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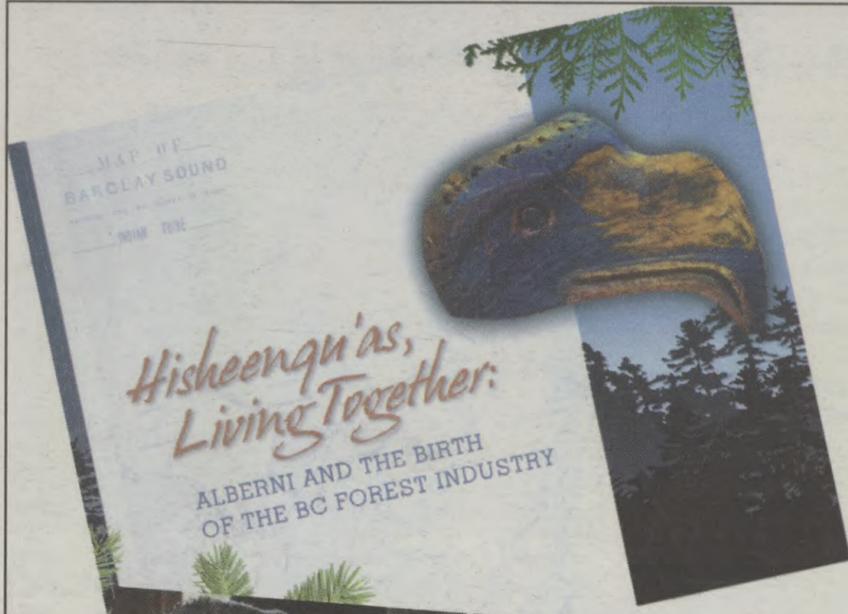


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## Two perspectives offered in book of Alberni's history

By Debora Steel  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Tseshah**—The Alberni Valley Museum exhibit that commemorated the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first export sawmill in the Albernis is now a book, made possible through a collaboration with the Tseshah First Nation, on whose traditional territory the sawmill was established all those years ago.

"Hisheenqu'as, Living Together: Alberni and the Birth of the British Columbia Forest Industry" was launched at the Tseshah Administration Building on Nov. 28, and tells a tale of two disparate communities—one indigenous, one settler—living with one another at the time construction of Alberni Mills began in 1860. The mill was also known as Sproat Mill and later Anderson Mill.

The publication "presents the parallel stories of two cultures beginning to live together in the same place," writes museum director Jean McIntosh in the acknowledgments in the book.

In his forward, Tseshah Chief Councilor Les Sam said the publication comes at a pivotal time in Tseshah history as it begins to play a central role in discussions about the management of the resources in the territory, "which historically Tseshah people have been left out of."

Tseshah, said Sam, is preparing to write the next chapter in this tale as "Hisheenqu'as, Living Together" rolls off the press just in time for the Christmas gift-giving season.

The story of "Hisheenqu'as, Living Together" is not always a comfortable one, said book designer Kelly Foxcroft-Poirier of White Raven Consulting. Kelly and her sister, Dawn Foxcroft, facilitated the work of translating the exhibit into an easy to navigate narrative in book form.

It's a story of displacement and colonialism; it's about those who worked to exploit the resources in the early days, and the impacts of that exploitation on the social and ceremonial traditions of the established first nation community in the area.

The publication of the book is also about the coming together of the Native and non-Native communities that grew through those difficult times to forge a strong and lasting bond of cooperation

and the birth of the community of Port Alberni as it is known today.

The book provides insight into how the Tseshah lived at contact, and their reaction to the colonial authorities granting sections of their territory to develop the sawmill venture.

The Tseshah perspective is front and centre in the book, beginning with an explanation of how the Tseshah came to be, and then establish itself at the mouth of the Somass River. It discusses the position of the ha'wiih, ha'houlthee (chiefly lands) and tupaati (ownership and use of resources) and the traditional economies of Tseshah.

Research for this period of time was enriched by the writings of anthropologist and linguist Edward Sapir who worked with Tseshah's Frank Williams at the turn of the last century, and left one of the most detailed records ever in North America of the life and culture of an indigenous community, said Sam.

The book looks at the British colonization of Vancouver Island through the lens of such economic drivers as the California gold rush and the worldwide market demand for timber and other construction materials. Enter the characters of Captain Edward Stamp, Jeremiah Rogers and Gilbert Malcolm Sproat in the Alberni Valley. Stamp was an entrepreneur with his hand in many ventures, including endeavors in the timber trade. He was the founder of Alberni Mills.

"Hisheenqu'as, Living Together" includes information about the Wolf Ritual, "the principal West Coast ceremony, held mainly in winter" and features a modern painting by Sterling Watts who depicts the 1860 Tseshah village at Wolf Ritual Beach (located at the foot of Argyle Street in Port Alberni).

"The village site was closely identified with the Tlookwaana or "Wolf Ritual" and was the preferred location for holding this important ceremony," reads "Hisheenqu'as, Living Together." It was also the location chosen by Stamp for construction of his sawmill.

"Hisheenqu'as, Living Together" describes the building of the sawmill and its transformation of the territory and the economy of the area.

