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TSESHAHT FIRST NATION NEWSLETTER

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WE'RE GOING PAPERLESS!

Starting with this newsletter we are looking to go paperless. Less paper, less printing, less waste, less money!

There are some things that 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 via email. The quicker we can complete our contact list, the quicker we need to print.

If you would like to start receiving your newsletter via email please send your contact information to:

community@tseshaht.com

OFFICE CLOSURES

*Tseshaht Administration
Office will be closed at 3pm
Thursday June 20 & closed
Friday June 21 for*

Aboriginal Day

*We will also be closed at 3pm
Friday June 28 & closed
Monday July 1 for
Canada Day*

FISH DAYS INFO

The Fisheries Department is pleased to inform Tseshaht Members that Fish Days will begin June 14-June 16 2019.

Friday will be for Elders and the permanently disabled only.

Saturday and Sunday will be for community members. Fish Days will continue every Friday to Sunday there after until an in-season forecast is made.

Please note we have updated the Tseshaht Fish Day Rules, please see page 2 for more information
Thank you for your patience.



TSESHAHT FISH DAY RULES (UPDATED JUNE 2019)

- Community Fish Days are designed to provide fish to community members who do not have their own access to catching fish.
- Any band member 16 years of age or older is permitted to get fish on Saturday and Sunday except those who are not elders and have not been designated to be fishing or deck hand in the Tseshaht Commercial Gill net or Jigging fishery
- You must be present to receive fish, unless you are an elder.
- Elders (60+) can have their fish picked up on Fridays with a note.
- Community fish days are on Saturday/Sunday. Elders and permanently disabled are on Fridays. Members who appear intoxicated or under the influence of drugs or members who have been barred from fish days by council will be refused.
- People being paid to work at fish days must be present from the start time to the end time and are not allowed to end fish day early unless there is an emergency or illness.
- Anyone Jigging fish and selling them commercially will not qualify for fish on Fish day Saturday or Sunday.
- Gillnetters, and deckhands and jiggers will not receive community fish UNLESS they are specifically asked to help with Fish Days.
- However, if there are leftover fish at the end of the day(fish less than the number of community members present) then the leftover fish can be distributed to the chasers, people who go into the river to pull net, people carrying fish from the boat to the toes and any people voluntarily helping.
- If there are no fish left at the end then there may be one more set at the end of the day and the fish from that catch will be distributed to the volunteer workers.



TSESHAHT Engagement Sessions on our Governance Manual

Important!



MONDAY JUNE 24 | 10AM - 12 NOON

MONDAY JUNE 24 | 7PM - 9PM

BOTH SESSIONS @ TFN Boardroom 1

What is a Governance Manual?

A Governance Manual is a document that will help govern the Tseshaht First Nation Chief and Council by providing clearly defined roles, responsibilities, reporting requirements and other governance matters such as community meetings.



2019 TRIBAL JOURNEY'S PADDLE TO LUMMI

The next cruise ship visit is June 15.

We are currently looking for those wanting to paddle as part of our welcome to the cruise ship into the harbour.

We are also looking for singers and dancers to perform during the festivities ashore!

If you are interested in participating please leave your name with the Welcome Center at 250.724.1225.



INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY WEEKEND

June 21-23 - 1pm-5pm | Sproat Lake Landing

Free outdoor celebration! Come and enjoy Indigenous culture in celebration of Indigenous People's Day at the beautiful Sproat Lake Landing Resort and Drinkwaters Restaurant! Come out for a delicious bite to eat at Drinkwaters restaurant or enjoy a nice cold ice cream cone from Dellas Cafe!

We are pleased to announce that Kevin Haywahe is coming out from Saskatchewan for a preview of his powwow performances with a few of his friends. If you haven't had a chance to see powwow style dancing, then this is a great opportunity to do so!

