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Treaty defeat looms large over process

By Debora Steel
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Prince George—History has caught up with the BC Treaty Process, said Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, president of the Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs (UBCIC).

The rejection of the Lheidli T'enneh final agreement in a community ratification vote on March 30 highlights the inadequacies of the negotiating mandates of British Columbia and Canada, he said.

The treaty process springs from the 1986 Comprehensive Claims Policy, which pre-dates the Supreme Court of Canada decisions in Delgamuukw, Haida, Taku and Mikisew, among others. These decisions raised the standards of the requirement to recognize, accommodate and reconcile First Nations' title interests.

"All of those Supreme Court decisions have brought greater clarity to our Aboriginal title, insofar as the proprietary interests in the land and resources in our territories," said Phillip. By contrast, the 1986 Comprehensive Claims Policy does not recognize title, so it doesn't equip the negotiators for Canada and B.C. to table substantive and credible offers, he said.

"I think for it to maintain any sense of viability, the process has to be revamped and restructured, and underlying policies need to be brought in line with current case law. That's absolutely essential that that happen if that process is going to survive."

The defeat of the Lheidli T'enneh final agreement looms large over the horizon, Phillip said.

"I think that the community members of Tsawwassen and of the Maa-nulth representative communities are going to really be under a lot of pressure when they have to make that decision on behalf of their children and grandchildren."

Lheidli T'enneh, Tsawwassen and the Maa-nulth First Nations are the first treaty groups in the process to make it to the ratification stage. Tsawwassen is expected to hold its vote in July.

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Debora Steel

Deal is done!

What's a handshake worth? In this case, it's worth \$1 million and an agreement between Hupacasath First Nation and the province of British Columbia to put the past behind them in order to concentrate on better days and an improved relationship in the future. Chief Councillor Judith Sayers and Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Mike de Jong put pen to paper to sign the reconciliation protocol on March 30 at the House of Gathering. (Story and more photos on page 5.)

Black mold remediation underway

By Denise August Titian
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Ahousaht—Some Ahousaht families will be displaced this summer while their mold-infected homes are renovated or demolished.

With a growing list of people complaining to Health Canada about black mold and health-related issues, Ahousaht leadership and representatives of the department of Indian Affairs (DIAND) agreed it was time to deal with the problem.

Black mold grows in homes that are poorly constructed or wherever water has a chance to accumulate. Mold needs

moisture to live and grow. Ahousaht housing manager Margaret Dick said, because we live in a temperate rainforest, mold is all around us.

Mold outside has little if any affect on us. It becomes a problem, however, when it is allowed to grow in the confined space of a home.

"The spores get released and when we breathe it into our lungs, we get all kinds of problems like headaches, nose bleeds, breathing problems, congestion and general illness," she explained.

Even worse, some people are allergic to the spores and can have severe reactions. Children and elders are at higher risk for health problems from to black mold.

Ahousaht Chief Councillor Keith Atleo

said they negotiated for and received \$207,750 from DIAND. The money was used to carry out a visual mold assessment and community drainage assessment.

Environmental consultant Jacques Whitford carried out the assessments, screening 116 of Ahousaht's 165 family homes.

Dick said many of the homes that were inspected showed up on a list of names maintained by Health Canada. These were people reporting they were getting sick from mold in their homes.

Stephanie Charlie and Asifa Sanji of Jacques Whitford traveled to Ahousaht to present their findings to the community.

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Girl training hard before she loses sight

By Denise August Titian
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Ahousaht—Imagine being born deaf but, in later childhood, gaining the ability to hear through new medical technology. Now imagine being born able to see, then learning you will lose your vision before you reach adulthood.

This is the reality for two young Nuu-chah-nulth girls afflicted with Usher Syndrome.

Usher Syndrome is an inherited condition that causes hearing loss that is usually present at birth or shortly thereafter. It also causes progressive vision loss caused by retinitis pigmentosa (RP). RP is a group of inherited diseases that cause night-blindness and peripheral (side) vision loss through the progressive degeneration of the retina, the light-sensitive tissue at the back of the eye that is crucial for vision.

Alicia Anne Seitcher, 11, attends Maaqtusiis School in Ahousaht. Tiny for her age, Alicia arrives at school every day with her thick glasses and cochlear device ready to learn. She takes special classes designed to help her learn the communication skills she will need as her condition progresses. She still has limited vision, but not for long. Alicia also suffers from another common problem associated with Usher Syndrome; a diminished sense of balance, as evidenced in her slightly unsteady gait.

Usher Syndrome is inherited or passed from parents to their children through genes. Both parents must contribute the mutated gene to the child before the

disorder is seen. Usually, parents are unaware that they have an Usher gene, because they would need two of the mutated genes in order to show signs of Usher Syndrome.

According to her education intervener, Lou Lefabvre, Alicia has no peripheral vision.

"It's like looking through a tunnel for her, and you must be about three feet away from her for her to see you sign or to read your lips," she explained.

Fortunately, Alicia has had cochlear implants (CI) for three years. The implants enable her to hear, but because she was born deaf, she needs to learn just what it is she is hearing. Having known nothing but silence, deaf people receiving CI find the technology daunting. Suddenly faced with a cacophony of voices and sounds, CI recipients often don't know where the sounds come from or what they mean.

According to the US-based National Institute on Deafness and other Communication Disorders, hearing through a cochlear implant is different from normal hearing and must be learned. It can eventually allow people to recognize warning signals, understand other sounds in the environment, and enjoy a conversation in person or by telephone.

Alicia and a cousin are brought together twice a month so that they may learn communication skills from each other. The older cousin also has cochlear implants and lives in the city. According to Lefabvre, the cousin doesn't have as much in terms of resources as Alicia.

Terry Seitcher, Alicia's father, says he



Alicia Anne Seitcher sits with her father Terry. The girl and her cousin have Usher Syndrome, and will both lose their eyesight before they reach adulthood.

thinks it is unfair that the two girls don't have the same level of programs and services.

"I would love to see them get the same for both because they both benefit," he said.

A hardworking team meets regularly on Alicia's behalf. The team, which includes language professionals, a social worker, family and community workers, has succeeded in lobbying the provincial government for funding for a summer education intervener and a community interpreter. Alicia also has a travel budget, which allows her to get to her appointments and to meet with her cousin.

A staunch advocate, Lefabvre has worked with Alicia for nearly five years. Although she says she loves working with Alicia, she has grown tired of fighting the system for services. She will resign before the end of April, leaving Alicia with her new interpreter, Chelsea Badger.

As Alicia approaches her teens, Lefabvre explained, she loses learning capacity. It is important that Alicia access services and receive stimulation as much as possible while she is still a child.

Another challenge that Alicia faces is her need for rest. Learning and physical growth require energy. Alicia must learn far more than the average child with the added task of mastering communication skills.

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Kleco! Kleco!

Maa-nulth leaders prepare for ratification vote

By Debora Steel
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Port Alberni—The defeat of the Lheidli T'enneh treaty ratification vote on March 30 near Prince George had people across Canada in an uproar, with Native and non-Native leaders alike decrying the treaty process in British Columbia as an utter failure.

Here in Nuu-chah-nulth territory, however, where the communities of the Maa-nulth Final Agreement are preparing for their own treaty ratification votes, you'd think the Lheidli T'enneh ratification defeat would be reason for real concern.

But you'd be wrong. "We have produced a final agreement based on the instruction and the

interests that come from our community members," said Mexsis (Tom Happyhook), chief negotiator for the Huu-ay-aht First Nations. "We went through a whole process from the onset of treaty negotiations to communicate and solicit input, and negotiating interests from our communities. And we had a check-list of those interests. So when we look at the final agreement and we go through that check-list, we realize that our negotiators have done a fabulous job in making sure that we have achieved what we need to bring a final agreement back to our community members."

His reaction then to the Lheidli T'enneh treaty defeat is no reaction at all. "We are just focusing on our treaty. We're focusing on our communications strategy, which is to make sure that every question that our members have is

answered." Vi Mundy, chief councillor of Ucluelet, said there have been comments made in her community about the Lheidli T'enneh vote, most focusing on feeling sorry for the negotiators who had put so much hard work into the treaty.

"They can just imagine how they must feel, because a lot of work and time went into this process," she said.

Mundy said the furor over the treaty defeat is not having a negative affect on how her community members are viewing the Maa-nulth Final Agreement.

"They have stressed over and over that they have given us, as the Ucluelet negotiating team staff, our mandate to negotiate a treaty that was made specifically for Ucluelet."

Still, her nation's communications team has been out meeting with young and old discussing the final agreement.

"We want to make sure that we get all of the information out so that they can make an informed decision."

Chief Councillor Charlie Cootes of Uchucklesaht said his team is even planning sorry for the negotiators who had put so much hard work into the treaty. "They can just imagine how they must feel, because a lot of work and time went into this process," she said.

There have been many outside interests criticizing the current mandates of the federal and provincial government negotiators. They are saying these treaties are not substantive and based on outdated policy, not current case law that sets out First Nations proprietary interests in the land.

Cootes counters those remarks by saying no stone was left unturned in the Maa-nulth negotiation in regards to what the courts have said.

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Chief wants treaty process brought in line with case law

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The Maa-nulth nations of Huu-ay-aht First Nations, Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles'et'h' First Nations, Toquaht Nation, Uchucklesaht Tribe and Ucluelet First Nation, plans to hold ratification votes in their respective communities in fall.

