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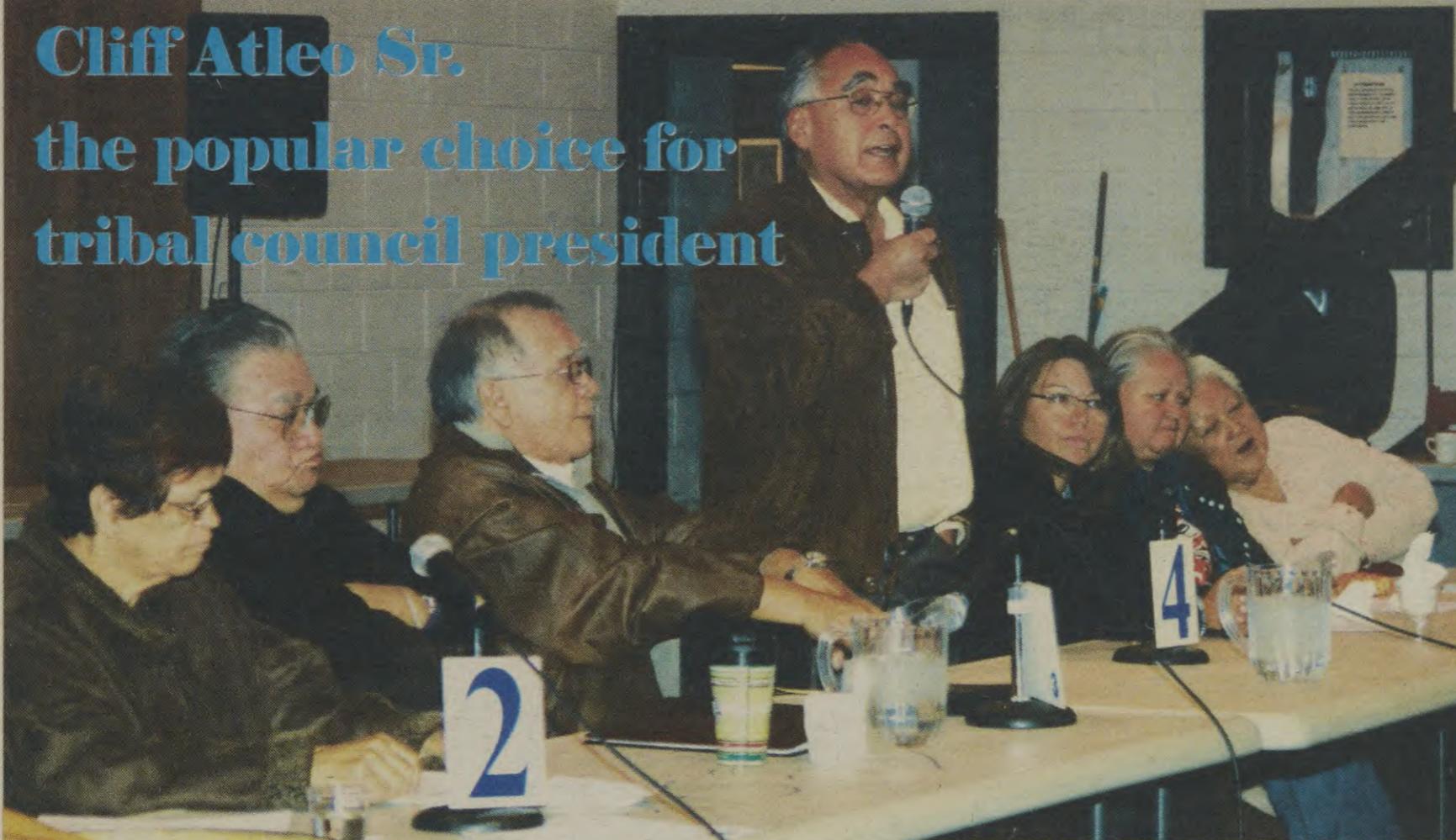
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## Cliff Atleo Sr. the popular choice for tribal council president



The vote was a decisive one: Cliff Atleo Sr. of Ahousaht gets 64 per cent support in the first round of voting in the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council by-election held Jan. 21. Atleo will serve the remainder of the term of president, a position left vacant when Tom Happynook resigned in October 2008. There is less than one year left in the term. From left to right: Beryl Guerin, electoral officer, candidate Larry Baird, candidate Earl Smith, Atleo, who delivered a brief acceptance speech, candidate Dr. Michelle Corfield, who remains as vice-president of the tribal council, and tribal council society delegates Erma and Kathy Robinson. See story and photos page 5.

## Budget only scratches the surface, but is a start

By Debora Steel  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Ottawa—Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council President Cliff Atleo Sr. says the federal budget delivered on Jan. 26 by Finance Minister Jim Flaherty misses the mark for First Nations.

"It's not going to address a lot of the needs that are obvious and have been for years and years and years and continue to be ignored even with this budget," he said.

"There is no new money in it for us and there is a considerable gap from what was proposed in the Kelowna Accord for catch-up, and that's all that that was, catch-up," he said.

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## Dismantling the past plank by plank

By Debora Steel  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Tseshaht**—The day has come for the Tseshaht Nation to rid itself of a symbol of the painful days of the Alberni Indian Residential School. The girls' dormitory, which served most recently as the band's administrative building, will be coming down, with the first phase of demolition beginning on Feb. 10.

For people who went to the school, the demolition of the dormitory will be another step toward the end of a dark time in the history of the area, and the legacy of a national system that had at its core the destruction of First Nations people through the removal of their children from family, community, their language, culture and spirituality.

Tseshaht elder Willard Gallic was joined by Huu-ay-aht's Ben Nookamis and Elizabeth Bill, to announce the demolition plan on Jan. 23 to the local media.

Gallic said emotions are expected to run deep as the place is dismantled. There were many abuses endured in that



Benson Nookemis is interviewed by A-Channel's Jonathan Bartlett outside of the old residential school girls' dormitory that will be demolished beginning Feb. 10.

place during the residential school era. Local children and those from as far away as Prince Rupert, Kispiox and Bella Bella were shipped to the school and housed for long months away from their families. A lot of the older kids

were able to protect themselves from the violence, both physical and sexual, that occurred there, said Gallic. But the younger ones were often not so fortunate.

"We were just little, small and scared,"



Elizabeth Bill

said Nookamis, who told Ha-Shilth-Sa that just to speak the Nuu-chah-nulth language resulted in punishment.

He attended the residential school from 1942 to 1947. He did not know English when he came to the school, so the other children had to translate what was being said to him.

The adults running the school were nasty and mean to the students, he said, shaming them into using English only, coming after them with straps, calling the children the most awful names.

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What he saw, said Atleo, was a president who has the ability to inspire his own nation, and others, "to aspire and to achieve, and that in itself is an incredible accomplishment."

It will take time and great perseverance for President Obama to deliver on the promise that so many see in him," Atleo said he hopes that the expectations placed on Obama's shoulders will be accompanied by the willingness to give him the time and support he will need if he is to

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Each Nuu-chah-nulth First Nation has one representative to the board. This person is the Chief or Ha'wiilh of the 14 First Nations, or their designated alternate. The NTC Board meets on a regular basis each month to review the administrative affairs of the NTC. The Board oversees the Executive Committee, who are Cliff Atleo Sr., President, Dr. Michelle Corfield, Vice President and Florence Wylie, Executive Director.

The NTC Board of Directors met on Jan. 27, 2009 at which time there was discussion on the role and activities of the Executive and the Human Resource Committee. It is important to share with

the membership, that the Directors have passed this motion: "The NTC Directors affirm their support to the NTC Human Resource Committee and the NTC Executive Committee in the decisions they are making and have made in dealing with the planning and administration of the Human Resource Management affairs and programs of the NTC."

The encouragement from the NTC Ha'wiilh and affirmation of support, encouragement and advice from the NTC Directors is appreciated.

*Kleco, kleco!*  
Florence Wylie  
NTC Executive Director

## Hope, inspiration, Obama

persevere.

The regional chief said the symbol of the U.S. electing a black president 150 years after Lincoln first freed the slaves is not lost on American Indians or Canadian First Nations, who have fought their own long battle for respect and rights, but that it goes beyond these two groups.

Chief Atleo said that President Obama's message of inclusion and respect was equally important. He noted that President Obama had an unprecedented seven American Indians on his transition team and has appointed an American Indian as assistant secretary of the Interior.

Atleo was part of a delegation led by Assembly of First Nations National Chief Phil Fontaine that was invited to witness the inauguration by representatives from the Cherokee Nation and the National Congress of American Indians.

"Our hosts were nodding as America's 44th president spoke and told me that they believe he is a man who is a strong leader, but also one who shows respect," said Atleo.

"If there is a first lesson we can take away from today it is the need, whoever



Regional Chief Shawn A-in-chut

we might be and wherever we might be, to offer hope, inspiration, inclusion and respect as the impetus for shaking off the past and embracing a better future," he added.

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## Correction

Dear Editor:

A few corrections for the Toquaht story in Vol. 36-No.1-Jan.15, 2009.

Anne Mack (stated as Morgan) is the youngest daughter of Chief Bert Mack. The event featured a Hinkeets (wolf dance) with male dancers (one from Toquaht and one from Huu-ay-aht.) There was also a thunderbird dance (by a Nitinahat man that has been given permission to dance).