We are excited that Tseshaht First Nation members will be here singing and dancing as well. We would like to bring awareness to their annual Canoe Journey to Lummi, Washington as they will be accepting donations to help them on their travels over seas. Please visit Tseshaht Canoe Family to donate!

Crafters will be on location demonstrating cedar weaving, dreamcatcher making, and more, with their very own hand crafted items for sale.



**For more information on activities or ways
to support our Tseshaht Canoe Family
please contact:
Corey Anderson via Facebook**



My 1st Day as a Beach Keeper

*4 in the morning on a long weekend in May, a Tseshaht Beach Keeper called a "Ayap shilth"
 awakens for his 4 day journey to the summer village of the Broken Group Islands.
 The coffee is on and breakfast is ready, we head to the boat; the Somass flows steady,
 Day dawn brings light to the canal, on Hishok I (our boat) with our crew also our pal,
 We arrive to Keith Island and stay in a cabin,
 Is my first time here , so I unpack my gear,
 I set sail again, there are islands to visit,
 Nobody home, so on I roam,
 The beauty of the islands, I will never forget,
 We share stories, talk about the weather and safety for sure,
 Where to paddle their kayak and share a brochure,
 There are 7 campsites to visit, each an old village site,
 So on we go and meet someone new,
 Business was done, between the islands we run,
 The radio calls, it's Parks Channel 1,
 There has been a wolf sighting on Weibe, oh my god I must see,
 So over we went, camera in hand to look for footprints in the sand,
 You wouldn't believe what's next, I am all alone on the island,
 So I picked up a stick and went to the shore,
 Went back to the boat, he was holding the door,
 I did not see the wolf, but found me a print,
 So off to Parks the picture I sent,
 So back to the cabin, there is fish for dinner,
 There are 3 days left, I wonder what tomorrow holds next.*

~ Cody Gus



yaaʔakukʷah ʔuuʔuukʷaʔath (I love our language)

yaacuʔisaqs (Linsey Haggard), Language Worker

ʔukʷaamah yaacuʔisaqs čišaaʔaqsumah. ʔuhukʷitah ʔumiiqsu heečis, Eileen Haggard čišaaʔaqsup. ʔuhukʷah ʔuwiiqsu Dave Haggard. ʔuhukʷitah ʔumiiqsacpa Hughie and Grace Watts. I have been on my adult language learning journey since 2012 and am eternally grateful for all of my mentors I have had along the way. I am excited to start the new position as Language Worker, building my fluency in our language and getting to spend time in our community focussing on this language initiative.

ʔuʂyakšičeʔic yaacuʔisaqs (Linsey Haggard)

Grant Watts, Data Technician

Hello, my name is Grant Watts, I am from the Watts and Gus families here in Tseshaht. I am a Haa-Huu-Payuk graduate and have held an immense interest in preserving our language with technology since then. I have worked with Tseshaht in building our very own archive database that is currently being used by our Culture and Lands employee Darrell Ross Sr.

I still believe in preserving our language and culture with the use of technology and with today's technological advances, our options of what we want to archive, store and how are growing. I plan to utilize my skills and knowledge to create a foundation that will carry on into the future, so that our grandchildren and great grandchildren can lean and expand upon what is created now.

One of my favorite quotes about language comes from the movie "Arrival" (2016) and it goes like this: *"Language is the foundation of civilization. It is the glue that holds a people together. It is the first weapon drawn in a conflict."*

That sums up my feelings :)

ʔaaqinʔaphasuu (What are you all doing?)

- We have been successful in our funding applications to FirstVoices, NETP, and NEDC
- We are setting up a Language House at the previous First Nations Wildcrafters office, we have painted and are gathering all of the items we need to make the space a great working, learning, and meeting space. ʔuʂyakšičeʔicuu to everyone who helped with moving stuff out and into the space, painting, getting the services set-up and with all of the logistics. Stay tuned for our community open house.
- Tseshaht beginner language classes continue Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm with yaacuʔisaqs (Linsey Haggard)



(L-R: Darrell Ross Sr, Research & Planning Associate, Grant Watts, part-time Data Technician, Linsey Haggard, full-time Language Worker, Dawn Foxcroft part time Coordinator)



Tseshah Community Comprehensive Plan

Good day Tseshah!