The Lheidli T'enneh final agreement required 70 per cent support from community members to pass. There were 273 eligible voters, but only 234, or 85 per cent, actually participated. The votes in favor of ratification numbered 111, missing the 70 per cent threshold by more than 50 votes.

Reaction to the defeat from Mike de Jong, minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, was widely quoted by the press across the country, and what he said was "absolutely insulting," said Phillip.

"The membership were asked to choose about going forward or not, and they made their decision," said de Jong.

"The membership has said 'No, we want to remain bound by the Indian Act in the way that we are'...I think the Indian Act has not served that community and others well."

Phillip said he wasn't impressed with those remarks.

"It was arrogant, it was paternalistic and condescending... We both know there are a number of First Nations—Squamish come to mind, the Osoyoos Indian Band, Campbell River—that are still within the parameters of the Indian Act and have highly successful economic programs, so to suggest that somehow that we are too slow to avail ourselves of this, so called, grandiose process is just really insulting."

The minister said there wasn't any plan to head back to the negotiating table with Lheidli T'enneh and the government would now turn its attention to the other ratification votes.

For their part, Phillip and the UBCIC have thrown their support behind the Unity Protocol, a group that has grown to about 60 tables representing 130 nations within the treaty process. The protocol "openly challenges the narrow and restrictive mandates of the BC Treaty Process," he said.

The Unity Protocol is a very significant development, said Phillip, given the fact that it originated within the treaty process itself. It stemmed from the First Nations chief



Stewart Phillip, president of the Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs.

negotiators' frustrations regarding negotiations.

"Quite frankly, there is no negotiation. Rather, there are an endless series of meetings where Canada and British Columbia take a 'take it or leave it' position. We have been pressuring both Canada and British Columbia now for a number of years to bring the comprehensive claims policy in line with current case law and they have absolutely refused to do that. They are very arrogant in their response. They say this is a voluntary process. If you don't like it buzz off. It's very much a gun to your head style of negotiating. It's grossly unfair, and that's why you don't see 150 First Nations communities lining up with final agreements in hand. I mean, this is 14 years out now."

Phillip said public perception is that the BC Treaty Process is going well, and with the Lheidli T'enneh defeat that myth is shattered.

A comment made by de Jong that 12 votes the other way and the ratification vote would have succeeded was nothing more than a ploy to mislead the public into thinking the vote was a near miss, said Phillip. In reality, the repudiation of the agreement was significant. It was anything but a squeaker, he said.

NDP critic Scott Fraser said the provincial Liberal government's handling of the situation left the public thinking the ratification of the treaty was a done deal.

"It was manipulative and premature and showed a lack of understanding of the process," said the MLA for Alberni-Qualicum.

The public relations campaign surrounding the treaty, with the ceremonial initialing of the agreement

last November—which "in reality was a photo op because the initialing had no legal significance," said Phillip—and a rally held on the Sunday before the ratification vote, which featured speakers from Tsawwassen and the Nisga'a territory promoting the agreement and describing it as an historic opportunity, was purely intended to influence a pro-ratification vote, he said.

Of the coming ratification votes, "My sense is that they are not slam dunks," Phillip predicted.

He said he had the greatest respect for the communities participating in the process.

"Certainly, they need to be commended for their commitment. It's the government of Canada and British Columbia that are negotiating in bad faith. It certainly isn't the First Nations people."

The Carrier Sekani, located west of Prince George, are on the cusp of withdrawing from the treaty process unless the province and Canada begin to negotiate in good faith, their tribal council chief says. The council represents seven bands and 5,000 people.

The council has racked up \$18.2 million in negotiating bills, with almost \$15 million in repayable loans, and has almost nothing to show for it, said Chief David Luggie.

Phillip predicts the province "is doing some pretty deep inward thinking at the moment."

Many are saying there is more to gain for First Nations from the New Relationship agenda of the Campbell provincial government than there is in a treaty process based on outdated policy.

Phillip has high praise for the words found in the New Relationship vision document, saying there isn't anybody who has read the document that isn't impressed with the language contained therein. But he is concerned the follow-thru has been lacking.

"We have expressed our misgivings and concerns about the New Relationship being long on rhetoric and short on tangible results."

Phillip has nothing good, however, to say about the attitude of the current federal government towards the Aboriginal agenda. The feds have been curiously silent in regards to the Lheidli T'enneh ratification defeat.

"The federal government, unfortunately, has undertaken a very adversarial and hostile position toward Aboriginal people in this country," said

Phillip.

"They have rejected the Kelowna Accord, which represented \$5.2 billion in new investment in Aboriginal communities in health, education, economic development and housing. They sided with Russia—one of the countries that has the worst human rights record—in voting against the draft declaration on the rights of Indigenous people. They are absolutely refusing to apologize for the residential school... making absolutely asinine statements to the effect that the intent was educational so therefore they are not obligated to apologize."

"You know there was absolutely no consideration for Aboriginal people in the 2007 budget, in spite of a \$9 billion surplus, and more recently we find out that the Canadian Armed Forces training manual makes reference to Aboriginal insurgents. So there's no question this government has been attacking the rights of Aboriginal people since it took power, and I don't see that changing."

Phillip said the Stephen Harper Conservatives, through a letter from Indian Affairs Minister Jim Prentice, has even threatened First Nations who are seen as troublesome.

"They said if we exercised our democratic rights of free expression and freedom of assembly, that [government] would order forensic audits into our respective organizations... I've been involved in Aboriginal politics for over 30 years and, you know, I've never seen a federal government so completely opposed to the Aboriginal agenda."

Now that the community has spoken, First Nations communities are rallying around the Lheidli T'enneh.

Michelle Corfield, vice-president of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council, said the Lheidli T'enneh have rejected a treaty that they believed wasn't in their best interests to accept.

"We respect that."

Guujaaw, speaking for the Haida Nation, said "We respect the decision and consider it no less important than any court decision on the topic of Aboriginal title. The leaders of the Lheidli T'enneh can hold their heads up as their challenge is our. Indigenous people across this land have got to be prepared to support and hold the Lheidli T'enneh safe and free from retribution and sanctions from the Crown."

Five houses scheduled to be demolished

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In their report they outlined preliminary results of their community black mold assessment, made recommendations as to which houses could be renovated and which ones should be demolished.

Dick said she's only received about 30 of the 116 housing recommendations expected from Jacques Whitford. But the assessments received so far are for homes needing immediate remediation, in the consultants' opinion.

Their priority list includes 20 homes in need of major renovations and 11 are slated for demolition. Ahousaht is aiming to negotiate federal funding to carry out five demolitions this year. According to Dick, the work carried out up to this point has been paid for from the first assessment instalment. She said DIAND expressed its desire to support Ahousaht in dealing with this serious health problem.

Atleo said Ahousaht is still negotiating with DIAND for funding to continue the work and they fully expect to renovate six homes this year. Preparations are underway as five storage containers lay waiting on the community ball field for people to store household contents.

Dick said five modular homes are expected to arrive in Ahousaht by the end of the month. These units will be

transitional homes to house the displaced families while renovations are underway. Because of the zero vacancy rate in the community, some people are being asked to temporarily move in with family during the construction process.

She praised Jacques Whitford for their willingness to help Ahousaht negotiate for funding. With the help of the environmental consultants, Ahousaht negotiators will soon present final figures to DIAND for the first round of construction. The negotiation process will be ongoing as more home assessments come in over time. Dick said the houses were inspected from top to bottom, not only for mold but for asbestos.

A known carcinogen or cancer-causing agent, asbestos was banned from building materials in Canada 15 years ago. Many of Ahousaht's homes are older than 15 years and small amounts of asbestos were found in some of the homes, particularly in the homes that have the old square tiles glued on with a tar-like material.

Contractors carrying out the demolition, said Dick, need to be made aware when they are dealing with asbestos removal.

Tenders are out for contractors and Dick said several will be hired so that



Photos by Denise August Titan

Left: Black mold grows in moist conditions and can cause serious health conditions. Above: Ahousaht is preparing to store household items while houses in the community are renovated or demolished to deal with the mold problems.

work can be done on all the houses at once. This will minimize the amount of time families are displaced.

Atleo said they have hit one stumbling block; how to dispose of the materials being taken out of the houses.

The landfill in Ahousaht is near capacity and cannot handle the additional burden. He hopes that Ahousaht and DIAND will soon find a solution.

If all goes well, work should begin by mid-June. Some of the contractors promised 70 per cent of their workforce will come from the community.

Health Canada inspectors will arrive in Ahousaht to inspect the furniture of those moving into new or renovated homes before they go into storage. Mold-infected materials will re-contaminate a new house.

Dick said if mold is found on household belongings, the home owner will be asked to dispose of the item. If they refuse, they will be required to sign a waiver to protect the band and the contractors if the house becomes moldy.

A mold awareness course will be made available, not only for people getting renovations, but also for anyone in the community who may be interested.

If you have black mold in your home you can minimize the problem until you can afford to renovate. Dick says once black mold is in your sheet rock, the only way to completely eliminate it is to cut out the offending material and replace it. One must deal with the moisture source when making the repair in order to keep the mold from recurring.

To clean mold you should wash the area with mild detergent or apple cider vinegar.

Many believe that washing with bleach will kill black mold. "Bleach makes it worse," Dick explained. While bleach will take the color out of mold, making it seem to disappear, it does not eliminate it.

"Mixing bleach with mold creates dangerous toxins that we breathe in," explained Dick.

