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TSESHAHT FIRST NATION NEWSLETTER

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2019 AGM CONTINUATION - APRIL 7TH

Our 2019 AGM continuation will take place Sunday April 7, 2019 at Haahuupayak Gym from 9:00am—4:30pm. The continuation is crucial to Tseshaht future as we will be creating our Vision and Mission statements. We will also hear the Administration report, create our wish list and have departmental information displays.

There will be Childcare and transportation available through sign-up only. For those needing these services please sign-up by Tuesday April 2, 2019 with Virginia by calling 250.724.1225.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

OFFICE CLOSURES

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

COUNCIL COMMUNITY BREAKFAST



Thursday, April 11

Doors open at 6:00am

Community members are invited to come and enjoy a breakfast prepared by Tseshaht Council.

This is a great opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas in an informal setting and get a delicious start to your day!

FISHERIES MANAGER - WELCOME DAVE!

Hello, ʔiṣaaʔaṭṭ. Thank you for inviting me into your beautiful territory to assist you where I can with fisheries management.

I am Dave Rolston, your new Fisheries Manager.

I know the shoes left by Andy Olson are large, and I will do my best to keep the momentum going.

I was born and spent my early years on the East Coast of Canada. I spent my early years hunting and fishing and trying to make sense of the patterns I saw. Later, I would learn how to identify, describe and predict those patterns as my education increased.

My first career was with the Coast Guard on the East Coast. After my Grandparents passed-on, I left to go back to school – eventually earning a Diploma in Nautical Science, Diploma in Fisheries and Wildlife, and a Bachelor of Science (Honours in Biology). Along that journey I worked in many remote and Northern places across what we call today, Canada.

In 1996, I came to the North Coast of BC and worked in a few different capacities on a number of fisheries-related projects and started working for numerous First Nations communities – often Gitksan and Tsimshian – but included many other communi-



ties and Nations, as well.

Starting in 2010, I started working directly as a Fisheries Manager for First Nations – the Tseshahṭ being the third such position. I hope my experience can help and support the Tseshahṭ Nation as it moves forward.

Kleco Kleco

Dave Rolston



Spring cleanup will be April 23 to April 29 this year The Public Works Department would like people who would like to help to please submit your name and contact information to the Executive Director, Darren Mead-Miller by no later than April 9. 250.724.1225

All appliances and freezers must be empty. All items must be located in your yards with metal and wood separated. We will drive into drive-ways, but items must be visible and tarped or with a sign so it is clear is what is meant to be picked up. We will not take any items in plastic bags. Paint cans and tires will not be picked up.

Elders who require assistance with larger items may call the Welcome Center and leave their name and address and what will be picked up.



TSESHAHT **Community** *Meeting*



**MONDAY - April 1, 2019
5:30 PM @ TFN Great Room**

Note Special Time!

Agenda Items:

- 1. Adopt April 1, 2019 draft agenda**
- 2. Adopt March 4, 2018 draft minutes**
- 3. Market Board of Directors update**
- 4. Membership**
- 5. Custom Election Code**
- 6. Land Claims Panel**
- 7. Governance Manual**

**Dinner
& Prizes**



SUNDAY APRIL 7, 2019



TSESHAHT

CONTINUATION

AGM

HAAHUUPAYAK GYM | 9:00AM- 4:30PM

TseshahT Mission &
Vision Statements

Administration
Report

Wish List

Department
Information Displays

Door Prizes

Food



Childcare (sign up by Apr. 2)

Transportation (sign up by Apr.. 2)

YOUR
VOICE
MATTERS!!

“Creating A Vision Together”



TSESHAHT AGM CHILDCARE



SUNDAY – April 7, 2019

**@ Tseshaht First Nation Daycare
(t'aatnee?is Daycare)**

Offered only for
children of parents
attending the AGM

Limited space
available on a first
come first serve
basis

Children ages 3-8
and **MUST** be
potty trained

Parents must
supply a lunch and
all snacks

Parents to provide
a phone number in
case of emergency

Drop off starts at
8:45 AM
Pick up by 4:00 PM

Contact the band
office for more
information

250-724-1225
or
executiveassistant
@tseshaht.com



Tseshaht First Nation Employment Opportunity Language Coordinator

Term Position

The Tseshaht First Nation Administration Office is now accepting applications for the position of **Language Coordinator**. This is a part-time position at 18 hours per week with potential to increase to full-time based on experience.

