



# HISHUK'ISH TSAWALK

## TSESHAHT FIRST NATION NEWSLETTER

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## 2019 AGM - CONTINUATION

Our 2019 AGM continuation date will be discussed during our Community Meeting this Monday, March 4, 2019. The continuation is crucial to Tseshaht future as we will be creating our Vision and Mission statements among other things. We are taking into consideration that all Hereditary and Elected Council be available to take part as they have been elected to these positions by the people and should all be present to hear directly from the people on the Vision for our Nation.

Proposed dates to be discussed will be:

April 6 & 7, 2019 or April 13 & 14, 2019.

### OFFICE CLOSURES

*Tseshaht Administration  
Office will be closed  
Friday April 19 &  
Monday April 22, 2019  
for Easter Weekend*

## HOUSING DEPT. AGM WINNERS



Thank you Tseshaht membership for visiting the Housing Department's information booth at this year's AGM.

Congratulations to door prize winners: 1<sup>st</sup>: Hank Gus 2<sup>nd</sup>: Helen Lucas 3<sup>rd</sup>: Richard Dick Sr (not pictured).



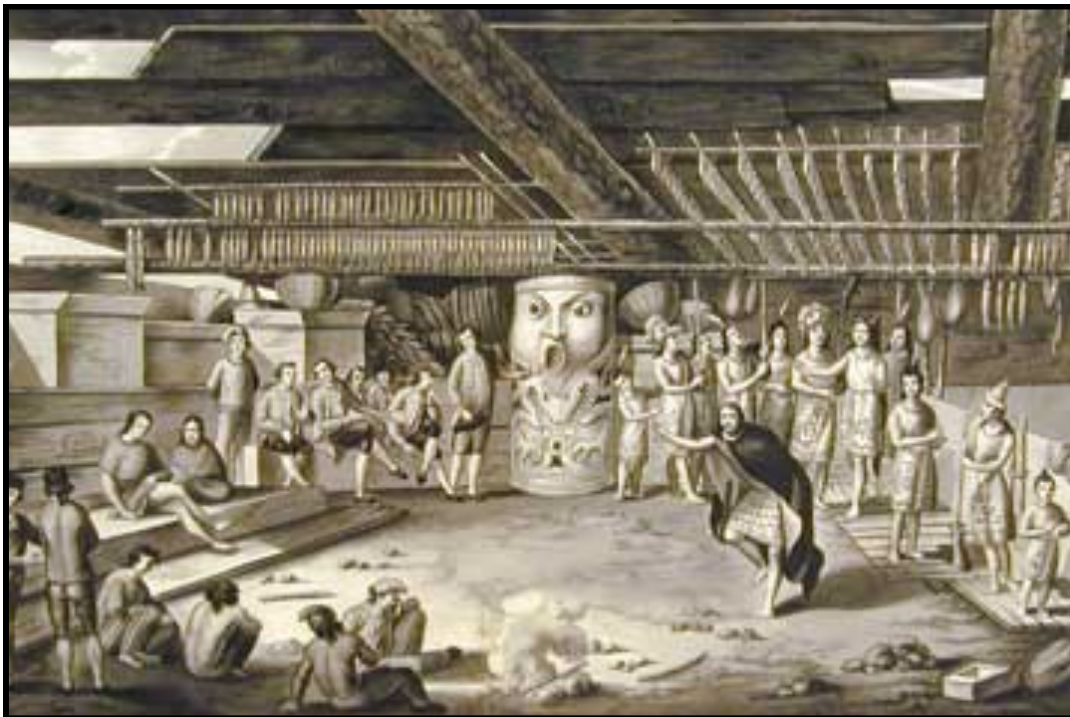
## LANGUAGE GATHERING

*Language is the expression of our culture and our land. We cannot have one without the others. We cannot describe our culture and our land if we do not have language.* - Queensland Indigenous Languages Advisory Committee, 2006

We are proud to announce a Language Gathering being put on in partnership with Tseshaht and Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council Education Department. The gathering will bring together beginner, novice and experienced Nuuchahnulth language speakers from Port Alberni and the west coast of Vancouver Island as well as anyone interested in preserving our dialect.

