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Nations reaffirm NTC mandate

By Denise Ambrose
Central Region Reporter

Maht Mahs- The 14 member Nations of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council (NTC) reaffirmed their support for the organization by endorsing a new funding agreement mandate.

The issue was important as the Nations who are no longer part of the NTC Treaty Table showed their support for the NTC through this motion, which was moved by Charlie Cootes Jr. (Uchucklesaht) and seconded by Joe Thorne (Ditidaht).

The meeting began with all 126 NTC staff members were introduced to the leaders assembled at Maht Mahs.

"We have a group of staff that are dedicated and we have a very committed, strong management team," said NTC Executive Director Florence Wylie.

Nelson Keitlah, Central Region Co-chair, led the singing of the Nuu-chah-nulth song to start two days of meetings on February 20/21. Tseshaht Elder, Bob Thomas offered the opening prayer and Chief Councillor Dave Watts officially welcomed delegates to Tseshaht traditional territory.

Florence Wylie reviewed the Executive Director's Follow-Up Report, which describes progress to date on each of the motions from the last NTC meeting.



NTC Executive Director Florence Wylie introduces NTC Managers

Motion #8 dealt with shellfish tenure applications for NCN First Nations. The provincial government requires security bonds for shellfish aquaculture tenures they grant. The NTC agreed to make a collective payment of the bond in order to reduce financial burden to the individual NCN First Nations. The bond is held in trust at a bank and documentation has been submitted to BCAL.

It was agreed in a separate motion that the Nuu-chah-nulth Shellfish Development Corporation be created. The legal documents are being prepared and board member interviews are being held.

Wylie went on to report that the newly amended NTC Post Secondary Appeal Process is in place and is being implemented.

It was confirmed in the Executive Director's Report that Hupacasath Chief Judith Sayers will serve as the NTC representative on the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board for a three-year term. Chief Moses Martin on Tla-o-qui-aht was appointed as alternate.

Haahuupayak School received support from the NTC in their quest to see that School District #70 set funds aside to reinstate NCN language programs in the school district. Aboriginal Education Funding has been secured for the 2003/04 school year for language development.

Wylie introduced the NTC staff as requested by the Chiefs at the NTC meeting in Campbell River (see story on page 8). NTC staff attended the meeting in order to be introduced to the Chiefs.

"We have a group of staff that are dedicated and we have a very committed, strong management team," said Wylie, adding that NTC staff are not acknowledged often enough. "Often we only hear the negative comments. I would like to make the staff aware of the purpose for your being here; it is to show our appreciation and to acknowledge you," she said.

Archie Little, Northern Region Co-chair, thanked NTC staff for their dedication. He noted that there are more

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Hupacasath Chief Councillor Judy Sayers speaks to North Island College Students about the problems with the proposed Bill C-7, First Nations Governance Act. Full story on page 15.

NTC speaks against Indian Act amendments

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

Nanaimo - The parliamentary committee studying responses to the government's proposed First Nations Governance Act rolled into Nanaimo last week with little notice or fanfare.

The First Nations Governance Act (Bill C-7) is an attempt by Robert Nault, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, to revise and update the Indian Act with a focus on First Nations' financial and electoral accountability.

"The Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council has grave concerns that the Governance Act is nothing more than the federal government's attempt to absolve itself of legal liabilities and fiduciary obligations under the guise of 'doing what's right for the Indians'", said Cliff Atleo Jr.

A crowd averaging 30 people attended the one-and-a-half day session at Beban Park Recreation Centre, with most of those people being either speakers or supporters of a speaker.

The committee was made up of 16

Members of Parliament from the Liberals, Canadian Alliance, Progressive Conservative, Bloc Quebecois, and New Democratic parties. They will be traveling over the next month, visiting 19 cities from Nanaimo to New Brunswick. Among the 35 Native and Non-Native people who made presentations to the committee were Hupacasath Chief Councillor Judy Sayers, Central Region Co-chair Nelson Keitlah, and NTC Treaty Manager Cliff Atleo Jr. who made presentations of behalf of Nuu-chah-nulth.

"In 1973, when then Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and Indian Affairs Minister Jean Chretien withdrew the 1969 White Paper, they said their government would never again attempt to impose unwanted change on the Indian people of this country," said Atleo. "It seems that what Jean Chretien was unable to achieve then, his new Minister of Indian Affairs, Robert Nault is attempting to achieve now with the First Nations Governance Act," he said.

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NTC Meeting

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Nuu-chah-nulth faces amongst the staff than there were a few years ago.

NTC Department Managers were called forward and introduced. They in turn introduced their respective staff members. The exercise took over an hour and it served to put faces to the names of 126 employees in attendance that work for each and every NCN First Nation.

NCN delegates expressed their appreciation of the NTC staff with a standing ovation. Hesquiaht, Ahousaht, Tseshaht, Hupacasath, and Mowachaht/Muchalaht Ha'wiih and Chief Councillors stood to express their gratitude to the NTC staff for the work they do.

The Maa-nulth-aht motion in regards to BCTC funding, which was tabled at the last NTC meeting, was reintroduced. The Maa-nulth-aht, representing Huu-ay-aht, Uchucklesaht, Ucluelet, Toquaht and Kyuquot, seek to resume treaty negotiations at a smaller, separate negotiating table. They expressed their desire to remain part of the larger Tribal Council table but they wish to resume accelerated AIP treaty negotiations with the provincial and federal governments.

Speaking on behalf of Maa-nulth-aht, Charlie Cootes Jr. explained that their group wants to proceed with treaty negotiations unhindered by the progress of the other NCN Nations.

Judy Sayers, Hupacasath Chief Councillor, said she is concerned about legal liability for BCTC funds and sought assurances that if Maa-nulth-aht goes off on their own, the remaining NCN Nations are not held liable for the BCTC funds.

Huu-ay-aht Chief Councillor Robert Dennis, said he can envision an umbrella agreement for all NCN, "that's the way we would see it happen and we have no problem assuming legal liability for our portion of the BCTC funds."

Maa-nulth-aht's bottom line is they need resources to resume their treaty negotiations. The motion passed in a vote of seven to four.

A motion to accept the resignation of Southern Region Co-Chair, Richard Watts, which was tabled at the last meeting, was passed at this meeting. The table accepts the resignation with an expression of gratitude and appreciation for the work carried out by Watts over the years on behalf of NCN.

The Southern Region will embark on a process to fill the Co-chair position. The NTC executive will be accepting nominations from the member Southern Region First Nations.

Forestry Council Report:

Charlie Cootes Junior says members of the Forestry Council have been meeting monthly. Their focus has been to improve communication and increase capacity in forestry amongst NCN First Nations.

There will be a workshop at Somass Hall on March 24. The topic is 'Issues



NTC Director of Community and Human Services Simon Read introduced his supervisors and staff with entire NTC staff in background.

and Opportunities in Forestry for NCN Nations'. There will be guest speakers and working group sessions. Cootes says the workshop will provide an opportunity to assess each Nation's capacity in forestry. "We are all operating at different levels of capacity and it would be nice to see that levelled out," he said.

He invites all NCN interested in forestry to attend the workshop. "I would love to see a forestry department at the NCN level," said Cootes.

"The NCN Forestry Council represents a political lobbying group that would be acting on our behalf," observed Robert Dennis, Huu-ay-aht.

In his Treaty Report, Cliff Atleo Junior, NTC Treaty Manager, said he has been looking into the technical and legal issues around Maa-nulth-aht embarking on an accelerated AIP negotiation apart from the remaining seven NCN Nations. Atleo proposed a March 5th meeting to form a collective approach with enough flexibility to accommodate all NCN Nations.

The quarterly BCTC funds have been received minus \$200,000. The accounting department at NTC was instructed to send the monies out to the Nations as soon as possible.

There had been a delay in Culture and Heritage Treaty Related Measure (TRM), Atleo reported. The government of Canada was waiting for a report, which was sent to them two weeks ago, and it satisfied both the federal government and BC. Around \$12,000 will be forwarded to the Nations for this purpose when it arrives.

The forestry TRM that was being worked on is not forthcoming due to the current instability at the NTC table, Atleo reported.

Robert Dennis suggested that it would be helpful if there were an amendment to the Framework Agreement that would allow NCN to go forward in treaty negotiations. He said he is open to the idea of parallel negotiations that could recognize our diversity. The nations could then meet to work together on issues that there is agreement on.

The issue will be discussed further at the NTC Treaty Planning meeting on February 27/28 where all NCN First Nations will be invited to participate.

Charlie Cootes Jr. moved that NTC make forestry a substantive organiza-

tional issue, similar to what is being done with fisheries. The motion passed.

Simon Read said there are two items in the Community & Human Services department that need to be dealt with, one being the takeover of Child and Family Services (CHS) in the Alberni area. The CHS may have a contract with the ministry within a month that would allow Usma service provision in the Alberni area, which covers the west coast from Carmanah Point to Brooks Peninsula. The services will be taken over from the Ministry starting in the new fiscal year.

Usma is prepared to take over Continuing Care Cases and Family Support. The ministry is willing to provide Usma with 'fair share' resources needed to carry out the work. There will be four new staff to be hired to deal with an estimated 45 new cases.

Temporary care and child protection will hopefully ensue in the following fiscal year. It is estimated that seven new workers would need to be hired to deal with the added caseload. Additionally, the remaining Family Support and Other Contract Services will be turned over to Usma in 2005/2006.

Fisheries Manager Dr. Don Hall provided updates on the Nuu-chah-nulth fisheries case and the shellfish aquaculture initiative. Announcement of the Nuu-chah-nulth Shellfish Development Corporation Board of Directors is expected in late February. The NSDC was created by the First Nations to further their business interests in shellfish aquaculture. Andrew Day provided a brief update of the VCVI Aquatic Management Board activities.

Ehattesah and Nuchatlaht Ha'wiih sought a motion of support from the NTC Ha'wiih and Chiefs that would allow the two nations to deal with proposed finfish farms in their respective territories.

They are concerned that the massive dump of dead Altantics offshore by the industry last year may disrupt wild species and other wildlife in the area. They are seeking to keep their Ha'wiih free of fish farms but feel they are not being taken seriously as a small Nation. Support was granted by motion.

The next NTC meeting will be the March 27-28 Budget Meeting at the new Hupacasath Community Centre.

NTC makes presentations to parliamentary committee

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the Indians. The Governance Act is not really about governance; at least not as the Nuu-chah-nulth Ha'wiih (Hereditary Chiefs) see it. If the government of Canada was serious about governance it would meaningfully address the issue of our inherent right to self-determination in true, government-to-government negotiations that result in a fair, a just treaty that met the international standards of such agreements," said Atleo.

"For 25 years we've kept our books in healthy shape, but we don't get any recognition for that," said Central Region Co-chair Nelson Keitlah. "Unfortunately, it doesn't make the news, but it speaks volumes about the high quality management we have here at NTC," he said.

According to the Federal Government, Bill C-7, the First Nations Governance Act (FNGA) is a legislated Act respecting leadership selection, administration and accountability of Indian bands. The FNGA would apply to more than 600 Indian Act First Nations communities or Indian bands, and sets out requirements related to "governance" codes in matters of leadership selection, administration of government, and financial accountability. Communities must either adopt codes containing prescribed rules in these areas or, should any of the codes not be developed, become subject to a default regulatory regime in relation to that subject matter.

Bill C-7 also defines bands' legal capacity; redefines their law-making authority; repeals legislation exempting Indian Act provisions from the Canadian Human Rights Act; and makes consequential amendments to the Indian Act. The purpose of the Committee is to undertake broader study of the bill, given that its principle has not yet been approved, and to entertain a wider range of amendments, including proposals to modify the bill's scope.

"I know you are doing what you can for your people and you are to be commended," Nanaimo MP Reed Elley said to Keitlah and Atleo (Elley has an adopted son who is an Ahousaht member). "We've lived in this country for too

long as two solitudes and that's where the root of the problem is," he said.

Canadian governments typically operate within accountability guidelines found in legislation, regulations and policy.

The Indian Act does not provide for financial accountability of band governments, for which accountability requirements are found either in their own codes, policies or by-laws or in federal policy, such as the current intervention policy authorized in funding agreements between bands and DIAND.

