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TSESHAHT FIRST NATION NEWSLETTER

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WE'RE GOING PAPERLESS!

Starting with this newsletter we are planning to go paperless. Less paper, less printing, less waste, more savings!

There are some things that will still need to be printed, but if we can start to reduce the amount we are printing the better it will be for everyone.

We are looking to start by providing newsletters to as many members as possible via email.

Join the newsletter email distribution list by sending your contact information to:

community@tseshaht.com

OFFICE CLOSURES

*Tseshaht Administration
Office will be closed at 3pm
Friday August 2 & closed
Monday August 5 for*

BC Day

*We will also be closed at 3pm
Friday August 30 & closed
Monday August 5 for*

Labour Day

TLU-PIICH GAMES

The 2019 Tlu-piich Games will take place August 6-11, 2019. This year there will be ISPARC sport camps to help prepare youth for different events.

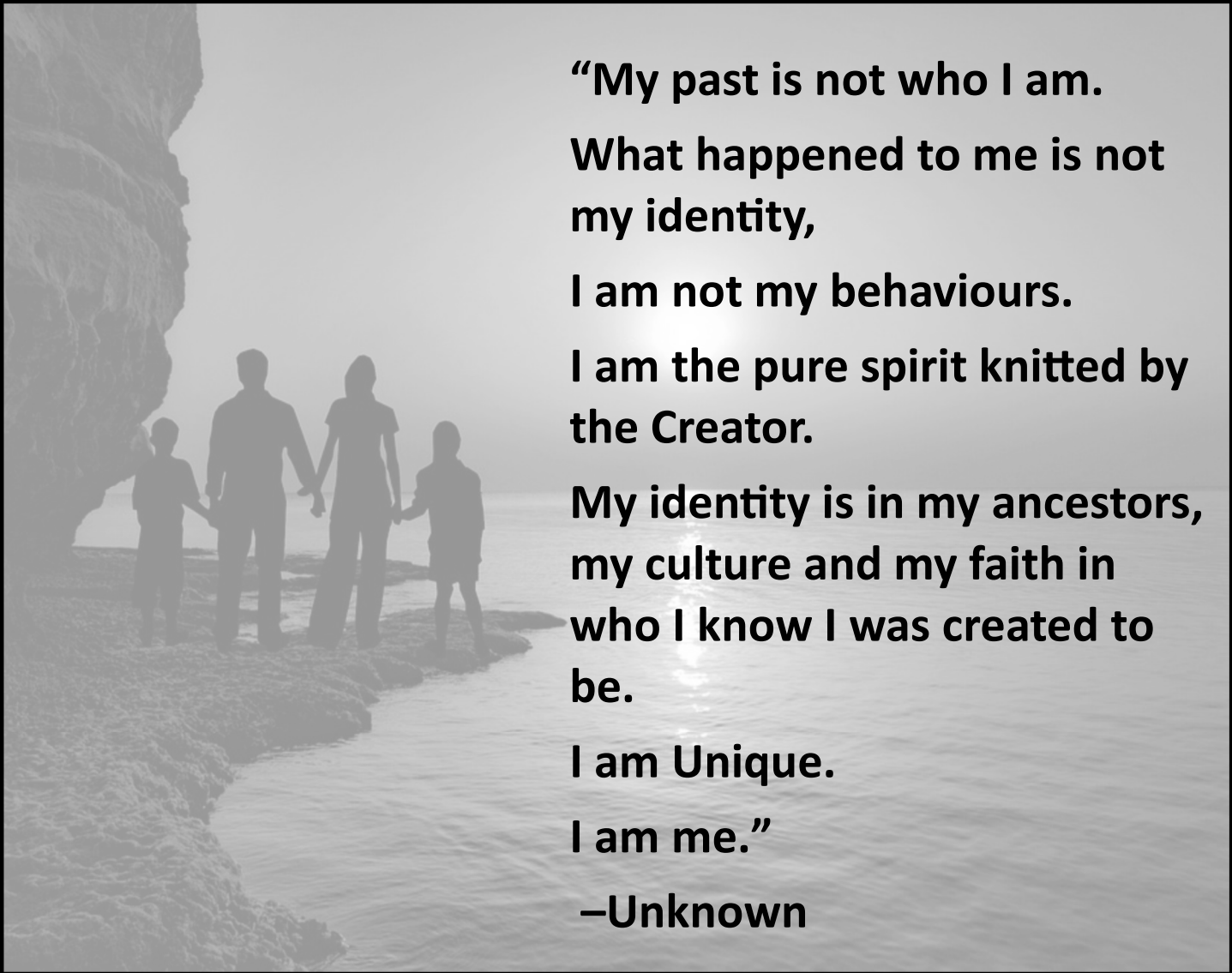
Run, Jump, Throw & Wheel for ages 6-12 on July 16 at Bob Dailey Stadium 6:30pm-8:00pm