We are looking for a coming together of all Nations with speaking and teaching opportunities for all attendees. Meals will also be included for the two day gathering held at Maht Mahs Gymnasium Friday March 29 and Saturday March 30, 2019.

If you are interested in attending or would like more information about the Language Gathering please contact Chrissie John at NTC, 250.724.5757



## MAQUINNA SCHOOL VISIT

Local First Nations have been the subject of learning in Nancy Sanders' grade 3 class at Maquinna Elementary School for the last 6 weeks under the guidance of Jean Thomas, the Nuu-chah-nulth Education Worker. Students used a number of methods to gain knowledge about Tseshaht and Hupacasath from books, partner reading, online research; Miss Jean was instrumental in sharing lessons about what culture is and enhanced their lessons with Nuu-chah-nulth language. On February 26 students invited Tseshaht and Hupacasath for a close up look at the dioramas they have been constructing of Tseshaht and Hupacasath villages for the past two weeks. Darrell Ross, Research & Planning Associate accepted the invitation and was wowed by the details these young scholars managed to squeeze into tiny spaces, representing what they learned about life and villages from 200 years ago.

*Thankful to teachers and staff who invited Tseshaht to see the amazing grade 3 hard work that reflected Tseshaht values such as the Somass River, longhouse, canoes, ocean, salmon, bears and eagles. Many of the students said and spelled C'íšaaʔath [Tseshaht] in phonetics as well!*

*Darrell Ross, Tseshaht Research & Planning Associate*





## ᲞᲗᲚ᲏ᲛᲗᲚ᲏Მ - WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

MARCH 2019

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## APRIL 2019

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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Mar. 1 - **Tiny Divas** - Great Room - 6PM - 9PM
- Mar. 2-3 - **Moccasin Making Classes** - contact Gail to sign-up
- Mar. 4 - **Community Meeting** - Great Room - 7PM
- Mar. 12 - **Elder's Luncheon** - Great Room - 11AM
- Mar. 16 - **Garage, Barter & Trade** - Maht Mahs
- Mar. 19-22 - **Gathering Our Voices 2019** - various locations
- Apr. 1 - **Community Meeting** - Great Room - 7PM
- Apr. 30 - **SA Cheque Distribution** - Great Room
- Mondays - Feb. 11 - **Men's Group** - Family Center - 6PM - 8PM
- Tuesdays Jan. 22 - Mar. 12 - Boardroom 3 - **Beginners Tseshaht Language Lessons** - 6:30PM - 8:30PM
- Mon. Wed. & Fri. - Feb. 4 - **FitNation Bootcamp** - Maht Mahs Gym - 5PM

## WHO'S IN THE OFFICE:

**MONDAYS**

RCMP

JAY/PETE

**TUESDAYS**

WEDNESDAYS

1:00PM - 3:00PM

NTC HEALTH NURSE

FRANCINE

THURSDAYS

QUU'ASA

FRIDAYS

1:00PM - 3:00PM

NTC HEALTH NURSE

FRANCINE

## FRED FAMILY INVITE

*The Fred family would like to remind the community of the teehtuultha (celebration of life) they are hosting March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019.*

*Starting time is 10am at the Maht Mahs Gym*

*We will be celebrating the lives of late **Anita Schievink, Watse Schievink, Daniel Fred, and Minnie Sam***

*Please join us in celebrating these beautiful members of our family.*



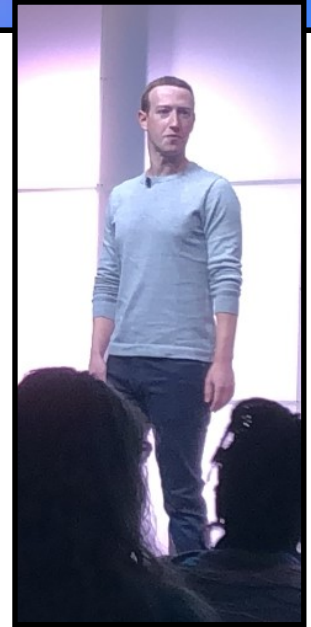
## FACEBOOK COMMUNITIES SUMMIT - 2019

As you may recall, Melissa and Tamara headed to San Francisco at the beginning of February to attend the Facebook Communities Summit at Facebook Headquarters in Menlo Park.