My new name is Wii-tsuts-koom.

I appreciate all that has been printed.

*Anne Mack*

Dear Editor:

I wish to draw your attention to a couple of errors in respect to the front page article entitled "Toquaht Tyee hands Chieftainship down."

In the second column where it reads "Tuffy (Chief Watts) and Bert's mother were sisters" it should read the paternal grandmother of Tuffy and Bert's mother were sisters. In the fourth column that begins "It is something..." [the "it" being a gift to be given to Anne Mack from Chief Hugh Watts] should read "...belonged to your grandmother Jessie and she gave it to me, and now I will pass it on to you."

The government deserves some credit for listening and trying to address some of our concerns by directing significant funding to address them," A-in-chut said, "But the reality is First Nations have never benefited from previous times of prosperity and we have so much further to go to catch up."

Although [the errors] were not offensive, I believe the contents of the article should be correct so that the reader will not be misinformed.

Thank you for your attention,

*Hugh A. Watts*

## Budget fails the poorest of poor

Assembly of First Nations Regional Chief Shawn A-in-chut Atleo said the budget, if implemented, could allow First Nations to at least start addressing historic issues that have left them among Canada's most disadvantaged.

Initial indications are that \$1.4 billion is being specifically targeted to Aboriginal Canadians. In addition it is hoped, said A-in-chut, that First Nations will also be able to access the \$1-billion community investment fund for communities, such as the 203 First Nations in B.C. devastated by the mountain pine beetle crisis.

Translate that 1.4 billion over 660-plus First Nations, however, said Cliff Atleo "and it doesn't add up to a whole lot." Put it over two years, as some of the funding seems to be designated, "and clearly it's inadequate."

"The government deserves some credit for listening and trying to address some of our concerns by directing significant funding to address them," A-in-chut said, "But the reality is First Nations have never benefited from previous times of prosperity and we have so much further to go to catch up."

"The budget measures are a good down-payment, and I hope, indicate a desire to build on the spirit of last year's residential school apology, but the truth is they barely scratch the surface of what is needed," the regional chief said.

To put the \$1.4 billion into perspective: It does not begin to approach the \$5 billion that was promised and then cancelled under the 2005 Kelowna Accord. It is barely one-third of the \$3 billion in funding and \$1 billion in loans that the national Assembly of First Nations presented in its budget submission during a meeting with First Ministers on Jan. 15.

It is \$200 million less than the \$1.6 billion that the BC First Nations Leadership Council identified as the minimum for First Nations in this province.

The budget provision for \$400 million for social housing on reserves Canada-wide amounts to only two-thirds of the \$600 million needed for 8,000 homes just in B.C., and this does not include support infrastructure, such as roads, water and sewers.

The new budget provides \$200 million for First Nations schools, but in BC \$250 million is needed.

A-in-chut called all parties to work with First Nation leaders to build on the first steps in Flaherty's budget.

"I urge them to see this budget not as complete strategy, but rather as an initial phase that must be improved on quickly and effectively to ensure First Nations receive their full share of the loaf—not just a few crumbs."

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The deadline for funding applications to be submitted to either the NTC or to your First Nation is **Monday, February 2, 2009 by 4:30pm**.

Current and prospective students can find funding applications at the following places;

- NTC website @ [www.nuuchahnulth.org](http://www.nuuchahnulth.org)
- Band offices
- Major post secondary institutes
- NTC front office area
- NTC post secondary department – located in the Chichu-aht House (behind the NTC)

If you need help out filling-out your application please contact Maria Gomez, Post Secondary Advisor at (250) 724-5757 or toll free at 1-877-677-1131.

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## Hupacasath First Nation Notice of Nomination Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the electors of the Hupacasath First Nation will be held in the board room at the **House of Gathering at Ahahswinis** (5500 Ahahswinis Drive off Beaver Creek Road in Port Alberni) on **Wednesday, the 18th day of February, 2009, beginning at 6:00 p.m. and lasting for three (3) hours to 9:00 p.m.**, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the positions of chief and councillors on the Band Council of the Hupacasath First Nation for the next ensuing term. There are two (2) councillor positions and one (1) position for chief available. The election will be held at the House of Gathering on Thursday, the 2nd day of April, 2009 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Please note that any voter (resident on- or off-reserve) may nominate candidates **FOR BOTH CHIEF AND COUNCILLOR POSITIONS** (this is new) by using a mail-in nomination form. Nomination and other forms will be mailed to all off-reserve voters. On-reserve voters may request a nomination package from the electoral officer if they are unable to attend the nomination meeting in person. You can either deliver or mail-in a written nomination and a **completed, signed and witnessed voter declaration form** to the electoral officer **before** the time set for the nomination meeting. OR you may nominate candidates orally in-person at the nomination meeting. Mailed nominations not received by the electoral officer before the time set for nomination meeting are void. Also note that any voter may vote by mail-in ballot.

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## In Memory

# Yulth-tlou-a - Andy Amos passes away at sea

By Jack F. Little  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter



Andy Amos

Aug. 31, 1941 to Jan. 17, 2009

Norma Taylor, Donna Lucas, Julia Lucas and Josie Watts.

Along with being a well known and respected fisherman, Amos was a respected athlete and coach. Although fishing kept Amos very busy in the 1970s and 1980s, Amos still found the time to be actively involved with his children's and community's activities. He coached both boys and girls basketball.

Amos participated in fastball, boxing and track and field. In fastball he played short stop or center field. In 1998, Amos received the Maapi seat as the first ha-wilth. At the traditional ceremony where Andy Amos received the hereditary seat from his late father George Amos there was more than 1,000 people who can to witness the potlatch. This was one of the largest potlatches in Nuu-chah-nulth territories at that time. Amos received the name Yulth-tlou-a (Here's the man sitting at the top).

Amos was born in the Esperanza hospital on Aug. 31, 1941. His parents were late George and Christina Amos, and his grandparents were late Alex and Mary Amos.

On Jan. 22, an estimated 1,000 people attended a Celebration of Life for Yulth-tlou-a. Amos was a long-time Nuu-chah-nulth fisherman, providing for his family and community over the years.

Amos leaves behind children Andrea Amos-Stoney, Terry Amos, Paula Amos and Janice Amos. He also had a son Richard who passed away in 1985. The mother of his children, Marlene Amos (Baker), passed in 2002. His siblings

cherished his immediate family members.

At the conclusion of the celebration of life for Yulth-tlou-a, Simon Lucas told Vic Amos that it would now be up to him to keep the family meetings and dinners going. Andy Amos would get his family together on a weekly basis.

Lucas announced that in 2010 that the Amos family will be hosting a potlatch to properly thank everyone who assisted the family during their family's great loss. Terry Amos will also be taking on the responsibilities of his late father.

Amos will be missed, not only by his immediate family and his close friends, but also by fishermen up and down the coast, his community of Maapi, Hoomiss and Hesquiaht and the Nuu-chah-nulth people.

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# Delegates make swift work of byelection

By Debora Steel  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Tseshah-Maht Mahs gym was unusually quiet in the morning of Jan. 21, especially for a room filled with Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council delegates who were about to make a big decision. They were gathered for a byelection to fill the position of president, left vacant last October after the sudden resignation of Tom Happynook.

Five would compete for the job, but only one had the support of the majority. Ahousaht's Cliff Atleo Sr. would take 64 per cent of the vote in the first ballot round; 52 votes out of 81 ballots cast. Tribal Council Vice-president Dr. Michelle Corfield, who had been

acting as interim president during the last few months, received 19 votes. She remains in her role as vice-president.

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plus one of the votes cast, and voting would continue until that threshold was achieved. In a close race, an exhaustive ballot can take long hours to complete, with contenders wooing blocks of voters as the candidates who receive the least support each round drop out.

But Atleo came out of the gate strong needing only a first ballot to solidify a victory. He will serve the remainder of this three-year presidential term, which is less than one year.

The day began with a welcome to the Tseshah territory by Chief Councillor Les Sam. He thanked the candidates for having the strength and courage to put their names forward. Tseshah's Richard Watts was a contender, as was Ucluelet's Larry Baird, and Ehatesaht's Earl Smith.

The Amos family was acknowledged for granting permission for the important business of the day to proceed. They were mourning the loss of Andrew Amos, a commercial fisherman and active member of the Council of Ha-wiih, whose funeral would be held the next day. A moment of silence was held in recognition of the passing of loved ones.

Before electoral officer Beryl Guerin opened the voting booth in the tribal council building, she oversaw a candidates' forum where the five contenders would have an opportunity to address the delegates one last time.

Atleo spoke about the importance of language and culture. He is a fluent speaker and believes that language is key to Nuu-chah-nulth identity. He was a strong believer, he said, in the traditions of the Nuu-chah-nulth people and the importance of the ha-wiih, traditional leadership. That there was not a strong recognition of the traditional leadership in the current tribal council process was a concern to him.

He said the tribal council must utilize the foundation of the culture that had provided for the people over the centuries.

Nuu-chah-nulth communities had come together over the years to negotiate many agreements, he told delegates, but there was a strong need to have those agreements implemented effectively.

The tribal council exists, he said, to help the Nuu-chah-nulth people, and Atleo said that fact needed to be remembered and those people be kept at the heart of the service provided by the tribal council.

The other candidates discussed their qualifications and vision for the tribal council. Baird is a familiar figure both in politics and community development. He talked about his service to the central region area, and of having been apart of the group that negotiated a \$12-million biosphere trust fund in the Tofino area.