Athletics, Track & Field for ages 12-18 on July 17 at Bob Dailey Stadium 6:30pm-8:00pm

Lacrosse ages 6-17 on July 18 at the Port Alberni LAX Box (3245 7th Ave.) 9:00am-11:30pm

Softball for ages 6-12 & 12-17 on July 24 at Echo Minor 1 9:00am-11:00am & 11:00am-1:00pm respectively





**“My past is not who I am.
What happened to me is not
my identity,
I am not my behaviours.
I am the pure spirit knitted by
the Creator.
My identity is in my ancestors,
my culture and my faith in
who I know I was created to
be.
I am Unique.
I am me.”
–Unknown**

Youth Outreach & Counselling @The Family Center

When: 5:00pm-12:00 midnight

Who: Any Youth or Adult

Wednesdays: Women's drop-in 6:00pm-8:00pm

Thursdays: Youth drop-in 5:00pm-12:00midnight

Fridays: Relapse prevention for NA 6:00pm-8:00pm

Saturdays: Drop-in Counselling 5:00pm-12:00midnight

Sundays: Families effected by Addiction Support Group 6:00pm-8:00pm

Tseshahat Canoe Family

As most of you know our Tseshahat Canoe Family is making their way to Lummi, Washington, USA for this year's Tribal Journeys. This is the third year that Tseshahat has participated in Tribal Journeys, each year growing and learning from the year before.

In preparation to leave, the Canoe Family fundraises throughout the year in hopes to bank enough money to carry through until the end of the journey. They also apply for grants from various sources. These funds go towards canoe repairs (in the off-season) and preparation, food and water for all paddlers, fuel for both support boat and land crew, among other incidentals.

Unfortunately, this year not enough funds were raised prior to departure and a plan was made to paddle as far as Beecher Bay, come home to take a 10 day rest, then continue the journey from Beecher Bay to Lummi. A callout for support was made on social media and soon there were loonie/toonies, online BINGO, multiple 50/50s and a raffle all towards enabling the Canoe Family to continue their journey from Beecher Bay to Lummi without a break.

As this newsletter is being written, our Tseshahat Canoe Family is "riding the wave" of these newly offered funds, but is still "not out of the water" yet.

Anyone wishing to contribute can do so as part of the ongoing fundraisers or e-transfer directly to: tseshahatcanoefamily@gmail.com

We would like to wish safe passage to all paddlers, support boat and land crews, to our Tseshahat Canoe Family and to all other Nations' participants!

July 2019 NCN Tribal Journey Canoe Arrival Schedule						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Hesquiaht	3 Hot Springs Cove	4 Ahousahat	5 Tla-o-qui-aht	6 Ucluelet
7 tseshahat (Kieth Island)	8 huy-ay-aht (Pacheena)	9 ditidaht (nitinaht)	10 ditidaht (nitinaht)	11 pacheedaht (Port Renfrew)	12 t'sou-ke (sooke)	13 Beecher Bay
14 Lower Elwah (Port Angeles)	15 Lower Elwah (Port Angeles)	16 Jamestown	17 Port Townsend	18 Port Gamble	19 Suquamish	20 Suquamish
21 Tulalip	22 Swinomish	23 Samish	24 Land in LUMMI	25	26	27
28 PROTOCOL	29 Return Home	30	31			

BGI Community Trip

52 community members loaded onto 6 boats on July 7, 2019 to travel to Keith Island. There were also approximately 25 additional Community members that travelled by vehicle to Toquart Bay (Secret Beach) who were then shuttled to Keith Island.

Upon arrival at Keith, Community members settled in on the main beach area and built fires, shared snacks, and visited with the Tseshahat Canoe Family members that were already camped there. Some also visited and took part in the active Archaeological Dig.

When the first canoe finally arrived at 1:30pm, protocol was presented and Tseshahat danced, sang and drummed as guests were invited ashore to share lunch. In total 5 canoes came ashore and lunch was enjoyed by approximately 150 guests and community members alike.

Dinner consisting of gathered shellfish, spaghetti, potato and salmon hash, corn on the cob and donuts was enjoyed by all. We were very fortunate this year to have support with the welcome from funding from FNHA, as well as local grocers for our meal supplies from Quality Foods, Tyler's No Frills and Naesgaards Farm and Market.

A special event occurred after dinner was served and before all the boats departed for the trip back, when Corey Anderson proposed to his long-time sweetheart and mother of his children, Alison Young.





