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Hupacasath Chief Councillor Judith Sayers and British Columbia's Minister of the Environment Barry Penner were at Stamp Falls Park on July 13 to sign a collaboration agreement for the management of parks and protected areas. See the story and more photos on the back page.

## Huu-ay-aht travels to view treaty in action

By Debora Steel  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

New Aiyansh—Fifty-nine Huu-ay-aht took to the air on July 17. Their destination—Terrace, and then a bus ride up to Nisga'a territory to witness a slice of what life has become for the people there under treaty.

The Nisga'a Final Agreement was initialed in a grand ceremony in New Aiyansh (the home of the Nisga'a Lisim Government) in 1998, and enacted in 2000. It's been seven years of growing and stretching, but Mexsis (Tom Happynook), a Huu-ay-aht First Nation hereditary chief and chief treaty negotiator, said that Nisga'a community members look honestly gratified with all that they have come to accomplish.

"There's a plan for everything," he said.

Huu-ay-ahts go to the polls on July 28 to choose their future. Only time will tell if they will say yes to life under a treaty called the Maa-nulth Final agreement. Joining them on the trip to New Aiyansh were members of the Tsawwassen First Nation, whose treaty ratification vote is scheduled for July 25.

There were three tours set up for the visitors for the first day: one to a fish wheel, giving the fisheries aspect of Nisga,a; a land and resources stream and a programs and services stream.

Roland Ginger, a Huu-ay-aht youth in attendance, got to sit in on a lands committee meeting. He said they talked about the differences between being under the Indian Act system and the treaty today; how the members decide what their properties are worth, what their houses are worth.

Youth members dominated the Huu-ay-aht roster of visitors and Karen Hougen was one of them. She attended the fisheries management tour. There they talked about how the Nisga'a manage their entire fishery under the treaty.

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## Usma listens as Ahousahts critique

By Denise Titian  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Ahousaht**—On July 11, one of the hottest days of the year, the new Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council's (NTC) Usma director, Larry Pond, stood under the blazing sun as Ahousaht members took turns commenting on Usma policies and practices in child protection. Acting Chief Councillor John O. Frank, said Pond called Ahousaht wanting to meet community leaders to discuss issues around child protection. Frank thought it was a perfect opportunity for Pond to meet the people directly.

Community members met the night before to plan for the meeting. While many are angered about the treatment received through the Usma program (the child protection program with delegated authority from the Ministry of Child and Family Development), they agreed to remain respectful and to offer solutions.

Pond arrived in Ahousaht with Usma

Supervisor Ian Clark and receptionist Maggie Gus. They first met behind closed doors with Ahousaht Chief and Council, Elders and Ha'wiih, as members of the community gathered and drummed outside.

Handmade signs were stapled to the side of Thunderbird Hall. The signs accused Usma of stealing their children, and demanded the return of their 'precious ones.' Usma means precious ones in the Nuuchah-nulth language.

Community members waited outside in the stifling heat and when Pond emerged with the community leaders, they respectfully listened as Keith Atleo introduced Usma staff.

He assured the people that Pond had been informed at their meeting that afternoon of the direction the community wanted to head in terms of child protection. "We want Larry and Usma to hear our people," he said, "to get a sense of the struggles this community is going through over the past 25 years."

Atleo reminded the people to remain positive, to tell Pond what it is they want to see and to offer suggestions about how they can work to improve the

relationship between themselves and Usma staff.

"It takes a community to raise a child and we will take our culture back and prove to the Europeans we're strong and will survive," Atleo declared.

In his opening remarks, Pond thanked Ahousaht for the invitation to the community. About the earlier meeting with community leaders he said, "We had a powerful discussion with chief and council and I heard some wise words regarding the strengths in Ahousaht."

He agreed with one of the theme statements, that agencies don't raise children, communities do.

"And you have our commitment that we will work hand in hand with the community," Pond promised, adding the comments heard that day would be used as a springboard for future discussions.

Before beginning their presentations, a prayer was said, thanking the Creator for the children.

The first speaker, a young man, thanked Usma for protecting his children from what was happening in his home when he was using alcohol.

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## It's here and it's free for off-shore status card holders this year only

By Denise Titian  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Tofino** - After months of false starts and set backs, pay parking in Tofino has become a reality as of July 11<sup>th</sup>. Area residents are directed to go to the Tofino Municipal Office to get their parking passes before enforcement begins.

Signs are clearly posted throughout the district, notifying motorists of the fees and any limits there may be to their parking time. Short-term parking fees are \$2/hour, \$5/day and \$20/week.

Long-term parking permits are available at the District Office on 121 Third Street at a cost of \$50/year or, for those who want a guaranteed space, \$50/month for private/reserved parking.

The more expensive private parking reserves a stall for the exclusive use of the permit holder. In the busy summer months, even annual parking permit holders may not be able to find a designated parking space. A private parking permit will ensure that your parking stall will always be available for your personal use.

As for the First Nations residents living offshore (Opitsaht, Esowista, Ahousaht, Hot Springs Cove, Hesquiaht) they may go to the district office with their Indian Status Cards and they will be issued annual passes. In addition to the permit you get a map showing your designated parking areas.

At the District office you will also be asked to give your name, address and license plate number. The purple parking passes which will hang off of your rear view mirror has your license plate number marked on it so the passes are not transferable from one vehicle to another.

Mayor John Fraser said the committee did their best to reserve areas for First Nations permit holders near docks. While First Street, which runs from the Government Dock up past the hospital to Arnet Road has no long term parking

spaces there are a few on Main Street adjacent to the Tofino Hardware Store parking lot and the House of Himwisa Parking lot. One block up the road on Campbell Street there are spaces between Duffin Cove Resort and the Post Office.

There are a few more spaces located further down Main Street and more past the hospital. Mayor Fraser said that if these spaces are not enough for the offshore First Nations residents there will be more parking available this year only at the site of the old BC Packers Building which was demolished earlier this year.

Leif Peterson, District of Tofino Administrator said the passes cost \$50 annually but this year is free for offshore First Nations residents because the cost is being covered by a grant.

Other offshore residents are directed to bring their vehicle registration to the

Municipal Office so they may purchase annual parking passes.

Persons with long-term parking passes will have to park in the marked designated parking areas; otherwise they will be subject to the rules and regulations of the place they choose to park in. One such area is the time limited parking in front of the Post Office.

The gravel parking lot at the Municipal Office is also off limits to all but private parking permit holders.

Besides worry-free parking in most places in Tofino, the parking permits will also allow the holder to park at Chesterman and Cox Beaches.

Pay parking will carry on throughout the winter. Moneys collected from the initiative will first go to paying for the meters, signage and administration before other projects will be considered for funding.

*Jolie Frank, age 4, enjoys a home-made popsicle on a hot day in July in Ahousaht.*



Denise Titian

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Kleco! Kleco!

## Deadline looms for nominations for business awards

By Debora Steel  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Port Alberni**—The Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Board (NEDC) is seeking nominations for its first ever business awards.

Board President Al Little said the business awards have been a long time in the planning.

"It's been something our board has been discussing for a number of years... It was actually identified several years ago in our strategic plan."

The awards are to recognize the growing number of businesses that Nuu-chah-nulth-ah are involved in. Some have been receiving Canada-wide and international attention, so NEDC wants to bring that recognition home.

So who can apply? Nuu-chah-nulth can nominate their own business or nominate another Nuu-chah-nulth

business of any size.

There are four categories: Business of the Year; a youth-owned business, which includes those businesses owned by Nuu-chah-nulth up to 35 years old; best cultural business; and best environmental and sustainable business.

"Ones that are either having a positive effect on the environment or ones that aren't adversely affecting the environment," said Little of this last category.

The businesses may be partnerships with non-Nuu-chah-nulth, but must have reasonable Nuu-chah-nulth involvement.

NEDC will be accepting nominations up until the end of the day on Tuesday, July 31. The NEDC investment review committee, a group that normally reviews loan applications and Aboriginal Business Canada project summaries, has been delegated to be responsible for the review and selection of the award winners.

Judging criteria will vary from

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—NEDC President Al Little

category to category, but will include profitability, though that will only be one area, and judged to a lesser degree, said Little.

"It could be on the impact the business has had on the community, on what they have been able to provide as far as job or assistance of other revenues into the economy, the Nuu-chah-nulth economy, and on different aspects of innovation into the business; ones that have used more innovative methods, in a number of different areas."

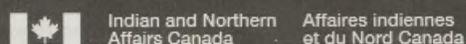
The business awards luncheon will be held at the Barclay Hotel on Saturday

Aug. 25 in conjunction with the NEDC annual general meeting. Presentations to the award winners will be done at that time.

Award winners will receive a crystal award that sits on a wooden pedestal, and, of course, the attention of the Nuu-chah-nulth community.

"That would be our focus; to bring more awareness to our businesses, especially with Nuu-chah-nulth, but beyond that as well," Little said.

Nomination forms have been sent to the band offices and are available at the NEDC office near Tseshaht Market.



## Resolving Specific Claims Once and For All

The Government of Canada has recently announced a decisive new plan to resolve the backlog of First Nations' specific claims, which is currently more than 800. The plan has been designed to ensure the process is accelerated, and that First Nations are provided with fair and timely resolution of specific claims.

Canada's Specific Claims Action Plan includes:

- An independent claims tribunal;
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Discussions with First Nation and provincial/territorial partners will take place over the coming months. The goal is to bring legislation forward in the fall to implement the plan.



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# Usma makes history with new social worker

By Debora Steel  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Port Alberni**—Kelly Falkenberg had spent four years training for a career as a social worker with a child protection specialization, and was interested in a job with the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council's USMA child services team. But she couldn't get the job until she successfully completed a practicum placement with the Ministry of Child and Family Development (MCFD).

Falkenberg couldn't get a practicum placement with MCFD, however, because the Port Alberni office where she specifically asked to be placed wasn't in a position to take on a student. Because she is the mother of a young child, she was reluctant to apply outside of the Port area.

So Falkenberg asked to do her practicum with USMA, an agency delegated by the ministry to handle the child welfare services in Nuu-chah-nulth territory.

A delegated agency had never been allowed to do such a thing before, so the

answer Falkenberg received to her request was "No." That was until all the stars aligned and the time became right to make history. It was time that the status quo was challenged.

In a job interview with Usma's Ian Clark, she mentioned that it was her wish to do her placement with the organization. Clark began to push for a change in ministry policy, and Falkenberg pushed Malaspina University-College to do what it could to encourage the placement.

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Kelly Falkenberg

# Usma to use meeting as a springboard for discussions

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He publicly apologized to his wife and children before describing his futile attempts to have his children returned home.

The man said he had done everything asked of him by the social workers, including being clean and sober for more than a year, but it seems there is always another hoop to jump through. He said he is getting discouraged.

A couple with several children said they'd been involved with Usma for 13 years and they continue to struggle, not only to get their children back home, but even to visit them. They too described all of the conditions placed on them that they've complied with, including several trips to treatment centres and therapists.

They questioned how social workers check the validity of anonymous reports they receive about negligent parents.

"We are sober now," said the father, "and I would love to take my children to a family treatment centre just to get to know them again."

A number of community members said that it was not just Usma's responsibility to care for the children at Ahousaht, but a community responsibility. Those speakers said that, in honesty, the community has had its problems. And it was the community that needed to step up and help solve those problems.

Another couple complained that by taking away the children the wrong message is sent.

"You're not only telling the parents they're not good enough for their children, but the children also get the message that their parents are not good enough."

They too pointed out that once they've met one Usma condition to get their children back, another one is made.

"Your social workers say they are just going by the book. Well, let's all have a look at that book and see where the end is," said the speaker.

The parents, he said, need hope in order to be inspired to make positive change.

Yet another couple stood and told Pond that by taking children from their



Denise Titian

Keith Atleo (right) and council met with Usma staff before they were introduced to the community. Atleo asked the community to remain solution-oriented when expressing their concerns about Usma's child protection efforts.

family, the community and the culture it is like imposing residential school on them.

"Why punish the children by taking them away from what they know, their homes and families," he asked. He suggested Usma should instead deal with the parents.

"Send them away from their homes and children until they do what they have to do to come back home," he suggested.

Elder Lena Jumbo told Pond there was

no such thing as Usma when she was young.

Orphaned at age three, Jumbo was raised by her grandmother. "She taught me crafts and everything I know," she said.

"Today your workers would tell me I'm too old to care for my grandchildren," she said, adding that she hoped to live to see the day her grandchildren are returned home from city foster homes.

A mother pointed out how the 70 per

cent unemployment rate and poverty affects the children. With less than \$600 a month to support the family, she said all money goes to food and the children go without socks and other necessities.

