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Mamalilikulla First Nation Newsletter

An Update from Governance

The Mamalilikulla First Nation is happy to announce that a draft copy of the Mamalilikulla First Nation Election Code is now with the Band's lawyer for review. Once reviewed and the changes are made, the Draft Election Code will be posted on the Mamalilikulla website for members to view. A copy will also be mailed out to each household mid-December for members to review and comment on.

Meetings will also be held in January/February for members to review the Draft Election Code and ask questions if they wish. I, Frances Roberts, will also be available to answer questions via email, mail, phone, etc. The next election is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 27th, 2019. Similar to the previous election, there will be multiple polling stations in different locations for members to vote as well as the option to vote by mail.

Please plan ahead and mark your calendars to vote and ensure your voice is heard!

Happy Holidays,

Frances Roberts

Governance Coordinator



Mamalilikulla First Nation

Mission Statement:

Working together to build a strong, proud and healthy Mamamilikulla Community



Mamalilikulla First Nation Vision:

Our Vision for the future is to serve our community with respect, fairness, and accountability, promoting equality, prosperity and wellbeing while engaging and supporting our people; honouring our past, present and future generations and creating opportunity for a strong, self-sufficient sovereign Mamalilikulla First Nation.

A Word from the Chief

Seasons greetings to you and your family. I'm happy to report that it has been identified through the CCP work Sharon has been doing that a land base is the most important issue for Band Members. I'd like to thank everyone for their continued support and input with the CCP process. Having a mandate first is important for Council to move forward. In 2007, our Band through a Specific Claim called the Dead Point Claim received \$1 million, plus an Addition to Reserve (ATR). This is a process where First Nations can purchase land and the Government will designate it Reserve land. The \$1 million has been sitting in an Ottawa Trust Fund (with interest) for the purchase of land when the time comes.

The ATR process can be a long and complicated matter, and although Government is streamlining the process to be quicker, completing an ATR can still take 2-10 years. Feasibility/suitability studies, Government approval, membership approval, protocol agreements with local First Nations, and service agreements with local municipalities are just a few things that would have to be done.

A property has been identified a few miles north of Campbell River, and the very first steps to see if it's a possibility are being undertaken. Please keep in mind this is just **exploratory** and **not** a for sure thing. Membership will be updated to any serious discussion or progress regarding this or any other property. To be clear, a land purchase will only happen with review and approval of membership.

Also, I am happy to report MFN has received funding for us to hire a Social Development Worker. This is very exciting and we're happy to be able to start building the support network for our families and children in care. This is a first for MFN —we've never received Social Development dollars like most Bands do. Please visit the website for the job posting in the near future.

Have a safe Holiday season, and all the best,

Richard Sumner

What are specific claims?

Specific claims deal with past wrongs against First Nations. These claims (made by First Nations against the Government of Canada) relate to the administration of land and other First Nation assets and to the fulfillment of historic treaties and other agreements. For example, a specific claim could involve the failure to provide enough Reserve land as promised in a treaty or the improper handling of First Nation money by the federal government in the past.

Specific claims are separate and distinct from comprehensive land claims or modern treaties.

The Government of Canada works with First Nations to resolve outstanding specific claims through negotiated settlements. The specific claims process is voluntary for First Nations and provides a way to resolve disputes outside of the court system. Settling claims is the right things to do. Negotiated settlements honour treaty and other legal obligations and resolve longstanding disputes in a balanced way that respects the rights of all Canadians. Settlements provide First Nations with capital that can be invested in new opportunities for community and economic development that can benefit First Nations their neighbors.

The government does not take away land from third parties to settle specific claims.

What is an Addition to Reserve?

A reserve is a parcel of land legal title is held by the Crown (Government of Canada), for the use of benefit of a particular First Nation. An Addition to Reserve is a parcel of land added to the existing reserve land of a First Nation or that creates a new reserve. Land can be added adjacent to the existing reserve land (contiguous) or separated from the existing reserve land (non-contiguous). An Addition to reserve can be added in rural or urban settings.

An Addition to Reserve:

- Enables Canada to fulfill legal obligations established by specific claims and treaty settlement agreements.
- Contributes directly to advancing reconciliation and improving the treaty relationship
- Can improve community access to land resources
- Can increase community and economic development for First Nations

There are three categories of Addition to Reserves:

- 1) Legal obligations and agreements: where there is a legal or a legal commitment by the Government of Canada to contemplate Reserve creation
- 2) Community additions: where a First Nation with an existing Reserve needs additional Reserve land for purposes such as to accommodate community growth or to use/protect culturally significant sites
- 3) Tribunal decision where a First Nation seeks to acquire land with compensation awarded by the Specific Claims Tribunal.