Melissa and Tamara were two of the 400 attendees that were handpicked by Facebook out of thousands of applicants from all over Canada, the United States, and Mexico.



The event started late afternoon with registration on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 followed by an informal evening that provided an opportunity for all attendees to meet each other and check out the Facebook Headquarters Campus. "We were treated to an open air patio area with food and beverage stations, fire bowl tables, games, a tarot card reader and blankets to keep us entertained, fed and warm," shared Melissa.



The first full day was an entirely new experience, meeting people from all over North America, hearing their stories, and learning from the multitudes of experiences. One highlight was a quick visit from Facebook's founder himself, Mark Zuckerberg, who expressed his appreciation for the group and connecting people together as part of Facebook's mission.

The full day of sessions and small group meetings concluded at the Hiller Aerospace museum where attendees enjoyed an evening of fine dining and fun. "They had a huge tent set up for the dinner for attendees and Facebook staff. Back inside the museum there were

quiet places to sit and reflect alone or with smaller groups of attendees. They also had an Oculus station set up to try out Facebook's own Virtual Reality headset," Melissa commented.

Day 2 began with an all-attendee session that broke out into attendee-led panels, each with a presenter. Around noon, attendees prepared to depart to their corners of the continent, heads spinning with new information and ideas as well as contact information to keep in touch with other attendees.

The summit was a huge investment on Facebook's behalf, and both Melissa and Tamara departed with a feeling of overwhelming gratitude for the experience and brimming with ideas to implement on Tseshaht's behalf.





## NA ŠUK T'AŠII - STRONG PATH 2019 GRADUATES



Over the last few months Richard Sam, Gina Pearson and Gail K Gus have been a part of **Na šuk t'ašii** training program. The program was fully funded through FNHA and translates as "Strong Path". It is based on culturally relevant Harm Reduction, and they gained information on the opiate overdose crisis and addiction and how First Nations view and understand it.

Trauma Sensitivity Training and Cultural Immersion Training was completed, followed by First Aid Training and a refresher on Naloxone administration. Gail said, "best of all we learned our first Chant and made

a rattle which can be used to bring people up the mountain to be brushed off for our cultural toolkits."

"Gina, Myself and Richard have also taken the Community Wellness course so now I have a stronger team, should there be a crisis in the community, I will have some help", stated Gail.



Mommy & Me  
Tiny Diva

Get gussied up in your best  
dress or superhero outfit

March 1, 2019 6PM | Great Room  
Please confirm w/Gail for food &  
supplies headcount 250.724.1225

## FITNESS GYM HOURS



Mon, Wed & Fri  
4:30PM - 8:00PM  
Tues & Thurs



**FytNation.**  
BE FIT. BE HEALTHY.

Bootcamp  
Mon, Wed & Fri  
Maht Mahs  
Gym  
5PM SHARP!!

# TSESHAHT COMMUNITY MEETING



**MONDAY – MARCH 4, 2019**  
**7:00 PM @ TFN Great Room**

**You can now attend  
community meetings online!**



*Contact Virginia for the link to join online:*

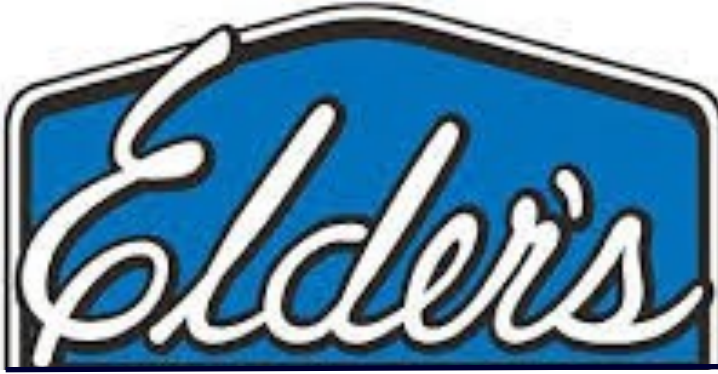
**[executiveassistant@tseshaht.com](mailto:executiveassistant@tseshaht.com)**

