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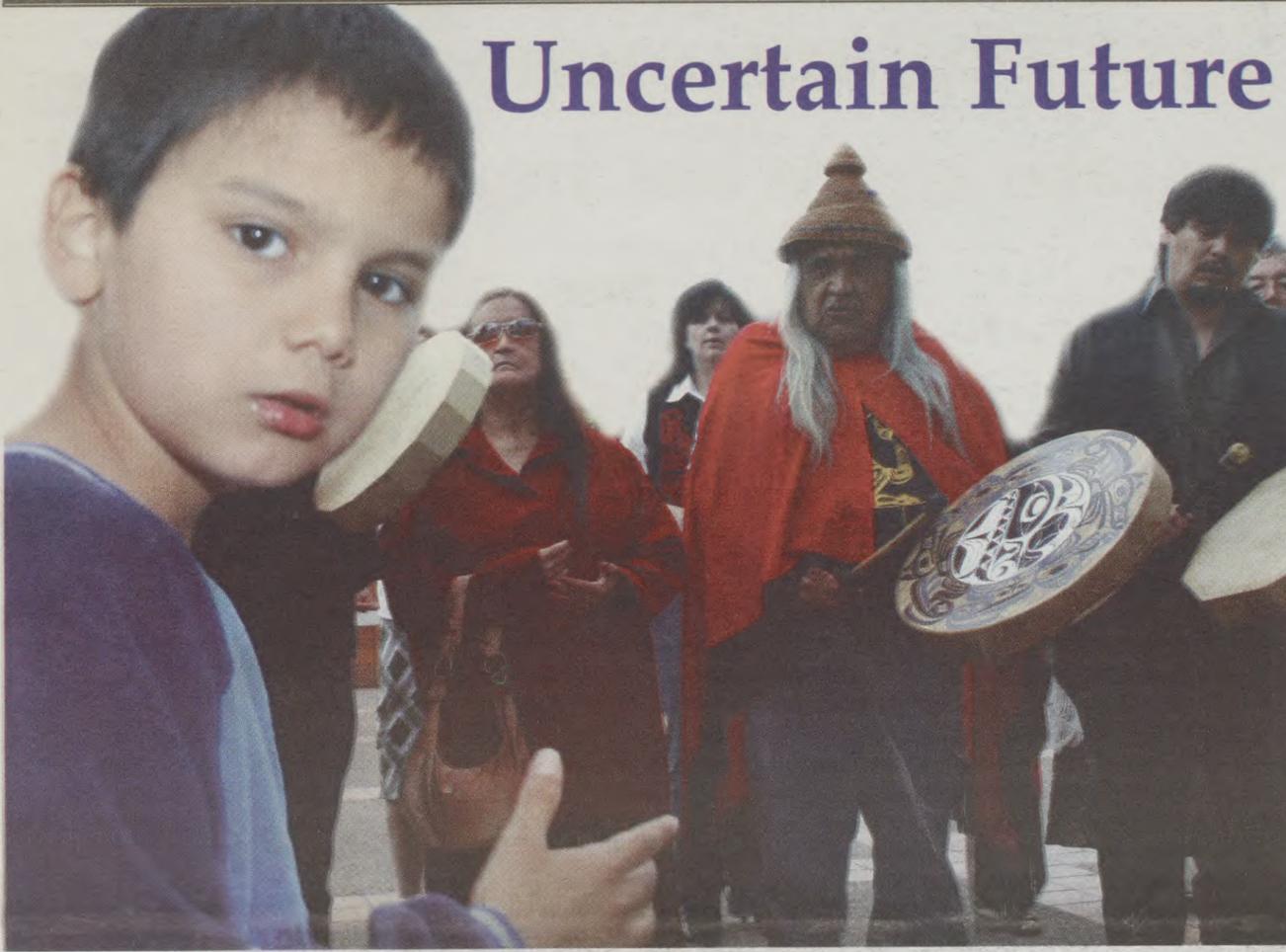
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Uncertain Future



Debora Steel

The Hupacasath First Nation heads back to court May 28 to find some resolution to their complaint that the provincial government is not living up to its constitutional duty to consult and accommodate for lands removed from Tree Farm Licence #44, as directed by the Supreme Court of British Columbia in 2005. The nation's charge against the province, however, goes beyond accusing the Liberal government of apathy over the last 28 months of negotiations. Hupacasath asserts that the province has been in a conflict of interest over the land, having a competing duty to protect B.C. investments made in the company that is currently logging the trees from their traditional territory. Chief Councillor Judith Sayers says the interests of the Hupacasath people have been undermined by that competing duty. Above: Young Travis Tatoosh takes part in singing the Hupacasath Song outside the Pan Pacific in Vancouver on May 8 where the nation held a news conference to air their concerns about their future and the land. See story and photo page 7.

Attempted abduction

By Debora Steel
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Port Alberni—RCMP continue to investigate the attempted abduction of a 17-month-old Nuu-chah-nulth boy from his mother. Staff Sgt. Lee Omilusik said there were no suspects at this time, but RCMP have concluded that the incident is an isolated one.

RCMP received a report in the afternoon of May 15 that earlier in the day a well-dressed Caucasian woman attended a home in the 2500 block of Fifth Ave where she identified herself as being from "the ministry."

She told the mother that complaints had been received that her child was being mistreated and that she was there to investigate.

The suspect was allowed into the house, the grandmother of the baby told Ha-Shilth-Sa on the evening of the incident. The bogus ministry worker proceeded to rifle through cupboards as she "investigated" the home.

The woman told the mother that she was apprehending the child, accusing the mother of drinking and partying, said the grandmother, who insists her daughter does not. And when the mom asked who had made the allegations, the woman said one name.

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Young men take steps to fulfill grandfather's wishes

By Jack F. Little
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Waglisla—On May 8, about 35 members of the Jack family (Mowachaht/Muchalaht) set off to travel to Waglisla (Bella Bella) to ask for a couple of Heiltsuk young women to marry two Nuu-chah-nulth men.

Troy Jack, son Claretta Newman, and Alex Macintosh, son of Allen Macintosh and Colleen Pendleton, are respecting the wishes of their late grandfather Jerry Jack Sr. and are having traditional weddings.

Troy and Alex, along with their parents, family and extended family members, borrowed a canoe from a local youth group and paddled about three

kilometers to Bella Bella. Nuu-chah-nulth-aht were singing as they paddled, and a humpback whale accompanied them. It seemed the whale started to dance in the water, the paddlers said, and even jumped out of the water, splashing those in the canoe.

At the beach they were greeted by the Heiltsuk chiefs dressed in their traditional regalia. The ceremony had not been done by an outside community for many, many years and about 300 community members, young and old, gathered to witness the occasion.

Troy was asking for the hand of Sheleigh Newman, and Macintosh was asking for the hand of Flora Innes. Both Innes and Newman are the granddaughters of highly ranked families from Waglisla.

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Grooms-to-be Alex Macintosh (left) and Troy Jack. (Troy's mother Claretta Newman is seen in the background.)

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First Nations-owned restaurant wins health award

By Denise Titian
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Tofino—The Sea Shanty Restaurant, owned by Lewis and Cathy George of Ahousaht, has won a Ministry of Health Award for FOODSAFE Excellence.

The award is only the fifth given in the Alberni-Clayoquot region, two awards going to the Tofino General Hospital and Westcoast General Hospital.

The objective of the FOODSAFE Excellence Program is to protect the health of the consumers by promoting a high standard of food safety and hygiene.

The award means that Cathy and her staff have developed and followed a strict set of rules and protocols that ensure that the facility is clean and the food is handled safely from the suppliers to the customers' plates.

Health Officer Douglas Glenn arrived at the Sea Shanty May 15 to present the certificate to the proud owners and staff. He said he inspects the Sea Shanty, along with other restaurants, twice a year, dropping by unannounced. Each time the Sea Shanty passes inspection with flying colors.

According to Glenn the award means that Cathy and her staff go above and beyond to ensure the safe handling of their customers' food. He stopped short of calling it the cleanest restaurant in town, saying that wouldn't be fair to the other restaurants, but he said, they steadfastly maintain their high standards of cleanliness and have done so for years.

Cathy and her mother Jean Matson have been running the restaurant together for 17 years. She said she decided to go after the award three years ago. All of her staff are required to have certification in FOODSAFE level 1 and level 2 and Serving it Right. They are not allowed in the kitchen unless they have certification.



Cherie George (Cathy's daughter), Cathy George and Jean Matson (Cathy's mother) all work in the award-winning Sea Shanty Restaurant, which is owned by Cathy and Lewis George of Ahousaht.

They prefer that new staff come with their certificates, but they have sent people out to Port Alberni or Campbell River to receive the training.

Besides ensuring that their staff are trained in the proper handling of food, Cathy keeps a binder on hand listing all the ingredients in their menu items. This is to help staff determine safe meal choices for people with food allergies.

Recipients of the FOODSAFE Excellence certificate are given decals

which show the customers the restaurant's level of commitment to cleanliness and safe food handling.

Glenn said FOODSAFE Excellence certificates are considered life-time awards, but can be revoked if the restaurant owner 'lets things slide.' George said she was very proud of her staff and her mother, who has been working in the kitchen since its inception. She thanked her staff for their hard work and commitment.

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Teacher acknowledged for innovation in classroom

By Jack F. Little
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Port Alberni—Alberni Ecole Elementary school Grade 1 teacher Beth N'Diaye received a certificate of recognition from Mayor Ken McRae on behalf of the City of Port Alberni on May 5 for designing a "Purple Alert" medical emergency system.

"By calling 'Purple Alert,' the children line up and go out in an orderly fashion with the purple alert card to another designated classroom where they will be cared for and watched," said N'Diaye. Once the classroom is cleared, the teacher can look after the child who is in need of medical attention.

N'Diaye was concerned that a process was not in place for an emergency in the classroom, and was especially concerned as she had a student that could need medical attention.

"There is an emergency plan put in

place for emergencies such as a fire or a tsunami, however none was in place for an emergency for a student who may have a medical problem," said N'Diaye.

After discussing the situation with fellow teacher Diane Cheetham, who is a music teacher, N'Diaye put her system into effect.

"I am very thankful to Diane Cheetham as she offered to be the assigned teacher for this emergency system, and all of the students know her and where her classroom is." If a situation arises, N'Diaye would grab the purple alert card and have a couple of students hold it up. The children would all line up and then proceed to the assigned teacher's classroom.

Parent Iris Batsch initiated the recognition when she wrote to the City of Port Alberni requesting that N'Diaye be acknowledged for her thoughtful effort. Batsch's daughter Diana is in N'Diaye's class and has a medical condition that includes seizures.

"As a safety net for when she is not at school or not in my presence daily, my

daughter carries a little first aid kit around her neck. This contains medication that is to be administered if she has a seizure that lasts more than five minutes," said Batsch. Iris Batsch is the daughter of John and Amelia Barney.

Mayor McRae visited the classroom where N'Diaye teaches French immersion and presented



Front row: Teacher Beth N'Diaye, Mayor Ken McRae and Diana Batsch with the Grade 1 French immersion class at Alberni Ecole Elementary school.

her with a plaque.

The plaque reads: The City of Port Alberni congratulates and thanks Mme. Beth N'Diaye on developing and implementing the "Purple Alert" System. Thank you for making a difference."

Emergency medical situations may arise at any given moment, and N'Diaye would be glad to share the purple alert system with other schools should they wish to use it.

Safety of all the students in any school should be a priority.

N'Diaye was very appreciative of the

Batsch family's recognition.

"It is the first time that any parents have shown any appreciation for what I think is not necessarily a big thing done, and for the family of Batsch and their support of a child and especially a classroom teacher is awesome to witness and be a part of," said N'Diaye.

She is also thankful that to date that there has not been a need to use the purple alert system, but is especially thankful that a process has been put in place.

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At 100 years old, the Tofino dock at First Street is in need of a face lift.

