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In this issue, we have photos from Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Day weekend in September, which included a day of traditional beach games at Kʷisitis. We also have an introduction to two new staff working at the hiłstis hupiiʔuł Satellite Office in Port Alberni. With Halloween quickly approaching, we have information in this issue about two Halloween parties that will be hosted in hitaċu and Port Alberni.

Last month we hosted a Community Clean-Up in hitaċu, and we want to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who took part in the effort. Learn more in this issue about how you can get involved in community beautification.

Please note, Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government offices will be closed on **Wednesday, November 11** to mark Remembrance Day. Offices will re-open on **Thursday, November 12** for normal business hours.

Read on for more events, services, and information.





CLAIMS HELPER SESSIONS

YOU DESERVE TO KNOW YOUR OPTIONS
A CLAIMS HELPER IS COMING TO THE COMMUNITY

OCTOBER 22-23, 2026
12:00PM TO 4:30PM
SIX-PLEX COMMON AREA, HITACU

Were you or your family affected by a child being removed from their home?

You may be eligible for compensation if the eligibility requirements are met.

Please bring valid government ID (such as drivers licence, passport, status card, or birth certificate).

Lunch is provided both days!

WHO SHOULD COME TO LEARN MORE:

- **First Nations children who were removed and later returned home.**
- **Parents whose children were removed from their care.**
- **Grandparents who were caring for a child at the time of removal**

ELIGIBILITY PERIOD:
April 1, 1991 - March 2022

HAVE QUESTIONS? LET'S TALK.

Come learn about your options in a welcoming, supportive environment.
Eligibility criteria apply. Ask the Claims Helper for details.

CAO Update

Building a stronger government and community



September was a busy and productive month for Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government. I am pleased to share a few highlights of the work underway across Administration to strengthen community services, infrastructure and the Nation's long-term future.

Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Day Celebrations

One of the month's highlights was the successful three-day Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Day celebration, which brought together a record number of citizens, families and Elders. From cultural gatherings to the return of traditional games at Wickaninnish Beach, it was wonderful to see so many people reconnecting with their culture, community and traditional territory. My sincere thanks to all the staff, volunteers and community members who helped make the celebrations such a success.

Community Cleanup and Beautification

Our community cleanup initiative made excellent progress, with more than 30 derelict vehicles removed from the community during September. Work will continue on removing other unwanted materials, improving public spaces and making our community cleaner, safer and more welcoming.

Housing and Infrastructure

Housing remains a major priority. We continue to advance the proposed 30-unit housing development, including pursuing federal funding to move the project forward. Planning is also underway for a potential new subdivision that could provide more than 20 additional residential lots. We are also exploring improvements to water infrastructure to support future community growth.

Strengthening Services and Planning for the Future

We continue working to improve access to health services, including exploring opportunities to bring additional dental, foot care and other services directly into the community.

Executive has also approved in principle the establishment of dedicated Housing and Economic Development Departments. These will help strengthen our focus on housing needs, employment opportunities, business development and long-term economic sustainability.

Sunny Dhaliwal,
Chief Administrative Officer

Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Day SURVEY

https://form.typeform.com/to/kDF4g6UA

OPPORTUNITY!

YUUŁU?IŁ?ATḤ GROUP OF BUSINESSES

Seeks three (3) individuals interested in becoming a Director of the Operating Board.



Interested?

Share with us your experience/ professional background and tell us what you will bring to board; visions, goals, and interests.
Send your resume and details to:

Levana Mastrangelo
levana.mastrangelo@ufn.ca



Your role as Director is to:

- Attend 4-6 meetings per year. Most are virtual, but some are in-person.
- Provide support and guidance to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the operating companies
- Contribute to making important business decisions that are in the best interest of the company(ies)
- Collaborate and work as a team with the entire board and CEO to achieve sustainable and profitable businesses
- Develop/review company policies and processes
- Contribute to a corporate culture that respects the history and traditions of Yuułu?ił?aṯḥ people
- Integrate the spirit of the Yuułu?ił?aṯḥ culture and identity into the operations

Experience (an asset but not required):

- Business/Entrepreneurship
- Financial capacity/experience (i.e. financial statement comprehension)
- Tourism/Hospitality experience
- Previous experience on a board/committee
- Other professional/industry experience which may be applicable to our businesses

Who are we looking for?