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It also describes the deepening of racial tensions between immigrants and Nuu-chah-nulth, to the point of a gunboat visit, sent to impress upon the indigenous population that the muscle of the state was behind the sawmill endeavor.

Violence escalated over the years, and the venture ended in 1865.

A lack of timber lands to feed the sawmill has been cited for the sawmill's demise, as well as limited market opportunities, but the book muses that there were other concerns at play, including Nuu-chah-nulth resistance to the operations on their land and difficulties the mill had in wooing an immigrant work force.

Willard Gallic and Darrell Ross were instrumental in bringing the Tseshaht perspective forward during the project.

Ross said it was interesting to note that the economies established by the Nuu-chah-nulth were such that they could earn a very good income in their traditional pursuits as fishermen, so Tseshahts reject-

ed employment at the mill. Of course, there they were paid only about a third of the wages of other workers.

Gallic said the first nation's perspective on history is rarely seen in the curriculum in schools, so a book that presents that perspective will lead to a greater understanding of native/settler history.

He said the exhibit and book project was a tremendous first step in connecting Port Alberni and Tseshaht. Gallic and Ross said they would both be open to further collaborations because the process to develop the museum exhibit and book was an enjoyable and respectful one.

Ross would like to see the life and times of George Clutesi explored in a future publication, while Gallic would like to see a more thorough examination of the connection of Tseshaht to the



Willard Gallic signs a copy of "Hisheenqu'as, Living Together" as city councillor Kenn Whiteman looks on. The book launch was held on Nov. 28.

Barkley Sound.

In the meantime "Hisheenqu'as, Living Together" is available for purchase at the Alberni Valley Museum, and at Tseshaht Market. The cost is about \$30.

**Living Away from Home dinners**

Well it's that time of year again and our Treaty team has set some dates for our December sweep of dinners and meeting gatherings for our Nuu-chah-nulth living away from home. Update dinner/meetings will be provided in the following cities as per:

Location	Date	Time	Venue
Vancouver	Dec 1, 2011	5:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Vancouver Friendship Centre Gymnasium 1607, East Hastings
Seattle	Dec 2, 2011	5:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Duwamish Longhouse 4705 W Marginal Way
Nanaimo	Dec 4, 2011	5:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Fairview School Gym 205 Howard Avenue
Campbell River	Dec 5, 2011	5:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Ocean Crest Community Church 291 McLean Street
Port Alberni	Dec 6, 2011	5:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Italian Canadian Society Hall 4065 6 <sup>th</sup> Avenue
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If you have any questions, please contact Phyllis Francoeur at 250.724.5757 or email at phyllis.francoeur@nuuchahnulth.org.



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Kleco! Kleco!

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A major objective of the HIV/STBBI Program is to increase awareness; reduce stigma within communities; promote testing, access to prevention, education and support; and provide supportive social environments for those vulnerable to and living with HIV or Hepatitis C.

In support of the above objective, the HIV/STBBI Program is inviting proposals for projects addressing HIV or Hepatitis C issues in First Nation communities. There will be a maximum amount of up to \$15,000 (fifteen thousand dollars) available for successful applicants.

In response to feedback from FN communities, the process for distributing funding to communities to address HIV and Hepatitis C infections will change for 2012-13 fiscal year. In previous years the HIV/STBBI Program has supported communities' HIV prevention activities by distributing \$200,000 amongst all of the FN communities, based on their populations. For 2012-2013 we will fund FN communities that submit successful applications for HIV or Hepatitis C projects.

See [www.hashilthsa.com](http://www.hashilthsa.com) under announcements for details.



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Members of Mike Roberts' (centre, rear) leadership class at Alberni District Secondary School sprawl on the bundles of coats they presented to Shan Ross and Jackie Wells (at rear) of the Port Alberni Friendship Centre. From left: Christopher Williams, Sabrina Slmister, Tristen Weiler, Ahmber Barbosa and David Wilson.

**High school students collect coats for kids**

By Denise Titian  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Port Alberni—Local high school students got an early start to the season of fellowship and giving. Well over 100 coats and jackets were collected during the month of November by the Alberni District Secondary School senior Leadership class to be donated to charity.

Mike Roberts' Leadership class works together to find ways to make positive change in the Alberni Valley. They take the lead in planning and organizing many of the school events, like the week-long annual Totem basketball Tournament scheduled for the Jan. 6, 2012 weekend. They also organize food drives and make presentations to elementary school students about playground safety and cyber safety.

This year they expressed a desire to help kids going into foster care. Leaving the family home is traumatizing for children who often leave their homes with only the clothes on their backs. The Leadership class wanted to do something to help these children.

According to Roberts, the Leadership class talked about gathering materials to make care kits for foster kids. Their plan was to gather donations of toiletries and small toys like coloring books and stuffed animals.

"We were thinking of gathering things that people get from hotels, like shampoos or stuff from the dentist like toothbrushes; unused stuff like what kids might bring home from birthday parties," said Roberts.

But one of the students stepped forward saying she had been a foster child and the thing she needed most was a warm coat. The idea hit home with her fellow students and they decided to put their energy towards gathering coats for kids.

Over the next three weeks they created signs and collected donations, gathering more than 100 coats to give to charity.