Tofino dock slated for repair

By Denise Titian
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Tofino—The First Street Dock is more than 100 years old; it is a hub for offshore residents, commercial users and tourists and it is in an alarming state of disrepair. But the District of Tofino's director of Financial Services, Edward Henley, told Ha-Shilth-Sa that a tender has been put out to repair of the First Street Dock.

"We are looking at repairing or replacing the deck, bumper piles, east float, gangways, amongst other things," said Henley.

Westmar Consulting is the Engineering Firm hired to oversee the repairs.

Bidders have been asked to propose commencement of the work no sooner than Sept. 8 to avoid interfering with the tourist season, and no later than Nov. 30. Deadline for bids is June 5.

Contractors interested in bidding should contact the District of Tofino offices at (250) 725-3229 and ask for Mike Papuc, Rob Bremner or Edward Henley.

The extent of the repairs and the time needed to carry out the work won't be known until a winning bid has been identified.

First Street Dock was built and maintained by the federal government through Transport Canada, but that all changed in 2003 when the federal government, through its Port Divestiture Program, gave the historic dock to a reluctant District of Tofino.

"The government wanted to give it away and they approached everyone, including First Nations, but nobody wanted it because it's expensive to maintain," explained Leif Pedersen, former administrator, District of Tofino.

Pedersen said Tofino turned down the government's offer like everyone else. "But they came back to us and threatened to remove it if we wouldn't take it, so we took it because removing it would (negatively) impact our neighbors," he said.

Tofino cannot charge anyone for using it because it doesn't have a foreshore lease. The district has been negotiating with the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands for several years to obtain a lease, which, according to Pedersen, would cost about \$30,000 annually.

Nuu-chah-nulth and Canada discuss Species At Risk

On April 29 and 30, Nuu-chah-nulth representatives and a select group of Parks Canada employees came together for a two-day forum in Port Alberni to discuss species at risk in the Nuu-chah-nulth ha-houlthee (territory) that falls within the boundaries of Pacific Rim National Park Reserve.

The purpose of the meeting was to begin meaningful dialogue, identify potential partnerships, and identify challenges for both Nuu-chah-nulth and Parks staff in effectively managing species at risk within the park.

The meeting was well-attended with equal representation from both Parks staff and Nuu-chah-nulth Nations throughout the two days. The Nuu-chah-nulth representatives were from Tseshaht First Nation, Uchucklesaht First Nation, Huu-ay-aht First Nation, Tla-o-quiath First Nation and Hupacasath First Nation with the hope to build on the success and encourage future participation by Nuu-chah-nulth in any upcoming events.

The first day of the forum included presentations from Parks Canada staff explaining the Species at Risk Act, its intentions and limitations, highlighting Pacific Rim Species at Risk initiatives, a panel presentations of SAR (Species at Risk) planning and recovery actions such as guidebooks identifying SAR within Nuu-chah-nulth Territories and the Bamfield-Huu-ay-aht Abalone Project and wrapped up with Nuu-chah-nulth perspective and views on the Species at Risk Act and species that are depleting within their territories. The second day of the forum focused on Parks responsibilities to collaborate and communicate with First Nations whose Parks reserves lie within, identifying effective communications methods between Parks and Nuu-chah-nulth Nations and laying out the next steps.

"The philosophies of respect and hishukish tsa' walk must be lived by everyone," stated Uchucklesaht Chief Councillor Charlie Cootes Sr. "[It is] great that everyone from different backgrounds and different departments can talk about this today, but we all need to live it. Our system is as strong as the weakest link. These kinds of gatherings are good, but this concept needs to go outwards to the scientists, where it can be believed and implemented."

With 42 species at risk within the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve and Parks Canada being the lead agency for four of these Species at Risk it is essential that everyone find ways to work together quickly and effectively to ensure these species remain in Nuu-chah-nulth territory for future generations.

Throughout the two days there was plenty of opportunity for dialogue between Parks staff and Nuu-chah-nulth. Some of the themes of the discussion included the need to reconcile world views in natural resource management approaches, the need to achieve real collaboration and effectively include Nuu-chah-nulth in the steps necessary to protect species, identifying and promoting areas where protecting species demonstrates a financial benefit for all involved, better identify and create strategies to mitigate some of the challenges faced around SARA, and above all the need for more face to face communications and opportunities for partnerships that were demonstrated by this forum. "With so many species at risk - 42 in the Park

boundaries and more on First Nations territories, the challenges seem so huge," said Pippa Shepard of Parks Canada, "There is no way forward unless we work together and collaborate."

Throughout the meeting Parks and Nuu-chah-nulth identified a common interest to protect species at risk and identified the need to be proactive before species are found in a position to be listed as threatened or worse. During the two days it was recognized that both Parks and Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations share capacity limitations however, there were several areas where opportunities

were identified to begin meaningful collaboration.

"The past couple of days have been very powerful and useful for me, because we are respectful, we are listening," stated Hupacasath Councillor Tom Tatoosh, "this is a good way to do business with each other. The elders used to say 'you have to listen' this is a good way to do that. To invite different group into a room, be respectful, listen and acknowledge what they have to say. We see some major flaws and it bothers us, so I am glad we're here and doing what my elders say - to respect and

listen. What is coming up for us [during this meeting] is that we all have a job to do, so let's get to it."

One of the next steps Nuu-chah-nulth and Parks agreed upon is to organize a second forum to take place in the Fall for Nuu-chah-nulth and Parks to focus on key species and to plan collaboration on species assessments work. "I'm committed to make sure this works, hat Parks and Nuu-chah-nulth work together to save our species," said Karen Haugen, Pacific Rim National Parks Aboriginal Program Manager in conclusion to the successful event.



Doing what's right

With a generous spirit and the heart of a leader, Billy Williams of Mowachaht/Muchalaht reached into his own wallet at the Council of Ha'wiih meeting in Tofino on April 18 and contributed his personal funds to the cause of the Nuu-chah-nulth fisheries litigation. The amount was small, but the gesture large, a tribute to the teaching of demonstrating leadership by living as an example. Williams has faced many obstacles in his life, but he has overcome the setbacks through perseverance. His contribution signals to others that each of us has an obligation to the making life better for all Nuu-chah-nulth. He said that while he is not a fisherman, a positive outcome in the fisheries litigation will make life better for Nuu-chah-nulth fishermen, which will make life better for their families and their communities. That was what motivated him to make the personal sacrifice and he hopes that his example will inspire others. He dedicated the interview with Ha-Shilth-Sa to his mother.

Sockeye fishery closed by Tseshaht

The Tseshaht chief and council, with the support of the Fisheries Committee, has decided to close the 2008 Sockeye fishery until the actual run can be determined.

The pre-season prediction is 150,000 Sockeye. The minimum escapement to keep the run productive is 200,000. In 2007, the prediction of a 210,000 return was an over-estimation by 70,000 fish. The 2007 escapement was 140,000. The 2007 catch was 10,000, which, under average conditions will reduce the future returns by 40,000. Given Tseshaht's concern for the long-term productivity of the sockeye run, the risk of repeating the scenario is too great.

Tseshaht elders are lending their voices to the issue, recognizing the dire

importance of closing the fishery. Elder Fred Gus wrote a letter to Tseshaht Band Council warning against fishing this season. "We are living in very dangerous times. If we don't protect our fish today, our river is going to end up like other rivers up and down the coast." Gus has lived on Tseshaht territory for 89 years and has been fishing its waters for most of that time. "This is what I am asking you young fishermen - we have to leave all the fish go up to spawn. We can't be

catching these fish."

The Tseshaht chief and council wish to inform anyone who ignores this closure that they will not be supported in any ensuing court actions and that their access to the Chinook fishery may be in jeopardy.

Full Tseshaht cooperation of this directive has been requested and is anticipated.

The sports and commercial fisheries have both been closed.

Elected

On May 8, Tseshaht First Nation held band council elections and nine new members were elected to office. The community voted in a new Tseshaht First Nations council comprised of Dennis Bill, Leisa Fred, Boyd Gallic, Willard Gallic Sr., Luke George, Erma Robinson, Les Sam, Richard Sam Sr., and Mike Watts. Chief Councillor Les Sam was one of the re-elected. New to council are: Leisa Fred, Boyd Gallic, Luke George and Erma Robinson. Leisa Fred is one of the youngest councilors in Tseshaht recent history, being only 19 years old.

A good voter turnout was a positive indicator that the Tseshaht community is taking an active role in determining its future. The outgoing council worked hard over the past four years to support community growth via economic development, higher employment rates and improved member services.

The new council is committed to moving forward in a positive way that respects Tseshaht's past and elders.

A swearing-in ceremony is tentatively scheduled for May 26.

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Ceremony dedicates historic landmark in Neah Bay

NEAH BAY, Wash. - A park on the Washington coast that marks the site of the region's first European settlement 216 years ago and honors veterans was dedicated at a ceremony on May 17 on the Makah reservation.

The dedication of the Fort Nunez Gaona-Diah Veterans Park was marked with a military flyover, followed by a veterans' procession, a blessing, speeches, a welcoming dance, a formal (cedar bark) ribbon cutting, and a signing of a welcome treaty between the Makah Nation and the Spanish government.

Lt. Gov. Brad Owen joined Makah Tribal Chairman Micah McCarty and Luis Fernando Esteban, honorary consul of Spain, in giving opening remarks at the ceremony.

Fort Nunez Gaona-Diah Veterans Park is on the site of a Spanish trading fort constructed in 1792. It also stands as a memorial for the nearly 300 Neah Bay veterans who served in the U.S. military. Diah was the ancestral name of part of the village now called Neah Bay.

The project is a collaboration of the Spanish government and Consul Esteban, the Makah Tribal Council, the Office of Lieutenant Governor Owen, Neah Bay area veterans and members of the local Neah Bay community.

The structure on waterfront property overlooking Neah Bay is comprised of six large cedar columns. The columns were made from a tree felled on the property. Along its western side is a tall fort-like fence of logs. The site bears the flags of the United States, Spain, the Makah Nation, Washington state, the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council and each branch of the United States military. A stone monument bears the names of Neah Bay area veterans.

Lt. Gov. Owen said the park began with a conversation between he and Ed Claplanho, who, together with his wife, Thelma, donated a substantial piece of property for the park.

"We both wanted to recognize the history and honor the veterans," he said.

Owen said the monument "will stand as a very important marker, not only for the history of our state but for the history of the United States and area tribes. It also pinpoints a very important time in our state's history, the place



The site of the Neah Bay region's first European settlement is now a place that honors Makah veterans. The dedication of the Fort Nunez Gaona-Diah Veterans Park on Makah territory took place on May 17, Armed Forces Day. It honors the almost 300 Neah Bay veterans who served in the American military. More than 200 years ago the site once housed a Spanish trading fort. A cedar ribbon was cut before hundreds of spectators, and among the invited guests were representatives of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council, which raised a flag on that day.

where international trade first began."

The park "is a huge testament to our participation in international trade prior to becoming citizens of the United States," added tribal chair McCarty. "It's a very interesting aspect of our history. It's important to know how some of the dynamics of history shaped the course of how we became Americans."

That it also serves as a tribute to area veterans is a particular source of pride because of the Makah's long history of serving in the armed forces, McCarty said.

Makah Tribal Chairman McCarty reported that of all the members who went to serve in the wars of the past had returned home.

The project may also open some new avenues of tourism and cultural exchanges with Spain, he said, as well as draw new attention to the diverse role the tribe and the area has in maritime history.

McCarty added that the welcome treaty is an important element of the ceremony as it will help the tribe to forge a stronger relationship with Spain. The treaty, to be signed by representatives from the Makah Nation and from the Spanish government, formally welcomes the nation of Spain to Neah Bay and, in return, the Makah Nation to Spain.

From the perspective of Spain, Esteban said the park "is a beautiful reminder of Spain's legacy in establishing Washington's first European settlement and site of the first international trading.

"I am deeply grateful for the key role that Lt Gov. Brad Owen and the Makah



Tribal Council played in bringing people together in the spirit of cooperation to officially realize for the first time the significance of our important shared history," he added.