Hupacasath, province reconcile past relationship

By Debora Steel
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Hupacasath—When Councillor Peter Tatooshe had his moment before the microphone to say his piece, he reminded Mike de Jong, minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, that his visit to Hupacasath on March 30 was not the end of a long road, but the beginning of a new one.

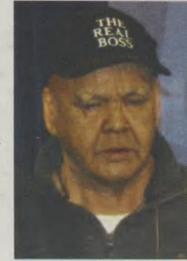
"Now the commitment is to keep it going," he said of the reconciliation protocol signed at the House of Gathering that day, a symbol of a new relationship of respect, reconciliation and accommodation between the government of British Columbia and Hupacasath.

"We are all here to stay," said de Jong about the philosophy behind the new relationship, a simple but profound statement that has taken far too long to realize. He said the protocol provided a framework that will assure the province and Hupacasath works together.

The protocol, said Chief Councillor Judith Sayers, was about "putting behind historical differences, the historical wrongs, so we can move beyond them." She said the province and the First Nation had a long way to go, but it was important to mark important achievements.

"We appreciate more than you can know the integrity and steadfast commitment" of the provincial premier and his ministers to ensuring the new relationship is a reality, said Sayers. She took note of the fact that First Nations were having to cope with a federal Minister of Indian Affairs, (Jim Prentice) who doesn't believe there is a need for more money for houses, clean water, health care and education for first peoples. Economic development, therefore, becomes so important to finding ways to become independent, "to have enough so we aren't always scrapping the bottom or making do," Sayers said.

To that end, the protocol provides \$500,000 for community and economic development. The dollars will be used to develop tourist services and facilities to be offered by Choo Kwa Enterprises, and other related community initiatives, as well as the Tsu-ma-as Transformation Centre.



Peter Tatooshe

The site at Victoria Quay where the welcome figures stand is an area of cultural expression by the Hupacasath and the future location of an interpretive centre, said Trevor Jones, chief executive officer of the First Nation. Hupacasath has done the groundwork within the larger community to scope out what will be reflected there, he said, and is now fundraising for the project. An announcement on the timeline for the groundbreaking is expected in summer, but Jones said the nation is hoping to be in construction this year.

There was \$50,000 for the development of a resolution process for natural resources issues, which will improve integration of Hupacasath and Crown interests in sustainable resource management.

Hupacasath also was on the receiving end of \$445,000 for the implementation of the Hupacasath community energy plan. This funding will support the development of a run-of-river hydroelectric project; the knowledge capacity in clean energy projects; and the implementation of energy efficient measures.

The funds, said Jones, allow Hupacasath to design its own sustainable building code, which will be developed over the next year. The code will set the class of building material used at Hupacasath, setting a benchmark for future construction. The intent is to come

reconcile—1. to cause to cease hostility or opposition. 2. to cause (a person) to accept or be resigned to something not desired. 3. to harmonize or settle (a quarrel, inconsistency, etc.) 4. to restore...to make good again, repair.

Source: The Random House College Dictionary



Minister Mike de Jong hands Chief Councillor Judith Sayers a cheque for about \$1 million as part of the reconciliation protocol signing ceremony on March 30 at the House of Gathering.

up with homes that are much more energy efficient and move the community toward the truer definition of sustainability, he said.

"[The funds] also allow us to do some energy upgrades to the homes," said Jones. "The homes that we are building right now will have in-floor radiant heating with ground-source heat pumps and high energy efficient windows... and metal roofs." These upgrades aren't typically covered off with Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation funding.

The run-of-river hydro project on Corrigan Creek is currently in development with permits being sought and environmental impact assessments being done.

"It's been modeled to produce close to

six-and-a-half megawatts of power annually. That comes out to about 24,000 gigawatt hours per year; enough power for about 7,000 homes at peak," Jones said. The power will be sold into BC Hydro's grid.

Sayers took the opportunity of the protocol signing to publicly thank the Minister of Energy and Mines, Richard Neufeld, for his support as the community moves forward on green energy.

Sayers also had a message for de Jong about the future. She presented him with a bear mask carved by Jake Gallic that she said was a gift to remind the minister that there was work beyond the protocol. He still had to come to an agreement with Hupacasath on treaty, she said with a smile.

Announcement



Margaret Eaton

Margaret Eaton is pleased to announce that she has become a Legal Assistant and is working with Scott Hall of Victoria. Scott is a lawyer who works with people who were at Residential School.

Margaret Eaton would be pleased to speak with you or any of your family members if you have questions about your Residential School Claim or your Residential School Counselling.

Margaret says: I am from Ditidaht First Nation in

the Nuu-chah-nulth area. My parents are Tony and (late) Evelyn Marshall, who both went to Residential School. I dedicate my work to my mother, who said everyone deserves to be happy. I am working closely with Scott, who is the lawyer for a lot of people who went to Residential School.

My passion is to help guide and support anyone who has attended any of those Schools. I have Western Education and teachings behind me.

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Internal re-adjustment on treaty issues

By Debora Steel
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Port Alberni—The leaders of the government of Ahousaht took the opportunity of the Nuu-cha-nulth Tribal Council (NTC) budget gathering March 30 to announce that the community would be re-evaluating their position in treaty negotiations.

Ahousaht has been at the treaty table for the past 14 years, said Nelson Keitlah, chief negotiator for the nation,

and are disappointed in the direction negotiations have taken.

The mandate is not there, said Keitlah about the negotiators for the federal and provincial governments. "They don't take us seriously."

He said the governments are only prepared to return five per cent of the territory that is being claimed by Ahousaht, which he described as a small, piddly, and ridiculous amount. He said there were a variety of issues



The government of Ahousaht stands as one as they make their announcement on March 30. The group is making internal adjustments to their treaty making position.

to take into consideration during the re-adjustment period, including the federal government's refusal to apologize to Native nations for residential school abuses; a position that could provide insight into the current government's attitude towards First Nations.

In a separate interview with Ha-Shilth-Sa, Union of British Columbia Indian Chief President Stewart Phillip, said that in his 30 years in Aboriginal politics, he

has never seen a federal government so opposed to the Aboriginal agenda.

"The federal government, unfortunately, has undertaken a very adversarial and hostile position toward Aboriginal people in this country," said Phillip.

Keitlah said negotiations hadn't all been in vain, with some gains made in the central region and Maa-nulth having initiated a final agreement that awaits a ratification vote.

News in brief

Indian Affairs Minister Jim Prentice says has promised he will improve Native housing as part of a focused effort to help Canada's poorest reserves.

"Certainly there is a need for housing, and there will be housing announcements in the days ahead," he said during a visit to Pikangikum, a serve about 300 kilometres northeast of Winnipeg plagued by suicides where most residents lack indoor plumbing.

The Ojibwa community will receive \$40 million over the next five years to connect it to the regional electrical grid, improve water and sewage services, and build up to 40 new houses and a new school.

Hydrocarbons were found in First Nations food sources near Hartley Bay, B.C., the week after the ferry Queen of the North sank 13 months ago, a confidential B.C. government document states. And Hartley Bay residents say fuel continues to "bubble up," spoiling their harvesting grounds and plans for eco-tourism.

"I want Hartley Bay to be the way it was," said band councillor Cam Hill. "It has to be cleaned up."

NTC nations discuss financial obligations for 2007/2008

By Debora Steel
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Port Alberni—Nuu-chah-nulth nation leaders met at the Italian Canadian Society Hall on March 30 to discuss the tribal council (NTC) budget for the upcoming year. T'seshah Chief Councillor Les Sam welcomed the nations into the territory to discuss the important business.

Pre-budget meetings had been held in the regions in the days leading up to the main budget gathering. There, Charlene Eng, NTC director of Finance, walked through the budget document for the smaller groups. On hand also for specific questions related to their departments were the NTC managers.

Highlights of the 2007/2008 budget include a slight increase of 1.696 per cent in the core funding under the Canada/First Nations Funding Agreement (CFNFA), which amounts to about \$421,500 over last year's budget.

The 2007/2008 funding increase is the smallest in core funding since the beginning of the existing CFNFA in 2003/2004. The 2006/2007 increase was 1.778 per cent. The average taken from the last four years is 1.797 per cent.

The registered Nuu-chah-nulth population increased last year by more than two per cent, according to figures provided to Ha-Shilth-Sa by the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Indian Registry Administrator Rosie Little.

On April 8, the *Winnipeg Free Press*

Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Vice-President Michelle Corfield, Executive Director Florence Wylie, President Francis Frank and Director of Finance Charlene Eng put their heads together to discuss details of the tribal council budget for the upcoming year.



reported that Indian Affairs Minister Jim Prentice had been warned in federal pre-budget briefing documents that the spending cap on Native funding is eroding basic services across Canada. The cumulative effect of the feds' refusal to keep up with both inflation and the increasing Native population shows that funding is down by six per cent from 1996 to 2006, or by \$300 million. The shortfall results in the erosion of on-reserve infrastructure, and health and safety issues, reads the briefing documents from November 2006 and February 2007. The price of not keeping pace also includes a risk of legal exposure to the feds, and the inability to match provincial standards.

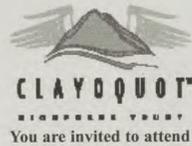
Prentice has argued that the problems on reserve can't be solved by pouring more money into First Nations communities. He says there is already upwards of \$10 billion being spent on Aboriginal issues.



Minister Jim Prentice

monies spent on items other than for services, including legal obligations like residential school compensation and land claim negotiations.

Liberal Indian Affairs critic Anita Neville accuses Prentice of misleading the public on this issue, by lumping in



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Tofino pay parking update

By Denise August Titian
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Tofino—An eight member committee is reviewing aspects of the pay parking issue in Tofino and will make recommendations to Tofino Council.

