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TSESHAHT FIRST NATION NEWSLETTER

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COUNCIL OPPOSES ADOPTION OF NUU-CHAH-NULTH CHILDREN WITHOUT CONSENT

Tseshah Chief & Council have sent a letter to the Ministry of Children and Family Development reminding them that the Province of BC signed an agreement that prohibits the adoption of Nu-u-chah-nulth children without the consent of the Nu-u-chah-nulth nation that the child was a member of, or entitled to membership. This agreement has never been rescinded or modified and remains in effect today.

The understanding in this agreement is that any social worker considering the adoption of a Nu-u-chah-nulth child must first explore the possibility of placement with the extended family. Failing placement with the family, the social worker would then consider placement within the First Nation. Failing placement within the family or First Nation, the social worker would then look for placement within any Nu-u-chah-nulth nation. At all times, the child's First Nation would be kept informed. The responsibility for ensuring the adoption agreement is being complied with rests with the Director of Child Protection.

When children are removed by the Director of Child Protection from the custody of their Tseshah parents and subsequently placed for adoption with non-aboriginal parents it is tantamount to assimilation. If a Tseshah child is placed with aboriginal parents who are not Nu-u-chah-nulth, that can also be assimilation. The practice of removing Tseshah children from parents is a sensitive issue. For many, it reminds them of residential school and the forced loss of language, culture and family.

Tseshah is of the view that the Director of Child Protection is failing to ensure the agreement is being adhered to in more than one case. Tseshah First Nation calls upon the Ministry of Children and Family Development and Director of Child Protection to comply with the Nu-u-chah-nulth adoption agreement. We will not allow our children to be adopted by non-Tseshah without our consent.

OFFICE CLOSURES

*Tseshah Administration
Office will be closed at 3pm
Friday October 11 & closed
Monday October 14 for
Thanksgiving Day*



NOTICE:

**Jim Anderson tree service
will be in the area to
re-evaluate high priority
danger trees within our
community**

YOUTH CENTRE OPEN STARTING MONDAY OCT 7TH

MONDAY – FRIDAY (6 – 8:30 PM) 11-16 YRS.

SATURDAY – (6:30 – 9:30) 13-17 YRS.



October 2019 – Youth & Recreation

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Afterschool Prog. 3-5 p.m (5 - 12 yrs.) Youth Centre 6-8:30 pm (11-16 yrs)	8 Afterschool Prog. 3-5 p.m (5 - 12 yrs.) Youth Centre 6-8:30 pm (11-16 yrs)	9 Afterschool Prog. 3-5 p.m (5 - 12 yrs.) – MAHT MAHS Youth Centre 6-8:30 pm (11-16 yrs)	10 Afterschool Prog. 3-5 p.m (5 - 12 yrs.) Youth Centre 6-8:30 pm (11-16 yrs) – TURKEY DINNER	11 Afterschool Prog. 12:30-4 pm (5-12 yrs) **SLEEP OVER YTH CENTRE – 6-12 yrs. 7:30 pm (must register)	12 Sleep over ends – pickup no later than 9:30 a.m. Youth Centre 6:30 – 9:30 pm 13-17 yrs.
13	14 STAT HOLIDAY Thanksgiving	15 Afterschool Prog. 3-5 p.m (5 - 12 yrs.)- ARROWVILLE Youth Centre 6-8:30 pm (11-16 yrs)	16 Afterschool Prog. 3-5 p.m (5 - 12 yrs.) – MAHT MAS Youth Centre 6-8:30 pm (11-16 yrs)	17 Afterschool Prog. 3-5 p.m (5 - 12 yrs.) Youth Centre 6-8:30 pm (11-16 yrs)	18 Afterschool Prog. 12:30-4 pm (5-12 yrs.) **SLEEP OVER YTH CENTRE – 13-17 yrs. 7:30 pm (must register)	19 Sleep over ends – pickup no later than 9:30 a.m. Youth Centre 6:30 – 9:30 pm
20	21 Afterschool Prog. 3-5 p.m (5-12 yrs.) Youth Centre 6-8:30 pm (11-16 yrs)	22 Afterschool Prog. 3-5 p.m (5 - 12 yrs.) Youth Centre 6-8:30 pm (11-16 yrs)	23 Afterschool Prog. 3-5 p.m (5 - 12 yrs.) – MAHT MAHS Youth Centre 6-8:30 pm (11-16 yrs)	24 Afterschool Prog. 3-5 p.m (5 - 12 yrs.) Youth Centre 6-8:30 pm (11-16 yrs)	25 Afterschool Prog. 12:30-4 pm (5 - 12 yrs.) Youth Centre 6-8:30 pm (11-16 yrs)	26 Youth Centre 6:30 – 9:30 pm
27 Halloween Party. 5 - 9 pm Maht Mahs	28 Afterschool Prog. 3-5 p.m (5-12 yrs.) Youth Centre 6-8:30 pm (11-16 yrs)	29 Afterschool Prog. 3-5 p.m (5 - 12 yrs.) Youth Centre 6-8:30 pm (11-16 yrs)	30 Afterschool Prog. 3-5 p.m (5 - 12 yrs.)- MAHT MAHS Youth Centre 6-8:30 pm (11-16 yrs)	31 Afterschool Prog. 3-5 p.m (5 - 12 yrs.) Youth Centre 6-8:30 pm (11-16 yrs)		





Take the pledge to vote in the next general election!
getoutthevote.ca | [#IWillVote](#) | [#ConestogaVotes](#)

ADVANCED FEDERAL ELECTION VOTING DATES AND TIMES:

OCTOBER 11, 12, 13, 14 from 9AM TO 9PM at the Alberni Athletic Hall.



MEDIA ADVISORY

October 7, 2019

Customer Information: 250-723-3341

Website: bctransit.com/port-alberni

Have your say – Help shape the future of your transit system

PORT ALBERNI – BC Transit and the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District are inviting the public to give feedback to help shape the future of transit in the Alberni-Clayoquot region.

BC Transit is seeking input from the public that will help form a report outlining options to improve transit in the Alberni Valley Electoral Areas. Members of the public are invited to give their feedback on two proposed service concepts, which include new route proposals that will service Sproat Lake via Tseshaht Market or Beaver Creek & Cherry Creek.

Members of the public are invited to come give feedback at the public engagement session, which will be held at the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Office from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Tseshaht First Nation Great Room from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 16, 2019.

An online survey will also be available for members of the public to provide their feedback at <https://form.simplesurvey.com/f/I/ACRD-Survey> starting October 16.

The Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Office is located at 3008 5th Ave. and the Tseshaht First Nation Great Room is located at 5091 Tsuma-as Dr.

For information on schedules, routes and service alerts, please visit bctransit.com/port-alberni.