The Makah Tribe, in coordination with the Spanish Government and the State of Washington, extended an invitation to the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council (NTC) to attend the dedication ceremony for the Fort Nunez Gaona - Diah Veterans Park on May 17 (Armed Forces Day). The ceremony was attended by several hundred guests, including ambassadors from several consulates—Spain, Africa, Japan, Canada—and various other officials. Among the crowd were several First Nations leaders wearing elaborate wool regalia, headdresses, cedar, in extremely hot weather, showing respect for the Makah Elders, leaders, veterans and guests.

Accompanying the NTC delegation was Darcy George, a member of the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation, who is currently an active member in the Canadian Armed Forces. Darcy was greeted by the

organizers and invited to join in the Entry Parade.

"Welcome home" were the words spoken to him.

"We were very proud of Darcy, as he represented the Nuu-chah-nulth during the flag raising ceremony with great humility and respect," said NTC executive director Florence Wylie.

"More than 40 eagles flew over head as the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council flag was raised by one of Nuu-chah-nulth's veterans, Darcy George," said tribal council Vice-President Dr. Michelle Corfield.

"This moment in our collective history is one that will be remembered forever," she said.

Chiefs Mike Maquinna, Norman George and Ben Jack, and tribal council President Tom Happynook were among the guests.

Happynook said the one part of the ceremony that truly stood out for him was the treaty signing.

"This, to me, represented real sovereignty by the Makah Nation. This was not a treaty signing between the government of the United States and the government of Spain. This was between the government of the Makah and the government of Spain—real sovereignty," Happynook said.



Darcy George (Mowachaht/Muchalaht) represented the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council in the Entry Parade during the dedication ceremony of the veteran's park.



Photos by Jack F. Little



Top left: Grandfathers Ed Newman and Mark White wait on the beach for the arrival of the Nuu-chah-nulth delegation to ask for the hands of Sheleigh Newman and Flora Innes. Top right: The Jack Family arrives at Bella Bella after paddling three kilometres to begin a traditional engagement ceremony. Middle right: Heiltsuk royalty dressed in regalia are asked permission to enter their territory. Next photo on right: After a traditional ceremony on May 8, Sheleigh Newman and Troy Jack (left) and Flora Innes and Alex Macintosh are engaged.



Above: The two brides-to-be are gathered up in a red cloth by Edward John (far left) and She-wi Eaglefeather. Behind bride Flora Innes is Kelly John, who spoke on behalf of the Jack Family. Bottom right: She-wi Eaglefeather and father Kelly John sing a song that Kelly recently composed and then later gave to the brides-to-be to use at any time.



Traditional wedding to be concluded after memorial

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Grandfathers Mark White, William Innes and Ed Newman stood proudly on the beach with Heiltsuk chiefs as the Waglisla singer sang celebratory songs as the canoe approached.

White and Innes each carried a copper to signify the wealth as chiefs. Traditionally, this is only used for big ceremonies.

"Thank you for allowing us to be in your traditional territory," said Kelly John, the speaker for the Jack family. "We are from the Nuu-chah-nulth Nation, and on behalf of the Jack family from Mowachah/Muchalahaht, I would like to ask the Heiltsuk chiefs to come ashore," said John upon the arrival of the Jack family. "We would like to also ask permission to share our culture with you and also ask permission of your chiefs and family for a hand in marriage of a couple of Heiltsuk young women," John said.

Ed Newman, speaker of the chiefs, responded to John and the Nuu-chah-nulth.

"People of Nuu-chah-nulth and the Mowachah/Muchalahaht Nation, on behalf of the Heiltsuk chiefs and our nation, thank you for coming to our territory. We feel good that you are here today. My chiefs also ask you to come ashore. You are welcome in our territories," said Newman.

Newman asked the Nuu-chah-nulth to

feast with them in the community hall, where the request for the marriage of the two women would be answered.

Chief Ben Jack and his nephews Troy and Alex and family members were dressed in regalia. After the Nuu-chah-nulth and Jack family members got out of the canoe, they were anxious to feast and share their culture with the Heiltsuk chiefs and community members.

Once everyone was gathered at the community hall, the White and Innes family, along with the other Heiltsuk chiefs, did a couple of songs and dances to welcome everyone. The young singers from the Heiltsuk nation sang, and dancers dressed in rich button blankets, danced for their guests. After this, everyone was treated to a great seafood dinner. There was an abundance of crab, cockles, salmon, halibut and herring eggs. Both the Nuu-chah-nulth and Heiltsuk sang dinner songs and were invited to share a wonderful meal.

Kelly John was asked briefly to explain what had transpired on the beach prior to coming to the community hall as some community members could not be on the beach due to work or other commitments. John called on the Nuu-chah-nulth to stand with him prior to speaking.

"We, as Nuu-chah-nulth, have embarked on a long journey and are here to do business, to humbly and respectfully request for the hand in

marriage to a couple of young Heiltsuk women. This was the wish of their late grandfather Jerry Jack Sr., as this is what he wanted to happen prior to his unfortunate death," said John. Jack was the victim of a canoe accident during Tribal Journey in 2006.

"It was an awesome site to witness when the chiefs of the Heiltsuk nation stood on the beach. It indeed was a great feeling to witness royalty on the beach," said John.

After dinner was served, the Heiltsuk chiefs and family members of the Newman and Innes families, called on all of their family to do family songs and dances. They were joined by the two princesses, Flora and Sheleigh.

After the family dances, Ed Newman spoke on behalf of the two families. Newman explained that in First Nation's history, all are connected. He requested that the young men always look after the grandchildren as they are very special to the families and to the community of Waglisla. Newman explained that the young women have been brought up in a good way by their family.

"In our history, our people practiced our cultural ways and teachings, especially our traditional laws, and today we are following our laws collectively," said Newman. "It is also a great honor that our visitors from the Nuu-chah-nulth Nation are also here to do business in a traditional way. On behalf of all of

my family, we consent to the hand in marriage to Flora and Sheleigh to Troy and Alex," said Newman.

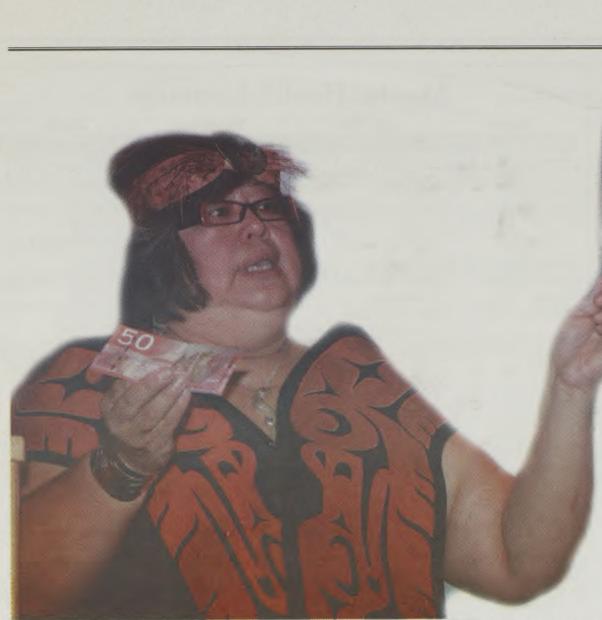
The Nuu-chah-nulth gathered across the hall from the Heiltsuk chiefs.

Dennis John did a chant prior to the men singing the John family's hiinkits (headdress dance) and the group were led by the two brothers, She-wi Eaglefeather and Edward John. She-wi gradually unwrapped his brother, who had a beautiful long red cloth around himself. Once they reached the soon-to-be brides' families, they wrapped Troy and Sheleigh and Alex and Flora in the cloth to signify that they were couples.

Once this was completed the Nuu-chah-nulth sang a celebratory song as there were many tears of joy shared by the parents of the young couples.

The Nuu-chah-nulth were then asked to share in their culture. Family songs and dances were performed and a special announcement was made after a performance of Kelly John's song, which he had recently composed. It was passed on to Sheleigh and Flora to use at any time.

The Heiltsuk then performed a few more of their songs and dances. The traditional ceremony will be concluded during the Jerry Jack Memorial Potlatch, which is scheduled for Oct. 11 to 13 at the Athletic Hall in Port Alberni. The wedding will take place on the last day.



Photos by Debora Steel

Hupacasath Chief Councillor Judith Sayers demonstrates the province's competing duties: On one hand there is an eagle feather, that represents the Hupacasath people and the government's responsibility to consult and accommodate them over lands removed from Tree Farm Licence #44. On the other hand there is the \$50 bill, which represents government's duty to protect the pension plan dollars that have been invested through BC Investment Management Corp. (BCIMC), an agent of the Crown. The only shareholder of this corporation is the province. BCIMC has invested \$166 million in the company (Island Timberlands), which operates on the lands removed from the tree farm licence by the provincial government. BCIMC's investment amounts to a 25 per cent share of Island Timberlands.

By Debora Steel
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Vancouver—The Gordon Campbell Liberals have been accused of many things, including making a production out of government announcements then failing to come through on their promises once the big show has left town.

That accusation may not be far wrong, if you look at the way the province has dealt with the Hupacasath and Chief Councillor Judith Sayers on a number of their concerns, including consultation and accommodation of lands removed from Tree Farm License #44 in Hupacasath and Tseshaht traditional territory in 2004.

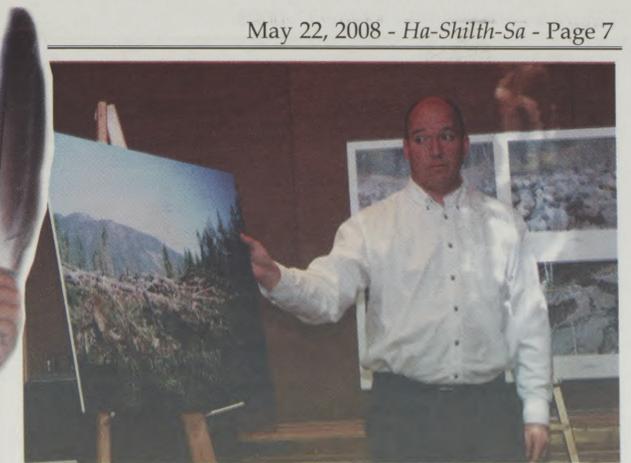
It was only a year ago when Mike de Jong, the Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, blew into the Hupacasath House of Gathering with a gaggle of reporters following close behind to publicly, and with great ceremony, bury the hatchet on past wrangling with the nation. He was ready to launch a new day filled with respect and a willingness to work together, he said.

On that day, March 30, 2007, de Jong and Sayers signed a reconciliation protocol that was about putting historical differences and historical wrongs behind them in order to move beyond them to a new relationship.

"We appreciate more than you can know the integrity and steadfast commitment" of the provincial premier and his ministers to ensuring that the new relationship is a reality, Sayers said at the time.

On May 8 in Vancouver, however, Sayers was singing a different tune.

"That was kind of a good faith gesture to move ahead," she said of the protocol signing, "and unfortunately that hasn't happened... We really do believe that the new relationship is in very serious jeopardy."



Hupacasath Chief Executive Officer Trevor Jones displays photos of the devastation done to the lands removed from Tree Farm Licence #44. In this photo, the waste of merchantable timber left behind by Island Timberland.

Hupacasath accuses B.C. of conflict

Cascadia and Island Timberlands.

Hupacasath went to court and proved that the province breached its duty to consult on the land removal. The court ordered a two-year consultation period for the province to address the nation's interests and reach accommodation. (That consultation period was extended to the end of this month.)

For 28 months the province has come to the negotiation table, said Sayers, but for 28 months the province has brought little in the way of accommodation of Hupacasath interests.

It was perplexing, Sayers said, until it was discovered that the province had a duty of a different sort; it had a stake in maintaining the value of the lands in question, a \$166 million stake, through pension plan investments in numbered companies controlled by BC Investment Management Corp (BCIMC), which currently owns a 25 per cent share in Island Timberlands, which is logging the disputed lands.