The requirements of other federal departments providing funding to bands are inconsistent.

According to a recent government report, "the capacities of bands, both organizational and financial, to implement enhanced accountability measures will need to be assessed and considered, and it seemed reasonable that legislation could provide the basis for establishing consistent and comprehensive band financial management and accountability regimes".

The FNGA sets out minimum standards for any "financial management and accountability" code adopted by any band. They include rules for preparation and adoption of an annual budget; controlled expenditure of and signing authority for band funds; internal controls for deposits and asset management; various loan-related matters; salaries of council members and band employees; debt and debt management as well as deficit management; and procedures for amending the code.

For more than a quarter century, the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council has received unqualified audits, meaning all their financial records in perfect order, and funds are managed responsibly, and for the purposes they were targeted for. "For 25 years we've kept our books in healthy shape, but we don't get any recognition for that," said Central Region Co-chair Nelson Keitlah. "Unfortunately, it doesn't make the news, but it speaks volumes about the high quality management we have here at NTC," he said.

From the government's viewpoint, the legislation reflects commitments to strengthen First Nations governance made in the January 2001 Speech from the Throne, and is essential to address an unacceptable situation affecting First



Central Region Co-chair Nelson Keitlah and NTC Treaty Manager Cliff Atleo Jr. take NTC's message to the committee on Bill C-7

Nations communities arising largely from a deficient Indian Act regime. Bill C-7 is thus intended to remedy significant gaps in that regime that have prevented First Nations communities and governments from managing their own affairs effectively and responsibly, by providing tools that will enable First Nations communities to develop economically and to exercise autonomous decision-making power with reduced government involvement.

For the government, the FNGA is also a pivotal component of a broader reform plan to modernize First Nations governance systems that includes the 1999 First Nations Land Management Act as well as anticipated fiscal legislation. It is not intended to replace the historical treaties, undermine ongoing treaty and self-government processes, or affect the government's fiduciary responsibilities toward First Nations people.

According to NDP MP Pat Martin, Bill

C-7 is "badly" flawed, as is the parliamentary committee tasked with making recommendations to it.

"The consultation, tour, and implementation for Bill C-7 will cost taxpayers \$130 million, for something people didn't want in the first place," said Martin. "But the Prime Minister and Minister of Indian Affairs are going to ram this bill through parliament, so I'm here to fight for amendments in cooperation with the Assembly of First Nations," he said.

"We're naturally suspicious of many of the motivations that appear to contribute to economic development but at the same time open First Nations up to other liabilities," said Atleo.

"This is the first time in 50 years the Indian Act has been opened up for amendments and this is a missed opportunity to make meaningful changes," said Martin. "I'd love to support a bill that makes meaningful changes to the Indian Act, but this isn't it."

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Upcoming Meetings

Meeting Schedule

Meeting	Date	Place
Treaty Planning Meeting	Feb 27-28	Somass Hall, Port Alberni
NTC Budget Meeting	Mar 27-28	Hupacasath Community Ctr.

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Fisheries - ca'ca'tuk Traditional Practices Settle Differences

By Brian Tate
Northern Region Reporter

Oclaeje - A very bright and sunny day gave a subtle hint as to what was to come for the three most northern tribes in the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council: Nuchatlaht, Ehattesaht and Kyuquot/Checklesaht. After traditional songs and speeches were done, Chief He-tla-mish (Walter Michael) of Nuchatlaht invited the two delegations and their Ha'wii into the hall where the business could continue.

Ehattesaht and Kyuquot/Checklesaht approached Chief He-tla-mish (Walter Michael) to ask for permission to put their herring ponds at Rosa Harbour. These herring ponds are part of a Spawn on Kelp (SOK) or J-license that these two tribes each have. Both of these tribes will have four ponds, three for harvest and one pond for home use.

Victoria Wells who is Band Councilor for Ehattesaht gave thanks and gratitude to Chief He-tla-mish (Walter Michael) for allowing them into his territory and into his home. "We appreciate the ways things are coming about and once again thank you for the opportunity and allowing us here today," she said.

Chief He-tla-mish (Walter Michael) responded to Ehattesaht with "What I would like to say to you is that I want to work with you, and I am glad things are working out the way they are. I would hope that we can straighten out our issues and in the future I would hope that we can sit down and go over our seafood resources," he said.

Archie Little, the Northern Region Co-chair for the NTC explained why the family members were for the Michael family that was present there.

"Alvin Michael is our Tye and so is his son Walter. Somewhere in the future, Walter's son Curtis will be chief, then his son Tyson. Rose Michael is the Hukum; she is the one all of these young men come from. I would like to thank all the Ha'wii for coming and the rest of your people, and for allowing me to witness something that has not happened in years. When you come together like this and you use the traditional route rather than the political route it makes my job easier. It is so important that we be respectful of each other, because we are related one way or another," said Archie.

Curtis Michael said "every year when roe on kelp comes up I feel like hiding

because it gets tense, but I am glad that we are all here and it is refreshing to see. I hope we can set something up for long term instead of opening up a can of worms every year. We are all family, I look around the room and see how we are related. The outside people always throw a wrench into our business by separating us. It is nice to see that everyone was ready to sit down and work together, I hope that at the end of the day no one leaves with hard feelings".

Natalie Jack, the Chief Councilor of Kyuquot/Checklesaht said "this is really new for our age, we have never experienced this process and are happy to be learning it. Our age group needs to learn this and would like to thank Uncle Kelley John for helping us and I hope we resolve the issues that need to be discussed. We would also like to say thank you to Chief Walter Michael for allowing us this time and permission onto his territory, to work through this".

Both Ehattesaht and Kyuquot/Checklesaht left the room to caucus and discuss their wants and needs or what they can offer Nuchatlahts in gaining Chief He-tla-mish's (Walter Michael) permission to put their herring ponds in his territory at Rosa Harbour.

Upon the return of the two First Nations, Chief He-tla-mish (Walter Michael) greeted them. "I guess what I would like to know from each of you is how many boats you have and how many people you employ?"

Natalie Jack of Kyuquot/Checklesaht started with "we would like to apologize for the lack of protocol in the past and we also would like to apologize for our crew's behavior last year, so this year we have a crew boss. So with that said we have some gifts as part of our apology."

- Chief He-tla-mish (Walter Michael) received a carved salmon plaque done by Danny Short

- Alvin Michael received a jacket and a portable chair

- Rose Michael receives a beaded eagle feather and a portable chair

- Curtis Michael received a drum

- Tyson Michael received a t-shirt

- Felix Michael received several t-shirts

"We would also ask for permission to put our herring ponds in your territory, as well we hope that we can come to an interim agreement for this year and look forward to next year."

Kelley John speaking on behalf of Chief He-tla-mish (Walter Michael) said "I

Watts explains resignation

To the Southern Region Nations and all other Nuu-chah-nulth Nations

First of all I want to thank you for the honour and opportunity to serve as one of your co-chairs since 1989. I have always made my platform very clear at election times. That is to strive for the best land claims deal I could for the Nuu-chah-nulth-ath. In the current set of negotiations with 5 nations negotiating on their own I felt it was impossible to get the best deal with this lack of a unified front. Of course the governments love this and encourage it because they get a yes to their offer and tell us, that voted no to their offer, we can sign onto agreement later. To me this is bad faith negotiations and is down right corrupt. Given this big split in our Tribal Council, I couldn't see myself continuing in something I didn't agree with so I resigned as southern co-chair.

This was no easy decision but I felt so strongly that there is a better way to negotiate than this. I leave behind many issues that are on-going but did my best to influence those issues in a positive way. Some examples of issues are F.T.A. negotiations, Health Transfer, Child and Family Development, Child Welfare, Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Mental Health, Economic Development Education, etc., Some of these issues tear family and communities apart but none-the-less issues that had to be dealt with to make a better future for our children.

would like to say thank you and tell you how honoured we are for these gifts you have given him and his family.

Tyee Ha'wii He-tla-mish would like to say thank you for coming, I am grateful for both tribes sitting here. The last four years were hard and today kind of erases those past feelings. This is the best thing that has happened since the Spawn on Kelp came in to existence. Once we keep our cultures in place there is no argument/no misunderstandings. We have to learn our roles and responsibility, with what has happened here today will go a long way. There is so much in our Ha-houlth-ii that we shared with each other, I know this is going to be a healthier relationship now that this has happened.

Ehattesaht took to the floor next and started off with an apology as well for the past incidents on the boats, "along with infringing on your Aboriginal rights to your resources. We would like to acknowledge all the wrongs and apologize for them. We would like to invite you to our village and have our own Indian New Year because the herring was a sign for a new food source for the new year. We would like to accom-



Because the issues have to be dealt with I will continue to work in these areas in some way, shape or form. However, I know there are many people doing work in these areas and I leave knowing that the job is in good hands.

However, I must say this, when people constantly challenge your intelligence, it wears you down and hurts your family. I felt the time had come for me to move on.

Again, I thank you for the honour of serving you since 1989 and I want to thank my family for supporting me during stay in office as co-chair. Without their love and support I couldn't have done it.

Tlecko, Tlecko
Thank you all,
Richard Watts.

modate Nuchatlaht with royalties, we can support you in many ways but what we cannot say is that you can harvest this herring roe because you already own it, it is yours. We beg your indulgence while we talk to our people about this first, but right now we can offer you a crew share and a crew member position. Ehattesaht is committed to making this work and are willing to overcome any challenges and obstacles to work with you. We have dual interests in many areas from fisheries to social services and would like to help you if we can."

Chief He-tla-mish (Walter Michael) said both Ehattesaht and Kyuquot/Checklesaht have permission to go to Rosa Harbour, and he looks forward to further negotiations of this matter.

Archie Little spoke in closing for the day on what has happened, "You did not learn anything here today - you already knew how and were living your culture. I am happy to serve in this position, to serve the Ha'wii of each village here in the north. Usually when I am around it is politics, but I am happy that today was carried out through our culture."

Native Journalists lash out at *The Province*

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

Vancouver - First Nations journalists across Canada are livid over a column printed in the Vancouver Province by writer Susan Martinuk entitled "Natives need freedom from both government and band council".

In her editorial, Martinuk makes numerous comments against First Nations people and culture, and is now being called before the BC Press Council to explain her column.

"Canada's aboriginals face a bleak future and we all know it," wrote Martinuk. "Perhaps now is the time to admit our native culture is broken we should stop trying to fix it. The first step is to acknowledge that aboriginal poverty is rooted in the culture of dependence created by government handouts," she writes.

Martinuk goes on to insinuate that First Nations governments are stealing from their people, living lavish lives while the people live in squalid condition, are alcoholics, uneducated, unemployed, and end up in prison.

"Native culture is a mess and the only way to change it is to accept economic assimilation in a globalized world," wrote Martinuk. "Growing numbers of natives will only survive if we shift our focus from supporting a miserable native culture to supporting individual natives," she wrote.

This is not the first example of anti-Native opinion pieces in newspapers owned by Winnipeg media magnate Izzy

Asper. Editorialists David Frum (National Post), Liz Nickerson (National Post), Ric Dolphin (Calgary Herald), and Susan Martinuk (Vancouver Province) have all been accused of writing articles inciting hatred against First Nations people over the past year.

"Last summer, we experienced the same hate from CanWest, Ric Dolphin of the Calgary Herald and Elizabeth Nickson of The National Post who wrote nearly identical articles to Martinuk's," said Mitzi Brown of Native Career Magazine. "The perplexing thing, which I thought at the time, is that when David Ahenakew did his number everyone jumped all over that. Where is everyone now when hate is perpetuated against us? Where is the outrage? And, where is the outrage from our own community who were so quick to condemn one of their own?" said Brown, who formed Native Media Watch because of the articles CanWest was running about First Nations.

In response to Martinuk's article, Brown has launched proceedings before the BC Press Council, and Tania Willard and Kamala Todd of Vancouver's Redwire Magazine have written an editorial of their own for the Province entitled "Native Youth Taking Control of Own Destiny".

"In our opinion, there is no need for an apology or retraction, neither is called for," said Joey Thompson, Editorial Page Editor for The Province. "I have requested and will be running an op-ed piece that provides readers with an opposing view. As for a B.C. Press council complaint, I have not received

official word of one nor would it be appropriate to comment should one be forthcoming."

