

Tseshaht First Nation Special Band Bulletin

Wednesday August 2, 2017



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APPLY NOW

Housing Application are available in reception 5091 Tsuma-as Dr or can be requested to be e-mailed or mailed housingintern@tseshaht.com. To keep your file active please ensure you update your application every six (6) months.

Immunizations

Is your child up to date with immunizations?

The B.C. routine immunizations schedule of infants and children to receive vaccinations are at the ages of;

- 2 months
- 4 months
- 6 months
- 12 months
- 18 months
- Kindergarten age



Community Health Nurse
Francine Gascoyne would be
happy to assist with any
questions or concerns
(250) 724-5757
(250) 720-5922
Tseshaht walk-in clinic
Wednesday's & Friday's
1pm- 3pm

Garbage pick-up schedule for August 2017

Please have your garbage out by 8:00am

- ❖ Sunday August 6, 2017
- ❖ Monday August 14, 2017
- ❖ Monday August 21, 2017
- ❖ Monday August 28, 2017

Cheque Pick-up

A friendly reminder; the finance department actively works to ensure all cheques are ready for pick up at 2:00pm each Thursday. Thank you

Tlu-piich Games

August 8-13, 2017

- Schedule of events
- Treasure Hunt
- Volunteer's
- Booth Registration
- Register your raffle

NETP

Construction Worker Safety
Training Program- Port Alberni
August 15-23, 2017

Forestry Certificate Training
Southern Region Port Alberni
September 12-21, 2017

Gail will contact you in advance!

First Nation Health Authority

Important update about change in
drug benefits for FNHA clients

Tseshahat First Nation



OFFICE CLOSURE

Friday August 4, 2017 @ 3:00pm
Monday August 7, 2017 for BC Day

The office will re-open for regular business on
Tuesday August 8, 2017 @ 8:00 am





Tseshah First Nation

Activity Report for TFN Newsletter

From Harley Wylie – Special Initiatives and Projects

Hello,

Some people remember me, some are not familiar that I am also a Tseshah member that grew up on Tseshah and in the Alberni Valley. I've been away from home for over 40 years now, working in private sector as a machinist/aircraft machinist and a lot of work, decades, in government funding and contract administration, friendship centre/s, non-profit societies and other work either within a First nation or to serve urban Aboriginal community. And I'm glad to have had that type of experience that I can bring back home now. As this is being written I've been informed by our Chief that other community motions are being reviewed and listed, so that she can list, prioritize and determine who will work on them.

In May I was hired to work as the Acting Executive Director, as Wendy Gallic was on medical leave. Wendy has since returned and my duties have changed to work on special projects, special initiative, funding applications and have taken on some specific tasks. Some of these are listed below, and a short description of what is involved or has been done.

- Local Education Agreement (LEA) – participate in committee meetings to attain a more supportive and accountable education system for Tseshah and other First Nation students; there is a lot of Tseshah/Nuu-chah-nulth money put into SD 70 and we want to see more success and graduation rates of students;
- Enhancement Agreement - work will begin after SD 70 and NTC/TFN finalize the LEA;
- Protocol and other Agreements – participate and contribute to agreements with City of Port Alberni (CoPA), Port Alberni Port Authority (PAPA), Alberni Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD), USMA, and other First Nations in area;
- Economic Development Corporation – will be reviewing what work has been done to form the TFN Economic Development Board, progress made, and what else is required;
- Tribal Journeys – Helped coordinate welcoming and providing a meal to Tribal Journey participants. This took place on Nettle Island and some information posted on facebook;
- Harbour Quay – liaising between TFN and CoPA; working with CoPA to create a Tseshah presence in Harbour Quay; consulting with TFN Language & Culture Committee;
- Museum Tripartite Agreement – CoPA is pursuing a tripartite agreement to operate and manage the Port Alberni Museum. This would change the museum into a non-profit

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Website: www.tseshah.com

society and have TFN as one of the 3 bodies managing and operating the museum. TFN is currently assessing the option, responsibilities, liabilities etc.;

- TFN Terms of Reference – Work has been and continues to be done to establish a professional and productive way for TFN to interact and do business for community.

This is a short list of some activities that I am participating in with TFN administration and council, and I will provide updates in future newsletters.

