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— COMMUNITY NOTICE —

Warning: The following may be triggering for some. Support is available. Information on Cultural and Mental Health Supports and other resources are listed at the end of this notice.

The ʔuuʔatumin yaqckʷiimitqin (Doing it for our Ancestors) Alberni Indian Residential School Project (AIRS) is sharing that GeoScan will be returning to conduct Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR). The company will operate their machines over the area for two weeks, starting September 12, 2022.

GPR scanning will continue to be conducted with compassion and care so as not to disrupt possible burial locations. We ask once again that GeoScan crew be given space to do their work. This work is difficult for our people and all those carrying memories connected to AIRS, but together we are working to find answers from the past and bring truth to the present.

Our community's well-being is essential during this important work. Support is available for those who may require it, please see the contacts below for any support you may need throughout the project.

We have a responsibility to do this important work. We honor our ancestors by taking on this work in order to seek the answers that Survivors and those that did not make it home, need, and deserve. We appreciate the community standing with us to help Survivors during this time.

For media inquires, please contact Ken Watts (Wahmeesh) at 250-724-1225 or KenWatts@tseshaht.com. If you have any questions or information about this work or the project, please contact Nene Kraneveldt or Leanne Harding at 250-724-1225.

You can also visit our website for updates at www.tseshaht.com

HELP IS ALWAYS HERE FOR YOU

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

Other mental health support contacts (for non-Tseshaht members):

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