. The youth learned how to strip the bark and prepare the bark for drying and future weaving.

Ḷeekoo for the teachings of Brian, and elders Rose and Bernice. Enjoy the series of photos provided by the q<sup>w</sup>ayačiiḱʔiis Childcare Centre.







# Trailer Park Development Begins

## Development of a New Trailer Park in hitaču

A long awaited development for housing expansion in hitaču, officially began late May.

Groundwork for a future trailer park is currently being laid out in the community (see map). The trailer park will be located at the end off Alec Rd. in hitaču (behind the Cixwatin Centre).

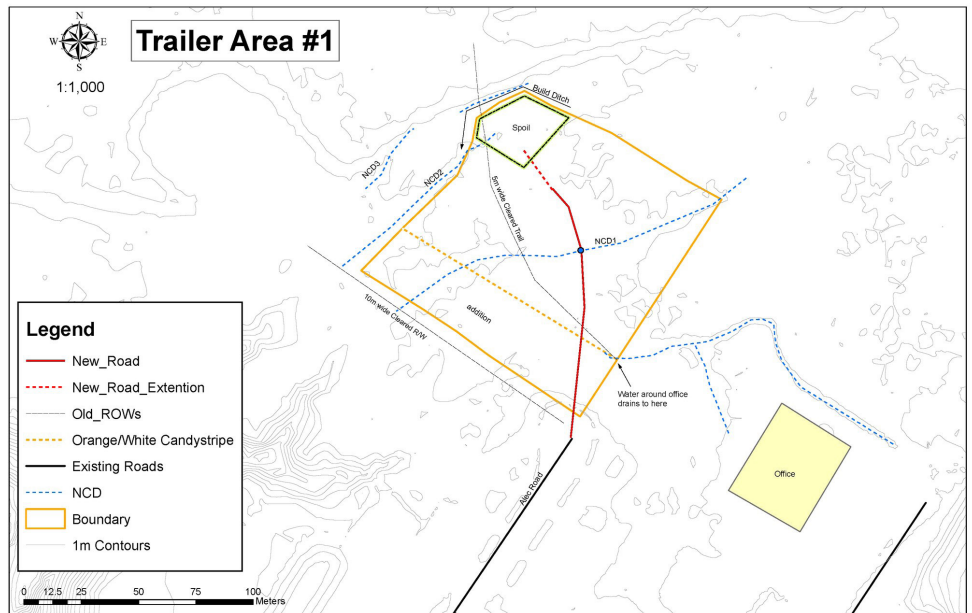
Clearing of the land has commenced and will continue through June. In addition to the clearing of land, trucks will be hauling rock from the recently blasted quarry site to the new trailer park location. Signs will be posted and no blasting is planned for the duration of this time.

While clearing and the passing of gravel trucks gets underway, we ask the residents to maintain caution with their pets, keeping animals indoors or secured safely in the yard when not on leash.

Importantly, we ask parents to speak to their children about road safety heading into the summer. Communi-

cate awareness of the work trucks and use caution when out and about on bikes, skateboards, and on foot.

Planning for likes of this development originally started prior to COVID to correct affordable housing opportunities within hitaču. This is an exciting project for the Yuuŋu?i?ath Government to see out and provide a clean, healthy location for residents to occupy.



**SUMMER SKILLS**  
with the YG Education Team

**Monday to Thursday**  
**July 3 to July 13**  
**hupātu Centre**  
**9:00am-3:00pm**  
*Drop-in hours, students do not need to attend full day*

*Join us for fun activities that will develop the skills you learned throughout the school year!*

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT**

**Kira.Deleeuw@ufn.ca** - Learning Facilitator  
**Karen.Severinsson@ufn.ca** - Manager of Education Services

## Health and Education

Dr. Ted Altar will be unavailable for in person sessions for the month of July and available by phone beginning the second week of July.

To make an appointment, contact **Byron.Patrick@ufn.ca** or call **(250) 726-7343**.

## Education Scholarships!

Scholarships are ready to be accepted and due by **June 19, 2023**.

For secondary and post-secondary applications, head to:

**ufn.ca > government > forms > education forms**

All forms can be sent to **Karen.Severinsson@ufn.ca**. Don't miss out, apply now!