I am very excited to finally start getting the ball rolling as the CCP Champion!

I have spent the last few weeks adjusting to my new surroundings, meeting administration staff, chief and council, community members and planning teams to better serve the community on the Tseshah CCP endeavour.

I have found a permanent space to complete this important work. I am located up at the old nursery building, now called the 'Language House' with the amazing language team, Dawn Foxcroft, Linsey Haggard and Grant Watts. The space is freshly painted, we have coffee, tea, snacks and comfortable furniture to lounge in. Please do not hesitate to visit, connect with myself, or arrange a meetings date. I am able to host, travel, facetime, email, text, and more!

- 7000B Pacific Rim Highway.

Contact information:

Josh Goodwill

CCP Champion

Tseshah First Nation

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(Email)CCP@tseshah.com

Please do not hesitate to connect with me!
I will make myself available to fit your schedule!

Klecko Klecko!

CCP Timeline

Research, Analysis,
Creation of
Newsletters &
brochures

June
2019

- I have spent much of June diving into the previous CCP drafts and identifying where I can work from. Over the next few weeks, I will have information sent out, newsletters and brochures available, and family meetings arranged.

House focused
meetings &
Individual meetings

July
2019

- Family focused meetings to identify representatives for the Tseshah CCP Advisory Group
- C' ISAA?ATH
- HACH'AA?ATH
- MAKTL?II?ATH
- HIKWUULH?ATH

House focused
meetings &
Individual meetings

August
2019

- Family focused meetings to identify representatives for the Tseshah CCP Advisory Group
- C'ISAA?ATH
- HACH'AA?ATH
- MAKTL?II?ATH
- HIKWUULH?ATH

Advisory
Committee
Meetings

September
2019

- Advisory group meets to establish a Terms of Reference (roles and responsibilities)
- The advisory group meets to review the draft CCP and identify strengths and gaps

• CLUTESI
• DICK
• FRED
• GALLIC
• GUS
• MUNDY

• PETERS
• ROBINSON
• ROSS
• SAM
• THOMAS
• WATTS
• WILLIAMS



?AAQIN?APĤAK? - WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

JUNE 2019

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JULY 2019

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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Jun 14 - **Elders Fish Day** - 5 AM start
- Jun 15 & 16 - **Community Fish Days** - 5 AM start
- Jun 15 - **Cruise Ship visit** - Harbour Quay
- Jun 19 - **Elders Island Luncheon** - Maht Mahs
- Jun 20 - **Administration Office** closed at 3 PM
- Jun 21 - Administration Office closed - **Aboriginal Day**
- Jun 21 - **Aboriginal Day** - Festivities at the Dam - 1 PM-4 PM
- Jun 21-23 - **Aboriginal Days** - Sproat Lake Landing - 1 PM-5 PM daily
- Jun 28 - **Administration Office** closed at 3 PM
- Jul 1 - Administration Office closed - **Canada Day**
- Jul 1 - **Canada Day Parade**
- Jul 1 - **Canada Day Festivities** - Harbour Quay - 12 PM
- Jul 2 - **Elders Chumustup** - Great Room - 10 AM-12 PM
- Fridays - **Elders Fish Day** - until further notice
- Saturdays & Sundays - **Community Fish Days** - until further notice
- 1st Monday of the month - **Elder's Chumustup** - Great Room - 10 AM-12 PM