The Leadership class later learned that Alberni Valley Community School

has been conducting similar coat drives over the past several years.

"We don't want to step on anybody's toes so we may not do this next year or maybe we will partner with other organizations; it's really up to the kids in the Leadership class," said Roberts.

On Nov. 24 the coats were donated to the Port Alberni Friendship Centre where they were cleaned and put out for distribution.

Jackie Wells of the Port Alberni Friendship Centre was grateful for the generous donation. She said the dozens of bags of coats were taken to Knee Waas House, an annex of the Port Alberni Friendship Centre, where they set out for distribution.

"They will be set up on the foyer and anybody who needs one can take one," said Wells. Knee Waas House is located at 3435 Fourth Avenue in Port Alberni.

Roberts is proud of his Leadership class. Everything they do, he says, is student-driven. They come up with the ideas and carry them out while he supports them.

"If there's an event at the school, my class is usually responsible for organizing it," he said. "They do it themselves and that gives them a greater sense of accomplishment and pride," he added.

Wells says donations of coats are still being accepted at the Friendship Centre. Any extra jackets will be shared with community partners like The Bread of Life. The center is also looking for donations of winter boots in good condition.

As for the care packages the ADSS Leadership class considered making, Roberts says there may not be enough time for this term's class to finish the project. They have a huge, week-long Totem Tournament to prepare for and the school term will end shortly after that.

Roberts says, however, that this Leadership class may pass the project onto the next Leadership class. Donations of care package items can be dropped off at ADSS.

The Port Alberni Friendship Centre wishes to thank the students of ADSS and the senior Leadership class for their hard work and generous donations.

## Klecko's - ʔekoo

Hello my name is Joseph Bob. I am from the Frank family of Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation. My grandmother is Nellie Joseph and my grandfather was late Joseph (Shorty) Frank. My mother is Noreen Frank and my father is Hughie (Tuffy) Watts.

On Nov. 11, 2011, I became the proud husband to Lynnea Bob. We have two beautiful boys, Tyler (3) and Bryce (18 months.)

I am writing this as a thank you to everyone who made our wedding day a possibility.

I just want to start by saying that the entire day was amazing. Marrying my beautiful wife Lynnea is the best decision I have ever made in my entire life. It not only established a much stronger feeling of connection to this amazing woman, it helped me realize how important family is and how family must always come first in anything.

I want to thank my grandmother Nellie Joseph for your generous donations and everything else you did for this wedding. You are an amazing and strong woman, grandma, and I appreciate all you do for us.

To my mother Noreen Frank: Everything that you did is awesome and I can never thank you enough for all that you've done for the day and for the man you helped me become.

I want to thank the entire bridal party: Best lady Nellie Atleo, groomsmen Stanley Bob, Steven and Kyle Frank, ring bearer Tyler; Maid of Honor Jennifer George, bridesmaids Iris Frank, Tracy Campbell, and Angela Mack.

Thank you to Neleeta and Lorena Frank; Neleeta for allowing your beauti-

ful daughter Cassedy to be a part of the amazing day as a flower girl and Lorena for making sure that Cassedy was well prepared for it.

A huge thank you to Audrey Edgar and her help for the delicious meal they provided.

Thank you to those who helped decorate: Shelby, Lyndsey, and Iris Huebner; Gail Hayes, and Colleen Thomas.

Thank you to Uncle Bruce Frank and wife Iris for all your help and your kind donations. Thank you to Melanie Touchie for being our driver that day.

Thank you to Uncle Elmer Frank for donating and also ensuring that the wedding cake survived the ups, downs, twists and turns of Hwy 4. Thank you to Lynnea's Uncle Matthew Jacob and cousin Robert for donating their time as photographer for the event. The pictures are beautiful by the way.

Thank you to Keith Clarke for your kind donation. Thank you to those who donated food for the catering: Uncle Willie Frank, Denise Titian, and Deborah Frank.

I would also like to thank everyone who gave us a wedding gift. And of course thank you to all the guests in attendance for the day.

Again this was a very beautiful, amazing, and life changing event and everybody who helped deserves a thank you, so if we are missing or forgetting anyone in this it is not intentional at all and we extend our heart-filled "thank you" to you all.

Klecko, klecko!  
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## Haahuupayak working out funding issues

Tseshaht—The Haahuupayak school society held its annual general meeting on Nov. 22, and society members directed their board to pursue a local education agreement with the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council for the 2012/13 school year.

NTC has education agreements with school districts 70 and 84, and these guide the instructional obligations and funding responsibilities of the parties.

An LEA would be a new approach for the Haahuupayak society for the school located on Tseshaht territory. New principal Kailee Carr said funding issues are driving the initiative.

She said, as an independent school,

Haahuupayak would benefit from dealing directly with the tribal council instead of Tseshaht First Nation. The tribal council receives block funding from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) through the Canada/First Nations Funding Agreement and transfers a block to Tseshaht including some for education. The Haahuupayak society is awaiting word on whether it is eligible to negotiate a separate LEA under that CFNFA.

Tseshaht is about halfway through its budget year, said council representative Dennis Bill, and is looking to free up more funds for the school.