Standing with an eagle feather in one hand and a \$50 bill in the other, Sayers, publicly and with great ceremony, said

the reason there was no headway being made in negotiations was because government had conflicting duties.

"On one hand, here are the Hupacasath people," Sayers said holding up the feather. "The government must consult honorably in good faith. The honor of the Crown is at stake. It's one of their duties. The other duty is to manage the pension fund," she said, now holding up the bill, "and make sure that it makes money. They are conflicting duties. They have not zealously tried to consult with us. They have been soft-peddling their approach to us, and we feel that this [the \$50] has taken more priority over this [the feather]."

The B.C. government is the sole owner of BC Investment Management Corp., which invest surplus government dollars, and the pension funds of all the MLAs, all the public sector, all of their Crown corporations, collages, municipal and health care workers, firefighters, police officers and teachers, Sayers said.

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Lawyer Peter Grant

Sayers made the comments during a big show of her own. She had called a press conference at the Pan Pacific Hotel, bringing with her 20 per cent of the Hupacasath population to make a different kind of accusation against the Liberal government; that it had been in a conflict of interest in negotiating with Hupacasath over the tree farm licence lands.

In 2004, behind closed doors, the government of B.C., represented at the time by de Jong as Minister of Forests, chose to delete 70,000 hectares of land from the license, amending the forest act to do so, and then selling those lands off to Weyerhaeuser, who quickly sold them to Brascan, which soon changed its name to Brookfield Asset Management, which operates under two entities,



Hupacasath and members of the media gather at the press conference held on May 8 where the nation accused the province of being in a conflict of interest.

"We need you help," Hupacasath will ask judge on May 28

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Through BCIMC, said Sayers, the province has a duty to ensure the highest rate of return on its pension investments.

"On the other hand, it has a duty to consult and accommodate with respect to the removed lands, which is subject to the court order. That consultation and accommodation may result in devaluing these lands."

In December 2007, when Hupacasath returned to court to ask for an extension of the consultations, it asked that a conference settlement judge be appointed to the negotiations because they were going nowhere. It wasn't known at the time about the conflict Sayers says the province is in, so on May 28, the Hupacasath will be back before the court to discuss it with Justice Lynn Smith, who decided for Hupacasath on the lands and set the consultation period.

At that time, Hupacasath will also argue, that not only is the province in a conflict now, it was in a conflict in 2005 when it appeared in court to argue against the Hupacasath's claims of breach of duty to consult, and that they omitted to tell the judge that the numbered companies were controlled by BCIMC.

"I can't determine what Justice Smith will say. I find it not appropriate," said Hupacasath lawyer Peter Grant of the non-disclosure.

He said the conflict is a relatively new situation, this clash of consultation and another obligation.

"Here we are saying 'Look, there was a whole other agenda here. That means that [consultation] couldn't work, and you weren't told of that.'"

He said they will show all this to the judge and say "we need help and we need your help."

Hupacasath has suggested that a mediator be assigned, but the province won't do it.

"The say they don't do that," said Sayers. "The deputy attorney general, the attorney general, the province, they are saying that they don't do mediators. That's what we are being told."

Grant says it's because the province doesn't want anyone to see how it operates.

"They don't want anybody outside looking at how they are behaving in this process. And we are saying that is a failure in itself. Because that shows they don't want anybody to know how they consult."

Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council President Tom Happynook supports the idea of an independent mediator being assigned to the case, saying Hupacasath's suggestion offers up a perfect opportunity for government to break out of the rut it has been traveling in for more than two years, and break free of the perception that at the core of their negotiations is a questionable agenda.

Hupacasath has accused the government of British Columbia as being in a conflict of interest, of having a dual responsibility, both to investors in the government-owned BC Investment Management Corp., and to Hupacasath.

"On one hand, government must ensure that the pension plan dollars it invests for its citizens garner the best return, and on the other hand it has a constitutional duty to act in the best interests of the nation, to ensure that Hupacasath's title and rights are acknowledged and protected."

Failure to resolve the Hupacasath issue over 28 months, as the courts have directed, demonstrates to Nuuchahnulth a government failure to engage meaningfully in negotiation.

"The province has failed to meet its obligations to Hupacasath, acting instead in favor of big business and its investors. This is either the result of a doomed process, or bad faith on the part of government from the onset of discussions," Happynook concluded.

Either way, the province is in an untenable situation, he said.

"Through perception or by design the government position is indefensible. It cannot claim to be living up to its responsibility to Hupacasath."

Happynook said government failed Hupacasath in the past by not consulting the nation when it was decided to remove the lands from the tree licence, and, despite recent enlightenment resulting in the "New Relationship" agreement, it continues to fail Hupacasath.

"It's time for government to step back and make room for an independent mediator to come to the table," he said.

Tseshahat First Nation released a statement on May 15, saying it continues to work towards a resolution of the land issue surrounding Tree Farm Licence 44, and remains "steadfast to their territorial claim," while conflict of interest allegations come to light regarding the lack of open disclosure from the province.

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FOCS press Tofino Council to oppose exploration

By Denise Titian
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Tofino—The Friends of Clayoquot Sound (FOCS) have asked Tofino Council to be proactive by officially voicing opposition to the Catface copper exploration taking place in Ahousaht traditional territory by Selkirk Metals Corp.

Prior to the May 13 Tofino Council meeting, FOCS sent out a request asking people who feel they would be negatively impacted by the development of a copper mine on Catface to submit letters of opposition to Tofino Council.

FOCS spokesperson Maryjka Mychajlowycz said there was surprisingly little discussion on the issue. Tofino Council supported FOCS' position by passing two motions.

Councillors Tilitzky and Ayres moved that a letter be sent to Ahousaht Band Council requesting their attendance at a community-to-community meeting to discuss economic opportunities between the two.

Councillors Tilitzky and Anderson also moved that a letter be sent to the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, the Ministry of Environment, the Ministry of Tourism, Sports and the Arts, the Premier's Office and Ahousaht Band Council stating that Tofino Council does not support exploratory drilling of Catface Mountain or the development of a copper mine there.

The motion goes on to say that a copper mine in the heart of Clayoquot Sound would be detrimental to the wild fishery, the environment and tourism.

Mychajlowycz acknowledged Ahousaht's overwhelmingly bleak economy, but she says that a few people working for 10 years will not be worth the lifetime of environmental devastation a copper mine would create.

She suggested that First Nations work

with government to develop conservation solutions for all of Clayoquot Sound that would avoid conflict over logging and mining.

Chief Councillor Keith Atleo appeared annoyed when questioned about FOCS's activities at Tofino Council. He said mining copper on Catface will likely never happen given all the obstacles, including the fact that the mountain is located in a UNESCO biosphere reserve.

He met with Tofino Mayor John Fraser May 16 and has scheduled another meeting to discuss the matter.

Ahousaht signed a Memorandum of

Understanding with Selkirk Metals that would allow the company to carry out exploratory drilling on Catface. They say the drilling will have minimal impact on the environment and holes will be sealed, filled with concrete.

The MOU will allow for a few Ahousaht members to be trained and work at good paying jobs on the project.

Tyee Ha'wilt Maquinna Lewis George said a Selkirk Metal Corp press release will soon be issued and they will be looking to hire someone as a liaison.

Armed with volumes of information on the Catface project and mining in

general, Mychajlowycz said it was a no-brainer that Catface should not be developed into a copper mine. But, she says, mining is happening around the world and she does not want to take the chance that it could happen here and so the FOCS will continue to pressure more people to oppose the exploration.

Atleo said it will be years and another referendum before Ahousaht will even consider developing a mine.

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Native Art Gallery opens quietly in Ucluelet

By Denise Titian
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Ucluelet—Brent Masso of Tla-o-qui-aht and his partner John Jacobs are the proud owners of Ucluelet's newest art gallery and gift shop. Located in the magnificent new Whiskey Dock Landing building, Huu-meas-ma-as Cedar House quietly opened May 16.

Whiskey Dock Landing is located in the heart of Ucluelet, near the Ucluelet Lodge and adjacent to the government dock. Its high traffic location proved to be an advantage for the gallery's first day as staff sold a few items even with their understated opening.

Manager Melissa Martin was still busy putting displays together and adding finishing touches to both the interior and exterior of the store. She explained that the store will go by both its Nuu-chah-nulth and anglicized names so that those unfamiliar with the Nuu-chah-nulth language could easily identify the store and find it on the internet with no difficulty.

The well-designed gallery showcases carvings and prints accented by track lights. Shelves and display cases are locally made with rough-hewn cedar and other local materials.

Jacobs said the gift store features work from West Coast artists and includes carvings, prints, clothing, basketry, jewellery, books and other giftware.

"We have Tony Hunt clothing and Jeff Joe leather purses," Jacobs said.

Their collection of books focuses on First Nations history and stories for both adults and children. Hesquiaht artists Mark Mickey and Patrick Amos have some of their carvings on display in Huu-meas-ma-as and some of the basketry comes from Huu-ay-aht weavers.

Masso, Jacobs and Martin invite everyone to the grand opening of Huu-meas-ma-as Cedar house on June 16.



Manager Melissa Martin and Huu-meas-ma-as Cedar House co-owner John Jacobs at the opening of the gallery in Ucluelet on May 16.

Attempted abduction

Identification can always be produced, says Usma

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Now very suspicious, the mother asked the woman for identification, who said she had left it in the car. The woman had the child in her arms and attempted to leave with him, and the

mom had to fight to get the son back, the grandmother said.

The suspect fled the scene in a white car, believed to be a Hyundai.

Police are looking for a woman in her 30s with brown eyes and brown hair, approximately 5'10" tall with a thin build. At the time of the incident her hair was pulled into a bun on her head, she was wearing glasses and a black suit. The woman was not known to the mother. A composite drawing was made, though police are not releasing it at this time.

Victims services were called in to help the mother and child through the trauma of the incident. The Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council was also called and President Tom Happynook quickly rounded up support staff to deal with the incident where they could. Usma child welfare program manager, Larry Pond, visited the home that evening to comfort the mother. Neither Usma, nor the ministry has the woman under investigation, and there was no order to apprehend the child.

The grandmother wanted the tribal council to make every effort to let other community members know that there is a process that is followed when the ministry or Usma is investigating a home.

Usma Nuu-chah-nulth Family and Child Services staff, when in contact with people, will always be able to provide their letter of delegation (an official letter from the provincial government) which clearly identifies the worker as a child protection worker. As well, they have identification with the NTC logo on it, and a driver's license with their photo on it to confirm the social worker is indeed who they say they are. If people are still in doubt, they can phone the Usma offices at 1-877-722-3232 to confirm.

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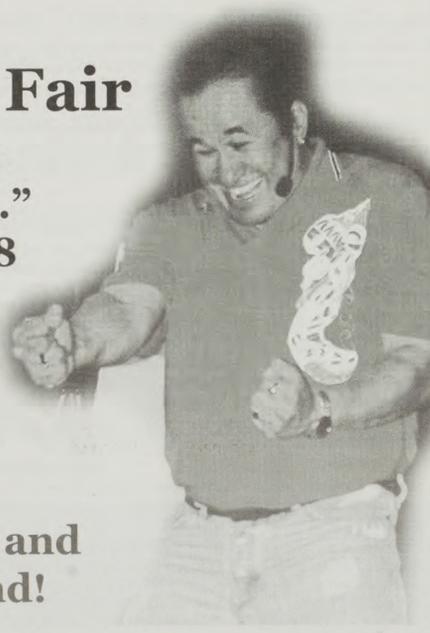


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Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!



Wihayaciq names Swan family children

By Denise Titian
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Ahousaht—Wihayaciq (James Swan) and Heather McNally invited friends and family members to the Thunderbird Hall in Ahousaht May 17 to witness the naming of their daughter Jessie on her first birthday. They were there also to witness the naming of 14 other Swan children.