Concerns about introducing pay parking in Tofino have been raised, but according to Leif Peterson, District of Tofino administrator, the village will go ahead and install meters likely by the

end of June.

The eight-member committee represents various sectors of the community, including First Nations.

The committee meets on weekly basis.

Peterson said they are exploring all aspects of the issue, including location/types of meters, angle parking versus parallel parking and more.

Major recommendation should be known by the end of May.

Money raised from pay parking will go toward infrastructure and improvements in Tofino, like water supply.

Education programs includes practising with white canes

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"Sometimes she just shuts down," said Lefabvre, adding that is when they must take a break from their work because Alicia is overloaded.

She said it is very important that the girl receive a full night of undisturbed rest in order for her to be at her best at school.

Esther Robinson is Alicia's community intervener. According to Terry, it is her job to help Alicia learn vocal and social skills in the community. She also teaches Alicia life skills like cooking and sewing.

"She is doing a very wonderful job," said Terry, adding Alicia is becoming very attached to Robinson.

For the past year Alicia's education goals are to build her communication and reading skills. Presently, she is reading at about a Grade 1.5 level and is at a Grade 3 level with her math skills.

She made her first trip in late March to Vancouver with her cousin to learn how to guide and be guided as a blind person. Both girls practised walking

with canes.

Clearly proud of her student, Lefabvre says Alicia tries very hard and is eager to learn.

It has been a struggle lobbying government for funding to meet Alicia's needs. She acknowledged that the cousin received a much-needed computer; but it was an older one that is not suitable for the programs the girls need to run, and is therefore, useless as a learning tool.

Terry said Alicia would benefit from a new computer that would allow her to access learning programs on the Internet. The team has been trying for two years to get government funding for a computer, but to no avail. They are prepared to begin a fund-raising drive to get a computer before she loses her sight entirely. "We're trying our best to get all we can for her to have her well-prepared for when the day comes that she loses her eyesight," said Terry.

Currently, there is no cure for Usher Syndrome. The best treatment begins with early detection in order to begin education programs.

Timber Supply Review, Arrowsmith Timber Supply Area (TSA) Public and First Nations Review

You are invited to review and comment on the Arrowsmith Timber Supply Analysis Information Package as part of the Ministry of Forests and Range Timber Supply Review (TSR) Program.

This program will provide the BC Chief Forester with the necessary information to determine the annual allowable cut (AAC) - the allowable rate of timber that can be harvested from the Arrowsmith TSA - for the next five years.

Before determining a new AAC, the chief forester will consider information ranging from technical forestry reports to public input and the government's social and economic objectives as expressed by the Minister of Forests and Range.

The forest license holders and BC Timber Sales in the Arrowsmith TSA are inviting comments on the draft information report. The public and First Nations are invited to review the draft information report and other data now available on the web (see address below) and provide feedback as directed on the website.

To review the Arrowsmith TSA draft information report and provide feedback, see the website www.timberline.ca/arrowsmith/index.html. For more information on the TSR program visit www.for.gov.bc.ca/hts/tsr.htm.

Written comments will be accepted until June 15th, 2007. If you have any questions or would like further information please contact David Carson at Timberline Natural Resource Group Ltd. (david.carson@timberline.ca) or Dan Biggs, Stewardship Officer of the B.C. Ministry of Forests and Range (South Island Forest District), at dan.biggs@gov.bc.ca.

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Have you had a mammogram in the last two years?

B.C. Cancer Agency medical experts recommend that women ages 40 to 79 should have a screening mammogram at least every two years.

Finding breast cancer early means more treatment options and a better chance for a cure.

Seventy per cent of women with breast cancer have no risk factors other than being female and getting older.

If you notice a new breast change, lump or discharge, it is very important to see a doctor, even if your mammogram was normal.

What is a mammogram?

A mammogram is a quick and easy x-ray of the breast done in complete privacy by a specially trained technologist.

Compression of the breast with a plastic plate is needed to get the best possible image with the least amount of radiation. Compression may be uncomfortable, but it only lasts for a few seconds.

Screening mammograms are used to find breast changes in healthy women with no sign of breast problems.

Diagnostic mammograms are used to check on specific breast changes found by physicals examination or a screening mammogram.

Who is eligible for the Screening Mammogram Program of BC (SMPBC)?

B.C. residents 40 to 79 years of age are. As well, those who have no breast changes (e.g. new lumps, thickening or discharge) and who can provide the

name of a doctor to receive the results. Women must not have had a mammogram within 12 months and those who have never had breast cancer are also eligible. As are those who do

not have breast implants and those who are not pregnant or breast feeding.

Source BC Cancer Agency
Submitted by Matilda Watts,
Healthy Living Program Worker

BC commits health funds, appoints physician advisor

The province of British Columbia has appointed Dr. Evan Adams as its first-ever Aboriginal Health Physician Advisor, and is also providing \$9.5 million to the First Nations Leadership Council to improve First Nations health. Premier Gordon Campbell announced April 10 at the opening of the First Nations Health Forum in Vancouver.

"Last year, we promised concrete actions and this year we are delivering on our commitment to work towards closing the health gap between First Nations and non-First Nations," said Campbell. "In addition to a multi-million dollar investment in First Nations health, I know that Dr. Adams' willingness to take on this new and challenging role will make an important impact as we work together to build a brighter, healthier future in First Nations communities."

The First Nations Health Plan released in November 2006, set into action the government's commitments in the Transformative Change Accord to close the health gap between First Nations and other British Columbians.

"We welcome the government's commitment to the 29 action items contained in the First Nations Health Plan," said Grand Chief Edward John, of the First Nations Summit and First Nations Leadership Council. "Our long-term success in closing the health gaps will require sustained political will, resourcing and collaboration among all parties involved. The appointment of Dr. Adams and the investment by the province provide a good start in helping us to achieve our goals."

First Nations people live an average of seven years less than other British Columbians and their risks of developing health conditions like diabetes, pneumonia, or HIV/AIDS or experiencing injuries caused by motor vehicle accidents are also greater.

Both announcements build on the bilateral First Nations Health Plan and the memorandum of understanding signed in November 2006 between the government of British Columbia, the First Nations Leadership Council and the government of Canada. The tripartite agreement is part of the province's commitment to closing the health gap between First Nations and other British Columbians by 2015 and leading Canada in partnership with First Nations.

"Today, our government is taking a serious step in bringing the health of First Nations people to a first-rate level, but there are still some serious challenges that lie ahead of us," said B.C.'s Health Minister George Abbott. "We intend to meet those challenges head-on and by 2015, we expect to see progress made in key areas such as life expectancy, mortality, youth suicide, infant mortality, prevalence of diabetes, childhood obesity, and practicing, certified First Nations health care professionals."

The First Nations Health Forum was held April 10 and 11, and brought together key partners to discuss and understand the First Nations Health Plan.

About 300 people were in attendance, including First Nations health directors, First Nations leaders, Health Authority CEOs, Aboriginal organizations and provincial and federal government representatives.



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National Day Of Action called by assembly of chiefs

The National Day of Action, as mandated by the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) chiefs, will take place on Friday, June 29. This day is intended to bring focus to the issues facing our communities and to generate greater awareness, understanding and support for the need to act.

Through peaceful demonstrations across the country, Native nations will reach out to Canadians by putting their issues and solutions front and centre.

The National Day of Action will be the culmination of a series of activities, such as the Call to Action on Parliament Hill that was organized on February 23. This event brought together politicians, as well as social justice and

international organizations, to support the campaign Make Poverty History: The First Nations Plan for Creating Opportunity.

The National Day of Action will build on this success and go one step further to reach directly to the Canadian public, says a press release from the AFN. "Canadians need to know that government policies and laws have failed our people—that numerous studies, including the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, and parliamentary committees, support our plan."

This plan is based on reconciliation and the recognition and implementation of First Nation governments. The plan calls on government to end fiscal

discrimination on our people and hear about how, together, we can work to secure justice and our fair share.

The chiefs-in-assembly are urging all First Nations' leaders and citizens, as well as all Canadians, to join in this event.

"Canadians need to know the facts and hear about how, together, we can work to move beyond the challenges that afflict so many of our communities. This will be a day to remember and celebrate."

In the coming weeks and months, AFN regional chiefs will be meeting to discuss, among other matters, the planning and next steps in terms of organizing and ensuring a successful and peaceful National Day of Action.



Assembly of First Nations National Chief Phil Fontaine

Mental Health Tii̓c̓aq̓t̓

Some fun with communication

Submitted by Andrew Kerr
Northern Region Prevention Worker

Just a few examples of how not to communicate:

"I like hearing myself talk. It is one of my greatest pleasures. I often have long conversations with myself, and I am so clever that sometimes I don't understand a single word of what I am saying!"—Oscar Wilde

Or the line—"I know that you believe you understand what you think I said, but I am not sure you realize that what you heard is not what I meant."

How about this conversation—A judge was interviewing a woman regarding her pending divorce and asked "What are the grounds for your divorce?"

She replied "About four acres with a nice little home in the middle of the property with a stream running by."

"No", he said. "I mean what is the foundation for this case?"

"It is made of brick, mortar and concrete," she responded.

"I mean" the judge continued, "what are your relations like?"

She answered that they were fine. "I have an aunt and an uncle living here in town, as do my husband's parents."

The judge said, "No, do you have a grudge?"