### In honour of Foster Parent Appreciation Month

We would like to honour and thank Caregivers for following the teachings of the Elders and caring for the Children.

Hishuk ish tsawalk

(We are one - all connected)

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### Message from Ahousaht Chief Councilor John. O. Frank:

We wish every one of our Ahousaht members, from our leadership, council, staff, to our communities both at home and in urban areas a Merry Christmas and a good new year.

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*Kit Spence*

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# Ahousaht elder celebrates 65th birthday

By Denise Titian  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Port Alberni—Family and friends of Wally Samuel Sr. gathered at Maht Mahs Nov. 26 to celebrate a very special landmark birthday—Wally's 65th birthday and his official ascension into the world of senior citizenship.

Wally's brother, Ray Samuel, started the festivities off by introducing members of the Samuel family, including cousins in the Rae-Arthur family through their father, and cousins in the Olebar family of Kyuquot through their mother.

Ray and his wife Marie sang a prayer song. He said they wanted to start the evening off right by singing the prayer song that he and his wife made in hopes that loved ones both near and far stay safe.

Nelson Keitlah Sr., who is also closely related to the Samuels, said a prayer followed by an official welcome by Tseshaht. Shae Doiron welcomed everybody to Tseshaht territory on behalf of Siyatchapis.

"It's a beautiful thing to see families stand together and carry on the traditions; happy 65th birthday, Wally," she said.

With his family standing behind him, Wally told a story about his long history in Port Alberni. His father Daniel Samuel, a widower, had raised his children with the help of extended family. They lived for many years in Port Alberni before Daniel died in 1979.

*"It's a beautiful thing to see families stand together and carry on the traditions."  
~ Shae Doiron*

"We asked Tseshaht if we could bury our dad here and they said yes and we never forgot that," said Samuel. Years before the Samuel family presented a podium to Tseshaht to show their gratitude. The podium is painted with a design by George John of Ahousaht. The Samuels announced they would include a memorial plaque to be mounted on the podium as a thank you to Tseshaht First Nation.

Edward Samuel told the crowd that his family had suffered many losses over the past year and the Samuel family wished to remember their loved ones. They observed a moment of silence for Bill Marsden, Lance Ambrose, Ray Samuel Jr., Daniel Good, Herman Williams and Lawrence Williams.

They also reached out to comfort those of their guests that suffered losses in the recent past.

Wally and his family presented a print to someone very special to the family. With his wife and family standing beside him, Wally talked about being born with heart trouble.

"I was born with a hole in my heart and the doctors said I wouldn't live past the age of 30," he told them.

In 1977, when he was just 31, Wally suffered a heart attack and was rushed to the hospital in Port Alberni.

"I had no vital signs and Dr. Chan revived me and he's taken care of me



Wally and Edward Samuel joined Shae Doiron at the podium that was given to Tseshaht from the Samuels in appreciation for their kindness in allowing the burial of Wally's father Daniel on the territory. A memorial plaque will be added to the podium in the future.

ever since," said Samuel.

The family presented a framed print to Dr. Chan. The design was one they commissioned from renowned artist Patrick Amos; it features a thunderbird with a letter 'S' overlay. It is a design the Samuel family uses among themselves.

Edward Samuel is happy to still have his father 34 years later, with his great sense of humor.

"Tomorrow Wally turns 65," said Edward. "He said he's most looking forward to riding the BC Ferries for free on the weekdays."

Wally thanked everyone for coming to share his special day. He said he is proud of his family, proud of Ahousaht roots, proud of his Kyuquot roots and most of all, he's proud of his kuu-ousness.

Guests were invited to tell stories about Wally and many did.

The Samuel daughters and granddaughters performed several dances for the crowd before dinner was served.

Later that evening the Samuel grandchildren and great grandchildren received names.

# Health fair hosted by five southern nations

The Southern Region Health Fair was held at the Hupacasath House of Gathering on Nov. 17, and participants seeking to improve their health and wellbeing were treated to a variety of information from the health care professionals gathered that day.

The first snowstorm of the season may have frustrated attendance at the event, but those who did make the trip could take in workshops, win prizes and receive guidance on a number of health related concerns, including diabetes and nutrition.

Often the material presented at the many booths set up were interactive, making learning about health and healthy living just plain fun.



Dawn Foxcroft of Uu-a-thluk and Helen Dick of Tseshaht's emergency preparedness team, didn't let a snowstorm in the valley dampen their enthusiasm for the Health Fair held at the House of Gathering on Nov. 17.



Above: Toxin build up in the body is removed through a device offered through Secluded Wellness Centre. Below: Dr. Jay Wortman of My Big Fat Diet fame spoke about the benefits of returning to a more traditional diet, removing the starch and carbohydrates as much as possible.

Whoa! Now that's an eye-opener. How much sugar is in your favorite beverage? Looks like water is the best choice... and the Big Gulp. 'Nuff said.



Local community supports took time to set up information booths at the health fair, like the daycare located at Tseshaht First Nation.



Below: Services offered through the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council, like those of Child and Youth Services, were on display at the health fair hosted by the five nations of the Southern Region at Hupacasath House of Gathering.