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

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# **SUSTAINABLE HARVESTING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY**

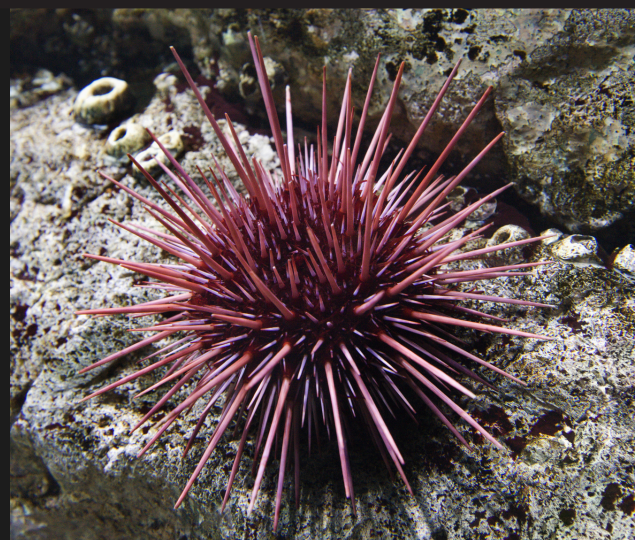
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- NOOTKA ROSE
- SALAL & BERRIES
- SALMON/BLACKBERRIES
- CEDAR BARK
- CRAB
- SEA URCHIN
- CLAMS
- MUSSELS
- OTHER TRADITIONAL FOODS

**Don't gather more than you  
need, harvest with intention.**

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

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



# Manager of Language Services

## *The Culture, Language, and Heritage Department Grows*

*Written By: Mark MacDonald*

### **“It is my dream job!”**

That’s how Jeneva Touchie sees her new position of Manager of Language Services for the Yuułu?if?ath Nation, which she started May 16. It’s also the continuation of her family’s dedication towards preserving and teaching the Nuu-chah-nulth language.

“It feels like a family legacy because my grandmother was the first one who started teaching the language 25 years ago,” she notes. “She taught Barbara Touchie, who was teaching in the elementary schools for a while, and when she passed my Mom, Maureen Touchie, took over. After they both passed I started taking up the language and now I’m teaching and keeping it going.

“It is four years ago that I thought it would be really cool to be paid to teach language and work with the remaining language speakers that are still with us. When I heard about this position, I thought this is exactly what I was looking for.”

Besides learning and sharing the language herself, Jeneva has been very busy in recent years. She was elected twice and served two terms on the Yuułu?if?ath Government, and for the past three years, has been earning her Bachelor’s Degree in Indigenous Language Revitalization at the University in Victoria, which she will receive in graduation ceremonies in June.

“Many of the students got into the program to earn their bachelor’s degree to teach in school,” she observes. “My degrees is for teaching in elementary school, but that was never my goal. I got into the program to get into the Master’s program, and I want to get my Doctorate.”

If successful in her application, Jeneva would start on her Master’s degree next January, hopefully online, and commuting to Victoria when necessary. “Attending UVic was an interesting process,” she recalls. “it was mostly online due to the pandemic, and then traveling to Victoria for two or three weeks at a time. It was really hard to navigate the school system when they have to compress the whole course into two weeks. This was a pilot class, so we were experiencing the tweaks for classes down the road.”

Jeneva’s practicum was at Ucluelet High School, where she taught four classes: Grade 11 English, Grade 8 and 9 Nuu-chah-nulth and Art 8.

She has also been busy teaching the language to citizens of all ages in hitaču for the past three years.

“I started with in-person classes, but then with the pandemic everything moved online,” she notes. “My youngest student is 12, and some of our oldest are in their 60’s. It’s really nice to teach language to people who are looking for that connection to place and family. Even though it was through the Zoom world, at least they had that tie.

Jeneva was teaching a couple of classes to a total of about 30 students, 15 in each class. She recently taught her first class since assuming her new position, to about 8 students. What has the response been like?

“People love learning the language,” she states. “There are really great moments when they see and understand. The next big thing is when they get their Indigenous names. It’s not a very common practice anymore, but it feels like who they are connects with the name they receive.

Some have family names passed down from their ancestors, and if they don’t, we can help them come up with something that fits.”

Citizens who would like to enroll in language classes can contact Jeneva or Samantha Touchie.

“They can let us know if they’re interested in attending, although we haven’t started any courses just yet,” she says.

“It’s a bit of a tricky time because summer is just around the corner, so we’re looking at a fall start for the next programs.”

