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Huu-ay-aht among remote isolated Indigenous communities to get vaccinated



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Huu-ay-aht among first to get vaccinated

The current pandemic is still a long way from over, but Huu-ay-aht First Nations is making progress in its fight against the virus.

In January, the Huu-ay-aht found out residents of Anacla would be among the first recipients of the Moderna vaccine. Within days of receiving the news, the first 70 vaccinations were administered in Anacla. That number has since increased to 80, and every member of the community has been vaccinated against COVID-19.

Chief Councillor Robert J. Dennis Sr. encouraged residents of Huu-ay-aht's remote village to get vaccinated to help protect the elders and people who could not get the vaccine.

"We want to lead by example," he told the Hashilthsa. "If there's something that we can do to stop the spread, we're willing to be front and centre to ensure that it gets done."

The chief also sees the vaccinations as a positive step and hopes that it will mean citizens will be able to gather again, and even host potlatches.

"That's one of the big things people are missing," he said. "Being able to get together with family, share a good, big meal and [enjoy] songs and dances. I'm extremely excited about that happening again."

Although COVID-19 numbers in the province have leveled out, the numbers for First Nations communities are not looking promising.

As of the most recent update from the First Nations Health Authority on January 15, B.C had 2,761 cases recoded in First Nations people. Among these, there were 32 deaths related to COVID-19. As of this date, there are 416 active cases.

When you examine the demographics of the people infected in this group, 72% are under the age of 50. The majority, 54.7% fall between 20-49 years of age.

The statistics also indicate that First Nations people are becoming infected at a rate greater than the provincial average. The rate of positive cases was 1,700 per 100,000 people among First Nations versus 1,157 per 100,000 people in BC.

The good news is that First Nations communities, especially those in remote areas, are a priority in the new provincial vaccination plan. As of the end of the FNHA reporting period, 75,914 people in B.C. have received a COVID-19 vaccine. Here is the schedule for this year's immunization plan. For more details, you can go to: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support/vaccines



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Huu-ay-aht envision a strong, self-governing and self-reliant Nation. ʔiisaak, Hišuk ma c̓awak, and ʔuuʔałuk guide us as we work together to foster a safe, healthy, and sustainable Nation, where our culture, language, spirituality, and economy flourish.

Huu-ay-aht Uyaqḥmis is printed up to six times a year to foster community engagement among a population of more than 800 citizens. Uyaqḥmis promotes the recovery and sharing of the Huu-ay-aht dialect of the Nuu-chah-nulth language, as well as knowledge of Huu-ay-aht culture.

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Executive Council's first meetings of 2021

This is an information report summarizing the regular Executive Council meetings held on January 14 and 28. 2021. This is not the official minutes.

Delegation/Presentation

Oomiiqsu Mother centre with BC housing Update (Shannon Zimmerman presenting) – We are currently waiting to have a second reading of the Bylaw Amendment Application with the City of Port Alberni. When that step is complete, the City of Port Alberni will call for a public meeting.

At the January 28 meeting, representatives from B.C. Housing made a presentation. They went though the financing and process to date. B.C. Housing has bought the property and carried out the rezoning process. They will fund $100,000 of the $800,000 operational funding. This means the Nation must seek out funding sources for the remaining costs. The recommendation was to form an internal group at the administration level to look at opportunities and next steps.



COVID-19 Update

To ensure there is security at the entrance of Anacla, seven days a week, a job posting was made for additional support. Those who are interested in the position are to contact Amelia. Since this meeting these positions have been filled.

As of January 14, 2021, 80 people were vaccinated. The remaining doses are to be determined who they will go to (frontline workers within the nation and selected elders). Council member Edward R. Johnson to meet with FNHA for update on second round schedule.

Executive Council is informed that there is food fish left from recent distributions. Fish is available if needed. No action was made.