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# Community & Beyond

## ADSS Loonie Toonie Fundraiser Dec. 3 Hupacasath

The 4th annual ADSS Loonie Toonie Fundraiser, hosted by the ADSS First Nations Steering Committee, will be held at the Hupacasath House of Gathering, 5500 Ahahswinis Dr. Doors open at 9 a.m. Draws begin at 1 a.m. Come and have some bannock and jam. Vendor tables \$10 (or donation). Please contact Angie Miller at amiller@sd70.bc.ca or 250-720-7221

## Looney Tooney Dec. 10 Hupacasath

A chumus Looney Tooney will be held at the Hupacasath of Gathering (off Beaver Creek Road). The auction starts at 1:30 p.m. for those of you who want to shop early. There are a lot of Christmas present ideas. Tables are available and can be rented for \$10 each, or for an adequate donation we've agreed on. Call Renee at 250-723-2843. The concession will have lots of good eats to try eg. Shepherd's pie, chili, hot dogs, chili cheese dogs, pies, cookies, banana bread and drinks. See you there!

## 4th Annual Tseshaht Artists and Friends Christmas Market Dec. 10 to 11 Port Alberni

4th Annual Tseshaht Artists and Friends Christmas Market  
Saturday 10 December 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
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Maht Mahs Gym, Port Alberni  
Contact: Anne Robinson 250.720.8907

## First Nations Arts and Crafts Fair Dec. 15 to 24 Campbell River

First Nations Arts & Crafts Fair is taking place at the Campbell River Common Mall - 1400 Ironwood St. in Campbell River, from Dec. 15 to Dec 24. They will have wood carvings, cedar weaving, native clothing, knitting and original jewelry and prints.

## Craft Fair To Dec. 24 Port Alberni

Mistletoe Market is an artisans fair consisting of paintings, prints, cards, jewellery, photographs, wood work, fabric art, glass, pottery, stone sculpture, teddy bears, knitted goods, native art, soaps, lotions, books, and CD, and ornaments galore. Taking place at the Rollin Art Centre Gallery, 3061-8th Ave, Port Alberni, Tuesday to Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission! Wheelchair accessible.

## NTC Post Secondary Education Application Deadline Jan 31, 2012 Port Alberni

The Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council's Post-Secondary Department's deadline for applications is: January 31, 2012 at 4:30pm for funding from September

2012 to August 2013. Applications and information are available at our Web site: nuuchahnulth.org or in the NTC Post-Secondary Department: Lynnette Lucas, Education Manager, Kelly Johnsen, P/S Counsellor, Linda Gomez, P/S Counsellor and Cindy Wishart, Education Assistant  
Tel: 250-724-5757 or 1-877-677-1131

## 8,000 Sacred Drums March 21, 2012 Vancouver

2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Location Oppenheimer Park, 488 Powell Street. Bring your drums, rattles as we will gather together to drum prayer songs for our people, our earth... our environment...for all that is going on in our heart. We will pray for peace for indigenous people around the

world, suffering from war. We will pray for our children, our youth and families. We will share ceremony for our earth, for our people, and all people around the world. The first great ceremony was held March 21, 2004 in Temoaya, Mexico and there will be drum circles joined around the world on the Spring Equinox continuing every year until 2012."



## Tsow-Tun Le Lum Residential/Substance Abuse Treatment Centre - Employment Opportunities

### Administration Receptionist Clerical Position (full time)

This position is responsible to the Executive Director of the Tsow-Tun Le Lum Society and acts in accordance with policy and procedures as outlined by the Director. The purpose of this position is to provide receptionist, clerical, computer (MS Office - XP). Administration support; carry out filing tasks; assist in the provision of service; maintain administrative files and record-keeping systems; maintain supplies and equipment; and perform related duties for the Centre.

#### Qualifications:

This position will have post-secondary education and the completion of a commercial course or other post-secondary courses relating to the position duties. Requires computer literacy, interpersonal skills and the ability to communicate effectively, organize effectively, work independently; possess an ability to make operating decisions based upon established procedures and guidelines. A combination of education, training and experience will be considered.

### Part-Time Administration Clerical Position (on-call)

This position is responsible to the Executive Director of the Tsow-Tun Le Lum Society and acts in accordance with policy and procedures as outlined by the Director. The purpose of this position is to provide receptionist, clerical, computer (MS Office - XP). Administration support; carry out filing tasks; assist in the provision of service; maintain administrative files and record-keeping systems; maintain supplies and equipment; and perform related duties for the Centre.

#### Qualifications:

This position will have post-secondary education and the completion of a commercial course or other post-secondary courses relating to the position duties. Requires computer literacy, interpersonal skills and the ability to communicate effectively, organize effectively, work independently; possess an ability to make operating decisions based upon established procedures and guidelines. A combination of education, training and experience will be considered.

### Temporary Resolution Health Support Worker

RHSW (Resolution Health Support Workers) provide emotional support to eligible former Indian Residential School students - Before, during and after the process of resolving an Indian Residential School claim - Applying for the Common Experience Payment - During participation in the Truth and Reconciliation and Commemoration events.