Are you interested to sign up for summer language classes?

Connect with Jeneva at **Jeneva.Touchie@ufn.ca** to learn more!



Are you who we're looking for? Join us on this exciting journey!



# Canoe Journey FACILITATOR

We are on the hunt for a knowledgeable facilitator to organize and lead the 2023 Yuuʔuʔiʔaṭṭ Canoe Journey! *Paid contract position!*

**INTERESTED TO LEARN MORE?**

Contact: [Carey.Cunneyworth@ufn.ca](mailto:Carey.Cunneyworth@ufn.ca) or [Samantha.Touchie@ufn.ca](mailto:Samantha.Touchie@ufn.ca)

# 2019-2023 Legislative Term

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## *Yuufuʔifʔath Government Looks Back and Towards the Future.*

*Written By: Mark MacDonald*

As life continued to return to normal in hitaču following the Covid Pandemic, the Yuufuʔifʔath government was busy, quietly, behind the scenes.

Over a dozen new Acts were passed by the Yuufuʔifʔath government, covering a wide range of important issues aimed at leading the Nation into the future. President Charles McCarthy was re-elected in the May election, and will team up with a new Members of the Legislature that includes Levana Mastrangelo, Asya Touchie, Gert Touchie and incumbent Lorri Touchie. A successful health department was also constructed, and important cultural artifacts were repatriated to the Nation.

President McCarthy reflected on the restrictions instituted by the government that helped guide the Nation through the pandemic.

“It created a certain amount of feeling of security for our citizens here, because at the time, there was a big fear,” he notes. “There were a lot of unknowns. The fear was that the pandemic was reaching us here at home, so those things were able to control that quite a bit. We had systems in place where if anybody got sick, we isolated them in their homes and would supply them with food or water or any other needs there were.”

Director of Operations Suzanne Williams notes that the pandemic, as unpleasant as it was, enabled the Nation to put together a solid Emergency Response plan that will help citizens if other similar situations arise.

“Our goal is to have the plan ready for October, and after that, we’re planning on having regular exercises and drills for the community, and we are working with a company called Holistic Emergency Preparedness and Response,” she says. “They will help us through training and policy developments throughout the year, and perhaps into next year,” There were significant steps made towards more housing and home improvements in hitaču. Negotiations resulted in \$28 million more funding for housing needs in the next term, which includes a new triplex scheduled to be completed by the end of this year.

“They’re opening up a quarry so we can actually do some expansions for housing on our land,” President McCarthy states, adding he likes the idea of mobile homes being added to the housing mix. “We could be able to accommodate

perhaps 12 mobile homes and maybe some rapid housing, which could make another 10 lots available over the next year or so.”

The Yuufuʔifʔath government continued its push to enable citizens to buy their own homes.

“We have a policy that we’re looking at that would allow our citizens to have access to funds from a new program that would help first time homeowners obtain a qualified loan for up to \$25,000,” he explains. “I look at it as an opportunity because not everyone wants to live in a government home or pay rent for the rest of their life. If a person wants to build their own home, whether it’s a stick-frame home or a modular home, these options can be available for them through this program.”

President McCarthy was also pleased to report that employment has increased within the nation.

“The amount of citizens that are working now has risen,” he observes, adding the opening of the new office in Port Alberni will be very helpful. “Our goal is to network out as far as we can and be efficient for our citizens, to communicate with them and see what they need.”

Jenny Touchie, who oversees the Assets Portfolio, says the Port Alberni office will be very helpful “so we can have our Christmas dinners and gatherings. It will be a really great community building.”

Jenny is also pleased that the GAP funding will help citizens with home repairs, and will be available to assist with upgrades that include heat pumps “to better conserve energy and keep their heating costs lower.”

The addition of a fully functional medical clinic in the huupatu building is something that Executive Legislative Member Lorri Touchie, who handles the Community Services Portfolio, is very pleased with, noting that includes a general practitioner, Dr. Marshall, and a psychologist, Dr. Ted Alter, two nurses, optometry clinic and multiple counseling services. Plans are underway to have a dental clinic established within the clinic as well.

“It’s just it’s been a huge success,” Lorri says. “I owe my sincere gratitude to Dr. Rohan and his team for making this possible. It’s been a long time coming, and I think our citi-

zens really enjoy the fact that we have a medical clinic right here in our community here. And another thing that is in the works with the B.C. Pharmacy Association to establish a pharmacy for over-the-counter drugs.