She replied, "We have a two-car carport and have never really needed a garage."

"Please," he tried again. "Is there any infidelity in your marriage?"

"Oh yes, both my son and daughter have hi-fi sets. We don't necessarily like the music, but the answer to your question is, yes."

"No, no, no," replied the judge.

"Answer this; does your husband ever beat you up?"

"Oh yes," she replied, "about twice a week he gets up earlier than me."

Frustrated and tired the judge finally asked, "Why do you want a divorce?"

"Oh, I don't want a divorce," she replied. "I've never wanted a divorce. My husband does. He says that he can't seem to communicate with me."

Just a couple more:

Throw the horse over the fence some day.

I had to wait three hours with my baby for BCAA to tow it away.

Although these examples are exaggerated, effective communication really is the key to having healthier and more satisfying relationships.

Communication involves how we express our thoughts, ideas and feelings to others, including what we say (our choice of words), how we say it (tone of voice) and how we appear when we say it (body language). If we want better relationships, we may need to acquire better and more effective communication skills.

Fortunately, there are a variety of ways to acquire new communication skills, such as books, the Internet, counselors, treatment centres and workshops (provided by many organizations, including Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Mental Health). The one step that sometimes seems to get overlooked is that people learn these new skills, but forget to actually use them.

So if you learn them, try having some fun utilizing them. Remember that practice makes almost perfect.

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Thank you to all those who supported me during my recent leave. My surgery went well and I am now well on the road to recovery. Thank you my family and the Tsuma?as Poker club for wishing me well before I left to Victoria, to the Tseshaht First Nation, Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council and Corina Beach for the beautiful flowers, to all those who visited me and brought gifts while I was in the hospital and when I got home. Thank you to the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal

Council nurses and the Tseshaht home support for making sure that my needs were met in the first few weeks after surgery. Thank you as well to my exceptional surgical team, Dr. Chris Taylor and the staff of Royal Jubilee Hospital. Special thank you to Matilda Watts for the tremendous support she gave me during this difficult time. Love you all!
Eileen Haggard
a.k.a. Poker Queen, Aunt Bun

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"Whatever happens in court, it leads right back to negotiations. The courts aren't prepared to define. They'll tell you you have Aboriginal rights and title, but they won't tell you where and how much. That's where negotiations comes in."

He believes there is a narrow window of opportunity to settle treaties, because of a variety of outside influences.

"One being the encroachment from many directions onto our land, our governance, our activities in our traditional territories... all those opportunities are being encroached on very quickly."

"What would a negotiated treaty look like in 10 years, 20 years? The landscape would be completely different than what it is today, access to resources, access to the land...our country is being filled up with people who know absolutely nothing about our culture and our history and it's the general public that have a big influence on public opinion on whether treaties are good or whether they are not," he said.

Some have surmised that the reason the members of Lheidli T'enneh voted down the treaty was that they were overwhelmed by the sheer size of the complex documents presented to them.

Maa-nulth is also a hefty document of hundreds of pages, and has a separate and larger volume of appendices as its companion.

Ha-Shilth-Sa asked if members of Maa-nulth were overwhelmed by that. "No we aren't finding that," said Maxis.

"In fact, our communications strategy is a strategy that ensures that we are providing information in what we have described as bite-sized pieces, easily digestible, easily understood."

"You know we are taking the time to prepare those brochures and information packages so that it is not one sort of huge amount of information that our members have to absorb and understand."

He said Huu-ay-aht has been "very cognoscente and very cautious about how we are presenting information and in what order, so the strategy is working good; the overall strategy is working good."

He said the communications workers in the various communities have been doing a good job and are receiving some great questions.

"And as we had promised our members, we are going to answer every one of those questions. I think the communications part of this whole treaty process is of the utmost importance as we move towards ratification."

The voting threshold for the treaty to pass is 50 per cent plus one of enrolled voters over 16.

Some might say that this is a low threshold when one considers that the community is deciding the fate of generations to come.

"Our communities agreed to it because they liked what they were seeing in the treaty and they wanted a good chance for the majority of our people to have their say when they vote, and so a small few couldn't derail a treaty for the rest of the people."



THE MAA-NULTH FIRST NATIONS

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF THE MAA-NULTH FIRST NATIONS

"The Treaty is really about finishing what our ancestors began"

The Maa-nulth First Nations are currently in the Ratification stage of the Treaty process. In our collective efforts to fully inform membership on the Final Agreement, we are pleased to invite you to join us at one of the next Information Sessions where you will receive an overview of the Final Agreement and share a meal.

Date: Tuesday, April 17, 2007
Time: 10 am - 3 pm
Location: Hupacasath House of Gathering, Port Alberni

Date: Wednesday, April 18, 2007
Time: 10 am - 3 pm
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Back row left to right: (coach) Willie Mack (coach) Richard Mack, Gina Mack, Jennifer Mack, Josephine Mack, Dayna Holloway, Chrystal Thomas and (coach) Larry Swan. Front row left to right: Allison Williams, Charity Mack, Iris Frank, and Doreen Sabbas. Missing in the picture are Chantelle Thomas, Corissa Campbell, Terilyn Curley, Ariel Campbell and Alice Atleo.

First place fun for ladies team

I am Gina Mack. I am the captain for the Ahousht Ravens Ladies ball hockey team. I would like to congratulate the young ladies in their accomplishment in coming in first place at Les Sam's hockey tournament. Our team went home with eight trophies altogether: First place trophy, four All-Stars Charity Mack, Josephine Mack, Allison Williams, and Doreen Sabbas, top scorer Charity Mack, MVP Allison Williams and Top Goalie Iris Frank.

We would like to give a big thank you

to Larry Swan for coaching us, Janet Mack for always organizing fundraisers and getting the girls to practice, Willie Mack, Richard Mack (for helping coach) and Greg Titian for driving the team around, and Mena Webster for the use of her van.

There are some girls that couldn't make it to this tournament who will be coming to the Islanders tournament and to Seabird Island with us in May.

Thanks to all the girls who came with us to Port Alberni.

Grants available: But act now

The Aboriginal Youth Sport Legacy Fund provides opportunity for the Squamish and Lil'wat Nations to support programs aimed at assisting Aboriginal youth in the province to prosper in sport.

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communities to offer sport or physical activity opportunities to Aboriginal youth.

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Deadline for submission is by 4:30 p.m. Friday April 13. Download the application form from www.2010legacies.com.



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NOTICE TO ALL UFN MEMBERS:

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WHEN: Monday, April 23, 2007

WHERE: UFN Community Hall

TIME: 4:30 p.m.

Dinner will be served at 4:30 p.m.

See you there!

At times the UFN may have to cancel meetings due to unforeseen reasons. Therefore, members living away from home, who plan on traveling to this community, are kindly asked to call ahead to ensure that the meeting is still on. Thank you!



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The Raincoast Education Society (based in Tofino, BC) seeks a full-time assistant interpreter from May to August 2007 to assist with the delivery of high-quality educational programs about the natural and cultural histories of Clayoquot and northern Barkley Sounds. Due to funding restrictions, applicants must be currently registered full-time in a post-secondary program and returning to school in September 2007, and must be 30 years old or less. Availability of this position is subject to final approval of funding. Please contact the RES at 250-725-2560 or res@island.net with any further questions. Cover letters and resumes are due April 27th, 2007, at 4:00 pm and can be emailed or sent to: Raincoast Interpretive Centre, P.O. Box 815, Tofino BC, V0R2Z0.

Interpreter - Permanent Position Available

The Raincoast Education Society (based in Tofino, BC) seeks a full time permanent Interpreter to develop and deliver high-quality educational programs and events about the natural and cultural histories of Clayoquot and northern Barkley Sounds. Please contact the RES at 250-725-2560 or res@island.net to receive a full job posting and application instructions. Cover letters and resumes are due April 27th, 2007, at 4:00 pm.

Raincoast Interpretive Centre

451 Main St., Tofino
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Employment Opportunity

Administrator

Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation, near scenic Gold River, BC has an immediate opportunity for an experienced manager, who can provide overall leadership in administration, finance, and human resources. The Administrator reports to Chief and Council and is responsible for administering and managing the overall operations including the following band programs: Preschool, Social Development, Education, Housing, Recreation, Daycare, Capital Projects and Economic Development. This position will involve networking with federal, municipal, and provincial government officials and external agencies.

The area of Gold River is perfect for someone who enjoys an abundance of recreational opportunities from serviced campgrounds to rugged wilderness outings in an area abounding with inland and coastal wildlife.

RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:

- Serve as the primary point of contact for the administrative operations and related business interests of the Mowachaht-Muchalaht First Nation.
- Carries out the policies and operational mandates regarding Tribal affairs as defined by Chief and Council and Band membership.
- Develops and negotiates all contracts for the Mowachaht-Muchalaht First Nations administrations and business.
- Ensures the coordination and preparation of all Chief & Council business and band community meetings.
- Oversees and monitors the Mowachaht-Muchalaht Band Budget with the Financial Department.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Requires a degree in Public or Business Administration and/or equivalent number of years of training relative administrative experience;
- Have a strong understanding of the inter-related issues involving First Nations and the Federal, Provincial, and Municipal governments;
- Computer knowledge and experience (Xyntax, MS Office, accounting, payroll);
- Additional assets include the following: Administrative experience with CMHC, INAC and the Indian Act, Economic Development; Land Management, AND proposal writing.

The Successful Candidates will be required to provide a clean criminal record check and provide at least three references.