- Individuals with energy and a positive, proactive approach
- Individuals with knowledge and awareness of Yuułu?ił?aṯḥ culture/history
- Youth/young professionals (18-30) interested in business and wanting to learn
- Entrepreneurs
- Individuals who can contribute to a team, work well with others and maintain a respectful approach, even during opposing views, difficult discussions or hard business decisions

Honoraria Rates:

- $100 for virtual meetings, $200 for in-person meetings.

Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Day Celebrations

Celebrating Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ's independence with weekend of events

Images by: Elena Rardon



This year's Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Day weekend celebration was a success, with festivities in hitaċu and Kʷisitis from September 18-20.

The weekend started with a flag raising in front of the Cixʷatin Centre, followed by a full day of activities in the gym. The Department of nism̓aakukqinʔaała (Lands & Resources) led boat tours of the harbour on Friday and Saturday.

On Sunday, citizens and staff made their way to Kʷisitis for a barbecue lunch, traditional beach games, and a traditional seafood feast for dinner.

ƛ̓eekoo ƛ̓eekoo to all of the staff, volunteers, citizens, and other participants who joined the festivities last month.











































HOMEWORK HALLS

UES LEARNING SUPPORT TEACHER

Kira DeLeeuw

MONDAY TO THURSDAY, 3:00PM-4:30PM
CIXʷATIN CENTRE

There will be support for students to work on learning goals and assignment completion.

The school bus can drop students off close to the Cixʷatin Centre Monday through Thursday after school.

Please arrange to pick-up your child at/or before 4:45pm.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
Kira at kira.deleeuw@ufn.ca
or Jennifer at jennifer.touchie@ufn.ca

USS INDIGENOUS SUPPORT TEACHER

Chelsey Naka

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY, 4:00PM-5:00PM
CIXʷATIN CENTRE

Visit Chelsey Naka, USS Indigenous Support Teacher, for homework support upstairs in the Education Department at the Cixʷatin Centre.

Chelsey will also be available on Wednesdays at USS for senior students (Grade 11/12).

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
Chelsey at cnaka@sd70.bc.ca
or Jennifer at jennifer.touchie@ufn.ca

Community Clean-Up makes impact

September event removed 20 tonnes of garbage from hitaċu

Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who participated in this year's community clean-up effort.

The bulk of the clean-up took place from September 14 to 18, with staff, volunteers, and community members coming together to help make hitaċu cleaner, safer, and more welcoming for everyone. The response from the community exceeded our expectations, demonstrating the pride people have in our community and their willingness to pitch in and help.

As a result of the clean-up, approximately 20 tonnes of garbage were removed from the community. In addition, 18 vehicles were removed, with another 24 vehicles removed on October 13 and 14. Arrangements are still being made for the removal and disposal of boats identified through the project.

The overwhelming level of participation means there is more material to remove than originally anticipated. While some items remain on our list, the progress made so far has been significant and would not have been possible without the support of residents, volunteers, and staff.

While the removal of garbage and derelict vehicles is an important achievement, this project was about more than cleaning up unwanted items. The goal was to create a cleaner, safer, and more welcoming community while protecting the environment and strengthening community pride. The strong participation from citizens, residents, volunteers, and staff showed just how much people care about hitaċu. Together, we removed hazards, improved community spaces, and took meaningful steps toward a healthier and more welcoming community for everyone.

Looking Ahead

Community clean-up efforts will continue in the future. Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government's Assets Team will continue to host its annual Spring Clean-Up around Earth Day, which falls on **Thursday, April 22, 2027**.