JOB PURPOSE

The Tseshaht First Nation and its community members have always identified our language and culture as a priority and aim to offer a Nation-based weekly language class directly in our community.

The Language Coordinator will assist in the development of a Tseshaht language plan to determine where we want to go and what we need to do to achieve fluency in our community.

This is a term position that will conclude on March 21, 2020.

JOB SKILLS, EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

The successful applicant will possess skills and experience in the following areas:

- Bachelor Degree preferred.
- Valid driver's license.
- Previous work experience in building and maintaining an effective management team.
- Previous work experience must include financial management, working with Boards/Councils or senior executives, committees, directing and leading teams, developing and maintaining relationships, staff evaluations, and other HR matters.
- A minimum of 5 years successfully managing a team of 5 or more is preferred.
- *May be willing to consider Grade 12 with post-secondary course work, in combination with relevant work experience in language and culture, with integral work experience including project management, staff management, budget management, program design and implementation, reporting to Boards, etc.*

KEY ACTIVITIES

- Supervise and assist in hiring Tseshaht language data Audio/Written Archivist.
- Assist in identifying long- and short-term office space and learning areas.
- Coordinate, assist and evaluate weekly language classes.
- Facilitate strategic sessions on the creation of a Tseshaht/Nuu-chah-nulth Fluency Plan.
- Develop a consistent documentation for all classes and words expressed to begin to develop a Tseshaht dictionary.
- Assist when necessary to coordinate Tseshaht First Nation immersion project.
- Oversee and monitor the language and culture program budget, financials and contribution agreement requirements for the department.
- Complete payment vouchers and purchase orders.
- Prepare grant applications and submit required reports.
- Participate in community events as requested.
- Perform all duties and responsibilities in accordance with policies and procedures.
- Performs other duties as required.

HOW TO APPLY

If you believe you have the skills and ability for this position, submit a cover letter with your resume and 3 current references to the attention of the Executive Director, care of the Executive Assistant either in person at the Tseshaht First Nation Administration Office; by mail to TFN Administration Office, 5091 Tsuma-as Drive, Port Alberni BC, V9Y 8X9; or on or before the closing date.

CLOSING DATE: April 3, 2019 at 12:00 Noon.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

- Apr. 1 - **Community Meeting** - Great Room - 7PM
- Apr. 7 - **AGM Continuation** - Haahuupayak Gym - 9AM
- Apr. 19-22 - Administration Office Closed - **Easter Weekend**
- Apr. 30 - **SA Cheque Distribution** - Great Room
- May 17 - Administration Office Closed Early - **3pm**
- May 20 - Administration Office Closed - **Victoria Day**
- May 31 - **SA Cheque Distribution** - Great Room
- 1st Monday of the month - **ʔiicim hišumyił** - Great Room - 10AM - 12PM
- Wednesdays in April - **Elder's Support Group** - Quuasa Office - 6PM - 8PM
- Thursdays in April - **Alcoholics Anonymous** - Quuasa Office - 7PM - 8PM
- Mondays - **Men's Group** - Family Center - 6PM - 8PM
- Mon. Wed. & Fri. - Feb.4 - **FitNation Bootcamp** - Maht Mahs Gym - 5PM

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WHO'S IN THE OFFICE:

MONDAYS

RCMP

JAY/PETE/BETH

TUESDAYS

WEDNESDAYS

1:00PM - 3:00PM

NTC HEALTH NURSE

FRANCINE

THURSDAYS

QUU'ASA

FRIDAYS

1:00PM - 3:00PM

NTC HEALTH NURSE

FRANCINE

Tseshaht First Nation Employment Opportunity Developmental Opportunity: CCP Champion (Interim)

The Tseshaht First Nation has embarked on a Comprehensive Community Planning (CCP) process that will progress over the next few years. We are seeking an interim CCP Champion who will be able to lead this important planning process, working under the Executive Director. The CCP Champion will be required to work closely with a CCP Advisory Committee and Communications Coordinator and carry out extensive community engagement. This is a temporary position with possibility of extension.

Candidates should be from the Tseshaht community, available to work full time as soon as possible. We are seeking candidates with a high school diploma or equivalent education, and some planning, community engagement, and/or project management experience with the following knowledge and skills:

- Knowledge of the community's history, local context and culture, and issues facing the community.
- Knowledge of basic project management skills, including budgeting, work planning, time management, and data management.
- Basic awareness of the Comprehensive Community Planning process.
- Knowledge of basic computer skills and programs, including word processing, spreadsheets, basic graphic design, and file management software.