Please send your resume and cover letter by 4:00pm April 20, 2007 to the attention of:



Patricia McDougall, Acting Administrator
Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nations
PO Box 459
Gold River, BC V0P-1G0
Fax: (250) 283-2335
Email: patriciam@nuuchahnulth.org

Only candidates selected for interviews will be contacted.

Jets team grateful for community's support

The Port Alberni Jets Jr. Girls Basketball Team traveled to the Jr. All-Native B.C. provincials in Prince Rupert during spring break, placing eighth out of 22 teams. With out the great community support of Port Alberni, we would not have made this trip. The Jets would like to thank the following people and businesses: First of all our coach Joe Charleson Jr., who took all his spare time and dedicated himself to the team.

Thank you to Tseshaht Band, Tseshaht Market, N.T.C. Good S. Fund, Hahuupayak School, Wal-Mart, Somass Hotel, Toy Run, Kiwanis Club, Eagles Club, Greenport Hotel, Charlene Reid, Patrick Amos, Les Sam, Les Dorion and the House of Gathering.

A big thank you to all our family, friends and fans for their generous support. And chaperons Marg and Norman Smith.



At the All-Native tournament in Prince Rupert, Tianna Tate was named player of the game, and Natasha Charleson was the All Star trophy winner.

Kleco to all from the Jets: Leisa Fred, Natasha Charleson, Khrystina Lambert, Tianna Tate, Melissa Smith, Michelle Charleson, Nia Samuel, Kathleen Ambrose, and Tammar Edgars. Coaches Joe Charleson Jr., Ed Samuel and Manager Doreen

Employment Opportunity

Social Development Community Health (SDCH) Coordinator

Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nations near scenic Gold River, BC is seeking a full-time Social Development/Community Health (SDCH) Coordinator. This is a demanding position which includes ongoing assessment the SDCH needs and develops proposals for funding that serve the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nations community.

Essential Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in social work from a recognized university with acceptable clinical specialization in social work
- or acceptable combination of related education, training and/or extensive experience in social development and community health
- Experience in evaluation and intervention with clients in a state of crisis
- Experience in social assistance cases

The Successful Candidates will be required to provide a clean criminal record check and provide at least three references.

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Employment Opportunity

Financial Coordinator

Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nations near scenic Gold River, BC is seeking a full-time Financial Coordinator. This is a demanding position which includes planning, coordinating and administering the financial services/programs and documentation for the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nations community. Reporting to the Administrator, the Financial Coordinator will work closely with Administrator and staff at various levels. You will be responsible for maintaining the chart of accounts, financial statements, reconciliation of bank and various accounts. This position requires the development of policies and procedures.

The area of Gold River is perfect for someone who enjoys an abundance of recreational opportunities from serviced campgrounds to rugged wilderness outings in an area abounding with inland and coastal wildlife.

Essential Qualifications:

- Professional accounting designation (CA, CGA, CMA) and/or university degree in accounting/financial field
- Must have minimum of five-(5) years senior level management experience in a variety of complex accounting practices in a computerized environment
- Experience in budgeting, preparation of financial statements, reconciliation of bank and other accounts
- Experience in payroll, benefits and policy development
- Proficient computer user, particularly in spreadsheet application

The Successful Candidates will be required to provide a clean criminal record check and provide at least three references.

Please send your resume and cover letter by 4:00pm April 20, 2007 to the attention of:



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Looking for workers: Advertise in Ha-Shilth-Sa



Happy birthday to a beautiful, intelligent, and all around wonderful person; our daughter Megan Dennis on April 20th. I wish you all the best in the coming year. Love Dad and Mom. Happy Birthday to a great sister Megan, love Stevie, Natalee, Angie.



Congratulations to our daughter Nataliee Ann Dennis, who was a member of the team that won the 2007 BC Jr. All-Native Basketball Tournament. Dhe brought home the Most Inspirational Player trophy. Way to go Queen. We were so proud to watch you do your Sacinn dance when you went to receive your award. Love you lots. Love, mom, dad, Stevie and Kiki.



Happy birthday to Dave Watts on April 17. Have a great day. Love from Annie, David Jr., Nate, Jen and Dan.

Happy 14th birthday Richard Jason Charlie on April 26. Have a good one son. xox Mom, Club, brothers and sisters. We would like to wish our grandson Trevor Jack a happy 18th birthday. We love you Trevor and are very proud of you. We hope your birthday is fun and that you get spoiled!

Love Papa Leo and Nan Margaret Jack. Happy birthday to our grandson Joseph Jack. Hope you have a wonderful birthday grandson. We love you lots. Love your grandpa Leo and grandma Margaret Jack.

April 8: Happy 20 something birthday to my handsome nephew Joseph Jack (aka JOJO). Awe you're so young nephew. I hope you have a fun birthday. I love you lots. Love Auntie Anita Jack.

April 17: Happy birthday to my cousin Kathy Jules. Hey cuz, hope you are doing well up in Kyuquot. Make sure you eat lots of cake and ice cream on your birthday, you deserve it! Love you lots cuz. Love Anita.

Happy birthday to one of our four favorite daughters, April Jack-Johnson. We love you lots daughter. Have a wonderful birthday. We look forward to eating cake with you! Love your Mom



April 12: Happy 18th birthday to the best son I could dream of, Trevor Anthony Jack! My son, I

remember the day you were born, like it was yesterday. I remember how beautiful you were when I first saw you... Five hours after you were born! And today you still are so handsome, kind, positive and friendly! My son, I love you with all my heart and soul. I wish for you the best as you start your life as a young man. And as always, I'm here for you my baby! May you continue to always try your best in everything you do. May you find the love of your life and treat her how you treat me, with lots of love and respect. But hurry up son, I'm not getting any younger. I want to enjoy grandchildren soon! Love always and forever, your mom Anita Jack.

April 18: Happy 40-something birthday to my beautiful sister April Jack-Johnson (aka Mullits).



I won't mention your exact age since you're getting up there, but hey you still look young and beautiful. Age doesn't matter. It's just a number anyways. I hope you have an awesome birthday. I hope your hubby is home with you on this day to give you what you want! OK, get your mind out of the gutter. Love you lots sis. Love your way younger sister Anita Jack.

and Dad.

Happy second birthday Kristen Thomas. Enjoy April 14th. Happy second birthday Jeremy Sam. Enjoy all the chocolate cake April 22. We love you. Happy birthday Bro/uncle Dominique Campbell. Have a great day April 24th. We love you. Love from Sandy, Scottie, Kylee and Stan Sam Jr. Very special Happy sixth birthday to my sunshine/bro Stanley Q.P. Sam Jr. You're growing too fast, though you had your struggles in the beginning of your life being six weeks early. You have come a long ways sunshine 'Guardian Angle.' Son, your great respect you have for others, and most of all son your big hugs. Love always Mom, bro Scottie and sis Kylee and Grandma Ruth, Grandpa Qaamina, uncles Hunter, Jeremy and many cousins.

Happy birthday to my dad Chief Michael Ambrose on April 23. From your daughter Kathy Mark and family. Happy birthday to my sister Laverne Williams on April 28. From your brother Lyle Williams and Kathy Mark.

Happy birthday to Howard Williams a.k.a. China Man. From Lyle Williams a.k.a. Gomer Pyle.

Looking for lumber

Dear Ha-Shilth-Sa Readers:

The reason for this letter is because we are in need of help with our house. We live off reserve and tried everyone from CMHC to RAPP program to get funding for repairs on our house; they refused and wanted more money on top of what we needed to borrow.

Our house is very old. We need a new roof and also our cement foundation is cracked, our outside walls are very rotten and we have water running under our house when it rains.

We need help desperately.

I'm looking for anyone that has old lumber or plywood lying around they don't need. We also need to put in drainage piping.

Our insulation under our house is all damp and we have mold build-up in our house in the bedrooms on our ceilings upstairs.

Our house is in very bad shape.

If you can help us out, please give me a call at 250-726-2548. Ask for Fanny Mack or Eric Mack.

Congratulations on moving forward with your education

Congratulation to Benjamin Gillette, William Paul and James Nicolaye for following through and sending off your application for the construction training course that was held in Duncan.

I just want you to know how proud and happy I am for what you have accomplished. It does make an individual proud to look after themselves independently. Not only that, but the construction skills you learned and being able to see your work coming together.

Every individual is responsible for where they are in life and you took that leap to be that.

Being responsible and reliable is so important.

The people that were honored and acknowledged at the National Aboriginal Achievement Awards said there is no limit to what you can achieve. We are responsible for ourselves, and there are sacrifices we have to make to get an

education.

One of the other comments made was "it's a gift to start out with nothing because you have to figure out how you are going to get there" "Straighten out your thinking and you will heal."

I really admired these individuals and thank them for the wonderful words of wisdom they shared with all Aboriginal people. From kindergarten to Grade 12 you all had support of family getting you up and sending you off to school. Family will always be there to show support by encouragement and being proud of what you do. Now how you plan to look after yourself is up to you.

I just want to encourage you to keep on with your work and learning more skills. "Reach for the stars."

Ben, William and James, congratulation again

From Carol Smith
Kyuquot

determination
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your future IS now
empowerment

The National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation is dedicated to helping our First Nations, Métis and Inuit Youth realize their potential. Education is the vital first step in building productive, creative and challenging lives. Opportunity should never be missed or creativity left unexplored.