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

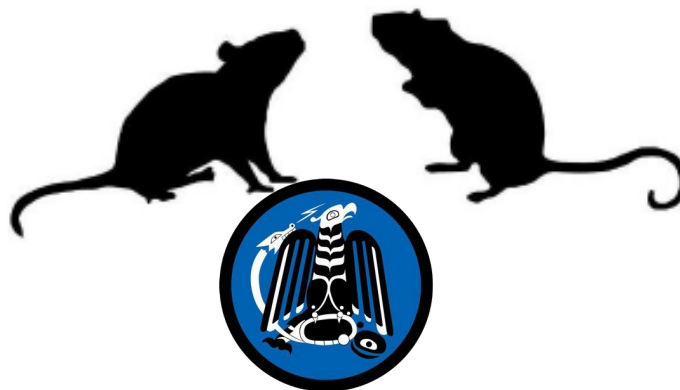


How to Keep Rats Away

- No one wants to find a rat in their home. People will often discover rats inhabiting their attics, wall voids, basements and crawlspaces, especially in heavily populated urban areas. Rats breed fast, leave horrible messes, cause property damage and are known to be responsible for spreading several diseases.
- Getting rid of rats once they are indoors is difficult. It is important to take steps to keep rats away. There are things you can do around your property to make it less attractive to rats.

Rat Prevention Top Tips

- Keep food in metal or glass containers with tight fitting lids.
- Clean inside the house and around the yard - *less clutter means less places to hide.*
- Put outdoor garbage bags in metal garbage cans with securely fitted lids to stop them feeding from contents.
- Clean up pet food and bird seed debris, and store pet food in containers with fitted lids.
- Keep gardens free from debris and keep clutter to a minimum.
- If you have a compost heap don't include organic food waste, as this will attract them.
- If you have already spotted signs of rats, such as droppings, prevention may already be too late.
- We would advise you to act quickly to get rid of rats and prevent a larger infestation developing.



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

ELDER'S UPCOMING EVENTS

Elder's Chumustup & Chat (Coffee Break)

Tuesday July 2, 2019

10AM-12PM | Great Room

Elder's Island Luncheon - June

Wednesday June 19, 2019

12PM | Maht Mahs Gym

Elder's Fish Days - June

Every Friday - until further notice

We are looking for donations for the Elder's Island Luncheon as well as volunteers for helping in the kitchen and serving.

Please contact Lillian Dick 250.724.1225

Prizes can be dropped off at the Administration Office.

Elder's Chumustup & Chat



1st Monday of the month

10AM - 12PM

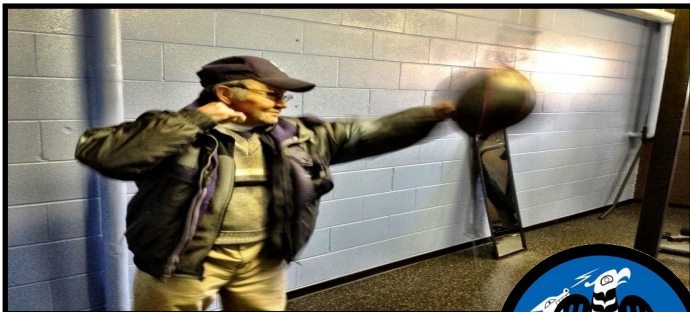
Great Room

Chumus Potluck

Everyone Welcome!

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

FITNESS GYM HOURS



Mon, Wed & Fri

5:00PM - 7:00PM

Summer Hours starting May 27

Everyone Welcome!



Social Housing

Minor, Major, TRD & Emergency Repairs

What is considered a minor repair in Social Housing?

A minor repair means it can be done by elementary operations. For example a clogged drain, a plugged toilet, changing light bulbs, repairing nail holes in walls, cleaning mould from windows etc.

What is considered a major repair in Social Housing?

A major repair means a complicated, time-consuming or risky as to suggest the assistance of a qualified handyman, contractor/builder, or other professionals. For example: repairing large holes in walls larger than 2 inches in diameter.

What is considered an emergency repair in Social Housing?