Tom Zarelli advised Pond that the community is putting together a plan to care for the children right in the community where they belong.

"There will come a time when we won't need Usma in Ahousaht anymore," he vowed.

John O. Frank later confirmed that Ahousaht, under the guidance of the Ha'wiih, is putting together a plan for wellness.

"All we're saying is we are making plans to go to a healthier place, and one day we will not need services like Usma," he explained.

Pond said he and his staff will continue to meet with Ahousaht leaders to discuss concerns. Usma had asked for the meeting in Ahousaht to discuss the types of concerns that were being voiced in an effort to develop in collaboration and partnership better strategies and options to keeping children safe. The meeting with the chief and council is consistent with Usma's intention to participate in dialogues with each community about how we can work together in protecting Nuu-chah-nulth children.

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# Cultural teachings at core of recent trip

By Denise Titian  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Maaqtusiis**—Angered at being characterized in recent media reports as addicts, members of a group of alleged drug dealers and bootleggers that were told by Tyee Ha'wiih Lewis Maquinna George to get help or get out of Ahousaht, said the trip to Esperanza treatment centre last month was for an intensive cultural program, not for treatment.

Acting chief councillor John O. Frank confirmed that the program involved some counseling, but that was only a small part of the cultural teachings and other skills the people learned.

Gloria Jean Frank assisted in the design of the cultural immersion program. She said some of the people that went to Esperanza had been clean and sober for more than a year. They were there, she said, to gain the tools needed to build inner strength through cultural teachings.

The powerful program allowed the group to explore both bible study and traditional spirituality. While at Esperanza, the group learned several ways to pray. They learned about Indian medicine, from how to harvest it to its preparation, proper storage and use.

The group also learned how to make deer hide tambourine drums and, with

the guidance of elders, learned to sing with their new drums. They now sing together regularly, helping one another stay the path.

A strong bond has formed among the members of the group who now call themselves the Warriors. John Frank said they selected the name because they learned to cleanse their minds, body and spirits while away and now they vow to be warriors, to work for the good of their people and for their Ha'wiih.

Today they continue to meet regularly, now acting as leaders among the people. They may discuss ideas to improve the community, or they listen and support one another. Sometimes they just sing, thankful for the presence of their allies.

One of the older men, said Frank, explained it this way: "What I learned made my mind clear and now I know the direction I need to go; back there I didn't have it ground into my head every day that I'm an addict and need to quit. Now I have no desire to use."

Both John and his wife Gloria Jean say the experience was an awesome one; one that, according to Gloria Jean, may never be duplicated. The teachings shared at Esperanza gave the people confidence.

"Finally, they hear the message, 'You're worthy,'" said John Frank.

The Warriors continue to stand together, protecting and supporting one another in times of stress; and helping to make their community strong.

## NOTICE OF VOTE FOR THE MAA-NULTH FIRST NATIONS FINAL AGREEMENT

**TO: HUU-AY-AHT FIRST NATION INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ON THE MAA-NULTH FIRST NATIONS FINAL AGREEMENT**

**TAKE NOTICE** that a Treaty Vote and Band Vote will be held in accordance with the Maa-nulth First Nations Ratification Committee Rules of Procedure in order to determine if Eligible Voters approve the Maa-nulth First Nations Final Agreement and members of the Huu-ay-aht First Nations Indian Band approve the transfer of the assets and liabilities of the applicable Indian Band and that Indian Band's dissolution. Copies of the Maa-nulth First Nations Ratification Committee Rules of Order are available for perusal at either the Huu-ay-aht Treaty Office or the Huu-ay-aht Band Office.

The following questions will be asked of the Eligible Voters:

**Ballot Question 1:** Do you approve the Maa-nulth First Nations Final Agreement (Treaty) initialed December 9, 2006?

**Ballot Question 2:** Do you approve the transfer of all assets and liabilities of Huu-ay-aht First Nation, an Indian Band under the Indian Act (the "Band"), to the entity defined as Huu-ay-aht First Nations in the Maa-nulth First Nations Final Agreement and the dissolution of the Band?

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b) Nanaimo	The Coast Bastion Inn	11 Bastion Street
c) Port Alberni	The Huu-ay-aht Treaty Office	3483 - 3rd Avenue
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  - iii. provides evidence satisfactory to a Voting Officer that the individual will be at least 16 years of age on or before July 28, 2007.
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**\*\* If you are intending to enrol at the poll, you must bring with you all documents required by the Enrolment Committee.**

DATED this 25th day of July, 2007.

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*"A Foundation For Our Future Generations"*

The Maa-nulth First Nations are currently in the Ratification stage of the Treaty process. The Maa-nulth First Nations have collectively committed to fully inform memberships on the many aspects of the Final Agreement.

**If you are a member of the:**

- Huu-ay-aht First Nations**
- Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Chek'tles7et'h' First Nations**
- Toquaht Nation**
- Uchucklesaht Tribe**
- Ucluelet First Nation**

**and are at the age of 16 and older, please contact your First Nation for more information. The Maa-nulth First Nations are seeking to enroll all eligible voters during this important phase of the process.**

Each of the Maa-nulth First Nations are currently updating memberships address databases and are seeking to connect to those living both on/off reserve.

For more information on Maa-nulth First Nations please contact:

**Message Centre: 1-877-876-3122**  
**Website: [www.maanulth.ca](http://www.maanulth.ca)**



Huu-ay-aht hereditary chiefs, elected chief and council, Elders, and youth visited the Nass Valley on July 17 and 18 to witness a living treaty in action and ask questions about what life is like for the Nisga'a people seven years after they voted yes to ratify the Nisga'a Final Agreement.

## Youth dominate participation in Nass Valley trip

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They manage based on three priorities, with the top one being conservation, then distribution and then economics. They talked about their licensing and how they count what is being brought in for food fish and for commercial.

Trudy Warner was on the fisheries tour as well. She said one of the challenges that the Nisga'a have encountered is dealing with some community frustrations with the government's decisions in the management of the resource.

"It's not DFO that is setting limits for numbers of fish. Now it's the Nisga'a Lisim Government, so their members, if they are going to be angry at somebody, it's not DFO. It's their own government now, so that's one of the things that they find difficult. But they accept the responsibility and it's just part of self-government."

Warner said she was amazed at how much has been built in the territory in such a short period of time.

"We were on the bus coming back and the fisheries guide was explaining that less than 16 years ago, all of the paved roads were gravel roads and how the generation of the people just before now had to travel on gravel roads and it was quite difficult to come out to this territory. And it made me think of our tribe and we have to go on an hour-and-a-half gravel road, so it's quite amazing... I'm in awe."

Mexsis and Hereditary Chief Jeff Cook were among the guests at a meeting with the president and secretary treasurer and CEO of the Nisga'a government and had the opportunity to ask some questions. One of the topics being discussed was wealth management.

"The Nisga'a explained to us that they were very cognizant, in terms of not getting overly excited as the money started to come in to the nation," said Mexsis, "and have spent the last seven years letting the cash build up in the trust. And they are now in the position where they can start accessing that money, and a fairly significant percentage of it, and start the benefits flowing so that the principle remains in

trust."

There were questions around how the Nisga'a government created opportunities for their members to own lands, and to be able to go to lending institutions for their mortgages and for business loans. Mexsis said they were just finalizing that legislation.

Taxation was discussed in terms of increasing the tax base on Nisga'a lands by bringing in investment.

"I guess from my point of view," said Cook, "it's a big challenge for us. In our Constitution we're trying to show respect for both cultures, I guess. The way they do business. And it also shows up here. They are doing the same thing up here also, in trying to blend both cultures together, and it seems to be working fairly well."

"We learned a lot from them," said Mexsis. "I can tell you that based on their body language, their reaction and their answers, they are very pleased with where they are at. The treaty is unfolding quite nicely."

The Nisga'a representatives admitted there were some growing pains.

"Mostly because they were in charge now. They were the decision-makers, and transiting from dependency mode to governance mode was an interesting journey, but they are there now and embracing the Nisga'a treaty fully."

He said the message he got from the meeting was that the Nisga'a government spent a lot of time over the last seven years, going to and consulting their members and developing plans.

"They've got their wealth management plan. They've got their economic development plan. They've got their governance plan. Everything is planned out in terms of where they want to get to and how they are going to get there. They have been very, very cognizant in terms of taking their time, making sure that things are done properly."

There has been controversy surrounding this trip. Many have wondered how appropriate it was for the provincial government to be funding the trip for the two First Nations so close to their ratification votes. Some have even called for the resignation of Mike DeJong, the minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation. Mexsis

disagrees with those assessments.

"It's absolutely appropriate," said Mexsis.

"The youth signed up for this trip and the reason why the youth signed up for this trip is because they know that their futures are in the treaties that are before the Tsawwassen and Huu-ah-aht First Nations, and they wanted to come up here and to see and to experience and to ask questions about the Nisga'a treaty."

"You can criticize all kinds of things, and you can always find things to criticize any event about, but this trip was about the youth coming to the Nisga'a land and to see what life is like under a real living treaty," Mexsis

added.

"I just wanted to come so I can learn," said Hougen. "It's not only my future as a youth, but it is also the future of my children, so I need to look at them before making the decision for me. And to do that, I needed to experience first-hand what a nation is capable of doing, because it's my vote that is going to shape my children's life."

A Nisga'a cultural night was planned for the first evening and the following day the visitors were going to witness the Nisga'a government in action. Plans were being made to pass legislation.

### ATTENTION HUU-AY-AHT MEMBERS

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## Regional meetings planned to discuss rez-school concerns

Submitted by Norah Martin  
—Tla-o-qui-aht  
Nuu-chah-nulth Indian Residential School Working Group

I had the opportunity to attend two Indian residential school conferences: one in Winnipeg on May 1 to 4 and the second one in Calgary on June 1 to 4. All nine judges have approved of the Indian Residential School Settlement that includes the Common Experience Payment (CEP), Truth and Reconciliation commission and the Independent Adjudication Process (IAP).

The Common Experience Payment is for the loss of language and the loss of parenting skills. For survivors who were physically, psychologically or sexually abused, seek the advice of a lawyer who is responsible to obtain information of survivors' experiences to forward to an adjudicator who will determine what compensation to be awarded.

**Independent Adjudication Process:**  
The Independent Adjudication Process

is to expedite settlements. The associated costs of the IAP the government is responsible for 15 per cent and upon your acceptance of the adjudicator's offer 15 per cent will be deducted off the IAP compensation. If a survivor chooses to sue the government and the church, he/she can do so, however it would be at his/her own expense. Due to the Blackwater case, the Supreme Court of Canada has placed a top amount of \$140,000 for compensation. Be aware that it could take years before settlement is achieved in court.

**Community Preparation:**  
The theme of the conference in Winnipeg was Community Preparation. Communities need to address the issues and concerns of alcohol/drugs, gambling, gangs, violence, Elder abuse, frauds and scams. Healing is essential to deter the potential abuses that may occur in our communities, as we need to ensure the safety and well-being of all survivors/families.

Members throughout Nuu-chah-nulth are expressing concerns of some survivors who have received substantial settlements and the increase of alcohol/drugs, gambling and violence.

Throughout both conferences, people from across Canada reported significant improvements in First Nation peoples health by utilizing their own resources, that traditional/cultural methods are far more beneficial for survivors and their families. I can attest to this, as Tla-o-qui-aht has been fortunate and blessed to have Margaret Eaton provide traditional and cultural healing for members living at home and away from home.

**Indian Residential School Settlement:**  
Within the agreement, the churches will allocate \$140 million to the healing of residential school survivors. This funding will be available for existing programs and will be available for a five-year period.

Within the agreement, \$60 million will be available for Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The purpose of the truth and reconciliation process is to ensure that residential schools never happen again, and to educate and make non-natives aware of the atrocities that occurred to survivors while at these institutions.

Three commissioners will be appointed to oversee the Truth and Reconciliation

Commission, and at least one may be of First Nation descent. The reason for this is the idea, again, to educate non-natives.

Phil Fontaine, the National Chief of Assembly of First Nations (AFN), has stated "that this is a good thing for us." Guest speakers from South Africa, Australia, Ireland, New York and North Carolina reported that within their agreements, compensation was not included.

In South Africa, part of their strategy included what they called Sorry Day, where non-South Africans signed a Sorry Book and a Sorry Day rally was organized with an attendance of 250,000 people to raise public awareness of what happened in South African.

Truth and reconciliation can and may lead to an apology from the governments and church. Survivors/families can submit names of a commissioner of their choosing and forward your nomination to the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Leadership who will, in turn, forward the nomination to Ottawa.

