



Mamalikulla First Nation Newsletter

April 2018

MAMALILIKULLA FIRST NATION STATEMENT: Working together to build a strong, proud and healthy Mamalikulla community

Mamalikulla First Nation Vision

Our vision for the future is to serve our community with respect, fairness, transparency and accountability, promoting equality, prosperity and well-being while engaging and supporting our people; honoring our past, present and future generations and creating an opportunity for a strong, self-sufficient sovereign Mamalikulla Nation.

Mamalikulla First Nation would like to wish all the April babes a very Happy Birthday from all of us in the office!

Grad 2018

Attention parents and grads! Please notify the Band Office if you have a student graduating High School this June. The MFN has grad support dollars that can help offset costs for the grad ceremony, formal wear or picture costs.

Post Secondary Funding

If you interested in attending University or College in the fall, please contact the Band Office for application forms. These can also be downloaded off the Bands website at www.mamalikulla.ca



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CCP Workshop Series III - May/June 2018

Our next series of workshops will focus on Culture and Health. The meetings are as follows:

COMMUNITY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Alert Bay	Sat, May 12, 2018	11-3 pm	The Cook Shack
Port Hardy	Sat, May 19, 2018	11-3 pm	The Kwa'lilas Hotel
Nanaimo	Sat, May 26, 2018	11-3 pm	The Coast Bastion Hotel
Victoria	Sun, May 27, 2018	11-3 pm	The Coast Victoria Hotel
Campbell River	Sat, Jun 16, 2018	11-3 pm	The Comfort Inn
Surrey	Sat, Jun 23, 2018	11-3 pm	The Comfort Inn & Suites, Surrey

Please **REGISTER** for one of the workshops in your area one week prior to the workshop you wish to attend. **When you register, your name will be entered into a draw for one \$100 and two \$25 VISA card draws per location. You must be in attendance at the workshop in order to win. If you attend five workshops this series, your name will be entered into a draw in November for \$500, which will come in handy for Christmas shopping J**

Lunch will be provided at each of these workshops. Please call Sharon at the Band office at 250.287.2955 or toll free at 1.888.287.2955 or email community.planner@mamalilikulla.ca to register.

Your opinion matters to us. Please come on out and join us —have your voice heard.

We look forward to seeing you at one of these meetings!

Out with the old, in with the new...

Dock information

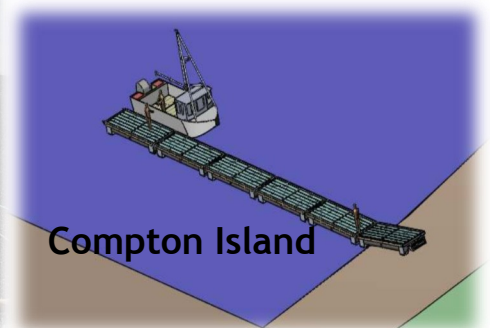
Last year the band received INAC funding and approval for a new dock on Village Island and a removable float for Compton Island. Construction will be starting April 23rd and should be completed mid May. With a new dock, accessibility to Village and Compton Island for members and tourists will be easier and more enjoyable.



Artist rendering of the future docks.



Village Island



Compton Island



Elders' Fundraiser Raffle

TICKETS ARE \$10 EACH OR 3 FOR \$20

Draw Date: June 21st 2018, Aboriginal Day

We are fundraising of help offset costs for our Elders to attend the 2018 Elders Gathering that is being held in Cowichan, BC this year. We have received the following donations from generous band members to assist in our fundraising:

1st Prize: Native Blanket & Apron with Killer Whale design, donated by Violet Sewid

\$2500 Value

2nd Prize: ½ Gallon of Grease (Gleetna), donated by Edna Puglas

\$400 Value

3rd Prize: Hummingbird Plaque Carving, donated by George Charlie Sr.

\$250 Value

4th Prize: Massage, donated by Roberta (Bobbi) Wildman C.H.H.P., R.S.T.