Housing

Council member Charlie Clappis requested the House of Huu-ay-aht Remediation Grant Application to be approved. Within the grant application, it states that Huu-ay-aht must contribute $50,000. It was approved to move forward with the application and Chief Councillor Robert J. Dennis Sr. suggested developing a maintenance protocol for House of Huu-ay-aht. This is to ensure it remains in good condition moving forward.



Human resource changes

Executive Council reviewed suggested changes to the administration's organizational chart. This includes the suggested addition of several positions that will help create efficiencies and fill gaps. It also suggests moving a few positions to new departments and eliminating one department and merging it with another. Councillor Trevor Cootes requested that the executive director look more closely at the wages for councillors as they have not received more than a cost-of-living increase for several years. He also suggested that executive council needs a position created that reports to them and can help them out with administrative duties so that these tasks do not consume as much of their time as they currently are. Tayii Ḥaẇiɬ ƛiišin (Derek Peters) said it is important to properly staff the operation because not doing so could lead to increased stress and burnout of the staff who are currently working for the Nation.



Wišqii celebrates one year of sobriety

By Amanda-Lee Cunningham

Wišqii (Robert Dennis Jr.) is on his road of recovery.

Starting December 2019, Wišqii says he took a step in the right direction and got help by admitting himself into Orchard Recovery Center on Bowen Island. Fast forward a year, and his Nation is celebrating him being one year sober!

Friends and family gathered on Zoom, December 1, 2020. As everyone waited for Wišqii to arrive, there was nothing but positive energy. Guests were laughing and talking, you could really tell everyone was happy to see one another.

To start off, Peter Petris, Wišqii's 12-step coach from Orchard Recovery Center wanted to say a few words as he could not stay. He acknowledged Wišqii and all the hard work he has done and what is ahead of him. Peter noted that we are currently living in a pandemic and how Wišqii has gone through his recovery in it.

"One-year sober is an amazing thing, especially during challenging times in the world", said Peter. "I could not imagine doing what Wišqii has in my first year."

Wišqii is now on the wall at Orchard Recovery Center for making it one year sober.

Wišqii gives gratitude to Orchard Recovery Center, "I gave 90 days and that gave my life back."

Peter left with that and will pass along Wišqii's gratitude to Orchard Recovery Center.

Before moving forward with the celebration, Rena Johnson, Huu-ay-aht's Clinical Counsellor, welcomed everyone and started off



Wišqii

with an opening prayer (done by Brian Lucas).

The event was then opened for people to speak, everyone had lots of acknowledging words for Wišqii. Here are a few.

"I can't believe a year has gone by so fast, it seems like we were just stuck in traffic (because it was snowing) on our way to Orchard Recovery Center" Said Edward R. Johnson. "I see people who are influenced by you, the leadership you have, and how you carry yourself, it is enlightening. The spiritual journey you are on, is a joy to witness."

"It is not easy when you have to go away and tackle the things that bring you there" said Tayii Ḥaẇiɬ ƛiišin (Derek Peters) "You are definitely a stronger person today and have pride in your teachings again. Thank you for being a leader and not being shy about where you are in your journey. This will bring more awareness to our community".

Robert Dennis Sr. admits he too struggled with alcohol. He said he is grateful for what Wišqii said when he was 10-years old "Dad, I don't like it when you drink." It changed his life forever.

"It's a great day to be sober. It's great to wake up and start another day, a day whatever you want it to be." said Robert, "Thank you, son."

Left for last to speak, Wišqii gave thanks. "I want to thank you for all your support and being here today, it means the world to me."

He explains that he decided to go to Orchard Recover Center because there was no other way. He had lost control, he had become a chronic alcoholic.

It took a long time for Wišqii to get where he is today, but he is ready to commit.

One of Wišqii's toughest struggles is staying committed to his journey. He has lost some dear friends due to illness, and some family. Unfortunetely some of the losses in his family came while he was in the recovery center, like Victor Jr. and his uncle Norman. Norman struggled with addiction a lot of his life before getting sober. His journey was an inspiration to him.