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### CLAYOQUOT SOUND UNESCO BIOSPHERE RESERVE



## Thank you for Celebrating with us!

The Clayoquot Biosphere Trust would like to thank the Ahousaht First Nation for hosting the first annual Celebration of the Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere Reserve from April 30 to May 5, 2007. We extend special thanks to the Ahousaht Ha'wilt, Elders, Chief and Council and community members who so warmly welcomed the CBT; to the Ahousaht Youth Cultural Centre who organized an outstanding series of events; and to the participants and volunteers from all communities who helped to make this event such a success.

The CBT also extends its thanks and appreciation to all the members of our five Advisory Committees: Community Development; Culture; Education; Marine and Aquatic; and Terrestrial. Committee members volunteer their time to offer advice to the CBT on project design, delivery and funding.

Since September 2006 the CBT and our Committees are proud to have provided funding to the following projects in our communities:

- Celebration of Health ~ Ucluelet First Nation
- Research trip to Ahousaht ~ UVic Geography Class
- Orthographic Photos ~ Clayoquot-Alberni Regional District
- National Aboriginal Day ~ Parks Canada
- National Aboriginal Day ~ Ahousaht First Nation
- Whales on the Wall Project ~ Whale Festival Society
- The HERA Project ~ Tonquin Society
- Festival Sponsorship ~ Pacific Rim Arts Society
- Tofino Mudflats Recreation Impacts Project
- Ukeke Days ~ District of Ucluelet
- 'Portrait of Ahousaht' film project ~ Ucluelet Secondary School
- Bear Aware Signage for the Wild Pacific Trail ~ West Coast Bear Aware Committee
- Ucluelet Harbour student projects ~ UVic Geography Class

- Pacific Rim Hospice Society ~ Training for Volunteers and Service Providers
- Ucluelet Disaster Relief Society ~ Disaster Relief Training
- Tofino Hospital Foundation ~ Coastal Health Care Committee
- First Nation Environment Network ~ Atlantic Salmon Study
- Tofino Streamkeepers ~ Streamkeeper Education Material
- Westcoast Community Resource Society ~ Youth Leadership Retreat
- Raincoast Education Society ~ Root Garden Project
- Ahousaht Jr. Girls Basketball Team
- Ahousaht Islanders Hockey Team
- Ahousaht Raven Ladies Ball Hockey Team
- Opitsaht Youth Basketball
- Ucluelet Sa-cinns Basketball
- Hooksum Outdoor School Student Scholarship
- Ucluelet Secondary School Student Scholarship

Our next Call for Projects will begin in September 2007. We are also already starting to plan for next year's Celebration of the Biosphere, which will take place in June 2008. If you would like to get involved in one of our Committees, or if you have any questions about the CBT, please call our office at 725-2219 (Tofino) or 726-2086 (Ucluelet), or visit our website at www.clayoquotbiosphere.org.

The Clayoquot Biosphere Trust supports research, education, and training initiatives for conservation, sustainable development and healthy communities in the Clayoquot Biosphere Region.



### CLAYOQUOT SOUND UNESCO BIOSPHERE RESERVE

## Fisheries - ca'ca'ṭuk

### Student spends time at Uu-a-thluk

Hello to all members of the Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations. My name is Allison Gallic and I am working with the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council's Uu-a-thluk fisheries department as a summer student.

I come from the Tseshaht First Nation. My parents are Ruby and Jake Gallic. My interests include the sciences, the aquatic environment, fishing and sports, such as soccer, slow pitch and hockey.

I recently finished upgrading to gain entrance into the first year Bachelors of Science program at Port Alberni's North Island College, and I will begin it at North Island College in September.

I plan to transfer to the University of Victoria to finish my degree after next year. At this point, my major is still undecided, but it will be either in chemistry, biology, physics, astronomy, earth and oceans science or mathematics.

After completion of my bachelors degree, I plan to attend the University of British Columbia for my Masters Degree, and soon after, my PhD. I will be participating in a wide



Allison Gallic

variety of fisheries-related activities this summer that will provide me with experience in areas such as conducting field-base research and report writing.

I look forward to traveling to Nuu-chah-nulth communities and meeting and learning from Nuu-chah-nulth people. I'd like to thank Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council for providing me with the opportunity to be part of the Uu-a-thluk team.

### Forms are available at tribal offices

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#### Common Experience Payment Application Forms:

Application Forms for the CEP are available at tribal offices and friendship centres, and please note the deadline is Aug 20. Payment for the CEP will begin on Nov 17. Survivors can obtain a signed affidavit from a former student or former supervisor to qualify for the CEP if records have been lost.

For family members who were survivors and who have passed away it is the responsibility of the eldest child to submit an application form, which will be available after Aug. 20.

I am grateful and appreciate the support of our elected chief and council and the tribal administrator of Tla-o-qui-aht to attend residential school conferences/meetings.

#### Assembly of First Nations Support:

Ken Young, Lawyer, Special Advisor to Phil Fontaine and Residential Coordinator from Winnipeg, has agreed to come to Nuu-chah-nulth on July 25 to 27 to answer questions that have arisen at various gatherings within the past four months regarding residential schools.

Ken was involved with negotiating the agreement settlement. As in other parts of the country, questions, concerns and uncertainty has been expressed in Nuu-chah-nulth communities, and in this regard Ken will be available to come to our communities and address our questions and concerns.

#### Nuu-chah-nulth Indian Residential School Working Group:

At present, we are in the process of attaining support and the endorsement of the Nuu-chah-nulth directors for the newly formed Nuu-chah-nulth Indian Residential School Working Group (NIRSWG) to provide/offer support to survivors, to strategize/plan, organize meetings/workshops and fund raising. The NIRSWG is a non-profit society, and have established terms of reference and

are in the process of developing a Vision and Mission Statement that will include the input from Nuu-chah-nulth-aht.

The Indian Residential School Working Group Members are Margaret Eaton, Diitdaht, Norah Martin, Tla-o-qui-aht, Richard Lucas, Hesquiaht and Archie Little, Nuchatlaht. The NIRSWG is undertaking many tasks to ensure that Nuu-chah-nulth are prepared and ready before survivors/families receive compensation, such as healing and possible financial planning etc.

They are also working to ensure that survivors/families have input into the ideas or recommendations to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, Funding and Healing etc, and they are working together to plan the regional gatherings with Ken Young that are scheduled as follows:

July 25: Central Region, Tin Wis Conference Centre; July 26: Southern Region, House of Gathering, Port Alberni, B.C.; July 27: Northern Region. Location to be determined

NIRSWG Contact #'s: Margaret Eaton, 730-1714, m\_meaton@hotmail.com; Norah Martin, 725-8397, nmartin@seaviewcable.net; Richard Lucas 724-0734; Archie Little, 724-7136, archielittle@shaw.ca

The Nuu-chah-nulth Indian Residential School Working Group wishes to acknowledge and thank Simon Tom and Robert Dennis for their participation in the meeting of July 6 at the Port Alberni Friendship Centre.

Your support, ideas and direction was valuable input to the working group. Also to Ha'with Bert Mack, Lil Mack, Vi Mundy and Ron Martin for taking the time to attend the regional planning meeting held at the Toquaht board room on July 9. We also wish to express our appreciation to Ha'with Bert Mack for his generous donation to the NIRSWG.

## Fisheries - ca'ca'ṭuk

### More time in court in store for Nuu-chah-nulth

By Debora Steel  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Vancouver—The 14 nations of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council provided notice June 27 of their intention to appeal the decision of the Federal Court in the judicial review of the Groundfish Integration Pilot Plan.

On May 29, Justice J. Blais found against the Nuu-chah-nulth Nations in their assertion that the minister of the department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) breached his constitutional duty to consult the Nuu-chah-nulth before he made the decision to implement the three-year plan.

The groundfish plan was largely the design of the commercial fishing industry, and was developed over the course of two years.

The plan implemented new individual transferable quotas (ITQs) for rockfish, lingcod and dogfish to commercial license holders, among other initiatives.

Officials from DFO began a consultation process with the Nuu-chah-nulth a few months before the minister announced that the plan would be implemented. That consultation process had only reached stage three of a six-stage protocol at the time of the minister's announcement, and was never completed.

The Nuu-chah-nulth nations began a court action against the DFO minister in May 2006. They based the litigation on a Supreme Court decision known as Haida. That court said there is a duty to consult and accommodate the interests of Aboriginal people when the Crown takes, or proposes to take, action that may affect the asserted Aboriginal rights of Aboriginal people.

The Nuu-chah-nulth submitted to the federal court that the implementation of the ITQs would have an impact on their right to the food, social and ceremonial

fishery, and that the ITQs would have an impact on Canada's ability to provide adequately for a fishery in treaty negotiations, making the buy-back of commercial licenses more expensive.

In his decision, Justice Blais rejected the Nuu-chah-nulth assertion that consultations should have been begun earlier in the process of developing the groundfish plan when changes could have been made to the proposal to address Nuu-chah-nulth concerns. He said the duty to consult fell on the lower end of the scale and that the minister was under no obligation to hold bilateral consultations with the Nuu-chah-nulth nations.

The grounds for the Nuu-chah-nulth appeal are:

1. that the court erred in law in finding that neither impacts upon food, social and ceremonial rights to fish, nor impacts upon the resolutions of treaty negotiations and/or aboriginal rights and title litigation trigger the minister's duty to consult;
2. that the court erred in fact and law in finding that the scope of the minister's duty to consult lies at the low end of the spectrum, and
3. that the court erred in fact and law in determining that the minister met the duty to consult with the Nuu-chah-nulth nations.

Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council President Francis Frank said the decision to appeal was not solely based on the legal implications of Justice Blais' decision in the federal court.

"The ruling is not consistent with the collaborative relationship building we've been forging with the department of Fisheries," said Frank.

"We are appealing because the ruling is not conducive with the positive steps we are both taking to work together. The ruling is a step backward for both DFO and Nuu-chah-nulth, and will hinder relationships with all First Nations if it stands."

## Summer means science

At least it will for the Nuu-chah-nulth children who take part in the Science Venture Camp at Tsaxana, Gold River on Aug. 20 to 24. Building on the success of Science Venture Camp 2006, the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation, in partnership with Uu-a-thluk and the West Coast Vancouver Island Aquatic



Participants and leaders of the Science Venture Camp in 2006 pose for a photo dressed in their lab coats.

Management Society, are sponsoring the 2007 Science Venture Camp. It is free and open to Nuu-chah-nulth youth entering grades three to six. Science Venture is a non-profit organization that offers hands-on, minds-on science, engineering and technology learning opportunities for kids entering Grades on through 12. Science Venture's innovative programs are operated through the University of Victoria Engineering Students' Society. (<http://www.scienceventure.uvic.ca/home/>)

Staff from the University of Victoria Science Venture Program will be teaching the young people about science using fun examples and innovative teaching techniques. One of the goals of the program and of Uu-a-thluk is to help children develop a love of science and of learning and for them to eventually pursue careers in the science and resource management sectors. Such specialists will enable Nuu-chah-nulth to

manage resources in a sustainable and responsible way. Donations are needed to help pay the costs of Nuu-chah-nulth youth to attend the Science Venture Camp for free. Please sponsor one student for \$75 or donate whatever you can afford. Charitable tax receipts will be issued. Cheques or money orders can be sent to WCVI Aquatic Management Society, PO Box 1042, STN A Port Alberni, BC V9Y 7L9. Payment can also be made by Paypal at (<http://www.uuathluk.ca/NCNsciencecamp.htm>).

There is room for only 23 Nuu-chah-nulth youth to register for this year's Science Venture Camp so register your eligible students right away. The camp was so much fun last year it is guaranteed to fill up again this year. For more information or to register please contact Roger Dunlop, Uu-a-thluk Northern Region Biologist at (250) 283-2012.



## Uu-a-thluk launches cookbook project

Does your auntie, uncle, grandma, grandpa, mother or father have a tasty dish that is known throughout Nuu-chah-nulth country and beyond? Do you have childhood foods and recipes that make your mouth water in anticipation?

Then Uu-a-thluk staff would like to hear from you. Uu-a-thluk (Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council) Fisheries is looking for recipes to include in a cookbook that will be published to show Nuu-chah-nulth ways of preparing and eating traditional foods. The cookbook will celebrate Nuu-chah-nulth's work within fisheries and long-standing relationship with seafood.

We are looking for your recipes for

fresh and canned seafoods, methods for harvesting and preparing foods, and stories and photographs about preparing foods and how to cook them.

Deadline for recipes is Aug. 31. Recipes and other information can be submitted to the Uu-a-thluk offices in Port Alberni and Gold River, or by fax at (250) 724-2172, by mail to: Uu-a-thluk, PO Box 1383, Port Alberni, BC V9Y 7M2 or by email at: [info@uuathluk.ca](mailto:info@uuathluk.ca).

