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With summer in full swing, Yuutu?it?ath Government is joining other governments across Vancouver Island's West Coast in a call urging all campers to reserve sites at authorized campgrounds before venturing to the area. The West Coast experiences a high level of illegal and backroad camping, and unauthorized campers on Yuutu?it?ath Treaty Settlement Lands should be reported to communications@ufn.ca.

In this edition of our newsletter, we share highlights from the month of June, including the Education Celebration and Vancouver Island Longboard Surf Contest. Additionally, we are pleased to welcome two new staff members to Yuutu?it?ath Government's Department of ʔuuʔaʔuk^wičʔaʔa (Health and Social Services).

Finally, we invite citizens to mark September 19-21 on their calendars for Yuutu?it?ath Day 2025. Travel Request Forms and Host Allowance Forms can be found in this newsletter.

Read on for more events, services, and information.

Cix^watin Centre, huupatu Centre and hilstiis hupii?uʔ Satellite Office

CLOSED



MONDAY, AUGUST 4
FOR
BC DAY LONG WEEKEND

Government Offices will reopen Tuesday, August 5.

Treat our ҺаҺuuti with respect

West Coast communities urge campers to reserve sites before visiting

Citizens of Vancouver Island’s west coast are asking all overnight vehicle and tent campers to make a reservation at an authorized campground before arriving on the West Coast, and to only camp at authorized campgrounds.



Image by: Elena Rardon

“It is important to highlight that there are no serviced camping sites on backroads along Kennedy Lake or highway pullouts. Unauthorized camping along backroads create incredible risk of fire or contamination to our land and communities,” explained John Jack, Chair for the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District. “Please be responsible when you camp in the region and make a reservation at one of the many authorized campgrounds in the area.”

The West Coast experiences a high level of illegal and backroad camping. The disrespectful behaviours of some users have had a negative impact on Indigenous territorial lands and on highly sensitive ecological areas, including local aquifers.

Garbage left behind from unauthorized camping contributes significantly to local environmental degradation. It can also lead to negative wildlife interactions. Animals that have been fed or have found food left by humans can quickly become food conditioned. These animals often become increasingly aggressive food-seekers, ultimately posing a danger to people and pets.

With some of the warmest and driest summers on recent record, unauthorized camping has also contributed to an increase in wildfire risk, which puts pressure on our much-needed first responders and threatens generations of conservation efforts.

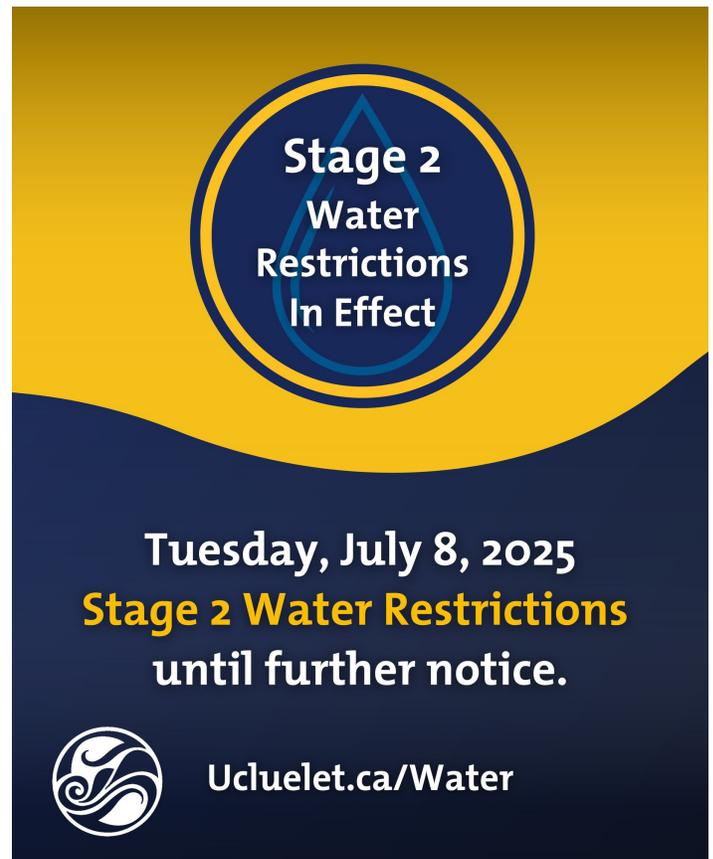
To help limit the visitor impact on this region, increased patrols and enforcement in 2025 will target unauthorized camping within the areas of the Clayoquot Arm, along the Kennedy Lake Watershed, within Tla-o-qui-aht, Yuułu?iif?ath, and Toquaht traditional territories, on municipal streets and lots, and within BC Parks and Pacific Rim National Park Reserve.