#### Qualifications:

Minimum 3 three years counseling experience with Aboriginal clients. Strong organizational, communication, and team skills. Liaise with various parties in order to identify claimants in need of support. Provide front line professional, emotional and psychological support to claimants/plaintiffs pre, during and post resolution processes. Facilitate and coordinate with other support services. Network with the various stakeholders and provide regular activity reports. Extensive working knowledge of the history and impacts of residential schooling and effective methods for working with survivors. Computer literacy in email, and word-processing programs a must BSW or a degree in Counselling

### Temporary Community Liaison Worker

Reporting to the Executive Director, the purpose of this position is to provide outreach and networking services for the clients of the Residential School and Intergenerational Effects Healing Initiative and contribute to the other components of the program. The work will be pursued in close cooperation with the Program Director, other staff and in accordance with the policy and procedures of the Tsow-Tun Le Lum Society. The Community Liaison is considered to be a member of the therapeutic team and expected to participate in the day to day operations and facilitate the involvement of participants in program activities. This position entails extensive travel.

#### Qualifications:

The position requires the equivalent of a bachelor's degree in health or social sciences, a social work degree, a health or social services diploma, a nursing certificate or other training in counselling. Knowledge and understanding of trauma, its effects and its treatment. Experience in counselling and community development work. Intimate knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal People and Traditional Ways are essential. Very good interpersonal and communication skills, including computer skills

### Casual Recovery Care Workers (0-40 hours a week)

This position is responsible for the general supervision of the residents and the Centre during the appropriate shifts. This position supports the counsellors' management of residents. This position is responsible for the security of the Centre and performing janitorial and administrative tasks related to the position. The incumbent of this position will have a varying shift pattern on a casual basis (0-40 hours a week), which may include weekends and nights.

#### Qualifications:

Knowledge of substance abuse/addictions; good physical health; knowledge and experience in general housekeeping and maintenance; respectful, helpful and re-assuring attitude; ability to work without direct supervision; ability to handle emergency situations; ability to write; ability to be assertive; First Aid, CPR certificates and Class 4 Driver's License an asset.

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL 4 POSITIONS:** A criminal record check will be conducted. Knowledge of Aboriginal people and their culture and traditions. Knowledge of First Aid and CPR training. Hold a valid Driver's License. In meeting the objectives and philosophies of the Society, preference will be given to qualified individuals of Aboriginal ancestry in accordance with Section 42 of the BC Human Rights Code. The successful candidates will have a willingness to role model and maintain an abstinent lifestyle [if a recovery alcoholic, two (2) years of sobriety; if a recovery addict, two (2) years free of non-prescription drugs].

Applications and resumes may be sent to - Personnel Committee, Tsow-Tun Le Lum Society  
PO Box 370, 699 Capilano Road  
Lantzville, BC V0R 2H0  
Fax: (250) 390-3119

Deadline for all applications is Friday 12:00 P.M. December 14, 2011

Thank you for your interest. Competition will officially close with the selection of a suitable candidate. Only those persons selected for an interview will be contacted

# Tips to help you care for your sick loved one at home

Caregivers are being asked to consider eight tips when caring for a chronically ill loved one at home. The tips are part of a new initiative by Saint Elizabeth called The Caregiver Compass, which provides informal caregivers with tools and resources to help them provide the best care possible for their loved ones and themselves.

These tips can help you improve the care you are giving to your loved one:

1. Don't be afraid to ask your family and friends to help. Often, family and friends wish to help out but do not know where to start. Be specific about how they can help and remember to stay positive.
2. Check your eligibility for the

Federal Government's Compassionate Care Leave Program, which provides financial assistance for people caring for gravely ill family members.

3. Don't rely on your memory. Create a list of your loved one's important documents and note the location of each. Include identification documents, financial documents, and wills and Power of Attorney documents. This will save time and frustration should an emergency arise.

4. If you are experiencing financial distress, ask your health care provider to refer you to a social worker who may be able to help address financial and other issues you are facing as a caregiver.
5. Ask your Pharmacist to prepare

medication blister packs to help you keep track of the prescription medications you have to administer.

6. Give your loved one a sense of independence by encouraging them to complete grooming tasks on their own if possible, even if it would be quicker for you to do it for them.

7. To prevent falls in the bathroom, make sure there are at least two grab bars in the tub area and that the bath mat outside the tub has a rubber backing.

8. If your loved one cannot move in a bed, ensure that you turn them at least every two hours throughout the day to prevent bedsores.

Caring for your children and your elderly parents?

With competing family and workplace responsibilities, caregivers need to be aware of and be vigilant about the symptoms of caregiver burnout. Caregiver burnout occurs when caregivers feel unable to continue to provide the best care for their loved one because they are

emotionally or physically exhausted. Caregivers who feel that they are being pulled in too many directions, who feel trapped in their role as caregiver, and who don't feel like they are getting support from others are at risk of burning out. A deterioration of the health of the caregiver or of the person being cared for may also be a sign that the caregiver is experiencing burnout.

As a caregiver, it is important for you to identify the major sources of stress in your life. Concentrate on addressing stressors you can control instead of spending energy focusing on stressors you cannot control. Asking for help is also important for avoiding burnout. If you are experiencing caregiver burnout, explore the many resources available to you, including caregiver support groups, online resources, and government programs.

Services can range from meal programs and adult day centres, to housework assistance and nursing care.