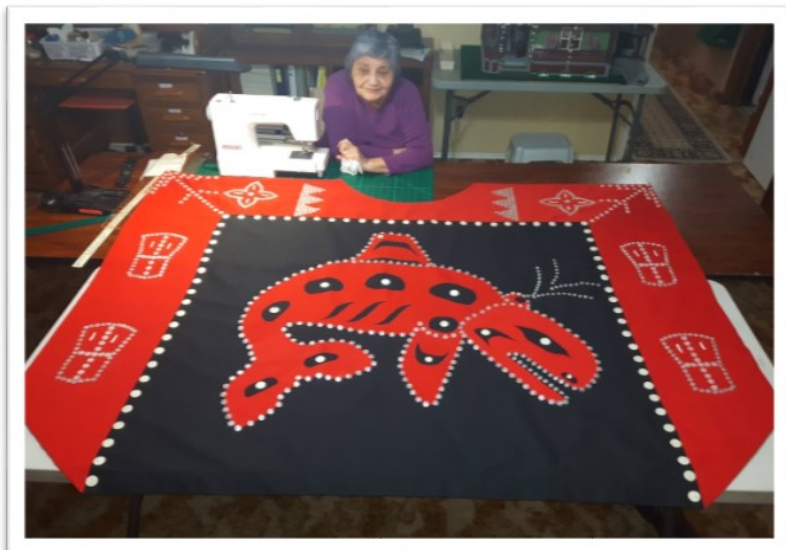
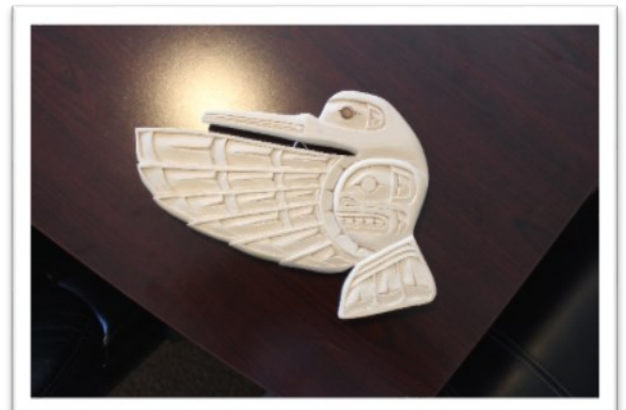
\$120 Value

5th Prize: Knitted apron with Native Design, donated by Maggie Bell

\$100 Value

6th Prize: Mamalilikulla Gift Basket: Calendar, mug, hoodie, etc.

\$100 Value



Huge thank you to everyone that has donated!

Email transfers can be sent to edna@mamalilikulla.ca



CCP Logo Contest Winner!

Congratulations Simon James, the winner of the CCP Logo Contest! His entry was chosen to represent our Comprehensive Community Planning (CCP) process and be the mark of our long-term success moving into the future. Thanks to everyone who participated and helped make this contest a success! CCP is a process that requires all community members to engage in planning and implementing the long-term vision of our band. Stay tuned for future contests down the road!

Mamalilikulla First Nation Merchandise for Sale



We are now selling MFN merchandise to help raise money to support our Elders and their costs for their trip to the 42nd Elders Gathering that is taking place July in Cowichan, BC.

Coffee Mug - \$15 each or 2 for \$25

Travel Mug - \$20

Water Bottle - \$15

Calendar - \$25

Sweatshirts - \$60 each (S-XXLG)



Mamalilikulla First Nation 2018 Annual General Meeting

On Saturday, March 24th, 2018, Mamalilikulla First Nation held our Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Coast Bastion Hotel in Nanaimo, BC. We had 34 Band Members and 3 staff members in attendance. Before we served lunch, Elder Lilian Puglas gave an opening prayer. Afterwards, Chief Richard Sumner asked for a moment of silence for all the members who have passed away. Lunch was served to the membership and lots of laughs were shared among members. After lunch, Chief Richard Sumner called the meeting to order. The agenda was amended to include a question and answer period after the presentations. Lynn Galloway from Reid, Hurst, Nagy Inc., Chartered Professional Accountants, from Kelowna, BC presented the Audit for the 2016/2017 fiscal year. It was recommended by Administration and Council to change our auditor to a firm more local to Campbell River/Vancouver Island for next year. We took a short break and had a draw for the lovely earrings Angel Charlie kindly donated. Carolyn Dawson was the first lucky winner!

