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The Ignacio HS Girls Basketball Team honoring #MMIW. 80% of the team is from the Southern Ute Tribe. They hosted a game today with all proceeds going to Voices of Our Sisters, a grassroots organization bringing awareness & education through artistic movement. Pic by Shasta Pena.





A Word From The Chief



Dear Mamalilikulla members,

Hello, I hope and trust this month's newsletter finds you and your loved ones well. As most of you know, our Nation along with the Namgis and Gilford First Nations were successful in renouncing an agreement with Government and the Fish Farm Industry to monitor the farms and to undertake habitat restoration on our salmon watersheds. In preparation to do the work ahead, members from all three First Nations are being trained in Alert Bay. Classroom and in the field training is expected to end in March, with crews ready to go. I'd like to congratulate Band members Peter Mountain, Joey Webber and Roy Wadhams for being accepted into the program and encourage them to continue learning the skills needed for this very important work. The opportunity for our Nations to test and do the science on the farms to see the effects on the environment and wild salmon, as well the habitat restoration work is very exciting, with the prospect of bringing back our wild salmon stocks, I am very grateful.

The Band has asked and received permission from the Campbell River Band to put a small addition onto our existing office building. The builder and the City of Campbell River are working on the permitting for the site and we hope to have more office space for our growing Nation soon.

I continue to work closely with our Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) Band Designate, Tasleem Mall. Our success and engagement with the Ministry have improved greatly. The path forward with the Ministry still needs work, but we continue to strive for better outcomes for our children and families. Members, please feel free to contact Tasleem if you have any issues with the MCFD.

I'd like to close with a big thank you to our staff and Councillors for all their hard work to better our nation, and we would like to thank you all for your continued support.

Ĝilakasía, Chief Councillor,

Richard Sumner

A Whole New Meaning to Valentine's Day

February 14, 2014, the 23rd Annual Women's Memorial March (WMM) was held in Vancouver, Canada. While some celebrated Valentine's Day with their sweethearts eating chocolate and swapping Hallmarks, thousands of Indigenous people and supporters joined the March to honor their murdered and missing loved ones.

First held in 1991 in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside as a response to an Indigenous woman's brutal murder and the inaction of authorities, this year the Women's Memorial March took place in another 17 cities throughout the US and Canada. The marches are held to remember the high number of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls and to bring attention to the government's lack of action to solve these cases.

As the WMM mission states, "This event is organized and led by women in the DTES (Downtown Eastside) because women—especially Indigenous women—face physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual violence on a daily basis. The February 14th Women's Memorial March is an opportunity to come together to grieve the loss of our beloved sisters, remember the women who are still missing, and to dedicate ourselves to justice." Thumping traditional drums and holding up flags, signs, and pictures of lost mothers, daughters, sisters, aunts, and friends, participants took to the streets to protest against violence, racism, and misogyny and to make women's resistance visible. Throughout the day participants stopped at sites where women were murdered or last seen and offered prayers, medicine, and flowers in commemoration.

Maya Rolbin-Ghanie, the founder of Missing Justice, a solidarity group which organizes popular education events about violence against First Nations women in Quebec, explains why she marches in the blog series "Why I March". She says, "I'm afraid, in spite of myself. I want to walk down the street alone at night with no other distraction than the curve of the moon and the wind at my back and the shifting of the leaves. It's unacceptable, all the blood and pain of daughters still pooling and seeping into the ground all around us. Those who possess the most power are always the most hunted. This has to change."

Beyond remembrance and mourning, the march is a demand for justice. Participants are demanding for the government to arrange a national public inquiry into why the murder and disappearance rates for Indigenous women are so high and so often ignored. In a report by independent researcher Maryanne Pearce, it was found that the cases of over 824 missing and murdered indigenous women and girls have been unsolved or investigated. These women's deaths and disappearances are not represented prominently in the news and are most often brushed aside by law enforcement and media alike. In the past, the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women issued this statement: "Hundreds of cases involving aboriginal women who have gone missing or been murdered in the past two decades have neither been fully investigated nor attracted priority attention."