Wišqii got a one-time pass to leave the recovery center and attend the movie premiere of Coming Home. He is so glad he had that moment, as he got to see his uncle Norman one more time. Norman told him, "No matter what happens kid, you keep on healing, keep on growing." Norman believed Wišqii has a lot to offer his people.

One of Wišqii's biggest challenges by far is living and feeling the ups and downs of life, living life on life's terms. Wisqii says he would not have it any other way.

"It feels good, when I wake up, to know what I did the night before and plan what I am doing tomorrow. I am free from all my excuses I used when I drank."

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Sheila ready to help with housing needs

Sheila Charles has always been an advocate for Huu-ay-aht citizens. As an elected councillor for two terms, she was instrumental in making the Social Services Project a reality and improving so many lives through this process. She will now turn her attention to the housing needs of her Nation.

Sheila joined Team Huu-ay-aht and takes over the responsibility for housing for the Nation.

"I'm excited about the challenge this position presents," she says. "I look forward to helping get our citizens into healthy living arrangements – ones where they will feel happy and safe and find a sense of pride."

Her position is new to the Huu-ay-aht administrative team, and it is still a work in progress. Sheila says this will be a rewarding job as she gets to work with the team to ensure the new housing position is a "made in Huu-ay-aht" model. She plans to consult with other organizations, like the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council, to see what she can learn from what they are doing in housing. For the most part, Huu-ay-aht will be creating a position that will help address the specific needs coming from the Nation's community. Prior to this change, direction came from the Housing Oversight Board.



Sheila Charles

In her new role, Sheila will oversee all the Huu-ay-aht rental properties. She will also be a contact for citizens who need help with their current housing or assistance finding a new place to live. She also sees ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the rental units as an important part of her job.

"We want citizens to know they are supported," Sheila says. "It is important that we offer them security as we would like to see more citizens move home."

Sheila acknowledges she has a lot of work ahead of her and lots to learn along the way.

"Learning as I go along is very familiar from the days I spent on Executive Council," she explains. "I'm excited for the challenge and can't wait to see more citizens getting into housing and moving home."

Sheila will also offer help with the application process and other housing needs. She wants to remind citizens that information is available on Huu-ay-aht's website (https://huuayaht.org/housing/) if they need to apply for housing or have other questions. She wants to remind citizens that the deadline for to apply for housing is March 1 of every year, as outlined in the Social Housing Regulation. Citizens can also email her directly at Sheila_c@huuayaht.org or call 250-731-5676.

Wišqii will continue on his road of recovery and make his late mother proud

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Wišqii talked about how his grandfather told him it is always good to have nerves when he would dance because you can convert that energy into motivation. Wišqii really loves dancing, especially with the wolf mask, but he would always get nervous. He explains that is how he feels with his life right now.

"With everything going on in the world, this is the best year of my life" Wišqii explained.

He is most proud that he did not revert to his old ways. Staying sober when he lost his mom was a huge matter for him. He could have easily started back up (and people might have understood), but he dug deep and worked his way through it. It was very sad, but he says she remains his inspiration.

"I am, as I have always been a momma's boy." said Wišqii. "I was after all born on Mother's Day. It was my destiny. I wish to continue to make her proud!"

For anyone who may be struggling, Wišqii would like to say, "It works, if you work it, and you're worth it." This is a mantra that he would say every day, multiple times a day while in recovery.

Research Team will bring survey online

Happy 2021! The Tasiiʔakqin ʔuyaqhmisukqin (Our Journey, Our Story) Research Team and Advisory Committee have already met in the new year to lay out our exciting next steps for the research on Huu-ay-aht perspectives on the implementation of the Maa-nulth Treaty.

1. After a few months of trying to reach citizens over the phone, we are switching to an online survey. Huu-ay-aht citizens 18 and over will all have one opportunity to complete the five question survey, which should take about 10 minutes maximum. Everyone who completes the survey will have their name entered in a draw to win cash prizes—$200 gift cards. Those who have already completed the survey over the phone with Honey Johnson are not eligible to complete the survey again (sorry!). Keep an eye on Huu-ay-aht's Facebook page for more information, including a link on how to access the survey and announced prize draw winners.