**or call the office 250.724.1225**

**Agenda coming soon!**







## Tseshah Elder's Meeting & Luncheon

Tuesday March 12, 2019  
12 noon | Great Room  
Residential School Claims &  
more will be discussed

8 week **Roots of Indigenous Strength & Entrepreneurship**  
Starts Mon. March 25, 2019

*Limited Seats*

Must identify as Indigenous  
(First nations, Inuit or Metis)  
Register as soon as possible  
Jennifer Gallic 250.724.1225



NTC Post Secondary Deadline is  
March 1, 2019.

If you are interested in Trades Program  
please call to apply for funding support  
(Travel, Course Fees, Living Allowance...)

Jennifer Gallic 250.724.1225

We are still looking for a few Youth ages 14-24  
to attend Gathering Our Voices Youth  
Conference in Port Alberni (March 19-22).  
Registration required. Tickets are worth \$150  
each and are offered to our Youth FREE.  
Contact Jennifer Gallic or Lillian  
Dick 250.724.1225 ASAP.



JOIN US ON MARCH 7TH 2019

# CAREER FAIR!



## SAVE THE DATE

Nuu-chah-nulth Employment and Training Program is pleased to announce the  
6th Annual Career Fair in Port Alberni B.C.

**MARCH 7th, 2019 @ ALBERNI ATHLETIC HALL**

**9 AM TO 3 PM**

*Free table registration Contact Kirunn Sharma or Shan Ross for further details*

Address: 4090 8th Avenue Port Alberni B.C. Phone: 250-723-1331 Fax: 250-723-1336

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Nuu-chah-nulth Employment  
& Training Program

Canada Funding provided in part by the  
Government of Canada



**Mondays  
6PM - 8PM**

**Family Center  
All Dudes of all ages  
Welcome!**

**Please confirm  
w/Gail for food  
Headcount  
250.724.1225**



**We want your information  
– not your name!**



**1-800-222-TIPS (8477)**



**bccrimestoppers.com**





Concession Available

**TSESHAHT PRIDE**

**FAMILY & TEEN DANCE**

TRIP TO KITIMAT FUNDRAISER

**SATURDAY MAR 2**

Family 6pm-8pm Teen 8pm-9pm

Admission: \$3 per person  
\$10 per family (2 kids, 2 adults)  
Ages 6 and under are FREE

HANSEN HALL, 3940 Johnston Rd. PORT ALBERNI, BC

**FAMILY DANCE** **FEATURING DBL-G** **TEEN DANCE**



## TIGH-NA-MARA

SEASIDE SPA RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTRE

### GET AWAY RAFFLE

- One Night Stay at Tigh-na-mara
- Two Grotto Mineral Pool Passes
- \$40 Gas Card



\$5 each

Buy 2 get 1 FREE

EMT [tseshahtpride@gmail.com](mailto:tseshahtpride@gmail.com)

Support Natalie Clappis, Neve Watts, Jayla Sabbas, Abigail Little, Naimah Robinson, Milla Nelson, Destiny Martin, Jennifer Dick, Timmea Williams, Adrianna Watts, Arianna Johnson Sabbas, Jenelle Johnson Sabbas, Lindsey Frank, Jayme Bulwer, Trinity Williams]



**BOTTLE DRIVE**

**FUNDRAISING**

March 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>

Contact Leisa Hassall or Robyn Samuel for pick up and drop off

Thank-you

To support any of the above fundraisers please contact Robyn Samuel, Leisa Hassall, or Joe Charleson Jr.