Patrols on the West Coast will be communicating regulations and respectful camping practices, and where needed, they will be issuing tickets or fines.

Reservations at West Coast campgrounds fill up quickly, so if campers do not already have a reservation at an authorized camping area, they should find alternative arrangements such as booking a hotel or motel in the area, delaying their trip to the West Coast, or finding a campsite reservation in another community.

We look forward to welcoming well-prepared visitors to our beautiful region.

“Unauthorized backroad camping increases risk of wildfires and damage to the environment. One stray spark from a campfire is all it takes to start a wildfire that could cause irreversible damage to our forests, homes, and businesses. We strongly encourage all visitors to plan ahead, to secure legal accommodation and treat our ҺаҺuuti(traditional territory) with respect so future generations can enjoy it too.”
President Charles McCarthy, Yuułu?iif?ath Government



**Stage 2
Water
Restrictions
In Effect**

Tuesday, July 8, 2025
Stage 2 Water Restrictions
until further notice.

 Ucluelet.ca/Water

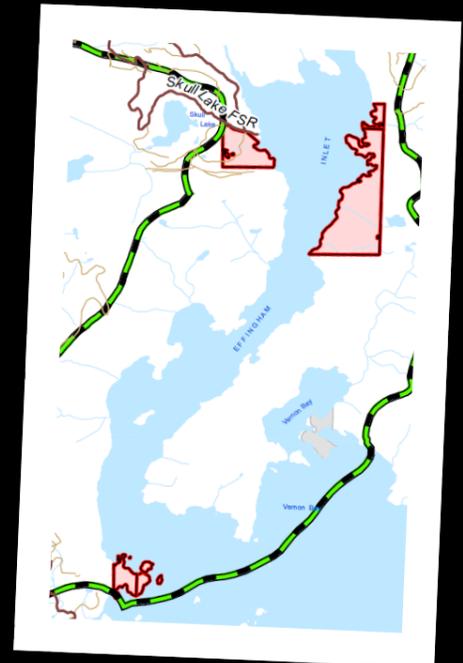
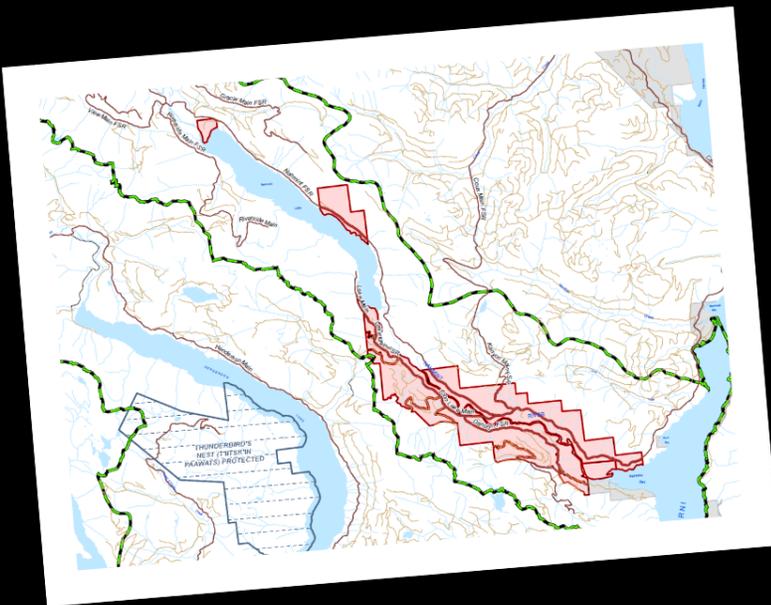
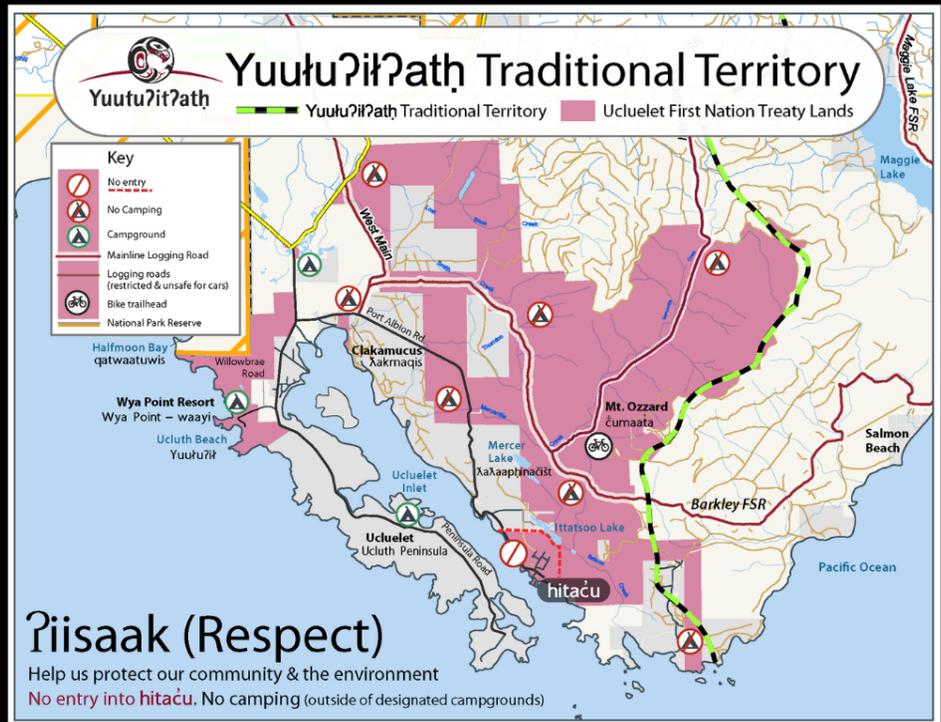
REPORT UNAUTHORIZED CAMPERS