Media contact

BC Transit Communications
250-880-1303
Media@bctransit.com



TSESHAHT FIRST NATION

Halloween Party

Fireworks Bouncy Castles Activity Tables

Face Painting Cake Walk Hotdogs/chips/drinks



When: Sunday, October 27, (5 – 9 p.m.)

Where: Maht Mahs

**** DONATIONS of Cakes for the cake walk are needed.
Please contact Wendy Gallic at 250-724-1225 if you are able to
contribute to this activity****

The community CCP working group will be in attendance providing prizes for gathering of information.

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NOTICE



COMMITTEE

Elections

FINANCE LANGUAGE & CULTURE EDUCATION & DAYCARE
HOUSING MEMBERSHIP SERVICES FISHERIES EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS & CLIMATE CHANGE PERSONNEL FORESTRY



TUESDAY – OCTOBER 15, 2019
7:00 PM @ TFN Great Room

Are you or is someone you know interested in an opportunity to contribute as a member of a Tseshahat Community Committee?

- 1) Talk to your nominee(s)
- 2) If they agree to let their name stand but are unable to come to the meeting, have your nominee sign a note with their name, phone #, email address, and committee name(s) they are interested in
- 3) Attend the election meeting and nominate
- 4) VOTE!



If you would like more information about the election, contact the Executive Assistant at executiveassistant@tseshaht.com or 250.724.1225

COMMUNITY COMMITTEES			
		<i>Term ends October 2019</i>	<i>Term ends October 2020</i>
FINANCE			
Staff resource:	Chris Anderson	Claudine Watts	Shae Doiron
Council representative:	Cynthia Dick	Aaron Watts Resigned	Darlene Taylor
Council alternate:	Melanie Cranmer		Dean Charles
			Alternate: Vacant
			Youth rep: Vacant
LANGUAGE & CULTURE			
Staff resource:	Darrell Ross	Doug Wilson	Jean Thomas
Council representative:	Corey Anderson	Linsey Haggard	Alternate: Vacant
Council alternate:	Hugh Braker	Robert Watts	Youth rep: Vacant
		Marlene Dick	
EDUCATION & DAYCARE			
Staff resource:	Wendy Gallic	Jackie A. Watts	Gina Pearson
Council representative:	Corey Anderson	Robyn Samuel	Wilma Gus
Council alternate:	Luke George		Maria Gomez
			Alternate: Vacant
			Youth rep: Tamiko Rampanen
HOUSING & INFRASTRUCTURE			
Staff resources:	Deshana Sanderson,	Mike Watts	Connie Sam
	Lisa Gallic	Sharon Fred	Jean Thomas
Council representative:	Melanie Cranmer		Aaron Watts
Council alternate:	Luke George		Alternate: Vacant
			Youth rep: Tamiko Rampanen
MEMBERSHIP SERVICES (Health, Social Services, Membership)			
Staff resources:	Bella Fred, Jane Jones	Claudine Watts	Valentine Gomez
Council representative:	Eunice Joe	Sharon Fred	Esther Thomas
Council alternate:	Corey Anderson	Doug Wilson	Alternate: Wilma Gus
			Youth rep: Vacant
FISHERIES			
Staff resource:	Dave Rolston	Clinton Fred	Martin Watts
Council representative:	Richard Watts, Luke George	Les Sam	Valentine Gomez
Council alternate:	John Gomez	Alternate: Erma Robinson	Shae Doiron
		Youth rep: Brandon Pelech	
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND CLIMATE CHANGE			
Staff resource:		Peter Wilson	Leisa Hassall
Council representative:	Hugh Braker	Gail Gus	Dean Charles
Council alternate:		Robyn Samuel	Youth rep: Vacant
		Alternate: Christine Fred	
PERSONNEL			
Staff resource:	Darren Mead-Miller	Pamella Lange	Maria Gomez
Council representative:	Eunice Joe	Nancy Wilson	Esther Thomas
Council alternate:	Ken Watts		Wendy Gallic
			Alternate: Holly McLaughlin
FORESTRY			
Staff resources:	Dwayne Hearn, Chris Anderson,	Les Sam	Kelly Foxcroft-Poirier
	Vicki Snowden, Darrell Ross Sr.	David George	Clinton Fred
Council representative:	Cynthia Dick, Richard Watts	Alternate: Vacant	Anne Robinson
Council alternate:	Eunice Joe		
MARKET BOARD OF DIRECTORS			
Staff resource:	Chris Anderson	Dennis Bill	Wendy Gallic
Market representative:	Claudine Watts	Richard Watts	Darleen Taylor
Council representative:	Ken Watts	Holly McLaughlin	Alternate: Hugh Braker

?AAQIN?APHAK? - WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

SEPT 2019

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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

OCT 2019

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					

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Oct 14 - Administration Office Closed - **Thanksgiving Day**
 - Oct 15 - **Committee Elections** - 7PM - Great Room
 - Oct 16 - **BCTransit Information Session** - 2PM - Great Room
 - Oct 16 - **All Candidates Meeting for Federal Election** - 7PM - Great Room
 - Oct 18 - **Elders Luncheon** - 12PM - Great Room
 - Oct 23 - **Custom Election Code Meeting** - 7PM - Great Room
 - Oct 29 - **Custom Election Code Meeting** - 7PM - Great Room
 - Nov 2 - **Tseshaht AGM** - Haahuupayak Gym - save the date TBA
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- 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	1:00PM - 4:00PM	PES CLIENTS CHECK-IN	REGAN PLEY
THURSDAYS	1:00PM - 3:00PM	NTC HEALTH NURSE	FRANCINE
FRIDAYS			

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👉 NOTICE 👈

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



**WEDNESDAY – OCTOBER 15, 2019 and
TUESDAY – OCTOBER 29, 2019
7:00 PM @ TFN Great Room**

Community members are invited to
participate in the review of the edited
CUSTOM ELECTION CODE
together with Hugh Braker



yaaʔakukʷin ʔuuʔuukʷaʔath (We love our language)

ʔaaqinʔapithasuu (What have you all been doing?): Tseshah Language House Update

Language House Naming and Grand Opening



yaaʔalat taataaqsapayak mahtii was the name given to Tseshah's language house on September 21, 2019, honouring Kathy Robinson Tseshah matriarch, elder, and language champion. The day was filled with songs, celebration and voices holding up Kathy for all of the time, knowledge, and gifts she has given to not only our community but to all of Nuuchahnulth. Guests included family and friends of Kathy, Nuuchahnulth community members, language learners, representatives from First Peoples Cultural

Council, North Island College, University of Victoria, NDP candidate Gord Johns and many more. Kathy has carved the path forward for all of us instilling the passion of language and providing us with the resources to be able to keep learning and strengthen our language.