Emergencies are considered those that impact the tenant's health or safety, or put the building or property at risk. Emergency repairs may be defined as plumbing/hot water tank not working, heating (no heat), leaking roof, frozen pipes or leaking pipes, electrical malfunction, stove or fridge malfunction. If there is an emergency such as a flood, fire, or if your safety or security is at risk please phone 911.

What is considered Tenant Related Damage (TRD) in Social Housing?

Damages caused by tenant that are not considered normal wear and tear. Damages caused due to neglect or willful damage. Reports of any damage must be reported in a timely manner.

Alterations to Social Housing unit?

Where a tenant lives in a social housing unit or band-owned home, they must not make any alterations to the Rental Premises without prior written consent of the Housing Department and they must:

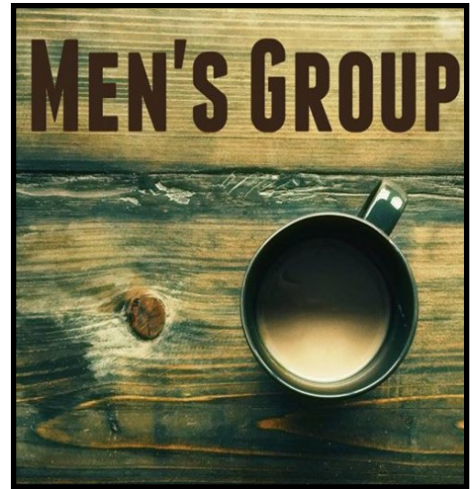
- wait until the 2 year probationary period is complete;
- be a member in good standing with the Tseshah First Nation;
- submit a written request to the Housing Committee outlining the type of alteration and work plans showing the alteration meets the BC Building Code.

The Housing Department and tenants share the responsibility for maintaining Social Housing units. If you would like further information please contact the Housing Department.



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.



Mondays

6PM - 8PM

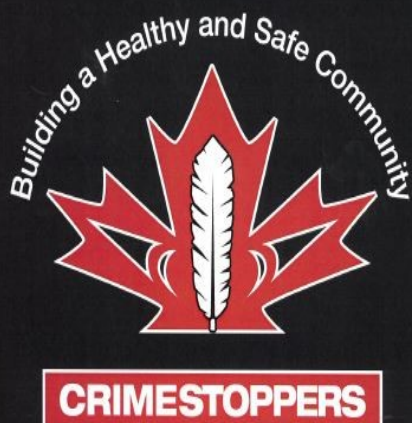
Family Center

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**



PATIENT TRAVEL

FNHA Medical Transportation Responsibilities for BC First Nations:

If you are using medical transportation benefits provided by the FNHA Health Benefits program (either through the community or the regional office), here is your check-list:

- ⇒ Get prior approval for all non-emergency trips. The only exception is a medical emergency.
- ⇒ Give 5 -10 days notice before leaving the community (or more depending on the community's policy). This avoids last minute confusion and provides enough time to make travel arrangements.
- ⇒ Obtain all of the necessary paperwork for your trip before leaving the community (i.e. referral from GP or **confirmation of appointment** with specialist).
- ⇒ Attending your medical appointment as scheduled.
- ⇒ Get a signed/stamped Confirmation of Attendance (COA) from your doctor or nurse confirming that you have attended your medical appointment. The signed COA must be returned to the Transportation Coordinator after the medical appointment.
- ⇒ Protect all of the original vouchers/warrants/receipts issued to you for your medical trip. Please note that vouchers, warrants, and receipts will not be reissued if lost or stolen.
- ⇒ Give notification when cancelling an appointment. Be sure to provide 24 hours' notice to cancel hotel arrangements. ***please see Tseshahat requirement below***
- ⇒ Collect and forwarding all required receipts.