“We now have a community outreach worker now in our community, which is a really good thing for our citizens that are here or away from our community, suffering from, mental health addictions,” she adds. “We hired Kimberly Touchie for this, and I’m ecstatic to have her on staff.”

Jeneva Touchie, recently named Manager of Language Services for the Nation, managed the Culture, Language and Heritage Portfolio, and has been teaching the language to young and elder citizens. She is encouraged by the response and enthusiasm of those learning the Nuuchahnulth language, and sees it as an important heritage link.

“There’s still a lot more work to do, and there’s a lot more to come, and I am hopeful,” she says. “Culture encompasses everything that we do. It’s work, it’s play, it’s teaching language in the home.”

Manager of Culture, Language and Heritage Carey Cunneyworth notes that the Mini Big House has become an important meeting place for citizens, and is pleased with the progress that has been made through extensive negotiations with the federal government, resulting in the repatriation of important cultural artifacts, which are now on display at the Cixwatin Centre.

“Within the last four years we have successfully negotiated to bring those Schedule A items home,” he says. “There are 15 additional items that are still being held at the Royal B.C. Museum in Victoria and we are negotiating a custodial agreement for them.”

Carey is also now managing the very successful Warriors program that teaches young people valuable outdoor and cultural skills, as well as providing a safe place for personal growth and building friendships.

“I think we are moving forward and there is light at the end of the tunnel,” says President McCarthy.

# MAMOOK NATURAL RESOURCES MEETING NOTICE



[mamookresources.ca](http://mamookresources.ca)

## MA MOOK ANNUAL GENERAL SHAREHOLDERS MEETING BEST WESTERN TIN WINS RESORT-TOFINO, WICKANINNISH CENTER JUNE 21, 2023 FROM 10:00 AM TO 3:00PM

Ma Mook will be holding an annual shareholder meeting at the Best Western Tin Wis Resort on **June 21, 2023**. The public, stakeholders, First Nations and other interested parties are invited to attend, for review and discussion of Ma Mook’s operations, annual reports, plans, budgets and other business.

The Board of Directors of Ma Mook Development Corpora-

tion will be available to answer questions and lunch will be provided. Written comments can be addressed to Ma Mook on forms provided at the meeting.

For Further information please contact Zoltan Schafer, RPF Ma Mook Director at **(250)720-1177** or by email **Zoltan.Schafer@ufn.ca** or Jose Robinson Chairman at **(250)797-1353** or by email **joserobinson1@gmail.com**.



# TAXATION

## Taxation

### *Changes Forthcoming: Impact of the Section 87 Tax Exemption Treaty Amendment*

#### **Background**

**Maa-nulth Treaty and Section 87** Under clause 19.5.3 of the Maa-nulth First Nations Final Agreement (the “Treaty”), the section 87 exemption for Personal Income Tax (“PIT”) and Property Tax (“PT”) is to expire on January 1, 2024.

Without an amendment to the Treaty with the Government of Canada (“Canada”) and Province of British Columbia (“BC”), Yuułuꞑitꞑatꞑ Citizens who are currently exempt from income and property tax because of the Section 87 exemption (“Section 87 Beneficiaries”) would be required to pay both income tax and property tax starting in the 2024 calendar year.

With respect to Personal Income Tax, Section 87 Beneficiaries include status Indian Yuułuꞑitꞑatꞑ Citizens whose income is sufficiently connected to a reserve or former reserve.

With respect to Property Tax, Section 87 Beneficiaries include status Indian Yuułuꞑitꞑatꞑ Citizens who reside on former reserve lands.

Previously, in May 2019, the section 87 exemption ceased to apply to Section 87 Beneficiaries of each Maa-nulth First Nation in respect of GST, PST, and other transaction taxes.

## Section 87 Change in Policy

In the summer of 2022, Canada and BC informed Modern Treaty Nations that, subject to necessary **Treaty Amendments, the tax exemption would continue to apply beyond January 1, 2024**, with each Modern Treaty Nation having the option to take up direct tax powers on its own timeline. That is, with a Treaty Amendment, the section 87 tax exemption would continue to apply to Section 87 Beneficiaries on former reserves and other First Nation reserves until Yuuʔuʔiʔaʔh Government decides to exercise its taxation powers.