Broken Group Island trip with Comprehensive Community Planning (CCP) team

Learning about and connecting with our territory was an important step to the seasonal round/harvesting project the Language Team is working on. On September 24th the Language Team and the CCP Committee along with speaker Cody Gus and historian Denis St. Claire took a trip to learn more about our history, villages, and harvesting practices in the Broken Group Islands. This trip helped the language team be grounded in where we come from and has guided what the language learning tool about our territory and harvesting will look like. Thank you to the Beach Keepers for bringing us to our homelands.



FirstVoices Training

September 16th – 18th the language team took part in training offered by FirstVoices. This workshop brought together teams from all over B.C. and North West Territories and covered how to edit, add, and remove content from our FirstVoices portal. We also received training in audio recording and editing. Following this training, on September 20th we joined with the Hesquiaht FirstVoices team at the Alberni Rescue Hall to take part in a Rapid Word Collection workshop and put our skills into action. Tseshah's speakers Helen Dick and Willard Gallic were there to offer their knowledge.

www.firstvoices.com/explore/FV/sections/Data/cišaaʔath/Nuuchahnulth/cišaaʔath

Language Strategy:

We are continuing to engage the community about our vision for our language over the next couple of months. All of this input and information will develop a Tseshah Language Strategy. Your input matters! take some time to fill out our survey either online or hard copy for an opportunity to win a \$100 gift card to the Tseshah Market. Please return the completed hardcopy survey to the Administration Office

before October 24th, 2019. Or you can fill out the survey online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TseLanguage> the link is posted on the Tseshaht Language Facebook page.

Language Resources

We have re-printed the *Tseshaht Words and Phrases* books along with the accompanying CD as a language learning resource for our community. These were available at the Grand Opening of the Language House and there are copies at the Administration office (ask at the front desk) for anyone who would like this resource to help them on their language learning journey.



Join us on Facebook at **Tseshaht Language**

čuk^waač (you all come) Tseshaht Language Class

When: Tuesdays, 6:30pm - 8:30pm, snacks included

Where:

yaaʔaʔat ʔaataaqsapayak mahtii
Kathy Robinson Language House
7000A Pacific Rim Hwy

For more information please call 778-421-8503 or
email language@tseshaht.com



Tseshaht Language

Tseshaht Language House

What is the Language House?

The Language House is a space dedicated to strengthening our Tseshaht language. Like a home, the intention is to have a space that is comfortable and welcoming for our speakers, elders, learners, and guests. The Language House is the office/workspace for our language team; it is where our language programs and projects take place including beginners evening language class, advanced learners Mentor-Apprentice, and recording of our fluent speakers; and will house language resources.

What is the Language House's purpose?

The Language House is an important step for Tseshaht to further strengthening our language and supporting the larger Nuu-chah-nulth language community, based on the good work of those who came before us. A Tseshaht Language Strategy is currently being developed and through community input and recommendations from other indigenous communities who are successfully doing this work the full purpose and direction of the Language House will be realized.

Our Language Team:

taaʔisumqa (Dawn Foxcroft), Language Coordinator is responsible for coordination and support of the language projects; applying for and managing funding; meeting reporting requirements; facilitation of some language activities; developing a Tseshaht Language Strategy.

yaacuʔisaqs (Linsey Haggard), Language Worker's role is to use proven methods of language learning such as Mentor-Apprentice to increase her proficiency in our language. She is also responsible for developing language resources and supporting various language projects.

tatuučap (Grant Watts), Data Technician is responsible for conducting an inventory of Tseshaht language resources, reviewing and adding content to our FirstVoices portal, and recording and editing our fluent speakers.





yaa?a?at

"everyone is watching me"

Kathy Robinson (*nee Gallic*)

Previously: ?uu?aahuk^{ns} is

**BC LANGUAGE CHAMPION FOR
TSESHAHT AND DITIDAHT**

FROM LONGHOUSE TO COMPUTER

Kathy Gallic was born on April 6, 1931, on Kaqmakiml (Keith Island) in the Broken Group Islands of Barclay Sound. The late Margaret Shewish (wife of our late Chief Adam Shewish) was her doctor in the longhouse.

She is the oldest daughter of Jessie Gallic (nee Campbell) of the Ditidaht Nation and Jimmy Gallic of the Tseshaht Nation. Kathy had three siblings that reached adulthood: late James Gallic, Willard Gallic and late Mary-Anne Mack (nee Gallic).

Kathy grew up in the Broken Group speaking both the Tseshaht dialect and the Ditidaht language and living the rich traditions of her communities. At four years of age, she could make tea and toast for guests and at 5 she had her own ʕap'ac (canoe) which she used to collect shellfish to share with the elders.

When Kathy was a young child it was mandatory for all First Nations children in Canada to attend residential school and she was no exception. Jimmy Gallic moved his family to Port Alberni and Kathy moved into the Port Alberni Indian Residential School. This was a time when First Nations culture was considered heathen and the goal of the residential schools was to Anglicize the children. This was accomplished by making them speak English and replacing their spirituality and cultural practices with various European versions.

Despite the pressure and corporal punishment for speaking the language and maintaining the culture, Kathy kept her fluency and remained culturally rooted.

As a young woman, she married Doug Robinson, a Tseshaht man from the Watts family with roots in Ditidaht. Together they raised 11 children of their own and fostered many others. Their family would grow to include 22 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren (still counting).

Kathy and Doug were a strong cultural couple both proud of their heritage and talented in different ways. The children's bedtime stories were often told by Kathy's parents and were the traditional fables of the Tseshaht and Ditidaht. And when her uncle, the late Dr. George Clutesi began dance practices Kathy made sure her girls were involved.

In the early 60's they began inviting Nuu-chah-multh Elders into their home. It always started with a meal and ended with song and dance. Kathy and Doug brought the elders in to teach their children many, many things, starting with respect for elders, having a sense of humor (there was always lots of teasing and laughing), cultural pride and always ending with song and dance.

Kathy began working at the newly formed school called Ha-Ho-Payak (first spelling used) meaning a place for learning. She worked with Carrie Little a fluent Ahousaht speaker – both women were in their 40's at the time and what they accomplished was amazing.

Together they:

- Developed the school's first language curriculum (with the help of linguist Jean Bullard)



- Translated and developed all Tseshaht curriculum
- Worked tirelessly (12 hour days and weekends) to keep the language department operating by fundraising for their materials and supplies – they held bake sales and Lahal tournaments.
- Alongside Jean Bullard they modified the international phonetic writing system to suit Nuuchahnulth who did not have a writing system
- Ensured language integrity and culture were upheld
- Instilled passion and love of culture and language into many generations of students and adults
- Took NIC Courses and workshops to maintain and expand their learning ensuring the quality of their product. One of Kathy's favorite courses was computers; she became very proficient and was digitizing translations in two dialects well into her 70's...