Tseshahat Patient Travel (PT) follows the above listed FNHA guidelines. Please note the following when submitting patient travel requests:

- ⇒ A minimum 5 days notice is required to process patient travel.
- ⇒ Complete the Tseshahat Patient Travel Request Form and submit to the PT clerk. Please ensure to complete the form in full and print clearly.
- ⇒ **Patient Travel Advances** (issued before appointment) will only be processed with **Confirmation of Appointment** from doctor's office/medical clinic. It is client responsibility to submit confirmation of appointment to the Tseshahat patient travel clerk along with the PT request form. Clients may request the doctor's office/medical clinic to fax the appointment confirmation to Tseshahat Social & Health Fax at **778-419-2725**.
- ⇒ When attending medical appointment, have the doctor's office staff member stamp/sign the **Attendance Form** and bring the signed form back to the patient travel clerk. Clients who do not return a signed *Attendance Form* may be required to reimburse the patient travel monies issued.
- ⇒ **Patient travel reimbursement** (issued after appointment is attended) will only be processed and/or cheque released when the attendance form is submitted to the Tseshahat patient clerk.
- ⇒ Tseshahat PT requires 72 hours notice for hotel cancellations. If you need to cancel your hotel, please notify the PT clerk 72 hours prior to scheduled check in time. Clients who do not stay at hotel and/or do not cancel in time, will be required to reimburse the hotel 'no show' fee.
- ⇒ Clients who are required to travel by ferry must submit the ferry receipts to the PT clerk.





Tseshah First Nation Employment Opportunity

Beach Keeper & Visitor Services Attendant

The Tseshah First Nation Administration Office is now accepting applications for the position of **Beach Keeper & Visitor Services Attendant**. This is a seasonal part-time position.

JOB PURPOSE

The TFN Administration Office has one (1) part-time position opening for a Beach Keeper & Visitor Services Attendant to work with our Beach Keeper Program Team in the Broken Group Islands.

Beach Keeper & Visitor Services Attendant work responsibilities require contributing to the Team approach for the undertaking of wide variety of seasonal visitor services and beach maintenance work. Job duties include daily patrolling, cleaning of facilities, maintaining camping areas, checking visitor permits, collecting fees and monitoring wildlife.

Working under the operational supervision of the Program's Team Leader, you will provide onsite support to ensuring that visitor attendance at the Broken Group Island's beaches and marine environments is monitored and any safety issues are addressed in accordance with prescribed procedures.

As a part-time employee of the Beach Keeper Program, your up to 40-hour weekly work schedule will involve a rotating work roster with extended work hours and scheduled weekend work days. The seasonal work term of this program requires you to commit to work commencing in May and ending in mid-September.

JOB SKILLS, EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

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

- A secondary school diploma or an acceptable combination of education/ experience.
- Able to interact well with the public in a marine park outdoor setting.
- Must possess a valid SVOP and be capable of operating vessels and working in a marine environment.
- Current First Aid Level 1 certification; or a commitment to obtain.
- Able to plan, prepare and maintain Beach Keeper supplies and equipment.
- Familiar with use of Windows computer programs.
- A Criminal Records check is mandatory. Criminal record check clearance is mandatory.
- Good organization, communication and interpersonal skills, together with report and proposal writing abilities.

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 Tseshah First Nation Administration Office; by mail to TFN Administration Office, 5091 Tsuma-as Drive, Port Alberni BC, V9Y 8X9; or by email to executiveassistant@tseshah.com on or before the closing date.

CLOSING DATE: June 20, 2019 at 12:00 Noon.

Tseshah First Nation is an equal opportunity employer and encourages/ expects that its membership and other First Nation members will apply with job qualifications. Where possible, employment opportunities and contracted services shall be offered to Tseshah members where qualified and eligible.

TRUE VALUE OF NATIONAL INQUIRY IS RECOGNIZING THOSE WHO THE JUSTICE SYSTEM LEFT BEHIND, SAY FAMILIES OF VICTIMS

Published by the Hashilthsa - Denise Titian and Eric Plummer, June 10, 2019



Port Alberni, BC — Dozens of red dresses hung over a gathering last week in Port Alberni, as families shared the stories of loved ones they lost to homicide. Silently swaying from the Italian Hall's ceiling, the 23 vibrant garments hung above the event as a reminder of the lives that were taken away.