Please make sure to include your name and how best to contact you, in case we need to follow-up with you. For additional information contact Val Gallic at (250) 724-5757, or visit [www.uuathluk.ca](http://www.uuathluk.ca).

### NOTICE OF VOTE

**Ka:yu:k't'h'/Che:k:tl'es/et'h FIRST NATIONS CONSTITUTION**  
Notice is hereby given to all Ka:yu:k't'h'/Che:k:tl'es/et'h members, and those Ka:yu:k't'h'/Che:k:tl'es/et'h individuals enrolled under the Maa-nulth First Nation Final Agreement (the Treaty), that a vote will be held to approve adoption of the Ka:yu:k't'h'/Che:k:tl'es/et'h Constitution on **Saturday, August 4, 2007**

All enrolled and pending enrolment voters were mailed a copy of the Ka:yu:k't'h'/Che:k:tl'es/et'h Constitution dated 19 June 2007, along with this Notice of Vote and a mail-in ballot package. In addition, other members were mailed an enrolment package along with this material.

According to the Treaty, the Ka:yu:k't'h'/Che:k:tl'es/et'h Constitution must be approved by 50% plus one (1) of eligible voters that vote. The ballot question will be:

"Under the Treaty, Ka:yu:k't'h'/Che:k:tl'es/et'h First Nations must have a constitution. The Ka:yu:k't'h'/Che:k:tl'es/et'h First Nations Constitution Committee has drafted and recommends the Ka:yu:k't'h'/Che:k:tl'es/et'h Constitution dated June 19, 2007.

Do you approve the June 19, 2007 Ka:yu:k't'h'/Che:k:tl'es/et'h Constitution?"  
 Yes or  No

There are two ways to vote. You may vote in person between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on August 4, 2007 at one of two locations: at the Clinic on Houpsitas Reserve in Kyuquot, or upstairs of the office of Allemeckers Accounting (NEDC office) at 918 Island Highway, in Campbell River. Please bring identification with you.

You may also vote by mail-in ballot. A mail-in ballot was mailed to all Ka:yu:k't'h'/Che:k:tl'es/et'h members. Any Ka:yu:k't'h'/Che:k:tl'es/et'h voter, or pending enrolment voter, who will not be able to vote in person may use the mail-in ballot. The mail-in ballot (and the enrolment application, where relevant) must be returned to the Chief Electoral Officer in the stamped, addressed envelope provided, along with a signed and witnessed Voter Declaration Form, before the close of the poll.

Eligibility to Vote: Application for enrolment may be made by contacting Irene Hanson at the Ka:yu:k't'h'/Che:k:tl'es/et'h administration office in Kyuquot (250-332-5259 or toll-free 1-888-817-8716). You may also apply to enrol in person—and vote—on the day of the vote by providing the electoral officers present with a complete enrolment application, which is available at the polling location. ID is required.

Voters List and Ballot Counting: A list of currently eligible voters will be posted at the Ka:yu:k't'h'/Che:k:tl'es/et'h Administration Office in Kyuquot, and at 918 Island Hwy in Campbell River within 14 days of the vote. All ballots will be counted on Sunday, 5th August, and the results will be posted at the above locations.

Questions about the Constitution: Members of the Ka:yu:k't'h'/Che:k:tl'es/et'h Constitution Committee are available to answer any questions you may have about the Constitution. Contact the Ka:yu:k't'h'/Che:k:tl'es/et'h Administration Office at the numbers given above for their contact information.

Voting will be conducted according to the applicable Maa Nulth Rules of Procedure. For information about voting, or to request a ballot, please contact the Chief Electoral Officer at the information below. Dated at Kyuquot, British Columbia, this 28th day of June 2007.

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band members

If you have not yet enrolled with the Ka:yu:k't'h'/Che:k:tl'es/et'h first nation please contact Irene Hanson as soon as possible. If you are enrolled and have moved, please update your address with our band office. It is very important that we have your updated address. Please contact the Kyuquot Band office as soon as possible.

For further information:  
Phone: (250) 332-5259 or toll free: 1888 817-8716  
Email: [kcfnenrollment@gmail.com](mailto:kcfnenrollment@gmail.com)

Thank you,  
  
Irene Hanson  
E&E Worker,  
Ka:yu:k't'h'/Che:k:tl'es/et'h

## Treaty Making News

# Youth get chance to discuss treaty concerns



Evan Touchie



Charlie Cootes Jr.



Wameesh Ken Watts



Raymond Joe

## as Huu-ay-aht gets ready to head to the polls

By Debora Steel  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Victoria**—Ten, nine, eight...the countdown has begun. It is now mere days before the first of the five Maa-nulth nations goes to the polls for the ratification vote of the Maa-nulth Treaty.

Huu-ay-aht registered voters will cast their ballots on July 28 at the Huu-ay-aht Treaty Office in Port Alberni, at the band office in Anacla, in Vancouver and Nanaimo or by mail.

It is a numbers game. For the treaty to be ratified, 50 per cent of the registered eligible voters must attend the polls and 50 per cent plus one of those voters must vote in favor of this question: Do you approve the Maa-nulth First Nations Final Agreement (Treaty) initialed Dec. 9, 2006.

The Maa-nulth treaty nations were

working furiously leading up to this vote date to provide the information that members require to make an informed decision on the historic document. The treaty, if ratified, would see the end of governance under an Indian Act system for Maa-nulth nation members and the beginning of a form of self-government, negotiated with the federal and provincial governments over many years.

One such information sharing initiative began with a bus trip on July 13. Maa-nulth youth from across the territory were bused to the University of Victoria in the provincial capital for a two-day treaty forum. On the agenda were presentations on the treaty from Huu-ay-aht Chief Councillor Robert Dennis, and chief treaty negotiators Charlie Cootes Sr. (Uchucklesaht) and Mexsis Tom Happynook (Huu-ay-aht).

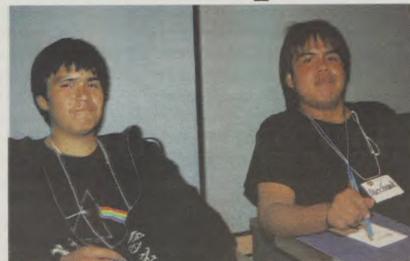
Keynote speaker for the feast, hosted by the Esquimalt First Nation, was Chief Commissioner of the BC Treaty

Commission, Steven Point.

Raymond Joe was a Huu-ay-aht youth attending the forum. He was excited about the event and excited about the opportunity to vote on July 28.

He told Ha-Shilth-Sa that he was looking for more information than what was provided in the treaty summary that had been given to community members about the contents of the treaty. He wanted to more completely understand the timelines of the different aspects of the agreement.

Alec Frank, 19, also Huu-ay-aht, said of the treaty, "If it goes through it's a good thing." He said Huu-ay-aht then will be able to govern itself and make its own decisions. He and buddy Gord Robinson, 16, of Huu-ay-aht, attended



Gord Robinson, 16, and Alec Frank, 19.

the forum to learn more before the vote.

Evan Touchie and Charlie Cootes Jr. co-chaired the event. Touchie told the youth that in the early days of treaty negotiations he was anti-treaty, but stood today as a pro-treaty youth.

Elder Barbara Touchie of Ucluelet, who traveled to Victoria on the bus with the young people, provided an opening address.

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## New commissioner will push on the mandate front

By Debora Steel  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Parksville**—Robert Phillips, a newly-elected commissioner of the BC Treaty Commission, attended the Nuu-chah-nulth treaty planning meeting on July 5 with a promise that he would be outspoken on the issues of changing mandates and improved resources for treaty making.

"Sometimes, some things need to be said."

Phillips was elected in March by the First Nations Summit to his first term as commissioner. He has been spending the last few months trying to connect with First Nations people to talk about common issues.

He is a member of the Northern Secwepemc te Qelmukw (Shuswap) of the Canim Lake First Nation. He served as chief negotiator of the Northern Shuswap Tribal Council and prior to that as its self-government director.

Phillips said he would be very active in his role as a commissioner, attending tables when invited, and using the knowledge he's attained through his role as a chief negotiator in his dealing with the commission, and the federal and provincial governments.

"We have to look at the mandates....look at them and work on them at a common table," he said. "I think we may see some breakthroughs," he added, optimistically.

It all comes down to the recognition of Aboriginal rights and title, he said, and expanding the mandates.



Newly elected BC Treaty Commissioner Robert Phillips

The Nuu-chah-nulth in attendance took the opportunity to congratulate Phillips on his election and to ask a few pointed questions about movement on key issues.

Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Vice-president Michelle Corfield was chair of the treaty planning meeting and had earlier shared with the group that Indian Affairs Minister Jim Prentice had visited with the First Nations Leadership Council and had agreed to revamp the federal negotiation process.

During an interview with Aboriginal media after the federal government's announcement it was reworking the specific claims process, Prentice had promised he was heading to B.C. to take a close look at the comprehensive claims process and what could be done to improve the success rate in treaty making.

In response, Ahousaht's Nelson Keitlah had wondered if there would be an effort made to put teeth into the treaty commission's mouth.

Corfield said the commission is known around B.C. as the paper tiger or the loans processor. Corfield asked Phillips what the treaty commission would be doing to change the perception that it was the keeper of the treaty purse, rather than keeper of the treaty process.

Phillips joked that the first piece of advice he received on joining the commission was to avoid being appointed to the budget committee. He said, however, funding was a serious issue and that new ideas around providing the needed resources were required.

Mike Maquinna pushed Phillips on the mandates issue. He asked the new commissioner if he could see movement on that front from government.

"They are going by 1986 guidelines, which may not be dealing with the issues of the day," Maquinna said. The treaty mandates of the governments grew out of the 1986 Comprehensive Land Claims Policy, which many complain is outdated and does not take into consideration Supreme Court decisions on Aboriginal title and rights.

Phillips said that during his time spent as a chief negotiator, he had pushed for movement on the mandates of government. He said the government negotiators had said to him "you can't see our mandate, because it's like showing you the envelope." Phillips

again said that he would be outspoken on the issue of mandates.

Hesquiaht's Joe Tom said many were frustrated with the slow, or no, progress in treaty making over the last number of months. He said that while there was a lot of work being done on efforts to

persuade governments to come to the table with good faith plans to negotiate, it wasn't enough. The perception in First Nations communities is that if there is no land, resources or money coming into the communities, then nothing is being done.

"And it's not because of this table," Tom said of the Nuu-chah-nulth treaty negotiators. "Government is doing everything that they can to destroy us."

Tom said the First Nations leadership shouldn't be hassled because governments aren't taking the required action to resolve the treaty stalemate. The fight should be with the government, not with the people who are working to convince governments to sit down and negotiate fairly, he said.

"I hope somebody finds the proper words to say to our people," said Tom. "So far, all we have is a handshake and a smile from the government."

Maquinna agreed with Tom that governments aren't feeling the pressure to act and make progress on treaties.

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## Lack of trust an issue

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Keitlah said the province and the feds must start to negotiate in sincerity; "not just come to the table to tell us what they want."

Tom asked Phillips what the commission was going to do with the "propaganda money" it had received from the provincial government.

The commission received \$250,000 "to educate and inform the public about the long-term economic and social benefits of treaties through public information sessions, advertising, and Web-based and video projects," said a news release.

One such project is a feature-length documentary entitled Nisga'a Dancing in Both Worlds, which shows how the Nisga'a negotiated the first modern-day treaty in the province. This occurred outside of the BC treaty process. The film will be distributed to schools and libraries and is currently being negotiated for television.



Nelson Keitlah

Phillip said the money will also be used to host a conference from Oct. 10 to 12, which will concern itself with treaties and issues surrounding treaties.

It was apparent from the discussion with Phillips that there is a huge divide between First Nations and governments in the area of trust.

Bill Williams, who is a representative of Chief Norman George of Mowachah/Muchalaht, asked how First Nations could be assured that government will keep their word and do what they

promise under a treaty?

Maquinna also wondered. He said Canada has many treaties going back to the 1700s, and to date, many of those treaties are not being honored.

He said there will be millions of dollars spent to negotiate treaties in British Columbia, and if there is progress, he asked, would those treaties be honored?

## Comfort zone being challenged, said Elder

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She said she was going to speak her language for awhile because the youth needed to hear it. It was her job to use the language and work to keep the language alive.

"It seems that we are on the threshold of turning things over to our youth," she said. She thanked the young people for attending to learn more about the treaty. The older people, she said, were in a comfort zone and afraid of change. They were afraid that it was going to be hard work under the treaty.