Kathy worked at Ha-Ho-Payak for over 18 years leaving a rich curriculum, a strong song and dance department and protocols for traditional use while composing prayers in the language for the school to use.

After leaving the school, Kathy and Carrie formed a company called Nuuchahnulth-eets Tsitsiqi "Language belonging to the Nuuchahnulth" documenting:

- Alphabet Books with Cassettes
- Word and Phrase Books and CDs
- Christmas Carol Books and CDs
- A Nuuchahnulth dictionary

They also compiled a collection of language documents and language tapes and assisted in:

- NTC websites
- First Voices websites

Kathy was instrumental to the success of a children's dance group called the Animal Kingdom with her daughter Jessica. Jessica gives all the credit to her mother for its successes. It was her teaching and knowledge of the protocols needed that empowered the children's performances.

Kathy Robinson, at 88 years old, still works in language programs and translating old tapes.

Below is a partial list of her accomplishments:

- First Peoples Cultural Council Language Champion
- First Peoples Cultural Council Mentor Apprentice
- Haa-huu-payak (current spelling) School Language teacher for 18 years
- Language worker for 40 years
- One of the last fluent Tseshaht speaker/writer/computer data entry
- Fluent in Tseshaht and Ditidaht languages
- Reads and writes Nuuchahnulth language
- Computes Nuuchahnulth language using Nuuchahnulth font
- Instant translation skills
- Un-interrupted cultural knowledge

Kathy is a very humble woman, a trait revered in our culture. She doesn't boast about her knowledge or claims it as her own, in fact, one of her favorite sayings is still "if I don't know I will ask my elders."



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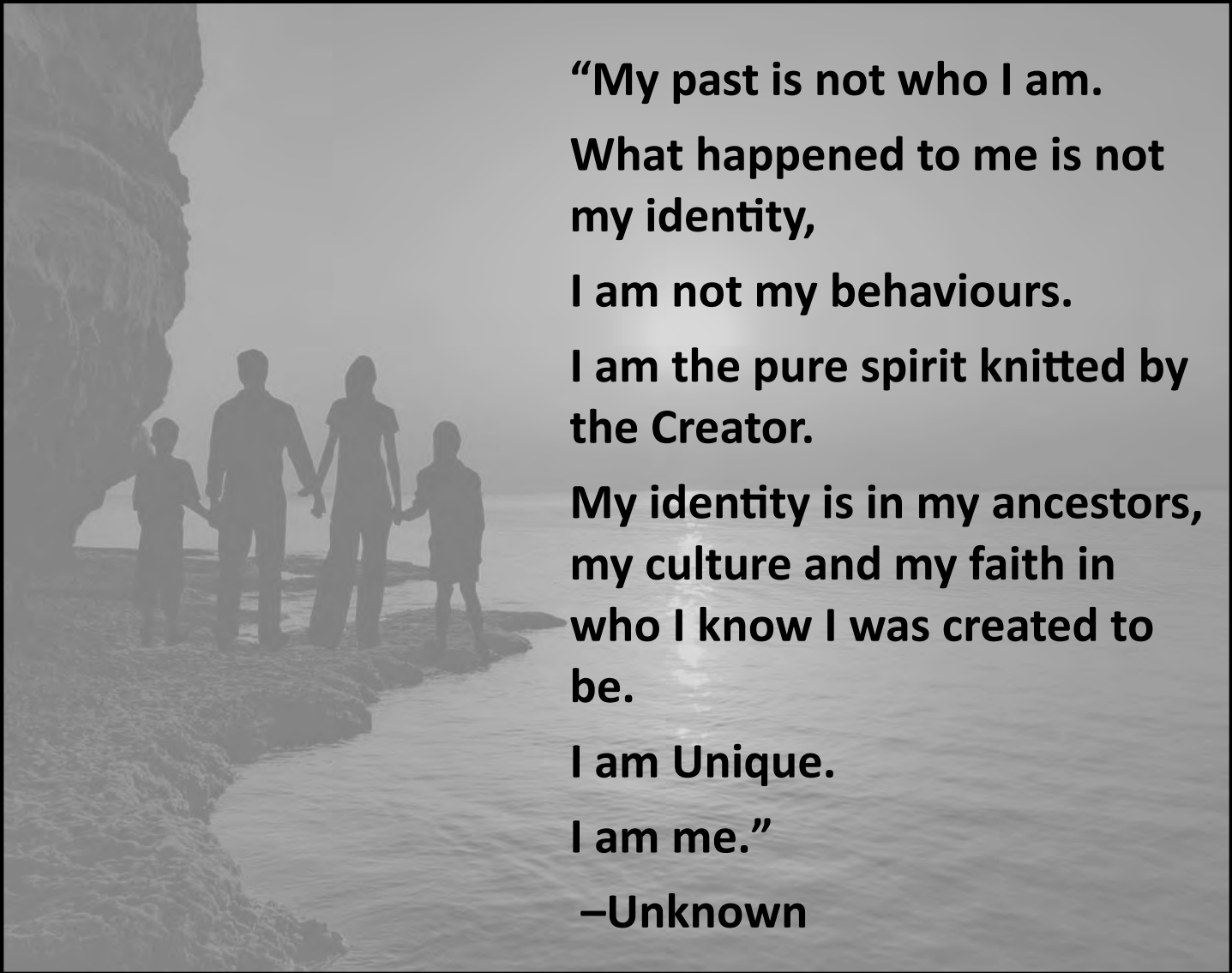


SATURDAY – NOVEMBER 2, 2019

Time and location TBD

SAVE THE DATE!

**Watch for the agenda and other
details to be posted soon**



**“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



Tseshah First Nation **Employment Opportunity**

Early Childhood Educator **Infant & Toddler Program**

The Tseshah First Nation Administration Office is now accepting applications for the position of **Early Childhood Educator, Infant & Toddler Program**. This is a **full-time** position at 80 hours bi-weekly (40 hours per week). Tseshah offers competitive wages and benefits.

JOB PURPOSE

The Early Childhood Educator, Infant & Toddler Program reports to the Daycare Program Manager and is responsible to work with infants and toddlers in a licensed day care facility, demonstrating an ability to contribute to a team approach, to guide and care for designated infants/children, initiating and implementing age-appropriate activities.

JOB SKILLS, EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

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

- Early Childhood Care Infant and Toddler Diploma;
- Must comply with the Criminal Records Review Act;
- Emergency Child Care First Aid & CPR;
- Able to relate well and develop rapport with children, families and staff.