The Tseshaht First Nation hosted the gathering on June 5 and 6 with the help of the NTC's Teechuktl Mental Health, as the country digested the findings from the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls that was released days earlier. When it was published and handed over to the federal government on June 3, the national inquiry pointed to "persistent and deliberate human and Indigenous rights violations" that led to the prevalence of Aboriginal women who were killed in Canada over the last few generations. The inquiry's report used the term "genocide" to describe the factors that caused Indigenous women to be murdered at four times the national average.



Carol Frank speaks with family on behalf of Lisa Marie Young, who went missing from Nanaimo in 2002, at a gathering in Port Alberni on June 5. (Denise Titian photos)

Shockwaves through a family

Since the 1960s at least 40 Nuu-chah-nulth women have gone missing or died under suspicious circumstances, according to Teechuktl staff working closely with the victims' families. For sisters Cynthia Keitlah and Rowena Cootes a tragedy sent shockwaves through their family when three-year-old Holly Marshall was found raped and murdered after an all-night party in Port Alberni on July 19, 1987.

"We can't talk about it – it hurts so much," said Cynthia Keitlah, Holly's aunt, during the recent gathering. "You have no control over it but it controls you. You want to be happy but you're angry all the time."

Originally charged with first-degree murder, the spouse of Holly's mother was convicted of manslaughter with an eight-year sentence for the toddler's death.

Holly's mother, Nadine Marshall, lived with the pain of her daughter's murder for several years.

"She was homeless, angry and didn't want our pity, she called it," said Keitlah of her sister.

Twenty-five years after her daughter's murder, Marshall was found dead behind a dumpster in Esquimalt, B.C. After her body was located by the Archie Browning Sports Centre, the Victoria Police Department identified the death as suspicious, noting that it was evident Marshall didn't die from natural causes. But since then little information has been provided to the family.

"Her case is closed and cold," said Keitlah, adding that she had feelings of guilt because she wanted to be there for her sister, to help her through her agony, her pain.

Although her sister "did live a life of drugs," the mystery of her death has haunted the family with unanswered questions in the years since, said Cootes.

"It falls under suspicion. What was she doing on that side of town?" she said. "When she left the house she said she was going to be right back."

Nadine Marshall's father was the late Nelson Keitlah, an Ahousaht leader who persistently visited the Victoria Police Department in search of answers into what happened to his daughter. But despite his stature among Nuu-chah-nulth-aht, the late Keitlah often sat ignored at the police station, recalled Rowena.

"He'd be sitting at the police station for 15, 20 minutes until somebody came to talk to him," she said. "Our dad used to go down there all the time only to hear, 'We can't tell you anything. It's an ongoing investigation.' It's really hard on our family. We are split."

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"How come our system is like that?" asked Cootes. "I think there's a lot of people out there that know what happened and aren't talking."

A broken justice system

The disconnect between law enforcement and the families of victims was noted in the national inquiry's recommendations, which include a call for the federal government to set up police oversight bodies to "observe and oversee" cases of negligence affecting Indigenous people. Stan Matthew, who lost his sister in 1978, gave a statement to the national inquiry to help inform its findings. Mary Matthew's badly beaten body was found on Vancouver's East Hastings Street, prompting Stan's uncle Jack Patrick to head to the city for answers.

"He went to the police, explained to them who he was, how he was related to our sister, and just no results. So it has never been solved," said Matthew. "There was really no follow up with family after the investigation, it was just left."