Dr. Corfield talked about the changes made to tribal council governance over the last three years, how difficulties had been overcome, and challenges met. There were still things to be dealt with, she said, and the work of the tribal council would continue to tackle such big issues as social problems facing the individual nations.

It's high tide, right now, she told the delegates; the highest tide that has been faced in a long time. What was needed was great effort.

Smith said what was needed was the recognition of the grassroots people at the tribal council level. The governance of the tribal council was rooted there, and in the ha-houltsee of the ha-wiih—their environment, their culture, the people. Smith said he is hearing some discontent from the young people, who express frustration in the lack of progress being made in their lives. Smith said they desire change.

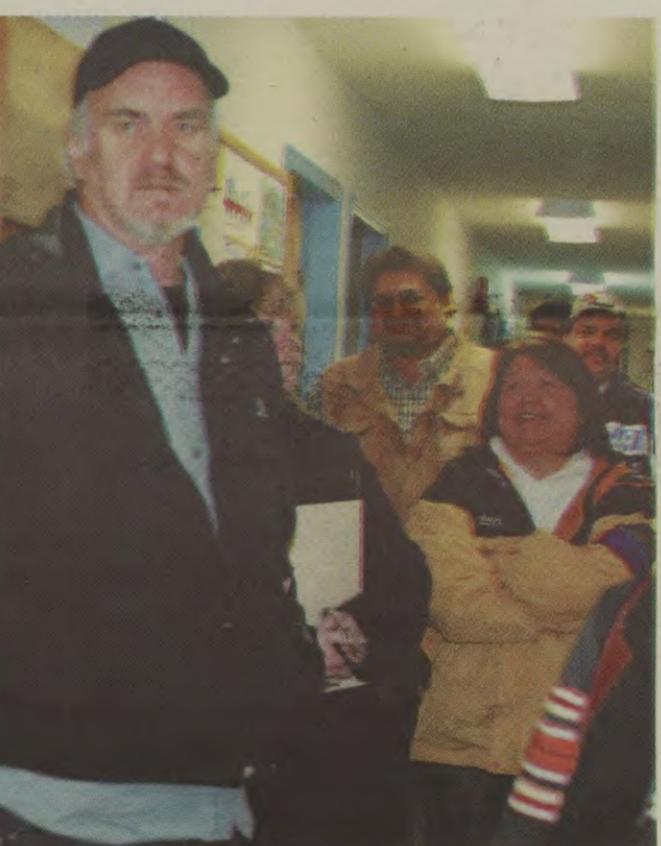
He said he wanted to help shape that change for them through the principles of respect and dignity, by valuing and motivating people, through his belief in teamwork, honesty and accountability.

"My dream is that we will reawaken the spirit of Nuu-chah-nulth unity," he said that must be done with an eye to the diversity of the Nuu-chah-nulth nations. Everyone is at a different level, he said, with different goals and objectives.



Photos by Debora Steel

Above: Cliff Atleo Sr. takes part in a song following his election win for president of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council. Atleo received 52 of the 81 ballots cast on Jan. 21. Below: Tribal Council Vice-president Dr. Michelle Corfield came in second with 19 votes. She remains VP.



Richard Watts of Tseshah addresses the delegates of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council during a candidates' forum held before votes were cast for the position of president of the tribal council. He is flanked by candidate Larry Baird of Ucluelet (left) and Earl Smith of Ehatesaht.

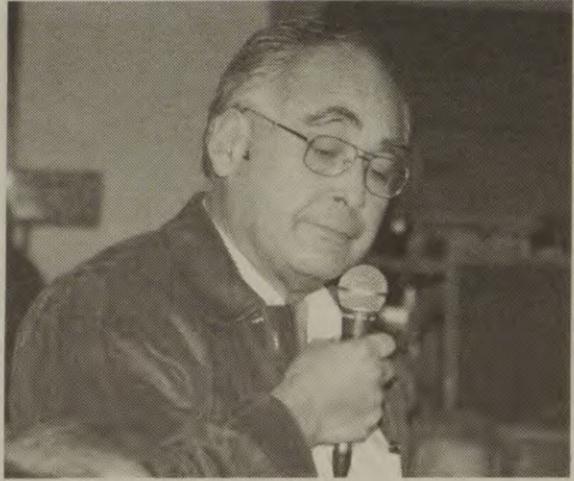
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## NTC President-elect Cliff Atleo vows to raise the profile of the ha'wiih

By Denise Titian  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Port Alberni**-Newly elected Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council President Cliff Atleo Sr. wasted little time beginning his nine-month term in the organization's top position. He made his way from the delegates' table to the tribal council offices immediately following the morning by-election on Jan. 21.

Atleo won on the first ballot with 64 per cent of the votes, and at the core of his election campaign was the pledge to build a strong sense of co-operation among the member tribes with the ha'wiih, the NTC executive and chiefs and councils as teams that should work



**Wickaninnish, Cliff Atleo, Sr.**

## Byelection

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Watts concentrated much of his time at the forum on treaty and treaty-related issues, from the cost of negotiating to forestry access and protection.

Another top priority for Watts was education and putting young people to work in the trades.

"We have the resources and the young people to fill that need."

As Guerin made efforts to open the polling station in the tribal council building board room, the reception area to the tribal council building began to fill with delegates who had already had their minds made up.

But back at Maht Mahs, the individual nation caucuses held earnest discussions about their choice. Within an hour and a half, the voting was done and the announcement made: Ballots cast 81, with none spoiled. Clifford Atleo Sr. 52, Baird two, Corfield 19, Smith three, and Watts five.

In his acceptance speech, Atleo said he appreciated the confidence of the delegates.

"We are on the right path to do what is best for the people... We are one and we are strong." He said it was not up to one person but all that were gathered in the room. He said it was very much looking forward to working with the ha'wiih and the people.

In closing, Atleo referenced the historic occasion in the United States on Jan. 20, the inauguration of Barack Obama as president. Atleo said Obama stood for hope and change.

"We have never lost hope," and Nuu-chah-nulth have long been confronted by change.

"I'm very excited about working with everybody. It won't come easy, but I believe we are all up to it."

## Correction

In the Jan. 15, 2009 article about a Christmas concert performed by nursery students at Tseshah, Ha-Shilth-Sa incorrectly identified Haahuupayak school as hosting. It was in fact t'aatnee?is Daycare. Ha-Shilth-Sa apologizes to the t'aatnee?is Daycare and all of their staff for that error.

In a story also in the Jan. 15 issue of Ha-Shilth-Sa, Kathleen Ambrose was identified as being Mowachaht/Muchalahl, when she is in fact Ehattesaht. We apologize for any confusion or distress this error may have caused.

## Health and Wellness Nursing Program hosts healthy living workshop

By Jack F. Little  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Port Alberni**-Healthy Living Program worker, Matilda Atleo, and the NTC Nursing program held a workshop on staying healthy at the Echo Field House on Nov. 26 and 27. Atleo welcomed everyone and gave a brief introduction. Cliff Atleo Sr. was a guest speaker who spoke about the Nuu-chah-nulth approach to healthy living. The topic of self-management concluded the first day.

Day two of the Keeping Healthy and Helping Each Other workshop started with Atleo delivering a presentation on proper nutrition with a chronic health condition. Later that afternoon Teresa Marsh was brought in to conclude the two-day session. Marsh talked about the medicine wheel, meditation and the healing circle.

Marsh, who was recently hired by the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council, has an extensive background in healing. She has experience in working with physically, emotionally, politically and psychologically traumatized clients.

Marsh is a registered nurse and also works as a consultant with Aboriginal communities with a focus on healing from residential school syndrome.

Marsh invited the group to form a circle.

"A circle is symbolic of aboriginal culture and I would like to honor your ancestors today," said Marsh. A circle also traditionally binds us together and it also becomes our teacher and healer, she said.

She told the group that she just came from Ahousaht where she was doing some work with the community members on healing.