Thank you,

Harley

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Application Deadline: Tuesday, August 15th 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

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STUDENT ALLOWANCE APPLICATION

Student Name Please print student name	Birthdate	10 digit status # Mandatory field, application will not be processed if incomplete	School	Grade
Address:		City:		
Postal Code:		Phone:		
Cell:		Email:		
Grade 7-12 students are only eligible to receive a clothing and the student monthly allowance. All grades eligible for school supply allowance.				
Out-of-town parents must contact their children's school and request they send attendance to our office at the end of every month.				
Parent/Guardian Name (please print):				
Parent/Guardian Status #:				
Parent/Guardian Signature:				
Please circle: Mail Pick-Up				

Application Deadline: Tuesday, August 15th 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY MEETING NOTICE

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

*Note: Meeting dates and times subject to change.
Please watch for notices closer to meeting dates*

Monday, September 11, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Great Room

Monday, October 2, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Great Room



HOUSING DEPARTMENT NOTICE

To Tseshah First Nation members,

Tseshah First Nation will have Social Housing Units available:

- 1- 3 Bedroom unit

All interested applicants for a 3 bedroom unit please submit a housing application to the Housing Department no later than **4:00 PM Friday, August 11, 2017.**

ALL questions need to be thoroughly answered or your application will be considered incomplete and cannot be considered for selection.

All applicants for 3 bedroom units who are already on the waitlist will remain on the waitlist and be considered for selection.

Housing Applications are available at the Tseshah Administration Office (front desk) or you can request to have a copy e-mailed, mailed or faxed to you.

Phone: 250.724.1225

Fax: 250.724.4385

E-mail: housingintern@tseshah.com

*** Deadline to submit applications is 4:00 PM Friday, August 11, 2017***



TSESHAHT FIRST NATION

BACKYARD FIRE SAFETY TIPS

Sitting around a fire is a summer pastime that many enjoy. It is important to practice safe fire etiquette. Read below to learn tips on how to have a successful and safe backyard fire;

Preparing Your Fire

- Only build a fire in enclosed, contained areas such as outdoor fire bowl or a fire pit, taking care not to overload it.
- Make sure the pit is on a flat surface in an open area. Do not set up a fire pit underneath trees or too close to buildings to avoid anything accidentally catching on fire.
- Check wind direction before lighting the fire. Wind direction can control the strength of the fire.

During the Fire

- Clear the area around the fire pit, in case of random sparks. Dry paper or grass can easily catch on fire if they are surrounding the pit.
- Move furniture away from fire pit as well to avoid burns from sparks.
- Many fire pits offer fire pit screens to hold back sparks, this is a great option to keep safe, especially if children will be around the fire.
- Keep flammable liquids far away from the fire pit. The heat alone can cause the liquids to catch fire.
- **NEVER** use garden waste or garbage in a fire. These items produce harmful black smoke into the air.
- Make sure a first aid kit is always nearby to treat minor burns.
- **ALWAYS** keep a fully charged fire extinguisher or hose nearby to quickly put out a fire in case of an emergency. Think ahead; have a plan if something does happen.
- **NEVER** leave children unsupervised.

Putting Out the Fire

- **NEVER** leave a fire unattended. Even the smallest fire can grow into a large one without supervision.
- Make sure the fire is completely out before you leave it unattended. Never leave a fire to die out on its own.

SAFETY NOTICE

*** SWIMMING IN THE RIVER ***



**NO
JUMPING
OR
DIVING
FROM THE BRIDGE**



**NO
LIFEGUARD
ON DUTY**



**SWIM
AT YOUR
OWN RISK**



TSESHAHT WILLS & ESTATES WORKSHOP:

Do you need a Will? Information provided to help you decide, plus tips on how to write a Will if you need one. Wills Kit and instruction booklet given to all participants.

When: Tuesday, September 19th
6pm-8pm
Wednesday, September 20
9:30am-12noon

Where: Boardroom 3 Tseshaht
Administration Office

Also: Estates Officers, Crystal & Chelsea, will be the presenters. Contact Jane Jones at the Tseshaht Band Office for more information 250-724-1225 or jjones@tseshaht.com