Many organizations such as the UN, Native Women's Association of Canada, The Assembly of First Nations, and Human Rights Watch have requested Canada launch an inquiry and take action to address violence against Indigenous women. So far these requests have not been heeded.

Lauren Chief Elk, a member of the Nakota and Black Foot nations and co-founder of the "Save Wiyabi Project", an advocacy group that aims to address violence against Indigenous women as well as to develop community based solutions, states "Very specific violence happens to us; this is not all women experiencing what we experience. Violence against Indigenous women is settler colonialism at work, because you destroy tribes by destroying Indigenous women." Chief Elk states the injustices these marches bring attention to are all symptoms of settler colonization. "The rate of violence, the lack of response, the structure that helps it continue: This is settler colonialism, the occupation of the land by imperial powers and people that stand on top of Indigenous nations. Both Canada and the United States are settler states."





Forestry



For the year 2019, we made plans and have laid out two areas to harvest in the Mamalilikulla Traditional Territory. The First blocks we have up and ready to harvest are in Hoeya Sound. We advertised that timber sale last Spring 2019. The successful bidder was Coulson Aviation, located in Port Alberni. Because of the poor market conditions to date, Coulson has not begun to harvest the timber in Hoeya Sound. We understand that it is not in the Nation's best interest to harvest now, because of the poor log prices. The log prices do move up and down and it is always in the Nation's best interest to harvest when the log prices are at its highest. We understand from our partners at British Columbia Timber Sales, Coulson is planning to begin harvesting the Hoeya Sound blocks this May 2020. The sale is for 24,000 cubic meters. Our plans are to use the revenue from this sale to assist the Nation in planning for the future economic opportunities that Chief and Council are currently working on.

Our second harvesting opportunity is located on Village Island. This timber sale is for 60,000 cubic meters, and we are excited about this timber sale. A massive forest fire occurred on Village Island approximately 100 years ago and the forest was basically devastated. Our plans are to harvest the trees that exist there now and replace them with the best climate ready trees for future generations. We have partnered with British Columbia Timber Sales for this project. We have encountered quite a few important issues to overcome in order to get this project up and running. We have done an extensive archeological assessment of blocks we propose to harvest. Chief and Council have been very diligent to ensure that all the Mamalilikulla First Nation archaeology features will not be harmed. We are following the Department of Fisheries requirements to protect all fisheries habitats, including the clam beds that surround Village Island. This project should generate revenue for the Nation as well as provide for a new climate-ready timber source for many years into the future.





The CCP Department has been very busy creating and hosting cultural workshops for the membership. We hosted a Button Blanket Doll workshop in December and are currently working with language coordinators to infuse the video footage from the workshop to include instructions in both English and Kwak'wala.

In January, we hosted a very well-received drum-making workshop, and everyone came away with a beautiful 14" drum. We are awaiting the video footage to come back, so that we can do the same thing with it (incorporate drum-making instruction in both Kwak'wala and English, orally, and in writing). It's very exciting endeavor and we can't wait to see the final results so we can share them with you!

This month, we are hosting a two-day Apron-making workshop and John Powell will be instructing it. And in March, we will be hosting a button blanket workshop that will span three days, Mar 7, 14, &15. Again, John Powell will be instructing this Workshop.

Please register at the office if you are interested in the Button Blanket Workshop.

We are also busy wrapping up the CCP document, which is a culmination of the past 2.5 years that I have been with Mamalilikulla as your CCP Coordinator. This plan is meant to serve as your guide, as you continue to dream and set goals and plan for the future of Mamalilikulla.

I will have it completed by the end of March.

Gilakas'la!