2019 Tlu-piich Games

August 6 - 11



August 6 – Day 1

Track and Field –
Bob Daily Stadium at 2:00pm
Opening Ceremonies at 5:00pm
Cultural Night – House of Gathering
at 8:00pm

August 7 – Day 2

Track and Field – Bob Daily at 9:30am
(8:30 NTC Employee 1600m
Challenge)
3 on 3 Basketball (17 & under) –
Maht Mahs at 6:30pm
Lahal – House of Gathering at 8:00pm



August 8 – Day 3

Canoe Races – Canal Beach,
Registration starts at 8:30am
3 on 3 Basketball (seniors and 13 &
under) – Maht Mahs at 5:00pm
Lahal – House of Gathering at 8:00pm

August 9 – Day 4

Family BBQ Picnic – Blair Park at 11:00am
BBQ Lunch at 12:30pm followed by
Language Treasure Hunt

Family and Youth Dance – Port Alberni
Friendship Centre.

Family Dance at 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Youth Dance (ages 12 -18) at 8:00pm – 10:00pm



in partnership with Port Alberni Friendship Centre

August 10 – Day 5

Slo-pitch Tournament – Echo Minor Fields
[Times TBA]

Orthodox Exhibition Game – Echo Minor
Fields [Time TBA]

August 11- Day 6

Slo-pitch Tournament – Echo Minor Fields
[Times TBA]

Closing Ceremonies - Echo Minor Fields
(after the final ball game)

Volunteers

We are always looking for volunteers for the games. If you you
are looking to volunteer this year please contact Earl Tatoosh at
250.724.5757 or earl.tatoosh@nuuchahnulth.org



Tlu-piich Staff:
Mercediese Dawson
Earl Tatoosh
Briah Watts-Pearson
Annette Nookemus

Don't forget to use hashtags
[#tlupiichgames](https://twitter.com/tlupiichgames)
[#tg2019](https://twitter.com/tg2019)

?AAQIN?APHAK? - WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

AUG 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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SEPT 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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29	30					

- Aug 2 - **Administration Office** closed at 3 PM
- Aug 5 - Administration Office closed - **BC Day**
- Aug 30 - **Administration Office** closed at 3 PM
- Sept 2 - Administration Office closed - **Labour Day**
- Sept 9 - **Community Meeting** - 7PM - Great Room
- 1st Monday of the month - **Elder's Chu-mustup** - Great Room - 10 AM-12 PM
- Wednesdays - Family Center - **Women's drop-in** - 6:00pm-8:00pm
- Thursdays - Family Center - **Youth drop-in** - 5:00pm-12:00midnight
- Fridays - Family Center - **Relapse prevention for NA** - 6:00pm-8:00pm
- Saturdays - Family Center - **Drop-in Counselling** - 5:00pm-12:00midnight
- Sundays - Family Center - **Families effected by Addiction Support Group** - 6:00pm-8:00pm

WHO'S IN THE OFFICE:

MONDAYS

RCMP

JAY/PETE/BETH

TUESDAYS

1:00PM - 3:00PM

NTC HEALTH NURSE

FRANCINE

WEDNESDAYS

THURSDAYS

1:00PM - 3:00PM

NTC HEALTH NURSE

FRANCINE

FRIDAYS



Tseshaht First Nation School Supply and Allowance Application

Please submit your completed application to – Tamara Mack, Office Services Assistant

Fax: (250) 724-4385

Email: tmack@tseshaht.com

In person: 5091 Tsuma-as Drive, Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 8X9

Tseshaht Student Allowance Application

Funding for school supplies and school allowance is only available to Tseshaht students who are registered with Tseshaht First Nation, are registered in elementary or high school and who are in grades kindergarten to grade 12 (19 and under)

DEADLINE: Friday July 26, 2019
FINAL DEADLINE: Monday August 12, 2019
Kindergarten: \$10.00
Grade 1-6: \$45.00
Grade 7-12: \$100.00

To avoid delays, please fill in completely.

PAYMENT DETAILS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Payable to: _____
(must be payable to parent/guardian)

Mailing Address: _____

Residential Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email : _____ Status Card #: _____

STUDENT INFORMATION

	STUDENT	Grade	School	D.O.B	Status #
1.	_____				
2.	_____				
3.	_____				
4.	_____				

Parent/Guardian Name (please print) : _____

Parent/Guardian Status# : _____

Parent/Guardian Signature : _____

please circle: Mail Or Pick-Up

RCMP



ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

PORT ALBERNI RCMP INDIGENOUS POLICING SECTION

Cpl. Jay Donahue



Cpl. Jay Donahue is the Non Commissioned Officer in charge of Port Alberni Indigenous Policing services, living and working in the Valley for the past ten years. He is an Aboriginal person and of Metis decent. His maternal family are Cree, from the traditional territory of the Michel First Nation in Alberta. He has 23 years of policing services and a passion for working with Aboriginal peoples.