It's going to take the young people to stand up and say, "yes we want that change," she said. The young people need this change, she added.

Chief Andy Thomas provided a welcome from the Esquimalt First Nation. He asked the young people to keep an open mind as they learned about the treaty, and to set the compass of their hearts. He said it was what will be their best guide for the decision on the treaty.

Thomas advised the youth to not allow their heads to get too far out in front of their hearts. He said the heart is what has guided the people who had worked to develop the treaty, and it should be the heart that guides the work into the future.

Maa-nulth President Chief Charlie Cootes Sr. said the youth in attendance were leaders in the community for taking the time to be at the forum. In fact, the event was called Youth Today, Leaders Tomorrow. He encouraged them to soak up as much information about the treaty as they could and to go back and talk about it.

Cootes asked them to encourage their friends and families to vote, whether for or against. "Just vote," he said.

"There was a system before the Mama'ni came," said Chief Councillor Dennis, known to many as Pope. His presentation during the Our Journey to Treaty panel was entitled "From a rich history to a dependent state."

One objection heard about treaty making in British Columbia centers around the idea of taxation, a dirty word in the treaty world, said Dennis. He countered that objection saying that taxation is not new in Nuu-chah-nulth



Charlie Cootes Sr.

history, it just took a different form than what we are used to today.

If a fisherman went out and caught a boatload of halibut, a portion of that halibut went to the head chief. And then to the other chiefs, and then the community. That was a form of taxation, and you weren't allowed to miss that payment to the chief or you wouldn't be allowed to live or fish in the community again, Dennis said.

"There is a word that we call control. Before the Mama'ni came, our chiefs had total control of their land," he said about the history of the Nuu-chah-nulth.

Through this treaty, he said, the people will regain control of that land. He admitted it was not full control, but there was an opportunity to work toward full control of the land under the treaty.

Cootes Sr. spoke on the topic of taking control of the resources.

He said the world is rapidly changing. There once was a time when there were so many salmon that it was thought people could walk across the top of the water on them. Today, the resources are declining.

The treaty negotiated will allow the people to control what remains of those resources to provide for their families. He said the longer the nations put off regaining that control, the more land will disappear and more resources will be lost.

He said there were many job opportunities available under treaty, and he asked that the youth consider those opportunities over the course of the

## Hereditary chiefs honored at Esquimalt Big House

By Debora Steel  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Esquimalt**—Chief Commissioner Steven

Point of the BC Treaty Commission was wrapped in a blanket and asked to speak by Chief Andy Thomas of the Esquimalt First Nation. The occasion? The chief's family was hosting the Maa-nulth youth to a feast in the big house on July 13, and had chosen as well to honor the bloodlines of the hereditary chiefs of the Maa-nulth nations by standing them up on blankets in a sacred ceremony and blessing.

It was to celebrate the uniqueness of the culture. It was to show appreciation

for the chiefs' efforts and give them strength and show support.

"Their work is never easy," said the Thomas family spokesman.

Witnesses were called to remember the event.



Chief Commissioner Steven Point

Point told the people gathered in the house that when wrapped in a blanket in this way he was taught to talk with kind words, true word, and not to put himself above the people.

He talked about the history of his people for awhile. He is of the Skwakwale First Nation.

He said when people came to his country that weren't supposed to be there, "we fought for our country." One of the last such wars happened out in Chilliwack, he said.

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Mexsis Tom Happynook

forum. Mexsis said the youth were on the brink of a historic event. His talk was on the trials and tribulations of treaty negotiations.

He said the biggest challenge over the 14 years of negotiations was his attitude. He came to the treaty table full of anger and it took him awhile to work through that anger, he said.

When he did, Mexsis began to build relationships with his federal and provincial counterparts. He was then able to talk about his nation's interests.

He said those interests have been met under the treaty.

Six generations of tyee have been through this process, he told the young people. "And we are on the brink of a new life for you."

He said that of the complaints he's heard about treaty making is that some say that governments have limited mandates or negotiation directives.

"You hear that Canada and B.C. come with insufficient mandates so First Nations can't negotiate with these groups."

"I say bologna." He said the Maa-nulth nations blew away half a dozen mandate obstacles. The land on the table was five per cent in treaty negotiations, yet Maa-nulth negotiated back 17 per cent of the traditional territory.

He said the complaint is that treaty negotiators were taking a cookie cutter approach to treaty making, with Nisga'a



Robert Dennis

as the model.

Again he said "bologna." The Maa-nulth treaty couldn't be more different from Nisga'a, he insisted.

The complaint heard is that the formula for cash and land that the governments come to the table with is only \$75,000 per person, said Happynook. Again he said bologna.

The Maa-nulth nations are so far past that \$75,000 per person, that Mexsis was embarrassed to tell the youth how far past.

In a rousing finish to his presentation he told the youth to seize the opportunities and responsibilities of the treaty, and stand up and be counted. "Vote yes," he said.

Wameesh Ken Watts, the male youth representative of the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), is the son of the late George Watts. His father was a driving force of treaty negotiations in Nuu-chah-nulth territory until his untimely passing.

Wameesh said he had to remain neutral on treaty because of his position with the AFN, but encouraged the youth to vote. It's a daunting document, so ask questions, he encouraged.

He talked about leadership and described two types. There are floaters—those that float around and don't do too much or those that push others down so that they can remain afloat—and then there are swimmers. He asked the youth to decide what kind of leaders they wanted to be.

The second day was devoted to small group discussion and lots of questions.

## Klecko's - ʔekoo

### Great job on the games

Thank you Mowachah/Muchalaht First Nation for holding the Tic Kaa II Kwink Games and for the invitation. My family really enjoyed the fun in the sun and games. It sure was great to be home and to stop to visit mom (Julia) and dad (Paul) grave while there.

A big thank you to Auntie Violet Johnson for letting us pitch tents in your yard and for use of the facilities. To three wonderful ladies, Shirley Johnson, Bev Jack, and Allison Howard: You all did a great job in coordinating the games. It sure is a big job, but you girls

did it. I myself enjoyed everything during the games.

I'd like to congratulate my family for doing the Iron Man/Women Marathon. To my daughter Claudine for doing the swimming, Chelsea for doing the running, Thomas for biking, and the one and only youngest that participated in this event was my son Samuel Mack, who is only six years old. I'm proud of you all and love you very much. Love Mom Jessie.

*From Jessie E Mack Nuchatlaht First Nation and Family.*

### With most sincere gratitude

On behalf of our family, we wish to thank the many kind hearts, warm sentiments, donations, flowers, cards, love and sincerity during the loss of our daughter/sister/mother/friend Minnie E. Grant (Johnnie). It's times like this that are very difficult, it is always so wonderful how community comes together to share in our sorrow.

We wish to thank the Cowichan Hospital for doing all they did for Minnie. We thank the First Memorial Funeral Services for all their guidance throughout our difficult time. We especially thank all the friends and relatives who came a long way to be with us during our sad times. We graciously thank the Chances Casino/Bingo Hall for all their caring, loving hearts as co-workers of our Minnie. Your kindness and generosity will always be remembered and cherished in our hearts.

We thank the Cowichan Tribes for all the many donations and for all the work that was done to assist our family as we laid our loving sister to rest. We thank the many close family who came from Port Alberni, Vancouver, Nanoose, and

everywhere else to sit with us.

Often words can't describe how much love we see and feel at times like this. But we do remember all the help, energy and love that was put in to any and all assistance we received. We would like everyone to know, that there are so many names to mention, that our list would be endless of the many of you who gave us the strength to do the work we needed to and to move on in our daily lives. We love each and every one of you who took the time out of your busy scheduled lives to be with us and share in our sorrow.

Our daughter, sister, friend Minnie will always be remembered by her smile, wit, laughter and most of all her strength she showed in the love for her family. We thank you all so much and appreciate everything that was done, Hiichka, Uushushsheekle?iits, Gilakasa

*Marie (Mom), Gary (Francine), Delmor (Victoria), Foster (Gloria), Murphy, Nim (Raphael), Cheryl, Gina (John), Sterling (Vicki), Rob Rhodes (Minnie's spouse), her children left behind: Gilbert, Camille, Raphael, Darnell, Jade.*

### Supplies needed for trail

Dear Editor:

On behalf of Tseshaht youth, we are building a mountain bike trail this summer, and we have a list of items that we would like to be donated. We are kindly asking if you could look through the list of items and see if you can donate any of the items on our list. If you can donate any of these items, please let us know by July 20. Call Johnathon Joe at 724-9631.

Material List  
45 "L" brackets, 24 joist hangers, 45 4X4 X 12', 100 2X6X10' (decking), seven 8" dia—20' long, five 12' dia-20' long, one box 3 1/2" Ardox spiral nails, 12 8" spikes, 12 12" spikes, two 2" IDx40" long-plumbing pipe, 30 "L" brackets, seven U-bolts 2 1/2"-with nuts and washers, eight 1/2 rebar-10' long, two loads 1/4 crush gravel, 65 loads mineral soil (no organic), 10 loads road base-3mm-5mm screening, 10 rocks up 3' dia, 25 rocks 1/2' - 3' for on off ramps, six yards shale/angular 3/4" rock for on off ramps (six yards).

"L" Ramp: Four 4x4x12', 48 slats/decking 2X6 X2' wide, four 4x4x2' footing (log rounds can be used here), two "L" brackets, two joist connectors. Square: 16 stringers 4x4 12', two diagonal skinny 8"-10" dia cedar logs-15' long, 216 Slats/Decking 2X4 (or 2X6) 3' wide, 20 footing legs 4x4x4' (log rounds can be used here), six footing base 4x4x4' (log rounds can be

used here), nine "L" brackets, 20 joist connectors.

Teeter 1: two tetter top 4x6x12', one 2" IDx20", six 4x4x4' cedar or treated, three U-bolts with nuts and washers.

Teeter 2: two tetter top 4x6x12', one 2" IDx20", six 4x4x4' cedar or treated, three U-bolts with nuts and washers.

Log riders (cedar) two 8" dia-20' long (1 for ride, 1 for footings), one 12" dia-20' long.

Logs and Rounds (cedar)  
Three 8" dia-20' long, three 12' dia-20' long.

Drop Ladder/Log  
Two 24" dia-20' long (or bigger) cedar logs (or one 40' long), two 4x4x12' treated, six stringers 4x4x8", 48 slats/decking 2x6x24", one 8" dia log 8'.  
Start ramp: 20 loads mineral soil (8' high).

Jumps: 24 loads mineral soil.  
Berm: eight loads mineral soil (also provide a "bank for dirt for future repairs and maintenance).

Pump track: seven loads mineral soil.  
Equipment/Tools  
A generator, a drill and 1.2 drill bit-12"-long, an eight lb sledge, a five lb sledge, a post hole auger, chainsaw/fuel/bar oil/safety gear, hammers, compressor/nail gun, spade shovel, flat shovel, three rakes, three Pulaski, one mid/large size excavate (CAT 125 or 250), one bobcat, one mini hoers.

### So much help and support

The children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of the late Luuta Qamiina would like to thank all those that helped us in our time of sorrow. Thank you to the Ahouaht and Tla-o-qui-aht bands for their support. Thank you to all who came and sat with us and especially to those that brought us home by car and by boat. Thank you to those that cooked and brought food.

Thank you Alice Sam, Beatrice Sam,

Michelle Sam, Debbie Webster, Aunt Midge and Laura Fraser, Keith Atleo and family, Rod Sam and Cheryl Campbell, Robert Atleo and Irma Little, Errol Sam, Uncle Sid and Doreen Sam, for all you helped us with.

So many were there for us and we do not mean to exclude anyone so again thank you.

*The Charlie Family, Rush Family and Prevost Family*

### A community rallies around to help the family cope with loss

The family of late Effie Williams says thank you to the following people for all their support during her time in the hospita: Dr. Ferguson, Native Liason Worker Pearl Dorward, the wonderful, caring nurses (Cindy, Rhona, Rebecca etc.), Brenda Sayers and Greg Louie, various people who came to visit and to give prayer, The Port Alberni Tyee Motel Managers Sherri and Lenny for being so supportive and accommodating to our family, and for those who worked hard at getting us help that was very much needed during our difficult time and thank you to the Ross Family.

We would also like to thank those who supported us before, during and after her funeral service: Nelly Joseph and family, Molly Haipee, Rose Wilson, Geraldine Touchie, the Ucluelet Band office employees, Pastor Gordon Hall, Annie and Dave Watts for the beautiful eulogy, Moses Martin, Levi Martin for their

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Once again, a big thank you to all that came to be our side at the hospital and at the house to give the family support; It meant a lot to the family. We apologize if we forgot anyone, but just know that we are grateful.