Sharon



SCHOOL DISTRICT 85 PRESENTS

NOKE'

heART and Mind Festival

— 29/04/2020 —

SAVE THE DATE AND JOIN US

AT FORT RUPERT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WE WILL BE CELEBRATING THE TALENTS OF OUR STUDENTS AND PROVIDING SUPPORT AND INFORMATION FOR ALL OUR NORTH ISLAND COMMUNITY MEMBERS. STRIVING TO CONNECT YOUTH WITH PEOPLE TO SUPPORT THEIR WELL BEING.

ALL NORTH ISLAND STUDENTS

Do you have a special talent or skill you want to share with others? Tell your teacher if you would like a space at the festival to share or a moment on stage to perform.

(5-10 minute time slots)

ALL NORTH ISLAND COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Do you provide a service that supports positive mental health? We invite all community members and service providers to be present at our festival. Set up a table with information and make connections.

Are you a vendor interested in participating? Please contact us!

Everyone is Welcome

(Reserve your table now... limited amount available)

ALISON WEBBER: AWEBBER@SD85.BC.CA (FORT RUPERT)

JEN TURNER: JTURNER@SD85.BC.CA (ALERT BAY)





My Records, My Choice

If you made an IAP or ADR claim for compensation for residential school abuse, there are records of your claim. You now have the opportunity to choose what happens to those records after your claim is finished.

The choice is yours

- Your records from the Independent Assessment Process (IAP) or the Alternative Dispute Resolution process (ADR) are confidential.
- To keep them confidential, you don't need to do anything.
- If you do nothing, your records will be automatically destroyed on September 19, 2027.
- Until September 19, 2027 you can get a copy of your records for yourself or to share with anyone you choose.
- If you choose, you can preserve your records for history, education, and research at the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR).

Which records are being kept?

- Your application form
- The voice recording of your testimony
- The printed record (transcript) of your testimony
- The decision on your claim

Can I get a copy of my own records?

Yes. To get a copy of your application form, the transcript of your testimony, and your decision, call IAP Information toll free at **1-877-635-2648**. Or email IAPRecords_DocumentsSAPI@irsad-sapi.gc.ca.

Information that identifies other people will be blocked out, to protect their privacy.

It can take several months to receive a copy of your records.

Preserving the history of residential schools

The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR) has been created to preserve the history of Canada's residential school system. It is hosted at the University of Manitoba. It is the permanent home for the records of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC).

The NCTR invites those who made a claim in the IAP or ADR to add their records to its collection. These records will be available forever, to researchers and others who want to learn about the history and impact of Canada's Indian residential schools.

Information that identifies other people will be

blocked out, to respect everyone's privacy.

If you choose to preserve your records with the NCTR, send your completed consent form to the IAP Secretariat and your records will be securely sent to the NCTR.

To get a consent form, call IAP Information toll free at **1-877-635-2648** or download the form from www.MyRecordsMyChoice.ca.

How would my records be used at the NCTR?

If you choose to preserve your records at the NCTR you may choose either restricted access or open access. "Restricted" means that your name and other information that identifies you is kept confidential. "Open" means that you could be publicly identified.

Can I get help?

Yes. Resolution Health Support Workers (RHSWs) can answer your questions and help you with forms. To find an RHSW in your area, call one of the toll-free information lines below, or ask at your band office.

To learn more

- **IAP Information**
toll free: 1-877-635-2648
email: MyRecordsMyChoice@irsad-sapi.gc.ca
online: <http://www.MyRecordsMyChoice.ca>
- **Assembly of First Nations**
toll free: 1-833-212-2688
email: iapdesk@afn.ca
online: www.afn.ca
- **Inuit Representatives:**
Contact for the Inuvialuit:
phone: 1-867-777-7018
email: ggruben@inuvialuit.com
online: <http://www.irc.inuvialuit.com/>

Contact for Makivik:
toll free: 1-800-369-7052
electronic communications can be submitted at:
<http://www.makivik.org/contact/>
online: <http://www.makivik.org>
- **National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR)**
toll free: 1-855-415-4534
email: NCTRrecords@umanitoba.ca
online: www.NCTR.ca



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GUARDIAN WATCHMAN – 2 POSITIONS REPORTS TO: GUARDIAN WATCHMAN MANAGER

RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:

Maintain Mamalilikulla First Nation (MFN) Presence throughout the Territory

- Conduct patrols throughout our territory
- Act as an ambassadors to visitors to the territory by providing information about the Mamalilikulla First Nation and territory, advising on safety issues, and informing visitors of relevant policies and regulations
- Regular engagement with visitors and users of the territory to sport fishers, tourists and other commercial tourism operators
- Respond to emergencies such as oil spills, fires, etc. that require immediate attention.