Jay previously worked as an RCMP officer in Campbell River and New Hazelton; working extensively with the Wei Wai Kum, Campbell River, Gitksan and Wet'suwet'en Nations. His priority is the same wherever he works, ensuring stronger and safer communities for our Aboriginal people.

"If you show respect, you get respect"
— Jay

Cst. Pete Batt



Cst. Pete Batt comes to you from the traditional territories of the Mi'kmaq Peoples. Pete is passionate about issues that affect Indigenous Youth and sees our Youth as the future for all of us. Cst. Batt holds a Bachelor of Science from Dalhousie University and enjoys boating, hiking, hunting and fishing with his family but spends much of his free time celebrating his culture by playing bagpipes in the West Coast Highlanders Pipes and Drums along with his family.

"By knowing and understanding our own cultures, we gain respect for the cultures around us." - Pete

Cst. Elizabeth O'Connor



Elizabeth O'Connor joined the RCMP in 2015 and was posted to Port Alberni out of Depot. She is originally from Hamilton Ontario, the traditional territories of the Haudensaunee and Anishnaabeg people.

Before joining the RCMP Cst. O'Connor worked as a Paramedic with BC Ambulance, a Support Worker with youth leaving the criminal justice system, and as a Corrections Officer.

Through her employment and volunteer work in drug and alcohol detox programs, she learned a great deal about the complexity and barriers people face every day. Cst. O'Connor was drawn to a career in emergency services out of a desire to impact others in a positive way and to promote positive change and progress.

"I feel fortunate to have been assigned to the Indigenous Policing Section and I am excited to learn and be involved in this partnership"
— Beth



WORKING TO BUILD SAFER, HEALTHIER, INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

DRYWALL/GYPSUM WASTE DISPOSAL INFORMATION

When delivering your drywall to the AV Landfill, certain procedures will need to be followed. A Gypsum/drywall **waste disposal application** is required for the disposal of all drywall/gypsum material. Applications can be downloaded from <https://www.acrd.bc.ca/alberni-valley-landfill> Or picked up a paper copy at the Landfill. The following provides the acceptance instructions:

Gypsum/drywall: (no asbestos)

1. Complete the waste disposal application form.
2. Bring the completed form with any necessary documentation and material to the Landfill for onsite verification and disposal.

Gypsum/drywall: (with asbestos)

1. Complete the waste disposal application form.
2. Bring the completed form with any necessary documentation and material to the Landfill for onsite verification and disposal.
3. Follow the legal requirements for bagging asbestos material for disposal:
 - Carefully place asbestos containing items in the required 6 Mil poly asbestos disposal bags available at the Alberni Valley Landfill for \$2 or \$3 each
 - DO NOT overfill the bag—leave enough space to properly tie it.
 - Wipe the outside of the bag clean with a wet paper towel and dispose of it with your material
 - Tie the outside of the bag goose neck style and seal with duct tape
 - Place the sealed bag in a **second asbestos disposal bag** and repeat cleaning the outside of the second bag and sealing with a goose neck tie.



3rd Ave. Recycling Depot
3620 3rd Ave. Port Alberni BC
Accepts the following:

- Electronics
- Gasoline, Pesticides, Solvents
- Light Bulbs (all)
- Small Household Appliances (no fridges or freezers)
- Smoke Alarms & Thermostats
- Paint and Paint Aerosols
- Outdoor Power Equipment
- Clothing

The Bottle Depot
3533 4th Ave. Port Alberni BC
Accepts the following:

- Electronics
- Beverage Containers

ALBERNI VALLEY LANDFILL
The Alberni Valley Landfill is a service of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
3008 Fifth Avenue
Port Alberni, BC V9Y 2E3
250-720-2700



ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT
REGIONAL DISTRICT

ALBERNI VALLEY LANDFILL

LANDFILL INFORMATION AND TIPPING FEES



HOURS OF OPERATION

Summer Hours

(Apr. 16th to Oct. 15th)
Monday to Friday—8:00 am to 5:30 pm
Saturday to Sunday—9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Winter Hours

(Oct. 16th to April 15th)
Monday to Friday—8:00 am to 4:30 pm
Saturday to Sunday—9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Landfill is closed on Statutory
Holidays

Phone: 250-723-1059

Located at:
7080 McCoy Lake Road
Port Alberni, BC

Payment Options

Cash, Interac, Visa and Mastercard are accepted.
No cheques, please.

To set up an account at the Alberni Valley Landfill please download an application from <https://www.acrd.bc.ca/alberni-valley-landfill> or call the ACRD office at 250-720-2700.