If you see unauthorized campers on Yuułu?it?ath Treaty Settlement Lands (TSL), please report them to communications@ufn.ca.

Please treat our ҺаҺууҺ (traditional territory) with respect so future generations can enjoy it too.

To view a map of Yuułu?it?ath Treaty Settlement Lands, visit www.ufn.ca/tsl-map/



To report incidents on Ministry of Forest service roads, visit <https://forms.gov.bc.ca/industry/report-a-natural-resource-violation/>

Celebrating Yuułu?iŋ?ath students

Education Celebration held at Cixwatin Centre

Photos by: Elena Rardon

Yuułu?iŋ?ath Government hosted its annual Education Celebration at the Cixwatin Centre on June 19, 2025.

This was an opportunity for Yuułu?iŋ?ath citizens to celebrate students and their accomplishments over the 2024-25 school year.

Students from pre-school to post-secondary received certificates of achievement and all attendees celebrated with dinner.

Āeekoo āeekoo to Jennifer Touchie and the rest of the Education Services team for organizing this event.







Congratulations to our other Yuutu?if?ath Grade 12 graduates:



***Raven Sheena-Patrick
Merritt, BC***

***Isabella Harness
Edmonton, AB***



Are you protected against measles?

Measles is a highly contagious disease but the vaccine can prevent serious illness. Contact your local immunization provider to check your own or your child's immunization records. You can also check medical records through the BC Health Gateway online: healthgateway.gov.bc.ca

Find more information at:

HealthLinkBC: healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/measles or call 8-1-1

The measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccine is routinely given at 12 months and 4-6 years of age. If you're planning on travelling with young children, talk to your immunization provider about getting a dose before these ages.



First Nations Health Authority
Health through wellness



Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government
Chief Administrative Officer

July 15, 2025

ʔuhʔaλhasuu Citizens and Residents of hitaču,

As of July 11, 2025, Kristine Brown is no longer serving in the role of Chief Administrative Officer. We thank Kristine for her interest in working for our Government and for the contributions that she made while she was here.

On an interim basis, Chief Administrative Officer duties will be performed by Chief Financial Officer Peter Wong. We look forward to a seamless transition of responsibilities during this time

For immediate questions or concerns, please contact Peter Wong at the email address provided below, or call Cixʷatin Centre Reception at (250) 726-7342.