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Important New Deadlines

Fine Arts and Cultural Projects
May 1, 2007

Post-Secondary Education Award
June 1, 2007

Health Careers Award
June 1, 2007

For more information on our financial assistance programs call

1.800.329.9780

Community & Beyond

Council of Ha'wiih Village os Tsaxana, Gold River April 12 and 13

The Council of Ha'wiih will meet to discuss ongoing efforts to gain greater access to the fishery for Nuu-chah-nulth-aht and increase revenue opportunities from the sea resource economy. Expected to attend are representative from the Lummi of Washington State, who will discuss the trials and triumphs that came after they gained 50 per cent of the sea resource as a result of the Boldt decision 30+ years ago.

Intermediate Open Basketball Tournament Port Alberni April 13 to 15

Open to players 21 and under. Will be held at the Athletic Hall in Port Alberni, though this is still to be confirmed. Entry fee is \$250 per team. The tournament will be hosted by the Port Alberni Chieftains. Contact Alex Masso at 723-2201 or Jack Little at 723-9541 for details and to register.

Loonie Toonie Auction Fundraiser Hupacasath April 14

At the House of Grathering. For Hailey and Angie's Trip to Halifax for the E-Spirit Aboriginal Youth Competition. Door open at 9 a.m. Auction begins at 2 p.m. Lots of gift ideas for Mother's Day. Tables available for \$5 each. Artisans, flea market, entrepreneurs, bakers. 50/50 draw. Call 720-7221 to reserve a table. Come and have some coffee and tea and a serving of Roger's cakes for \$2.

Apology To Community Tsaxana Reserve April 14 (note date change)

Jake Johnson and family invite the community to witness the apology. Joey John, fourth chief of Muchalaht, will be serving the supper. There will be an important announcement during the meal, scheduled for 6 p.m.

Lahal Tournament Port Alberni April 20 to 22

Fun games on Friday night at Somass Hall. Doors open at 8 p.m. Tournament starts on Saturday. Two to eight players per team. \$100 entry fee. This is also a birthday celebration for Bingo August April 16. Happy 75th birthday.

All-Native 3 Division Tournament Port Alberni April 20 to 22

Hesquiaht Braves host: Women's and men's Masters; Seniors women's and men's; (entry fee \$375 for both divisions) Junior girls and boys (entry fee \$200.) Prizes to be announced. Fundraising for the new school in Hesquiaht for school equipment etc. Entire proceeds go towards the school. Any donations welcome. kleco, kleco. Contact Conn Charleson (250) 724-3263 or conncharleson@hotmail.com; Bruce Lucas (250) 723-1959 or cell (250) 720-6755; Greg Charleson (250) 670-1176 or NAN (250) 716-9082.

2007 Days of the Arts Port Alberni April 21 and 22

Local artists have their studios open for the public to see their creations and meet with them. Tickets are \$15 (both days included for one cost) and proceeds will be used for bursaries and scholarships. Call 724-3412.

Fundraiser Loonie-Toonie Tseshaht April 21

To be held at the cultural hall at 5211 Watty's Rd. Doors open at 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Lots of items: Fan, large picture fram, a kite, 50/50 and dvds, just to name a few. Com see and have some chilli and bun to eat. Renee and Family.

Arts and Culture Week Mosaic Walk Port Alberni April 23

Join the Community Arts Council and honor the volunteer spirit with a Mosaic Walk from North Island College to the A.V.Museum. Cake and refreshments will be served. Contact the council at (250) 724-3412 for details.

Museum of Anthropology meeting Tofino April 24

All Nuu-chah-nulth-aht are invited to a community meeting hosted by the UBC Museum of Anthropology. See photos of the Nuu-chah-nulth collection and share ideas about its respectful display and care. Tin-Wis Resort, 10 a.m. to noon. Contact curator Karen Duffek, at (604) 822-4604 or kduffek@interchange.ubc.ca.

Loonie Toonie Ha-Ho-Payak Gym April 25

This is a Ha-Ho-Payak school fundraiser for a trip to Osoyoos. % p.m., dinner then loonie toonie to follow 6:30 to 8:30.

Emergency Preparedness Forum Tofino April 26 and 27

Fifth Regional Aboriginal Emergency Preparedness Forum: Response and Recovery Strategies: Creating Safer Communities. The forum will be held at the Tin Wis Resort. To register call 1-888-683-7711 for information.

Family Fundraising Flea Market Hupacasath April 28

To be held at the House of Gathering from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Concession, Loonie/Toonie, 50/50. Many tables available. Please contact Jocelyn Dick at 723-6400. this is our last fundraiser before our family trip to Disneyland and Las Vegas. Hope to see you all there.

The Dundas Collection on display Victoria April 27 to July 4

A collection of significant First Nations artifacts purchased at a New York auction will be on display at the Royal BC Museum. The 36 artifacts are the most significant of the Dundas collection, including two wooden masks and two rare clubs made of antler.



Twila Adams, the NTC's manager of accounting, was congratulated on March 30 on achieving her certified general accountant qualifications.

National Day of Action Canada-wide June 29

The day is intended to bring focus to the issues facing our communities and to generate greater awareness, understanding and support for the need to act. Throu peaceful demonstrations across the country, First Nations will reach out to Canadians by putting their issues and their solutions front and centre.

Celebration of Life Hot Springs Cove July 28

Come and celebrate the life of Sennen Dominic Charleson. Family and friends to gether in Hot Springs Cove. Come and enjoy a fresh seafood feast and lots of chumus. For information call Bernard Charleson at (250) 670-1133.

Yu-cluth-aht Holistic Celebration of Health Ucluelet First Nation Aug. 10 to 12

The cultural music and health fair will include traditional First Nations culture groups, as well as musicians that are more contemporary. In addition, there will be a number of workshops on alcohol and drug education/awareness, self-esteem building, learning to set and follow through on goals and recovery issues as well as some workshops on physical health and cultural activities, and workshops that has a clear focus for youth. The artists will host workshops on song writing, guitar lessons and more, to teach and encourage others. Traditional teachers will address spiritual practices, traditional medicines, and cedar bark basket weaving. The Web site is <http://musicfest.ufn.ca>.

Potlatch Ahousaht Nov. 11

With great advice from elder, speaker Stan Sam, mother Josephine, Uncle Neslon, brothers Bill and Corby. I have decided that we will dry our tears Sunday, Nov. 11, 2007 at Maaqtusiis new gym beginning at noon, and celebrate what my late father gave me. It was our late father's wishes that we continue on practicing our culture and to remember that he did go full circle in a very special life that he shared will all of us. Choo, Maquinna.

Also

Nuu-chah-nulth Basketball Championships Port Alberni

Postponed until further notice
All-Nuu-chah-nulth Men's and Women's Divisions. Contact: Edd Samuel at (250) 731-8330 email: redskinhoops@hotmail.com.

Christmas Dinner Ahousaht

December
The Georges will be hosting the Christmas dinner in December 2007. Thank you. Lewis George Maquinna



Is there an event you'd like us to mention?
Email hasbilthsa@nuuchahnulth.org
or Fax us at (250) 723-0463.

Notice regarding Ditidaht election

An appeal filed with the election appeal panel has been upheld and the results of the recent election have been ruled invalid.

As of March 30 at midnight, the term of the chief and council ended, and there is no chief and council until another election is held.

Notice regarding Hupacasath election

Judith Sayers has been re-elected to the position of chief councillor of Hupacasath in an election on April 4. Sayers received 65 votes, out of the

During the period between now and when a new chief and council can be elected and sworn in, expected to take about three months, the day to day affairs of Ditidaht will be administered by the caretaker administrators, made up of Maureen Knighton, Carl Edgar and George Williams.

112 votes cast. Peter Tatoosh received 47 votes. There was one spoiled ballot.

Warren Lauder and Tom Tatoosh have been elected councillors.

Nuu-chah-nulth Registry and Treaty Information ...

Registering events are very important!
Birth Registrations: It is important to get baby registered as soon as possible. You must complete the parental consent for Registration/Statement of Band Affiliation form and provide the LARGE form birth certificate, these consent forms can be obtained through your Band Office or at the NTC Office. Registration takes 6 - 8 weeks.
Transfers: Are you wishing to transfer to another Band? Write to the Band you want to transfer into. Once accepted you will need to complete a consent to transfer form, also, notify the Band you are currently in and let them know your intentions.
Marriages, divorces, name change, deaths: Please provide appropriate certificates to update the Indian Registry Lists. A consent form needs to be completed for any name changes.
Are you turning 18 soon? If you would like your own registration number then you have to submit a letter of request. Process also takes 6 - 8 weeks (no longer automatic).
All documents are to be submitted to Rosie Little - Indian Registry Administrator at the NTC Office, with the exception of Ditiidaht, Hesquiaht, Huu-ay-aht and Tla-o-qui-aht. Contact these First Nations directly. To have a status card issued through NTC from these four First Nations please have your Indian Registry Administrator fax approval and your information prior to coming into the office if possible.
Does your First Nation have their membership code in place? If so, and you would like the above events recorded for "BAND MEMBERSHIP" then it is **EQUALLY AS IMPORTANT** that you contact them as well.
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

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



Hesquiaht First Nation
 New Toll Free 1-866-670-1181 - Fax: (250) 670-1102
 PO Box 2000 Tofino, B.C. V0R 2Z0

Hupacasath First Nation
 (250) 724-4041 - Fax: (250) 724-1232
 PO Box 211 Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 7M7



Huu-ay-aht First Nation
 1-250-728-3414
 PO Box 70, Bamfield, BC V0R 1B0

Ka:yu:k't'h'/Che:k'tles'et'h'
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Nuchatlaht First Nation
 (250) 332-5908 - Fax: (250) 332-5907
 PO Box 40 Zeballos, B.C. V0P 2A0

Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations
 (250) 725-3233 - Fax: (250) 725-4233
 PO Box 18 Tofino, BC. V0R 2Z0

Tseshah First Nation
 Toll Free: 1-888-724-1225 - Fax: (250) 724-4385
 PO Box 1218 Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 7M1

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

Birthdays & congratulations

To my honey, Irvin: You are the love of my life and I wish you a very happy birthday for March 30, 2007. I love you for being very supportive in my decision. Going back to school was a very big step and I love you for this. You are always there for the children and me. We do appreciate you doing all the things even when you have too work. We all miss being at home, and again love you for traveling to see us here in Port Alberni. You make us what we are today. We honor you for this and I love you with everything we have and that you being in our lives. Love you with all our hearts. Debbie.