Alberni Valley Landfill provides a **RecycleBC** recycle depot for residential household recycling of Packaging and Printed Papers. For a full list of accepted items visit:

www.recyclebc.ca

Landfill Recycling Center Accepts the following Recyclable Materials at no cost:

Fridges and freezers

Yard and Garden Waste (branches 1" & under in diameter)

Metal

Batteries

Residential Used Oil
(incl. containers & filters)

Residential Used Antifreeze
(incl. containers)

Recycle BC Materials

Bikes

Note: A surcharge for solid waste containing **Recyclable Materials or Controlled**

The ACRD is committed to waste diversion and we thank you for Recycling Responsibly!

ALBERNI VALLEY LANDFILL

Tipping Fees

Solid Waste	Tipping Fee	Other Charges
Loads of 83 kg or greater	\$120.00 per tonne	\$10.00 minimum
Loads under 83 kg (each garbage bag or can)	\$2.00 each	\$8.00 maximum
Recreational Vehicle	\$240.00 per tonne	\$300.00 minimum
Surcharge for loads containing Recyclable Materials or Controlled Waste	Double the standard tipping fee	
Surcharge for Unsecured loads	\$240.00 per tonne	
Weighing service		\$10.00 each occurrence

Controlled Waste	Tipping Fee	Other Charges
Construction/Demolition Waste	\$160.00 per tonne	\$15.00 minimum
Land clearing debris	\$120.00 per tonne	15.00 minimum

Recyclable Materials	Tipping Fee	Other Charges
Residential Corrugated Cardboard	No Charge	
Commercial Corrugated Cardboard	\$60.00 per tonne	10.00 minimum
Metal, including appliances	No Charge	
Gypsum	\$250.00 per tonne	10.00 minimum
Clean wood waste	\$120.00 per tonne	10.00 minimum
Stewardship Materials, including car batteries, metal, used oil/antifreeze, fridges, freezers	No Charge	
Tires	\$170 per tonne	\$2.00 each tire minimum
Mattresses	20.00 each	
Yard and Garden Waste	No charge	

We are reminding drivers to please ensure you **SLOW DOWN!!!!** This time of year there are many children and people out and about walking.

If you see driver behavior that is concerning please take down the license plate number and report to the RCMP.

**PLEASE
DRIVE
WITH
CAUTION**

Elder's Chumustup & Chat

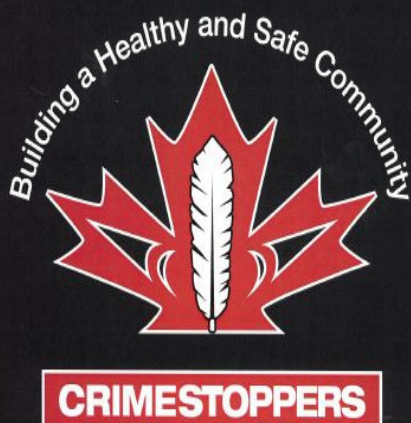


**1st Monday of the
month**

10AM - 12PM

**Great Room
Chumus Potluck
Everyone Welcome!**

(Please note if the 1st Monday
lands on a holiday we will meet
the following day)




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

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

 **bccrimestoppers.com**



UPDATE GARBAGE PICKUP SCHEDULE

							REVISED							2019							Garbage Pick-up/Holiday							
January							February							March							April							
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Dates are subject to change

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July 2019

TSESHAHT COUNCIL REPORT

CYNTHIA DICK

Graduations and Scholarships

Tseshahht First Nation participated in several Graduation and Scholarship Ceremonies honouring all the hard work of our students for the 2018/2019 school year. We are happy to share that Tseshahht has had 11 students graduate from Grade 12, 1 student graduate from a NETP program and 5 students graduate from Port Secondary studies. Congratulations to all of our students on a successful year and best wishes for many more.

We would also like to acknowledge our Tseshahht students that received a scholarship from the Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council. This year 24 of our members received the Kindergarten to Grade 12 Scholarship and 7 of our members received a scholarship in Post Secondary studies.

We would also like to thank those that helped in the acknowledgement of our Tseshahht graduates at our Aboriginal Day event held on June 21 at Papermill Dam.

Paddle to Lummi

Our Tseshahht Canoe Family left to participate in the Paddle to Lummi on July 4, 2019. Several of our staff and members joined them in the Broken Group Islands

on July 7, 2019 to welcome other canoes and share a meal. The Tseshahht Canoe Family is scheduled to land in Lummi on July 24, 2019 with protocol to follow from the July 25 until the July 28. The canoe family continues to fundraise to assist with this travel and donations can be made to tseshahtcanoefamily@gmail.com. There are also numerous fundraising efforts being done by our members to assist the Canoe Family. We wish all those participating in the 2019 Canoe Journey's safe travels and thank the Tseshahht Canoe Family for the pride they bring to our Nation.