Sincerely,

Charles McCarthy, President
Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government – Ucluelet First Nation

Cc: Peter Wong, Chief Financial Officer and Interim Chief Administrative Officer, peter.wong@ufn.ca

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN YOUR COMMUNITY



Westcoast Community Resources Society (WCRS) offers free and confidential mental health services to support individuals and families in Ucluelet, Tofino, and surrounding areas. All services are trauma-informed, client-led, and focused on fostering resilience.

AVAILABLE SERVICES

- **PEACE Program:** Counselling for children and youth (ages 3-18) who have experienced or witnessed trauma or violence.
- **Individual and Group Counselling:** Available for women, children, youth, and families, including support for those affected by substance use or violence.
- **Community Outreach:** Assistance with accessing services, referrals, and government systems for all genders.

THERAPISTS AVAILABLE IN HITACU

- **Book in-person or virtual appointments** with YG and Westcoast PCI community therapists, Amber Severinson or Cathy Komjathy.
- **Amber Severinson:** htcounselling@pm.me
- **Cathy Komjathy:** cathy.komjathy@westcoastpci.ca
- **No Computer or Wi-Fi?** huuḗpatu Health Centre can provide accommodations, including access to private office space with Wi-Fi, or in-person support.

TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT

- Need help getting to appointments? Contact the huuḗpatu Health Centre to arrange transportation.

FIRST NATIONS HEALTH AUTHORITY (FNHA) SUPPORT

- We can connect you to mental health resources and therapists through the First Nations Health Authority. Contact the huuḗpatu Health Centre for assistance.

24/7 SUPPORT

- **Westcoast Transition House:** For women and children fleeing violence, call 250-726-2020 or text 250-266-0187.
- **General Inquiries:** Reach out to admin@wccrs.ca.

LOCATIONS

- Ucluelet: Coastal Community Services Hub, 500 Matterson Drive (wheelchair accessible)
- Tofino: 110 Second Street (alley entrance, not wheelchair accessible)

All services are free, confidential, and available to everyone. For more information, visit wccrs.ca or contact the huuḗpatu Health Centre at (250) 726-7343.

YUULU?IL?ATH GOVERNMENT

Community Safety and Trespass Act

**NOTICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH
YUULU?IL?ATH LAW**

EXCLUSION ORDER



Order Issue Date: June 25, 2025

Order number: YFNO 58/2025

TAKE NOTICE that an Exclusion Order has been issued against Kyle Lawrence Adams pursuant to section 3.8(a) of the Community Safety and Trespass Act (the “**Act**”).

Kyle Lawrence Adams is prohibited from entering onto or remaining on all Yuulu?il?ath lands.

This order is in effect until July 2, 2030.

More information:

The chief administrative officer has applied, pursuant to section 3.1 of the Act, for an exclusion order against Kyle Lawrence Adams (the “**Excluded Individual**”).

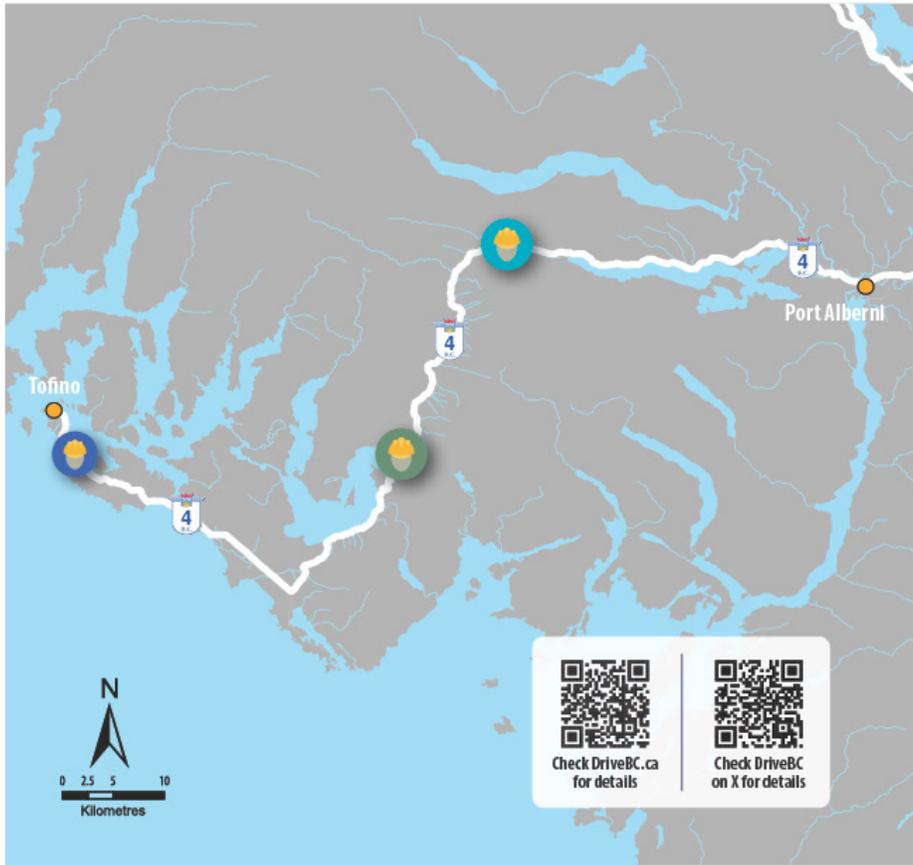
After conducting a hearing in accordance with the Act, the Executive has determined to issue an exclusion order against the Excluded Individual on the basis that