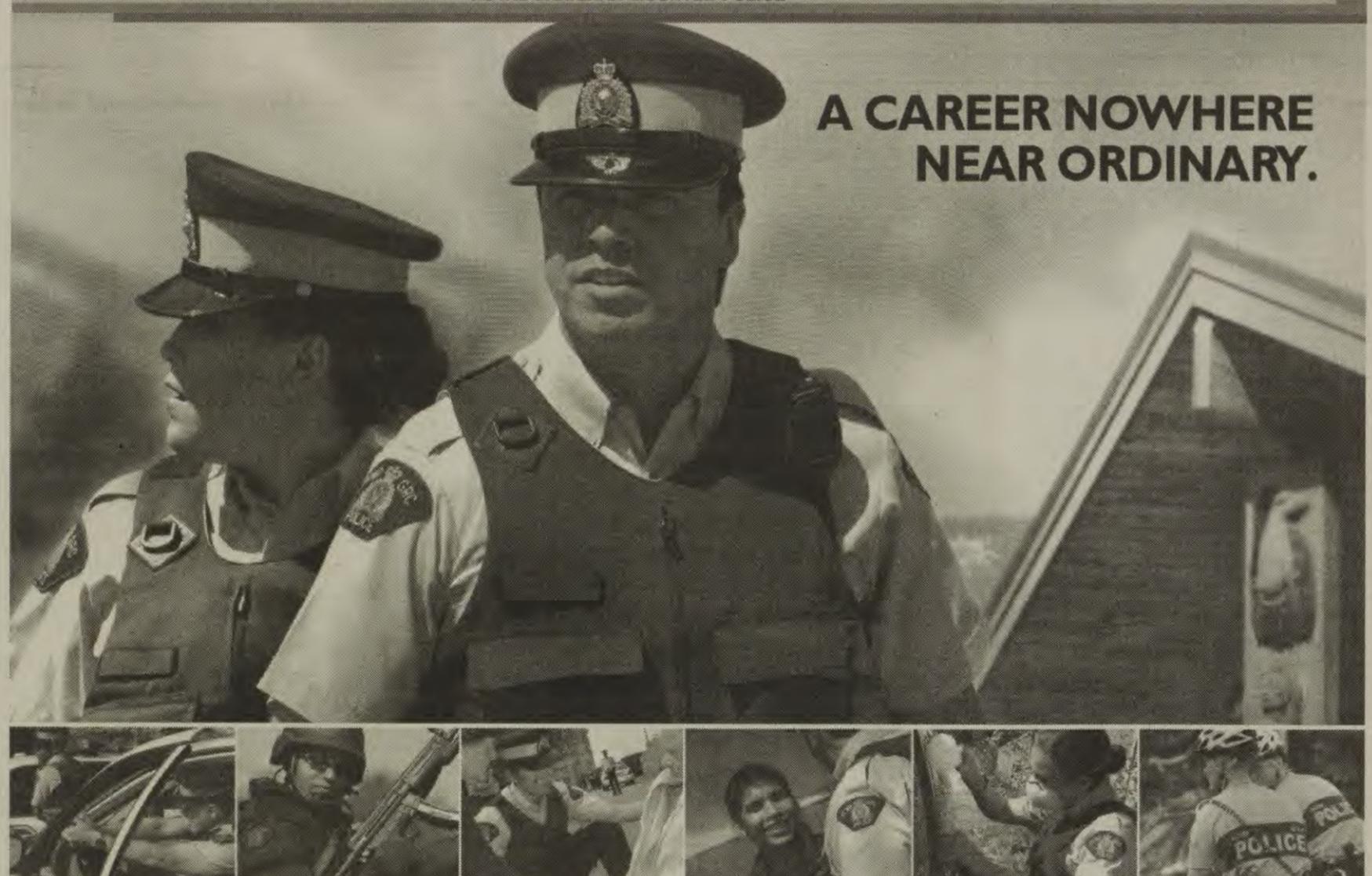
Marsh then got everyone comfortable and walked the group through an exercise of meditation.

"Meditation is one of the most profound and healthy things one can do for themselves. Meditation is the liberation of the mind from all disturbing and distracting emotions, thoughts and desires," said Marsh.

Meditation, Marsh claims, has allowed her to experience a new sense of peaceful well-being, enhanced concentration and to relieve stress in her life in order to relax.

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## New to the NTC CHS department is Delavina

The NTC CHS (NIHB) Non-Insured Health Benefits Program Department welcomes Delavina Lawrence to the program.

Delavina recently replaced Bella Fred who has transferred to the NTC CHS nursing program.

Delavina comes to us with a great deal of Medical Patient Travel Program experience, as well as some experience with other NIHB (Non-Insured) programs.

### Delavina Lawrence

I come from Haida Gwaii and belong to the Eagle Clan. Upon graduation from high school in Masset, I attended a two-year Native Indian Teacher Education Program. I have two daughters, 21 and 23 years of age.

I worked in Port Clements as a secretary/bookkeeper for the Graham Island Advisory Committee prior to moving to Victoria and worked as a First Nations Teachers Aid.

While visiting my friend in Port Alberni I decided to live in this beautiful valley. I eventually began work at the Port Alberni Friendship Centre as a program assistant, Health Liaison Worker, Community Referral worker and facilitating the Urban Aboriginal Early Childhood Program. I also worked extensively as the Education and Prevention Worker at the Knee was building.

In October 2008 I applied and was accepted for the vacant NIHB clerical assistant position. I am delighted to be part of the NTC CHS NIHB Program and will work very hard to assist the Program Coordinator as well as all the Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations health workers in the delivery of all the NIHB programs.

As the NIHB clerical assistant I will also work with the administrative portion of the Non-Insured Mental Health Program (supervised by Louise Tatoosh). I want to thank the NTC for having faith in me to be part of their administrative staff.

*Delavina Lawrence  
NTC CHS NIHB Program  
Clerical Assistant*



**Delavina Lawrence**

## Mental Health Tiičaqx Dealing with traumatic events

Submitted by Kim Rai  
Mental Health Worker

- Disorientation or confusion
- Difficulty concentrating
- Reluctance to leave home
- Depression, sadness
- Feelings of hopelessness
- Mood-swings
- Crying easily
- Overwhelming guilt and self-doubt
- Fear of crowds, strangers or being alone

Ways to ease the stress

- Talk with someone about your feelings—anger, sorrow and other emotions—even though it may be difficult.

Acknowledging our feelings helps us recover.

Focusing on our strengths and abilities will help you to heal.

- Accepting help from community programs and resources is healthy.
- We each have different needs and different ways of coping.

It is common to want to strike back at people who have caused great pain. However, nothing good is accomplished by hateful language or actions.

Signs that one may need support

- Difficulty communicating thoughts
- Difficulty sleeping
- Difficulty maintaining balance
- Easily frustrated
- Increased use of drugs/alcohol
- Limited attention span
- Poor work performance
- Headaches/stomach problems
- Tunnel vision/muffled hearing
- Colds or flu-like symptoms.

Use existing support groups of family, friends and community events.

Establish a family emergency plan.

Feeling that there is something that you can do can be very comforting.

### Nuu-chah-nulth Tiičaqx (Mental Health)

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## Clayoquot Sound salmon farm responds to escape

By Denise Titian  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Tofino—More than 3,000 farmed Atlantic salmon escaped from Mainstream Canada's net pens after a harvest contractor's mishap Dec. 19 at Mussel Rock in Ahousaht traditional territory.

Laurie Jensen, environmental compliance and community relations manager for Mainstream Canada, said the company immediately launched their Escape Prevention and Emergency Response Plan in an effort to control, mitigate and confine the escaped salmon.

Harvesting operations were immediately suspended and the appropriate agencies were notified, including Ahousaht's fish farm committee and government officials.

Workers managed to catch some of the escaped salmon by hand while a great deal more were consumed by a large number of sea lions seen in the area.

Jensen confirms that a total of 3,199 salmon escaped and 2,093 remain unaccounted for. Jensen is confident that the missing salmon wound up in the bellies of the sea lions.

Farmed salmon spend their lives swimming in circles in net pens, waiting for feed pellets. According to Jensen, even when they escape they tend to stay close to their pens.

The incident remains under investigation by conservation enforcement officers.

Mainstream recently hired Hesquiaht fisherman Con Charleton of the Taa-wa Fish Company on a one-year Atlantic Salmon Emergency Recapture Agreement as part of their Escape Prevention and Emergency Response Plan.

Charleton will be stationed aboard the Princess Colleen in Tofino Harbor and will standby to assist in recovery efforts should there be another escape.

Prior to contracting the services of Charleton, Jensen said the company had to rely on a boat stationed out of Campbell River, but the response time from Campbell River to Clayoquot Sound would have made for an ineffectual recovery.

Mainstream is pleased have found a more local boat to provide emergency response services. Jensen said the



Con Charleton recently hired by Mainstream Canada as part of their Escape Prevention and Emergency Response Plan

company was unsuccessful in their attempts to contract with Ahousaht boat owners for the same service, but they remain hopeful that Ahousaht members will avail themselves to these types of contracts in the future.

Mainstream Canada and Ahousaht First Nation entered into a protocol agreement in 2002 that provides access to Ahousaht traditional marine territory for locating salmon farms in exchange for employment opportunities, tenure fees, environmental monitoring and management improvements.

The protocol agreement does not have a fixed term, but is reviewed every year by both parties. An Ahousaht negotiating team has been meeting regularly with Mainstream officials for several months in the latest attempt to update the agreement. Both parties are not at liberty to discuss what is in the protocol agreement or what is being negotiated.

Mainstream Canada employs about 70 people from the community of Ahousaht along with other members living outside the community. They may work in the processing plant at Tofino or on the farm sites that dot Ahousaht traditional territory. Some First Nations employees work in management positions.

## Demolition should bring closure and help healing

Continued from page 1.

When he went home to his family in the summer, he would be ashamed to speak his Native language. It wasn't until about 25 years ago, when he began to go to potlatches and listen to the old people speak that he remembered that he once knew the language.

"I know what they are saying," he remembered thinking, so he worked on himself to recover his language and counts himself as one of only 14 people who are fluent in his community today. He and his wife, with the help of others in the community, are working towards a revitalization of the language. They created a phrase book, a CD, and have given iPods to the youth so that they can listen to the words being said.