Youth CCP Prizes

The CCP Elder & Youth Cultural Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, December 8th at the Homalco Hall in Campbell River. Elders and youth have been invited to this event and everyone else is invited to participate via Livestream. The link is here: <https://mamalilikulla.ca/livestream/>



We're excited to talk briefly about our video contest that will take place during this workshop. Youth will have 30 minutes to interview the Elders and capture a 5-min video that they will submit for entry into the contest.



Membership will vote on the video they like best and from those votes, we will determine the three finalists. Those three finalists will go with us to the AGM in the spring and their videos will be shown at the AGM and voted on by you the membership again. Prizes are as follows:



Canon Rebel T6 Camera - Main Prize
Asus Notebook Laptop - 2nd Prize
HP Sprocket Smartphone Printer - 3rd Prize

Forestry Program for 2019

Our planned sale of timber on Village Island is getting closer now. Surveys, including three dives by Pacificus and one done by Kleanza Archeologists have been completed. The two branches of Government, Department of Fisheries and BC Archeology Branch will be submitting their findings within the next two to three weeks. Once the required permits are in place the project on Village Island will begin. The first thing will be to engineer the blocks to be harvested. The engineering will be done by B.C.T.S., the construction and planning for the log dump will also be done under the auspices of B.C.T.S. At the completion of these project the harvest will start. As soon as the first tree is felled there will be a payment of one third of the auction price of the timber. It is our expectation that the completion of the harvesting will be done by late spring, early summer. Just as the Nation received 94% of the sale price last spring, it will be done again with this sale. Our partnership with B.C.T.S. enables the Nation to collect revenue that will result in the Mamalilikulla First Nation to provide much needed revenue for exciting new projects in the future.

From the Guardian Program

Hello everyone, I'm happy to announce that our Mamalilikulla Guardian Program has a new safe boat, thanks to our Chief and Council.



Hello Mamalilikulla members, thanks to the help of my son Kyle Smith and cousin Darren Puglas, we have filled the two elk tags.

And I would like to thank our Nation for giving me the opportunity to hunt the elk — its been an honour.

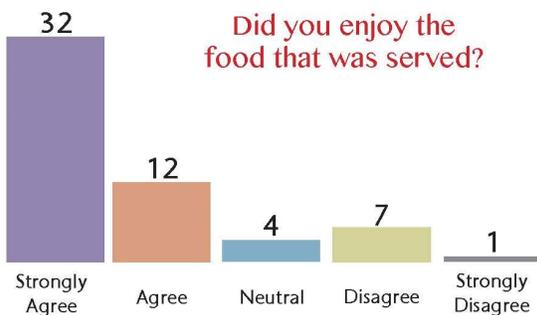
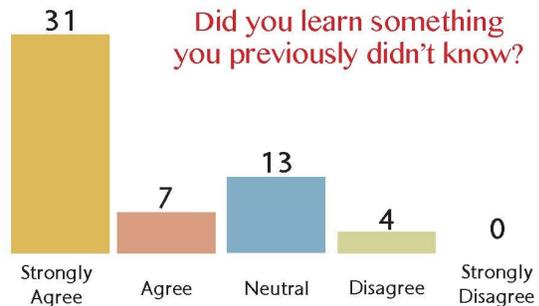
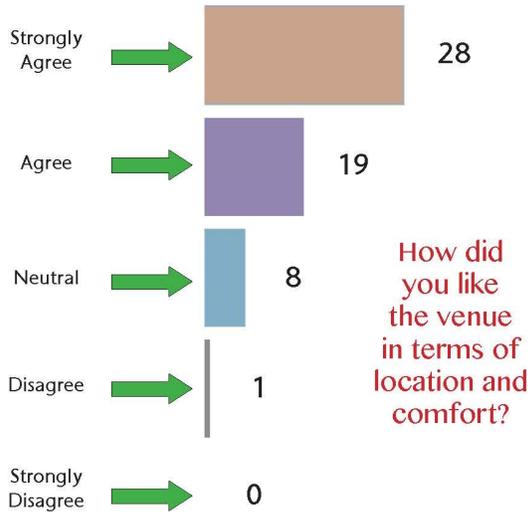
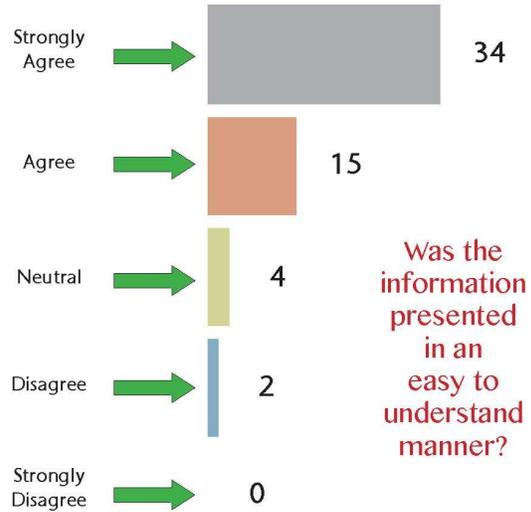
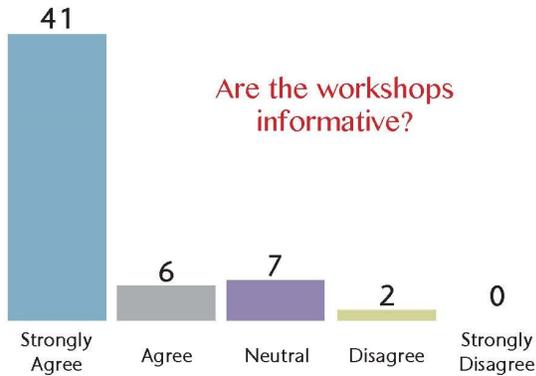
Gilakas'la - Jake Smith