1. the Excluded Individual poses a significant threat,
2. issuing an exclusion order will materially reduce the threat, and
3. there is no less intrusive way available to the Yuulu?il?ath Government to materially reduce that threat.

The Excluded Individual is prohibited from entering onto or remaining on all Yuulu?il?ath lands until July 2, 2030.

The Exclusion Order will be strictly enforced. Any sightings of the Excluded Individual on Yuulu?il?ath lands should be immediately reported to the RCMP and the Yuulu?il?ath Government.

Any questions regarding the Exclusion Order can be directed to the chief administrative officer at cao@ufn.ca or the Yuulu?il?ath administration office.



2025 Highway 4 Projects

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MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSIT



Highway 4 Pac Rim Base Repair

- TIME LINE**
August - Mid-September
- DURATION**
4 - 6 Weeks
- TRAFFIC IMPACTS**
Single Lane Alternating Traffic 24h/day
Up to 20 minute delays

Hydro Hill Base Repair

- TIME LINE**
July - November
- DURATION**
4 Months
- TRAFFIC IMPACTS**
Single Lane Alternating Traffic 24h/day from July 5th - September 25th
Single Lane Alternating Traffic daytime only from September 26th - October 24th
Up to 30 minute delays

Taylor River Area & Base Repairs and Resurfacing

- TIME LINE**
September - December
- DURATION**
4 Months
- TRAFFIC IMPACTS**
Single Lane Alternating Traffic 24h/day
Up to 20 minute delays

Longboard Surf Classic

Yuuṭuʔitʔath dancers perform at Wickaninnish Beach

Photos by: Elena Rardon

Yuuṭuʔitʔath drummers and dancers performed some traditional songs and dances at Kʷisitis (Wickaninnish Beach) in June for the second annual Vancouver Island Longboard Surf Contest.

Yuuṭuʔitʔath Government took part in the opening and closing ceremonies, and drummers and dancers also had a chance to perform in front of a crowd of surfers and spectators on the second day of the contest (June 20).





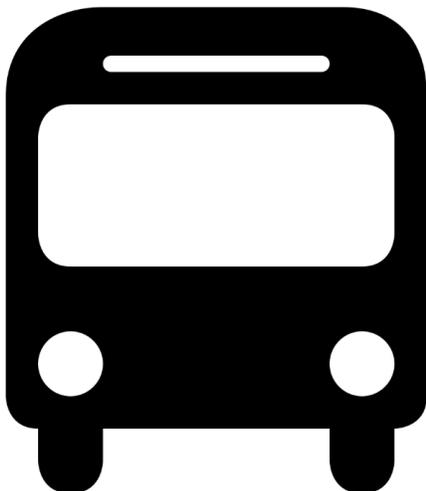
Yuulu?i?ath Day Weekend!

Friday, September 19 to Sunday, September 21
Cix^watin Centre, hita'cu . k^wisitis

Join us to celebrate all things Yuulu?i?ath!
This year's celebration is a multi-day event. Citizens are being called home to Yuulu?i?ath ha'huuli (traditional territory).

Keep an eye out for more event information!

Coming Soon!