2017 Tlu-piich Games
August 8—13
Schedule of events



Day 1—August 8

Canoe Race — Canal Beach; registration at 8:00am
 Start at 8:30

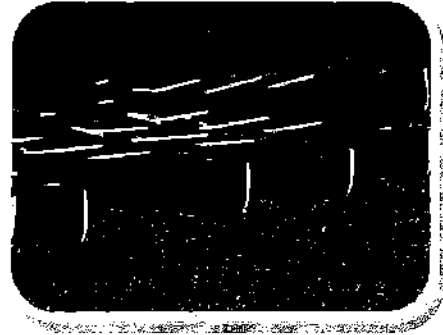
Family Day — Williamson Park at 1:00

Lunch — Williamson Park at 2:00

Language Treasure hunt — Williamson Park at 3:00

Opening Ceremonies — Williamson Park at 4:00pm

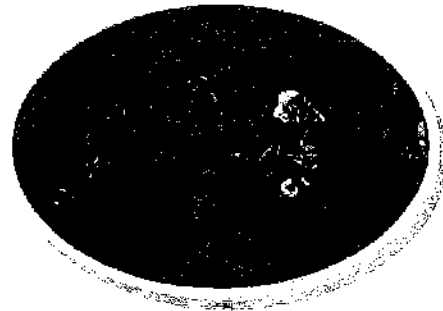
Cultural night — House of Gathering at 8:00pm



Day 2—August 9

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament — Maht Mahs
 at 1:00pm

Lahal — House of Gathering at 8:00pm



Day 3—August 10

Track and Field — Bob Daily Stadium at 2:00pm

Lahal — House of Gathering at 8:00

Day 4—August 11

Track and Field — Bob Daily Stadium at 9:00am

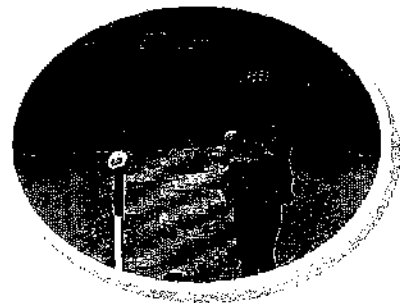
Orthodox Fast ball — Recreation Park; Time to be
 determined



Day 5 & 6—August 12 & 13

Slo-pitch and Fast-ball Tournament—Recreation
 Park; Time to be determined

Closing ceremonies, August 13 —Recreation Park;
 after the final game.



Clinics—clinics will be announced at a later date.
 Stay tuned.

Volunteers

We are always looking for volunteers for the
 Games. Your expertise is needed! If you are looking
 to volunteer this year contact Kathleen Lundy-Sam
 at 250-724-5757.

Tlu-piich Games staff can be contacted at 250.724.5757

Richard Samuel, Games Coordinator

Judi Thomas, Operations Coordinator

Kathleen Lundy-Sam, Volunteer Coordinator

Betty Knighton, Games Assistant

Don't forget to use the hashtags:

#tlupichgames

#g2017

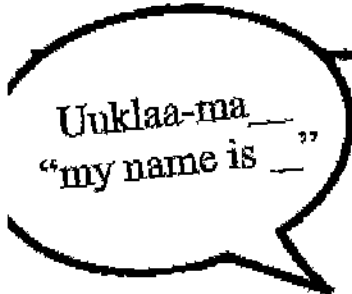




2017 TLU-PIICH GAMES



2017 Nuu-chah-nulth Language Treasure Hunt Event



čuk^waa (Come Here) elders, leaders, children, youth, and families to the Nuu-chah-nulth Language Treasure Hunt hosted this year on

Tuesday August 8th 2017
during the Family Day at Williamson Park
Port Alberni
1:00pm

Any suggestions, donations, or participation requests please contact
Betty Knighton, Tlu-piich Games Assistant
At the NTC Office 250-724-5757 or email
betty.knighton@nuuchahnulth.org





Current Day Scholar Update: July 12, 2017

Tk'emlúps te Secwepemc (TteS), Sechelt First Nations (SFN) and the James Bay Cree (JBC) Day Scholar Update Summer 2017

The Tk'emlúps te Secwepemc, Sechelt First Nations and the James Bay Cree Certified Day Scholars Class Action is currently:

- Involved in Exploratory Discussions with Canada.
- Ttes, SFN & JBC will continue to move forward in the negotiations process with Canada.
- As to date, we have ***not settled*** the Day Scholar Certified Class Action; therefore there are ***NO Benefits*** available to apply for right now.
- This certified day scholar class action may take 1 to 4 years to settle. We will continue to work towards a settlement.

For more information and current updates, please continue to check our websites at:

<https://tkemlups.ca/day-scholar/> or www.justicefordayscholars.com

Respectfully- Jo-Anne

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"Healing one heart, one mind & one spirit at a time"

"PUTTING THE HOPE BACK IN HOME"



KUU-US Crisis Services

24 HOUR CRISIS SERVICES

A place where you can talk, trust and feel.
Help is only a phone call away.