The ideal candidate will:

- Have the ability to create presentations and community bulletins to update the community and leadership about the Comprehensive Community Planning (CCP) process
- Plan, host, and attend community events and focus groups
- Prepare coffee and snacks for meetings/events
- Participate, support and coordinate a CCP Advisory Committee
- Have a valid driver's license and reliable vehicle
- Have a flexible schedule; willing and able to work days, evenings, and weekends as needed
- Be able to perform physical tasks, including bending, lifting, carrying, walking, etc.
- Be outgoing and comfortable with engaging the public
- Have the ability to build rapport with Tseshaht members of all ages
- Be enthusiastic with the ability to drive and engage community spirit
- Have a professional, strong work ethic
- Have a clean criminal record

HOW TO APPLY

If you believe you have the skills and ability for this position, submit a cover letter with your resume and 3 current references to the attention of the Executive Director, care of the Executive Assistant either in person at the Tseshaht First Nation Administration Office; by mail to TFN Administration Office, 5091 Tsuma-as Drive, Port Alberni BC, V9Y 8X9; on or before the closing date.

CLOSING DATE: April 2, 2019 at 12:00 Noon.



ALBERNI VALLEY BEAR SMART COMMUNITY PROGRAM

Step 1: Bear-proof your home...

Garbage: Store garbage indoors or in a bear-proof enclosure until morning of scheduled pick-up day.

Coolers: Store all coolers indoors, even clean empty ones.

Pet Food: Bring pet dishes inside and clean up any spillage. Store all pet foods inside.

Bird Food: Use birdfeeders only in winter. Keep ground free of seeds.

Barbecue: Burn off the grill after each use. Store covered and in a secure area.

Fruit Trees: Pick ripe fruit and fallen fruit daily. Remove unused fruit trees.

Recycling: Wash and store recycling indoors or in a bear-proof enclosure.

Step 2: "If you see a bear..."

Go indoors: **DO NOT RUN** from the bear or taunt it. Space is Safe!

ALERT your neighbors.

Step 3: To report a Human-Bear Conflict...

Such as property damage, threatening or aggressive behavior or if the bear has no escape route call the Conservation Officer Service at 1 877 952 7277.

BEARS LIVE TO EAT. . .

consuming up to 25,000 calories a day.

While they prefer natural foods, they will eat almost anything and will do almost anything to obtain food. Bears have a keen sense of smell and are driven to investigate. Carelessly stored garbage, birdfeeders, or an unclean barbeque are open invitations to bears. Bears in pursuit of an easy meal may damage property or, in rare cases, cause injury to people.

Paying attention to common household activities will reduce encounters and contribute to a 'Bear Smart' community. Encourage your friends and neighbours to participate as well.

IF YOU SEE A BEAR. . . ACT RESPONSIBLY REMAIN CALM

Often the bear is just passing through. If it finds no food it will simply move on. Keep well away. Do not crowd the bear - give it plenty of space. Warn others to be respectful; bring small children and untrained pets in the house.

LET THE BEAR KNOW IT IS NOT WELCOME

Do not allow the bear to feel comfortable in your backyard. Retreat to a safe place, allow the bear an escape route and make lots of noise to encourage the bear to leave. After it has left the area, remove anything that attracted the bear.



JANT Participant Homecoming Celebration

THIS SUNDAY!

**MAR 31st, 2019
4pm - 6pm
Tseshaht Longhouse**

Come help hold up our youth and show them we notice their hard work and are proud of them!

Dinner • Refreshments • Chumus • Singing • Drumming

EVERYONE WELCOME

Bring a drum if you have one!



**1st Monday of
the month
10AM - 12PM**

**Great Room
Chumus Potluck
Everyone
Welcome!**

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!!**



Tseshahat - Patient Travel Process 2019

Confirmation that you have an appointment is required.

Call your venue of appointment and have them fax your appointment date and time of appointment to the office

Fax : 778-419-2527

When attending a dental appointment out of town you must be referred by a local dentist in order to qualify. You must have the client's **Care Card number in order to process.**

Bring your **signed attendance form** back to the Patient Travel Clerk. Attendance forms are attached to the patient travel request form up at front desk. **Not bringing the attendance form back will affect your next Patient Travel request.**

When filling out Patient Travel forms, do not leave anything blank as all information is required to process your patient travel cheque. Incomplete forms will not be processed.