"Freelance writer Ms. Martinuk's opinions as published in The Province are entirely her own, as are the opinions of the many authors of letters to the editor and of guest columnists," said Province Managing Editor Vivienne Sosnowski. "You constantly see guest columnists and authors of letters to the editor expressing viewpoints in The Province that are diametrically opposite to those espoused by our editorials. In many cases, you will see The Province editorially endorse a position, but we still will carry many opinions on all sides of the issue, and many of those fully opposite to ours. We are with Voltaire: 'I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it'", she said.

"As for Ms. Martinuk, we note the Code of Practice of the BC Press

Council, which says: 'Newspapers should defend their hard-won right to exercise the widest possible latitude in expressing opinions, no matter how controversial or unpopular, and to give columnists, editorial cartoonists and others the same latitude in expressing personal opinions. However, newspapers and journalists shall strive to avoid expressing comment and conjecture as established fact.' said Sosnowski. "Ms. Martinuk's personal opinion was clearly just that: her personal opinion and comment. Her view was clearly not expressed as 'established fact'. After Ms. Martinuk's opinion appeared, two writers from a First Nations publication provided us on Thursday February 6 with a lucid and readable rebuttal of her opinion. We welcome more opinions on this sensitive issue, and certainly look forward to more First Nations writers and commentators taking up the subject," she said.

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BC gives forest training dollars

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

DUNCAN - The Ditidaht and Pacheedaht First Nations will receive \$257,850 over three years through the Economic Measures Fund to establish a forest training program and pursue economic opportunities for a timber sale license. The funding will be used to develop a management agreement, produce business plans, explore partnerships with local forest companies and establish a training and mentoring program for band members. The two First Nations will create a partnership to share any benefits resulting from their economic ventures.

The Ditidaht and Pacheedaht First Nations will receive \$257,850 over three years through the Economic Measures Fund to establish a forest training program and pursue economic opportunities for a timber sale license.

"Over the next three years the Ditidaht and Pacheedaht will participate more fully in B.C.'s economy and build capacity that will materially improve

their quality of life," said Minister Responsible for Treaty Negotiations Geoff Plante. "Economic measures are part of our New Era commitment to help revitalize the provincial economy by bringing more certainty to the land base and building partnerships between First Nations, local businesses and B.C. communities."

In May 2002, government introduced legislation enabling the Minister of Forests to directly invite First Nations to apply for forest tenures without competition, to increase their participation in the forest sector. On Jan. 28, Ditidaht and Pacheedaht were invited to apply for a timber sale license for 300,000 cubic metres over 10 years. The license is non-replaceable and comprises timber from Tree Farm License 46 that was not logged.

"This gets us involved in the forestry sector and will benefit us economically and socially," said Jeff Jones, Chief Councilor for Pacheedaht. "The economic measure and direct award shows progress at the Pacheedaht/Ditidaht treaty table and for our First Nations membership."

"The government has given us a great opportunity by making the fund avail-



Ditidaht Chief Councilor Jack Thompson and Pacheedaht Chief Councilor Jeff Jones accept congratulations from Geoff Plante, Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Treaty Negotiations.

able," said Jack Thompson, Chief Councilor for Ditidaht. "The secure timber supply will feed our mill, keep our workers employed, and help our people move toward financial stability." "The invitation to the Ditidaht and Pacheedaht is one of the first I've extended under the direct award legislation," said Forests Minister Michael de Jong. "The license will allow First Nations to gain more expertise and capacity in the forest industry, benefiting them and the region through increased economic opportunities and stability."

The Economic Measures Fund, announced in April 2002, provides \$10 million per year for three years in hopes of creating new opportunities for First Nations participation in the economy, including activities related to oil and gas, tourism, forestry, aquaculture and the 2010 Olympic bid. The fund is managed by the government's Treaty Negotiations Office, and projects may include federal and local governments and private-sector partners as participants. To date, \$12.8 million has been awarded to First Nations in 48 projects throughout B.C.

ECONOMIC MEASURES FUND
In April 2002, the British Columbia government approved an Economic Measures Fund that will provide \$10 million per year for three years to support economic development projects involving First Nations.

The Economic Measures Fund responds to the government's New Era commitments to: revitalize the economy, increase access to Crown lands and resources, and expedite interim measures with First Nations.

The funds are for projects with individual and groups of First Nations, in and out of the British Columbia Treaty process, to meet the strategic priorities of the province and individual ministries. First Nations, industry and other non-government groups will work directly with provincial government staff to

determine whether their ideas and projects align with strategic priorities. The Treaty Negotiations Office administers the fund. The deputy ministers committee on natural resources and the economy reviews projects and recommends those suitable for funding.

Types of projects eligible for economic measures funding:

- * Partnerships between aboriginal communities and industry.
- * Partnerships between aboriginal communities and local government.
- * Increased First Nation access to resource tenures.

- * Measures that address specific land and resource issues, including First Nations' involvement in strategic land-use planning.
- * Measures that increase First Nation capacity to engage in the economy.

- * Projects are assessed according to specific criteria to determine whether they:

- * Promote economic growth and further provincial economic interests.
- * Provide a strong business case relative to the goals of the Economic Measures Fund.

- * Facilitate First Nation participation in the economy.
- * Secure federal participation and funding.
- * Secure industry support and contributions.

- * Include suitable certainty and/or mutually beneficial provisions to meet project-specific goals.
- * Include accountability measures.

- * Avoid overlap issues that might impede implementation of the Economic Measures Fund agreement.
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RBCM cut from government

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

VICTORIA - The provincial government has released the Royal British Columbia Museum (RBCM) from ministerial control and has turned it into a crown corporation. The BC Liberals hope the museum can earn more money if it is released from direct government control as it can pursue private sponsorships it was unable to attract before.

The change has some people worried that the museum may put profits before purpose, and could sell off some of its holdings, including First Nations artifacts.

"Legislation introduced today will enable the Royal B.C. Museum to create a new independent structure that will allow it to operate more efficiently and improve services", said George Abbott, minister responsible for the museum. "This step is something the museum first requested 10 years ago, and this legislation will ensure the long-term viability of the museum and will guarantee that British Columbians remain invested in the safekeeping of the museum's 10 million specimens and historical treasures," he said.

But the change has some people worried the museum may put profits before purpose, and could sell off some of its holdings, including First Nations artifacts. "The repatriation of cultural material

will continue as it has in the past few years," said Sharon Henwood, Corporate Communications Manager for the RBCM. "The museum will continue to work with the treaty negotiations office, First Nations, and other stakeholders as it has in the past," she said.

According to Henwood, there have been policies in place for many years preventing the museum from selling or divesting itself of any of its First Nations collection unless those pieces are given to the appropriate First Nation. "We remain committed to developing and maintaining excellent relationships with the First Nations," she said.

The Royal British Columbia Museum contains detailed information on the province's natural and human history and houses a collection of over 10 million objects and specimens valued at \$600 million.

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The archival holdings, valued at \$100 million, include government documents and records; private historical manuscripts and papers; maps, charts and architectural plans; photographs; paintings, drawings and prints; audio and video tapes; film; newspapers; and an extensive library of publications with a strong emphasis on the social and political history of British Columbia and the Pacific Northwest.



Jerry Jack, Sr. and Jerry Jack, Jr. recognized the work of Moira Havelka, Community Health Nurse for Mowachaht on February 12, 2003 at the First Nations & Inuit Health Branch annual nursing conference. Moira was recognized especially for a new diabetes prevention and education program that she initiated. Jerry Jack Jr. was especially appreciative for the work about diabetes and spoke of his own personal experience.



Mary McKeogh was recognized for her work as a Community Health Nurse on the West Coast by Ruth Charleson during the annual nursing conference put on by First Nations & Inuit Health Branch. Ruth had heard from several community members that spoke of Mary's helpfulness, commitment and dedication in her role as a nurse.

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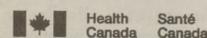
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Maa-nulth-aht leaves NTC Treaty table

By Brian Tate
Northern Region Reporter

Campbell River - Five Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations calling themselves the Maa-nulth-aht Group pulled away from the NTC Treaty Table in order to speed up their own treaty negotiations. The Maa-nulth-aht group consists of Huu-ay-aht, Uchucklesaht, Ucluelet, Toquaht, and Kyuquot/Checklesah, and the name means 'people along the coast'.

At the February 10th NTC Meeting at the Thunderbird Hall in Campbell River Maa-nulth-aht announced their intention to move forward towards a Final Agreement with BC and Canada. Huu-ay-aht Chief Negotiator Robert Dennis Sr. speaking for Klislin said they feel "there is a strong resistance against Maa-nulth-aht and therefore we will move to Final Agreement negotiations on their own". In response to this statement several

First Nations spoke and said they are in favour of Maa-nulth-aht going ahead with their own treaty but asked that they follow due process in doing so.

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Hesquiaht's Simon Lucas asked where the rest of the Nuu-chah-nulth Nations stand and could they please let the table know, "so we have an understanding of where everyone is in regards to treaty. Our chief Matlahoa (Dominic Andrews) still supports this process. We should

accept the fact that a group called Maa-nulth-aht has left the treaty table. The remaining tribes need to decide if they do or do not support the collective Nuu-chah-nulth treaty process. We do not need to debate any longer," Simon said. Wickaninnish (Cliff Atleo Sr.) of Ahousaht spoke on the Maa-nulth-aht matter; "Our Ha'wiih encouraged us to stay as one and I am disappointed in the decision Maa-nulth-aht has made, although I respect and appreciate the rationale," he said. "Like Hesquiaht we would like to know which remaining First Nations are committed to re-engaging in negotiations. We also acknowledge the concerns raised by Robert Dennis of the nature of 1-way or 2-way communications between the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council and Maa-nulth-aht," he said.

Tla-o-qui-aht said they are at the NTC Treaty table, and Elmer Frank supported Hesquiaht's suggestion, adding he would like to move forward. "The treaty process (Framework Agreement) and other matters such as the IMEA need to be dealt with," said Elmer, expressing concern over the fact that the government's state that they are negotiating with Nuu-chah-nulth when they are negotiating with Maa-nulth-aht. "We have fought with each other too much and need to focus our attentions on the governments. TFN is anxious to move ahead and explore all options," he said. The Nuu-chah-nulth Treaty table continues to debate over the forming of Maa-nulth-aht, asking if they speak for all Nuu-chah-nulth, and saying that if they are on their own they need to follow due process like Ditidaht and Hupacasath has done, and they need to provide a framework to the Nuu-chah-nulth table.

Robert Dennis said a parallel treaty process would not hinder or interfere with Ditidaht, Hupacasath, Tseshaht, or the Nuu-chah-nulth treaty process. "The door is open for any Nation to join our process. The Nuu-chah-nulth have setup many barriers for the Maa-nulth-aht that was never there for Hupacasath or Tseshaht. No one has said that we are leaving the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council; we only want to get to Final Agreement as soon as possible. The Nuu-chah-nulth political organization should not have the power to stop Maa-nulth-aht," he said.

After the question of "Who stands with the Nuu-chah-nulth Treaty Process?" This list shows where each NCN tribe stands in treaty:

Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Treaty Table:

- Hesquiaht
- Ahousaht
- Tla-o-qui-aht
- Mowachaht/Muchahlaht

Maa-nulth-aht Treaty Group

- Huu-ay-aht
- Ucluelet
- Uchucklesaht
- Toquaht
- Kyuquot/Checklesah

Individual Treaties

- Ditidaht/Pacheedaht
- Hupacasath
- Tseshaht

Other

- Ehattesaht - are generally in favour of the collective NCN treaty but they needed to consult with their membership in regards to their involvement in treaty negotiations.
- Nuchatlaht - would like to think the matter over in greater detail.