Tseshahht AGM

The remaining agenda items for the AGM continuation went to the community at the May 2019 community meeting for further direction. It was decided that the remaining agenda items would be dealt with at upcoming community meetings in the fall and others be included on the next AGM agenda. The remaining agenda items that were not dealt with included; staff updates, mission and vision exercise, wish list for funding exercise, and community engagement. The community also passed a motion that the Tseshahht annual general meeting take place in October of each year (following the cycle of the moon). This year's Annual General Meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2019.

Clock Tower Project

As the funding required to complete this project was much higher than anticipated the completion of this project is now expected to be done in Fall 2019. Darrell and Darren continue to work with the City of Port Alberni. They have also started to explore other opportunities of having Tseshahat presence at the Harbour Quay.

Harbour View Lands

When the first draft "Request for Proposals" to develop the Harbour View Lands was approved by Port Alberni City Council, the treed area was not removed from the proposal. This went against the commitment that was previously made to Tseshahat First Nation and we immediately expressed our concern to the Mayor and CAO of Port Alberni. Since that time the proposal went back to council and the treed portion was removed. The City has also agreed to involve Tseshahat in the review process of the proposals.

BC Gaming Revenue Sharing with First Nations

Since the announcement of the BC Gaming Revenue with First Nations we have not heard much more information other than that it is included in this year's budget and they were currently in the process of developing a limited partnership to oversee the distribution. It was announced that a BC First Nations Gaming Revenue Sharing and Financial Agreement between the Province of BC and the limited partnership, BCAFN, FNS, etc. would be signed in June 2019 with funds being flowed to the limited partnership in late June or early July 2019. First Nations would then be sent packages with information on how to sign on to the limited partnership and distributions expected to be in the late Summer months of 2019. The split between First Nations in British Columbia will be based on 50%- divided equally, 40%- based on population, and 10%- remoteness formula. As this funding is expected to become available in the near future we have made it a priority to engage staff, council and community to prioritize these funds based on the following conditions set by

the Government; health and wellness, infrastructure, safety, transportation and housing, economic and business development, education, language, culture and training, community development and environmental protection, and capacity-building, fiscal management and governance.

Reconciliation

On June 18th the Reconciliation Committee met to review the draft "Reconciliation Report" to seek any further input before it goes to City Council for review. The report will also be provided to Tseshahat First Nation and Hupacasath First Nation during a council meeting presentation. The City will be seeking our input on the report and direction on how to implement the recommendations that are included. They will also be seeking input on continuing the work of a tripartite 'Reconciliation Committee' for the Valley. This will be brought to the community at a future community meeting for discussion.

NTC Board of Directors

May 24, 2019- Special Director's meeting with ARFA group.

Representatives from Hesquiaht, Tseshahat, Ehattesaht and Nuchatlaht attended this meeting. NTC representatives included Florence, Gudrun, Trevor, Judith and Andy. This was a brief meeting to provide information about the Service Buy Backs under the Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council. As the information was only provided to us upon arrival at the meeting Tseshahat requested that a follow up meeting be scheduled to allow us to bring back the information to our councils and have a more in-depth discussion. I also put forward that Tseshahat would be willing to host the meeting. A meeting will be scheduled for later this month.

May 28, 2019 NTC Board of Directors (Campbell River)

Following the elections in the Ucluelet and Kyuquot communities there have been new appointments to the

NTC Directors table. For Ucluelet the Director is now Chief Charles McCarthy and alternate is Al McCarthy. For Kyuquot First Nation Chief Richard Leo is now the director and interim Chief Kevin Jules is the alternate. Presentations were provided from Alison Olney on the BCTEA FN Student Transportation Fund and Tawney Lem on the NTC Constitution and Bylaws Working Group. Our representatives on the NTC Constitution and Bylaws Working Group are Ken Watts and Hugh Braker. They continue to meet, and changes are scheduled to be presented at the upcoming NTC AGM in September 2019.

Vancouver Island Regional Health Caucus

The VI regional health caucus took place in Parksville on June 5th and 6th, 2019. Agenda items included; 'Directive 1: Community Driven, Nation Based' which looked at the current engagement structure. 'Directive 2: Increase First Nation Decision-Making and Control' which allowed for a discussion on the Mental Health and Wellness MOU, reporting framework and long-term commitment. Other agenda items included the 'Opioid State of Emergency', Ten-Year Strategy on Social Determinants of Health, FNHA Summary Service Plan, Family Based Planning and a presentation was done by the Warrior Program. There has been a funding commitment to renovate 6 treatment centres in BC and to open 2 new ones.