Example: A detailed explanation on why you are going to the specialist. Include medical terms.

Example: Address and phone number of specialist.

Please remember when your appointment requires travel on **B.C. Ferries** you **must return the receipts.** If you do not return the receipts, your next travel with ferry will be reimbursement ONLY until we have the receipts.

Patient Travel requires 5 days to process. Cheque pick up is the day before the appointment after 2:00pm.

You are responsible to submit your Patient Travel request before your appointment date in order for your cheque to be ready on time. If you are late bringing your request, your travel will be processed as a reimbursement after you submit your SIGNED attendance form.

The Patient Travel form states that the hotel rooms need 72 hours notice if you cannot make it to the room. If for some reason you cannot make it to the hotel and do not inform us at the office or the hotel **YOU will be responsible to pay back the cost of the room.** Please read the Patient Travel form before you bring it in.

*****PLEASE SIGN your Travel form at the bottom*****

The role of the Patient Travel Clerk is to ensure that your request is processed.

Community members who submit for Patient Travel **MUST** ensure that the Patient Travel Clerk has all the information required. Please read the bottom of the Patient Travel form.

Gloria Fred, Patient Travel Clerk





**IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER
FOR RISE PROGRAM, WE HAVE 2
NEW SPACES AVAILABLE.**

Attendance is flexible. This is a perfect opportunity to start your own business and become your own boss!!

To register contact: Jennifer Gallic
education@tseshaht.com
250-724-1225 ext. 217

Training presented by:



Do you have an idea that you want to turn into a small business?

The RISE 8-week full time course to produce your own business plan

and access mentors and start up funds.

INCLUDED: 1 year mentorship support plus any travel support \$\$,

daycare support \$\$ you may require during the 8 week program.

Lunches will be provided.

The program is open to ages 15 and over.

Registrants

must self-identify as Aboriginal (First Nations, Inuit, or Metis).

**** THIS WILL NOT AFFECT YOUR E.I. or S.A. Income ****

Starting: MARCH 25th, 2019 in PORT ALBERNI, BC

(Monday to Friday 9:00am – 4:00pm daily)

?iichim hišumyił (Gathering of Elders)

Starting April 1st, we will be hosting Coffee Time with our Elders

Chumus potluck style – Bring your favourites to share!!

Will occur **1st Monday of every month** 10am-12pm in
Tseshaht Great Room

For more info, contact Jennifer Gallic 250-724-1225



YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC SAFETY - STUDENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Do you know a young high school woman who is interested in learning more about a career in a public safety and security field? The Young Women in Public Safety - Student Employment Opportunity will be taking place in Surrey and the Metro Vancouver area from **July 15 - 19, 2019**.

Selected students will:

- discover the different career opportunities available in public safety and security
- meet women who are subject-matter experts
- tour federal public safety organizations and experience day-to-day operations:
 - ⇒ Canada Border Services Agency
 - ⇒ Canadian Security Intelligence Services
 - ⇒ Correctional Service Canada
 - ⇒ Parole Board of Canada
 - ⇒ Public Safety Canada

Royal Canadian Mounted Police

To learn more about this exciting opportunity and to apply, visit the GC Jobs website: <https://emploisfp-psjobs.cfp-psc.gc.ca/srs-sre/page01.htm?poster=443&lang=en>

Please note that this year's opportunity is open to all female high school students with preference given to those in grade 11.

Contact S/Sgt. Annie Linteau at 778-290-2889 for more details.



**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



Housing Department Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How do I apply for Social Housing?

A: Tseshaht members 18 + who are in good standing can find applications on the web page, at the Welcome Centre or you may submit a request to have it faxed or emailed; applications are kept on file for 6 months.

Q: How are people selected for social housing units?

A: We utilize a point system and blind selection process, selections are done by the Housing Committee.

Q: Who is eligible to request maintenance or repairs?

A: Social housing tenants, Elders 65 +, and those who hold current PWD/disability status. Tenants with arrears do not qualify for repairs or maintenance until arrears are paid (unless emergency situation).

Q: How do I apply for new home construction or individual housing?