Further, where the section 87 tax exemption had already ceased to apply (e.g. in the case of GST and PST), the exemption could be reinstated if a Modern Treaty Nation chose to terminate its sales tax-sharing agreements. As further described below, the impacts of the section 87 Treaty Amendment are different with respect to PST and GST.

## Treaty Amendment Ratification

In the spring of 2023, each of the five Maa-Nulth First Nations ratified a Treaty Amendment to implement the section 87 policy change. BC completed its ratification of the Treaty Amendment in May. We understand that Canada is working towards recommending an Order in Council for approval of the Treaty Amendment before the end of the Spring session, which is scheduled to end towards the end of June, though the timeline is not guaranteed.

## Impact of Treaty Amendment Ratification

Upon the effective date of the Treaty Amendment, being the date of Canada's ratification:

- The section 87 exemption for Personal Income Tax ("PIT") and Property Tax ("PT") will NOT expire on January 1, 2024. This means that Section 87 Beneficiaries will remain exempt from PIT so long as their income is sufficiently connected to a reserve or former reserve. Section 87 Beneficiaries will remain exempt from PT so long as they reside on former reserve land.
- Section 87 Beneficiaries will once again be exempt from all BC consumption taxes, (which includes Provincial sales tax -PST -, motor fuel tax, carbon tax and tobacco tax) on purchases on reserves or former reserve lands.
- BC Property Transfer Tax will no longer be applicable for real property sales or transfers on Yuuʔuʔiʔaʔh Government's former reserve lands.
- Section 87 Beneficiaries will not be subject to GST for purchases made on reserves (although where an Indigenous Government has chosen to implement First Nations GST ("FNGST"), such may apply)
- Because Yuuʔuʔiʔaʔh Government has implemented FNGST, it will continue to apply throughout

Yuuʔuʔiʔaʔh's treaty settlement lands, including on former reserve lands, to:

- property that is sold within,
- property that is delivered to, and
- services performed on

Yuuʔuʔiʔaʔh's treaty settlement lands, including former reserve lands. See examples below.

## Continued Application of FNGST

With regards to GST and FNGST, if a Section 87 Beneficiary purchases an item on a reserve GST-free, and brings the item back to YG's former reserve lands, that Section 87 Beneficiary needs to self-assess by using the GST 531 Return for Self-Assessment of the First Nations Goods and Services Tax (FNGST) to self-assess (declare and pay) the 5% FNGST on property (goods) brought onto the lands of a First Nation that imposes FNGST.

Further if an individual lives on the land of a First Nation where the FNGST applies, they need to be aware of the implications of FNGST goods or services that are delivered to/provided on. For example:

- If an individual orders a bicycle by telephone from a department store catalogue and asks that the bicycle be delivered to their residence, the bicycle is being delivered to land where the FNGST applies. Therefore, the 5% FNGST applies to the supply and is to be charged on the cost of the bicycle.
- If an individual purchases a vehicle from a car dealer off settlement lands, and the dealer delivers it to hitacu former reserve lands, the dealer must charge the 5% FNGST on the cost of the vehicle.

An official announcement will be made by the Yuuʔuʔiʔaʔh Government regarding taxation and next steps for the nation. This announcement is anticipated to be made by the end of June or beginning of July.

We want to clarify that the information regarding taxation is not legal advice, rather information sharing from the Yuuʔuʔiʔaʔh Government's Senior Advisor, from on going discussions with the province and the Government of Canada.





BEARS' LAIR  
Youth Camps

# The Youth are our Future. The Future is our Youth.

**CALLING ALL YUUTU?IT?ATH - UCLUELET FIRST NATION YOUTH!**

Sign up now to join the Bears' Lair Team

Learn business **FUNDamentals** & experience '**LIFE AS AN ENTREPRENEUR!**

## FREE 3-DAY YOUTH ENTREPRENEUR DREAM CAMP FOR INDIGENOUS YOUTH AGES 9 TO 17

Monday, July 17 to Wednesday, July 19  
Cix<sup>w</sup>atin Centre Gymnasium, hita<sup>cu</sup>

### 3-DAY BUSINESS FUNDAMENTALS COURSE

Monday, July 17 9:30am to 4:00pm  
Tuesday, July 18 9:30am to 4:00pm  
Wednesday, July 19 9:30am to 4:00pm

### COMMUNITY CELEBRATION DINNER EVENT

Thursday, July 20 5:00pm to 8:30pm

*One Youth Team will win **\$250 EACH** at the Community Celebration Dinner!!*

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Tackle 5 Team Challenges with Coach/Mentors.
- Explore the **FUNDamentals** of Business Start-ups!
- Enjoy a wealth of business insights, food & fun.
- Make new connections.
- Chances to win prizes!
- Create a Team Video Pitch
- & learn to turn **YOUR** business ideas into reality!