Forestry

An update for our Forestry and Fisheries departments has been scheduled for our next council meeting on

July 17, 2019. We had a brief meeting on June 27, 2019 to get an update on forestry operations and discuss next steps, including, a plan to actively engage our forestry committee representatives.

On May 30, 2019 Darren and I met with representatives from the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, and BC Timber Sales This was an informal meeting to get an update from the Ministries from our previous discussions. They wanted to provide information about the 'Strategic Forestry Initiative Funding' from the MFLNRORD, potential opportunities for partnership between BCTS and Tseshah First Nation, get an idea of if Tseshah has reconsidered an FCRSA, provide information about FN Gaming Revenue Sharing, and provide an opportunity for general discussions.

Darrell continues to work with the Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development to review the Nahmint Landscape Unit Planning process which was initiated in 2007. The objective of this work is to establish Old Growth Management Areas.

Other

- Tseshah Women's Declaration – *needs to be rescheduled*
- Council Quarterly Reports: *Next report date October 2019*
- Council Cooks for the Community – *date to be set for Fall 2019*

Upcoming Meetings

- July 17, 2019 – Chief & Council

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Portfolios

1. Economic Development
2. Cannabis
3. Protocol development with local governments and organizations
4. ACRD/Landfill
5. Governance Manual
6. Tseshah Market board member

Other Projects/Initiatives/ Supporting

1. Language funding/language house
2. Referral support
3. NTC Constitution and Bylaws Working Group

Boards and Committees

1. Market Board
2. Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce (non-voting member) *NEW*

Economic Development

Cannabis

Tseshaht will be formally announcing our retail provincially licensed store once we are approved and all matters are dealt with. Cannabis is an industry community gave clear direction to enter in both cultivation and retail.

Our retail store near the Tseshaht Market may be one of the first BC "First Nations" retail licenses in Nuuchah-nulth territory, on the island or possibly in BC. A Manager has been hired and more members will be hired as staff once approvals come in. We will also be hiring a contractor to renovate the old space. We will be exploring future cultivation opportunities specifically a micro-license (growing).

Corporation

Tseshaht Elected Chief and Council met with Ratcliff and Co. legal counsel on the creation of a corporation. Options were provided along with recommendations specifically regarding board structure.

Tseshaht will be engaging with financial advisors, MNP. Once a package is prepared for community to consider which applies to our businesses and the corporation governance structure, it will be presented along with potential presentations from legal and financial advisors. Community will have to make this decision not only to form a corporation, but the structure as well. I would like to share with members that legal advisors were surprised that Council doesn't just approve the restructuring of businesses and that we had to go to community to endorse. This shows the level of engagement our Nation has with members.

Other Opportunities

In the past year we have secured our billboards, land lease/fibre supply of value-added mill and are awaiting our retail cannabis license. Tseshaht is active in looking at other opportunities within our entire territory both on and off-reserve.

Protocol Agreements

Tseshaht is always looking to explore potential collaboration, partnership and cooperation from other governments and organizations. While the City of Port Alberni and the Port Alberni Port Authority agreements have been signed off, we will be exploring other similar agreements.

ACRD/Landfill

The Tseshaht First Nation has had a landfill placed in our backyard that was approved not only without our consent but we were also never consulted. The ACRD has proposed to amalgamate their 8 tenures into one.

Council met previously and directed our Nation to look at potential next steps to address Tseshaht concerns. It has been noted to the Province that Tseshaht requires significant resources to review this referral as well as engaging our community to make an informed decision.

Governance Manual

Next steps

Finally, after many hours of volunteer work by members and drafting we are nearing a final draft. Based on feedback from our last engagements the next steps will include Council review followed by a legal counsel review. Once that is complete Council will bring back community in the fall or winter of 2019 a final draft for approval.

Tseshaht would like to thank the following individuals who have contributed to the creation and recent editing of the current draft Governance Manual and I apologize if we missed anyone:

First draft "Terms of Reference":

Anne Robinson, Mike Watts, Darleen Watts, Gail Gus and Wendy Gallic.

First round of engagement and edits to “Governance Manual”:

Anne Robinson, Ed Nicholson, Dave Watts, Wilma Gus, Erma Robinson, Kathy Robinson, Tom Watts, Chuck Watts, Les Sam, Darrell Ross Sr., and Gloria Ross (our apologies if we have missed anyone).

Final round of edits/engagements:

Gloria Ross, Wendy Gallic, Deb Foxcroft, Darlene Taylor and Anne Robinson

Tseshah Market

The Market has had another successful fiscal year thanks to the Management of Claudine Watts, all the staff and a great board. Dennis Bill is our Board Chair and reports have been presented several times in the past year to community. Future work of the Market includes: leases out previous office space to Orange Bridge Cannabis, preparing for expiration of Fas Gas agreement in 2021 and developing more plans for increasing business, development and more.