Tseshaht Pride 13 & under and 17 & Under Girl's Basketball Team would like to Thank Tseshaht Community for their continued support towards fundraising costs for the Junior All Native Tournament in Kitimat on March 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>.





**CALL FOR**

**Volunteers**

**AT GATHERING OUR VOICES**

*Port Alberni*

**MARCH 19-22 2019**

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**CONNECT WITH US!**



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February 2019

## TSESHAHT CHIEF COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

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### PROTOCOL AGREEMENTS

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*Protocol agreements were signed in 2019:*



Port Alberni Port Authority – January 30, 2019

City of Port Alberni – February 6, 2019

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### TSESHAHT PRESENCE AT HARBOUR QUAY

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Our council and staff have been working closely with representatives of the City of Port Alberni to have a stronger presence at Harbour Quay. We signed a Memorandum of Understanding in 2018 and have since been working on art and signage to display Tseshaht history at Harbour Quay while work is being done to upgrade the clock tower. This work is expected to be completed in time for the first cruise ship landing in May 2019. An unveiling event/ceremony will be planned.

Our local Rotary Club was successful in obtaining a grant to do a mural on the side of the CME building located at the Harbour Quay. A call for proposals has been put out and this project is expected to be completed by June 2019. Tseshaht has been invited to take part in this process. The committee is hoping that this art piece can reflect local history as well as reconciliation efforts.

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### CSC ABORIGINAL HEALING LODGE

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Tseshaht First Nation was invited to participate in a meeting about potentially opening up an Aboriginal Healing Lodge in Port Alberni. On January 11th many

members of the community from a number of different organizations attended an exploratory meeting with Correctional Services Canada. This initiative was

started in 2010 with no success and recently resurrected to see if Aboriginal Groups would be interested in pursuing this any further. At this time, it is unclear if any group will be taking the lead and if an

Aboriginal Healing Lodge is suitable for this area, considering a majority of charges in Port Alberni are Provincial, and this healing lodge would be limited to Federal offenders.

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## BC GAMING REVENUE SHARING WITH FIRST NATIONS

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After many years of lobbying, the Province of British Columbia has finally announced BC Gaming Revenue Sharing with First Nations. This has been included in the 2019/2020 Budget and work is currently being done to establish a BC First Nations Gaming Revenue Sharing Limited Partnership (expected to be operational by April 2019). 7% of Gaming revenue will be shared with 203 First Nations in British Columbia. Over a 25-year agreement this is estimated to bring approximately \$3 billion to First Nations in BC, distributed based on the following formula (50% distributed equally, 40% split based on population, 10% split based on Nation's

remoteness). The funding may be spent in the following areas; (1) health and wellness, (2) transportation, safety, infrastructure and housing, (3) education, language, culture and training, (4) community development and environmental protection, (5) economic and business development and (6) capacity building, governance and fiscal management. Priority exercises will be done with Community, Council and Administration to engage on how this funding should be spent. Revenue sharing with First Nations was the first phase of work the next phase will be to create more gaming opportunities for First Nations in BC.

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## KWISPAA LNG

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On February 15, 2019 Huu-ay-aht First Nation announced that Steelhead LNG ceased work on the Kwispaa LNG project. Hugh Braker is the council member that holds this portfolio and will provide more information to the community.

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## 2017 AGM CONTINUATION

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On February 9, 2019 we held the continuation of the 2017 AGM to discuss the three agenda items that were not completed. This included; Lateral Violence, Chief and Council, and Facility Use. The AGM continuation was facilitated by Ainjil Hunt and was well attended by community members. For lateral violence we will be scheduling "lateral kindness" workshops in the community for staff, council, community and as a collective. It was also noted that a dispute

resolution process needs to be in place. A number of concerns were put forward and many can be addressed in the work currently being done on the Custom Election Code, policy and procedures manual and governance manual. The facility use policy is also currently being worked on and expected to be completed in the near future. Thank you to everyone that took the time to participate in these discussions!