A: Members in good standing must pay a \$1000 deposit (certified cheque) to be placed on the Individual New Home Construction rotation list. If member decides to remove their name the \$1000 can be reimbursed by submitting a written request.

Q: How do I apply for renovations?

A: Members interested in applying will submit a written request for support through the renovation request form. Tseshaht bases renovation program application allocation on a first come first serve basis, there is a very specific process involved in applying for and being funded for housing projects, both new and renovations.

Q: How do I make a complaint?

A: All complaints are kept confidential and can be submitted in writing attention to the Housing Department. If a complaint is regarding the Housing Department, these can be submitted to the Executive Director.

Q: How do I make an appeal regarding a decision?

A: Appeals can be submitted by completing Appendix E, applicants for social housing may appeal housing decisions regarding the selection process for rental units, enforcing of consequences for violation of policy or other related housing decisions within the outlined timeframe within the Housing Policy.

Q: When I have an issue with my septic tank who do I contact?

A: All calls regarding septic and water are directed to the Public Works Department: Lisa Gallic or Thomas Fred.

Q: What do I need to know about home-insurance coverage?

A: Please refer to our detailed home insurance information guide.



INDIGENOUS WOMEN'S SUMMIT



First Annual

INDIGENOUS WOMEN'S SUMMIT AND GALA

May 15, 2019

The Westin Bayshore Vancouver
in Vancouver, BC

GoToRegister.ca/NATOA

Toll Free Phone: 1-866-409-1315

Fax: 1-866-462-7648

Email: NATOA@GoToRegister.ca



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Indigenous Financial Consultants

REGISTER NOW... TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

Celebrating Successful Indigenous Women and Their Paths

Register today for the **Indigenous Women's Summit and Gala**, hosted by NATOA, that will take place at The Westin Bayshore Vancouver on May 15, 2019.

SUMMIT (7:30 am - 4 pm)

The summit will feature some of the most successful and influential Indigenous women across Canada who have created and accomplished their set goals. Panel discussions include:

- Indigenous Economy and Innovative Strategies to Succeed
- Community Leadership
- Entrepreneurship and Corporate Canada
- Trusts, Investment and Finance

To register for the Summit and view the agenda, please visit www.GoToRegister.ca/NATOA

GALA (5:30 pm - 10:30 pm)

This special day also includes a gala evening that celebrates these powerful women and will honour **Alicia Dubois**, recipient of the **NATOA National Award of Distinction**. 50% of the profits will go towards Indigenous women in need. To register for the Gala and view the agenda, visit www.GoToRegister.ca/NATOA



Congratulations!

Alicia Dubois

Market Vice-President, Indigenous Markets,
CIBC (Toronto, ON)

The inaugural recipient of the
NATOA National Award of Distinction

*We believe everyone should celebrate the strong, successful Indigenous women of our country. Both the Summit and Gala is open to **ALL** individuals and is not a women's only event.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Summit - Sponsorship is still available! Over 73 Communities Canada wide are registered with 30 spots remaining!

Gala - Sponsorship available with 100 seats remaining!





Gathering *Our* Voices

Gathering Our Voices (GOV) was held March 19-22 in Port Alberni. We had anticipated 15 members total to attend the event, including Chaperones. However, with an overabundance of requests, we were able to obtain more tickets and our group grew to 21 total. The Youth attended opening ceremonies, several workshops, youth talent show, youth dance and closing ceremonies. Everyone had a blast! Thank you to all those who participated and all those involved in making this event a success for these amazing Youth!

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TSESHAHT CHIEF COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

PROTOCOL AGREEMENTS

Tseshaht First Nation has recently signed protocol agreements with the City of Port Alberni and the Port Alberni Port Authority. As a council we want to ensure that we formalize our relationship and expectations with outside entities, governments and organizations. We are



currently in the process of creating protocol agreements with USMA and have explored the need to develop such agreements with other First Nations, specifically those operating business within our territory.

TSESHAHT PRESENCE AT HARBOUR QUAY

Our council and administration continue to work closely with the City of Port Alberni to increase the presence of Tseshaht First Nation at the Harbour Quay. The city has been very receptive to our vision of sharing the history of the Tlukwatkwu7is Village Site through a number of initiatives and projects in that area. The clock tower improvements are moving ahead and still on schedule to have an unveiling ceremony during the Cruise Ship arrival in summer

2019. Another initiative includes a mural that will focus on reconciliation efforts on the CME building funded by a rotary grant.