2. We're delighted to announce that Honey Johnson, who joined the research team as a Research Associate in September 2020, is transitioning into the role of Project Coordinator. Honey will continue to reach out to citizens and work with the research team and advisory committee as we look to our next steps.

3. Deadline extended: Finally, to encourage as many submissions as possible, we've extended the youth logo competition to February 15th. For any Huu-ay-aht youth ages 30 and under who wanted to submit their work for the research team to use as a logo, please get submissions to hinatinyis at: hinatinyis@gmail.com.



Research Team meeting virtually on Zoom during the holidays. (Photo provided by Vanessa Sloan-Morgan)

Questions, comments, or want to learn more about the research? Get a hold of research co-leads at: Heather (902-489-2412 or heather.castleden@queensu.ca) or Vanessa (250-508-3410 or vanessa.sloan.morgan@unbc.ca). The Huu-ay-aht Research Advisory Committee is also available for questions or comments: Stella Peters, Jane Peters, Simon Dennis, hupinyuk (Tom Happynook), hinatinyis (Brittany Coté), Mercedes Williams, and Heather Johnson.

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Huu-ay-aht is making history with Bamfield Road Project

Huu-ay-aht First Nations has worked for several decades to bring significant upgrades to Bamfield Main. In September 2020, the Province of B.C. announced they would partner with Huu-ay-aht to bring these upgrades to reality.

Since this announcement, Huu-ay-aht has been involved in a lot of behind the scenes work to finalize how this project will be carried out.

Huu-ay-aht First Nations is making history in British Columbia as it will be the first Indigenous community to lead a road infrastructure project of this size. The Province will contribute $25.7 million and Huu-ay-aht will fund the remaining $5 million of the Bamfield Main Safety Improvements Project, and Huu-ay-aht will manage the project for the next three years.

Huu-ay-aht has finalized several steps necessary before work can begin on the road. Throughout the length of the project, Huu-ay-aht will act in accordance with its laws and will ensure the project is contracted through a bidding process. The field study was carried out in the summer and fall of 2020 so that the project's design work would be ready once the project was announced. The Nation has hired Parsons to manage the project on behalf of the Nation.

The next step will be the geotechnical investigation, followed by the design phases. Construction is expected to begin in summer 2021 and continue until 2023 when the projects is scheduled for completion.

Huu-ay-aht will ensure that throughout the project job shadowing, employment, and training opportunities will be made available for Huu-ay-aht citizens. If you would like more information, please contact Brent Ronning, Education, Employment and Training Manager for Huu-ay-aht First Nations, at brent.r@huuayaht.org.

Huu-ay-aht is committed to keeping the lines of communication open throughout this project. We will be holding regular community updates to keep people up to date with progress and ensure they know what it planned. Once these meetings are set up, Huu-ay-aht will share that information with citizens and the public. Information will also be available at www.huuayaht.org.

This is an exciting project for everyone involved and it will make the corridor between Bamfield and Port Alberni safe for all users. For the Bamfield Main Safety Improvements Project to be a success, we must all work together. Input from the users is key to ensuring the updates made reflect what is needed on the road. To achieve this, the project managers are asking regular users of Bamfield Main to let them know about problem areas and key upgrades they believe are necessary. Your input will ensure the upgrades reflect what is needed to guarantee a safer road in the future.

If you have any questions or would like to share your knowledge of the road, please contact Heather Thomson, Communications Manager for Huu-ay-aht First Nations, at heather.t@huuayaht.org.

Bamfield Main Safety Improvements
PROJECT TIMELINE





Huu-ay-aht youth helps deliver elder food boxes

Alexyss Howard volunteered to help deliver elder food boxes with her dad Cory Howard Sr.