Happy birthday Dad, Happy birthday for March 30, 2007. Enjoy your day to the fullest. We love you dad. Love you, Elizabeth, Susanne, April, Mike, Happy, Vincent and Rebecca.

Happy birthday Grandpa Irvin; We love you so much grandpa when you take time for us and help us get to where we are going. Never miss anyone's birthday. Have a big one for you. Lot of chummas. Love, Brendan, Matthew, Raquel, Michelle, Lawrence, Peter and baby Isaac.

April 1: Happy 24th birthday to our special twins. Yes, that's right. Elizabeth and Susanne Thomas. We love you both and for bringing the pride and joy of our grandchildren. We will always cherish all of them. You both have to be so proud of the way you raise your children. I am glad we can lend a helping hand to you both. Enjoy this day and relax. We love you both. Hugs and kisses. Love Mom and Dad.

Happy birthday Mom April 1. We love you both. Happy 24th birthday to you. Happy birthday to you. Love Brendan, Matthew, Raquel and baby Isaac.

Happy birthday to our baby Sister, Auntie and Grandmother. Happy birthday Janice on April 1. Enjoy your day and hope you don't work. Relax and put your feet up. You deserve this day. Thank you so much for being there for our children. Never have to worry. I love you for who you are and never change this special gift you have. Love your sister. Love Debbie, Irvin and family.

Happy 24th birthday on April 1 to Patrick Frank our nephew. Don't party too hard. Enjoy your day and glad to see you love doing what is natural. Love Uncle Irvin and Auntie Debbie.

April 2: Congratulations to my dear cousin Macho Thomas and my beautiful niece Elizabeth Thomas. They had a healthy baby girl 7 lbs 7 oz at 7 a.m. Very lucky numbers also. Lucky charms is a given. The proud grandparents are my coz. Brenda Sue and Angus Campbell of Nanaimo, and my aunt Cathy Thomas of Ahousaht, so enjoy your little happy baby girl Sheshook Thomas. Awesome name. From your friend Carol Mattersdorfer and family.

April 2. To my dear nephew in Victoria, Patrick Little. I tried to track you down here in Victoria, no luck. But listen, always know auntie loves you with all her heart and is thinking of you on this special day OK? Happy belated birthday and many more to come okay nephew. From your auntie Carol Mattersdorfer and your relatives of Ahousaht.

April 03: My beautiful niece Iris Rose John of Ahousaht. Well there, my gorgeous niece. Happy birthday and many more to come. Thinking highly of you also, and always know I love you dearly. Love from your aunt Carol Mattersdorfer and family.

April 15: Friendship is around forever.

Patrick James. Well my dear friend of Gold River.
 Because deep down inside us, we all know that the most important thing in life is much more than winning ourselves. The most important thing in this life is to help others to win. Even if that means slowing down and changing our own race. A candle will lose nothing if it is used to light another one. Life is about being you. Enjoy every minute and fight for the best happy birthday Patrick James.

Always a pleasure to chat with you. Take it easy. Written from a friend always Carol Mattersdorfer, Ahousaht First Nation.

Happy birthday to my dear sister Colleen Campbell on April 15, and many more to come to you and your bro Ronald Thomas. Have a good one and take it easy okay.

KLECO ... KLECO... to my angels that appeared. I would like to give my hands up to my dear friends I can't forget. To Melody Louise, Guy Louie and Pam Webster. Thanks for being there for me on my turn around Melody. You blessed me with great tears of joy. That smile of your brought me wonders. Knowing that you care enough to share; yours is a million dollar smile. Thanks to Pam for the treats, and to Guy for lifting my spirits up! Wouldn't know what I would do without you guys. You all made a difference that day!

Choices was awesome, thanks again for all those that made it. Especially my dear mom! Thanks to aunt Lil for bringing all the way. To my niece Carla Webster for the nice words and hugs. From a confident woman Carol Mattersdorfer, Ahousaht First Nation.

Happy birthday to Colleen Campbell and Ronny Thomas on April 14. From Elaine and Harold.

Happy birthday to my cousin Tina Thomas on April 18. From Elaine and Harold.

Happy birthday to Eva Frank, Shayne Frank, Keonndra Frank, and Julie Morris on the 17 of April, from the HP Tribe.

Happy birthday to Crowbar on the 14th of April, from the HP Tribe

Happy birthday to Scott Frank on the 10th of April, from the HP Tribe

Happy birthday to the Prez of the PIC (Colleen Tom) on April 13th. Hope you have a good one, from Cindy.

Happy birthday Tarbo on the 28th. Hope you have a good one, from auntie Cindy.

Birthday wishes go out to Coby Felsman for April 15, and Happy birthday to Charlotte McKay for April 17 and my brother and sister-in-law happy 25th anniversary for April 3rd.

Happy birthday to Dave Watts on April 17; and Happy Easter to all my family and grandchildren. From Fanny Mack.

Happy birthday to Fanny Mack on April 17. From Dave and Annie Watts.

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Lost and Found

LOST: Drum with whale painted on it. On Jan. 28 at party at Maht Mahs Gym. Call (250) 745-3483.

MISSING: 2 MAQUINNA HATS from 3957 10th Ave. Port Alberni around October or November 2005. Anyone with information please call 724-2184.

LOST: Gold necklace with a 1in X 1in Indian design butterfly pendant. Last seen on my niece at the Ucluelet Secondary School in March. Please call Jeannine Adams @ 670-1150 or email ballgrrl@hotmail.com. Thanks.

FOUND: A shawl was left at the House of Himwitsa and has not been picked up by the owner. Please pick up your shawl at the House of Himwitsa. Lewis George, House of Himwitsa Ltd.

LOST: Red Camera (720-5191).

LOST - TRADITIONAL CEREMONIAL DRUMS. A pair of drums on Mother's Day March to Stop Violence went missing. Both drums are painted with native designs. Both are of great sentimental value to both myself and my entire family. A reward for the return of both drums is being offered. If anyone knows the whereabouts of the drums do not hesitate to contact me, Nellie Joseph at 725-2388.

MISSING: since October 2006. This vest was given to me for my dad's memorial potlatch and has sentimental value. I sure would like it back. No questions asked. Phone (250) 283-2618 or return to the (Mowachaht/Muchalaht) band office for pick up. Thank you. Preston Maquinna Sr. The vest was made by Sue Johnson, artist Rudy Williams.

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N.E.D.C. BUSINESS NEWS



“Building the Business Future”

NEDC's 8th Annual Young Entrepreneur's Conference
North Island College, Port Alberni BC March 22-25th, 2007

On March 22nd, 2007 NEDC kicked off the 8th Annual Young Entrepreneur's conference: “Building the Business Future”.

This year, the focus of the conference was the Business Plan. There were 11 workshops that related to different components of a business plan.

Conjointly with the series of workshops delivered throughout the intensive three and a half day conference, participants were split off into teams of four and developed business plans in which they were competing against one another!

There were four teams competing for a grand prize of \$1,500!

Business Plan concepts were: a Bakery, a Museum & Gallery, a Restaurant, and a Mentoring Service.

Participants observed and received valuable information related to business planning then immediately got to apply their new-found knowledge to their own business plans.

“It was a great conference. I am walking away with all the knowledge I can handle!” - Anonymous Participant

“[I learned] the exact steps and levels of business planning and what and how each step contributes to the next. [How



Business Overview workshop facilitator Greg McLaren working with group participants' on their business plan



Master of Ceremonies Nene Van Volsen works with group participants' on their business plan

they relate to one another] and the role they play in the development of your business plan”. - Anonymous

This was an intense and jam-packed conference which attempted to cover what some do in weeks in only a few days! The days were long, they lasted up to 13 hours in length!

NEDC would like to commend all the participants for their energy, devotion, and dedication that they demonstrated all through the conference.

Their hard work is evident in their business plans, which are in the process of being evaluated for declaring the business plan competition winner. They are all winners though as each participant exhibited that they appreciated and understood the invaluable knowledge that they were gaining and would be able to apply to their very own business plan concept's and proposals in the future!

NEDC would also like to take this opportunity to thank all individuals and organizations involved with the Youth Conference as it wouldn't have been possible without you!

Young Entrepreneur's Conference & Business Plan Competition UPDATE

NEDC would like to thank all conference participant's for their contributions and enthusiasm!

The conference DVD is projected to be available early next month.

Stay tuned for the next NEDC Ha-Shilth-Sa Business article for the announcement of the PRIZE winners!

For more information about the NEDC Youth program or the evaluation process and progress feel free to contact Jack Marsden: jack@nedc.info or 724-3131/ 1-866-444-6331.



Collective shot of conference Participants at the “Building the Business Future”

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