The party got off to a late start after the community received word of the passing of an Ahousaht member. They observed a moment of silence in memory of the man that passed away that morning, then prepared the floor with a solemn cleansing ceremony.

Wihayaciq publicly unfurled his new ceremonial curtain for the first time in front of an appreciative audience. Swan said he respectfully holds the Manosaht chieftainship on behalf of a relative.

Guests were officially welcomed in traditional style with a welcome/paddle song by Kanopit, Chief Rocky Titian. A traditional canoe was brought into the hall for the song. It was filled with paddlers representing members of both



One-year-old Jessie, the daughter of Wihayaciq (James Swan) and Heather McNally, waves from a traditional canoe that was brought into Ahousaht's Thunderbird Hall on May 17 during a naming ceremony of 15 Swan children.

the Swan and Titian families and led by David Frank Sr.

Seated in the centre of the canoe were Wihayaciq, Heather and their baby Jessie who happily waved her arms in an

attempt to mimic Frank as he orchestrated the dance.

Through a speaker Swan thanked the people for coming to the party and respecting what he was doing that day.

He thanked the elders for their guidance as he planned the party and he thanked Kanopit for welcoming the people.

They explained that 15 children would be named and all the children are descendants of late Luke Swan.

Blankets appliquéd with Wihayaciq's art were given to three individuals that recently lost close family members.

A-in-chut (Chief Shawn Atleo) gave Wihayaciq a name from his house before the first Swan baby was to be named.

Gary Swan, Heather Frank and their baby James were called to the front of the curtain, along with two people who would be paid as witnesses to the ceremony and to remember the baby's new name.

Paul and Josie Sam with their four children, Hannah, Gladys, Corby and Paul stood next to Wihayaciq as their children each received names from the Swan house.

Albert and Francine Frank brought their two youngest children, Albert Jr. and Zaleh to receive their names from Wihayaciq.

Seven more children were named before Jessie received her name from her father's house.

Education conference hosted by tribal council

The place to be June 3 to 4 is the Your Future is Always in Motion conference.

The Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council, in cooperation with Human Resources Development Canada, is hosting the second annual career conference at the Alberni Valley Multiplex from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

There are more than 80 confirmed exhibitors representing universities, college's, vocational schools, private institutions, employment agencies, funding agencies, provincial and federal government agencies (employee recruiting) and private industry employee recruiting.

Canada's top employers and post-secondary institutions are waiting to meet you. The conference will feature guest speakers, entertainment, forums and in-depth discussions about what work is available.

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Learn interview techniques, resume building and other important skills to

fulfill your career dreams.

One of the many employers eager to speak with Nuu-chah-nulth is Terasen Gas. Lee Berans is with recruiting with the company.

They will be setting up a booth and bringing a mountain of information for would-be employees, including a list of positions currently available with the company.

She said people who can't wait for the opportunity can go to the Web site and see the current list, and she encourages job seekers to look their often as the list changes all the time as jobs become available.

The opportunities are varied from sales to IT to millwright, from office jobs to field work and everything in between.

"Because of the business that we're in, we deal with First Nations, bands with the lands part of our business," Berans said, explaining why it is important that Terasen Gas is reaching out to the Aboriginal community, "so we have a few relationship developed already."

The Aboriginal population is going to

be growing, she said, and the non-Aboriginal population shrinking. "I don't think we have been very good at making it interesting or appealing for First Nations people to come and work at Terasen, so we are interested in finding a way to make it a more interesting and appealing company."

Many business today say similar things. They recognize that the face of their company should reflect the face of the population, and with the Aboriginal

community being the fastest growing population in Canada, that opens up opportunities for employment.

"One of the things that is going ahead is we are doing an Aboriginal Utility Boot Camp," said Berans. That includes 10 days of training that are being put on by Chemainus Nation. There are five partners, including BC Hydro, BCTC, Terasen Gas.

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Many tasks in life can be accomplished in more than one way. When a person knows his or her natural strengths, they develop strategies to compensate for undeveloped or underdeveloped areas.

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"Your Future is Always in Motion"

Date: June 3rd - 4th, 2008
Location: Alberni Valley Multiplex
Time: 9:00-4:30



The Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council in cooperation with Human Resources Development Canada is proud to announce the Second Annual Career Education Conference for all Nuu-chah-nulth people.

Canada's top employers and post secondary institutions are waiting to meet you. Featuring guest speakers, cultural entertainment, door prizes and seminar rooms to learn in-depth information about certain companies, interview techniques, resume building and much more. The Main Door Prize is a New Laptop donated by NTC Nursing Department.

Don't miss one of the biggest career events of the season, take that first step to make positive change to your future.

For further information about the Career/Education Conference or to be a volunteer call:

Luke George 250-724-5656
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Submissions for the next Ha-Shilth-Sa should be in by May 30.

Staff has been working hard on conference event

Luke George: I am Tseshaht/Hupacasath. I was hired to plan the Second Annual Career Education Conference for the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council in partnership with Human Resources Development Canada. It will be held June 3 and 4. Three other assistants hired to assist with the conference are Fred Sieber of Ditidaht, Ian Samuel of Mowachaht and Valentine Gomez of Tseshaht. We all have been working hard at getting this career conference in motion.

In the past month-and-a-half, we have booked the Alberni Multiplex, contacted post-secondary institutions, government organizations, and local business for their generous donations for door prizes and securing guest speakers for the two-day event.

There is expected to be more than 100 organizations attending the conference to compete for your employment and to attend their post-secondary institutions.

There will also be presentations by various organizations to learn more about them. There will be sessions on resume building and interview techniques.

We have just completed our advertisement posters that should be in the communities shortly. They will be mailed to the outlying communities, friendship centers, universities and employment centers.

So come to Port Alberni June 3 and 4 and take that first step to find your career or go back to school as "your futures are always in motion."

The grand door prize is a new laptop

computer that was graciously donated by the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Nursing Department.

Our office is located in the building directly behind the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council office.

If you have any questions or wish to volunteer we can be reached at 250-724-5656 or see our contact list on the Web follow the link to our web page:

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Hello! My name is Fred Sieber of Ditidaht First Nation. I've had the opportunity to work for the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council in the past as Production Manager of the NTC Smokehouse Ltd. 1984/89 and the NTC Mariculture Project in 1983.

I believe this event will be a really big success. I would like to see all the BC colleges, universities and Vocational schools First Nation-student enrollment explode, this year and next.

I am Tootooch (Valentine Gomez) from Tseshaht. I'm what others call an artist. I designed the career and education logo.

The whale represents career or education and the canoes are empty and they need to be filled with quaa so that they can get in and find their way to the whale.

I believe that education is one of the most important things a person can have, after family. Find something you love or at least like to do and pursue it.

Hey everyone, my names Ian Samuel. I was born and raised in Port Alberni. I

am assisting in coordinating the second annual career and education conference. I am responsible for making phone calls for donations and inviting vendors and participants to the event and maintaining a vendors list, going around town to drop off donation letters and pick donations up.

My parents are Ed Samuel and Connie Charleson; my grandparents are Wally and Donna Samuel, and Con Charleson and Arlene Ganske. My native roots come from Ahousaht, Hesquiaht, Kyuquot, Mowachaht and the Gitxan nation. I'm happy to help with this valuable event, and look forward to its success.

My name is Luke George of Tseshaht. I grew up in Port Alberni. I joined the Canadian Armed Forces for eight years. While in the military I have been to every province except Newfoundland and the Yukon with my wife of 24 years Maria Gomez.

Maria and I also received our degrees together in 2005. I believe that following your dreams is the most important thing that we all should do.

I have completed just about everything I wanted to do in life; there is only a few more dreams on my list. I can only hope this event will be the turning point for someone that needs that small push to take that step towards a new life.

As my grandma late Rosie Tatoosh taught me to "do my best and work hard all your life if you want to get anywhere."

Stick your toe in

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"Take this training, and after that, this is what you need to do to get the prerequisite for job with us, or this is the kind of job that we would be offering," she said of why the partners are offering the boot camp.

There are two other nations waiting to host the boot camp and others are in the works.

The training will orient participants to the construction industry, Berans said.

Berans is looking forward to coming out to Port Alberni to meet some people, and if anyone is interested in working at Terasen, finding out what their interest

might be and helping them become successful in applying.

She said a person in who wants to get their foot in the door at the company is encouraged to seek out relief staff employment. Once in those positions, employees have access to employment postings that, because of union agreements, must be posted internally first.

So stick your toe in the water, she suggests.

"I started that way. A lot of people have actually. Once you are in the opportunities are endless, whatever you are interested in."

Ahousaht ha'wilth trains for the military

By Denise Titian
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Victoria—James Swan loves to volunteer. All his adult life he's been involved with volunteer emergency services, such as the Ahousaht volunteer fire department, First Responders (emergency first aid), and search and rescue. But when he moved to Victoria he couldn't find an organization looking for part-time volunteers.

Most city fire departments have only full-time paid positions. So Swan had to find another way to fulfill his desire to help others.

"One day I was driving on Fort Street in Victoria when I noticed the Canadian Reserves recruiting station," he remembered. A full-time student at the University of Victoria, Swan is enrolled in the Fine Arts program.

"I didn't have a lot of time for a full-time job that most fire departments and police stations were asking for, so after getting the support of my partner, Heather, I signed up with the Canadian Scottish Reserves," he said.

Swan holds the Manosah ha'wilth seat for his cousin. He has been recognized as the representative of the Manosah chieftainship for several years, but says military training will not affect his role in the hereditary chiefs' system.

On May 10, Swan, along with 35 other men and women, were honored at



the 39 Canadian Brigade Group as the newest graduates of Basic Military Qualification 0664. The graduates marched in and were inspected by LCol Stedeford as they stood motionless in formation.

Following inspection LCol Stedeford offered his personal congratulations, and praised the class on their accomplishments and dedication. They worked weekends and balanced jobs and families in order to take part in basic

military training.

He reminded the class that a soldier never stops training, and as members of the Canadian Forces they are second to none.

Private Swan trained for 10 weekends in BMQ (Basic Military Qualifications). He had graduated from cadet to private and now will move onto Solder Qualifications then to Basic Infantry Qualifications. He says he will begin Soldier Qualification in June followed immediately by Basic Infantry Qualification in July.

In his mid 40s, Swan graduated with mostly younger people in their late teens or early 20s. He was happy to report that he wasn't the oldest in his graduating class. There were at least five others that were in the 40 to 50 age group.

Swan said when his training is complete later this summer he plans to volunteer to go overseas. When asked about the possibility of going to Afghanistan he said he would if asked.

"I can say no, but I wouldn't," he said.

Now that Swan has military training, he has new obligations to Canada.

"If there is an emergency here at

home, like a forest fire, earthquake, etcetera, we are called to serve.

"This has been a very interesting opportunity for me, and it has opened doors that may have not been there for me or my family," he said. Enlisting with the Canadian Forces allows recruits to access education funds and better medical and dental insurance.

Besides the infantry, where Swan plans to develop his skills, there are other options. For example, successful recruits may want to go into MP's (Military Police) or they may want to become medics.

As a reservist, Swan is not going to be forced to do anything he doesn't want to do.

"We can hand in our two-week notice like a normal job and that will be it, but I've never seen anyone quit while I've been in," he pointed out.

"It was hard training, but we became a team and learned to help others," he said, adding, "basic training isn't for everyone, but if you are looking for a part-time job, or would like to plan on going full-time, just stop by a local recruiting office."

Birthdays & congratulations

Trudy Warner has joined the Uu-a-thluk team as the assistant program manager as Kelly Poirier eases into maternity leave. Trudy is a Huu-ay-aht member who grew up in Grappler Creek (near Bamfield) where she enjoyed



living on the water and travelling to school by boat.

Trudy's mother is the late Phyllis Warner (Johnson) and her grandparents are Ken Johnson and Joan Johnson. Trudy feels fortunate to have childhood memories of bountiful sea resources as part of her daily childhood diet, and fond memories of her grandfather's fish boat the "Northern Pacific".