Joe Thorne clarifies that Ditidaht have been negotiating on their own but still support the overall Nuu-chah-nulth structure and the NTC Fisheries litigation. Ehattesaht spoke up and said "even though we have been gone from the table for four years we still support the NTC treaty process, and we are dealing with the issues at our community level first. We have to bring the Treaty issue back to our people to find whether or not they will be for it or against it, so until then we cannot make a full commitment but we still support the NTC." he said.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Lisa is 21 years old and was last seen in Nanaimo June 29th about 2:00am leaving the Jungle Cabaret. She is a member of Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations and dearly missed by her family! We are afraid someone has taken her with dangerous intentions. PLEASE HELP!

Education - ha-ho-pa



Tseshaht teacher Dennis Bill serves as Master of Ceremonies at the Professional Development Day opening ceremonies.

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By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

Port Alberni - High School teachers from around the province and throughout School District #70 gathered at A.W. Neill for a professional development day that focussed on First Nations cultures. Close to 400 teachers spent St. Valentine's Day studying First Nations issues, attending seminars on: FN History and Culture, FN Technology, Art and Design, Aboriginal Education Enhancement, Legends/Storytelling, Learning styles of FN students, drum making, cedar, and Poverty as a Classroom Issue.

Tseshaht's Dennis Bill, who is a teacher at A.W. Neill served as MC for the opening addresses and keynote speeches. Angie Miller gave gifts to those who have lost loved ones recently,

before Ed 'Tat' Tatoosh offered the opening prayer, and students Rebecca Williams (Uchucklesaht), Julianne Hamilton (Hupacasath) and Melissa Ross (Tseshaht) along with their parents welcomed the teachers into their Nation's territories. Lorna Williams, the Director of Aboriginal Education for the BC Ministry of Education was the keynote speaker, and she said she was encouraged by the number of teachers in attendance at the professional development day event. "It's great to see so many people interested in Aboriginal Education, said Williams, who is from the Mt. Currie First Nations. "Learning is a journey that can take many forms and many paths. The conference themes of 'Respect' and 'Helping Each Other' is so very appropriate because learning takes place by helping one another," she said.

Blueprint for the future

Aboriginal Youth Career Fair - Feb. 3, 4, 5, 2003

By M. Amos
for Ha-Shilth-Sa

Every two years, I apply to the National Achievement Foundation to participate in this career fair. The registration is in September and it comes on first-come-first-served basis for the registration. As we are a remote school, we fit in the criteria of extra privileges and a complimentary Hotel room for two nights at Crowne Plaza Hotel Georgia Vancouver, as well as breakfast and lunch provided.

This year we took 20 students to participate and Bruce Mark was invited to chaperone the young men. At first we were having a difficult time trying to get a driver and a relief "thanks" to Craig Anderson he was our driver and this was his first trip. Well done too! We also had to have a teacher in charge and "thanks" to Diane Sibley we were able to go.

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Without everyone's support this wouldn't have been possible. Thank you! Kleco.

Just to give you an outline, 1800 students participated from as far as Nisga'a to schools on Vancouver Island. It was so exciting just to see so many youth together, and to feel the excitement.

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There was so much information! There were delegates such as elders from the area, CIBC, RBC Financial Group, Mayor of Vancouver, Province of BC, Evan Adams, Le-La-La Dancers from the island and the founder of the organization John Kim Bell. They gave out prizes at the end of the day. But we didn't win!

So for the parents, students, chaperones, financial supporter, teachers this was a good trip.

Now it's time to catch up to work you son/daughter missed while they were away. They will need to see their teachers and make time at lunch or after school.

First Nations benefit from Budget

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

Ottawa - Finance Minister John Manley celebrated the savings made by former Finance Minister Paul Martin by breaking out the cheque-book and announcing a spending spree. The 2003-2004 federal budget will see the creation of a number of new initiatives for First Nations, and an increase to some existing programs.

Here are the highlights: \$1.3 billion over five years to support health programs for First Nations and Inuit.

\$935 million over the next five years to assist provinces and territories and First Nations in increasing access to quality child care and early learning opportunities, especially for low-income and single-parent families

\$172.5 million over eleven years to support Aboriginal languages and culture, of which \$18 million will be invested in the next two years; \$42 million over the next two years to renew and expand the First Nations Policing Program; and \$17 million over the next two years to work with partners to explore new ways to better meet the needs of Aboriginal people living in urban centres.

\$72 million to improve educational outcomes for Aboriginal people and ensure they are provided with training

and employment opportunities on major projects across Canada.

\$600 million over five years to upgrade, maintain and monitor water and waste water systems on reserves; \$12-million endowment for the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation to expand its scholarships for Aboriginal students, and a public commendation for its President, John Kim Bell, for his remarkable work.

25-per-cent increase to the highly successful Aboriginal Business Canada program.

But many remain critical of the budget, saying the Liberals didn't go far enough to help Canadian First Nations.

"The military gets \$14.5 Billion over the next 3 years which affects 50,000 people," said NDP MP Pat Martin (Winnipeg Centre). "But only \$5 Billion over 5 years for the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development to assist more than a million people in 630 Aboriginal communities," he said.

And despite the federal government's statements on improving First Nations Health Programs, the valuable First Nations Chiefs Health Committee has been completely closed because of federal cuts.

The British Columbia Government announced the provincial budget on the same day, with First Nations programs suffering decreased funding.

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- Aggregate storage and loading facilities
- A docking facility for Panamax class vessels



For further information please contact Judith Sayers, Mike Beley, Elverna Edwards-Mailloux or Tyson Touchie at the Eagle Rock Materials Ltd. Port Alberni office: (250) 723-5000 or Email info@eaglecgregates.ca

The Environmental Assessment Office invites comments on the applications to ensure that public issues are identified and addressed as part of the review. All comments must be received by the EAO by March 25, 2003. These should be addressed to:

Environmental Assessment Office
PO Box 9426 Station Provincial Government
Victoria BC V8W 9V1
or Email Bob.Hart@gems4.gov.bc.ca
or eaoinfo@gems5.gov.bc.ca

Join us at the Open House to learn how this project stands to become a significant, long term contributor to your region's economy. Get the latest news on the Eagle Rock Quarry status and timelines. Find out about the benefits that this project offers to your community. Ask questions and share your thoughts on the proposed Eagle Rock Quarry at the Public Forum with the Eagle Rock Materials team and representatives of the various regulatory agencies involved in the review and permitting of this project.

North Island College, Port Alberni, SERVICES FOR ABORIGINAL STUDENTS

The following is a list of services that can be provided to students of aboriginal ancestry upon student request. Having registered status is not a requirement for eligibility of services.

- Assistance & information about college admission and registration processes
- Assistance in developing educational plans and/or referrals to other dept's
- Liaison with instructors

- Liaison with aboriginal organizations and communities on behalf of student
- Campus orientation tours
- Assistance in obtaining academic assessments
- Assistance in applications for funding from First Nations Organizations
- Open-door policy - drop in or phone for an appointment

Services are not limited to the above, and I welcome general inquiries.

Contact: Marlene Atleo, Coordinator, Aboriginal Education, West Coast Region
Room: C110, Telephone 724-8746, E-Mail: Marlene.Atleo@nic.bc.ca
January - May 1/2003
Mondays 1:00-5:00, 6:00-9:00 pm
Tuesdays 8:30-4:30
Wednesdays 8:30-4:30
Fridays varies - please call ahead



Dentists prevented from fixing teeth in First Nations patients

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

Port Alberni - Dentists have been advised by Health Canada that the Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) Program for First Nations people will no longer cover root canal or wisdom teeth operations or any dental treatment on the second or third molars.

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"Endodontic treatment will be considered only for patients that display a commitment to improving their oral health as evidenced by... a past history of regular dental care and a commitment to ongoing care," the bulletin states. "NIHB supports the concept of a 'shortened dental arch'. For the purpose of the NIHB dental program, the shortened dental arch is defined as being teeth numbers 16 to 26 and 36 to 46, inclusive. To that end, second and third molars may not be considered essential components of the arch, where the remaining teeth which comprise a stable

occlusion include the first molars."

What this means is that if you need a root canal, and your dentist doesn't think you brush and floss your teeth enough, your \$1000 root canal operation will not be covered by the NIHB Program.

"If I, as a dentist, decided on such a program independently, I'd be sued for malpractice," said Port Alberni dentist Dr. H. Sperber.

"If I announced to my licensing body that I was adopting a shortened arch philosophy, I'd be up in front of a hearing," he said. "It's a philosophy that is very difficult for me to adhere to because practicing under that philosophy really goes against our principles."

"It's a principle that's been around for a while," said Mary Knowles, head of the NIHB's Pacific Region Benefit Program. "We only have limited funds available, and in a mouth where a tooth is broken down, how far do you go in putting money towards it?" she said. "Before I first started here I didn't think it was that great of a plan, but it's a terrific program that looks at each individual and where they are in terms of taking responsibility for their own dental health."

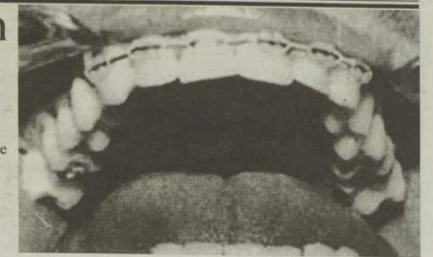
"It's an extremely frustrating plan to deal with. From an administrative point of view we have more problems with that plan (NIHB) than with all other plans combined," said Sperber. "As of September of this year, no patient will be covered unless they sign a waiver [allowing NIHB to examine personal dental information previously protected under patient privacy rights]," he said. Sperber objects to how NIHB administrators can come into any dentist office

and look into records that are supposed to be protected. Only the College of Dental Surgeons is mandated to perform in-depth evaluations of patient

records, and any concerns, objections, or audit requests go through that professional organization.

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In most third-party dental insurance programs, you are entitled to a tooth saving root canal procedure whether you take great care of your teeth or not. For a service to be denied because a person doesn't floss as much as they should is too subjective, many patients argue. "You can function with less than 32 teeth in your mouth and maintain form and function," said Regional Dental Officer Jim Rogers. "Most people with insurance plans have a certain commitment to the care that is being given by virtue of having to contribute a certain amount [of money] to the care that they're getting. First Nations people don't do that. Because finances aren't discussed with the patients in the chair, there are a lot of treatment plans that are



provided that don't really take into consideration whether the client is able to care and maintain the work that is being provided by the dentist," he said. According to the Indian Health Policy (1979) that created NIHB: "The Federal Indian Health policy is based on the special relationship of the Indian people to the Federal Government. It recognizes the circumstances under which many Indian communities exist, which have placed Indian people at a grave disadvantage compared to most other Canadians in terms of health, as in other ways. Policy for federal programs for Indian people, (of which the health policy is an aspect), flows from constitutional and statutory provisions, treaties and customary practice. The Federal Government recognizes its legal and traditional responsibilities to Indians, and seeks to promote the ability of Indian communities to pursue their aspirations within the framework of Canadian institutions."

The NIHB Information Booklet says "the NIHB Program is a national health benefit program. The program provides a range of health benefits to meet medical or dental needs not covered by provincial, territorial, or other third party health plans".

Career Opportunities - q^wi-cah-ta-mis

Make Children First Aboriginal Community Facilitator

The Make Children First Initiative is looking for a positive, community minded individual to implement and enhance the First Nations Strategy for communities including and surrounding Port Alberni. The successful applicant will be involved in representing and promoting the Make Children First Initiative and its goals and philosophies. This person will be working with First Nations community members and organizations within the areas of our region.

Position Summary:

To provide support, information, and assistance to the Make Children First Network as a First Nations Community Consultant. The position is a one year contract with the Port Alberni Friendship Centre, under the direction of the Make Children First Aboriginal Committee.

The successful candidate will be contracted to work up to thirty hours per week (0.8 FTE). There will be a budget for pre-approved travel and expenses. Qualifications: Education and Experience:

The successful contractor will have:

- Experience and knowledge in the fields of Early Childhood, Social Services, Community Development, or Health Promotion.
- Demonstrated ability to work with community agencies and service providers
- Demonstrated knowledge and experience in working with First Nations children, families, communities, and service providers.
- Familiarity with community Health, Family and Child Services.
- Knowledge of First Nations Governmental organizations
- Demonstrated awareness of First Nations teachings.
- Demonstrated ability to facilitate groups.
- Demonstrated ability to work within a budget.