Elder food boxes are delivered bi-weekly and are to help support the elders during COVID-19 so they can stay safe at home.

The Citizen Development Committee wants to hear from you

Citizen Development Survey

Focusing on Citizen Development through empowerment and support



The Citizen Development Committee has appointed a Review Officer to engage with Huu-ay-aht Citizens and conduct a survey to gather information that will help in the development of programs and services for Financial wellness, Cultural connection, Health and Education.

The Citizen Development Regulation supports individual development through a holistic, strength-based, and community-led process, which holds, at its core, the principles of encouraging and enabling Huu-ay-aht citizens to reach their full potential. The strategy is designed to bring together best practices in policies, programs and legislation that serve all Huu-ay-aht citizens.

Your input will help determine policy and programs that best meet your needs for personal growth, prosperity and wellness.

Join us and have your voice heard!

Please follow the link to complete your survey or call Tamara at the Child and Family Wellness Office at 1-778-419-1013 for a hard copy. Your submission will enter you in to win a $200 prepaid money card!

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BFNTXGT

Child and Family Wellness welcome new team members

Staff Changes

It is with sadness that we share the news that Amanda Krupek is leaving the Child and Family Wellness Team, as of January 26, 2021 to pursue other professional opportunities.

Amanda has supported citizens with kindness and compassion, and we know that she will be missed by many.

Amanda has enjoyed her time with the Nation and getting to build relationships with all of the citizens she connected with.

We wish Amanda every success and will miss her.

New Hires



Tamara Watts

Tamara Watts is from Tseshaht First Nation. Her mother is Starla Watts from Tseshaht First Nation and her father is Donald Mack from Toquaht Nation.

Prior to working at Huu-ay-aht as the child and family wellness reception, Tamara worked at the Tseshaht Administration building for roughly two years. Tamara is a proud home business owner that provides many different beauty services. Tamara is grateful for this opportunity to work with Huu-ay-aht.



Claire Gendron

Claire Gendron is the new Girl's Program Coordinator. Claire is a community organizer, food grower, and lifelong learner.

Claire is new to Port Alberni and as a settler of mixed European and Irish descent, she is excited to be listening, learning, and taking action to support the communities whose territories she is residing in.

Claire is the co-founder of Old Dogwood Society for Arts & Ecology, a land-based project that centres underrepresented youth, adults, and seniors as cultural creators and regenerators.

Claire studied First Nations and Indigenous Studies at the University of British Columbia, and spends a lot of her time creating and maintaining healthy and supportive relationships within her communities and beyond. Claire is looking forward to meeting and working with the Huu-ay-aht community.



Daniel Zayonc

Daniel Zayonc is the Warrior Program Coordinator. Daniel coordinates traditional activities for Huu-ay-aht male youth within the Ḥahuuḥli that generally support community initiatives.

He recently completed his Master of Science degree at McGill University where he studied hunting in the Peruvian Amazon.

Prior to living in Montreal, Daniel worked at the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre leading students on field trips throughout Barkley Sound.

Within the Bamfield community, Daniel has helped coordinate the Christmas Bird Count and Fungus Festival, and he is also a firefighter for the Bamfield Volunteer Fire Department.

In his spare time, Daniel is an outdoorsman, scuba diver, and basketball player.

Daniel is looking forward to working with and learning from the male youth as they gain leadership skills through building and harvesting activities.