**HAVE A QUESTION,
COMMENT OR CONCERN
ABOUT BUS SERVICE?
LET BC TRANSIT KNOW!**

Use BC Transit's online contact form: www.bctransit.com/west-coast/contact



YUUTU?IT?ATH DAY 2025
 Friday, September 19 to Sunday, September 21
Travel Request Form

The Yuutu?it?ath Government is pleased to cover accommodation and travel (within Vancouver Island) costs for Yuutu?it?ath Citizens coming home for Yuutu?it?ath Day 2025 for up to a maximum of three (3) nights. Mileage rates and meal allowances will be determined in accordance with the National Joint Council Rates Travel Directive (<https://www.njc-cnm.gc.ca/s3/en>).

Claimant Information

Name (full name of who payment should be made to): _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 Phone Number: _____
 Email: _____

List of Other Individuals Travelling With You

Full Name	Adult/Child	Yuutu?it?ath Citizen	
	Adult <input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Adult <input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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	Adult <input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Travel Details

Departure Date: _____ Return Date: _____
 Where will you be travelling from? (physical address): _____

Accommodation Required

Hotel # of Nights (max 3) _____ Check in Date: _____ Check out Date: _____
 # of Adults _____ # of Children _____ # of beds required _____

Please list any other specific accommodation requests or accessibility requirements (e.g. pet friendly):

All hotel reservations will be made by the Yuutu?it?ath Government. A reservation confirmation will be provided to Claimant prior to travel. Any pet fees will be the responsibility of the claimant.

*Note: If you will be staying at a private residence and the host of the residence is a Yuutu?it?ath citizen, that host is eligible to receive a hosting allowance by submitting a **Host Allowance Form**.*

Payment Preference (select one)

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) <input type="checkbox"/> For EFT, please attach a copy of a void cheque or direct deposit from your bank.	Mail Cheque to Mailing Address <input type="checkbox"/>	Pick up at Cixwatin Centre <input type="checkbox"/>
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Claimant Signature: _____

**If you require a hotel, please submit your form to Cixwatin Centre Reception / reception@ufn.ca by Friday, August 15th. Hotel availability is not guaranteed after that date.
 Forms for travel claims will be accepted until Friday, October 3rd.**



YUUTU?IT?ATH DAY 2025
 Friday, September 19 to Sunday September 21,
 2025 **Host Allowance Form**

Yuutu?it?ath Government is pleased to be offering an allowance to any Citizen hosting other Citizens coming home for Yuutu?it?ath Day. Hosts are eligible for an allowance at the following rates for up to a maximum of three (3) nights:

- \$50 per adult/per night
- \$25 per child/per night

The maximum number of citizens a host can claim for is 6.

This form is to be completed by the host individual.

Host Information

Name of Host (who payment will be made to): _____

Hosting Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

List of Guests You Will Be Hosting

Full Name	Adult/Child	Yuutu?it?ath Citizen	# of Nights (max 3)
	Adult <input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Adult <input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
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	Adult <input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Adult <input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

Payment Preference (select one)

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) <input type="checkbox"/> <i>For EFT, please attach a copy of a void cheque or direct deposit from your bank.</i>	Mail Cheque to Mailing Address <input type="checkbox"/>	Pick up at Cix ^w atin Centre <input type="checkbox"/>
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If after submitting a host allowance form you become aware that your guests are no longer staying with you, please let us know as soon as possible.

Host Signature: _____

**Please submit your Host Allowance Form to Cix^watin Centre Reception/reception@ufn.ca.
 In order to receive payment prior to the event, please ensure your form is submitted by Friday, September 12th.
Final deadline to submit this form is Friday, October 3rd.**

New Staff Highlights

Welcome to Yuuṭu?iṭ?ath̄ Government, Nicole Burtini!

Nicole Burtini has joined the Yuuṭu?iṭ?ath̄ Government as a Social Worker. She will be working out of the huuṭatu Health Centre as part of the Department of Ṗuuṭaṭuk̄w̄iṭ?aaṭa (Health and Social Services).

Nicole grew up on the mainland and moved to Ucluelet about two and a half years ago with her partner. She has a degree in Child and Youth Care Counseling with a specialization in Child Protection. She has worked for the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) and has worked for an Indigenous child and family services agency. She has five years of experience in the field.

“My experience as a frontline intake social worker has given me a deep understanding of how child welfare systems impact families,” says Nicole.

As she steps into her new role as a Social Worker for YG, Nicole says she is excited to bring her skills and experiences into a space where she can make a meaningful, lasting impact.

