



# Uchucklesaht Tribe Peoples Assembly November 14, 2015

Uchucklesaht is holding an election for the Chief Councillor position today. There are four candidates running for the chief councillor position and those four were nominated at the September 26, 2015 Nomination Meeting held here in Port Alberni, BC.

## **Chief Administrative Officer Annual Report/Update:**

### **Village Maintenance:**

- Septic tanks were emptied
- Water testing continues in the village, testing being performed by Uchucklesaht Staff
- Completed major dock repair
- Six-Plex units rented most of year to various logging contractors and engineers
- Numerous six-plex upgrades including painting, deck and stair repair, plumbing and electrical repairs
- New Gator (trailer) delivered to village, as well as a Sea Can to store the unit and lock it up keep out of the rain
- Gator Use Guidelines developed and signed by both maintenance workers only to be used for maintenance duties
- Second maintenance staff hired therefore we now have 7 days a week coverage for maintenance and BC Hydro
- Tore down old school building, upgrading the shelter that was over the building into a covered picnic area, meeting space
- Improved deck at nursing station
- Developed a new office space in nursing station for fisheries and maintenance staff
- Developed a sign plan for placing traffic signs in village for citizen safety
- Installed a gate on outskirts of village to protect village from people driving into village
- Developing a helicopter landing pad for emergency landings
- Developed a tsunami evacuation plan and maintaining an emergency preparedness plan
- Developing the Official Community Plan and Zoning Act

### **Solid Waste Handling Wharf & Subdivision Proposals:**

- Road to water tower through new subdivision was completed, very good condition, work performed by RocStar Construction, utilized Uchucklesaht Tribe citizen for the falling in the right of way. AANDC has agreed to utilize this project as our contribution for the Subdivision proposal currently before AANDC Funding Agents.
- Solid Waste Handling Wharf tendering document sent to AANDC, informed AANDC will make it a high priority

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- Work on a Village road completed in summer of 2014, will create vehicle access to the village, a gate will ensure that the village does not change due to derelict vehicles, a parking area near the BC Hydro site for residents will be created. Gate will be locked but Maintenance person will have a key to ensure large deliveries can be made.

### **Emergency Preparedness:**

- New Emergency Preparedness plan created to fit a Treaty Nation
- Notices sent to village residents with information on Earthquake and Tsunami preparedness information
- Maintenance House in Village made into a Safety House in case of emergency
- All new equipment to be installed as part of the Water System upgrades, hoses, nozzles, cabinets.
- Will continue to send information to village residents on getting individuals ready must create own emergency kits in each home.
- Plan to have a village meeting to discuss options and procedures.

### **Fisheries Update:**

- Fish Plan in place shows allotment of all species to 5 Maa-nulth nations
- Continued Developing food fishery plan for 2014-2015, including which commercial fisher will fish for what species and timing
- Didson Fish counter was installed at the fish fence replacing old method. Each Maa-nulth nation has funded the UTG \$3,500 for this process Additional funding in 2013/14 by each Nation for \$3,500 to improve fence, cameras, and shed repair, and to fund labour for these projects and monitoring
- Roadway to Didson counter has been installed. A gate at the other end of swimming hole to ensure less improper access to fence. C-Can installed for storage.
- Built Extension of road to Henderson Lake and boat launch gives us access to Henderson Lake by boat.
- Coordination of both commercial and domestic fisheries, distributing permits, explaining regulations to fisherman, working with fisheries technician, and site monitoring as per Maa-nulth fisheries contracts.
- Dealing with numerous fisheries issues, illegal fishing, net theft, and various other enforcement issues. Working with RCMP and DFO enforcement agents.
- Attended numerous Maa'nulth Fisheries Committee meetings, attended numerous Joint Technical Meetings with DFO

### **Green Cove Store:**

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- Maintenance work completed: electrical maintenance completed, 2015 will see a major upgrade to the building: windows, siding, new deck and stairs and leveling of the building
- Developing plan to rent the building out in the future, fuel sales will remain closed as the infrastructure is all outdated, unsafe and too expensive to replace
- Business plan was completed to show the operation would be tough to make revenue, expensive to run and very costly to upgrade infrastructure for fuel system

### **Uchucklesaht Inlet Cabin:**

- Took control of cabin that was transferred to Uchucklesaht as part of Treaty
- Dealing with numerous legal issues surrounding this building and land, including surveying, and dealing with neighbour
- Numerous maintenance issues relating to condition cabin was left in, dealing with electrical issues and getting cabin prepared for renting out by purchasing furnishings and items needed by potential renters
- Hired a realtor to assist with renting the property, currently being marketed
- Renting cabin on short term rental to public and various contractors
- Plan to upgrade infrastructure: water system and small in-stream hydro to provide power to cabin

### **Finance and Administration:**

- 2013/2014 Financial Statements Audited and presented to the public August 16<sup>th</sup>
- 2014/2015 Financial Statements Audited and presented to public at People Assembly
- Full reconciliation of the Municipal Pension Plan (MPP) payments, to organize the initial payments to the plan. MPP staff very pleased with level of reconciliation.
- CMHC Audit and Financial Statements for 2014/15
- Built new General Ledger for the new Accounting System very onerous project,
- Fiscal Finance Agreement reporting
- Own Source Revenue report completed, audited as part of the 2014/2015 audit. We do not pay any Own Source Revenue fees for first 5 years but a good process to ensure we are covered in future
- Attended OSR workshop for MTS
- Organizing and researching various projects as they may fall into the First Nation Infrastructure Investment Plan (FNIIP Canada), analyzing the report from Canada on this subject.
- Economic Development Report as per our Treaty completed
- Attending Reasonable Opportunity Agreement joint meeting negotiations and signing of Agreement