Assault: 250-723-4050 Child/Youth: 250-723-2040 24hr Helpline: 1-800-KUU-US-17

Social Cultural Support Programs

KUU-US has several weekend Programs available to the community!

Location: 4589 Adelaide

WEDNESDAYS

Family Night "Discovering Your Roots" 6-8pm

This is an opportunity to share stories, talk about where you were born & discover family roots.

Dates: 2017 - Aug 16, Sept 13, Oct 11, Nov 8, Dec 6, 2018 - Jan 3, Jan 31, Feb 22, Mar 28

Free refreshments provided

FRIDAY NIGHTS

Homeless Peer Support - 6-8pm

This is a chance to be involved in learning & sharing with others about experiences & preventative tips regarding homelessness.

Dates: 2017 - July 28, Aug 25, Sept 22, Oct 20, Nov 17, Dec 15, 2018 - Jan 12, Feb 9, Mar 9

Free refreshments provided

Elder's Social & Cultural Gathering - 5:30-8:30pm

This is a coming together to participate in beading, drum making, weaving & painting in a social environment.

Dates: 2017-Aug 4, Sept 1, Sept 29, Oct 27, Nov 24, Dec 22, 2018 - Jan 19, Feb 16, Mar 16

Free meal & supplies provided

Youth/Teen Gathering - 6-9pm

The event begins with snacks, continues with educational workshops, & ends with a fun activity for ages 15-18.

Dates: 2017 - Aug 11, Sept 8, Oct 6, Nov 3, Dec 1, Dec 29, 2018 - Jan 26, Feb 23, Mar 23

Free snacks, supplies & activities included

Recovery Group - 7-9pm

This is a talking circle format supporting recovery while utilizing the Medicine Wheel & other cultural practices.

Dates: 2017 - Aug 18, Sept 15, Oct 12, Nov 10, Dec 8, 2018 - Jan 5, Feb 2, Mar 2, Mar 30

Free refreshments provided

SATURDAY

Urgent Need Item Distribution & Workshop - 5:30-7pm

A coming together for a hot meal, followed by an educational workshop & food hamper for all in attendance.

Dates: This is a weekly Saturday event.

Free hot meal & basic urgent need items provided

SUNDAY

Mobile Street Outreach - 5-6:05pm

This is an opportunity to receive a food hamper, hygiene products & educational materials.

There are three street locations: Quality Foods - 5-5:15pm, Friendship Centre - 5:25-5:40pm, & Echo Centre 5:50-6:05pm.

Dates: This is a weekly Sunday event

Free items provided

if more information is needed call 250 723 4050



Cops for Cancer

Tour de Rock

copsforcancerbc.ca



Nuu-chah-nulth Nations

Host Dinner

• **Entertainment**

• **Dinner**

• **50/50 draw**

• **Live/silent Auction**

Friday September 29, 2017

Doors open at 5:00pm

Dinner served at 6:00pm

Alberni Athletic Hall

3727 Roger Street Port Alberni

For further information please contact

Molly Clappis M:(250)720-5904

sweetcashes@gmail.com

Matilda Atleo at M:(250)720-6141

matildaatleo@gmail.com

This year's team has been training since March to take part in Vancouver Islands 2017 Cops for Cancer Team. 2017 marks the 20th year

NTC PRESIDENT



First Nations Health Authority
Health through wellness

**AN IMPORTANT UPDATE FROM FIRST NATIONS HEALTH AUTHORITY
ABOUT A CHANGE IN DRUG BENEFITS FOR FNHA CLIENTS**

On October 1, 2017, the FNHA will join BC PharmaCare.

The aim is to bring drug benefits decisions closer to home in British Columbia, and increase ease of access to your benefits and services.


You might be asking, what will this mean for me? For most clients things will be the same at the pharmacy counter. For very few clients, there could be a change related to specific drugs. To find out if there is a change to your medication, please visit our website at www.fnha.ca. If you have additional questions about your prescriptions talk to your doctor or pharmacist.

As always bring your BC Services Card and Status Card to the pharmacy to access your drug benefits.

If you are travelling out-of-province, please plan ahead and fill your prescriptions here in British Columbia before you leave. PharmaCare is a BC program, and cannot pay for your prescriptions in other provinces. In most cases, you may be eligible to receive in advance a supply lasting up to 100 days. Speak directly with your pharmacist to find out more.

Your FNHA is working to ensure that there is no disruption to service. Further updates will be provide closer to the transition. Should you have any questions about your coverage, we want to hear from you. Call our toll free Health Benefits Support line at 1.855.550.5454 or email us at HealthBenefits@fnha.ca.