Membership's Evaluation of the CCP Workshops



56 evaluation forms were collected from this last series of workshops. This **INFOGRAPHIC** is a result of the data received.



Were there specific topics that you found most useful?

- ✓ Hearing the stories you all share
- ✓ All of the topics
- ✓ All of it
- ✓ All of the information was informative
- ✓ The videos were informative. Be nice to see our people on them
- ✓ Prioritizing what I find is most important - tourism ideas
- ✓ I'm happy to learn the Chief & Council are actively seeking land
- ✓ Just nice to know where we stand in the CCP process
- ✓ Having guest speakers
- ✓ Let members know about job openings
- ✓ Yes, people were open to how they want language taught
- ✓ CCP ideas from Dana Moraes
- ✓ Very productive. Forming the plans. Coming into focus.

December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Elders & Youth CCP Workshop/Livestream
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Last day before Office Closure	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

EVENTS

Food, Song, Celebration and CCP!

Elders & Youth Workshop will be at the Homalco Hall in Campbell River from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. All Elders (55+) & Youth (12-29 yrs) are invited. Everyone else is invited to join via Livestream on our website at the following URL:
<http://mamaliikulla.ca/livestream>

Closed for the Holidays

The Band Office will be closed starting December 21st and will return to regular Office hours starting January 7th.
 Happy Holidays to everyone and stay safe!

Health News

First Nations Health Authority Provides travel to medical appointments. You must give the Band Office 10-14 days notice for us to make the arrangements and provide any funding.

T: 250-830-7436

E: candy-leachickite@fnha.ca

C: Candy Lea Chickite

Any questions or concerns about your prescriptions or anything health related, please contact Candy Lea Chickite

Intertribal Health Authority Provides eye exams and glasses, medical supplies, equipment and repairs on Vancouver Island. *ITHA does not manage Dental, Pharmacy or Medical Travel.

534 Centre St.

Nanaimo, BC V9R4Z3

T: 250-753-3990

C: Shannon Hallet

Wheels for Wellness

Provides transportation to and from doctor appointments for residents living on Vancouver Island.

T: 250-338-0196

KDC: Medical Clinic Holiday Hours: December 7th will be the last day to see the Resident Doctors at the clinic. Please call **2502869766** to book an appointment.

The Staff & Residents Doctor's wish you a safe and healthy holiday!

The office will be **closed** from

December 10th to January 2nd

The following clinics will be **open**:

Quinsam Medical - 2502860601

River City Medical - 2502872111

Walmart Walk-in - 2508504505

Have someone you want to congratulate? A birthday? An anniversary? Birth or death of a family member? If you would like to put it in our newsletter email:

communications@mamalilikulla.ca

The First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) is on a journey to improve health benefits by moving off the federal Non-Insured Health Benefits program. FNHA is focusing on the benefit areas: Dental, Vision, Medical Supplies and Equipment (MS&E), and non-PharmaCare Drugs. This journey is being supported through a consulting agreement with Pacific Blue Cross to assist the transition and delivery of the FNHA benefits plan.

Members of FNHA's Community Relations Team and Pacific Blue Cross were in Campbell River in November to host a Focus Group, and a representative of Mamalilikulla First Nation was invited to attend. We provided feedback in order to make some targeted adjustments to the current plan and improve services. For more transformative changes, FNHA will track and review feedback to add to future updates to the benefits plan that will be occurring on an ongoing basis after transition.

Although no firm date has been set, the goal for the move to the Pacific Blue Cross plan for Dental, Vision, MS&E and the non-PharmaCare drugs is mid-2019.

Community Corner

Kwakwala Language
(Victoria)

@ 1128 Wychbury will take a break until after the New Year.

Kwakwakawakw Culture Night
(Victoria)

@ 950 Kings Rd. (CDI College)

Will be hosting the first ever Potluck for the group on Dec. 7th.

Contact: Seneca - 2505088173

Word of the Month



ixk̓as̓ala

Pronunciation: [ix] (k̓a) (s̓a) (la)

Definition: Happy

Just for Laughs



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