Christmas Packages

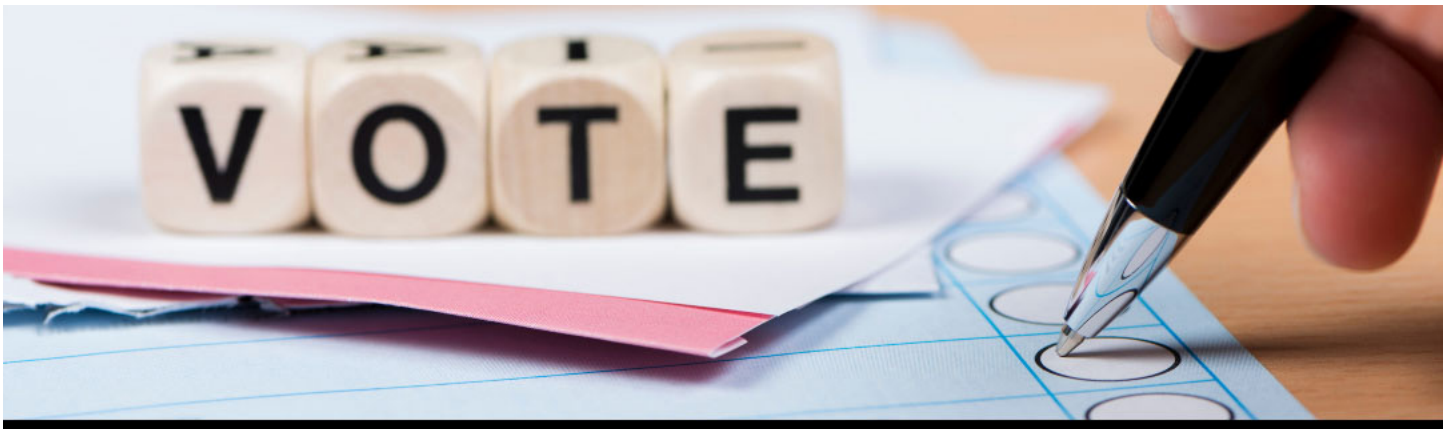


Rena Johnson and Amanda Krupek

The Child and Family Wellness Team have gifts for all Huu-ay-aht children and youth coming in the mail soon.

Due to COVID-19 and long waits at the post office prior to Christmas, the team decided to wait until the new year to mail them out.

The Nation wants to hear your feedback



DO YOU HAVE AN OPINION ON THE HUU-AY-AHT FIRST NATIONS ELECTION ACT?

HAVE YOUR SAY!!

The Nation is looking for input from Huu-ay-aht Citizens on what needs to change in the current *Election Act*.

The Act is up for review. Before Executive Council brings proposed changes to Legislature, they would like to hear from you.

Review the Act online at huuayaht.org, then send your feedback to ***lawclerk@huuayaht.org***.

Do you want to receive this newsletter digitally?

Send your email to vanessa.s@huuayaht.org and we'll make sure you are added to our email list.

Interested in forest sector job and training opportunities?

By Marina Rayner, RFT

As a proud Huu-ay-aht citizen that has worked in the forestry sector for more then 11 years, I'm excited to announce Huumiis Limited Partnership is rolling out a new education, training, and job placement program for citizens.

In my new role as Employment and Training Manager in relation to TFL 44, I will be working directly with Huu-ay-aht citizens and family members to ensure everyone knows about, and has access to the various TFL 44 forest sector positions that open up starting immediately and over the course of the next several years. I will also be working very closely with Sarah Johnson, Huu-ay-aht Group of Businesses, and Brent Ronning, Huu-ay-aht Government, in relation to forestry sector opportunities generally.

Hard work, invaluable experiences

My forestry career started as a silviculture summer student for Western Forest Products (WFP) and Island Timberlands. My first full-time forestry engineering position was with Capacity Forest Management. Under the encouragement of my supervisors, I completed a diploma at Vancouver Island University in Forest Resources Technology. In 2014, I worked for two years for our Nation's forestry company, HFN Forestry Ltd., through a contract under Meridian Forestry Services. From 2016 until recently, I worked with the Yuułuʔiłʔath Government and Toquaht Nation as the Manager of Lands and Resources.

Over the years, I have gained a profound respect for the role that First Nations occupy in the forest industry. My focus has been on First Nations tenures, and I have worked all along the coast.