Monitor and Report Resource Violations

- Be familiar with relevant community policies and Provincial and Federal government regulations (i.e. sport fishery, commercial fishery, forest development, pollution, hunting, etc.)
- While on patrol, monitor for violations to policies and regulations
- Respond professionally to violations in an appropriate manner by approaching resource users and providing relevant information and/or notifying appropriate enforcement agency (Band office, RCMP, Department of Fisheries (DFO), Ministry of Environment (MOE), Coast Guard, etc.)
- Respond to community reports regarding illegal or suspicious activities in the Mamalilikulla territory.

Monitor Health of Priority Ecological and Cultural Values

- Gather data related to the impacts of resource use on the Mamalilikulla First Nation traditional lands (i.e. human use, tourism impacts, wildlife observations, impacts on archaeological and cultural sites, etc.)
- Observe, record and report sport fishing activities
- Record tourism and recreational activity throughout territory
- Enter monitoring data into relevant database and spreadsheets
- Conduct bull kelp and archeological surveys

- Conduct water sampling
- Eelgrass Surveying
- Bear monitoring
- Pre/Post Harvest Surveys

Build Relationships with Provincial and Federal Enforcement Agencies

- Develop relationships with relevant Provincial and Federal enforcement agencies
- Conduct joint patrols with relevant enforcement agencies when they are patrolling Mamalilikulla First Nation territory (DFO, Coast Guard, BC Parks, Natural Resource Officers, Conservation Officers, etc.)

Conduct Community Outreach and Education

- Work with membership to raise awareness about Guardian Watchmen program
- Provide students and community members with opportunities that will help build their sense of connection with the territory – i.e. joint patrols with community members
- Teach community members how to report violations to Guardian Watchmen by providing detailed and accurate information about suspicious or illegal activities

Support the Implementation and Further Development of Land and Marine Use Plans

- Conduct joint patrols with MOE, BC Park Rangers in the Nation's territory
- Monitor priority issues related to implementation of coastal land use agreements and Ecosystem Based Management (EBM)
- Participate in relevant planning processes related to marine and land use planning

Other Related Duties

- Work collaboratively with neighboring First Nations by responding to issues of common concerns and impacts.
- Attend seminars, workshops, and training programs to upgrade skills and knowledge relevant to the position.
- Participate in Guardian gatherings with other Nations.

QUALIFICATIONS

Education & Training

- Grade 10 or equivalent preferred
- Swift Water Rescue preferred
- Firearms Acquisition License (PAL) preferred

- Valid BC Driver's Licence preferred
- Radio Operators Certificate (ROC) preferred
- Small Vessel Operator Proficiency (SVOP) preferred
- First Aid preferred

Personal Suitability

- Good communication skills
- Must be dependable and have demonstrated a strong work ethic in other jobs
- Must be organized, motivated, show initiative and be a team player
- Must demonstrate a strong commitment to protecting the health of the Mamalilikulla territory and culture
- Must be punctual, physically fit, in good health and confident working outdoors
- Some cooking skills

TERMS & CONDITIONS

- Seasonal Full-time employment, approximately 35 - 40 hours a week (May 1st to October 31st)
- Hours of work will vary and will include extended travel and work at remote locations.
- Place of work: Mamalilikulla First Nation Territory.
- Must abide by MFN Band Personnel Policy
- Camp Shifts: Work 10 days on and 4 days off (may vary)
- Rate of Pay: To be determined – depending on experience and qualifications