• Hold current drivers license and have access to a reliable vehicle to use for work. Please submit covering letter, resume, and the names of three references by 4:00 p.m., Friday March 14, 2003 to: Cyndi Stevens, Port Alberni Friendship Centre, 3555 4th Avenue, Port Alberni, BC V9Y 4H3

For more information please contact Cyndi Stevens at 723-8281 or Tracy Smyth at 724-1281 loc 6570, Email stevens@alberni.net or tracy.smyth@cvhr.bc.ca

Central Region Chiefs approve New Building

By Denise Ambrose,
Central Region Reporter

Tofino - The Central Region Chiefs met at Tin Wis on Friday February 14th to discuss many issues, amongst them, the new Central Region Administrative Building.

Architect David Spearing was on hand to present his firm's conceptual drawing of the building that will be located near Tin Wis resort on Tla-o-qui-ah traditional territory.

The Chiefs approved the conceptual drawings opening the door for the architects to go the next step, the design stage.

The proposed building would house the Central Region administration, Ma Mook Development Corporation and its many subsidiaries, Iisaak Forest Resources Ltd, and Tla-o-qui-ah First Nations Administration. "Provided there are no

delays the building could be completed by the end of August, 2004 at an estimated \$5 million," said Spearing.

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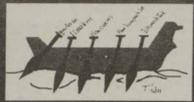
In other business, the Chiefs appointed their NCN members to the Central Region Board. The terms of the past board members expired December 2002. The board members are: Guy Louie, Ahousaht; Richard Lucas, Hesquiaht; Simon Tom, Tla-o-qui-ah; Bert Mack, Toquaht; Bob Mundy, Ucluelet; and Anne Atleo of Ahousaht will serve as CRB Co-chair.

The chiefs are gearing up for the next round of Interim Measures Extension Agreement, a Bridge to Treaty to begin next year. Central Region Co-chair, Nelson Keitlah says the province has yet to appoint their members to the CRB.

This round of negotiations will be the fourth between the Chiefs and BC and it represents the first time the BC Liberals will negotiate the IMEA.

Family Ties - Ucluelet If you are pregnant or have a young baby, come visit our exciting program! We offer weekly drop-ins with topics and guest speakers of interest to new parents. As an expectant mom, you can receive individual counseling and free nutritional supplements. **Where?** Family Ties, Davison's Plaza, Ucluelet. **When?** Every Tuesday from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. **How?** Drop in or call: Sarah Hogan (Outreach Counselor) 726-2224 or Kelly Drabrit (Public Health) 726-4242.

Nuu-chah-nulth Healing Project



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Vancouver Urban Office:
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Vancouver, B.C. V6A 1P5
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Fax: (604) 254-7919

Upcoming Events

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
Vancouver Support Group Meeting	2nd & last Monday 6 pm - 9 pm	Vancouver Aboriginal Ctr 1607 E. Hastings St.
Women's Support Group Meeting	2nd & Last Thurs/ea.month 6 pm - 9 pm	Vancouver, Aboriginal Centre 1607 E. Hastings St.
Support Group Meeting	2nd & last Tues. of each month @ 6 pm	Campbell River, 228 S. Dogwood St. St. Peters Anglican Church
Cultural Night <i>Storytelling, Language, Singing, Dancing, Crafts, etc.</i>	Last Thurs of ea. month 7 pm	Nanaimo, 204 - 96 Cavan St.
Support Group Meeting	2nd & Last Tuesdays 6 pm	Victoria, 853 Fisgard St.
Elders Luncheon	Once a month	Victoria, Date & Time To be announced
Support Group Meeting	Last Mon. of ea. month 6 pm	Duncan, Hiiye'ya Le Lum Native Friendship Centre, 205 - 5462 Trans Canada Highway

For more information contact Nuuchahnulth Healing Project Staff: Vina Robinson @250-731-6271, Michael McCarthy @ 604-254-9972 or 604-312-8539, Shawn Sinclair @ 250-616-3674, Gerald Kiesman @ 413-7303.

THE NUU-CHAH-NULTH HEALING PROJECT WE HAVE MOVED!

Main Office only/Southern Region) Our new address is:
5120 Argyle St., Port Alberni (Next to United Carpet).
Our mailing address will remain PO Box 1383, Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 7M2. Phone: (250) 724-3233 - Fax: (250) 723-6010.

ADOPTIVE HOMES REQUIRED

Usma Nuuchahnulth Family and Child Services Program, in partnership with Ministry of Children and Family Development, is seeking an adoptive home for 2 siblings (ages 5 and 6 years of age) from the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations. Both children are healthy individuals and both are social children. An understanding of the effects of prenatal alcohol exposure, behavioural management, and the ability to work with children that may have attachment issues is an asset. Please contact Donna Lucas for more information at (250) 724-3232 or at our TOLL-FREE NUMBER 1-877-722-3232.

Healing Project hosts conference in Central Region

By Denise Ambrose,
Central Region Reporter

Tofino- The Nuuchahnulth Residential School Healing Project hosted a two-day conference on February 13 and 14. With more than 50 people in attendance facilitators led the conference under the theme, 'Haa? aksap t'im'aq sti' or 'Finding our inner strength'.

Welcomes and opening prayer were offered by Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations, whose traditional territory the conference was held on. The several facilitators and support people were introduced followed by introduction of the participants.

Workshops were offered geared to the exploration of cultural values and teachings of the participants. Intended to provide the participant with additional tools to aid in recovery from the trauma suffered at residential schools the workshops included Native art therapy, evaluation and self-care planning and sharing circles. Additionally, Kristie Moore invited participants to massages and reflexology.

"Our focus is on the Elders," said Mary Martin, "Because they are our most important resource on our journey to healing, they have so much to offer us." She added that support workers are looking to traditional teachings as a tool to regain our self-respect. "We are trying to meet the needs of all participants even though some are just starting on the road to recovery and some have been at it a long time."

Participants shared many personal reasons for reaching out for help. "I'm here to better myself, to practise

forgiveness in order to get on with my life," said one.

"...to make a better life for myself and my family," said another.

"...to learn to trust."

"...to learn to deal with my anger."

"...to learn the proper way to love."

"...to not feel alone anymore."

The conferences are held annually in each region but support workers are available year round to both residential school survivors and their families. One participant pointed out that she never attended residential school but the rest of her family did and it impacted her life.

How can you be a part of the SOLUTION to stop lateral violence? (Malicious gossip, put-downs)

- by not participating when people are talking inappropriately
- by not laughing when someone is laughing about someone
- catch my negative thinking before I talk

• when gossip comes your way the buck stops with you.

• let a person know that there is a lot of good in everyone and not to focus on little mistakes.

• teach yourself to breathe, inhale, exhale and never hold anything inside of you because it hurts you in the long run

• clear my mind before I speak

• listen to my children because they have to be heard

Residential School Healing Circle, "To acknowledge, heal and empower"

This group is open to both residential school survivors and later generations. The groups will be held at the Tofino office at 151 First Street.

Contact Mary Martin, Healing Project Support Worker at 725-3367 for further information.



'Nuu-chah-nulth Support Workers for the Central Region: Anita Charleson, Levi Martin, Mary Martin, Rick Sayers, Charlie Lucas, Kim Rai, and Agnes Martin seated.'

Commencing Monday, February 10th, the Victoria Urban Healing Project office will only be open on a temporary basis, until a new Urban Support Worker has been hired.

Groups and workshops will continue as scheduled, unless otherwise notified.

For further information please contact:
Vina Robinson, Urban Outreach Worker at: (250) 753-8567 or (250) 731-6271, or the main Healing Project Office at: (250) 724-3233.

Our apologies for any inconvenience.
The Healing Project extends our best wishes to Gerald Kiesman.

Suicide Awareness Workshop - Thursday, March 8th
NCN Healing Project Urban Office
#204 - 96 Cavan Street, Nanaimo, BC, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

This workshop will help individuals gain a better understanding of depression and how to support your family, friends and community. Outcome: to better understand and learn

- Indicators of depression and suicide
- How to communicate with someone who is depressed
- Awareness of community resources
- Strategies and resources to help ourselves overcome the traumas we have suffered

Contact: NCNHP Staff Vina Robinson (250) 731-6271 or Shawn Sinclair (250) 753-8567



Maama/Amash'

Mastitis —Plugged Ducts and Breast Infections

Submitted by Liz Thomsen, R.N., BSN

Maamas/Amash' is a beautiful gift a mother can give her baby. The support a father and family give the mother to Maamas/Amash' is a treasure for a lifetime. Maamas/Amash' is a motherly art passed down from our grandmothers. It is very natural, emotionally peaceful and is a powerful bond between a mother and her babe. However, there are times when a mother may suffer pain or illness due to mastitis, whether it is from a plugged duct or a breast infection. Mothers may become discouraged about breastfeeding and worried about herself and her baby because of the mastitis. Knowing what mastitis is, what causes it, and the treatment for it will help a woman through this difficult time and allow her to continue giving her baby the best nutrition available.

Mastitis refers to any inflammation of the breast, with or without fever, with or without a bacterial infection. A tender spot or lump in the breast but not having a fever is usually a plugged duct. A plugged duct is when the milk is not draining properly and has become inflamed. Pressure builds up behind the plug, thus causing inflammation. A tender spot or lump in the breast that is accompanied by a fever, and/or other flu-like symptoms (feeling achy, tired or run-down), may indicate a breast infection. Sometimes fever can be the result of the inflammation and not necessarily due to a bacterial infection. Breast infections usually occur only in one breast and often feel hot, they look red and swollen. Nausea and vomiting may also occur. Sometimes a breastfeeding mom may develop a breast infection when other members of the family have a cold or flu.

A plugged duct:

- Comes on gradually
- May move around in location
- The mother feels little or no warmth in the area
- The pain is mild and localized
- The mother feels generally well
- Her temperature is lower than 101 F (38.4 C)

A breast infection:

- Comes on suddenly
- Is localized
- The mother's breast is red, hot and swollen
- The pain is intense but localized
- The mother has flu-like symptoms
- Her temperature is 101 F (38.4 C) or higher

CAUSES OF MASTITIS

- Missed or shortened feedings- can leave mothers breasts too full.
- Sleepy baby may not effectively drain all milk from mother.
- Baby beginning to sleep thru the night. May feed lots during the day and then next to none at night causing overfilling of breasts at night.
- Supplementing baby with bottles increases the time between breastfeeding and therefore overfilling of milk.
- Over using a pacifier can decrease the amount of time to the breast. Just starting to use a pacifier for the first time greatly increases the risk of mastitis.
- Being too busy can distract mom and babe from breastfeeding.
- Baby drastically changing breastfeeding times (e.g. Teething)

TREATMENT

Treatment of mastitis consists of heat, gentle massage, and frequent breastfeeding. Applying wet or dry heat to the affected area and then gently massaging the area will help drain the milk in the plugged duct. Having a warm shower and/or applying hot wet cloths between feeds will help relieve pain. Massaging after taking a warm shower or following hot compresses is most effective for drainage. Using the palm of the hand and fingers with a gentle but firm pressure in a circular motion is effective in unplugging the duct. Breastfeeding or hand expression of milk following massage will also help to unplug the duct.

Breastfeeding baby frequently on the affected side is very important. Every two hours is necessary, even during the night when a plugged duct is suspected. Emptying the breast prevents overfilling and allows milk to keep flowing. Making sure baby has a good latch, where his or her mouth is wide open, will help to effectively drain milk and thus, assist in unplugging a duct. Varying nursing positions is also helpful in draining all the milk from the affected area. Wearing loose clothing and undergarments will ease some of the discomfort of a plugged duct and may prevent further episodes.

Rest is extremely important when a mother is experiencing a plugged duct or breast infection. Often mastitis is a sign that the mom is trying to do too much. Encouraging the mom to rest with baby will help to relieve a breast infection much quicker.

The mother should contact her doctor

Congratulations to Kathy Edgar of the Ditidaht First Nations!

Submitted by Liz Thomsen, R.N., BSN.

Kathy Edgar has won the 2002 weavers award at the Cowichan Weavers and Spinner's Challenge. This award is highly acclaimed in the spinners and weavers circle.