A scrap vehicle is removed from hitaċu during the Community Clean-Up. Photo submitted by: Carrie Ho

Residents who have household waste they need to dispose of before the annual clean-up are encouraged to contact the Government Office. In some cases, staff may be able to assist by providing a purchase order for disposal at the landfill.

For unwanted vehicles, residents may also wish to contact **Valley Towing & Salvage** in Port Alberni, which advertises free removal of scrap vehicles and can be reached at 250-730-1672. A second vehicle recycling option is available through **Way of the Road** based in Parksville, which can be reached at 778-997-6879.

Please note that these businesses are provided as community resources only. Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government does not endorse any specific service provider, and residents should conduct their own due diligence when arranging private vehicle removal services.

The Community Clean-Up showed what can be achieved when people come together with a shared goal. Thank you to everyone who helped make hitaċu cleaner, safer, and more welcoming for all.

HITAĆU ASSEMBLY

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2026

In accordance with Section 4.2 of the Government Act YFNS 2/2011, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the hitaću Assembly has been called for Monday, November 30, 2026.

Your voice matters! Participate, stay informed, and help shape our community's future.

A livestream will be available on Facebook. To participate in the meeting you must attend via Zoom. Questions will not be taken from Facebook.

CIX^{w}ATIN CENTRE GYM,
HITAĆU
5:00PM DINNER
6:00PM ASSEMBLY

ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS:
DIAL IN #: 1 (778) 907-2071
MEETING ID: 882 3651 0877
PASSCODE: 923126



DATUM MARINE
SERVICES LTD

MARINE TRAINING COURSES

SPRING 2027 COURSE REGISTRATION

The Department of nisḿaakukqinʔaała (Lands & Resources) is excited to offer funding for all Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ citizens who are interested in vessel operator courses.

Theses courses are held throughout Vancouver Island, so please reach out to Marine Response Specialist Max Pattison to organize your closest course options.

Open to anyone who is interested in becoming the captain of a small commercial boat.

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age.

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE!

To register or for more information, email Max.Pattison@ufn.ca

COSTUME PRIZES FOR ALL AGES!

PORT ALBERNI HALLOWEEN PARTY

Thursday 29 October

Italian Hall Events Centre
(4065 Sixth Ave)
Port Alberni

Doors Open: 5:00pm
Pizza Dinner: 5:30pm
Magic Show: 6:30pm

Hadlen's FINDING MAGIC Show,
Photo Booth,
Sharky Balloons,
Cake Walk,
and other activities!


GOODIE BAGS FOR ALL KIDS!
HITAĆU
HALLOWEEN
PARTY
Friday 30 October
Cixʷatin Centre
5:00pm to 7:00pm
Caricature Portraits
Photo Booth,
Haunted House,
Hot Dog Dinner,
and other activities!

Sexual Health Clinic

Last Thursday of Every Month

With a **Westcoast PCI registered nurse (RNc)** at the

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clinic

Drop-in

No appointment necessary

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Location: Huupatu

Services

- **STI screening and testing**
- **Safer sex education**
- **Referrals and follow-up care**

  Please call/text Terra Frenzel (West Coast PCI) RNc with any questions at (250)726-6044

Confidential. Welcoming. Everyone welcome.

New Staff Highlights

Welcome to Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government Samantha Deutsch!

My name is Samantha Deutsch, and I am excited to introduce myself as the First Nation Representative with Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government

I am from Hesquiaht First Nation, although I was born and raised in Port Alberni, and also have roots in Esdilagh First Nation and Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ First Nation. My connections to these communities and to my Indigenous roots are an important part of who I am and have shaped my interest in working in roles where I can support and connect with Indigenous communities.