HOW TO APPLY

Submit a cover letter, resume and three (3) current references to:

Tseshah First Nation, Attention: Darren Mead-Miller, Executive Director

by mail: 5091 Tsuma-as Drive, Port Alberni BC, V9Y 8X9; or

by email: executiveassistant@tseshah.com

CLOSING DATE: October 15, 2019 at 12:00 Noon.

We thank all for applying. Only those shortlisted will be contacted for an interview.

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



Tseshah First Nation

September 28, 2019

Media Release: Reclaiming the Lost Souls of Alberni Indian Residential School

In 1960, George Clutesi was one of the many Tseshah First Nation members and Indigenous People to attend residential school. In an interview with CBC National television George Clutesi shared his story of how he pursued a journey of healing over eleven years from all that he endured in residential school. He, along with all of the others that attended these schools, was taught to be ashamed of who he and his parents were and forced into a process of assimilation. George and all of the other survivors of this dark time in history as well as those who did not come home from these schools, stand as a symbol for strength, resilience and hope for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people everywhere. This strength was proven again in 1973 when Tseshah forced the closure of the Alberni Indian Residential School (A.I.R.S). In 1997 Nuuchahnulth completed a study on the impacts of residential school. This was a tragic report that proved the need for greater awareness and as you see the need for Tseshah, and many other communities, strength to continue down the path of healing.

On-going Steps to True Healing

As Tseshah continues to heal we realized that this required healing the lands and collecting those spirits that were lost in A.I.R.S, and helping them find their way home. On September 27, 2019 members of the Tseshah First Nation and Nations from across British Columbia practiced our traditional ceremonies to help guide these spirits and energy home, and heal the land in which A.I.R.S stood. This important step will help survivors continue to heal the wound left by this tragic legacy, and reclaim what was taken from them during the years they spent in this school.

During the tearing down of Peake Hall, the souls of many young children dispersed and found refuge in neighboring houses and buildings. These souls once lost are part of this component of a healing journey that Tseshah must continue to address.

Next Steps

As we have learned in the process of Truth and Reconciliation, this healing process does not end with a single event. Tseshah extends our invitation to survivors and families of survivors to continue to respectfully visit and collect these spirits and guide them home. We will continue to

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learn new information that will help guide the work in our collective and continuous healing journey.

While planning this event, we extended offers to participate to the United Church of Canada, specifically to provide a small amount of financial assistance to help feed survivors attending. Unfortunately, they declined our plea. This came as a shock and only illustrates the need for reconciliation not only by government, but also the highest levels of an organization who helped Canada perpetrate a most horrific and failed experiment purposely brought upon our people.

This tragedy is Canada's responsibility. Canada built and operated A.I.R.S on this site with the help of the United Church. After A.I.R.S closed, the government left behind a gaping wound for Tseshahat to deal with including assisting non-Tseshahat who are also deeply impacted by A.I.R.S. Government disgraced our lands, our territory and our people for multiple generations by putting that facility in our territory and now Tseshahat are left to suffer the consequence of this dark and most painful legacy.

In the past, Tseshahat self funded many events. We didn't ask for help; we took it upon ourselves to invite people to find refuge and to come sit and eat with us. Tseshahat is grateful to First Nations Health Authority for helping fund this event which took place on September 26-28, 2019. Moving forward Tseshahat must build off the momentum of this event and continue the healing journey. For many years Tseshahat have dreamt of building a facility to accommodate healing for those suffering the generational effects of residential schools, forced assimilation and colonization.

Reconcili-Action

In order to facilitate this dream and continue our healing journey, Tseshahat will require access to lands and resources that will enable true self-determination and allow Tseshahat identity to thrive. The Province denies Tseshahat access to land and timber within our own territory – with access Tseshahat would be able to create revenue to fund initiatives such as these and create a sustainable future.

Tseshahat First Nation is calling upon the Provincial and Federal Government to honour their commitments of adopting and implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Truth and Reconciliation Commissions Calls to Action, which includes providing legislation or proper laws that give Tseshahat full sustainable access to our lands and resources. This would allow Tseshahat to continue to do this important work without having to beg for access to our own resources within our territories. Tseshahat continue to work towards being self-sufficient and self-determinant and to move forward and thrive in our homelands by overcoming government laws and policies used to destroy our way of life.

Tseshahat are also calling upon the Government of Canada to provide more information on the 2015 TRC final report. There are uncertainties for 5 generations of children that lost their lives in residential schools from 1891 to 1973. We are seeking clarification and closure to understand how people die under the Church and Government care and how the records were kept.

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CBC reported that the odds of dying in residential school was 1 in 25, this is almost the same as the odds of Canadians dying who served in WWII at 1 in 26. We thought TRC work was ethically done spending millions of dollars yet records in Canada are inadequate. Churches, RCMP and Government even today cannot account for more than 1000 children they know died including those victims that contracted TB at the school and passed away. In 1909 Bryce revealed that many of the deaths were murder, and that these murders were being covered up by staff and officials, including the issuing of falsified death certificates. As we continue in our healing process, this information will provide closure to the children's families that did not come home from the residential schools across Canada.

Rebuilding

It's important we take back our power by acknowledging what was done on our territory. It wasn't our choice, but we want to make it right in any way we can, for the survivors and all to feel safe and loved when they walk upon our lands and in our territory. They experienced our hosting this event to send them away with our identity, that of Tseshah people, instead of the hurt that was unleashed on them by A.I.R.S. We need to come together to heal. We want to let all survivors know it was because of what they held on to, the culture and teachings, our ways that we carry whenever we sing, whenever we dance, whenever we speak our language. It's because of what our survivors held on to that we are able to stand proud of who we are today. The success of healing ourselves can be reflected in our own teachings. What once stood as a part of A.I.R.S became haahuupayak elementary school for instance – we have our language and culture and we still have a curriculum being taught to children from not only Tseshah, but many other Nuu-chah-nulth and First Nations students. Tseshah is reclaiming our culture, revitalizing our language and supporting many of our children to become scholars. People are starting to understand that we have capacity from the strides we've taken. Racism and discrimination are a learned mindset that continues to exist in all of our communities to this day. Together we can challenge this teaching and foster communities built on inclusion, understanding and equality.

On September 26-28, 2019 we stood together to create a new history in Alberni and Tseshah territory. We opened our doors and held space for our Tseshah members and First Nations across British Columbia to come together to heal. To reclaim what was taken and to rebuild our collective history as Indigenous Peoples. We are strong, we are resilient, and we are committed to share our culture, our teachings, our songs, dances and language to our children and future generations. With great thanks to all of those that carried these through the darkest times of our history. It is because of each and every one of you that we are here.

Thank you.