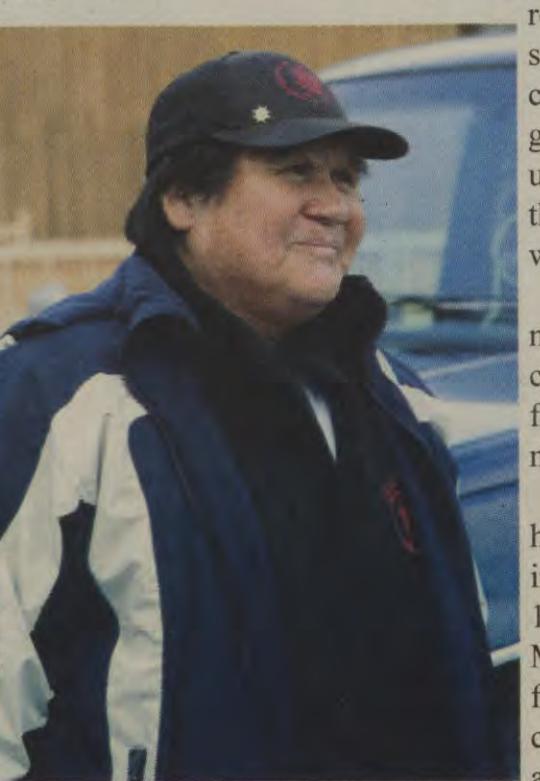
He said people need to understand, "we are not going to go away; That our language and culture are important."

"There is a better day to come." Bill attended the school from the age of about six, from 1946 to 1958. She said the dismantling of the dormitory will bring closure for many.

She has both good and bad memories of the place.

"I've always been a mischief...always got strapped," she told Ha-Shilth-Sa.

She visited the place once with her adult son, pointing out where her bed was, where she sat in the dining room. She peeled potatoes and made sandwiches for many meals during her years in residential school, and when she left Grade 8 and went out into the wider world, she said it was a big shock at how life was outside of the school. She said she was fortunate at least to learn the basics of life at residential school,



Willard Gallic

but realizes that some of the children had a far more difficult time at the school than she did.

It wasn't until later in life that she learned about the abuses going on there.

"I did not realize how bad it was. It really shocked me."

She believes that a memorial on the site would help the children of residential school survivors and the coming generations understand what their grandparents went through.

Gallic said a memorial is being considered, but first the structure must come down.

The Gitxsan have asked to be invited to be invited to the Feb. 10 ceremony.

Many children from their communities attended the school. Gallic said they hope it will bring closure for their members, and help them heal from the experiences there.

There will be protocols for the day set up, but Gallic hopes that people will take part by doing what they need to do to make the day important to them, by saying a prayer for example.

And Gallic is hoping that he will be able to share the day with the children from Haahuupayak school, to let them know that the education that is envisioned for the young people today is far different than what was intended for the students of residential school.

Local people will be working on the demolition project alongside those expert in clearing hazardous waste. There is asbestos in the building and that will have to be removed and discarded safely.

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## Minister was reliable and supportive of First Nations

The Hupacasath First Nation would like to extend our deepest sympathies to Minister Stan Hagen's family, especially his wife Judy and children. We share in their loss.

Stan was a great friend of First Nations. He loved working with First Nations, supporting First Nations and had great hope for the New Relationship.

The first time Stan Hagen came to the Hupacasath community, he facilitated a permit that we needed to install a dock for our new canoe tour business. We had been trying for months and there was only one day when the tides would be right to install and he made every effort to help us. From there, he would

come to the community whenever we asked, whether it was the grand opening of our House of Gathering, or our canoe races on the Somass River.

Chief Councillor Judith Sayers recalls "our first canoe races were an exciting event. I was paddling in one of the canoes, but had to be on the dock to welcome the canoes to our territory. The minister asked if he could sit in my seat in the canoe and it was the highlight of the races."

Sayers also remembered other events.

"The Campbell River Indian band honored Minister Hagen's work by wrapping him in a beautiful button blanket. He was so proud of that blanket that he wore it in a subsequent ceremony

Columbians and for First Nations. He had First Nations advisory committees in all his ministries. There are not many politicians that think with their heart and mind; Stan was one of them.

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# Community & Beyond

**Loonie Toonie  
Jan. 31  
Port Alberni**

Loonie toonie to help support Walter Thomas in his recovery. The date is set for Jan. 31 at the Somass Hall. We will be having pre-bids from 10 a.m. till 1 p.m. and the auction will start at 1 p.m. We will also be hosting a spaghetti lunch/concession during the auction.

**Canada World Youth event  
Jan. 31  
Port Alberni**

To be held at Trinity Church (Anugs St.) from noon to 5 p.m. Discussions are going to be lead by our group of 18 young participants from Ukraine and across Canada. A potluck is following the event. Don't forget to bring a little delicious something to share with everybody. Registration is at [canadasworld@hotmail.com](mailto:canadasworld@hotmail.com)

**Talking Stick Festival Visual Arts Exhibition  
Feb. 1  
Vancouver**

A celebration of First Nations culture and community and a kick off to the Talking Stick Festival. Information at [www.fullcircleperformance.ca](http://www.fullcircleperformance.ca)

**Uu-a-thluk Council of Ha'wihi  
Feb. 3 and 4  
Hupacasath**

To be held at the Hupacasath House of Gathering: Feb. 3 at 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Feb. 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The focus will be continued dialogue on matters including 2009 salmon outlooks. Nuu-chah-nulth crab management and DFO crab reform, revitalization of the WCVI clam board and preparation for fisheries aspects of the BCAFN chiefs meeting in Nanaimo at the end of February. Contact Don Hall at the NTC (250) 724-5757 or email at [dhall@nuuchahnulth.org](mailto:dhall@nuuchahnulth.org).

**Money Management  
Feb. 4  
Port Alberni**

At NEDC, 7563 Pacific Rim Hwy next to Tseshah Market. To register, please contact Jennifer Gallic at the Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation (250) 724-3131, toll free 1-866-444-6362 or email [jennifer@nedc.info](mailto:jennifer@nedc.info). Time: 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Food and beverages will be provided. Are you managing your money with ease? Would you like to improve your money management skills? In your personal and your business life cash flow is important. There are more businesses that fail from lack of cash flow than from lack of profit. Visit our workshop and take away some tips/tricks to stay on track and plan your money for the future. Facilitator: Women's Enterprise Centre.

**Crafting Family Fun day - Free Family Event  
Feb. 7  
Gyro Youth Centre, Port Alberni**

Join Usma Nuu-chah-nulth Family & Child Services on February 7 10am-3:30pm at the Gyro Youth Centre - Activity Room for "Crafting Family Fun" day. Poster contest, make ornaments & cards, free t-shirts for first fifty people! For More Information \*Call Amber or Angie Smith at 250-724-3232/1-877-722-3232. Brought to you on behalf of the Resource Team of Usma Nuu-chah-nulth Family & Child Services and the Provincial Aboriginal Recruitment Committee.

**Hith'gwila Ceremony  
Feb. 7  
Victoria**

At Mungo Martin Longhouse beginning 3 p.m. John (Coon) Lyall of Gilford Island and Sharon Louie-

Bond of Ahousaht would like to announce a Hith'gwila ceremony for their daughter Rande Louie-Lyall. This is a 10-month naming ceremony for their beautiful daughter.

**Mowachaht / Muchalaht Community Plan Meeting  
Feb. 9  
Tsaxana**

Come give your input on the Community Values and Vision. Join us for dinner at 4:30 pm. Administration Building, 100 Ouwatin Road Tsaxana. Contact Laurie-Lynne Andrews, Community Communication Coordinator, Phone 250-283-2015 or email [laurie.andrews@yuquot.ca](mailto:laurie.andrews@yuquot.ca). This is about the past, present and the future of our Community!

**Talking Stick Festival**

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Vancouver**

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Feb. 11  
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**Memorial party for Wi wiialag (Elmer Thompson)  
Feb. 28  
Port Alberni**

Nuu-sees-mus Devan extends his invitation to his late grandfather wiwiialag Elmer Thompson along with his grandmother Marion Thompson with her kids Rose Chester and kids, Nooks Chester and kids, Sam Chester, Angela Chester, and the two others he helped raise as his own Sugar Thompson an her kids, Christina Stabb, with the help of the Thompson family, would like to invite all his friends an family from all over. We would like everyone to help celebrate his life and end our grieving process, but he will never be forgotten he will be in our hearts forever. We would like to thank all that came and gave medicine to the family on his passing days. Klecko-klecko from Devan "Nuu-sees-mus", Marion, Rose (tee-ty-boos) and kids, Nooks and kids, Sam, Angela, Sugar, Christina , and God Bless all.

**Introduction to Simply Accounting  
Feb. 18  
Port Alberni**

Limited seating. At North Island College, Room: N113, 3699 Roger St. To register, please contact Jennifer Gallic at Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation: (250) 724-3131, toll free 1-866-444-6362 or email [jennifer@nedc.info](mailto:jennifer@nedc.info). Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Food and Beverages will be provided. Introductory workshop: How to use Simply Accounting for your everyday small business bookkeeping needs. Facilitator: John Lewis-Sneider, Cost Accounting Solutions

**Master's Ball Hockey Tournament  
Feb. 20 to 22  
Tseshah**

Men's and Ladies. First 10 men's teams, first eight ladies teams will be entered. Deadline for registration Jan. 9, 2009. Fees \$250 Men's, \$200 Ladies. We require \$150 deposit non-refundable along with registration before 4 p.m. Jan. 30, 2009. Tseshah First Nations will include trophies, first, second, and third place, as well as MIP, MVP and All-stars. For more information, contact Gina Pearson or Sam Gus at one of the following: Work Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 P.m. (250) 731-1207 or email [gpearson@tseshah.com](mailto:gpearson@tseshah.com) or [ginawatts@shaw.ca](mailto:ginawatts@shaw.ca) or [squs@tseshah.com](mailto:squs@tseshah.com).