The city council has also recently begun engaging the community on the harbourview lands. Tseshaht has noted interest in the lands. The City has committed to engage on these lands and ensure that we are included in their decision-making processes.

RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE

On March 27, 2019 we attended a joint council gathering with the reconciliation committee, Tseshaht Council, Hupacasath Council and the Council for the

City of Port Alberni. This gathering was to hear the 27 recommendations which came out of the work that the reconciliation committee has been doing over the past

2 years. These recommendations will be brought forward to council to determine next steps. The recommendations and other information about the reconciliation committee can be found at:

<https://www.portalberni.ca/reconciliation-committee>

The mandate of this committee is to complete a report on reconciliation and present to all three councils. The 27 recommendations are what will be included in this final report. A key recommendation is to create a quipartite committee on reconciliation which would include members from Tseshah, Hupacasth, City and the Friendship Centre. We will need to determine if this is something we as Tseshah support.

BC GAMING REVENUE SHARING WITH FIRST NATIONS

As previously discussed, the Provincial government has announced gaming revenue sharing in BC which was included in the 2019/2020 budget. A BC First Nations Gaming Revenue Sharing Limited Partnership is currently being developed. The formula will be based on 7% of all BC gaming revenue split amongst the 203 nation with 50% distributed equally, 40% split based on population, 10% split based on

Nation's remoteness. At the February community meeting we discussed the guidelines for this funding and the community supported our approach to engage council, staff and community to prioritize how this funding should be spent in our community. Work is still underway to create more gaming opportunities for First Nations in BC.

2019 AGM CONTINUATION

AGM

Annual General Meeting

With the potlatch and Spring Break in March 2019, we asked the community to consider re-scheduling the continuation of our AGM until April 2019. The AGM continuation is scheduled for **April 7, 2019** where we will complete the remaining agenda

items; staff reports, mission and vision statement work, wish list exercise and discussions/ decision making around community engagement. We hope to see another great turn out of community members to participate in this important work.

NTC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Budget Meetings

As previously mentioned there has been a change to the NTC Budget process. Instead of having an annual budget meeting as a larger NTC Society; a motion was passed to have the NTC Budget approved by the NTC Board of Directors. As this was the first

year of the new process there were a number of changes noted for next year. Tseshah proposed that we have a pre-meeting each year in which our finance directors can attend the budget presentation prior to the Director's meeting. Motions were passed at the budget meeting to adopt the 2019/2020 budget as presented. There was a significant

decrease in the surplus for the ARFA nations that is subject to decision to distribute. This year the surplus was \$294,360 which equals a distribution of approximately \$60,000 for Tseshah First Nation. As this currently goes towards our deficit each year, there is work we need to do internally to decrease our operating expenses to minimize our annual deficit.

Other business that was attended to at the NTC Director's meeting:

First Nations Housing and Infrastructure Council.

We are still unclear of the mandate of this council as well as their work plan and engagement strategy to transition housing jurisdiction from ISC to a First Nations Housing and Infrastructure Authority by 2021.

As their representatives failed to attend this meeting, our Nuuchah-nulth leaders will continue to lobby that they engage Nuuchah-nulth nations on this very important work. A motion was also passed to complete a comprehensive assessment of Housing and Infrastructure in our Nuuchah-nulth communities and to secure funding to complete this work.

Reconciliation

NTC has secured funding to do work on reconciliation within our Nations. They have hired a person on a term basis to engage each of our communities on reconciliation. Tseshah proposed a motion that in addition to engaging Nuuchah-nulth Nations one on one that a two-day forum on reconciliation be held this year for all Nuuchah-nulth Nations to participate.

OTHER ITEMS...

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

Council Quarterly Reports – to be included in next month's band bulletin.

Council Cooks for the Community – following our breakfast in December our next "council cooks for the community" is scheduled for **April 11** when we will again serve breakfast for our community members.

Congratulations to all of our participants, coaches and supporters that attended the **Junior All Native Basketball Tournament** in Kitimat! We are all so proud of your accomplishments and commitment!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Community Meeting April 1, 2019- 7pm (Great Room) **DINNER SERVED**
- AGM Continuation April 7, 2019- 9:00am, Haahuupayak School Gym

- Council Meetings April 4 & 18, 2019- 5:30 pm
- NTC Board of Directors- Port Alberni (April 30, 2019)