## Language Teacher

Hesquiaht First Nation requires a Hesquiaht Language Teacher for School year 2011/2012

This position involves teaching the Hesquiaht Language to all the students, including Head Start. You will be required to assist in the evaluation of all the students, ensuring each student under your care, will have the opportunity to achieve basic understanding of the Hesquiaht Language thru various methods such as oral, written and pictures, etc.

In addition, you will be required to assist in the development and implementation of an expanded Hesquiaht Studies Program. Participation in extracurricular activities for the students is required. The successful applicant will be under the direction of the school principal.

The successful applicant must be fluent in the Hesquiaht Language. A Solicitor General Criminal Record Check is mandatory.

Please submit your resume' with a cover letter to the Administrator

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Email: hesquiahtadmin@hughes.net



## Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation Career Opportunity Certified General Accountant

Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations is seeking a Financial Officer to be involved in the day-to-day financial transactions for the First Nation's operation. This position is based out of Tofino, and reports to the Band Administrator. The Financial Officer requires strong technical organizational skills, and the ability to be flexible as demands and priorities change.

#### Functions and duties:

- Perform reconciliation/accounts payables and receivables, payroll, and month end adjustments;
- Maintenance of an accounting records system;
- Assist in the preparation of year-end financial statements, and annual operating and production budgets;
- financial projections, planning, and reports;
- Manage cash flow and related bank activities;
- Participation in annual operational audit.

#### Preferred Qualifications:

- CGA or CA; a student close to completion of an accounting designation would be considered.
- 5-years experience in the accounting field, previous experience with a not-for-profit organization is an asset.
- Strong computer skills, including Excel and Accpac for Windows or Adagio.
- Strong critical thinking, logic analysis and problem solving skills and a keen eye for detail.
- Experience with First Nation funding, including AANDC, Health Canada, and CMHC would be considered an asset.
- Excellent inter-personal skills are a requirement to effectively work with, staff, outside agencies and the local community.
- Able to provide acceptable references and criminal record check

Resumes with covering letter, 3 references, and proof of qualifications will be received until 4:30 p.m. on Friday December 2, 2011.  
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Fax: (250) 725-3352  
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## Head Start Instructor/Manager

Hesquiaht First Nation requires a Head Start Instructor/Manager for our Head Start Program

The Head start Program is designed to enhance early childhood development, school readiness and overall family health and wellness for our preschool children on reserve.

**Responsibilities:**

- Delivery of instructional hours to preschool children
- Delivery of Six Components of the Head Start Program
- Management of annual budget and report requirements

**Qualifications:**

- Early Childhood Education (ECE) certification is preferred
- If no certification, must be willing to attain certification

This position is full time. Please note that a more detailed job description is available to the applicant upon request. This posting is in effect until the position is filled. Solicitor General Criminal Record Check is mandatory.

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#### Child Care Worker

Posted Date: November 16, 2011 Closing: December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**Summary of Position**

The Child Care worker is responsible for assisting our clients by supervising children 4 and under during the program activities in our onsite daycare. Some janitorial work will also be required. The Child Care Worker must always work collaboratively with the team. The shift is 5 days per week, 7 hours per day on Monday through Friday.

**Minimum Job Requirements:**

- Preference will be given to Certified ECE applicants
- Previous experience working with children under 5 years of age
- Knowledge of Recovery and Addictions and the effects on the entire family
- Knowledge of First Nations Culture and Tradition as a foundation for healing
- Must have excellent interpersonal skills
- Knowledge and experience with client assessment is an asset
- Must have oral and written communication skills
- Must have some computer skills
- 3 years of continuous sobriety/abstinence is asked
- Be willing to submit a VIHA criminal record check, First Aid and CPR Training
- Must have an active self-care or wellness plan

**Salary is Commensurate to Qualifications**

All applicants will be screened according to suitability. Only those considered for an interview will be contacted. Interviews will be held the week of December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Interested applicants please submit your resume and cover letter with three written job related letters of reference to the Executive Director at the address below by the closing date.

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Happy 9th Birthday Angelo! Love Mom and Dad.



Happy 8th Birthday Grace! Love Mom and Dad.



I would like to wish my nef Stephen George a Happy 26th Birthday on Dec. 15. Hard to believe you were almost 9 lbs at birth? Mom is still healing...recovering from when you were hatched 26 years ago! Love you my nef, Dave, Alena-sue, Davina, Dave, Brooke, Jess, Shell, Kira and me (you know who).



Congratulations to John and Jenn Ross on their wedding on November 26, 2011. Welcome to the family Jenn! With love from the Ross families.

I would like to wish a happy 23rd birthday to a very special person in my life, my best friend, Miss Leah Ashley Williams on Nov. 27. I love you so much doll face, and I hope you have the best day ever... You totally deserve nothing but the best. xoxox. Francine Savey (your Franny-poooh). Also, happy birthday to my baby bro Waylon Shane Savey on Dec. 7 and not too far behind... happy birthday to my daddy Hudson Sr. on Dec. 9. I love you both with all my teechma : ) xoxoxox Sunshine Savey. On Dec. 13, 1958... two of the cutest people in the world got hitched... haha... my grandparents Max & Cecelia Savey, Happy 53rd anniversary you love birds. Enjoy your day together. Love, your grand-daughter Francine Savey.