“My core values are accountability, connection, and humor—values I hope to carry into every part of my work,” says Nicole. “I also recognize the importance of listening to and learning from the community, and I’m committed to growing alongside the people I serve.”

Nicole will be offering a wide range of social services to individuals and families, with a focus on those involved with the MCFD and Usma, by advocating for their well-being, protection, and empowerment.

“My work will also include community engagement, program development, case planning, and advocacy,” says Nicole. “A big part of my role will be building strong connections with community members and service providers, developing programs that promote healthy lifestyles and cultural values, and helping people navigate and access the support and services they need.”



Image by: Elena Rardon

Nicole has a two-year-old daughter and says she and her partner are enjoying the adventure of parenthood.

“We love being outdoors, welcoming friends and family who come to visit, and exploring everything the West Coast has to offer,” she says.

To reach Nicole, call the huuṭatu Health Centre at (250) 726-7343 or email nicole.burtini@ufn.ca.

CLAYOQUOT SOUND UNESCO BIOSPHERE

25th Anniversary Gathering

SAVE THE DATE

The Clayoquot Biosphere Trust and łaʔuukwiʔath (Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations) invite you to a regional gathering in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere. This free full-day public event will include a community meal, presentations, educational booths, and fun activities for all ages.



Saturday
Sept 20

Drop-in from 10 AM until dusk
Wickaninnish Community School Field
Načiks / Tofino



If you'd like to get involved, please reach out to Brooke at brooke@clayoquotbiosphere.org or Rebecca at rebecca@clayoquotbiosphere.org.



New Staff Highlights

Welcome to Yuuḷuʔiḷʔaḥ Government, Rachel Harding!

Rachel Harding, RN, is the new full-time Community Health Nurse for Yuuḷuʔiḷʔaḥ Government.

Rachel grew up on Vancouver Island and was raised in Nanaimo, where most of her family comes from. She started working in Tofino five years ago, where she has worked as a surf instructor, camp leader, and nurse.

“I have lots of experience in rural care as I studied in small communities around northern B.C.,” Rachel explains.

Her family has now moved to Tofino, where they enjoy spending time outdoors together on the West Coast. Rachel can often be found out in the water, crabbing, hiking, or skateboarding with her nephew.

Since joining YG, Rachel has received her Foot Care certification and will now be able to provide foot care services to citizens in hitaču and Port Alberni.

“I am excited to keep growing in my role and providing more skills and resources to the community,” says Rachel.

To book an appointment with Rachel in hitaču, reach out to the huuḷatu Health Centre at (250) 726-7343 or email moa@ufn.ca.

To book an appointment in Port Alberni, contact Yanny Poilievre at (778) 942-0655 or email Yanny.Poilievre@ufn.ca.



Image provided by: Rachel Harding



FOOT CARE SERVICE IN HITACU OR PORT ALBERNI

Book an appointment with Community Health Nurse Rachel Harding

HITACU:

Call (250) 726-7343 or email moa@ufn.ca

PORT ALBERNI:

Call (778) 942-0655 or email Yanny.Poilievre@ufn.ca



Don't toss your cigarette butts

ḷeekoo for understanding.

Tossing cigarette butts on the ground is littering, which is against the law.

Lit cigarette butts are a fire hazard during dry weather.

Show ʔiisaak (respect) for our community: make sure butts are extinguished and disposed of in the garbage or an ashtray.

hiłstiis hupii?uł YG Services



July 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday Sunday
	1 Statutory Holiday YG Offices Closed	2	3	4 Kimberly Touchie Outreach Support Coordinator	5 6
7	8	9	10	11 Office Closed	12 13
14	15	16	17 Kimberly Touchie Outreach Support Coordinator Melissa Hall Human Resources Manager 1:00pm to 4:00pm	18 Michelle Touchie Citizenship & Enrolment Registrar 9:30am – 2:00pm (no status cards)	19 20
21	22	23	24	25	26 27
28 Counselling with Amber Severinson 11:00am to 1:00pm	29	30 Rachel Harding Community Health Nurse	31 Kimberly Touchie Outreach Support Coordinator		

*Services offered during regular operating hours of the Yuutu?it?ath Government Satellite hours, 9:00am to 2:00pm and by appointment from 2:00pm to 4:00pm, unless otherwise noted. Operating on the territory of the Tseshaht & Hupačas?ath First Nations.