Trudy has gained skills by working for the Huu-ay-aht treaty department in various capacities participating in the development of the Huu-ay-aht Constitution, supporting treaty negotiations and as chair of the Eligibility and Enrolment Committee; Trudy has also enjoyed providing support to the Maa-nulth First Nations in the areas of ratification, enrolment and communications.

Trudy will assist the Uu-a-thluk program manager with administrative, communications, human resource management and strategic support, focusing on increasing access for Nuu-chah-nulth communities to re-invigorate sea resource based economies.

Trudy will also assist with the continued support and co-ordination for the fisheries litigation information requests, communications and events.

Trudy balances her professional life and the joys and adventures of her four-year-old son Jaden. She looks forward to connecting with each Nuu-chah-nulth community during her Uu-a-thluk tenure.



Congratulations to Darryl and Safire Milburn on your marriage on May 17, 2008. From Safire's proud parents Sterling and Victoria Watts and Tyler and April Thompson.

More Birthdays and Congratulations on page 16.

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Birthdays & congratulations

Correction



Aaron Watts, son of Anita and Waatse Skievink, and Marie Lambert,

daughter of Micheal Noel Lambert, Sr. and the late Helen Rose Lambert (Amos), would like to announce to their family and friends their wedding ceremony will take place on Sept. 6, 2008 at 2 p.m. at the Italian Hall in Port Alberni. (reception to follow.) Invitations in the mail.



I would like to wish my boyfriend Darryl Watts a happy 24th birthday for May 31. With love from

Rosemarie Gus and niece Tamara Mack and family. I would like to express my joy and admirations for your strength and determination you have been showing to your new interest in upgrading your education and interests in a new trade. Your goals are closer and more real with the heart and efforts you have put towards your education. I want you to know your family and I are all so proud of you and all that you have accomplished and more to come thanks for all that you have been doing and being there for me and Tamara. With Love Rosemarie Gus.

This goes out to my best friend in the world, Withchita Paull. Love you always and thank you for always supporting me when I need you the most. Don't ever change. Love, a friend always, Gerald. You are always there through thick and thin and most importantly unconditionally. Kleco-Kleco. G

Happy 21st birthday to our son Warren Wasi Swan, May 13th. Have a nice day son. We love you always. Much love dad, mom, your bros and one and only sister.

Happy 1st birthday to our grandson Eugene Swan Jr. on May 18. Have a nice day there our little Blu. We love you always, and can't wait to see you next time. Much love papa, grandma, dad, your uncles and your one and only auntie.

Happy birthday to nephew Isaiiah Lucas May 11. Cousin Geno John, nephew Malcolm Swan May 12th, niece Jessie Swan May 17th, Bernice Sabbas



Happy Mother's Day to a very special Mom - Effie

Mack. We love you and miss you mom. With love, hugs and kisses from Richie and Family.



Welcome our grandchildren Ryder Sieber and Terry Sieber. Identical

twins born on March 30, 2008. Proud parents are Cynthia Eaton and Shane Sieber. Proud grandparents are Margaret Eaton, Lisa Gallic, Darwin Webber, Fred Sieber, and great-grand parents Tony Marshall and Jan and James Gallic.



Birthday wish for Sabrina Dick. So very much independent and very responsible. Beautiful and simply the best. Raising our own son. Ideally a role

model for young women. Never forget, we'll always be here for you and that we will always love you. Always remember where you come from. Never let anyone tell you what to do. Know that you are your own person. Do what's best for you and your son. I knew you'll find someone who'll treat you right because you deserve nothing but the best. Keep in mind, never forget you are loved. Happy 19 birthday Sabrina Ann Dick for May 7. Many more to come. Love always Dad, Mom, Son, Sylvia, Rick, Sheldon, Steven, Shawntaye, Mackenzie, Brad Jr, Rick Jr.

May 19th, and to Nigel Charlie May 31st. Wish you all a nice day and take care! From Larry, Gena Swan and family. Happy 6th anniversary to my sister and bro-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Clifford and Paula Lucas on May 11. Have a nice day! Much love, your sister Gena and family.

Happy Mother's Day to my mother Mar Webster, mother in-law Rosie Swan, to my sisters, Mena, Nora, Melinda, Claudine, Paula, Caroline, Martha, Brenda, Bernice.

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Heartfelt appreciation for mother's care

On our mother's (Mary Hayes) passing, the Hayes family would like to thank the following people for their kindness and generosity. If we have left your name out, please forgive us.

Ike and Kathy Campbell, Lyse Frank, Carol Martin, Cindy Dennis, Kathy Sawyer, Jonella and Terry Tom, Millie and Levi Martin, Percy Campbell,

Dorothy George, Iris Frank, Mike Tom, Gail Hayes, Lydia, Barney Williams.

In addition, Catherine Frank please accept our heartfelt appreciation for each day you cared for our beloved mother. Also, we would like to thank all the people who so kindly gave of their time and themselves who came to know her as a giving and loving person. Please

know you enriched her life deeply as well. She was very much a person from a generation a long time ago. She believed strongly in the values of native

people and community. Mom and Grandma we miss you dearly. You are always in our hearts. Kleco, Kleco.

Great to be involved

To all ball hockey teams from Ahousaht, Tla-o-qui-aht, Tseshah, Huu-ay-aht, Port Alberni, Nitinaht, Ladysmith, Vancouver etc...

H: Hosting tournaments is awesome, lots of work and so much fun.

O: Once a year was not good enough for us, so now we host two tournaments, one in fall and one in the spring!

C: Cheering on your teams can be so exciting, energizing and loud.

K: Kind people from other tribes are always there and support our team. Thank you very much.

E: Especially to all hockey teams, coaches, fans; just seeing you at our tournaments puts a smile on my face, knowing that you love the sport "hockey"

Y: You all have made a difference in our lifetime of tournaments. Thank you! From the Ahousaht Islander's ball hockey team

To Les Sam Thunder sports team
On behalf of the Ahousaht Islanders, we would like to say thank you to your team and also to the people of your tribe for continuously allowing us to host our tournaments on your territory. The islanders have had our 5th annual tournament, and when we were 16 years and under we hosted like maybe four or five tournaments up there at Maht Mahts, so really we have hosted about or around nine or 10 annual tournaments.

At your last tournament, it was great and such a good feeling to see and be apart of your 40 and over hall of fame. Thanks to you. It was such an honor to see our coach/player of 11 years Larry Swan Sr receive a T-shirt from your hall of fame.

I think it is so cool that you acknowledged him, as he plays with three of his sons—Eugene, Warren and Larry Jr. When he is over 50 years old he will be playing also with two of his grandsons.

Larry has committed a lot of time and energy into our team, and has taught a lot of our players since they were 12 years old, and today it is great to see that they are still a team after 11 years and will continue to be forever!

And to all other people who were inducted into the hall of fame, way to go and congratulations and keep up the good work with your hockey teams.

We would just like to say, you have good tournaments and thanks for allowing us to be a part of that every year, as well as your team being a part of our tournaments too!

Thank you from the Ahousaht Islander's ball hockey team.
Coach Larry Swan/Clara Thomas, manager Gena Swan, captain Eugene Swan, assistant captains Warren Swan, and Malcolm Swan Sr.



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Given under my hand at Courtenay, British Columbia, this 9th day of May, 2008.

Shira Lee Kredentser
Electoral Officer

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Bella Bella does well in Ditidaht tournament

By Jack F. Little
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Port Alberni—The two Bella Bella teams that traveled to Port Alberni for the 19 and under men's and women's basketball tournament hosted by Ditidaht did very well May 9 to 11 at Athletic Hall.

The men's team went undefeated and the women's team placed second.

In the women's final, Bella Bella lost to Sasinn with a score of 53-46. The Sasinn women took an early lead and never looked back. They were the fresher team playing their only game of the day, Bella Bella could not seem to find their running game and looked tired. The score after the first quarter was Sasinn leading 20-9 over Bella Bella. Skylene Touchie scored 12 points in the opening quarter.

It was a little different in the second quarter as Bella Bella found their energy and played with more confidence. The score after the second quarter was Sasinn however, still leading 28-21. Bella Bella had outscored Sasiin 12-8 in the quarter.

Bella Bella gradually crept within three points of the Sasinn team early in the third, but could not overcome. Touchie played another strong quarter as she netted another nine points. Bella Bella's Shaneal Ignace, who is part Nuu-chah-nulth with Hesquiaht roots, played an instrumental all-round game, but she and her teammates came up short.

Touchie led the Sasiin to victory with 32 points. Sabrina Campbell pitched in with 10 points. For the Bella Bella squad, Shaneal Ignace tallied 18 points and Cherish Mason scored 13 points. In an earlier match between the two squads, Sasiin defeated Bella Bella Saturday evening to send Bella Bella to the loser's side of the draw. Sasiin won handily 63-42. Bella Bella defeated the Nuu-chah-nulth Lady Warriors to get to the final by a score of 44-17.

In the men's final Bella Bella defeated Witwaak 85-64. This was Witwaak's third game of the day as they had to come back through the back door after losing their first game to Bella Bella Friday night. In the final, Bella Bella exploded out of the gate and took a commanding lead. They led at one time in the quarter 23-4. However, Witwaak stormed back and outscored Bella Bella in the last five minutes of the quarter. The score after the first quarter was Bella Bella leading 24-18.

Post player and center Mike White was monstrous in the first half for Bella Bella. Witwaak could not contain him as White seemed to score at will He had 24 points at the end of the first half as Bella Bella led 46-32. The teams each scored 20 points in the third quarter; however Witwaak ran out of steam and could not come any closer. The final score was Bella Bella defeating Witwaak 85-64.

White led the Bella Bella squad with 33 points and Saul Brown tallied 31 points, which included five three-pointers from beyond the arc. Matthew Jack led Witwaak with 23 points and Byron Patrick tallied 11 points.

Witwaak defeated Ahousaht Wolfpack to advance to the final in a close and exciting game. At the end of both the first and second quarter Witwaak only had a one-point lead. The score at the half was Witwaak leading the Wolfpack



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Sasinn

40-39. The third quarter was Ahousaht Wolfpack's downfall though as they were outscored in the third 23-11. The final was 85-72 for Witwaak.

In one of the most exciting games of the tournament, Bella Bella defeated Witwaak by only a single point. The final was 70-69 for Bella Bella. The team from Bella Bella led the whole

game, at one time by 20 points. Witwaak battled back and made a game. By the fourth quarter, while down by 10 (68-58), Witwaak made a run. They eventually tied the game at 69 each and were down to four players.

In the end Saul Brown hit a free throw to win the game 70-69 for Bella Bella. White scored 28 points and Brown

tallied 22 points. Matthew Jack scored 22 points and Ryan Touchie tallied 16 points.

Teams that also participated in the women's side were the Jets, Ditidaht and West Coast Wolves. Finishing first in women's play were the Sasiin, second was Bella Bella and third place was NCN Lady Warriors. Sasiin was chosen the Most Sportsmanlike Team. There were three all stars chosen and they were Skylene Touchie from Sasiin and Shaneal Ignace and Teralyn Duncan from Bella Bella.

On the men's side, Bella Bella placed first, Witwaak placed second and Ahousaht was third place. Other teams participating were Hesquiaht, Young-guns and Ditidaht. Mike White from Bella Bella was chosen as an all star, as were Matthew Jack from Witwaak and Greg Dick from Ahousaht. Bella Bella was chosen as the Most Sportsmanlike Team.

Ditidaht thanked all the teams for participating, especially the teams from Bella Bella for traveling so far to participate.

A special acknowledgement was also made for all of the volunteers and fans and they wished everyone safe travels home with the hope of seeing the teams back for next year's tournament.

Thunder wins own tournament

By Jack F. Little
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Tseshah—At the 15th annual Thunder floor hockey tournament held on May 2 to the 4 at Maht Mahs gymnasium, the Thunder stormed back to win the men's floor hockey tournament. They played and defeated the Hesquiaht squad in an exciting final.

