Mamalilikulla First Nation Mission Statement: Working together to build a strong, proud and healthy Mamalilikulla community.

MAMALILIKULLA FIRST NATION NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2019

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; honouring our past, present and future generations and creating opportunity for a strong, self-sufficient sovereign Mamalilikulla Nation.

MAMALILIKULLA FIRST NATION

THIS MONTH'S NEWS AND UPDATES:

- Village Island Trip
- Video Contest Update
- Elders & Youth Committee
- Forestry Update
- Guardian Program Update
- Education
- Election Code Meetings
- Annual General Meeting
- Health News

Are you ready for Spring Cleaning?!

OUR TRIP TO MIMKWAMLIS

Please call Amy at **1.888.287.2955 ext. 7828** to **re-confirm** your seat. We will **leave from Port McNeill at 10:00 am**, with a stop for **pick up in Alert Bay at the Government Dock at 10:15**. Unfortunately we are unable to provide transportation to Port McNeill. Please arrive promptly as we have no time for delay. The NAIAD and three water taxis will take us to Village Island, where we will have a ribbon-cutting event, then a BBQ lunch. We have a max of 100 seats, so contact Amy to get your name on the list asap! We look forward to seeing you in May.

EDUCATION

Reminder to parents/guardians, we do have funds to help offset graduation fees, for our upcoming 2019 high school graduates! Please contact the Band Administration (Sonia Roberts) at admin@mamalilikulla.ca, or call the band office at 1.888.287.2955 to inquire.

Learning is a life-long endeavor. There are thousands of education options after high school, whether you're upgrading skills, training for a career or enrolling in an academic program. Explore your options and never stop learning!

The MFN provides post-secondary education funding for both part-time and full-time students. Both receive funding for tuition, books and supplies. Full-time students also receive a living allowance.

To receive funding, band members must be approved through the annual application process. Students must provide a post-secondary funding application package to the Band Administrator by April 30th of each year. By August 20th, you must provide the band with a letter of acceptance for registration or, in the case of continuing students, a document from the school indicating promotion or approval of continued studies. The post-secondary forms are available on our website **www.mamalilikulla.ca** under *Programs & Services / Education / Post-Secondary forms.*

If you have any questions, please contact the Band Administrator (Sonia Roberts) at the band office **1.888.287.2955** or via email at **admin@mamalilikulla.ca** and she will be happy to assist you.

FORESTRY UPDATE

The forestry department, along with Chief Sumner, has been discussing options on how to proceed with ways to increase the Nation's influence in the Mamalilikulla traditional territory. A positive initiative recently has been approved to begin harvesting timber on Village Island. We are almost ready to begin harvesting timber in Hoyea Sound. Hoyea Sound has high quality timber that will result in a healthy return as well. We will receive 94% of the auction price for the sale of timber. Our role is to be involved in the selection of the timber sale area. We are not responsible to oversee the harvesting or planting of the trees that we agreed BCTS to harvest. This working relationship has already resulted in the Nation having a healthy bank account, which is helping us achieve our goal to purchase land for a new village for our band members to benefit for decades to come.

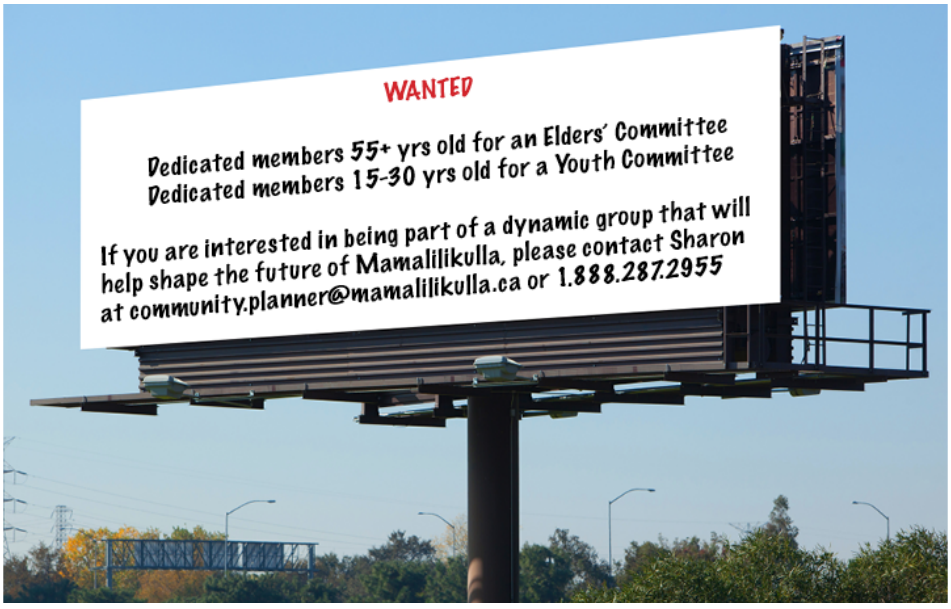
GUARDIAN PROGRAM

Two things to report for this month, one is our nation has been approved to get a cabin built for our Guardian Watchman program on Village Island.