We jumped right back into it and Chief Sumner gave an overview of his report that was handed out at the beginning of the meeting. Councillor John Powell then reported to the membership on the Ministry of Children and Family Development Cultural Plan that was created for Mamalilikulla First Nation. He also reported on KDC Health and their request to FNHA (First Nation Health Authority) for Mamalilikulla First Nation to get their own Contribution Agreement to assist our membership with medical transportation. Councillor Edna Puglas gave a summary of her Council report, she told members about “Jordan’s Principle” and how it can assist families with medical/dental expenses. She also updated on the Elders’ Gathering fundraising that has taken place as well as the new fundraisers going on now. Councillor Gilbert James then took the floor and advised the membership of the two portfolios that he holds; Housing and Sports & Recreation. He reported on the meeting he attended in Alert Bay at the Whe-La-La-U Area Council office. He also stated he was looking forward to start working on the Housing Policy and Tenant Agreement for the Duplex.

We took another break and had an additional draw for a beautiful necklace (donated again by Angel Charlie) with the winner being Hank Bee. The membership participated in a question and answer period with council regarding the Gwabalish Fishing Society, Ministry of Children and Families Development, Elders Gathering and Jordan’s Principle. We finish the meeting with a couple more draws; giving away coffee cups, travel mugs, and sweatshirts. We drew for the 50’ TV and the big winner of the afternoon was Maralyn Slaney! The membership was then asked about where they would like the AGM for next year and the majority voted in favor of Vancouver.





GOVERNANCE REVIEW 2017-2018

From: Governance Coordinator - Frances Roberts

Frances Roberts was hired as the Governance Coordinator in September 2017. She is from the Wei Wai Kum First Nation and lives in Campbell River. Frances has many years of experience working with First Nations organizations and used these skills and qualifications to assist the Mamalilikulla First Nation in this exciting endeavor.

Over the past seven months, two series of community meetings were held to gather community input in the following areas:

- Alert Bay
- Port Hardy
- Campbell River
- Nanaimo
- Victoria
- Vancouver

The first set of meetings were meant to introduce the Governance Coordinator and the Comprehensive Community Planner (CCP), Sharon Marshall along with other staff members. We combined the Governance/CCP components in order to share resources as these were introductory meetings. From these different discussions, we gathered the following Governance information from the community:

Membership Top Priorities

1. Status Cards
2. Reconnection of Members
3. Mamalilikulla Descendants
4. Locating Members

Governance/Elections Top Priorities

1. Transparency
2. Accountability
3. Elders Input
4. Election Code



Frances worked with the Band members to gain input for proposed Membership Policies and a Custom Election Code for review and ratification. She met with community members to explain the project, gather guidance and input, answer questions, and bring the information back to the Chief and Council. A survey was also sent to all members to receive more information from members who had and hadn't attended meetings. The information gathered was and will be shared with the community through various communication methods.

The second series of meetings were focused on more specific topics to gain membership input in particular areas. The following were priorities put forward by the membership:

Governance

1. Create an Election Code
2. Membership Policies
3. Elders and/or Youth Council

Membership

1. Mamalilikulla descendants only
2. For financial and administrative purposes not feasible to take over our own membership from DISC (formerly INAC) - make policies for Chief & Council to follow
3. Membership input for being a Mamalilikulla member

Elections

1. Only Mamalilikulla Band members eligible for Chief & Council
2. Staggered Elections
3. Four-year term for office

These priorities will be a part of the draft Election Code and Membership Policies that will be prepared for Chief & Council to review by the end of March 2018. Therefore, all the input that we received from members was very important as it acts as a guide to govern the Mamalilikulla Band in a transparent and accountable way.

The Department of Indigenous Services Canada (DISC) supports First Nation communities in the implementation of strong, effective and sustainable governments. Research has shown that effective governance is the single greatest contributing factor to a community's socio-economic progress and its overall well-being.



Governance structures among First Nation communities are at different stages of maturity and development. Some First Nations have self-government agreements with Canada while others have minimal governance structures. Many First Nations fall somewhere in between.