In wellness,



Richard Jock
Chief Operating Officer
First Nations Health Authority



First Nations Health Authority
Health through wellness

HELP US REACH COMMUNITY MEMBERS WITH THIS NEWS ARTICLE

BETWEEN NOW AND OCTOBER 1, 2017 PLEASE FEEL FREE TO:

- SUBMIT THIS ARTICLE TO COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS FOR PUBLICATION
- INSERT THIS COPY IN NEWSLETTERS, E-BLASTS OR OTHER PUBLICATIONS
- PRINT AND POST IN HIGH TRAFFIC AREAS IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Some drug coverage changes are coming for First Nations in B.C.

BC PharmaCare program welcomes First Nations

First Nations in British Columbia are about to become the first in Canada to join a provincially-based prescription drug program.

Starting October 1 of this year, First Nations Health Authority clients with active Medical Services Plan (MSP) coverage will be eligible for the BC PharmaCare program.

If you have your MSP enrolled through FNHA, the move is automatic. A very small number of clients do not have MSP paid for by FNHA and will continue to have interim coverage with NIHB, ensuring you will get the drugs you need. To enrol in MSP, just contact your FNHA representative as usual.

The transition to PharmaCare is part of an overall plan to bring decision-making about health benefits closer to home and into the hands of First Nations. Bringing the program home to B.C. is our first step in improving it.

We ask that FNHA clients continue to take both their BC Services Card (or CareCard) and Status Card to the pharmacy when filling prescriptions.

Our current clients will continue to be eligible under PharmaCare for the medications they need - but a small number of recipients may have to change to a different comparable drug. If this happens to you and you have any concerns, please discuss it with your doctor or pharmacist.

We suggest that anyone preparing to travel out of province should plan ahead and fill prescriptions here in British Columbia before leaving. PharmaCare is a BC program, and cannot pay for prescriptions filled in other provinces. In most cases, clients are eligible to receive an advance supply lasting up to 100 days. Anyone needing more information before travelling should speak directly with a pharmacist.

Please visit FNHA.ca for information and updates as these changes come online. Anyone with questions about the switch to PharmaCare may call FNHA's Health Benefits phone number toll-free at 1.855.550.5454, or email FNHA at HealthBenefits@fnha.ca.



Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council

AHOUSAHT
 DITIDAHT
 7IHATIS / CHINAXINT
 HESQUIAHT
 HUPACASATH

HUU-AY-AHT
 KA'YU:'K'TH'CHEJKTLES7ET'H'
 MOWACHAHT/MUCHALAHT
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Robert Cluett, CD NTC CHS NIHB Program Coordinator

12 February 2014

Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations Administration Department Managers/Directors

UNREGISTERED CHILDREN – STATUS/MSP CARE CARD

References: A. Ongoing phone calls from pharmacy, dental, equipment and supplies providers regarding “unregistered First Nation children”

B. Birth Registration Services – Legal Documents {Document enclosed}

The eligible child is covered for the following coverable NIHB {Extended Health Benefits} programs as listed below for up to one year under the current status parent or status guardian: pharmacy; dental; equipment and supplies; vision care services; medical patient travel; as necessary mental health services, and when required the Medic Alert Program. The BC provincial Medical Services Health Plan MSP Care Card is to be initiated and processed soonest – since birth children are covered for a maximum of three months under their parents/guardian - after which time, the parent/guardian will be billed for doctor visits and other eligible hospital services under provincial MSP Care Card.

Therefore, parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to register their immediately upon birth for both the Status Card and MSP Care Card.

{“UNTIL YOU RECEIVE YOUR CARDS YOUR CHILDREN ARE NOT REGISTERED”}

Enclosure: {1} Birth Registration Services – Legal Documents



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**MEDICAL SERVICES PLAN (MSP)
BABY ENROLMENT**

PLEASE PRINT IN CAPITAL LETTERS ONLY **1, 2, 3, 4, A, B, C, D**

Residents of BC are required, by law, to enrol themselves and their dependants with MSP.

Personal information on this form is collected under the authority of the *Medicare Protection Act*. The information will be used to determine residency in BC and determine eligibility for provincial health care benefits. If you have any questions about the collection of this information, contact Health Insurance BC at the address or telephone numbers shown below. Personal information is protected from unauthorized use and disclosure in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and may be disclosed only as provided by that Act.