*Chuu, Deanna Dick, Delores and Luke Touchie, Judy Williams & Larry Curly, Lavern Williams, Lillian Williams, Lyle Williams and Kathy Mark; many grandchildren and great grandchildren.*

### Teachers go the extra mile

Kleco, kleco to the scholarship review team. There were approximately 165 scholarship applications and you had the difficult job of narrowing the list down.

Thank you: Ron Martin—Hesquiaht, Ness Charlong—Hupacasath, Pat North—Toqhaht, Natasha Marshall—Tseshaht, Cam Pinkerton—S.D. # 70, Moira Currey—S.D. # 70, Lynette Barbosa—NTC, Maria Gomez—NTC, Resource Support—Eileen Haggard and Angie Miller, NTC.

Kleco, kleco to teachers  
Thank you to the teachers who wrote support letters for our scholarship

applicants. We are aware that June is a very grueling time for you, yet you have taken the time to support our children in a very positive way.

The scholarships help to build confidence and self-esteem in our youth; encourages students to do their best; encourages parents to be supportive and involved; encourages extra curricular involvement; bridges the statistical gap between our nations; teaches our children to respect and value educations; increases the Nuu-chah-nulth graduation rate. Thank you for being a part of a very important initiative.

### Hesquiaht Membership Meeting

When: July 26

Where: Hot Spring Cove, B.C.

Start Time: 9 a.m.

Please contact office at 1-877-232-1100 to book your party so that transportation arrangements can be made.

### Mental Health Tiič'aaqʔ Stress relievers can be fun

Submitted by Andrew Kerr Northern Region Prevention Worker

There are many great stress relievers out there, but it's not always easy to stick to them. However, the fun stress relievers do seem to be easier to practice on a regular basis. You look forward to them. So for those of us who like a little fun with our stress relief, I've compiled a list of fun stress relievers. Enjoy!

#### Stress Relieving Games

Sometimes playing a game on your computer, doing a puzzle of some kind or even hide and seek with the kids is just what you need to keep your mind off stress in the office or at home. You don't have to go anywhere. You can play for just a few minutes, and you can return to the tasks at hand with a fresh of mind. Playing games can help you relieve stress in just a few minutes.

#### Stress Relieving Books

Nothing takes your mind off of stress like a good book. Even books about how to relieve stress can provide just the right distraction and escape from stress, as well as teaching you something new you can use to relieve your stress. With a book, you can also take as much or as little time as you have available for stress relief.

#### Laughter

A good laugh can be a great stress reliever. It releases endorphins and other healthy hormones, takes you mind off of stress and can even provide a decent physical workout if you really get going. It also leaves you in a more positive frame of mind and can bond you to those with whom you share a good laugh. Remember to incorporate

more humor into your life.

#### Gardening

Planting a garden (or even tending to a houseplant) can be great way to reconnect with nature and beautify you space as well as provide stress-relieving benefits.

#### Art

Rediscovering your artistic side with anything from doodling to serious sketching; coloring (yes, in a coloring book!); painting; or maybe carving can be a good stress reliever for several reasons. It's a good distraction, it helps you express and process, and it leaves you with something beautiful to enjoy when you're finished.

#### Music

Music is a great stress reliever and it can improve health to the point that it's being used in hospitals to promote health. As a stress reliever, it provides distraction, inspiration, can speed you up or calm you down.

#### Sports

Enjoying sports, from karate to mountain biking to tennis and more, can be a fun way to get exercise and relieve stress, providing endorphins, a social outlet, a way to release frustrations and leave you healthier and happier.

#### Mini-Vacations

Vacations are a wonderfully fun and sadly under-used stress relief resource. If you find yourself longing for a vacation but don't have time or the funds to go on the trip you deserve, you can still treat yourself to a stress relieving mini vacation. (Even a day at the beach, park or visit with friends or family). You can get stress relieving benefits without expending very much!

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### Stars align, organizations persist to give Usma a first in graduate placement

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Finally, with the three parties working in concert, the ministry took the idea into consideration and provided an historic opportunity to Falkenberg and to Usma, which became the first delegated agency to provide a fully recognized social work placement to a child welfare graduate.

John Rogerson was Falkenberg's instructor at Malaspina. In an e-mail to Ha-Shilth-Sa he said the Vancouver Island Region of MCFD, partnering with USMA and the Child and Youth Care Program at Malaspina, chose to take a step forward, recognizing the field expertise of the delegated agency USMA; "and the valuable knowledge and skill provided by the agency is exactly what the MCFD/post-secondary programs have wanted and needed to prepare students and future practitioners for legislated child welfare practice."

"It is my hope that this experience will help pave the way for future partnerships with USMA and other delegated agencies in preparing the best child welfare workers for both aboriginal and non-aboriginal agencies providing child protective and family support services." He said the partnership came together for many reasons. He described Falkenberg as "an exceptional young woman, eager to learn and to be of meaningful assistance to children, youth and families. She brings an attitude of partnership and respect, with a clear sense of the legislated responsibility she carries and informed sense of professional child and youth care practice."

Rogerson said his own experience in the effort has been "one of welcome and openness" by the front office staff, Ian Clark, Usma director Larry Pond and Falkenberg's mentor Nicole Charlie (a former student and graduate of the Malaspina program) currently employed at USMA. He said the people at MCFD involved in the effort—Sheila McCauley and Alex Scriber—were equally supportive.

So how did it feel to be making history at such an early stage in her career? Falkenberg said there was pressure. "I felt that I had to do all that I could to make sure that I didn't mess up," she said cheerfully. "It was a little bit nerve-racking, because I knew I was being watched, so I felt like if I messed something up, I didn't do something right, then there was going to be no opportunity. Like this was the one shot for something to happen, and that's how I sometimes felt. So if I had made a mistake in this placement, it would close all doors for any other delegated agency for the next who knows how long."

Falkenberg took steps beyond what a practicum student would have to do in a ministry placement to be successful

"I had all the documentation to prove that I did [a checklist of assignments]. And I wrote supporting evidence to prove to that documentation that I did it," said Falkenberg.

"I wanted to make sure that everything was done to the highest level that it could be done."

The practicum involved 300 hours of unpaid service to Usma, which included intake, taking calls, going out and meeting families, interviewing children and parents, working on the computer the ministry uses to load child protection information, plus family and group conferencing.

Falkenberg had to go to court to experience what court was like, had to experience filling out court documents and working alongside the RCMP.

She credits her mentor for being a large part of the success of the placement.

Nicole Charlie was a recent graduate herself, and had worked 10 months of her career with MCFD.

"She knew how they worked on the ministry side, so being here and having her mentor me, she remembers what it was like to be a practicum student because she was one last year. And she also has the ministry experience to what levels and what standards they were looking for. So it was really good for me to have her as a mentor... We had a really good working relationship."

Charlie and Falkenberg continue that relationship in their posts in the northern region, working with Kyuquot, Zeballos and Gold River.

Falkenberg said she is excited that she was the one that broke through the ministry's placement barrier.

"What I'm hearing is that there are other students that are pursuing delegated agencies, and that's being looked at...It's not like it took a whole lot. Like it was a bunch of people that invested their time to make sure this happened and then the ball is rolling, and people are already asking, OK, can I get into a delegated agency?"

She's proud of what she has accomplished.

"To have the school not give up, and myself, the student, not give up, and say 'OK, I'll just wait for a ministry placement to open.' I didn't want to wait for a ministry placement to be open. I wanted to be here. I made sure that everybody that I knew that was important to making that happen knew that I wanted to be here."

She acknowledged Usma's Ian Clark efforts in the undertaking.

"I know Ian pushed really hard to make it happen and I'm glad to be here. I'm glad that it was recognized, the practicum was successful, I completed all the tasks... It's been done and everybody's happy."

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## Birthdays & congratulations

July 6: Happy birthday to Preston Campbell. Happy birthday there, son. Love you, Auntie Martha Russ and the girls.

July 12: Happy birthday to Doreen Sabbas and to Murray John Jr. Love Martha and the gang

July 19: Happy birthday to Auntie Greta Charlie. Love ya, Auntie. Love Martha, Russ and girls.

July 28: Happy birthday to Shaylene Taylor. Love from Dad, Martha Taylor, Jill, Roxy and Kaileigh.

Aug. 4: Happy birthday and happy anniversary to my husband Russell Taylor. Love ya loads there Hon. Love Martha Malcolm, Jillian, Roxy and Kaileigh.

Happy 40th birthday to my sis "D." Have a good one and enjoy your day. Happy birthday to my nephs Brandon on the 11th and Peter on the 12th and Christian on the 17th and Edgar on the 20th. Guys, have a good day and enjoy your day. Happy seventh birthday to my son Nathan on the 14th. Happy birthday to my parents: dad on the 22nd and my mom on the 29th. We love you guys and have a wonderful day. Also happy birthday to auntie Ann on the 19th. Love you auntie. Enjoy your day. Love Jay, Shish, Nate and Joshua.

I would like to say happy 40th to my sis Delia on July 10. Have a good day and many more to come. Also to my nephs, happy birthday to Brandon on July 11 and also to Peter on the 12th. Have a good day guys. Happy seventh birthday on July 14 to my son Nate. Have a good one and many more to come. We love you dad and mom and Jay. Happy birthday to Christian on July 17. Have a good day. We love you, nephew. Also, happy birthday Edgar on July 20. Have a good one. Happy birthday dad (Edgar) on July 22. We love you and enjoy your day dad. And also to Auntie Ann. Have a good one. As well, happy birthday. Happy birthday to my mom (Jenny) on July 29. Have a wonderful day mom.

Congratulations to Conrad Young who has graduated from Woodlands Secondary School. Congratulations and best wishes in the future.

Special happy birthday to our beautiful granddaughter, Kaitlynn Alec Michelle Frances Dick, July 8. I know you enjoyed your day, babe! You are so special because you are always so caring, loving and kind to others. Love from Grandma, grandpa and Joseph Jr.

Happy birthday to our sister Laura in Victoria, July 11. Hope you enjoy your day sis. Love you. From Darl, Squeak and Husket and mom and everyone at home in Ahsaht.

July 23: Special happy birthday to our son Curtis Duane Dick. We are so proud of you son. All that you do for your family and for the community. Love you son, mom, dad and Joseph Jr.

July 23: Special happy birthday to our sister Ramona Mark. Wow, we are so blessed to have two special people born on this day! Enjoy your day sis! Oh yeah... Happy anniversary to you and John Mark. Hope you two have an awesome day! Love you guys. From Alec and Darl.

July 17: Happy birthday to a special uncle Louie Joseph, grandpa Haywire (lol). Thank you to all that you do for our family, Alec, Darl, Joseph and Darl.

July 29: Special happy birthday to Marquel Leeann Frank. Hope you enjoy your day. Take care because we care and love you, from Darl, Alec and Joseph,

Alec Bob and Krysten Thomas.

July 31: Happy birthday to our grandfather Reggie David. All the best to you today. Love always Joseph Tom and Gloria McKay.

July 9: Happy first anniversary Jodi and Big Desean Willis. Love you guys lots. Happy 37th birthday to Arthur Paul Thompson, Ann and Art's baby boy on July 6. Happy 40th birthday Delia Charlie on July 10. Happy birthday Amanda Chester. Happy 10th birthday Robert Thomas. Love always Flo and Charlie Tom and Monica and Nobbie and boys Domenic, Edgar and Kynan-Elmer and our lil Princess Shawnnessy and the rest of your family here in Victoria

Special happy second birthday Makyla Vivien Bertha Mattie Nevaeh Thomas (Usma-tuuk, her traditional name) on Aug. 3. We love you. Forever and ever. Up to the sky. Back down. Round and round. With all my heart. This much. This is Makyla's saying when she tells us she loves us. We love you Usma-tuuk. From Mom (Tabitha), Mama Viv, Papa Charles, Uncle Sonny and Auntie Bertha.

Brandon Charlie July 11. Candace's son, Peter Charlie on the 12. Candace's son, Nathan Charlie on the 14. Sheila's son, Christian Charlie on the 17. Nathan's son; Lil Edgar Charlie on the 20; Edgar Charlie July 22. (64 wow!). Happy birthday to you all and have a great day. Love always Flo and Charlie Tom and Monica and Nobbie and boys Domenic, Edgar and Kynan-Elmer and our lil Princess Shawnnessy and the rest of your family here in Victoria.

Happy birthday to my sister Delores on July 6. From your brother Lyle and Kathy.

Belated happy birthday to my cousin Sherry Ross on July 31. From your cousin Lyle and Kathy.