Kathy has been weaving with her mother, Francis Edgar, since she was a little girl. Francis too was taught how to weave from her mother. Kathy gives her mother credit and thanks her for all the help and guidance she has received from her mother with her career of basket weaving over the years. These ladies baskets are absolutely beautiful. Francis started weaving at the age of six and continues almost daily. She still goes out and gets her own grass and cedar bark to make her baskets. She truly is an inspiration to us all.

It is a joy to visit this mother and daughter pair on my community nursing visits. Francis is now 76 and Kathy is 42 years. Kathy started to weave at the age of 12 and today considers weaving her profession, which she passionately loves. Francis now tells her daughter that she "must learn to finish the edges now", telling her daughter that, "one day I won't be here to do this for you anymore". Francis comments, "We



must enjoy and make the best of each moment we have". Francis also wishes that there were more young people who would basket weave and carry on this tradition but she acknowledges that, "Our lives have changed and many of the young women must now work to help support their families. I am proud of Kathy for carrying on with basket weaving. She knows how to get the materials for weaving; I just have to get her to finish her edges. I enjoy teasing her about this and tell her, come on you can't dig me up when I am gone".

immediately if experiencing any of the following symptoms.

A cracked nipple with signs of infection Pus and blood in the milk Red streaks from the site of the infection back into her breast Sudden and severe symptoms with no identifiable cause Fever or flu-like symptoms persisting longer than 24 hrs.

A plugged duct that is not relieved within a few days may need antibiotics. If mom has a fever for more than 24 hrs, she should be started on antibiotics as soon as possible. Completing antibiotic therapy as prescribed is important to prevent mastitis from happening again. If the antibiotic prescribed is not relieving the discomfort and no noticeable signs of the mastitis disappearing, it is important to go back to your doctor. You may need a different antibiotic. Seeking help from other women who have experienced mastitis, grandmothers in your community, your community health nurse or doctor is important. Mastitis can happen to every breastfeeding woman and can be emotionally upsetting. Having support from family and others helps the mother through this time. Just talking to someone who has had a similar experience makes us feel much better and committed to working through the discomfort. *Reference: The breastfeeding Answer Book, La Leache League of Canada*

PARENT-CHILD MOTHER GOOSE PROGRAM

Anyone interested in a 2-day Teacher Training Workshop to learn the skills and obtain the materials needed to offer a Parent-Child Mother Goose Program in your community?

The workshop will cover:

- The philosophy and objectives of the Parent-Child Mother Goose Program
- The material of the program, including
 - * **Rhymes:** many examples of good rhymes, how they fit into the program and how to teach and use them
 - * **Storytelling:** an essential part of the program: how to learn and tell a story-and enjoy it
 - * **Songs:** how to teach and use the songs you already know and love
 - * How to set up a group and how to run a session, from putting out the mats to saying goodbye

This workshop would be ideal for:

- Child care workers
- Infant development workers
- Early childhood development workers
- Anybody who is willing to co-facilitate the program

COST: \$30.00 (lunch & snacks provided)

WHEN: APRIL 10 & 11

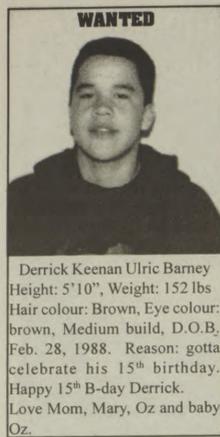
WHERE: PORT ALBERNI

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 13, 2003

(Payment must be received to reserve your seat)

For more information and a registration form please contact Ruby Ambrose, Infant Development Worker at 250-283-2012 or rubby@nuuchahnulth.org

****SPACE IS LIMITED SO REGISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE****



WANTED
Derrick Keenan Ulric Barney
Height: 5'10", Weight: 152 lbs
Hair colour: Brown, Eye colour: brown, Medium build, D.O.B. Feb. 28, 1988. Reason: gotta celebrate his 15th birthday. Happy 15th B-day Derrick. Love Mom, Mary, Oz and baby Oz.

For March 8th. Happy Birthday to my Dad (Alex Short) and March 12th to my brother Frank Short.

To Christina Jack on March 16th Happy Birthday from Auntie Roberta, Cuz Gloria, Marley and Daniel.

Happy Birthday to my Honeybun, Allen Dick and many more to come. I hope you have fun. I love you now and forever! Love always, Robyn Melanie Frank.

Feb. 25 - to my niece Dawn Marie John, Happy Sweet 16th Birthday! Your dad is thinking of you always. Many more to come Dawn and enjoy your day. From the John and Mattersdorfer family. Your truly relatives.

Happy 7th Anniversary to my darling husband, Feb. 24th, it's been so long that we've been together. But I want to let you know that you're a good man! You touch my heart when you talk to me. You make me feel special, when you make me nice cards. You are the best father, and dad for our children. I love you so much my darling husband. Happy 7th Anniversary! Love from your wife Mrs. Carol Mattersdorfer.

My Father is so special. On this day Feb. 23. Dad, you are so special to me. I just want people to know how precious you are to me... I love you so much more another year. I don't know what I would do without a special dad like you! Because you are so caring, understanding and you are always have time to talk to me dad. Thanks for been there for me today and every day. Have a better day and Happy Birthday! Love from your daughter Carol Mattersdorfer.

Happy 17th Birthday to Chief Thomas Jr for Feb. 16. Many more to come there my nephew. Love auntie Carol Mattersdorfer.

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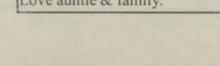
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Happy b-day Clara Love you March 25. From Mommy!

Happy belated grandson Chucky Feb. 24. Love you lots. Love grandma Lou.

Birthday wishes to: Sonny Boy - Richard Dick Jr. Feb. 28th. Love auntie Luxy.

Kyle Erickson Happy Birthday Feb. 25th. March 1st Happy Birthday Bruce Sam, March 7th



Happy belated birthday Angela on Jan. 12. Feb. 21 - Happy Belated Birthday to John W. 26 yr. Love auntie & family.

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Congratulations, etc....!



I would like to wish my baby sister Samantha Fred a very happy 17th birthday on Feb.23. Happy 22nd birthday to my sister Amanda for March 2nd. Happy 12th birthday to Paula Watts for March 19th. Lots of Love Farley.
Happy Birthday to my dad Gerry Fred Jr have fun in New Zealand (buy me something good). Happy birthday to Daddy-o for March 16th. Happy ?? Birthday to my mom for March 27th. Lots of love Chrissie.

For the record I would like to congratulate my cousin Geno John and Lila maintaining their healthy lifestyle. Sobriety for a whole year! So from me to you. From Carol Mattersdorfer your cousin.

To Jimbo Adams on his 6 week program in Alert Bay. Your looking good there Jimbo! Congratulations to you. From your relatives always the Mattersdorfers.

To you my dear cousin Regina Lynn Frank-Jimmy of Ahousat. She walked through trials of happiness for yourself and your kids. Congratulations on your journey in Kakawis. Love from your cousin the Mattersdorfers.

Happy 51st Birthday to my cousin Paul Frank Sr. He celebrated his birthday with his immediate family. Another year cousin, good to see you looking good. Love from your cousins Carol, Don and family.

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Happy belated birthday to Benson Nookemus on Feb. 24 (6⁹). Love Marvin, Michael, Lawrence, Pearl, Violet Tutube.

Sheyenne Fred Happy Birthday, March 8th Happy 60 Birthday to sister Anita. March 8th Happy 17th b-day Theresa. March 10th Happy 41st B-day Rita Marlene Watts. March 12th Leisa Fred Happy b-day. Love Gram Martha; Luxy, Mary, Derrick, Oz, and baby Oz.

Happy Birthdays to my twins....Hudson Stanley Savey Jr. & Tiffany Angeline John on Jan 7th...You are never forgotten my dears. I miss ya Tiffany... Love you Huddy...Happy Birthday to my sister Virginia Marie Thomas in Victoria...On Jan 14th...Love ya baby sista... Be good down there and give baby a kiss for me... Jan 29th, I would like to say happy birthday to Florence Billy. Take care. Jan 30, Happy Birthday Russell Arthur Michael Billy. Love ya son! Take good care of Gramma k? Jan 31, Happy 35th Birthday to a special Brother, Russell Arthur John, I love ya and don't you ever forget that! Feb 2nd, Happy Birthday to you... Happy Birthday to you... Happy Birthday dad (really my oldest brother) Timothy Constant John. I love ya forever. Love your baby sis, Dottie.

Feb 12th, hey... Listen up Cecelia Mary John has had a birthday that has passed and gone. Make her feel special up there in Ahousat folks. LOL. I miss ya baby sis. Be good and write or phone me. By the way tell everyone on the air that Dottie said hi. Specially our friend. LOL. Take Care...I'm here for ya sis! Feb 16th, Happy birthday to my niece, Cherie Chrystal-Lynne John. I still have the baby picture on hand of ya niecey. LOL. Love ya lots babe! Please give

Conratulations to my niece Devon on the arrival of baby. From Richie, Jenn & kids.

Happy Birthday to Auntie Georgie on March 6. With love from Richie, Jenn & Kids.

Happy Birthday to Gary Sutherland on March 10. From Collin, Jenn, Richie & Miranda.

Happy Birthday to my sister in law Christine Hanson on Feb. 20. From Richie, Jenn, Collin, Miranda.

Happy belated birthday on Feb. 16 - Josh - 4 yr; Feb. 15 - Dave Smith; Feb. 17 - Edna M. 18 yr; Feb. 21 - Happy 31st Anniversary to Ang & Roger Miller. Love Marvin, Michael, Lawrence, Pearl, Violet Tutube.

Happy Birthday to Phyllis

Destiny a big kiss and hug from gramma! Feb 16th, Happy Birthday to a couple of real twins (LOL. From the same mom.) Jack (Handsome) and Thomas (Dude). I hope that you read this. Kidding. You all take care of yourself and if I could I would give you a bear hug too. Your too fast for me....LOL... This was written by Dorothy Louise Savey (Otherwise known as Dottie) Yo.A.P.S. Happy Valentine's day to Phyllis Laverne Scott and to my hunny Hudson Stanley Savey. He is working very hard on himself and I am proud of your efforts hun. Stay strong. I am. Love always, Dottie.

March 2 - Happy Birthday Bucky! Many more to come. I Love you HUN! Love always, Stwab.

Happy Belated Birthday and Happy Valentines Day to my "Honey" Richie. With tons of love from your honey and kids.

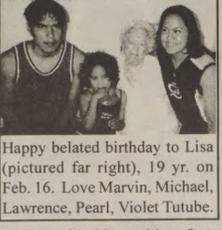
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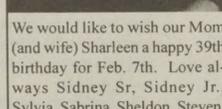
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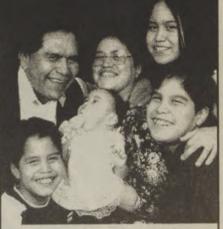
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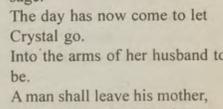
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Takin' it to the streets

Judy Sayers speaks on Bill C-7 in schools and churches

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

Port Alberni - Hupacasath Chief Councillor Judy Sayers is speaking out against the federal government's proposed First Nations Governance Act (Bill C-7) and taking her message to any groups willing to listen.

"Our idea of government is different from theirs and their paternalistic belief that they can do things better than us is just plain wrong," said Sayers.

"The governments are always trying to make legislative changes to rule our lives," said Sayers before a group of 25 students gathered in the cafeteria at North Island College. "Our idea of government is different from theirs and their paternalistic belief that they can do things better than us is just plain wrong," she said.

Sayers' talk was sponsored by the North Island College Student's Association, which also featured a video produced by the Six Nations Tribal Council called "A Call to Action".

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"The First Nations Governance Act is an insult," said Sayers, who spoke the night before at an Alberni United Church meeting. "It doesn't recognize us for who we are. We are governments," she said.

Letters

Dear Editor:

I was pleased to attend the signing ceremony for the timber sale licence of 265,000 cubic metres in TFL44 with the Huu-ay-aht and Uchucklesat bands on January 28th with Forests Minister Mike de Jong. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the signing ceremony with the Ditidaht and Pacheedaht bands in the morning.

