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COMMUNITY NOTICE

ʔuuʔatumin yaqckʷiimitqin (DOING IT FOR OUR ANCESTORS) DRONE SCANNING UPDATE

čišaaʔath (Tseshaht) First Nation announces today that the ʔuuʔatumin yaqckʷiimitqin (Doing it for our Ancestors) project team has chosen a partner for LiDAR drone scanning. The project team and Spit Fire Drone Survey will carry out the sacred duty taking 3D images to assist in future scanning. This work will be our first phase in preparation and assisting for future ground penetrating radar (GPR) or other scanning techniques for future unmarked graves/burials with respect to the Alberni Indian Residential School (AIRS).

Their scanning will be carried out with compassion and respect for our community and lands. Protocols will be followed to ensure the community's privacy is protected. Safe space will be held for those triggered by the drone flight process. Tseshaht wants to always provide both cultural support and mental health supports throughout this sacred work. Drone flights will begin this week and members will notice the drones flying overhead.

If you have any questions or have information about AIRS, please contact Melissa Gus (melissa.airs@tseshaht.com or 250-724-1225). The Drone LiDAR company will also provide background information about their work, what LiDAR is, what they will be doing, what this work is and isn't. Please provide the company with the space to carry out this important work.

HELP IS ALWAYS HERE FOR YOU

To honour our responsibility as a caretaker community, we are committed to providing healing and support to Tseshaht members, Elders, survivors and all other survivors of AIRS during our ʔuuʔatumin yaqckʷiimitqin (Doing it for our Ancestors) project.

Members can reach out to **Linda Pelech** at **250-242- 0114**

for support and clinical counselling and **Quu'asa Teechuktl** for cultural supports **250-724-3939**



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Other mental health support contacts:

(for non-Tseshahat members)

- Quu'asa Cultural Support (Nuu-chah-nulth members only)
 - 250-724-3939
- KUU-US Crisis Line Society
 - 1-800-388-8717
 - www.kuu-uscrisisline.com
- Hope For Wellness
 - 1-855-242-3310
- Indian Residential Schools Crisis Line
 - 1-800-721-0066

For more information support resources and ongoing updates, please visit our Facebook page or website: www.tseshahat.com

Sincerely,

for:

**Vicky White, Executive Director
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