Happy birthday to myself on July 26 (lol). From Lyle Williams.

Happy birthday to our cousin Lyle Williams on July 26. From the Ross family.

Happy birthday to our sister Sherry Ross on July 31. Love you sis. Happy birthday to Joanne Munroe on July 13. Happy birthday to our brother Vincent Watts on July 31. From Annie and Dave Watts and family.

To our mom Jean Colleen Thomas. Happy birthday mom. We really hope you enjoy your day. We love everything that you do for us. For always looking after us. Thank you mom for always making sure we were all OK. I really hope you have a beautiful, gorgeous day on July 18. We all love you mom. Have a great day. From Your Clan (Trav, Cora, Derek, Don, Adj, Arlene, Scott, Robbie, Lacey, Tanis, Arlene J., Louis, Kyle, and all your children).

We would just like to say happy birthday to the following people: July 4: Dominic Thomas, Jayla Sabbas; July 11: Marvin Frank; July 17: To my birthday buddy Monica Williams and Kenyan Sam; July 18: To my beautiful mom. Enjoy your day mom; July 27: to Natalee and Stevie Dennis

July??? To Celestine Andrew. Enjoy your day Cel. Always missing you. Love always from Don and Adrienne Joe. July 17: Happy birthday to my lovely wife Adrienne Joe. I hope you have a wonderful day baby. I love you always, Don; July 18: To Jc. Mom, have a great day ma. Love always Don. Peace. chu.

Congratulations to Shyanne Samuel for completing Grade 6 with outstanding marks! You worked really hard this year Shyanne and we are proud of you! Keep up the good work. Before you know it

you will be completing your Grade 12. Loads of love from your family, especially your little sister Neve.

Happy belated birthday to Nia Beanz Samuel for July 11. Also Jack Little July 11, Edd Samuel July 13, Sean Samuel July 15 and Bria Janet Pearl Samuel for July 17. Much love from Robyn and girls.

Happy 20 birthday to Danielle Samuel on Aug. 27. Have a great day babe. Enjoy the sunshine. Love Auntie Robyn and your cousins Shyanne and Neve.

Happy birthday to Auntie Helen on Aug. 24. Love Shyanne and Neve. Happy birthday to Auntie Angel. Love Shyanne and Neve.

Here's to say "hooray!" Here's wishing you guys a great birthday. Keisha John Aug. 3 and Carl Michael, Jordan Michael, 18th, Anthony Mark, 21st, Walter Michael 24th, and Jeffery John, Rose Ann Billy 25th, Richard Dean on 28th. From Jessie E Mack and family.

Happy birthday Darren on July 9. Happy birthday to Kenneth Brown on July 16. From Sherry and Edward Brown.

Wishing happy birthday to V. Nancy Wilson from your Seattle relations: Matilda and Dora Joe and nephew Wilson Kelly.

I would also like to wish my wonderful parents a very happy 48th anniversary on July 19. Dad, you mean so very much to me. And I want you to know that you are always in my heart no matter where I go. You're always giving, always there to help in any way. The loving things you've done for me, I never could repay. I can't imagine what I'd do without the love you give. I'll treasure your sweet heart of gold as long as I shall live. I love you dad. Mother: I've seen my Mother, when she's crying. I've seen her heart in two. I've seen her when she's hurting and when she's down and blue. She sometimes needs someone special, to give her heart a gentle tug, but then sometimes all she really needs is a daughter's really loveable Hug. Always here for you Mom. I love you Mom. Lots of love from your daughter April Johnson.

Birthday wishes also. I would like to say happy birthday to our granddaughter Keisha Johnson on July 12. Behave, Be safe. Happy birthday to our niece Chrystal Johnson on July 21. Hope you have a good birthday.

July 6: Happy birthday to Delores Touchie from Laverne Williams.

July 28: Happy birthday to Lyle Williams from Laverne Williams.

July 14: Happy birthday to Norman Williams from Laverne Williams.

July 17: Happy birthday to Larry Curley Sr. from Laverne Williams.

July 14: Happy birthday to Peter Robinson from Laverne Williams.



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## Point says opportunity at hand to regain control



Photos by Debora Steel

Maa-nulth nations hereditary chiefs were stood up and honored for the bloodlines that they carry and the work that comes with those bloodlines.

## Employment Opportunity

The Hesquiaht First Nations is accepting letters of application and resumes' for a certified ECE Worker to operate the Headstart program starting September 4th, 2007.

Please submit your application and resume' to:  
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or Email: hesquiahtadmin@hughes.net

## SCHOLARSHIP CELEBRATION

FRIDAY  
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MAHT MAHS, GYM  
PORT ALBERNI  
6:00 P.M.

CHUMAS PROVIDED AFTER AWARD PRESENTATIONS.

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Scholarship Applications can be picked up from your band office or the Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council office on July 6th. If are living away from home you can download the application off of the N.T.C. website - [www.nuuchahnulth.org](http://www.nuuchahnulth.org)



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All lay dead except for one, who was told to go back to tell the others not to come up.

It was the hereditary chiefs that decided when to go to war, Point said. It was the hereditary chiefs who decided when to go fishing, when to hunt. Hereditary chiefs ruled the country, but not in the way the white man knows to rule, Point said. It was the hereditary chiefs' job to protect the people. The people came first.

Point asked if the white man had taken care of the country, the water and the trees. He said there had been criticism that pointed a finger at First Nations people saying they weren't ready for self-government.

"Not only can we do this as good as the white man, we can do it better." He said when the Europeans arrived, First Nations were wealthy and could take care of themselves.

"Have we seen change in the last 150 years," he asked. "You bet we have." All

of which has been out of First Nations' control, Point added. "It was happening to us."

He said there was a great opportunity at hand to "take back what was once ours"—The sacred connection to the community.

"We can never forget who we are or change the color of our skin. I'm proud of it."

Huu-ay-aht Chief Councillor Robert Dennis thanked Chief Thomas and his family.

"You stood up some very important people. You have done a very good thing tonight."

He said that the people must lift up their chiefs, because when the people lift up their chiefs, the people are strong.

"I like your guest speaker tonight." Dennis said the Ha'wiih were put here by the Creator to take care of the people, the resources. Their position in the community comes from a blessing from the Creator and nowhere else.

## Invitation extended

Hi! My name is Derrick Barney. I am diagnosed with a condition called Acute Disseminated Encephalo-Myelitis (A.D.E.M.). It is a neurological disorder characterized by inflammation of the brain and spinal cord caused by damage to the myelin sheath; the fatty covering which acts as an insulation on nerve fibres in the brain.

I was sent to Victoria General Hospital in early March. I was in a coma for about 17 days. Tests were: A.D.E.M. usually consists of a single episode. Cortisteroid blasts five times. Tests were: C.T. = computed tomography = detect bone and blood vessel irregularities. M.R.I. Magnetic Resonance Images = help identify brain and spinal cord inflammation. E.E.G. = Electroencephalography = help diagnose seizure disorders. C.S.F. = cerebro spinal fluid.

Symptoms of A.D.E.M. come on quickly beginning with encephalitis—sudden symptoms: fever, fatigue, delirium, headache, nausea, vomiting and in severe cases: stiff neck, seizures, coma, weight loss, hemiplegia

(paralysis on one side of body). May also damage white matter (brain tissue that takes its name from the white color

# Community & Beyond

## Andrew David's Slo-Pitch Tournament Tofino

**July 20 to 22**

To be held at Wickaninnish School. Entry Fee is \$400, based on 14 teams. Fir place \$1,800, second place \$1,200, third place \$1,000 and fourth place \$500. Based on 12 teams: Only first, second and third will be paid. To register, contact Vickie Amos at (250) 725-3233 or email [xxdrew19@hotmail.com](mailto:xxdrew19@hotmail.com).

## Flea Market-Craft Fair-Loonie Twoonie Hupacasath

**July 21**

Fundraising for PAFC Elders to attend Elder's Conference in Vancouver, August 2007. Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.? At the House of Gathering, Hupacasath Hall (off Beaver Creek Road). Tables at \$10 each. Call John or Amy Barney to reserve a table 724-0139. Concession available. Come and check out the entertainment. Call John or Amy for more information. 724-0139.

## Celebrate the Peace River Bear Flat Campground

**July 21**

Join us as we raise awareness about the impacts that a mega-project hydro-electric dam will have on the scenic and historic river. West Moberly First Nations will host a cultural village at the take out point: Bear Flat Campground. To register, call Danielle Yeoman at (250) 785-8510.

## Hesquiaht Membership Meeting Hot Springs Cove

**July 26**

Start time is 9 a.m.. Please contact office at 1-877-232-1100 to book your party so that transportation arrangements can be made.

## Celebration of Life Hot Springs Cove

**July 28 (Cancelled)**

The celebration of life for Sennen Dominic Charleson due to a death in the family. For information call Bernard Charleson at (250) 670-1133.

## Aboriginal Youth Adventure Program Vancouver Island

**Aug. 7 to 24**

For youth ages 15 thru 18. Full scholarship available, including the cost to receive high school credits for the trip. Contact Judy Shanley at (604) 737-3145.

## Fastball Tournament Port Alberni

**Aug. 9 to 11**

Men's tournament hosted by Thunder fastball Club. To be held at the rec park. Contact Les Sam at 720-5181 or Ed Ross at 720-6400 or Terry Sam at 720-5181.

## 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. Traditional teachers will address spiritual practices, traditional medicines, and cedar bark basket weaving. The Web site is <http://musicfest.ufn.ca>.

## Smith Family Re-Union Oclucje

**Aug. 11**

For the late Paul and Julia Smith Family. For more information call Velina Vincent at 332-5967 or Jessie Mack at 332-5303 or 5338. Everyone is welcome to come join us.

## First Nations Language Conference Victoria

**Aug. 12 to 14**

This conference is an opportunity for teachers, local community educators, Elders, academics, linguists and others to gather and learn from one another through informative workshops and plenary discussions focused on the issue of First Nations language revitalization in British Columbia. The theme is Immersion: Language Nests to Master Apprenticeship. Registration Deadline is Aug. 8. Call 1-877-422-3672.

## Back to School Loonie Twoonie Flea Market Tseshaht

**Aug. 25**

To be held at Somass Hall from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tables available for \$5 each. Call Ruby at 730-2290 to book your table.

## Aboriginal Youth Hockey Tournament Williams Lake

**Aug. 30 to Sept. 2**

First Annual Central BC tournament. Tykes to Juveniles; Boys and girls divisions. \$600 per team. For more information contact Kristy Palmantier (250) 2963524 or Debbie Robbins (250) 392-6506.

## Deadline for Nominations Toronto

**Sept. 1**

For the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business Business Leaders Hall of Fame. Call 1-866-566-3229.

## Memorial Potlatch Campbell River

**Sept. 1 and Sept. 2**

You and your family are invited to a memorial potlatch to celebrate the life of Darrell Darren Jack with Leo Jack's family and friends. Sept. 1 from 10 a.m. to 12 a.m. and Sept. 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Quinsam Wellness Centre, 2005 Eagle Drive, Campbell River (off the highway behind the Shell Gas Station). For information contact Leo or Margaret Jack 250 286-9926 or Leo Jack Jr. 250 332-5301.

## Symposium: Preserving Aboriginal Heritage Ottawa

**Sept. 24 to 28**

Technical and Traditional Approaches. An opportunity for Aboriginal people and conservation specialists to learn from one another - in an atmosphere of mutual respect - about traditional, technical, ethical and intangible aspects of the conservation of Aboriginal material culture. For more information visit the CCI web site at: [www.cci-icc.gc.ca/symposium/index\\_e.aspx](http://www.cci-icc.gc.ca/symposium/index_e.aspx).

## Real Estate and Commercial Development Calgary

**Sept. 25**

Doing any project on land within a First Nation reserve presents unique challenges and opportunities. This conference assembles leading faculty with extensive experience dealing with on-reserve development. Call 1-877-730-2555.

## Memorial potlatch Port Alberni

**Sept. 29**

Tony Marshall and his children are holding a memorial potlatch for their late wife/mother Evelyn Marshall. It will be held at the Alberni Athletic Hall at noon sharp. Contacts are: Grace Marshall (723-0782) and Faith Watts (724-2603).

## Coming of Age Party Tseshaht

**Nov. 3**

From Hiima'yis of Hesquiaht, for Ahmber Barbosa and Brook-lyn George. Kla-kisht ke-iss (Simon Lucas) alongside Brook-lyn's partent (Lloyd and Claudette) and Ahmber's parents (Shayne and Lynette) invite you to attend this celebration Nov. 3, 2007 starting at 10 a.m. at the Maht Mahs gymnasium.