**Celebrations Of Life**

**Feb. 21  
Gold River**

On Feb. 21 at Wahmeesh gym, Jimmy Johnson and Hilary Savey of the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nations are hosting a Celebrations Of Life for their son Collin. The doors in Gold River at the Wah-Meesh Gym will open at 4 pm. Come join us for dinner along with singing and dancing. For more information please contact Hilary at (250)283-2545 or (250)283-2349

**Recruiting and Retaining Staff**

**Feb. 25  
Port Alberni**

At NEDC, 7563 Pacific Rim Hwy, next to Tseshah Market. To register, please contact Jennifer Gallic at Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation: (250) 724-3131, toll free 1-866-444-6362 or email [jennifer@nedc.info](mailto:jennifer@nedc.info). Time: 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Negotiable. Food and beverages will be provided. Hiring, Firing, and Retaining Staff can be difficult for Small Business owners. Learn tips/tricks on how to build your staff with business success in mind. Facilitator: Jennifer Gallic, NEDC.

**All Native Mens Basketball Tournament**

**Feb. 27, 28 and March 1  
Port Alberni**

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**Qu'uusa Support Worker**

**Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Mental Health Department is seeking a ten Qu'uusa Support Worker to serve Residential School survivors and others with residential school issues who are living on the West Coast. This position is term to March 3 2009, with possible extension, and will be based out of Tofino.**

**Responsibilities will include:**

- ◆ To support individuals or small groups through crisis support, debriefing, counselling, referral & mediation.
- ◆ To facilitate sessions that promotes the healing journey and healthy lifestyles.
- ◆ To assist in the coordination of larger gathering
- ◆ To communicate with community workers, chieftain and council, and elders.
- ◆ To maintain an accurate reporting system.

**Qualifications:**

- ◆ Preferred Diploma in Qu'uusa Counselling plus more years experience with individuals and groups counselling including crisis intervention with demonstrated experience in empowering other
- ◆ Personal knowledge of Residential School issue including settlement CEP, IAP and alternatives application processes.
- ◆ Nuu-chah-nulth-ah would be considered an asset
- ◆ Plan for self care.
- ◆ Must have a car and valid drivers licence.
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## Community & Beyond cont'd

**Aboriginal Business Conference**

**March 13 to 14  
Port Alberni**

NEDC is hosting the 'Seeking the Silver Lining' Aboriginal Business Conference at the Best Western Barclay. Registration is free until Valentines Day (Feb. 14) then the registration fee will be \$100 per person (50 per cent discount for groups of three or more). Call 250.724.3131 or e-mail [caledonia@nedc.info](mailto:caledonia@nedc.info) to register or for more details.

**Tseshah Youth Ball Hockey Tournament 2009**

**March 18 to 22  
Port Alberni**

Age Categories: 17 and under, 10 and under, Entry fee: \$100/team. Played at Maht Mabs gym. To enter a team, please call Gina Pearson, Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Leave messages after hours), 731-1207, Thomas Dick, Monday to Saturday 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. 724-7320.

**2009 Junior All Native Basketball Tournament**

**March 16 to 20  
Port Alberni**

Opening ceremonies on March 15, 2009. Hosted by Ahousaht Wolfpack Jr. Boys Basketball Team the community of Ahousaht. Vontact Curtis Dick (250) 670-2475; Rick Lindhom (250) 670-2502 or Margaret Dick (250) 670-2475.

**Workshop scheduled for Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 — New members welcome**

## Tseshah community development initiatives gain momentum

By Christine Schlattner

members on what they would like to see in the way of spiritual wellness. The centre will focus on wellness and recovery from drug addiction and can include other addictions as well. This information will be brought together and discussed to see where next to take the project.

The Artisans' Market group held a very successful one-day event on Dec. 14. Most artists who came were highly satisfied with their day and reported experiencing First Nations hospitality. The group is putting together a report on lessons learned from this event and will also decide how to proceed in order to keep the ball rolling. Possible future projects include a regular market at a rented hall and the purchase of location to hold a permanent Artisans' Market.

New members to both groups are welcome to join the workshop to help move these ideas forward. Please contact Anne Robinson at 250-720-8907 for times and location of this workshop.

**March 11 at Esperanza**

## Youth organize final conference

sessions. In Esperanza, their roles will expand considerably.

"The youth are leading the entire thing," Rampanen said.

Planning team members, including Nicole Watts, Damon Rampanen, and Thomas Johnstone are looking forward to the opportunity. After experiencing the first two conferences, they see real value in the material covered.

"It's important to find out what happened," said Johnstone. "I learned a lot of things."

Etahesah Ha'wilth Georgina Amos is also playing an important role in the final conference by supporting the youth planning team and providing her perspective at meetings. At a preliminary session in early January, she talked about the importance of getting youth involved.

"It's very exciting," she said of the youth's efforts.

For more information about the March 11 youth conference, contact Norine Messer at 250-723-5504 or by email at [norinemesser@hotmail.com](mailto:norinemesser@hotmail.com).

**Mowachaht / Muchalaht comprehensive community plan 2008-2009**

## Looking forward to a brighter future

**Community Plan**

The Mowachaht/Muchalaht Community Plan will address the entire territory and consider all aspects of community life. The topics that will be addressed are governance, land, resources, culture, health, social issues, infrastructure and the economy.

**Community Process**

The first step in the process identified the best approaches to communicate with community members. A community meeting was held in Tsaxana in September to provide information about the community plan process and to present information outlined in the Community Background Report.

A second community meeting was held in November to provide an opportunity for members to give their input on important aspects of community life. Also in November, community members who live in Tsaxana were provided an opportunity to participate in an individual visit and to fill out a Community Analysis Survey.

**Next Community Meeting**

The next Community Meeting regarding the Community Plan will be held in Tsaxana on Monday Feb. 9 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.. A community dinner will be provided at 4:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting will be for the community members to provide input on community values and a vision for the future.

If you can't attend the meeting or if

## For Ucluelet First Nation (UFN) Membership

You may have noticed that the advertisement in our last posting called for Post-Secondary applications. We have extended the deadline and applications will now be accepted until

**Monday February 16th, by 12 Noon.**

Please contact Rose Touchie at the UFN Health Centre to request an application

**Rose Touchie**  
**UFN Education Coordinator**  
**Telephone (250) 726-7343 ext. 222**  
**Toll Free: 1-866-900-7343 ext. 222**  
**or email at [educationcoord@ufn.ca](mailto:educationcoord@ufn.ca)**

## Sports and Recreation

### Nuu-chah-nulth wrestlers take top honors at meet

By Jack F. Little  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Kamloops—There were three Nuu-chah-nulth wrestlers who had good showings at the recent Western Canada Age Class competition in Kamloops Jan. 15 to 17.

Daley Forbes with Hesquiaht roots, Isaiah Taylor with Ahousaht and Tseshah roots and Brianne Charles from Hupacasath all wrestled well.

Forbes and Taylor came home with gold medals in their respective weight categories and Charles came in second place. Forbes is a Grade 9 student and both Charles and Taylor are Grade 10 students at Alberni District Secondary School.

Forbes won the 69 kg girl's weight division, wrestling girls older than her with more experience. John MacDonald,

ADSS wrestling coach, said it was quite an accomplishment.

Taylor won the very competitive 76 kg weight category. Charles wrestled in the 60 kg weight category. McDonald was very pleased with the ADSS wrestling team's results.

"We have some tremendous talent coming up on both the boys and girls side," said McDonald. "Both our ADSS Cadet boys and girls (ages 15 and 16) placed in the top four teams and they have shown they will be competitive for many years to come." McDonald said Forbes, Taylor and Charles have bright futures ahead of them.

For Forbes this was her second Age Class gold medal. Forbes is gaining the recognition of her peers and from coaches across British Columbia. Last year she won the schoolgirl division and was named the top female in that age group by BC Wrestling.

Forbes regularly wrestles with Savannah Toth who is a Grade 11 student and in the 65 kg weight category. McDonald said that this, no doubt, helps Forbes to become a better wrestler as Toth is a champion in her weight and age category.

Taylor continues his rise up the wrestling ranks with a strong performance in Kamloops. He, however, had to earn his gold medal as he faced a wrestler from Hazelton in the final and was being dominated in the first round. Taylor came back in the second round with a tie forcing a clinch situation which Taylor had to win in order to have a third round.

After several controversial starts Taylor won the round to force the third round. In the end Taylor dominated the third round to win the gold medal.

"[Charles] had an excellent tournament and has shown that she will compete

### A W Neil middle school hosts basketball play day

By Jack F. Little  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Port Alberni**—The Grade 8 girls basketball team at AW Neill played hosted area middle schools on Jan. 24. The play day included teams from E J Dunn, Oceanside from Parksville, Wellington and Springwood from the Nanaimo area on Jan. 24.

Neill played Springwood in their second game and won again. The score was Neill with a 31-20 win over Springwood. Julia Hudson scored 11 points to lead a balanced attack over Springwood. Chelsey McIntosh tallied four points for Neill. In a very close game following Neill's win over Springwood they played Wellington. Neill prevailed with a 33-28 win.