Chief Councillor's Report: Richard J. Sumner

March 24, 2018



Dear band member,

As I reflect on the past year, I can't help but think back to almost two years ago when we first took office.

It wasn't a normal transition. Usually, when a newly elected Chief and Council take over from the previous government, there is a period of handing things over and moving forward from that point. This was not the situation for your newly elected representatives. There was no established budget, workplan, no policies, few files and no staff. We were starting from ground zero.

Having to learn the day to day operations of the band and its involvement with organizations like INAC, KDC, Nanwakolas, First Nations Health Authority, Inter Tribal Health, MCFD, Sasamans Society, Gwabalís Fisheries, DMT Fisheries, forest companies, and many others has been very challenging.

Thankfully, I enjoy a challenge and feel we've come a long way in a short time. I'm happy to report on some accomplishments and ongoing projects of the band in the last year.

Wanting us to succeed from the beginning INAC has been very helpful. They are now assisting us with program funding to do a Comprehensive Community Plan, a Membership and Election Code, redo our Marine and Land Use Plan, and for now we have a communications person. We've also been able to get funding through INAC for new docks at Village and Compton Islands, which should be in by early summer. INAC, in its most recent assessment of the band, has rated us as a low risk band, which basically means they believe we do business in a professional and accountable manner.

As a member nation of Nanwakolas Council, they've been able to help us secure funding that makes it possible for us to have a Guardian Watchman program. The Guardians are very proud to be a presence out there and working for our nation in protecting our territory. They will be continuing their work in archeological site recording, large cultural cedar, kelp and eel grass surveys, ocean/climate monitoring, and other environmental projects. Along with recording and watching for environmental concerns they engage and inform the public about our people and territory. We will be expanding the Guardian program in the near future, with a program manager, and a new boat. I look forward to seeing the results of their work in the field this summer.

As a member nation of Nanwakolas, the band now owns 20% of the Knights Inlet Lodge in Glendale Cove through a purchase made by the Nanwakolas Forestry Corporation. There is the possibility of seasonal work for band members, and the purchase will take time to pay out any dividends to member nations.

Council and staff are working hard to understand health policy and deliver information to membership. Health

care is a concern for all First Nations, and we're doing our best to insure our membership has better health care in the future.

With the help from Sasamans Society we now have a Cultural Care Agreement and a Cultural Guide for foster parents of our children in care. We will soon have a Protocol Agreement with MCFD as well. The Agreement will outline the steps to be taken by the Ministry and the band when our children are put in care, with emphasis put on keeping families together.

Not having the membership on reserve makes us ineligible for the social development dollars other bands get to hire a social development worker to work along with the MCFD. We are looking at different ways to find funding and hire a person to do that work.

Gwabalis Society is a PICFI (Pacific Integrated Commercial Fishery Initiative) program funded by DFO (Department of Fisheries & Oceans). We are one of four-member nations and as the Gwabalis chairperson, I'm happy to report the purchase of another geoduck block by the Society, bringing us two geoduck blocks and a sablefish quota society-owned. The Society does get access licenses from DFO for other fisheries like salmon and herring but does not own them. The Society is doing well financially through license leases. And with a manager based in Alert Bay looking to diversify into different marine/fishing related businesses.

In forestry, we've been able to have a part time advisor to assist us in understanding the business and help us determine the best direction for the band.

Our five-year forestry licenses are being renewed at the end of December, before then, we hope to have a new name and board of directors for our forestry corporation. With informed and sound decision-making, the band will do well.

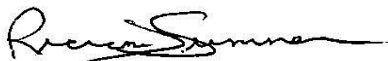
On more of a political note, MFN council has joined our neighbors the Namgis and Musgamagw Dzawada'enuxw in the fight to rid fish farms from our territories. There has been one meeting with Ministers so far, with another scheduled for the end of the month. Some site tenures are up for renewal in June, and we are hoping to halt the re-stocking of those sites.

This past year, I've met some great people wanting us to succeed as a band. From capacity and nation building to employment and social development, we've had a lot of support, and for that I am grateful.

I'm most grateful for the ongoing hard work and support of our band Administrator Sonia Roberts and bookkeeper Darlene Cook. Both tireless and dedicated workers for our nation, they go above and beyond, and I thank them both.