## Potlatch Ahousaht

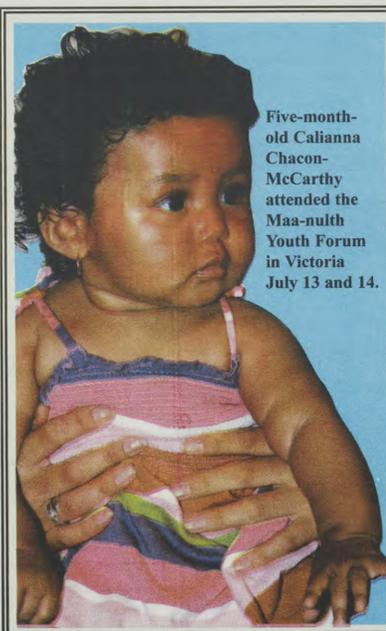
**Nov. 11**

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.

## Christmas Dinner Ahousaht

**December**

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



Five-month-old Calianna Chacon-McCarthy attended the Maa-nulth Youth Forum in Victoria July 13 and 14.



Is there an event you'd like us to mention?  
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# Pacheedah Princess blessed for tribal journey

By Debora Steel  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Pacheedah**—In an effort to revive the culture in this community at Port Renfrew, a canoe has been constructed, over the course of three months, with the intent of filling it with young paddlers who will take part in this year's tribal journey.

The journey will take them along the water highways of the ancestors to the Lummi Nation for a five-day celebration of tradition beginning July 30.

On July 14, Pacheedah invited Jimmy Chester of Ditiidaht to bless the vessel in the traditional way, with cedar boughs rubbed against it while prayers were made. The blessing is intended to protect the travelers who will journey in the canoe.

Steve Basil (Shuwap), husband of Janice Knighton of Ditiidaht, was the head carver. He had been called away to deal with family business in the Okanagan, so could not attend the event. Knighton, and her mother, however, were on hand, as were a number of honored guests, including Elder Nora Baker. Hereditary Chief Frank Nelson was another carver on the team, but was out of the community fundraising for Pacheedah's participation in tribal journey.

The launch of the canoe, also scheduled for that day, was delayed for a time after a crack in the bow interrupted construction. But difficulties and obstacles often lead to the most powerful learning experiences, and learning how to adapt to difficulty is what the healing canoe journey is about.

When Ha-Shilth-Sa arrived at the community, Knighton was consulting a book of typed instructions to see if there was any guidance on how to deal with the split wood. The other craftsmen, Dave Jones and Michael Peter, were weighing their options and looking over section of cedar to make a replacement bow.

Jimmy Chester arrived with a big smile and a greeting for everyone. To pass the time he borrowed a drum and began to sing a paddle song that belonged to George Gibbs, and through family ties to Ada Jack, an Elder of the community, now passed.

Chester is a song holder and he described in detail the lineage of the family who owned the song, and encouraged the guests to remember the story.

He told the people gathered that the blessing of the canoe was important, "because you need to be prepared when you get in the canoe." He said his grandfather used to say "Look out, because the water has teeth."

"You have to get prayed up before you get into a canoe." He told the to pray within their hearts; talk to the Creator.

"He said his ear is not too heavy that he cannot hear you. His arm is not too short that he cannot reach you."

He told the people he was glad to participate in their efforts to revive the culture at Pacheedah, and was willing to come to the community in the evenings whenever they wanted. He also teaches culture at Nitahat.

He told them that Pacheedah had good songs; strong songs.

John Paul Jones was asked to say a

prayer and before doing so invited members of the community to stand with him. Chief Arlis Daniels of Pacheedah stood with Chief Cyril Livingstone of the Lake Cowichan First Nation, who was glad to attend the important ceremony, sharing in the celebration of the people of the seafoam.

Jones said that though the canoe was behind schedule, it was on the schedule of the Creator, and thanked the great spirit for the historic day.

Chester explained that the canoe was alive, as the tree had been brought from the forest. Before it was taken, that tree was talked to, he said; told not to be sad because "you are going to be something."

Chester sang George Gibbs' paddle song as the family of Ada Jack walked around the canoe, rubbing it with cedar boughs, completing the blessing ceremony.

Chief Daniels said the tree had been felled eight years ago, with the intention of creating a canoe. Though efforts were made to find carvers, it wasn't until Basil and Nelson stepped up to the plate that the dream began to turn to reality. The entire process, supported by Health Canada, has been recorded to preserve the project for future generations.

Daniels said the young people were excited about taking part in tribal journey. They had made 30 paddles. Rick Jones, 12, created two paddles in one day because he is so excited, she said.

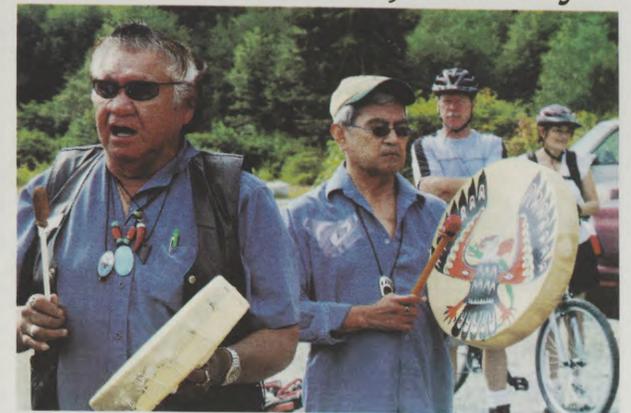
The whole community was coming together, and that was her goal when she became chief in January 2006, she said. That the community could bring back their culture, and "be proud of who we are and what we stand for."

The canoe has been named Pacheedah Princess. The community hopes it will be ready for July 19, when the other canoes participating in the journey come through the community on their way to the Lummi Nation. But if not, Daniels said, the Pacheedah Princess will join them at some point on the journey.

Jones and Peter were honored for their efforts in the community. They were presented with eagle wings, and upon receipt of the gift danced in appreciation.

After a feast of salmon and deep fried smelts, spaghetti with sauce, meatloaf and chumus, Chester provided some closing advice.

"Whatever we do, we have to back the youth up," he said. "Hug them once in awhile, and say that you love them. The youth is watching. Your actions speak louder than words. They are watching."



Jimmy Chester and Lake Cowichan First Nation Chief Cyril Livingstone sing George Gibbs' paddle song at the July 14 canoe blessing in Pacheedah.



The Ada Jack family take cedar boughs and rub the canoe to bless and protect the people who will travel in it.



Michael Peter and Dave Jones receive a gift from the community for their efforts in reviving the culture at Pacheedah. Jimmy Chester presents them with eagle wings. Right: Janice Knighton of Ditiidaht, the wife of lead canoe carver Steve Basil, was on hand for the blessing on July 14. Basil was called away to the Okanagan on a family matter.



### 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.
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- 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 Ditidaht, 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.
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July 19: I would like to wish a happy anniversary to my parents Leo and Margaret Jack. Way to go 'old folks.' You've made it this far. Good on ya! We love you lots! I thank God for keeping you both here on earth with your kids, grandchildren and great grandchildren. (This is the closest picture I have of mom and dad together. That's my son Trevor in the middle, hee hee!) Love Anita, Darryl, Angela and Trevor.

July 21: Happy anniversary to my sister April (aka Mullits) and Ron (aka Peanuts) Johnson. Boy you are getting to be old folks too, like mom and dad, ha ha joking. I'm glad you're still married after all these years! Way to go, keep it up. I love you lots sis and bro. (This is the closed picture I have of April. She's on the far right looking young as ever), beside her is my nephew Michael John, then me and Moses). Love you too nephew Michael and grandson Moses. Love your sis, Anita.

Happy birthday to my beautiful Mom and friend Selina on Aug. 4. Love you Mom. Your're the best! Happy birthday to my auntie's Ramona on July 23 and Phyllis Aug. 26. Love you aunties! All the love in the world,

Leander: On July 22, what year, you entered into this world. Happy birthday and enjoy your special day for it is yours and yours alone. Happy birthday from us: Ben Jr, Dana, Char, Daniel, your Auntie Verna, and grandkids. Love you mega and big time.

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This picture is my mother Margaret Jack and Sarah Dennis. Sarah, it was awesome to see you in Kyuquot. You are still beautiful as ever. Take care. Look forward to seeing you again! We'll see you on Sept. 1 at our Memorial Potlatch for my late nephew Darrell Jack in Campbell River. And mom, it's always good to see you too, you beautiful mother! Hee hee. Love, Anita Jack.

We would like to congratulate Jonathan Keitlah for a job well done. We are very proud of you and we know that the future is very bright indeed. From your Keitlah family.

Wayne H: Happy belated birthday to you. Did not forget you on your entry into this vast world of ours. How many years ago? Just between us hey. Love you and you're special to us Wayne and take care. Verna Paul.

Happy birthday to my granddaughter on July 14; Allie now eight years old. We had a blast on your special day, baby. Love you.

Happy birthday on July 19 to Grammie Jackie. Hope you have a great day Grammie! We love you. xoxo Your Grandsons Sheldon and Baby Evan, Mel and Evan.

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# Hupacasath Signs

By Denise Titian  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Port Alberni**—Hupacasath First Nation took another step toward shaping its future when the community partnered with the province in the signing of a parks co-management agreement. The Hupacasath/British Columbia collaborative agreement for the management of parks and protected areas was signed at Stamp Falls Park on July 13.

Environment Minister Barry Penner arrived in the Alberni Valley that morning to meet with Chief Judith Sayers before the signing ceremony.

According to Sayers, the new agreement will allow both parties to set values on how to manage the resources in parks within Hupacasath traditional territory, including Stamp Falls Park, MacMillan Park (Cathedral Grove), Sproat Lake Park and a portion of Strathcona Park.

They will explore models of shared management that will protect the environment, while allowing some opportunities for economic development and for the Hupacasath to harvest medicines, bark and other cultural resources found within the parks' boundaries.

Hupacasath proposed the agreement a few years before, when the petroglyphs in Sproat Lake Park were vandalized. Current legislation, Sayers explained, does not allow the Hupacasath to protect the heritage site.

Sayers said the agreement will allow the parties to work together to protect culturally significant sites like the Sproat Lake petroglyphs. They will also work together to protect the cultural, spiritual and economic values of other special sites in park boundaries.

When asked how the new agreement will work, Sayers said, "Right now, I don't know what it will look like, but the sky is the limit." Her community developed a land-use plan based on how they want things done. This agreement, she said, is a step in that direction.

She described the agreement as another step on our road to capacity building for the members. "They've come a long way, and I'm very excited about that," she said of Hupacasath's citizens.

Penner supports green energy initiatives, like the Hupacasath-led China Creek micro-hydro project.

He was taken on a tour of the Upnit



Photos by Denise Titian

**Hupacasath Chief Councillor Judith Sayers and B.C.'s Minister of the Environment Barry Penner tour the micro-hydro project at China Creek before signing an historic agreement that will see the community share in the management of the parks and protected areas in Hupacasath territory.**

Power Corporation micro-hydro grounds, including the water intake site on China Creek.

He was able to see for himself the minimal impact the project has had on the environment, as crystal-clear water flowed both in and out of the system while providing clean energy for Port Alberni.

Penner met the Hupacasath later that afternoon at the breathtaking Stamp Falls Park under a light summer drizzle. Elder Tat Tatoosh said a prayer before leading the singers in a welcome song.

In her opening remarks, Sayers called the signing ceremony a significant one.

"It is another step forward for Hupacasath people as we partner with B.C. to work together in this collaborative effort," she said.

Gesturing toward the forest and the river, she talked about the salmon that spawn in the river and the majestic trees that flank it.

"We collectively want to see all this protected for all British Columbians to enjoy into the future," she explained.

She thanked the provincial negotiators for their hard work and cooperation in coming to the new agreement.

"It is a great day. It signifies that the new relationship is alive and well in B.C., and we really appreciate that," she declared.

Councillor Warren Lauder thanked the Elders for teaching the next generation how to be stewards of their lands and waters.

Councillor Tom Tatoosh reminded people that Hupacasath will continue to

manage the major salmon-bearing Stamp River for generations to come.

Penner said the agreement is a good example of another opportunity for British Columbia to work together with First Nations.

"Your indigenous wisdom and history will help us manage the resources for generations to come," he said.

He characterized the China Creek micro-hydro project as, "an example of a clean source of energy using nature in a sustainable way with minimal impact on the environment. It benefits everyone."

He went on to say that the province is committed to do what it can to help First Nations realize their goals and dreams, and they look forward to many more projects and partnerships.



Chief Councillor  
Judith Sayers

## Historic Agreement



Minister of the Environment  
Barry Penner