The bands are all to be congratulated on the hard work that they have done with other partners to reach this resolution. It will benefit all the members of the four bands, as well as the community as a whole.

Sincerely,
Gillian Trumper, MLA
Alberni-Quilicum

FOR SALE!

The Whaling Indians:
West Coast Legends and Stories
Tales of Extraordinary Experience

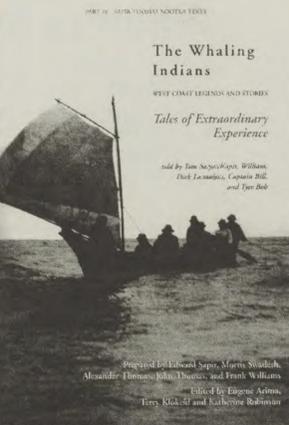
Told by Tom Sa:ya:ch'apis, William, Dick La:mah:os, Captain Bill and Tyeob Bob

Prepared by Edward Sapir, Morris Swadesh, Alexander Thomas, John Thomas, and Frank Williams

Edited by Eugene Arima, Terry Klokeid and Katherine Robinson

These "Tales of Extraordinary Experience" detail encounters with spirit-beings and other supernatural occurrences, as related by the Nuu-Chah-Nulth of Vancouver Island's west coast. The tales were recorded primarily in the area of Port Alberni between 1910 and 1923 by the famous linguist Edward Sapir and by his chief interpreter, Alexander Thomas.

They comprise Part 10 of a much greater twelve-part collection of Native accounts known as the "Sapir-Thomas Nootka Texts".



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In Memoriam - tatak'w ap

Lance Dean Ross (Mahoy)
Nov. 26, 1956 - Feb. 25, 2002



Remembering the time we spent together
Is so fresh in my mind
Our whispers of love are tucked deep in my heart

Our dreams are no more
Your love for children, family and friends
Will carry through year after year
The pictures that are hung hold onto memories.

We went through a lot of ups and downs together.
Giving the strength that you carry was relieving.
Giving the love you've showed us was so comforting.

You carry no more pain
There is no more anger
You are peace
When I look up at the stars I will think of you

Remembering...
Shoot for the moon
But if you miss

At least you will be amongst the stars.
Forever a piece of my heart
Missing you lots
Xoxoxoxo Luxy

Lanny

One year has come and gone
We all miss you so much "Chief"
You said you would get better
You promised
You said you would not leave
You promised
You said we would be a family
You promised
You said you would take care of us
You promised
You didn't even say good-bye
All our dreams are shattered...
Love you forever "Chief"
Xoxoxoxo Oz, Mary & Derrick
Ha kuna Matata Papa
(No worries) xoxoxo baby Oz.

A GOOD WOMAN

A good woman is proud of herself. She respects herself and others. She is aware of who she is. She neither seeks definition from the person she is with, nor does she expect them to read her mind. She is quite capable of articulating her needs.

A good woman is hopeful. She is strong enough to make all her dreams come true.

She knows love, therefore she gives love. She recognizes that her love has great value and must be reciprocated. If her love is taken for granted, it soon disappears.

A good woman has a dash of inspiration and a dabble of endurance. She knows that she will, at times, have to inspire others to reach the potential the Great Spirit gave them.

A good woman knows her past, understands her present and moves toward the future.

A good woman knows the Great Spirit. She knows that with the Higher Power the world is her playground, but without the Great Spirit she will just be played with.

A good woman does not live in fear of the future because of her past. Instead, she understands that her life experiences are merely lessons, meant to bring her closer to self-knowledge and unconditional self-love.

I dedicate this to the women who have inspired me throughout my years. Thank you for making me the woman I am today. You are all embedded in my heart, as this is our strength.

Especially to my Auntie Phyllis. March 9th would have been her birthday, her encouragement in my growing years taught me how to be a good woman. Thank you Auntie, I will cherish our memories and never forget what you have taught me. Your strength has always been a part of me. I love you and I miss seeing you, but I know that you are always with us. I will listen for your voice in the wind, and feel your warm arms wrapping around me when I need comfort. I will look for your gifts within my heart, the gifts that you have left me of strength, wisdom, and guidance. Rest easy with all that are with you and I will see you on the next level of my journey.

By Gina Pearson (Watts)

Want to wish someone a happy birthday or happy anniversary?
Want to share that great poem you just wrote?
Want to recognize someone special who has passed on?
If you tell Ha-Shilth-Sa, we'll tell EVERYONE!!
Contact names, numbers and e-mails are listed on page 2.

Announcements

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Attention Nuu-chah-nulth membership...

- ◆ Please notify your First Nation if you have any events that happen in your life such as Marriage, Divorce, Birth, Death, Name Change and especially "Transfers".
- ◆ Submitting these documents to the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council office is just as important as submitting these documents to your First Nation.
- ◆ Being on the D.I.A. list does not mean you are on your First Nation's Registry Band List, you must apply for Band Membership.
- ◆ Your First Nation needs your current address and phone number so they can contact you regarding Treaty developments, letters and bulletins.
- ◆ First Nation phone numbers and addresses are listed below for your convenience.

Ahousaht

(250) 670-9563 Fax: (250) 670-9696
General Delivery Ahousaht, B.C. V0R 1A0



Ditidaht First Nation

1-888-745-3366 Fax: (250) 745-3332
PO Box 340 Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 7M8

Ehattesaht

1-888-761-4155 Fax: (250) 761-4156
PO Box 59 Zeballos, B.C. V0P 2A0



Hesquiaht First Nation

1-877-232-1100 Fax: (250) 670-1102
PO Box 2000 Tofino, B.C. V0R 2Z0

Hupacasath First Nation

(250) 724-4041 Fax: (250) 724-1232
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Huu-ay-aht First Nation

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Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations

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Toquaht Nation

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Tseshaht First Nation

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Uchucklesaht Tribe

(250) 724-1832 Fax: (250) 724-1806
PO Box 1118 Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 7M7



Ucluelet First Nation

(250) 726-7342 Fax: (250) 726-7552
PO Box 699 Ucluelet, B.C. V0R 3A0



ATTENTION: AHOUSAHT ADDRESS UPDATES

Ha'wilt Pa Tuk Ahousaht will be carrying our several important projects in the very near future that require your input. In our attempts to keep Ahousaht informed and for creating opportunities for your involvement in the recent developments, your updated information is very important to our office. If you are over 16 years of age, please ensure that you have submitted your most current address.

You can submit your current information through any of the modes listed below.

E-mail: ahousahtreaty@alberni.net
Telephone: 1-800-991-1433 (toll free)
Mail: Ha-wilt Pa Tuk Ahousaht,
c/o Ahousaht Administration,
General Delivery, Ahousaht BC V0R 1A0

Please submit this information prior to March 7, 2003 to ensure you receive your current information from us. We will accept later submissions but they may miss our first mail outs.

Please notify your Ahousaht family and friends about this important matter. (especially if someone has recently moved or had their information changed in some way)

If you have any questions, please contact Jacquie or Robert. Thank you.

Career and Education Fair

Port Alberni Friendship Center
March 14, 9:00 am - 2:00pm

Door prizes will be drawn throughout the day!
Concession, hot dogs, donuts, pop, coffee and tea.
Contact Brenda @723-8281 for more info.

The KUU-US Crisis Line Society

has a few spaces left for children ages 10 to 13 years old who would like to participate in a structured program of learning and fun.

This program offers group events with the unique opportunity of building one on one partnerships between children and positive adult role models.

If you are a parent or guardian and would like more information on how to have your child apply for this program, please call the Crisis Line's Administration office at 723-2323, Monday through Friday, 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM. If your child does not fall into the age range stated, please don't hesitate to call, as the program will be offered at other times, and the age requirements may change.

As well, if you would like to find out how to become involved by volunteering a few hours each month to enrich the life of a child in your community, please call for information.

Choices Fundraiser Raffle Winners Announced

Men's Swiss Watch - (\$500 value) - won by Sharon Reyes
Double Size - Velvet Blanket - won by Myra Mack
Print by James Swan - won by Gordon/Vera Edgar
Draw Date was December 20, 2002

Also, Christmas Hamper was drawn December 20, 2002
won by Lisa Morgan

Thank you for your support!



Attention Members of
Chemainus First Nation,
Cowichan Tribes, Halalt First Nation,
Lake Cowichan First Nation, Lyackson
First Nation and Penelakut Tribe.

Your community is involved in Treaty Negotiations and you need to be kept informed! Please Contact the Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group Office and provide us with your mailing address so that you can receive vital information on Treaty Negotiations and the issues that face your community.

Phone: 1-888-987-3289
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Email: htg-communications@shaw.ca
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Epidemic Alert! Obesity & Diabetes Increasing at Alarming Rates!

Usually when we think of epidemics, we think of mysterious infections that pop up unexpectedly around us.

In contrast, the epidemic of obesity and diabetes in this country is unfolding before our eyes in full view.

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Recently, experts report that as many as one-in-three Canadians had insulin-resistant syndrome, putting them at high risk for diabetes. Measuring one's waist circumference can indicate whether you are at risk: men greater than 40 inches, and women greater than 35 inches are at increased risk. So, what is behind these epidemics?

Regarding obesity, we have clearly

become much less active over the past several decades. Be it labour saving devices, or our love affair with the car, studies show that the amount of exercise we get has slowly declined. This decrease in physical activity involves both the young and old. Most experts feel that our per-person food intake has increased as well.

Yet, when you look at the rapidly growing fast-food business, it is hard to imagine that our food intake has not increased.

What about diabetes - why is it increasing?

Again the research is clear. Obesity increases the risk of diabetes 1,000 to 2,000%! A lifestyle without enough physical activity also increases the risk of diabetes. Three research studies have shown that regular exercise and weight loss will reduce the risk of developing diabetes by 50%.

Are these epidemic really alarming?

Big time! Diabetes and obesity markedly increase the risk of coronary artery disease of the heart, the number one cause of death in this country.

Also, the cost of managing diabetes and obesity with their complications is enormous.

So, how do we as individuals reverse these epidemics? Setting goals for ourselves in the areas of exercise and diet are very helpful. Regarding exercise, new research says that our goal needs to be one hour per day! It would be hard for all of us to reach one hour per day, so start at 15 minutes three times a week and increase slowly.

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Regarding what we eat, it is advised that we increase the amount of fruits and vegetables and decrease our intake of fats as well as our portion sizes. Down with "super size"! Strive to reach a health weight; even a 10-pound weight loss can be very helpful.

If we burn up more calories that we take in, we will lose weight and become more fit. The biggest challenge is just getting started and making those first small steps toward the goals one has set for themselves. Good luck as you consider making positive changes in your life.

"Traditions are a big part of my culture. Unfortunately, so is diabetes."

Bernie, First Nations counsellor

HELP SOMEONE YOU KNOW. CALL 1-800-BANTING

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25 Years Ago in Ha-Shilth-Sa

Vol. V, No. 1

March 9, 1978



Debbie Foxcroft and Tse-shaht Chief Adam Shewish present cheques totalling \$1700 to Hughie Watts who received the cheques on behalf of the West Coast District Council. The donations go into the Districts Land Claims fund.

P.A.F.C. News

February has been a busy month so far at the Friendship Center. On Valentine's Day we had our annual **Variety Club Fundraising Luncheon** to support the Variety Club Telethon. We raised \$300.00 for the kids!

We also had a **Valentine's Raffle** to raise money for the Elders' activities. Aliza Sam won the beaded heart necklace made by Amy Barney. Ray Samuel won the gift basket, and Joanne Touchie won a \$10.00 gift certificate to the Paramount Theatre.

The First Nation Youth Resources team was busy making and selling "Love-grams". Each "Love-gram" containing a helium balloon, card, and candy was hand-delivered by the FNYR team. They raised over \$140.00 for youth activities.

Thank you to everyone who helped make these activities a success!

Ralph Edgar and his family shared traditional songs and culture at the **Elders' Lunch** on February 18. About 50 people gathered together for a delicious lunch made by John & Amy Barney. Thank you to Ralph and his family and to John and Amy for making the Luncheon so enjoyable.