Visit [www.bearslairtv.com/youth-camps/](http://www.bearslairtv.com/youth-camps/)

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Sign up now to join the Bears' Lair Team for  
3 fun-filled days!

**REGISTRATION IS  
NOW OPEN!**



INSPIRE  
EDUCATE  
ELEVATE

Text 'DREAM CAMP' to a  
(604) 783-8304 for more details or:

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TO SIGN UP!

For travel support, UFN Citizens can contact  
Gloria at (250)726-7948 or [Gloria.Valentine@ufn.ca](mailto:Gloria.Valentine@ufn.ca)

# The BEARS' LAIR

## FREE 3-Day Indigenous Youth Entrepreneur Dream Camp *NEW DATES and AGES!*

The Bears' Lair team is excited to host a 3-day Indigenous Youth Entrepreneur Dream Camp with the Yuuʕuʔiʔath Government in hitaču, at the end of July!

Indigenous Youth ages 9 to 17 can **REGISTER NOW** to join a free 3-day Business **FUN**damentals Dream Camp program that starts Monday, July 17 at the Cixʔatin Centre in hitaču.

### What to expect at the Bears' Lair Dream Camps?

Indigenous Youth **ages 9 to 17** will get to 'experience life as an entrepreneur' for 3 fun-filled days!

Youth will work with Bears' Lair Team Coaches/mentors to tackle 5 Team Challenges in our Business **FUN**damentals course as they learn to shape their ideas for new businesses into start-up plans and mini-pitch presentations.

### Everything is included during classes:

- Breakfasts, lunches, breaks, and snacks, a workbook, gift bag, FREE hoodies and chances to win prizes.
- A safe, inclusive learning space to explore new ideas and build social confidence.
- Team Coaches/mentors to help Youth tackle 5 Team Challenges as they develop valuable business, teamwork and life skills such as negotiating, public speaking and budgeting.
- Tons of hands-on activities to create a start-up plan and Team Pitch video for YOUR business ideas...all within 3 days!

## YOUTH DREAM CAMP DATES & DETAILS

### LOCATION:

The Youth Dream Camp classes and Celebration Event will be hosted at the Cixʔatin Centre at 700 Wya Road in hitaču.

### CLASSES:

#### Monday, July 17 to Wednesday, July 19

After a traditional greeting on Day 1, Youth start working with Team Coach/Mentors to tackle 5 Team Challenges and learn Business **FUN**damentals! Over the 3 days, Youth will learn how to build the brand, start-up budget, marketing plan and 5-minute Team Video Pitch to launch a new company! Breakfasts, lunches, and fun are included!

### COMMUNITY CELEBRATION EVENT:

#### Thursday, July 20 from 5:00pm to 8:30pm

Join us for a community dinner to recognize the Youth achievements, watch Team Pitch Videos the Youth creat-

ed and see which Team is chosen by a friendly Guest Judge panel to win \$250 each that night!

### COST:

**FREE** for Youth and the community! There are only 25 seats available, we encourage Youth to sign up by **Monday, July 10**, to secure their spot.

This is open to all Yuuʕuʔiʔath Youth. Those who may need travel support can contact Gloria immediately at **(250) 726-7948** or [Gloria.Valentine@ufn.ca](mailto:Gloria.Valentine@ufn.ca).

### Want more insights or information?

Watch Dream Camp video clips on YouTube and follow us on social media at @BearsLair\_TV.

### CONTACT:

[Kristin@BearsLairTV.com](mailto:Kristin@BearsLairTV.com) or text 'UFN DREAM CAMP' to **(604) 783-8304**.