Despite evidence presented in court linking Gilbert Paul Jordan to the deaths of at least half a dozen women who died from alcohol poisoning, the serial killer received a 15-year sentence for manslaughter, which was later reduced to nine upon appeal. Recounting the death of her mother still makes Joanne Malinski shake with emotion, nearly 35 years after Patricia Thomas's body was found in Vancouver with a blood-alcohol level of .51 after drinking with Jordan. "There has to be knowledge about what's going on, about what's happened to her," said Malinski. "It's made me grow a little bit and learn to forgive her by talking and actually hearing her name, knowing that me and my sisters have to be a voice for her."

Now it's out in the open

Before it was launched in 2016, First Nations groups called for a national inquiry for years, but Conservative prime minister Stephen Harper contended that such a sweeping initiative would be an ineffective means of tackling the issue. Now that it's completed, the national inquiry has run over its initial \$53.8-million budget to \$92 million, producing a 1,200-page report after multiple high level resignations over the last two and a half years. Some criticize the unfocused scope of the final report, which also calls for a guaranteed basic income for all Canadians and addresses injustices to 2SLGBTQIA people, which stands for two-spirited, lesbian, gay bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex and asexual.

But the family members of Nuuchahnulth victims feel that the true value of the inquiry is that the stories of their loved ones were considered in a national format, years after the missing and murdered were left behind by the justice system.

"They talked about healing, they talked about acceptance, they talked about providing services for families," said Matthew of the inquiry's calls to action. "I'm hoping the government will listen."

Carol Frank was the single Nuuchahnulth delegate invited to Quebec for the handing over of the MMIWG inquiry findings to the Prime Minister. Her niece, Lisa Marie Young, disappeared 17 years ago. The 21 year-old was about to start a new job and move into a new apartment, but friends and family never saw her again after going out one night in late June 2002. Lisa Marie was last seen accepting a ride from a man she and her friends had just met that night.



The family holds a walk for Lisa Marie Young each year in Nanaimo, the next event scheduled on June 30. "I feel it's really important for me to keep Lisa's name out there. She was only 21, didn't deserve this," Frank said.

Joanne Young worked tirelessly, despite failing health, to keep her daughter's name in the public eye. She died of complications from kidney failure two years ago.

"I believe her mother (Joanne Young) died from her grief," added Frank.

'Her voice was heard'

Family members were called up to light the candles during the recent gathering in Port Alberni, one for each of the estimated 40 Nuuchah-nulth missing or murdered women and girls. The Keitlah family thanked the organizers of the healing event. By standing up and sharing their stories, the sisters of Nadine Marshall said they hoped that they would give others the courage and strength to get through their pain.

"Thank you for all you're doing;" they said to the Teechuktl team.

"I know this is real healing," Rowena added.

Each morning upon waking Joanne Malinski still thinks about the mother she lost at the age of 12. She recalls feeling her mother's presence on one particular day a few years ago.

"I was walking down the street and was having just a really bad day," said Malinski. "I stopped totally stopped in my tracks, I could hear her voice, [saying] 'Are you okay?'."

Matthew found himself speaking to his sister while hanging a red dress in her honour.

"I said a little prayer. I said, 'You'll be okay now'."

LET'S TALK ABOUT YOUTH!

Starting in June, we will be practicing for **Tluu-piich Games Track and Field**

Practices will take place at Bob Daily Stadium

Check back to our Facebook page for updates or call Lillian

We are in need of volunteers for Tseshaht Aboriginal Day June 21st @ Papermill Dam

12noon - 3pm weather permitting

Needing cooks and help throughout the day

Please contact Lillian Dick for more information 250.724.1225

Youth Center will be CLOSED:

Monday June 24 thru Wednesday June 26, 2019

SOCIAL HOUSING BBQ - SMOKIN' SUCCESS

Our Social Housing BBQ happened on Sunday May 26 at Haahuupayak School Parking Lot.


Thank you to all who attended to share the meal.

It was a wonderful day and we look forward to making this an annual event for years to come.

~ Housing Department



UPDATE GARBAGE PICKUP SCHEDULE



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2019

Garbage Pick-up/Holiday

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