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-COMMUNITY NOTICE-

May 27, 2022

Warning: The following information may be triggering for some, support is available to you through Linda Pelech AIRS counselling support, the Nuu-chahnulth Tribal Council and other resources are listed below.

The ?uu?atumin yaqckwiimitqin (Doing it for our Ancestors) project team announces it will begin working with GeoScan, who are a Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) company who also specialize in other scanning techniques. They will safely and respectfully scan utilizing GPR and other require devices; on identified Tseshaht lands specifically for potential un-marked graves/burials in connection to the Alberni Indian Residential School(AIRS).

GeoScan's work is intended to connect AIRS survivor statements and archrival research. Their work will follow our project's intention of leading with our culture and ceremony before and following their work.

On May 30, 2022, there will be a community engagement session with GeoScan in the Tseshaht Great Room and via Zoom from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for members to learn more about what to expect and see as this delicate and sacred work begins. There will also be space for members to ask questions and cultural and clinical supports will be available.

If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Gus (<u>melissa.airs@tseshaht.com</u> or 250-724-1225)

HELP IS ALWAYS HERE FOR YOU



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We are committed to providing healing and support to Tseshaht members, Elders, AIRS Survivors and all generational survivors of AIRS during the ?uu?atumin yaqckwiimitqin (Doing it for our Ancestors) project. Members can reach out to Linda Pelech at 250-242-0114 for support.

Other mental health support contacts:

- 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
- Tsow Tun Lelum
 - 1-250-390-3123