In Solidarity,

Tseshah First Nation

For More information about this press release please contact Cynthia Dick, Chief Councillor at 250-724-1225 or by email at cynthiad@tseshah.com

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TUESDAY – OCTOBER 15, 2019

7:00 PM @ TFN Great Room



COMMITTEE Elections



**FINANCE LANGUAGE & CULTURE EDUCATION & DAYCARE
HOUSING MEMBERSHIP SERVICES FISHERIES EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS & CLIMATE CHANGE PERSONNEL FORESTRY**

**Are you or is someone you know interested in an
opportunity to contribute as a member of a
Tseshah Community Committee?**

- 1) Talk to your nominee(s)
- 2) If they agree to let their name stand but are unable to come to the meeting, have your nominee sign a note with their name, phone #, email address, and committee name(s) they are interested in
- 3) Attend the election meeting and nominate
- 4) VOTE!

If you would like more information about the election, contact the
Executive Assistant at executiveassistant@tseshaht.com or 250.724.1225



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BC ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS Call for Expressions of Interest 2 Youth Representative Positions

FINAL NOTICE

To:	All BC Chiefs and Councils	Date:	September 26, 2019
From:	BCAFN Office	Pages:	2
RE:	Call for Expressions of Interest for Male and Female Youth Representative		

The BC Assembly of First Nations (BCAFN) is accepting expressions of interest for the positions of:

1) Male Youth Representative (3 year term ending after BCAFN AGM 2022)

2) Female Youth Representative (1 year term ending after BCAFN AGM 2020)

Gender-diverse individuals are encouraged to apply.

Deadline: Friday, October 18, 2019 at 4:00 pm

Contact: Submit your expression of interest to:
Maureen.buchan@bcfn.ca

#honouringourancestors



bcfn

Criteria:

- 1) Must be of First Nations ancestry and belong to a specified First Nation community
- 2) Must be between 16-29 years of age
- 3) Must be willing to fulfill the Roles and Responsibilities outlined in the AFN Youth Council Terms of Reference

Required Materials:

- 1) One page letter expressing why you are interested in this position, and how you would advocate for the priorities of First Nations youth.
- 2) Signed letter of recommendation from your Chief and/or Council.



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

Dancing Spirit

Community Dance Practice

Wednesday's
@ Cultural Center
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Snacks provided
Everyone Welcome!

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!



GENERAL NOTICE

All tenants, occupants and homeowners who reside on Tseshaht reserve lands are responsible for the care and upkeep of the property grounds, including mowing lawns, yard care, and garbage disposal.

We would like to ensure all community residents take pride in their homes and maintain their property. By having yards cluttered it attracts rodents, wildlife, poses health and safety hazards to the households, the environment and families in the neighborhood.

Please conduct regular yard maintenance, remove all unnecessary belongings and debris/garbage from yards.

We appreciate your cooperation.



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Wed – Oct 16th

Hupacasath FN
House of Gathering

Sun – Oct 20th

Hosted by the Canoe
Family
Tseshahat Great Room

Mon – Nov 18th

FNHA – Improved
Health Benefits Update
Tseshahat Great Room

ELDER's Xmas Party

Fri Dec 6 (5:00 p.m.)

Venue: To be announced



Watch for catering
advertisement to be posted soon



COMMUNITY XMAS DINNER



When: Sunday Dec 15 (5:00 p.m.)

Where: Maht Mahs

We are looking for a family/group to step forward to cook. Please contact Wendy Gallic @250-724-1225.



Reminder to everyone:

Be wildlife aware!

There have been two incidences this past week with a very domesticated momma bear around the office as well as a cougar sighting between the Tseshaht Market and Orange Bridge Cannabis.

If you encounter wildlife, please get to a safe place, being as loud as possible. Then call:

Conservation at 1-877-952-7277



TAX EXEMPT

HYDRO, TELEPHONE, OR CABLE

Your Hydro, Telephone or Cable are tax exempt if you live in the Tseshaht First Nation Community and have a status number.

Leave a copy of your status Card, Hydro, TELUS or Cable (Shaw etc.) at the Admin Office and a letter will be sent to the provider to remove the tax.

Please contact Jane Jones at 250.724.1225 or email jjones@tseshaht.com . If you require further information.



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



1-800-222-TIPS (8477)



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News Release – Tipping fee increase & FAQ

Headline: New garbage rates to come into effect November 1, 2019

Sub: District landfill tipping fees raised but still less than neighbouring regions

New rates approved by the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) board this summer - raising landfill tipping fees in the district by \$10 per tonne and bag fees by \$1 per bag, with a two-bag minimum - are set to come into effect on November 1 this year.

The new Alberni Valley Tipping Fee and Regulation Amendment Bylaw reflects the district's need to cover increasing operational costs and to discourage people from bringing garbage in from out of region. Over the past year, ACRD staff consulted with local haulers, and the Board of Directors explored funding options before coming to their decision to increase tipping fees.

"The rate per bag had not increased since 1995," says Jenny Brunn, Manager of Operations for the ACRD. "With annual inflation and increased requirements for environmental monitoring, a rate increase was necessary to continue to operate the landfill properly. We feel the new rates are in line with, or less than, neighbouring landfills and there is still no site fee to use the recycling or yard waste services."

The changes include:

- Tipping fee rates increasing from \$120 per tonne to \$130 per tonne.
- For residents who self-haul, the rate increases from \$2 per bag to \$3 per bag, with a \$6 minimum charge.
- Any volume of yard waste or recyclables can be brought for free at any time.

These fees are equal to or less than neighbouring landfills, which charge \$130 per tonne and have \$8 - \$10 minimum fees.

The decision to have a \$6 minimum has registered some concern, admits Brunn, but it was made to discourage high traffic volumes at the landfill.

"Our goal is to encourage less frequent trips and shorter line-ups," she explains. "We are working on solutions to resident concerns, such as helping them keep garbage from attracting wildlife or partnering with a neighbor to share the minimum cost or two-bag requirement."

For more specific information and details about the rate increases please visit "Tipping Fee Bylaw Frequently Asked Questions" <https://www.acrd.bc.ca/alberni-valley-landfill>

For current information and updates over the coming months, please check the [ACRD website](#) as well as the monthly "[Around Our Region](#)" board report.

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CONTACT:

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250-720-2717
jbrunn@acrd.bc.ca





TIPPING FEE INCREASE

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the new garbage rates?

Rates are increasing from \$120/tonne to \$130/tonne. For those who self-haul, it is increasing from \$2 per bag to \$3 per bag with a \$6 minimum charge. Charges are per bag up to 4 bags (\$12). Over 4 bags is charged by weight. There is no site fee to use the recycling services.

When are they in effect?

The new rates come into effect on November 1, 2019.