I completed the Human Services with an Indigenous Focus program at North Island College, which gave me the opportunity to build on my understanding of Indigenous communities while developing skills in communication and supporting individuals and families. My recent experience includes working in several community based settings, including outreach, group homes, and USMA. Through these roles, I have had the opportunity to work with people from a wide range of backgrounds and circumstances and have learned the importance of building trust and providing support with both compassion and respect.



Samantha Deutsch is Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government's new First Nation Representative. Photo submitted by: Samantha Deutsch

I am looking forward to bringing my education and experience into this role, and to contribute and learn from the community and the people I work alongside.

Samantha can be reached at samantha.deutsch@ufn.ca or at the hiłstiis hupiiʔuł Satellite Office in Port Alberni.

Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government is hiring a

Language Learner Intensive

Part-time

Work within the Department of ḥaaḥuupačakukqinʔaała (Culture, Language, and Heritage) to learn the West Barkley dialect of Nuu-chah-nulth and support language revitalization efforts.

Visit www.ufn.ca/jobs/ to learn more or to apply.

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Mobile Hearing Clinic



Join us at our Hearing Health Check Day!

Ucluelet First Nation

Monday October 26, 2026
10:00-3:00

- On-site hearing screenings
- Clean & check of existing hearing aids
- Competitive hearing aid pricing



Spots fill up fast! Call **(250) 726-7343** to book yours!

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Head office: (250) 619-5746

New Staff Highlights

Welcome to Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government Jasmine Freeze!

My name is Jasmine Freeze; my parents are Lorraine Mundy and Andrew Freeze. My grandparents are Kathy Mundy and Earl Mundy (MIT). I am a Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ citizen. My kids and I have lived in Port Alberni since 2018.

I have recently joined the Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ team as the Outreach & Justice Worker at our hiłstiis hupiiʔuł Satellite Office. Being an urban citizen myself, I understand the importance of staying connected to our Nation, our families, and the supports available to us, no matter where we live.

My journey into this work has been shaped by my own lived experience and the people who have supported me along the way. I've faced my own challenges, and through those experiences I've learned the importance of having a strong circle of support.

Completing Front Line Worker training opened a new direction in my life and encouraged me to use what I've learned to support others. My time at Kackaamin Family Development Centre further strengthened my understanding of trauma-informed practice and the importance of connection in healing. I recently graduated from Vancouver Island University's Community Mental Health Worker program, where my practicum with Island Health's SUIT Outreach Team deepened my interest in outreach work.

As the Outreach & Justice Worker, my role includes supporting Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ citizens through navigating services and connecting them with resources and supports, as well as providing support through restorative justice. I believe in meeting people where they are at, without judgment, and respecting each person's experiences and choices. I know how much it can mean to have someone listen, offer guidance, or simply remind you that you're not alone.

I'm grateful for the opportunity to reconnect with more citizens and build relationships within our urban community. More than anything, I want citizens to know that support is available and that they have people in their corner. Sometimes reaching out can be difficult, and I hope to be someone they feel comfortable connecting with when they're ready.



Jasmine Freeze is Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government's new Outreach & Justice Worker. Photo submitted by: Jasmine Freeze

Jasmine can be reached at jasmine.freeze@ufn.ca or at the hiłstiis hupiiʔuł Satellite Officein Port Alberni.

hiłstiis hupiiʔuł YG Services

October 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday / Sunday
			1 **Office Closed** - for training	2	3
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5	6	7	8	9	10
					11
Counselling with Amber Severinson		Available by app't. Mon - Fri (pls contact Satellite Office)			
12 **Statutory Holiday** Offices Closed	13	14	15 **Language Classes with maḥima** 6:30pm to 8:30pm	16	17
					18
19 **Culture Night!** 5:00pm to 7:30pm	20	21	22	23 **Youth Language Class with maḥima** 6:30pm to 8:00pm	24
					25
26	27	28	29 **Halloween Party!** @ the Italian Hall 5:00pm to 8:00pm	30 **Office Closed** for training	31

***Services offered during regular operating hours of the Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ 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 First Nation & Hupačasʔatḥ First Nation.