1. PARENT INFORMATION

PARENT LEGAL LAST NAME		PARENT LEGAL FIRST NAME	PARENT LEGAL SECOND NAME
ADDRESS		STREET NUMBER	
APT / UNIT		STREET NAME AND CITY	
PROV	POSTAL CODE	YOUR BIRTHDATE (MM / DD / YYYY)	PERSONAL HEALTH (CARECARD) NUMBER
		DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER	

2. NEWBORN INFORMATION

NEWBORN LEGAL LAST NAME		NEWBORN LEGAL FIRST NAME	NEWBORN LEGAL SECOND NAME
HOSPITAL NAME		HOSPITAL LOCATION (CITY)	

If a home birth, a photocopy of your baby's birth certificate or Certificate of Live Birth is required.

GENDER	BIRTHDATE (MM / DD / YYYY)	ADOPTION DATE IF APPLICABLE (MM / DD / YYYY)	Attach a photocopy of the proof of adoption or the letter confirming adoption is in progress.
<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F			

3. HOW TO ENROL YOUR BABY

- IF YOUR MEDICAL PREMIUMS ARE PAID:
- A. through your employer or union welfare plan -- complete this form and take it to your group administrator for authorization (section 5)
 - B. by the Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance -- complete this form and take it to your Worker
 - C. directly by yourself -- complete this form and mail it directly to Health Insurance BC (HIBC) at the address below
 - D. by Health Canada (Status Indian) -- complete this form and mail it directly to HIBC at the address below

Please ensure that this form is completed and returned to our office within 60 days of your baby's birth.
A CareCard will be issued after this form is processed. Due to system limits, your baby's full name may not appear on the CareCard.

4. SIGN AND DATE THE DECLARATION BELOW

Under the *Medicare Protection Act*, a resident is defined as "a person who is a citizen of Canada or is lawfully admitted to Canada for permanent residence, makes his or her home in British Columbia, and is physically present in British Columbia at least 6 months in a calendar year, and includes a person who is deemed under the regulations to be a resident but does not include a tourist or visitor to British Columbia."

- I agree to abide by the terms and conditions of MSP.
- I understand the information I have given is collected under the authority of the *Medicare Protection Act* and may be used to assess eligibility for other Ministry of Health programs.
- I understand that practitioners who provide service(s) under MSP are required under the *Medicare Protection Act* to release information relative to those services to MSP to support claims for benefits.
- I declare that all information provided is true and I understand that the Ministry of Health and/or Health Insurance BC may verify this information with immigration authorities, law enforcement authorities and other public authorities, agencies and persons as appropriate.
- I declare that the above named child is a resident of British Columbia.

SIGNATURE(S) OF PARENT AND ACCOUNT HOLDER	DATE SIGNED (MM / DD / YYYY)

5. GROUP ADMINISTRATOR USE ONLY

GROUP NUMBER	ACCOUNT NUMBER	AUTHORIZATION NAME OR STAMP





The BC Services Card. Your CareCard, and more.

Starting February 15, 2013,
the BC Services Card will
replace your CareCard.



The BC Services Card

Starting February 15, 2013 the provincial government will introduce the BC Services Card, which will be phased in over a five-year period. The BC Services Card replaces the CareCard and can be combined with your driver's license. It is secure government issued identification that British Columbians can use to prove their identity and access provincially-funded health services. In the future, the BC Services Card will provide in-person and online access to other government services

Most eligible adult B.C. residents will be required to prove their identity and renew enrolment in the Medical Services Plan (MSP) before 2018; most BC Services Card cardholders will be required to renew enrolment every five years. You can simply enroll when renewing your driver's license. And even if you don't drive, you can enroll at the nearest location where driver's licenses are issued.

Exemptions from renewal of enrolment in MSP:

Some MSP beneficiaries do not have to renew enrolment:

- Adults aged 75 and older are not required to renew enrolment in MSP, but may apply for a BC Services Card when they renew their BCID or driver's license;
- Children less than 19 years of age are not required to renew enrolment in MSP and can continue to use their CareCard; and,
- Adults living in residential care or exempt for health reasons are not required to renew enrolment in MSP and can continue to use their CareCard.

CareCards and Gold CareCards can continue to be used to access provincially-funded health services until 2018.

For more information:

See the B.C. services card website at bcservicescard.ca or telephone service B.C at 1-800-663-7867, 1-604-660-2421 (Vancouver), 1-250-387-6121 (Victoria)
Or Visit your local Drivers Service Centre at 4070 8th avenue Port Alberni 250-720-2040.

Source: <http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/msp/infoben/>