Language

As previously reported, although I am not the Council lead on language, I assisted staff in applying for language funding to First Peoples Culture Council and we were successful in obtaining \$150,000 for languages in the areas of coordination, planning, data entry, classes and immersion. Since then we have hired an amazing team and committed to creating a new language house at the old adult centre/First Nations Wildcrafters office at the old nursery site. A formal notice should be

occurring with respect to a grand opening. I will assist in any way I can.

Referral Support

As previously mentioned, I have been assisting in leading our engagement on the landfill and provincial referrals, as well as recent engagement on the Cathedral Grove pedestrian study and a small renewal of a license near the airport. It is clear that Tseshah requires resources to be properly consulted in any areas of consultation within our territory and we must stand firm on governments requiring our free, prior and informed consent before proceeding. It is important that we go on record for any referral that is presented to Tseshah that may impact our Title and Rights.

NTC Constitution and Bylaws Working Group

I, along with Councillor Hugh Braker, have been engaged in a working group to review the NTC constitution and bylaws as directed at the 2017 NTC AGM. We have attended a number of meetings to edit the document and it is now going to legal counsel for review. Two priorities to be addressed were participation and Nation appointments/proxy process.

Forestry and Fisheries

As I have been asked previously by membership for an update, I would like to remind community that am not the lead or an alternate for either forestry or fisheries and therefore cannot provide you with an update on those departments in terms of economic development.

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Membership Services Committee

Membership Services Committee reviewed applications for Membership of newborns/children and transfer requests. During this reporting period the Committee confirmed eligibility for registration of five (5)

newborns and children under Section 4(1)b or c; and three (3) transfer requests (two of which have direct lineage and one through marriage). Report and recommendation were sent to Council for endorsement. May 13, 2019 Community Meeting accepted the Membership Services Committee report on additions of newborns and children, and voted acceptance of all three transfer requests.

The Membership Services Committee work on recommended revisions to the Tseshah First Nations Membership Code (1987) is ongoing. The Committee expressed concerns with Section 8: Loss of Membership, particularly the area where it speaks to loss of membership in the event of relationship separation or divorce. Difficulties to consider included:

- Challenges with enforcement and consistent and equitable application of the Code for on and off-reserve populations.
- Consideration of individuals who gained their membership as a result of marriage/children and who have been longstanding valued community members.
- Separating parents from children (minor or adult).

The Committee recommends this to be brought to Tseshah Community for deliberation and direction.

The Committee is fully supportive of instating a membership application fee for transfer requests (not for individuals who have family lineage and would be eligible for membership under Section 4 (1) b or c).

The Committee recommended consultation with the Language & Culture Committee to edit the draft Membership Code Preamble to shorten and include objectives grounded in historical context of Membership administration. The Committee resurfaced the draft Tseshah-USMA Protocol and recommended consultation with the Language & Culture Committee to identify appropriate cultural resources listing. I attended the May 1, 2019 Language & Culture Committee to present the requests from the Membership Services

Committee. Staff are working to coordinate a joint meeting with the Membership Services Committee and the Language & Culture Committee to collaborate on the areas noted above. Scheduling of the joint meeting will likely occur following Canoe Journeys.

Personnel Committee

Since April 2019, the Committee has completed recruitment for the positions of a Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP) Champion (term), Language Coordinator, Early Childhood Educator, and Beach Keeper. Current recruitment is underway for a Community Services Manager.

Additional Activities

- Completion of annual Social Development file review.
- Provide feedback to Council regarding First Nations Summit Elections.
- Attended the First Nations Health Authority Vancouver Island Regional Caucus (as FNHA staff). Discussions focused on:
 - Social Determinants of Health
 - Opioid State of Emergency
 - Mental Health Memorandum of Understanding
 - Funding opportunities for collaborative initiatives and planning
 - Capital and infrastructure

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Meetings Attended

- April 1 – Community meeting
- April 4 – Chief & Council meeting
- April 8 – Tseshah Fisheries Committee meeting
- April 11 – Tseshah Elders Committee meeting
- April 16 – Land Claims Panel meeting
- April 17 – Signed cheques
- May 1 – Land Claims Panel meeting
- May 13 – Community meeting

- May 14 – Tseshah Fisheries Committee meeting
- May 15 – Special Community Fisheries meeting
- May 16 – Chief & Council meeting
- May 28 – Land Claims Panel meeting
- June 10 – Community meeting
- June 14 – Signed cheques
- June 20 – Chief & Council meeting
- June 21 – Tseshah Market Board meeting
- June 27 – Chief & Council meeting
- *Plus other dates not listed here.*