



Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government Port Albion Land Purchase

September 12, 2025

ʔuhʔaλḥasuu Citizens and Residents of hitaču,

On Wednesday, September 10, 2025, Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government acquired two parcels of land totalling 452 acres along Port Albion Road. This land acquisition supports Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government's long-term land use, culture and traditional harvesting, governance and initiatives to bring citizens home to Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ ḥaḥuułi (traditional territory) for many generations to come.

The \$5,450,000 purchase is the result of careful planning to take advantage of the unique opportunity presented when the parcels were listed for sale. With the prospective purchase on the horizon, YFNS 89 Annual Budget Act, 2025-2026 Amendment Act No. 1 was enacted on June 25, 2025, amending the annual budget to accommodate the capital asset acquisition.

The parcels include waterfront property and traditional place names, such as:

- Čaawaap - "Flowing water" a small river.
- λiismaquḥsuʔa - A small falling creek
- λaλaaphinačišt - Mercer Lake

The location of these parcels, with proximity to hitaču, opens many possibilities for future use. Potential opportunities include new housing, economic development, community services, recreational areas, or lands reserved for cultural purposes.

Our citizens will guide our leadership decisions, with extensive community engagement to ensure future development reflects the vision and priorities of our people.

In the coming months citizens will be invited to visit the newly acquired lands and take part in a cultural blessing ceremony. This gathering will mark the return of the parcels to Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ stewardship and honour their place within our ḥaḥuułi.

It will also serve as an opportunity for citizens to connect with the land, share perspectives, and begin shaping the vision for how these lands will support our people and future generations.

Sincerely,

Charles McCarthy, President
Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government – Ucluelet First Nation