I have also worked directly with the Huu-ay-aht Government and my fellow citizens to understand what the vision for forestry is and how we could put that into practice operationally. Understanding the challenges that treaty Nations experience within the resource management context has been a unique learning opportunity.

hupiitaɬ (to help one another)

If you have any questions at all, please reach out! Call me at 250-240-9119. I'm really looking forward to sharing what is available to Huu-ay-aht citizens.

Who is Marina Rayner?

Nux'ge'jeh, Yakud ɬasa mega (Marina Rayner) is a Huu-ay-aht citizen and a descendent from Tseshaht and Gixtsan First Nations.

She was born in Port Alberni and her Grandparents are Tom Watts and Ken and Dolly McRae on her maternal side and Sydney and Gladys Rayner on her paternal side.

Her children are T'ɬi linxw (Taylor) 12, Y'axyaga (Sydney) is six, and Jordyn is two.



JOBS, TRAINING, AND EDUCATION RELATED TO TFL44

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- Road construction
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- Machine/grader operator

To discuss employment opportunities or ask any questions related to forest sector training and education, please contact Marina Rayner at mraynerconsulting@hotmail.com or 250-240-9119.

Forest Worker Certificate graduates given opportunity to work in the field

HFN Forestry LP is pleased to report on a training initiative established last year with collaboration with Huu-ay-aht First Nations and North Island College. The North Island College Coastal Forest Worker Certificate program offered an opportunity for Huu-ay-aht citizens to get a feel for all aspects of working in the woods. In its first year, eight citizens completed the course.

To build on this experience, the HFN Group of Businesses explored training opportunities for some of the graduates of the program. They received funding from NETP that allowed them to offer Forest Worker graduates a chance to put their newly gained skills into action with business contractors that HFN Forestry LP works with on a regular basis. Ethan Little, one of the graduates, took advantage of this opportunity and went to work for Meridian Forest Services Ltd.

During his time in the forestry program at NIC, Ethan learned the forestry basics. He says that prepared him for the work he did with Meridian during his work term, but he had no idea how much he would learn from the hands-on opportunity until his first day at work.

"Working with Meridian really gave me the better grasp on forestry that the college course I took couldn't offer me," he explains. "After being in the field, I was much more confident in my skills and the team there made it all the better and a comfortable learning process."



Ethan Little

He says initially he was quite nervous and intimidated by the line of work he would be doing. It was different from what the course offered. He soon learned everyone was welcoming and ready to teach him what he needed to know, and his mistakes along the way were not held against him.

Matt Neuwirth is the operations manager of engineering at Meridian and has worked closely with Ethan. He was also one of the instructors in the NIC course. He said teaching the course gave him an opportunity to get an inside look at what the students were interested in. In the beginning, he says Ethan did not express any interest in the technical side of forestry, such as the engineering in which Meridian specializes. When this opportunity came up, he was pleased to hear that Ethan jumped at the chance to take part.

Ethan started his work placement in 2020, during the pandemic (COVID-19). He was given the opportunity to learn about pile burning, brush cutting, which eventually led into cutblock layout work and forest engineering.

"Ethan was a good fit immediately. He showed initiative and worked hard," Matt says, adding that Meridian offered him a job when the program finished, and he continues to work for the company.

Now with a job in forestry, some experience, and several certificates behind him, Ethan sees a career in forestry in his future.

Human Resources Manager for the Group of Businesses Sarah Johnson says, "this was an important opportunity to demonstrate how Huu-ay-aht First Nations and HGB can work collaboratively together regarding training and employment initiatives."

Huu-ay-aht's Education, Employment, and Training Manager Brent Ronning says Huu-ay-aht is continuing to build skills and knowledge in the Nation's citizens and believes there will continue to be skilled opportunities in forestry for them.

"There are a number of pathways to working in forestry — trades, college programs, and working your way up," Brent explains. "Huu-ay-aht will continue to work with our industry partners and educational institutions to support our citizens who want to pursue working in the forest industry."

If you would like more information from Brent, contact him at brent.r@huuayaht.org or email Sarah at sarah.j@huuayaht.com.