Please mail, email or fax the following documents: a cover letter, current resume, all education and training certificates, degrees, diplomas, and references to:

Jake Smith
Guardian Watchman Manager
Mamalilikulla First Nation
1441 B 16th Avenue
Campbell River, BC V9W 2E4
jake@mamalilikulla.ca
Fax: 250.287.4655

*Only those qualified applicants chosen for an interview will be contacted. All qualifications being equal, preference will be given to qualified Mamalilikulla First Nation Band members.
Application deadline: April 17th, 2020 by 4:00 pm.*

Concerned about quality of care? Let us know.

In BC, there are people to help you resolve your concerns about your health care.

We can listen to your concerns, help you make a formal complaint, and work with you to help resolve it. If you tell us how you feel, we can work together to make health care services even better.



Questions or Concerns?

You can talk about it with the person who cared for you or that person's manager. It is best to talk about concerns at the time and place they happen.

Need to make a complaint?

The **Patient Care Quality Office** is here to help. For more information or to make a complaint, contact us:



Toll-free: 1-877-977-5797



By fax: 250-370-8323



By mail: Memorial Pavilion, 315 Watson Wing
1952 Bay Street
Victoria, B.C. V8R 1J8



In person: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday to Friday
(except statutory holidays)



By email: patientcarequalityoffice@viha.ca

Website: www.islandhealth.ca

Unhappy with the response?

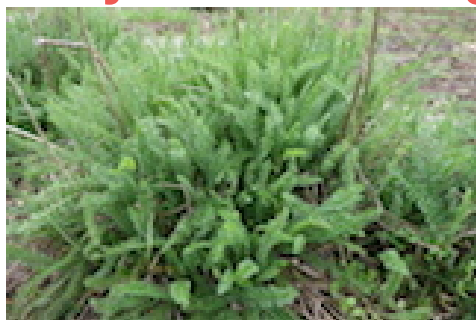
You can ask the **Patient Care Quality Review Board** to look into it. They can independently review your complaint and our response, and recommend ways to make health care better. For more information, please visit www.PatientCareQualityReviewBoard.ca or call **1-866-952-2448**.

To Joke/tikwala

Q: What did the drum say to the other drum on Valentine's Day?

A: My heart beats for you

Test your knowledge



łaxabalıs hadzapa'mi puxwa salsı

(your) language / yakandas

Word of the month

iga'nakwala Meaning: getting better, healing

Pronunciation [i] (ga) ('na) (kwa) (la)

Community Corner

Bakuemgyala Language

Ninaǰaxʔid (heart is at peace) Tuesday 6:30-8:00
664A Head Start Cres, Campbell River, BC V9H 1P9
Old Quinsam Head start building next to the old
hall/soccer field. Every one welcome.

Victoria Native Friendship Center

RAVE hours Tue-Thur 4:00-7:45 Fri 3:00-7:45
231 Regina Ave (250) 384-3211
Facebook page for updates (VNFC Youth Services)

The Native Youth Learning Center

Mon-Thur 4:00-8:00 Friday 1:00-5:00
1618 East Hastings Street
Vancouver, BC V5L 1S6

(604)379-5133 <https://unya.bc.ca/programs/#calendar>

Mamalilikulla Band office

Would like to wish you a very

Happy Birthday!

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Russell Oppel February 14th

From Mom (Marion Oppel)

Hazel Puglas Jan.21 /

Sharon Mountain Jan.22 /

Krystal Mountain Jan. 21

From Edna Puglas



KDC MEDICAL CLINIC

NO DOCTOR

Feb 7 & Feb 21

Doctors are attending a Cultural Safety Training

Regular Office Hours

Mon 8:30 - 4:30

Thur 8:30 - 4:30

Fri 8:30 - 4:30

Closed from 12:00 - 1:00 for lunch

Regular Walk-in Clinic Hours

Fri 9:00 - 11:30