Why are the rates increasing?

Requirements for environmental monitoring and protection have increased in recent years which costs the ACRD more to operate the landfill properly. Annual inflation also requires that we adjust the rates on a regular basis. The rate per bag has not increased since 1995. These rates are low compared to neighboring landfills (\$8-\$10 minimum charges). We need to keep our rates in line with neighboring regional districts to avoid importing of waste to our landfill.

What are other regional districts charging?

The Regional District of Nanaimo rate is \$130/tonne with an \$8 minimum site fee. The Comox Valley Regional District is \$130/tonne with a \$6 minimum plus \$4 site fee.

What is a site fee?

A site fee is a flat rate to come to the landfill. It applies whether you are recycling or dropping off waste. The ACRD has chosen not to implement a site fee because we want to encourage use of the recycling services.

Why is there a minimum charge now?

High traffic volumes at the landfill creates line-ups and we are encouraging those who take frequent trips to combine their loads. This will reduce wait times for everyone in the landfill line-up. We do not want to encourage use of landfilling services, so we have instead implemented a minimum charge for waste disposal. Residents may still bring any volume of yard waste or recyclables for free at any time.

Won't this encourage illegal dumping or burning?

Approximately 70% of all household waste is recyclable and these materials are accepted free of charge at the landfill or 3rd Avenue recycling center. Research has shown that those who illegal dump or burn their waste are seldom influenced by small changes in garbage rates. The biggest factor for those who may choose to illegally dump or burn is the likelihood of consequence for their actions. Please report any instance of illegal dumping or burning to 250-720-2700.

How do I keep my garbage from becoming an attractant for bears, rats or raccoons?

Store your garbage in a location inaccessible to bears and other animals. If you do not have secure garbage storage, you can freeze the smelly food items, until the garbage is ready for disposal. Bear-resistant bins secure the waste from not only bears but also rats, raccoons and other animals.

I need to dispose of one bag of garbage at a time, will I have to pay for 2 bags?

Yes, the minimum charge is \$6 even if you only have one bag. Consider partnering with your neighbor in order to make each trip with at least 2 bags to share the minimum costs. There are also private collection services available.



May 2019 to April 2020 Tseshaht FN

Note: Your Recycling Pickup Day is shown shaded in BLUE

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For more information on what can be put in your curbside recycling bins visit www.recyclinginbc.ca

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR RECYCLABLES ARE CLEAN WHEN PUT OUT FOR RECYCLING

For service inquiries contact Waste Management @ 1-800-774-9748

 Recycling Pick-Up Day

RECYCLING BLUE BOX IS TO BE PLACED AT THE CURB BEFORE **7:00 am** ON COLLECTION DAY

 Statutory Holidays

If a Statutory Holiday falls on a Monday, pick-up will happen the following day
regular pick-up day



RECYCLEBC



ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT
REGIONAL DISTRICT





Recycle *right* at the curb

YES! Recycle these at the curb



MIXED PAPER



EMPTY AEROSOL CANS
NO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS



CARDBOARD
& BOXBOARD



PAPER BEVERAGE
CUPS & LIDS



TIN & ALUMINUM
CONTAINERS/FOIL



PAPER PACKAGING
THAT CONTAINED
LIQUIDS



PLASTIC BOTTLES,
CONTAINERS
& TUBS <25L



PLASTIC GARDEN
PLANT POTS & TRAYS

Recycling tips

- Place recyclables into totes loose; **do not bag materials**.
*Exception: shredded paper must be contained in a clear plastic bag or paper bag.
- Ensure recyclables are clean.
- Remove all caps, lids and spray nozzles. Plastic caps and lids can go in the tote once separated.

- Place tote at the curb by 7:00 am on your collection day.
- Flatten containers as much as possible to save space.
- Ensure all items fit securely in the tote. Ensure light items are weighted down.
- No hazardous materials.

NOT at the curb! Bring to 3rd!

These items can be recycled at the 3rd Ave. Recycling Depot or the AV Landfill Recycling Depot



PLASTIC BAGS &
OVERWRAP*



GLASS JARS &
CONTAINERS*



STYROFOAM*

Recycling locations for other items

Electronics (TVs, computers, printers) - 3rd Ave. Recycle Depot, 3620 3rd Ave. and the Bottle Depot, 3533 4th Ave.

Small Appliances & Power Tools - 3rd Ave. Recycle Depot, 3620 3rd Ave.

Residential/Household Paint, Flammable Liquids, Pesticides or Gasoline - 3rd Ave. Recycle Depot, 3620 3rd Ave.

Lights, Lamps, Ballasts and Fixtures - 3rd Ave. Recycle Depot, 3620 3rd Ave.

Donate textile items to the *Diabetes Canada Clothesline* at the Drop Box located at the 3rd Ave. Recycle Depot. Clothesline accepts: Gently used clothing, bedding, sleeping bags, belts, ties, handbags, yarn, blankets, drapes, jewelry, hats, pillows, shoes and all footwear.



Reminder- Please Do Not Put Plastic Bags and Overwrap in your curbside tote.
(Bring them to the Recycle Depots)

Not sure what goes in your recycling tote?

ACRD: 250-720-2700

WEB: www.recyclinginbc.ca

EMAIL:

recycling@acrd.bc.ca

Don't bag your curbside recycling

Why? Bagged recyclables can't be sorted by automated machines and end up in the landfill. Keep recyclables loose in your curbside tote and take plastic bags to the recycling centre. **Learn to recycle right at the curb.**



For a complete list of what can be recycled and where, visit www.acrd.bc.ca/recycling-directory



UPDATE GARBAGE PICKUP SCHEDULE

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Dates are subject to change

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September/October 2019

TSESHAHT CHIEF COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

It is so hard to believe that we have already started Fall 2019 and are coming into the final 3 months of 2019. As I am slowly recovering from strep throat, I wanted to take a moment to remind everyone about how important it is to take care of your own personal health and wellbeing during these upcoming months. September was a very busy and productive month for Tseshah First Nation and we expect that continue on right up until our winter break in December. Here are some of the projects and initiatives that we have been working on.

BCAFN AGM

The BC Assembly of First Nations AGM took place in Musqueam territory from September 18 until September 20. Topics discussed included: Provincial Commitment Document, BC Aboriginal Justice Council, BC Utilities Commission, Indigenous Languages Legislation, AFN Charter Renewal, Federal Election, UVIC Reconciliation Art Project, Cannabis Legalization and Regulation, AFN Chiefs Committees, Sustainable Economic Development and Fiscal

Strategy, Climate Change, FN Forestry Council, FN Fisheries Council, FN Housing Council, FN Gaming Commission and other updates. Both BCAFN Youth Representatives provided their final reports as Johnny Hanuse (male representative) term ended and Angela Charlie resigned from her position as female representative. Both male and female youth representatives are now vacant and an expression of interest went out to all communities with a

deadline of October 18, 2019. If you know any youth between the ages of 16-29 years of age please encourage them to consider this great opportunity.