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# TSESHAHT AGM

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We are truly grateful for the amount of community members that took the time to attend our Annual General Assembly on February 10, 2019. We had a high number of participants attend and contribute to a great day of discussions and presentations. Due to the snow a motion was made to adjourn earlier and reschedule to complete the work between March 6-21, 2019. On February 10th we were able to complete the Council reports, business relating to

the Ahousaht Fisheries Case, hear concerns about the Administration Land brought forward by the Fred family and honour the work of Andy Olson. Agenda items that we will need to discuss at the continuation include; administrative updates by the Executive Director, community meetings and engagement, mission and vision statement, and a wish list exercise. Provided is a table which highlights a number of projects that each council member is working on.



Thank you to all staff, council and community members for making this day a huge success! The discussions, decisions, songs, dances, stories, and everything else was greatly appreciated.

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## TSESHAHT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATE STRUCTURE

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On February 24, 2019 our council and staff members met with Ratcliff and Company regarding options for Tseshaht Corporate Structure. This work is only in

the beginning stages and we will ensure we engage community on this very important work!

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## NTC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Budget Meetings - request to have a decision to keep budget meetings the same and have an annual budget meeting with all NTC Society members or to have the annual budget meeting changed to require only a decision from the NTC Directors. Some of the concerns I shared included the lack of time provided to consult with council on recommended motions presented at NTC directors meetings such as the motion provided. I also encouraged that if the table decided to go with the second option that we receive all budget information and documents two weeks in advance to review internally before the budget meeting for Directors. I also requested that each nation invite their Director of Finance to attend the meeting

to provide input. A motion was passed to go with option 2- I opposed the vote. The budget presentation will be scheduled during the March 26, 2019 NTC Board of Directors Meeting.

After months of inviting the First Nations Housing and Infrastructure Council to engage with the Nuuchah-nulth Nations a representative attended the February 26, 2019 NTC Board of Directors Meeting to answer questions. It is still unclear on the mandate of the council as well as many other implications this may have on our Housing and Infrastructure programs. There will be a Forum in Richmond on March 5-6 as well as more engagement with Nuuchah-nulth Nations tentatively scheduled for March 25,

2019. After these engagement forums we are hoping to have a better understanding of the work of the First Nations Housing and Infrastructure and the work being done across Canada to restructure

Housing and Infrastructure for First Nations. Greg Louie (Ahousaht) was also appointed to the FNHC by the FNHC.

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## TSESHAHT COUNCIL MEETS WITH HEREDITARY LEADERS

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On February 23, 2019 members of Tseshaht Council met informally with two of our hereditary leaders. The purpose of this meeting was to ensure we have open communication with our hereditary leaders on the work we are doing as Council. We also wanted to explore the opportunity to build a stronger relationship and to ensure we follow the

protocols/processes set out by our leaders to engage on important work/projects and that we have a unified voice as Tseshaht on important matters. We are currently looking to set up regular meetings with our hereditary leaders to ensure information sharing on the work we do as Council.

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## OTHER ITEMS...

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**Tseshaht Women's Declaration** – a meeting to continue this work needs to be rescheduled.

**Reports** – We as council have heard the community that more regular reporting is needed on the work we are doing. As a council we have committed to monthly written Chief Councillor report and quarterly written

reports by all council members to community.

**Council Cooks for the Community** – this was a huge success in December 2018 and many community and council members would like to see this continue! Stay tuned for an upcoming schedule of when we as council will cook for community!

Best of luck to all of our youth participating in the upcoming **Junior All Native Tournament** in Kitimat this year! Safe travels to all and thank you to everyone that makes this opportunity possible for our youth!

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

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- Community Meeting March 4, 2019- 7pm (Great Room)
- AGM Continuation March 2019- (Time, Location, Date TBD)
- Council Meetings March 7 & 21, 2019- 5:30 pm

- First Nations Housing and Infrastructure Council Forum- Richmond (March 5-6, 2019)
- BCAFN Special Chiefs Assembly- Merritt (March 7-8, 2019)
- NTC Board of Directors- Port Alberni (March 26, 2019)