The final score was Thunder 9-5 over the previously undefeated Hesquiaht team. Thunder had to come through the back door after losing an earlier match to Hesquiaht.

Justin Frichette scored the opening goal of the final with an assist to Ray Charleson in the opening two minutes of the game. This would be Hesquiaht's only lead. Thunder tied the game up with six-and-a-half minutes left in the opening period and then took the lead with four-and-a-half minutes to go. Patrick Dick tied the game 2-2 with an assist again to Charleson after a period.

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After 15 years, the annual Thunder floor hockey tournament is still going strong, and this year was won by Team Thunder.

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Hosted by the Port Alberni Friendship Centre at the House of Gathering from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The auction will begin at 1 p.m. Craft tables are available for \$10 a table or a donation to auction. Contact John or Amy Barney at 724-0139. Fundraising for Elders Gathering in Prince Rupert.

Loonie/Toonie and Art Auction May 25 Port Alberni Friendship Centre

"Taking Back Our Culture Association" is raising funds for a Nuu-chah-nulth Summer Immersion Camp. There will be Loonie and a Toonie table with items donated from local businesses, 50/50 draw, concession stand with Indian Tacos, artist tables, art auction with well-known artists and some hidden gems, tarot readings, healing station, and jewelry raffle. There will be something for everybody! It will be an all day event Sunday May 25 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. If you would like to purchase a table for \$20 contact Eva 723-8579 evangaline_8@hotmail.com

Business Conference May 27 to 29 Parksville

NEDC is hosting Partner to Prosperity—a Partnership and Joint Venture conference at the Tigh-na-mara Resort and Spa. Early Bird registration fee: \$250 pp (before April 27). Regular rate: \$300. Groups of three or more receive a 20 per cent discount. Registration fee covers all meals and materials throughout conference. Tigh-na-mara is offering a special conference rate for accommodation (not included in the registration fee). Contact Caledonia at (250) 724-3131 or toll free 1-866-444-6332 or e-mail caledonia@nedc.info

Urban Healing Gathering May 28 and 29 Victoria

To be held at the Mungo Martin Longhouse (corner of Bellville and Douglas St., next to Royal BC Museum.

Hosted by the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Quu'asa program. May 28 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. (dinner provided) and May 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (lunch provided). The gathering is for our Nuu-chah-nulth members and their families living in the Greater Victoria area. For more information, contact Jolene Prest, Andrea Amos-Stoney or Vina Robinson at the Quu'asa office (Port Alberni) (250) 724-3939.

Meeting of Barney Williams Sr. Family May 31 Port Alberni

To all Too-Tah's (Barney Williams Sr.) family: Grandpa, Great-grandpa, would like all the grandchildren, great-grandparents and so on to come to a family meeting starting at 9 a.m. at the House of Gathering. Contacts are Too-Tah, 724-5837, Rose 714-0003, Denise 382-7379, Barney Jr. 248-4486, Dennis 725-4431, Nicky 923-0069 and David 949-8820.

Membership Meeting May 31 Port Alberni

For Hesquiaht First Nation. To be held at the Port Alberni Friendship Centre. Start time is 9 a.m. All Hesquiaht membership are invited to attend. Lunch and dinner will be provided.

Loonie/Toonie/Flea Market/Bake Sale May 31 Port Alberni

To be held at the VAST Centre at 3202-4152 Redford St. Behind the Blockbuster from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come out and support our students' fundraising for our annual Nettle Island trip. (Loonie/Toonie starts at 1 p.m.) If you have any donations for our fundraiser, please call Diane Gallic or David Maher at 723-3744.

Youth Basketball Tournament June 6 to 8 Gold River

Co-ed tournament to be held in the Wah-meesh gym. Ages 12 to 19. \$10 per play. One girl on the floor at all times. Contact Gloria at (250) 283-2214 or leave a message at the band office at (250) 283-2015.

Nanaimo Islanders Jr Basketball Tournament June 20 to 22 Nanaimo

Jr Boys Division, Jr Girls Division, Bantam Co-ed Division. Contact April White @ 250-740-2566

Northern Region Summer Games July 1 to 3

Kyuquot

Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k:'tles7et h' Nation will host the 2008 Northern Region Summer Games on July 1 to 3 in Kyuquot. Should you require further information, please contact Jennifer Hanson at the Kyuquot Band Office (250) 332-5259.

32nd Annual BC Elders Gathering July 7 to 9 Prince Rupert

Host is the Friendship House Association of Prince Rupert. Early registration on July 6. Address: 744 Fraser st. Prince Rupert, BC, V8J 1P9. Phone (250) 627-1717. Fax (250) 627-7533.

Memorial Potlatch Aug. 30 and 31 Campbell River

I would like to inform all our dear friends and relatives all down and up the coast that we are postponing the memorial potlatch for our dear father Leo A. Jack Sr. until further notice. And we will proceed with the feast for Sir Darrell D. Jack (Leroy Jack and Patricia John parents) on Aug. 30. On the Quinsam Reserve, which is located behind the Shell Gas Station—new highway-off Willis Road, Campbell River, BC. If you have any questions, you may contact Leroy Jack at (250) 332-5301, Anita (Jack) Baker at (250) 220-1427 or Margaret Jack in Campbell River at (250) 286-9926.

Klaquaqueela Memorial Potlatch Oct. 11, 12 and 13 Port Alberni

For the late hereditary Chief Jerry Jack of the Mowachah/Muchalalt First Nation. The family of Klaquaqueela invite you to join them as they pay tribute and honor the memory of our dear dad / spouse / grandfather/brother and leader to our nation. The memorial potlatch will be held at the Alberni Athletic Hall in Port Alberni. Contact Ben Jack Sr at (250) 283-2614 (home). E-mail benjack@hotmail.com or Claire Newman at (250) 957-2485 (home). E-mail clarettajoan@hotmail.com or Colleen Pendleton (360) 645-0750. E-mail mrmagoo98357@msn.com

Potlatch/Party Oct. 25 Port Alberni

Tony Marshall and family invite you to join family and friends of late Evelyn Marshall (nee Robinson/Thompson) It will start 12 noon at the Alberni Athletic Hall. Contact Grace Marshall 723-6292 or Faith Watts 724-2603.

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Long-time Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council employee Gail Gus said a teary-farewell to friends and colleagues as she left her job to embark on a new adventure, picking up classes in her goal to gain her credentials in sociology. On May 15, Gus attended a treaty planning meeting in Parksville. Gus has spent the last 10 years working in the treaty department, and has seen some very exciting things during that time, she said. She told the delegates at the meeting that she had been treated with a lot of respect during her time with the tribal council, and had made a lot of good friends. "I'm really going to miss you guys. I really am," she said. Adding who was proud to be Nuu-chah-nulth, and was going to get an education and bring it back to the people. Gus was wrapped in a shawl made by childhood friend Betty Thomas, and then stood up by the tribal council executive, President Tom Happynook, Vice-President Dr. Michelle Corfield and Executive Director Florence Wylie, and treaty manager Celeste Haldane. Gus was presented with a vase of cedar roses prepared by Anne Robinson.

Students of SD 70 celebrate Aboriginal culture

The Aboriginal Spring Festival was held on May 15 at Alberni District Secondary School on May 15. This is an annual event for School District #70, co-hosted by the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council. The festival highlights the activities of the students in the areas of language and culture.

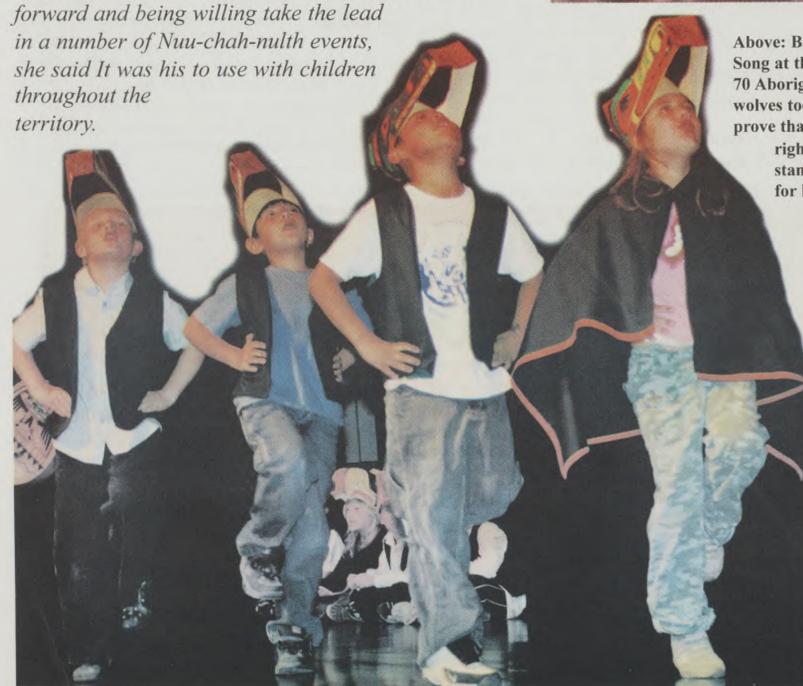
There was school work displayed and finger food available to visitors. School students performed songs and dances, and plays, including one written by Tshesah't's George Clutesi. There were also draws and giveaways.

In a special presentation, young lead singer Bret Watts was stood up and given a song by Eileen Haggard of the tribal council education department, who had co-written it. For being the one to come forward and being willing take the lead in a number of Nuu-chah-nulth events, she said it was his to use with children throughout the territory.



Photos by Debora Steel

Above: Bamfield school students perform the Huu-ay-aht Paddle Song at the annual Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council/School District 70 Aboriginal Spring Festival on May 15. Below left: These young wolves took to the stage at Alberni District Secondary School to prove that Culture is Everything, the theme of celebrations. Below right: Nuu-chah-nulth education manager Eileen Haggard stands up Bret Watts and presents him with a song she wrote for him to sing with children.



Birthdays & congratulations

and to my aunts Hilda, Lil, Leona, Rose, and also to my very best friends Clara Thomas, Bev McEwan, Melody Charlie! Mother's are special and each one of you have a special place in my life and thanks so much for being there for me some time or another. I love you! Much love your daughter/ sister / niece / friend Gena Swan.

Happy Mother's Day to our Mom Daisy Hanson. Mom, thank you for always being there for us. Thank you for your unconditional love. Thank you for your understanding. Thank you for all the years of love. With love, hugs and kisses from Jennifer Lee and Irene Stephanie.

Happy Mother's Day to our aunts Corrine Sutherland, Connie Robinson, Gina Dick, Georgie Charleson, Marilyn Short, Tess Smith, Bev Hansen. With lots of love hugs and kisses from Jenn & Irene.

Happy Mother's Day to the ladies who make Kyuquot what it is—a community: Janice John, Natalie Jack, Carol Smith, Agnes Oscar, Patsy Nicolaye, Velina Vincent. With love hugs and kisses from Jennifer.

Happy Mother's Day to my Mother Shirley D. John. Thanks mom, for me in this world. Thanks for being there for me when I needed your ears. I really appreciate your time. I really love you mom! I love your smile, your laughter. I really love the time we share together. I really can honestly say I appreciate your wisdom and knowledge. I love you more and more. I love you tomorrow, and I still love you now! Love from your daughter Carol Mattersdorfer-John.

Greta Fanny John and Beverly McEwan Sisters are forever. Happy Mother's Day to the both of you. I just have to share that you two are one of a kind. You both have a special place in my heart that I will hold on to forever. Sisters are special in every which way.

You both have given so much, to offer your ways of life, your smile, your laughter, your hugs and kisses. Your voice does me wonders when you both phone me. Thanks for always listening to me when I need to share. I can count on the both of you. That's why I say sisters are special. You are both unique. I love you both the way you are. Take care of yourselves and each other. Until next time Happy Mother's Day! Love from your sister Carol R. Mattersdorfer-John.