The other one is that we are accepting resume applications for one guardian position this summer, the requirements are:

1) Drivers license
2) SVOP boating certificate
3) First Aid
4) Radio operator certificate
5) Some local knowledge of our territory
6) Boating skills/hours
7) Willing to do camp work, on a rotation of 10 days on, 4 days off.

Due to lack of interest, the Elders and Youth Video Contest will be cancelled. although we are still looking for interest in forming both an Elders and a youth committee!



ELECTION CODE MEETINGS

In early February, we sent out the Mamalilikulla First Nation Election Code to all members for your review. The MFN would like to hear your feed back on this Election Code so we are hosting meetings in a variety of areas to hopefully have a chance to talk to the members about the process.

Here is a list of the upcoming Election Code Meetings. I would love to see everyone come and have some lunch and review the code with me and put forth any questions or concerns as well as any positive feedback you may have.

The following Election Code Meetings will be held at:

Vancouver – Saturday, March 16th, 2019 @ Rosedale on Robson from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm (lunch will be served)

Port McNeill - Tuesday, March 19th, 2019 @ Black Bear Resort from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm (lunch will be served)

Victoria – Friday, March 22nd, 2019 @ Coast Victoria from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm (lunch will be served)

Campbell River – Monday, March 25th, 2019 @ KDC from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm (lunch will be served)

It will be a casual atmosphere for discussions and we will have door prizes for members to win! Please rsvp to me, Frances Roberts, Governance Coordinator at the office 250-287-2955 or email at governance@mamalilikulla.ca so I have an idea of the numbers for the lunch. I look forward to seeing you there 😊

Thanks, Frances

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST, 2019
Cordova Ballroom
AT PINNACLE HARBOURFRONT VANCOUVER
1133 West Hastings Street
VANCOUVER, BC
V6E 3T3

At 1:00 pm
Lunch to be provided.

TRANSPORTATION

The Chief & Council will be offering travel subsidies for the band members coming from Vancouver Island to attend the one-day event. For those unable to attend, the meeting will be on Livestream. *We will post the Livestream instructions by next week.*

In order to prepare the transportation subsidy, we will need band members to pre-register with the band office by Friday, March March 22nd, 2019 **at the latest**. We will use the registration information to determine each member's travel subsidy. You can register via email at **reception@mamalilikulla.ca** or phone at **250-287-2955** or toll free **1-888-287-2955.**

How the Travel Subsidy Works

MFN will pay a mileage subsidy to the vehicle operator as follows:

- **You are a band member**
- **You are transporting at least 2 other band members**
- **Each individual band member will be provided with their ferry fare and a dinner allowance.**

- **The AGM is open to all registered band members of the Mamalilikulla First Nation**
- **Only registered band members will be subsidized.**

Cheques will be issued at the Band meeting to each band member on Sunday, March 31, 2019. (only if they have pre-registered)

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: 1-855-550-5454
Any questions or concerns please contact FNHA.

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: 1-250-753-3990

Wheels for Wellness
Provides transportation to and from doctor appointments for residents living on Vancouver Island.
T: 250-338-0196
E: info@wheelsforwellness.com

KDC Health Walk-In Clinic
All KDC Member Nations are welcome to see the Resident Doctors in the Campbell River Clinic, every Friday, 9:00-11:30 am.
Patients will be seen on a first come, first serve basis, unless you have booked a scheduled appointment prior to your visit. All patients are required to provide their status card and care card number. To book an appointment call 250-286-9766. NO OPIOIDS prescribed.

Jordans Principle
Help is available. Jordans Principle will support you to get your children and youth the services they need.
T: 1-866-913-0033
fnha.ca/jordansprinciple.ca
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WORD OF THE MONTH

k̓wik̓wa'lan̓x

Pronounciation: [k̲̓wi] (k̲̓wa) ('la̲n̓x̲)
Definition: March
Literal Definition: Everything sprouting time

COMMUNITY CORNER

Kwakwala Language (Victoria)
1128 Wychbury Ave
Tuesdays @ 7:00 PM
Contact: 250-704-6777

Kwakwakawakw Culture Nights (Victoria)
950 Kings Rd (CDI College Gym)
Every second Friday (March 8th and 22nd)
6:00-8:00 PM
Contact Seneca: 250-508-8173

Bukuemgyala Language Group (Campbell River)
Old Kwanwatsi Preschool (behind the Bighouse/Gukwdzi)
Thursdays 6:00-7:30 PM

JUST FOR LAUGHS

Have something you want to announce? 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

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