Wellington got off to a good start and led after the first quarter 8-2 as Neill was having a hard time scoring. After the second quarter Wellington led 20-12. Neill made a good run in the third quarter and the score was tied after three quarters and Neill took the game. Julia Hudson tallied 12 points for Neill.

For the Dunn team, all but one player is First Nations: Kat Hamilton, Jaylyn Lucas, Kathleen Good, Laurissa Jimmy, Cheyenne David Isabella Larsen, Janine Thompson, Kynearsha Lucas, Johns Jo Charlie and Trisha Miller.

Playing in the first game was Neill and Dunn. The first quarter was fairly even with Neill holding a one-point lead after the first quarter: 10-9. Dunn had a hard time with their offense and could not find their game in the second quarter. They only scored two points in the quarter. Neill went on an 8-0 run in the quarter as Dunn briefly took the lead early in the second. This would be Dunn's only basket, however, and Neill led at the half by a score of 18-11.

Each team only scored eight points in the third quarter and Neill led 26-17. Dunn's dry spell in the second quarter would hurt them. Again in the fourth quarter the teams were fairly even. Neill outscored Dunn 10-9 in the last quarter. The final score was Neill prevailing with a 37-26 win.

Leading the way for Neill was Darion Aerie with 16 points and Julia Hudson with seven points. For Dunn Jaylyn Lucas tallied six points, Kynearsha Lucas and Trisha Miller each had four points. Dunn had no time to rest as they played again right after they finished their game. Their opponent was Springwood.

Dunn bolted out of the gate and took a 7-0 run early in the first quarter. The score after the first quarter was Dunn with a commanding 15-4 lead. They led



E J Dunn's Jeanine Thompson wins a jumpball at the A W Neill middle school play day held Jan. 24 in the valley. Schools from Parksville, Nanaimo, and the local E J Dunn competed.

#### Mowachaht/ Muchalaht

#### COMMUNITY PLAN MEETING

Monday February 9<sup>th</sup> 2009

Come give your input on the  
Community Values and Vision

**Time:** Join us for dinner at 4:30 pm

**Where:** Administration Building  
100 Ouwatian Road Tsaxana

**Contact:** Laurie-Lynne Andrews, Community  
Communication Coordinator

**Phone:** 250-283-2015

**Email:** laurie.andrews@yuquot.ca

**Send submissions  
to Ha-Shilth-Sa  
by Feb. 6.**

**This is about the past, present and  
the future of OUR Community!**



## Birthdays & congratulations



Happy birthday  
Nicholas Gus for  
Jan. 14. From  
Mom.

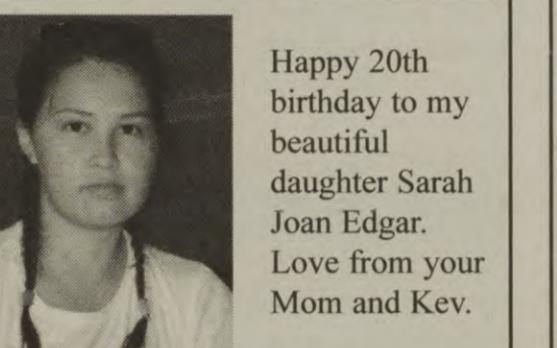


Happy birthday  
Kimberly Gus  
for Jan. 19.  
From auntie Liz  
Gus.



Happy 2nd birthday  
to our baby, Mister  
Lee Shawn Manson  
Jan. 28. You are our  
'surprise' and worth  
everything everyday.

Congratulations to Linda Lucas for  
your completion and graduation of  
your Masters in Social Work from the  
University of Victoria. Linda is from  
Hesquiaht and is the granddaughter of  
late Placide and Juliana Lucas. Your  
family is so very proud of your  
accomplishments, and your dedication  
towards your goals. You're an  
inspiration and leader in your life and  
work. Way to go Linda. Lot's of love and  
pride from your family.



Happy 20th  
birthday to my  
beautiful  
daughter Sarah  
Joan Edgar.  
Love from your  
Mom and Kev.

January 27: Grandpa Peter and  
Grandma Rose wish Oceannah Malia  
Leilani Robinson a happy 9th birthday  
and many more. Happy birthday Devin  
R. on Jan. 30. How young are you?  
From Pete and Rose.

huh?! Take it easy woman. From Duch,  
Jon, your girlfriend Abigail, Son-Son  
Darren, and Sunshine Baby Lee.

Billie Hayes. where are you?  
Wherever you are we wish you a happy  
birthday on Jan. 25. Call me Billie. I  
miss bee-essin witchu! From your friend  
always Margaret Titian a.k.a. Duch. P.S.  
I still have the same # and same cell #.

Happy birthday to Samantha Manson  
Jan. 23. Enjoy your birthday this year  
babe. Be good; listen to dad. Your mom.  
From Uncle Jon, Aunty Margaret,  
Abigail, Darren and Baby Lee.

Happy birthday to my Godson  
Jonathan Manson Jan. 29. Have a great  
day on your day boy. Have fun, be good,  
listen and don't be cheeky! From your  
God-dad/Uncle Jon, Aunty Margaret,  
Abigail, Darren (yourpartner in crime!),  
and baby Mr. Lee.

Happy birthday to Addie Rose David  
Jan. 27. Sorry I didn't have Lee on your  
day! Have a great day doing something  
for yourself! Love you sis. Geez we  
didn't see each other over the holidays  
hey! Guess we'll have to do a "trip"

Happy 31st  
Birthday to a very  
special lady, my  
daughter Rosalee  
Sharon Ross on  
Jan. 20. Love you  
and keep on  
smiling! Love  
Mom, Harry,  
Gloria, aunts,  
uncles, cousins,  
Sugar, Sandy,  
Peesh Peesh,  
Sylvester & Lucky.

Klecko's - ḷekoo

## Community does its part

Klecko Tla-o-qui-aht and Tseshah for  
your help when our nephew Frank  
Williams passed away.

As well, thank you Nuu-chah-nulth  
Tribal Council, our nephew Bruce and  
Francis Frank, Levi, Aunt Millie, Julia  
and Simon Lucas, Richard and Linus  
Lucas, Willard Gallic, Les Sam, Jane  
Jones and Jacqueline Watts.

As well, thank you to the cooks  
Clinton Fred, Michael Lambert and  
Colin Peters.

Thank you "Suds" Bob, Dale Devost,  
Mike Watts for showing the video and  
slides of Frank and for the pictures  
"Suds".

Nona and Jack Thompson for being  
there for Frank and for all of us when he  
was in the hospital and for when he  
passed away.

If we missed anyone, thank you all for  
all the help and support given through  
out this trying time.

Monica, Tim Paul and Family

## Environment relaxing

I Jessie E. Mack would like to send a  
big thank you to Phyllis Scott for  
helping fill out papers to go to Tsa-Kwa-  
Lutan Lodge for the Emotional Fitness  
Workshop from Jan. 2 to 12. If you  
would like to go, there are several types

of workshops with wonderful facilitators,  
great cooks, intakers, etc. It's a beautiful  
place and relaxing in the evening in the  
hot tub, jacuzzi and sauna. I would love to  
go again. Try it you'll enjoy it there.

## Family appreciates support

Bill Frank, Toni Wazniack and family

would like to thank everyone for all their

donations and support for Frank Frank

who passed away on Dec. 16, 2008. As

well as everyone who help with video,

food.

Also those who help them get through

this trying time.

Thank you all for everything, especially

for being there for us all.

Monica, Tim Paul and Family

Submissions to Ha-Shilth-Sa

are due by Feb. 6.

Happy  
birthday  
Val  
Gomez for  
Jan. 12.  
From Liz,  
Tina and  
Julian.



Feb. 13: Happy  
60th birthday to  
Bill George Sr.  
Hope you have a  
special day.  
Love you always  
from Annie,  
Billy, Mamie, Michelle, Francis, Liz,  
Matt, Tasha, Amanda, Georgia, Sara,  
Jack, Haleigh, Francis Jr, Billie and  
Dredin!

## Ahousaht tyee ha'wilth congratulates raffle winner

By Denise Titian  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Ahousaht—An Ahousaht grandmother  
was the lucky winner of \$1,000 in a  
community-driven effort to raise funds  
for the Ahousaht Youth bus maintenance  
account.

Tee Yee Ha'wilth Maquinna George  
congratulates Val Jack and thanks her  
and many others for supporting the  
cause.

Ahousaht ha'wilth gave young  
Ahousaht members a bus in October  
2008 in an effort to support them in their  
sports and cultural activities outside the  
community. Maquinna wanted to focus  
efforts on rewarding the youth for  
staying alcohol and drug free.

"We need to invest in our youth. We  
need to be in their corner and support  
them in living healthy, active lifestyles,"  
he said.

Ahousaht ha'wilth have paid the first  
year's insurance on the bus, but they left  
it up to the community to raise funds for  
future insurance and maintenance costs.

The community stepped up by  
soliciting donations within the Ahousaht  
for a raffle.

Maquinna would like to thank  
everyone that donated funds to the  
cause: House of Himwitsa-\$200, Cougar  
Island Water Taxi, Felix and Ilene  
Thomas-\$400, Ahousaht General  
Store-\$200, G&N Towing-\$200, Tofino  
Co-op-\$200, Wayne Coulson-\$200,  
NEDC and First Nations Trust-\$3,000,  
Ahousaht ha'wilth-\$20,700 (bus and  
insurance).