### [SIGN UP - bit.ly/Youth\\_Dream\\_Camp\\_Sign\\_Up](https://bit.ly/Youth_Dream_Camp_Sign_Up)

### What is the Bears' Lair?

In the spring of 2021, Geena spoke with a crew at APTN about her dream of creating a new TV reality series about Indigenous entrepreneurs. Showcasing their products, services, and path to success would also highlight Indigenous values often woven into their business models. Geena knew it was time for a new, educational, and inspirational new "Reality TV series with REAL impact!" Geena is inspired by the sense of accomplishment and pride people feel when they succeed in turning their dream into reality. She knows that when an Indigenous entrepreneur creates a successful social enterprise or small business, many people benefit from their success. She knows that every time:

- A young digital artist or jewelry maker earns extra money for their family,
- A part-time caterer or bookkeeper fills a gap in a rural or remote area,
- A trainer or consultant expands their client base to earn more revenue, or
- An eco-tourism operator or construction contractor launches a company that creates local job

There are multiple direct and indirect social and economic benefits for the community – and the country.

Reference: [www.bearslairtv.com](http://www.bearslairtv.com)

## Notice of By-Election

The following persons have been nominated as candidates for Member of the Legislature:



**Celena Cook**



**Kirk McCarthy**



**Geraldine Touchie**

An election to fill two seats for Member of the Legislature will be held:

**July 12, 2023**

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

An **Advance Poll** will be held in hita?u in the cixwatin centre:

**June 28 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**Electronic voting:** You will receive a PIN and instructions for voting by telephone or over the internet. E-voting will be available:

**8:00 am Monday July 3 to 8:00 pm Wednesday July 12**

**Mail-in ballot** packages will be sent to eligible voters on June 12. Mail-in ballots must be received by the Chief Electoral Officer before the close of the general poll at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday July 12.

### General Poll

**Wednesday July 12, 2023 8:00 am – 8:00 pm**

**hita?u:** cixwatin centre

**Port Alberni:** Yuutu?it?ath Government satellite offices  
3203 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Port Alberni.

**All Candidates Meeting** June 27 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. p.m. in the cixwatin centre in hita?u.

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

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 5th day of June, 2023 by

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kit Spence". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "K".

Kit Spence, Chief Electoral Officer  
Yuułu?i?ath Government

## Statement of Motivation

It is an honor to be nominated in Ucluelet First Nation 2023 By Election.

My mother is Debbie Touchie and my father is Glen Cook.

I have been attending community meetings with my family since I was 12-13 years old, and it has been talk at our dinner table for as long as I could remember. I have listened to the elders and heard things that they are passionate about and things they wanted for future generations.

Our Nation and its business is something I have always been interested in; I follow what is going on in our government. In down time I have read the constitution and read some of the laws, not verbatim of course; but I am familiar with it.

I have lived in Victoria for the last 3 years.

October 2021- I opened my own business

January 2022- April 2023- I worked at a downtown outreach service as a housing intake worker.

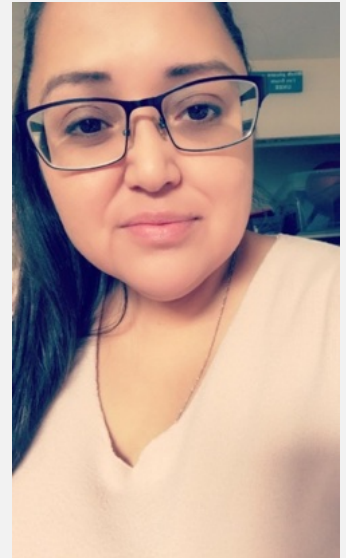
Current- work for the Federal Government as a PSO at Service Canada.

From my own personal observation, I believe there needs to be change. I would like to promote transparency, equality, and accountability. I would like to see more engagement with urban citizens.

I want to help and be of service to our citizens at home and away. I come with an open mind and fresh ideas. I have never been one to shy away from hard work, I am ready for this opportunity.

Thank you for your support!

Celena Cook



I Was very glad when I saw this great opportunity to participate in the bi election.

I would like to express my strong motivation and strong desire to become part of the team. As to my personality, I am a hard working person. I am highly determined to do my best while being a part of the Just? it? adh Government.

May 26 2023

I have submitted my name as a candidate for member of legislature here in Ucheelet.

Work experience:

Westcoast Transition House 20 years  
Social Assistance Ucheelet  
Frontline at Native Courtworkers Calgary  
Frontline Dunoon Friendship Centre

It has always been my pleasure to work with people in a helping capacity.

If elected I look forward to working for our community member here in Ucheelet.

Geraldine Joseph