Happy Mother's Day to Mrs. Marie Donahue, Vera Little, Mabel Adams. To my aunts Rosie Swan, Greta Charlie, Lorriane John, aunt Helen Charleson, to my aunt Hilda John, Mena Webster, Vivien Thomas (my friend); I miss you dearly. To my friend Collen Clarke. I really want to wish my coz. Erma Rose Thomas. She I can't forget. So to one and all. My hands are up to you. Take care of yourselves and each other. You deserve a pat on the back. Until next time. From Carol Mattersdorfer Happy Mother's Day to all those that are mothers and you ladies out there deserve a nice warm breakfast along with some roses. Choo.. From Carol Mattersdorfer. Thanks Annie Watts, Happy Mother's Day to you too of course your doing an excellent job. Sincerely, Carol Mattersdorfer.

I would like to say happy belated Mothers Day to my Mother Maxine Little, my sister Sammi Prevost, my sister-in-law Rose Charles and all my cousins up and down the island. Love Liz Little.

Happy belated Mother's Day to my grandmas Maxine Little, Brenda Tom, Reg, My aunts Sammi Prevost, Melissa Tom, Rose Charles and the rest of my Little/Tom family. Love Kaydence Tom. Also happy 9th birthday to our cousin/niece Maxine Prevost for May 6. Love Auntie Liz and Cousin Kayde.

I would like to wish my youngest son,

Norman Rush, a belated happy birthday and my favorite daughter, Shirley Smith a happy birthday for May 31. Love you both. Ooops! I can't forget my sister Linda Watts, a happy birthday for May 21, love you too sis.

Special thank you to Uncle Coy Tom Watts and Annie Laurie Watts for Mother's Day gift. Touch my heart, you don't know how happy I was to get those photos. Thanks again very much. The kids were very glad. Love Pearl Wilson Tutube.

Happy birthday: May 1—Donna Mae Sam Hickey, May 4—Gerry Watts; May 8—Gina Pearson; May 10—Uncle Herman and Uncle Sherman; May 16—niece Jocelyn Dick—31 years young; May 17—niece Rene Unger—29 years young; May 2—cuz Rick Thomas; May 22—cuz Joey Watts; May 22—cousin Linda Thomas—32.5 lol. Hope you all had a great day. Love Pearl, Marvin, Lisa, Violet, Mike, Marv Jr and Danny Campbell.

May 31 — Matilda Atleo. From Pearl and family.

Happy Mother's Day to auntie Darleen W, Hilda N, Annabelle, Barbra, Josie W, Wendy W, Sherry Ross, Gina Pearson, mom Marlene, auntie Ang Joe, Gerry Joe, auntie Anita S, Marie Lambert, Sandra L, Debbie Lambert, Darleen Nookemus, sister Nancy W, Margaret Robinson, auntie Judy Joe, Nora Peters, Barbra P, Marilyn Fraser, Georgina Livingstone, Annie Watts and sorry if I forgot anyone. Thanks too many to write. Love you all. From Pearl, Lisa, Violet, Marvin Sr, Ernest, Marv Jr Tutube.

Happy belated anniversary on April 30 to Rosie and Jack Little. Love from Pearl, Marvin, Lisa, Mike and Marvin Jr and Violet Tutube.

Happy anniversary on April 30 to my wife of 26 years. Love you very much

honey. Love Marvin C. Tutube Sr. Happy anniversary on May 1 to Doreen and Joe Charleson. From Marvin and Pearl Tutube and kids.

We would like to wish our sister Elizabeth Dick a happy birthday for May 3. Hope you have a great day. Love always Sid, Sharleen and family.

We would like to wish my uncle Dan Touchie a happy birthday for May 4. Hope you enjoy your day. Love always, your niece Sharleen, Sid and family.

Happy 19 birthday to my mommy Sabrina Dick for May 7. Love you a whole bunch and Happy Mother's Day Mommy for May 11. Love always your one and only son Bradley Wesley Frank Jr.

Happy Mother's Day to Sylvia Dick (Baby). We are so proud of you and love you a lot. We are going to miss you guys. Congratulations on your new house. It is so amazing. We are so jealous. You have grown up too fast. It is hard letting you go, but I know you will always be just a hop, skip and jump away. Hope you have the best day ever. Love always Dad, Mom, son, Sabrina, Sheldon, Steven and Brad Jr.

Happy Mother's Day to Sabrina Dick. Hope you enjoy your day. Remember you're not alone. You have your family and that's all that counts, especially your son. He is your life. He's the reason you get up every day. Have a great day. Love always Dad, Mom, Son, Sheldon, Steven and Brad Jr.

Happy 3rd birthday to Miss Amelia Little on March 11. Daughter of Pat Little and Rose Charles. Hope you have a great birthday. Love Auntie Liz and cousin Kayde.

Happy 21st birthday to my Dad Len Tom Jr. on March 17th. Love you daddy. Love your baby Kaydence Tom.


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

Registering events are very important!

- Birth Registrations:** It is important to get baby registered as soon as possible. You must complete the parental consent for Registration/Statement of Band Affiliation form and provide the LARGE form birth certificate, these consent forms can be obtained through your Band Office or at the NTC Office. Registration takes 6 - 8 weeks.
- Transfers:** Are you wishing to transfer to another Band? Write to the Band you want to transfer into. Once accepted you will need to complete a consent to transfer form, also, notify the Band you are currently in and let them know your intentions.
- Marriages, divorces, name change, deaths:** Please provide appropriate certificates to update the Indian Registry Lists. A consent form needs to be completed for any name changes.
- Are you turning 18 soon?** If you would like your own registration number then you have to submit a letter of request. Process also takes 6 - 8 weeks (no longer automatic).
- All documents are to be submitted to Rosie Little** - Indian Registry Administrator at the NTC Office, with the exception of 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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Exciting rivalry developing

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Justin Fred scored in the first minute of the last period and Thunder never looked back as they took control of the game. Patrick Dick scored again with another assist to Charleson to make it 6-3. Ernie Cartledge tallied three straight goals in the final five minutes of the game to make the difference. Dick replied with his third goal of the game, however, it was not enough.

The final score was Thunder 9-5 over their rivals from Hesquiaht. This erased a previous loss that Thunder had in the tournament by a score of 9-5 for Hesquiaht. A rivalry was evolving between the two squads as their only losses in the last two hockey tournaments were to each other.

Hesquiaht in the last two tournaments had defeated Thunder three times with only one loss, the championship final in Thunder's tournament.

In the women's side of the draw, the Tla-o-qui-aht (TFN) women's team dominated from start to finish in the final against Huu-ay-aht and whipped them by a score of 12-0. TFN went undefeated in the round-robin style tournament.

On Saturday evening during the tournament, Thunder inductor 24 members into their hall of fame. This included players from the past, coaches, as well as fan/supporters too. Larry Swan from Ahousaht, Duane Nookemus from Huu-ay-aht, and Patty Jones from

Tla-o-qui-aht were inducted, along with Louie Joseph. Ann Barker was also inducted from North Shore. Tom Curley from Tla-o-qui-aht was acknowledged as a fan/supporter.

Receiving hall of fame honors from the hosts Tseshah were Moby Dick as a coach, Richard Watts, Ron Dick Sr., James Dick, Sid Dick, Andy Dick, Chuck Doiron, Charlie Sam, Richard Sam, Les Sam, Reg Gus, Darrel Ross and Gerald Fred.

Other Tseshah members, included Trich Little (nee Gallic), Nancy Gallic, and Doreen Charleson (nee Gallic). Margaret Fred and Rachael Bos were the inductees to the Tseshah Floor Hockey Hall of Fame.

Receiving all star trophies were Lisa Fred, Catlyn Fred and Shawnee Thomas from Tseshah; Becky Nookemus, Amanda Cunningham and Rachael Young from Huu-ay-aht; Patty Jones, Ann Barker, Alice Curley and Corrine George from TFN. Jones was also the top scorer and Most Valuable Player and Curley was named the top goalie.

In men's play, receiving all star trophies were the following: Malcolm Swan, Ahousaht, Jordin Dick, Eagles, Glen Frank and Devon White, Tla-o-qui-aht, Patrick Dick, Ray Charleson and Ray Seither, Hesquiaht, Ed Ross, Wes Price and Ernie Cartledge, Thunder. Cartledge was also the Most Valuable Player and Chris Lambert from Thunder was named the Top Goalie.

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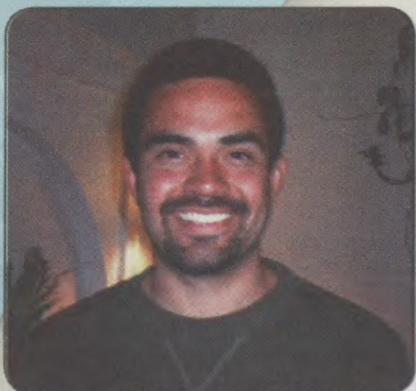
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Haa'ukmin: The Future of a Tla-o-qui-aht Watershed



Coordinator of the Tribal Park Establishment Project, Eli Enns hopes to see the Haa'ukmin watershed restored to its former glory.

Eli Enns is too young to remember what the Haa'ukmin watershed looked like before industrial logging practices and commercial fishing, but he does know that the area was a jewel in the crown of his Nation's traditional territory. Encapsulating 500 square kilometres that includes the Kennedy River, its tributaries, and areas in the adjacent Pacific Rim National Park Reserve, the Haa'ukmin watershed is the focus of a partnership between Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation (TFN) and Parks Canada to create a new tribal park.

"Haa'uk is to feast, so Haa'ukmin is like a great feasting bowl," said Enns. "[Our ancestors] gave it this name because at one time, there was so much fresh water, shellfish, and salmon coming through the system. The trees were also magnificent."

Restoring the Haa'ukmin watershed to its former status is one of Enns' goals. Coordinator for the Tribal Park Establishment Project, Enns is a political scientist who specializes in Canadian Constitutional Law, international dispute resolution, and the land claims process in British Columbia. He sees the tribal park as a way to reconnect his Nation's people to their traditional territory and provide sustainable livelihoods for communities usually reliant on seasonal employment.

In addition to the various levels of protection afforded

"We understand that when someone has an emotional connection to a place, they have a tendency to make better decisions about how to use the resources," Enns said.

by park status, a tribal park designation would provide opportunities for ongoing restoration and monitoring within Tla-o-qui-aht territory, cultural and educational tourism, research projects, and a broader management strategy for the watershed that includes all stakeholders. This management strategy is crucial for Enns, who sees the problems created by the current jurisdictional approach.

"Water goes through lines on the map, so we have to manage it as a whole... We would only create a tribal park designation that is inclusive of an entire watershed. Everyone who has any interest in that watershed will be sitting at the table."

That table recently saw an influx of funding from the federal government, who injected \$82,000 to help TFN, in association with Parks Canada, develop and administer the park. In the coming months, Uu-a-thluk's Central Region Biologist Katie Beach will help complete a watershed management plan that looks at the uses and goals of the area and works toward an environmentally and economically healthy watershed.

For Enns, this approach represents a

cultural revitalization for Tla-o-qui-aht that includes Ha'wiih practicing their traditional ways of looking after the water. "We all know that we need water to survive, but in our traditional teachings, water is a medicine."

Great grandson of Now-waas-suum (Harold Charlie Mitt)—historian and public speaker for Wickaninnish—Enns tells the story of a time when his Uncle Joe Martin took him to a place where Now-waas-suum had built a house. Seeing the land with his own eyes changed his relationship with that place. Connecting with the Haa'ukmin watershed in this way is an opportunity TFN will extend to others once the park is established through volunteer experiences and cultural tours. "We understand that when someone has an emotional connection to a place, they have a tendency to make better decisions about how to use the resources," Enns said.

The next step for Enns (currently on parental leave with a new son) and the project team is to establish a management structure for the park. Once that is completed, the Tla-o-qui-aht tribal park could be a reality within 18 months.



The once pristine Haa'ukmin watershed is located in Tla-o-qui-aht territory.

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