And to membership, I thank you for your support and patience in the rebuilding of our nation. We are getting there and with your help, the future of the band will be bright.

Gilakas'la



Councillor Report: Edna Puglas

March 24th 2018

We have been in our office for almost two years and I just want to thank our Councillors, Chief, and our staff in the office for all their hard work they continue to do daily. I sit on Council and I enjoy it and I am happy to be working for our people. I also hold the Health Portfolio.

As of Oct 1st, 2017, our health has been switched over to Pharma Care -W, and if any of our members have any concerns please contact:

Candy-lee Chickite

Phone: 250-287-7346 or

Email: candy-leachickite@fnha.ca

or call the FNHA office toll free at 1-800-317-7878

Email: HealthBenefits@fnha.ca

FNHA covers the following services:

- Dental
- Vision Care
- Medical Transportation
- Mental Health Counselling
- Pharmacy
- Appeal's
- Physiotherapy, massage, and acupuncture.



Our MFN members can call the office and Sonia will assist you with your patient travel or you can also call the FNHA office. Please note that you will need to notify the office or FNHA 7 - 10 business days prior to your medical appointment.

We would like to hear from our members, especially if you are experiencing any problems or have concerns with your medical coverage.



**Mamalilikulla First Nation Elders Fundraising
for the 42nd Annual Elders Gathering,
July 10,11,12th 2018 in Duncan**

Our budget including Registration, hotel cost and honorarium is at \$11,000.00.

We sold hockey squares for \$5 each with half the money paid to the winner and the other half to the Elders fundraiser. Wamish Roberts was the final score winner for \$250.00

In February, we sold Super Bowl Squares \$10ea – with \$50 per quarter paid out and the final score of \$35 paid to the winner Sharon Marshall. This fundraiser made \$500 for the Elders fundraiser.

Sonia was able to book rooms for our Elders at the Coast Bastion in Nanaimo during the Elders Gathering. The cost of the rooms will be \$5,800.00.

Our latest fundraiser is our Elder's Raffle. Thanks to our generous band members we have some amazing prizes. We have started selling the tickets as of last week and will be until Aboriginal Day which is June 21st. Let's all work together in selling the raffle tickets. If you are interested in purchasing or selling any for us, please come and see me or contact me.

I do have a list of our Elders & Volunteers who have confirmed their attendance and will be taking part in this great celebration.

I want to thank our CCP worker Sharon Marshall and Band Administrator Sonia Roberts, for their assistance with our great calendars, mugs, water bottles, travel mugs, and sweat shirts. All the proceeds from the sales of these items will go directly towards our MFN Elders' trip. If you are interested in purchasing any of our beautiful items, you can contact the band office. Not only will you look stylish, but you will feel great knowing it is going to a great cause! I have enjoyed working with our Elders and I am looking forward to the Annual Elders Gathering this summer in Duncan BC.



Kwak'wala

Word of the Month!

kutala

[k'u] (ta) (la)

English translation: Salmon

Community Corner

Have someone you want to congratulate? Big Announcement? Exciting news? Put it in our newsletter! Email: communications@mamalilikulla.ca

(Must be appropriate)

Language Groups

Kwakwaka Language (Victoria)

1128 Wychbury Ave

Tuesdays at 7pm

Open for everyone at every level!

For more information please call at 250 704 6777

Kwakwaka'wakw Culture Nights (Victoria)

950 Kings Rd. (CDI College Gym)

Fridays 6pm-8pm (Every second week)

March 23, April 6, April 20 etc.

For more information please call Seneca at 250 508 8173

Bakwemgyala Language Group (Campbell River)

Old Kwanwatsi preschool (Behind the Big House/Gukwdzi)

Tuesdays 6:30pm

Everybody is welcome!

Congratulations!



The Puglas family would like to congratulate Darren Puglas for completing the Environmental Technician Program. We're proud of you!

On the lighter side...

Q. How excited was the gardener about Spring?



So excited he wet his plants.



Don't forget to check us out on Facebook at Mamalilikulla First Nation for daily updates, job postings, and helpful information!



Also, don't forget to check out our website for health forms, education forms and updates about what is going on in the office!

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