He thanks Ahousaht Band Council for  
providing travel funds to pick up the bus  
on the Mainland, Rev. Rick Lindholm  
and Kiista for driving the bus to Tofino.  
"Special kleco to NEDC and First  
Nations Trust for generously donating to  
a great cause," said Maquinna.

The Ahousaht Youth Bus is intended  
for the use of all Ahousaht Youth. The  
community needs more Class Four  
licensed drivers for the bus.

Anyone interested in using the bus, or  
wanting to make enquires about it  
should email Maquinna at  
maquinna55@mac.com. Donations for  
the operation and maintenance of the bus  
are always gratefully accepted.

**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.

**Your First Nation needs your current address and phone number so they can contact you regarding Treaty developments, letters and bulletins.**

**First Nation phone numbers and addresses are listed below for your convenience.**

**Ahousaht**

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

**Hatthesaht**

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

**Hupacasath First Nation**

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

**Ka'yu:k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h'**

(250) 332-5259 - Fax: (250) 332-5210  
General Delivery Kyuquot, B.C. V0P 1J0

**Nuchatlaht First Nation**

(250) 332-5908 - Fax: (250) 332-5907  
PO Box 40 Zeballos, B.C. V0P 2A0

**Tseshaht First Nation**

Toll Free: 1-888-724-1225 - Fax: (250) 724-4385  
5091 Mission Rd. Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 8X9

**Ucluelet First Nation**

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

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**NTC President-elect Cliff Atleo vows to raise the profile of the ha'wiilh**

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view, they own everything – lock, stock and barrel – and that has never changed,” he said.

He is a fluent speaker of the Ahousaht language and brings a solid skill set developed over the years working for several Aboriginal organizations. Besides serving Ahousaht for 12 years as that nation’s chief treaty negotiator, he spent more than a decade with the Native Brotherhood of B.C., seven years with the Halibut Commission and was one of the first commissioners on the Pacific Salmon Commission.

“I am a promoter of teamwork, have good people skills, public speaking and cultural knowledge,” said Atleo when asked what he brings to the NTC presidency.

The role of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council, said Atleo, is to deliver services to the people in an expeditious, timely and cost-effective manner.

“One of the things that I heard when I

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**FIRST NATIONS WILDCRAFTERS, BC:** C. Anne Robinson and Keith Hunter “specializing in non timber and other value added forest products and services” 7000 "A" Pacific Rim Hwy., Port Alberni, BC, V9Y 8Y3, Phone: 250-720-8907, FirstNationsWildcrafters1@shaw.ca www.FirstNationsWildcrafters.com

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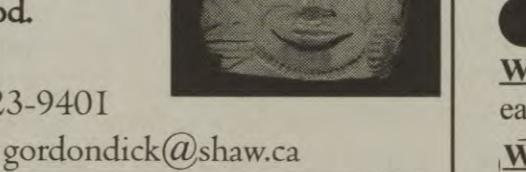
James "Wihayaq,a,cik" Swan Native Artist.

250-383-9779 home

250-361-7389 cell

jamesswan@telus.net

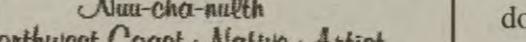
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**FOR SALE:** 24-ft herring skiff. Great shape. (250) 731-5727.

**FOR SALE:** Silk screening company. Can do up to 500 shirt per day. Can do four to eight colors. Call Billy Keitiah at (250) 731-9943.

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For more information, contact Yvonne Tatoosh at 250-723-1935.

**Wanted**

**WANTED TO BUY:** DVD movies at \$3 each. 723-1465

**WANTED TO BUY:** Good used running 90 HP motor with controls. Please phone Bernard at 1-250-670-1133.

**WANTED:** Old college study texts to be donated. Any subject, any level. Call Robin collect at (250) 726-2040. Will arrange for pick-up.

**WANTED:** To buy house on Tseshah Reserve. Call Jay 250-723-7772 or cel 735-2596.

**WANTED:** whale teeth, whalebones, mastodon ivory and Russian blue cobalt trade beads. Lv. msg. For Steve and Elsie John at 604-833-3645 or cel #141-720 619 St, New Westminster BC V3L3C5.

**WANTED:** Ucluelet First Nation is looking to build a contact list for carpenters & contractors. Please send us this information by contacting us at (250) 726-7342 or fax (250) 726-7552 attention to Housing Administrator.

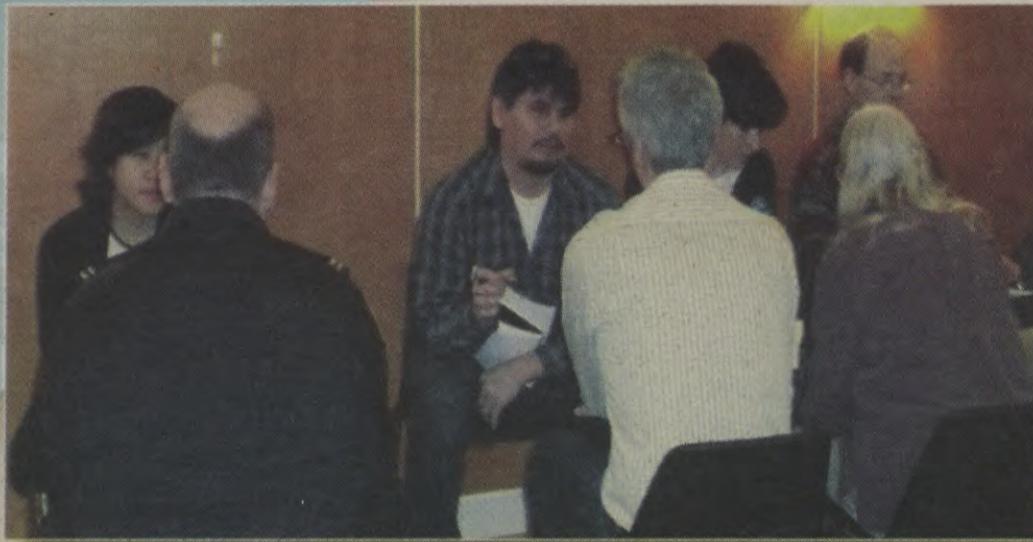
**Accommodations**

**FOR RENT:** A non-profit organization has rooms to rent, by the day, week or month. Very reasonable rates for Room and Board. Also, there is a Boardroom available for rent. For information phone 723-6511.

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# Working Together Towards Common Goals



Forum participants, including Hupacasath's Tom Tatoosh and DFO's Paul Rayll (middle) interview each other during the morning session to develop new ways of thinking about aquatic resources.

As a key player in aquatic resource management for Alberni Inlet and Barkley Sound, the Aquatic Management Board (AMB) has long been aware that many different organizations are working towards similar goals for the area. In an effort to improve the efficiency of overlapping projects and achieve common goals, the AMB hosted a planning forum on January 9 to bring together representatives from communities, industry, government, conservation organizations, and planning teams. The aim of the forum was to start integrated aquatic resource planning in Alberni Inlet and Barkley Sound.

"Between the economy and environment, there is a lot of change and uncertainty right now, and we need plans for how to deal with that," said the forum's coordinator, Andrew Day. "But we have to go about it differently. As Einstein said, 'we can't solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them.' We brought different parties together to see how they can do things differently."

Over 75 people attended the forum, bringing expertise and points of view from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), Parks Canada, the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre, the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council, Nuu-chah-nulth Nations, the Living Rivers Trust, and the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District. Representatives from industries including

tourism, commercial and recreational fishing, forestry, and aquaculture also participated.

Hosted by an interim steering committee, the forum asked participants to identify new ways of thinking needed to improve the management and use of Barkley Sound / Alberni Inlet aquatic resources. The day began with presentations from steering committee members, including DFO's Diana Dobson and Uu-a-thluk Program Manager Don Hall.

**"Integrated planning is a way to focus on specific issues where we can make progress, while also looking at the bigger picture of ecosystem and economic health."**

"We're faced with an uncertain future, with change that is going to happen to the resources we depend on...There are still going to be resources and people who depend on them, so we need to figure out a way to manage those resources for the benefit of everyone," Hall said.

After the presentations, participants separated into working groups to discuss goals and prioritize actions needed in areas such as governance, ecosystem science, salmon stock assessment and harvest management, salmon production, and habitat protection. Results included identifying the opportunities, dependencies, and conflicts between various initiatives taking place and crafting a blueprint for working together. In the coming months the AMB will help refine this blueprint and build the services needed to support the working groups and the initiative as a whole.

"This kind of collaboration is important because the area faces great challenges," Day said. "We saw at the meeting that trends are problematic in the aquatic environment, and so are the economic challenges that different industries and communities are facing. Integrated planning is a way to focus on specific issues where we can make progress, while also looking at the bigger picture of ecosystem and economic health."

For more information on the Alberni-Barkley Integrated Planning Initiative, contact Andrew Day at 250-720-6815 or by email at day@westcoastaquatic.ca.



Forum facilitator Tawney Lem and Terri Aitchison were just two of the people who helped deliver the planning forum.

## Related Alberni Inlet/Barkley Sound Initiatives

- Wild Salmon Policy Pilot Project
- Somass Basin Water Management Plan
- Treaty negotiations and implementation
- Marine Stewardship Council certification for Barkley Sound sockeye
- Parks Canada ecosystem monitoring initiative
- Area 23 Harvest Committee

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