We would like to wish our daughter-in-law Michelle, aka Shell, Nesbitt-George a Happy 24th birthday on Dec. 18! Love from her spouse Jesse, daughter Kira, Toesies, sis in-law Alenasue and Davina, Brooke, and Dave and Rita. Spoil yourself Shell. You deserve it! Splurge on yourself for once on your special day!



## Uchucklesaht Tribe Government Referendum

On October 27, 2011 the Uchucklesaht Tribe Council ordered that a referendum be held on January 28, 2012 on certain proposed amendments to the Constitution. The location of the Referendum will be at the Port Alberni Lawn bowling Hall located at 4255 Wallace Street 8am-6pm.

An information meeting for the proposed amendments will be held on December 29, 2011 at the Port Alberni Lawn bowling Hall located at 4255 Wallace Street.

Information packages regarding the proposed amendments are available at the Uchucklesaht Tribe Office and also eligible on the Uchucklesaht Website at [www.uchucklesaht.ca](http://www.uchucklesaht.ca)

The next deadline for the paper is Dec. 9. You'll find contact info on page 2.

## I love you, Mom

MOM, I love you, I know that I have done things that would disappoint you, But that's far and few. MOM, I love you, Can you please find the good things that I've accomplished And acknowledge them too? Mom, I love you I thought mom's are supposed to treat their children all equal, Can you find it in your heart to be that way with me too? Mom, I love you It really hurts me that you take sides in our sibling disputes, Couldn't you help us to resolve them instead? Mom, I love you I've done the best I could to change my life around and raise a strong healthy family, Can you not see that and show my kids love too? Mom, I love you, I did go to treatment, but you didn't come to support me, I really wished you were there for me too. Mom, I love you, I've been clean and sober for many years now, And I wish you would tell me you're proud. Mom, I love you, And I am so thankful for the children I have, because, They are now my foundation, and always will be true to me. Mom, I love you I promise myself that I would always be true to my children as equals I wish I could say I learned it from you. Mom, I love you, I miss you mom, and I just really wish you could love me too. I LOVE YOU MOM

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# Uu-a-thluk

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## Changes to the Clam Fishery Affect Diggers



Nuu-chah-nulth diggers are gearing up for a 2012 clam fishery that may have limited opportunity.

Changes to the 2011 clam fishery have negatively affected west coast diggers. Now Canada's Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) is proposing a new management plan to address some of those affects and simultaneously make the wild clam fishery mirror the aquaculture model.

In an attempt to slow down the spread of green crabs—an invasive species present on the west coast of Vancouver Island—DFO previously enacted regulations prohibiting processors on the east coast of the island from storing west coast clams on their beaches. This method, known as "wet storage," is common because many east coast processors hold tenures and frequently store west coast clams in preparation for market. But since storing west coast clams is no longer allowed, the new regulation has discouraged processors from purchasing their clams from the west coast.

Another change to the fishery that has affected west coast diggers is the slump in the U.S. economy. "If there was a normal opening, diggers might catch 50,000 lbs. of clams and these would get stored at various processors until the market was ready to purchase them," says Roger Dunlop, Uu-a-thluk Northern Region Biologist. "Unfortunately, market appetite in the US has been reduced to the point where stored clams cannot be moved quickly enough. Buying west coast clams means processors risk not selling their product before it expires."

Although the Department is proposing some research into the wet storage issue, the strict prohibition has been in effect throughout the

2011 fishery and will remain in place for 2012. To address these and other issues for upcoming clam season, DFO has proposed a new plan that includes establishing a buyer-harvester team approach.

In this approach, diggers must establish an agreement with a buyer to purchase a certain amount of clams. "DFO wants to see a group of harvesters in an area designating a team leader who will make contact with and arrangements with a buyer," Dunlop says. "They want a guaranteed sale before diggers harvest. That avoids the wet storage problem."

The difficulty with this plan, says Dunlop, is that the market and the clam stocks are depressed. "There's going to be a limited volume of clams required by processors—so who gets to harvest? It looks as if the 2012 fishery will go to whoever is first to hook up with a buyer. Our concern is that there may be people left out."

All of this may be moot, however, because the Department has yet to consult with First Nations on the proposed management plan. The new season begins in January 2012, and experience tells Uu-a-thluk's Harvest Management Coordinator, Errol Sam, that DFO consultations take time.

"If the changes infringe a nation's aboriginal right to harvest, then consultation is the department's responsibility," Sam says. "But the department's history in terms of consultation processes is very slow. ...If this new proposal doesn't work its way through the proper procedures, then we may have to go back to business as usual."

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need to slow it down and figure out the proper option."

For the time being, Sam and others in Nuuchahnulth Nations await consultations with DFO. Concurrently, Nuuchahnulth diggers are gearing up for a 2012 clam fishery that may have limited opportunity whether or not the plan is approved.

For more information, contact Errol Sam at Errol.Sam@nuuchahnulth.org or 250-724-5757.

Manila (left) and native littleneck clams (right) are two commonly harvested species in Nuuchahnulth Ha-ha-houlthee.



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