On January 29 seven people attended the first **Elders' Gathering 2003 Fundraising Committee Meeting**. It was held at the Friendship Center at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of these meetings is to raise money to send Elders to the

2003 Elders' Gathering in Vancouver, B.C. on August 20, 21, 22. If you are interested in attending these meetings, or would like a copy of the minutes from the meeting, please contact the Center at 723-8281 (ext.235). The next meeting will be held on February 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the Friendship Center.

Some of the activities coming up this week at the Center are as follows:
Tuesday, February 25
Elders' Card Afternoon
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Come on down and play a game of Crib or Rummy with friends. Snacks will be provided.

If you need a ride, call Ina at 723-8281.

Thursday, February 27
Children's Activities
Ping-Pong 3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Youth Workshop - Independent Living Skills - Part 4 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Youth Drop-In 7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Ninayska-ha: Baby Welcome
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. P.A.F.C.
Thursday, February 27
Fund-raising Luncheon at Knee-was House
12:00 noon \$ 5.00 per plate
Fish, fried bread, potatoes, peas, onions, chumus, tea & coffee
All proceeds go to send Elders to the Elders' Gathering

The P.A. FRIENDSHIP CENTER will be CLOSED on
Friday, February 28 and Saturday, March 1 for Nuu-chah-nulth Day in lieu of Aboriginal Day in June

Some of our ongoing programs and activities are as follows:
Adventures in Sobriety
Crafts Support Group Every Thursday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Bring your projects & work on them in a warm, welcoming, sober environment. For more information call Gord Fuller.

Free Tutoring Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. Registration forms are available at the front desk. For more information call Cheryl at 723-8281

Klecko's - ʔekoo

To All Nuu-cha-nulth members:

I would like to start thanking the creator for the voice I was given to sing and dance. I'm from the Hesquiaht Nation. My Indian name is qua-ukts-que (grand nephew). The name came from my grandfather's uncle.

First I would like to start by saying "thanks" to my relative Pat Charleson Sr. for teaching me all the Hesquiaht songs. It wasn't easy at all. We had a lot of fun, sometimes there would be just the two of us at P.A.F.C. and who better to have as a teacher and leader. He always took time to teach us, no matter what. I have a lot of respect for Pat and his family because my late father Frisco always told me where our family roots were. I was thankful that I got to learn from all our elders who passed on such as grandpa Hip, Alex and Paul Amos, Louie Sabbas Sr., Uncle Hip, Pat Sr., uncle Charlie, my late dad Frisco, my cousin bull-hunter Sr and your family and Hesquiaht Band. Also, my other relatives from Yuquot for teaching me all grandpa and grandma Ada songs.

It wasn't easy at all again. Thanks Uncle Jack and late uncle Mustang, auntie Mary. I can never forget you and your family cuz Marge & Brian Amos, Rick Johnson, Billy Williams, all siblings from Johnny and Ada Williams always have you guys all. Last but not least, my relatives from Ohiat for allowing me to sing and teach with you guys especially teaching you the Nookemus songs and dances.

Thanks go to uncle Ben and Hilda Nookemus for always "helping" me and my family out. My good friend your highness "Pope Sr" for allowing me to sing with you guys. My grandmother Ada was sister to Edward Nookemus so that's why you see me singing with Ohiats.

There is other people I have to thank also Randy Frank and family, my relatives the Curly's I enjoyed listening to you guys sing and dance. Keep it up. Johnny McCarthy and Ucluelet good songs, don't stop. Friends, cousins Kelly John people of Kyuquot, Tseshahts, Nelson Keitlah and family, Tim Sutherland and family Ahousahts.

I'd like to take this time to thank the Ahousaht First Nation, Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation, Huu-ay-aht First Nation, the Port Alberni Warriors, P.N.A. Workers, Frank Hunter Company, I'll always remember your kindness, the help that you lovingly shared, the help that you willingly offered, being there to support my family in our darkest hour. There was so many, many people that held us up, during the most difficult time in our lives. I'd also like to thank all the ones that phoned and sent cards, from Vancouver, Victoria, Nanaimo, Campbell River, Espranza, Alert Bay, Gold River, Lillooet, Port Alberni, Bella-Bella, Tofino, New York and Texas. Your words of caring and concern was very uplifting. Thank you for sharing your fond memories of my son with us. Rick Lindholm, thank you for officiating the service. Greg Louie and Greg Titian for standing up to do the eulogy. Louie Frank Sr and Lee Louie for singing those beautiful songs and the ones who did the wonderful work on the hymn sheets. I'd also like to thank all the volunteers that worked so many long hours at the Thunderbird Hall, so we could have the service there. Thank you all the ones that cooked for my family and the ones

Uncle Bob Thomas for also helping me and my family love you uncle for that, I will never forget. My grandfather Johnny Williams was brother to uncle Bob's mother.

Thanks to Willard Gallie Sr and to Ha-Ho-Payuk School for giving me a chance to work with the whole school teaching dances to grade 1 - 6. I cannot leave out my family April, Stephen Jr, Lareina, my Squamish queen Lakisha Norma Rose Lewis. Me and April been together for going on 24 years. Thanks.

Then there is my older bro Paul Lucas Jr. I enjoyed dancing with you big bro, Ben & Boogh for listening to me, singing together and finally to my one and only sister Marilyn Rose Lucas.

I'm retiring early because I want to see take care of Lakisha and look after my health. I didn't tell no one I had an operation a few years back so I would like to live longer.

Please respect my decision, which it was not easy at all. It's my choice not anyone else. Maybe I should have a retirement party eh? Oh, I can't forget my other cousin Tim and Monica Paul for letting teach your family you a song dances and my late nephew Clutch who was always there where we wanted to sing.

Also my good friend Art Thompson and family, Nitinaht tribe. Also Charlie Cootes (step-brother) and your brother's sisters for accepting me as your bro. Klecko Klecko.

Could I have some answer back from each one I mentioned. Thanks. If I missed anybody it was not my intention.

See you some day until then God bless you all. Keep it up because culture is our medicine and strength. It's not the booze and drugs we last remember.

Does anyone have any pictures of my late Mom Daisy Lucas, (from Johnny & Ada) if so could you please send me one. I always think of my late Mom. Chu Phone me at home 723-4016, 3895 - 11th Ave, Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 4Z2. Retirement party maybe March 15, 2003, location not decided yet.

that set up the hall, for the meals and the service. Thank you very much to the boat owners that brought family and friends to Ahousaht, and the ones that offered rides for people who came over the highway. Louie Frank Sr thank you for letting us use "Miss Jeannine F" to bring our boy home. Also to the men that looked after the grave. The pain and suffering we feel is shared in so many ways, by those who care, I know my son was loved and was very special in the eyes of all, memories will always remain in the hearts of all who care. Thank you once again for holding us up when we needed you. Take that time to hug and say, "I love you" or "I'm sorry" or "Please forgive me." If I knew it would be the last time, I saw my son, I'd hold him in my arms longer, and tell him how much "I love him." Hold your loved ones close to you, and whisper in their ear, how much you love them!

My handsome son, Irvin Cosmos Frank "JR" went on his journey October 19, 2002. May he watch over all of us with pride, forever in our prayers and hearts. Karen & Freddy Adams, Michael Frank, Magdalene & Margarita Frank, Ashley & Jordyn Frank, Nicolas, Kara Anna and James Adams, Earvin & Shanelle Frank.

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Community Events and Celebrations

Families of Shamrock Atleo / Alexander Sutherland / Douglas Titian/Edna Joseph

Hello Family Members, we have had one meeting about our upcoming reunion. The date has been set for **April 26, 2003 at the New Gym in Ahousaht**. We would like input from as many family members, please forward any info to my e-mail atleo@cedar.alberni.net or give us a call at Keith's 670-9614 or Anne's 670-9580 or Rebecca's 670-2390. We would also like to do a Family tree and would appreciate all info about your family, i.e. birth dates, marriages etc. Please let us know if you will be attending, so we can organize billets as well as boat rides from Tofino. We are all looking forward to this memorable event and hope to hear from you! Rebecca V.R. Atleo.

Mack Family Reunion August 2003!

The Toquaht Mack family is planning a reunion on the weekend of August 2003. It's been too long since we all got together. And would like everyone's input on our upcoming reunion. So far, we are aiming for the weekend in August and location will be Port Alberni.

We would like to gather, renew family ties and meet new family members. We need to connect! Any members from the late Chief Cecil Mack our late grandmother Jesse Mack please contact via email. Gjmack@hotmail.com or dgjmack@show.ca or you can mail me at: Gloria Mack, 65-4061 Larchwood Dr, Victoria, BC, V8N-4P1. Hope to hear from you soon! Lets get started!

Wedding Announcement

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Q'aaq'inakčis - taaktuufa - Joey Dennis' - Memorial

The family of q'aaq'inakčis - late Joey Dennis will be having a taaktuufa (memorial feast) to put to rest our mourning and celebrate the life he lived! We the Dennis/Haipee Family invite you all to witness the ceremonies/events we have planned for this special day. **Date: October 18 2003.** This is an announcement of the date only we will be going around to various First Nations to formally invite in a traditional manner. If you would like to suggest a good day for our family to visit your Community during the summer, contact uut-sii (Rob Dennis JR) Cultural coordinator Huu-ay-aht First Nation @ Work (250) 728-3414 or Toll Free 1-888-644-4555, Home (250) 724-0169. Or Email e_c_huuayahat_first_nation@hotmail.com euu ʔekoo - uut-sii-cultural coordinator H.F.N.

Thank You

On behalf of my sisters and I, we would like to thank all the friends and families who stood by us during the loss of our dear father Mark Mack. It has been a difficult time and having everyone's love near us has given us strength. We want to especially thank all those who spent time with us on our sides during dad's time in the hospital; also to all those who helped with the preparation for his funeral day & to all the cooks and helpers for the lovely meal prepared. We also would like to thank those who travelled from far away to be with us, and as well those who volunteered as pall bearers and honorary pall bearers for our father. Peace be with you and may God be with you all. Sincerely Naomi, Debbie and Betsy.

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From Kathy L. Mark

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Arts

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- 12:00 – 12:45 pm Lunch
- 12:45 – 1:00 pm Opening Ceremonies
(Welcome, Introductions, & Prayer)
- 1:00 – 2:30 pm Session 1 – a) Turning
the Table – Dakota (Cody) Morton, Host,
AV1240 b) Start "Preparing Yourself"
exercise (15 min.)
- 2:30 – 2:45 pm Nutrition Break / Net-
working
- 2:45 – 4:30 pm Session 2
– a) Complete "Preparing Yourself"
exercise (15 min.)
b) Networking, Strategic Partnerships,
Memberships – Elvina Baker, Manager,
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Saturday March 8th, 2003

- 8:30 – 9:00 am Breakfast/Networking
- 9:00 – 10:30 am Session 3 – a) Entrepre-
neur showcase – Naomi Horbatch,
Secluded Fitness Centre Owner/Operator/
Personal Trainer
b) "Creating a business" exercise
- 10:30 – 10:45 am Nutrition Break /
Networking
- 10:45 – 12:00 pm Session 4 – a)
Identifying Your Market – Dave Stevensen,
MBA, Consultant b) "Define your market/
customer" exercise
- 12:00 – 1:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00 – 2:45 pm Session 5 – a) Capturing
Your Market – David McCormick, MBA,
Alberni Valley Community Futures
b) "Marketing Strategy" exercise
- 2:45 – 3:00 pm Nutrition Break / Net-
working
- 3:00 – 4:30 pm Session 6 – Interactive
session – Finalizing Your Marketing Plan.
- 4:30 – 5:00 pm Networking / Set-up for
dinner
- 5:00 - ? pm Dinner / Entertainment –
Haahuupayuk School – Animal Kingdom
Presentation

Sunday March 9th, 2003

- 8:30 – 9:00 am Breakfast/Networking
- 9:00 – 10:30 am Session 7 – Overcoming
the Barriers – Connie Watts, Owner/Artist,
Chims Studios
- 10:30 – 10:45 am Nutrition Break
- 10:45 – 12:00 pm Session 8 – Financ-
ing – NEDC Youth Program – Caledonia
Fred, NEDC Youth Business Coordinator/
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- 12:00 - ? pm Lunch / Closing
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