NUU-CHAH-NULTH MEETING WITH NATIONAL CHIEF PERRY BELLEGARDE

An invitation was extended to Assembly of First Nations National Chief Perry Bellegarde to attend the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council AGM in Victoria on September 25 and 26. Unfortunately, Mr. Bellegarde was unavailable to attend and arrangements were

made to have a brief meeting following the BCAFN AGM. I attended on behalf of Tseshah First Nation to put forward matters that the National Chief could help support lobbying efforts with the Federal Government. Our specific requests were 1) to assist in lobbying the

federal government for increased funding support for the expansion of Haa-huu-payak school and in our long-term vision to expand into a Kindergarten to Grade 12 immersion school. As well as lobby the federal to review the current funding formulas that they currently have in place which restrict on reserve schools, including infrastructure funding. 2) Assist Tseshahat in lobbying the Ministry of Transport and Government of Canada to change the Letters Patent

to include permanent First Nations representation on all Port Authorities in Canada. 3) To assist Tseshahat in arranging a meeting with the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Canada immediately following the Federal Election and to assist with arranging other meetings with Ministers in Ottawa upon request. A formal letter was provided to the National Chief outlining each of these requests and he was receptive.

UNION OF BC MUNICIPALITIES

The Union of BC Municipalities took place the week of September 23- 27, 2019. I was asked to speak on a panel regarding Financing



Reconciliation- Supporting Inclusive Governance in British Columbia. Tseshahat First Nation currently does not have a vote within the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District. Current policies and

legislation only allow Nations that have a signed Treaty to have a vote at the ACRD decision making table. The purpose of this panel

was to encourage change to this current colonial practice as we continue to explore opportunities of reconciliation. Representatives from Regional Districts and

First Nations collaboratively spoke on the importance of how First Nations must be included in the decision-making process at Regional Districts regardless of if a treaty is signed or not. It is my

understanding that the ACRD and other Regional Districts are going to continue these lobbying efforts and seek approval from the appropriate Ministries to make this change happen. They have also asked if Tseshahat First Nation would like to be a 'pilot' for this with the ACRD if the Ministers would like to explore this further. I have also added this topic to the agenda of our meeting requests with Ministers at the upcoming BC Cabinet and First Nations Leaders Gathering.

BC GAMING REVENUE SHARING WITH FIRST NATIONS

Council has passed a BCR and submitted all necessary documentation to the limited partnership and are expecting to receive the distribution in the very near future. As previously discussed we are working to engage staff, council and community to prioritize these funds based on the following 6 conditions set by the Government; 1.health and wellness, 2.infrastructure, safety, transportation and 3.housing,4.economic and

business development, 5. education, language, culture and training, 6. community development and environmental protection, and capacity-building, fiscal management and governance. This will be on October 10th Council agenda for discussion and likely on both the Community and AGM agendas as a wish list prioritization exercise.

NTC RECONCILIATION FORUM

Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council received funding to do work on Reconciliation on behalf of the Nuuchah-nulth Nations. Shana Thomas has been the NTC coordinator on this work. After many invited to NTC and Shana to engage Tseshah community on this topic we were able to have an engagement session on September 21, 2019 as that was the only availability before the NTC Reconciliation Forum in Victoria. There was not a huge turnout from community with the short notice but feedback was provided to Shana and the NTC through this forum, previous forums and in writing from Tseshah First Nation. Our biggest concern that we

continue to express to the Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council is that Nuuchah-nulth is not a Nation, and the Nation-to-Nation relationship expressed by both Provincial and Federal parties only exists with



Tseshah First Nation directly and not the Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council. There are opportunities when we can speak collectively as Nuuchah-nulth but Tseshah wants to make it clear that we are the Tseshah title and rights holder for our territory, not the Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council and as such they are not to negotiate on our behalf. Another concern was that the intended purpose of this work on reconciliation at the Tribal Council level was to focus on how do we reconcile within our communities and within our Nuuchah-nulth Nations. We will provide the report from this work to our community when it is available from NTC.

NTC AGM

The Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council AGM took place in Tsawout territory (Victoria) on September 25th and 26th. It was a very productive couple of days where many heavy and difficult conversations were had as the theme this year was homelessness. We had many great presentations from external and internal organizations. It was stated that we as Nuuchah-nulth need to have a strategy to address homelessness for our Nuuchah-nulth members. A forum to discuss this strategy will take place in November and Tseshah

has offered to host. There were also a number of challenges put forward to have communities take part in addressing this. Many Nations put forward \$1000.00 to donate to the cause and a challenge was put forward for October 24th to grab a blanket and sleep outside to raise awareness of this matter in Port Alberni. People are encouraged to donate blankets, food, money, clothing or even just their time to raise awareness on homelessness.

TSOW-TUN LE LUM



TSOW-TUN LE LUM SOCIETY

An Expression of Interest was provided to Tsow-Tun Le Lum regarding the outcome of our community vote on this matter as well as outlining the concerns that were put forward by our community members. Our community members

encouraged that a highest and best use study completed for that land before any decision is made on how that land will be used and an application for funding was submitted to do that work. There were also concerns shared about

upgrade costs for services, employment opportunities for our members, board representation for Tseshah, housing needs for our

members, highway safety, providing an opportunity for the neighbours to engage, among others. We have not received a response from Tsow-

Tun Le Lum at this time and will be sure to update when we do.

2019 FEDERAL ELECTION

The federal election date is October 21, 2019 and we tried our hardest to get an all candidates forum to offer an opportunity for our community members to engage with all of the candidates. Gord Johns-NDP, Byron Horner- Conservative, Sean Wood- Green Party, Jonah Gowans-Liberal, Barbara Biley-Marxist Leninist. Unfortunately, we were unable to secure dates with a number of the candidates as their campaign schedules had already been quite full. We



strongly encourage all of our Tseshah members to practice their right to vote in this election. There are many people who fought to have this right for us as Tseshah people and it is up to us to continue to exercise this right to vote. Please take the time to education yourself and your family on the platforms of these candidates as whichever party is elected and which MP is appointed in our riding directly impacts our work and efforts as a Nation. Voting information is also available at the Welcome Center.

OTHER ITEMS...

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

Council Quarterly Reports –next report scheduled for Fall 2019.

Council Cooks for the Community – a date will be set for Fall 2019.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Council Meetings October 10 and October 17
- Community Meeting October 15
- First Nations Summit - October (Hugh attending)
- Tseshah AGM November 2