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- Attending the Cultural Heritage Resource Protection meetings, researching various aspects, creating list of cultural and heritage sites that are important for the Uchucklesaht Tribe to protect, researching various protection models, negotiating with the Province.
- Ensuring Management Letter points are included in the Finance Policy and incorporating all aspects in our daily financial processes.
- Dealt with numerous Freedom of Information and Protection Privacy Requests and Integrity Act investigations. Very time consuming matters.
- Qacca Settlement Trust meetings quarterly and as needed
- Implementation Funding Meetings at the same time as Qacca Settlement Trust meetings
- Attended numerous UTG/Port Alberni Port Authority meetings, developing a communication protocol and discussed numerous Economic Development initiatives.
- Barclay Sound Float Cabin meetings – implemented a Uchucklesaht Inlet float cabin inventory
- Community Wildfire Meetings and Developed Plan
- Was one of three presenters on a Webinar for Community Electrification and Micro Hydro
- Attended at the Environmental Management Plan Training for UTG
- Numerous meetings with Western Forest Products re: logging plans for 2014/15
- Meeting concerning mapping at ACRD
- Numerous meetings with the VIHA and Inter Tribal Health concerning them potentially serving NTC and Maa'nulth with health services,
- Numerous meetings concerning Pooled Borrowing issues and the lack of program for Treaty Nations
- Dealing with numerous PST and GST return issues with Federal Department and Province
- Attended meeting with Province and stakeholders concerning the Lake Main Corridor
- Henderson Lake Lodge repairs meeting with contractors and supervision of repairs
- Foreshore Agreement meetings and negotiation with Province throughout the year, agreement signed in 2013/14
- Dealing with numerous issues surrounding the transfer of properties from Treaty
- Attended meetings concerning ACRD Transportation Survey and Report
- Attended numerous CHRP meetings concerning heritage sites and protection into the future through Provincial, Federal, and Uchucklesaht Laws
- Dealt with numerous RCMP issues, break-ins at Henderson Lodge, and Administration Office
- Attended an Elk Transplant meeting

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**Comment/Concern: *Water Treatment Notifications to residents*** - I am concerned with how the water is treated. My house is just down the hill from the water treatment area and so it gets impacted right away. I need to at least know when the water is being treated because it is a strong amount of chlorine that hits the water and I can taste/smell it. It makes me nauseous and I feel sick when that gets treated. I'm not sure if the maintenance person that treats the system puts too much solution in the water system or not but I would just like to know when that is getting treated so that I can flush it out of my system.

**Answer:** I will look at when the treatments occur in the village.

**Comment/Concern: *Burial Ground Area*** - The old school site is an old burial site. There were also human remains found in the tree/stump out front of the old school building. I believe that site should be protected and I'm not sure it is a great idea to build a picnic area at that site. It would be nice to deal with the issues in a respectful manner and also sit down with the elders to determine where all of the burial sites are located.

**Answer:** We need to identify all burial areas. We can identify past burial sites and discuss future cemeteries.

**Comment/Concern: *Safety/Brush Clearing*** - There are a lot of bears in the village of Ehtlateese and I feel like we need the brush cleared at all corners so as not to surprise the bears and for the safety of us in the village.

**Comment/Concern: *Parking*** in the village area up at the top is too narrow and there is a better area up beside the generators. Also, please clarify where the Emergency Heli-Pad will be.

**Answer:** Parking is located over by the generators and the Heli-pad area is further down near the point.

**Comment/Concern: *Emergency Preparedness*** is very important for the village. We need to know what to do in the case of an emergency such as an Earthquake or Tsunami. We all need to be prepared and alert and we need a quick emergency exit and I think an emergency reliable and designated boat and truck should be available for all of us in the village. We also need someone in charge of accessing the emergency information quickly – everyone does listen to each other on Channel 6 down in Kildonan.

**Answer:** It is possible to identify a Village Emergency Coordinator and identify emergency exit vehicles.

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**Comment/Concern: *Green Cove Store*** – what are we going to do with this building. The tribe bought this store and should do something with it. If Green Cove Store only sold fuel then I bet they would make money because there are limited areas to buy fuel that far down the canal – the only other areas that sell fuel are Port Alberni and Bamfield.

**Answer:** Uchucklesaht is renovating the Green Cove Store at this time.

**Comment/Concern: *Uchucklesaht Members – working for Uchucklesaht Tribe*** is important to me. It would be nice to have more Uchucklesaht members working in at the office. I also want to understand the difference between working as a contractor or a staff member because that impacts employment benefits and hours.

**Comment/Concern: *Smoking Fish in Smokehouses*** – is important to me and I am not happy with how I was told that my smokehouse had an open fire because it did not. I was told I could not smoke my fish but I feel like the staff needs more education as to what the definition of an open fire is because that is not what is used for smoking food fish. I want to hear from a professional not working with Uchucklesaht - what an open fire is.

**Motion #02:** Uchucklesaht Peoples Assembly agrees to take a break for 15 minutes.

Moved: Carla Halvorsen

Seconded: Thomas Rush

(All in Favor – 21)

*Motion Carried*

### **Director of Lands and Resources Annual Report/Update:**

#### Fisheries & Wildlife

- For our 2014 domestic fish allocation, we were able to harvest 100% of our ground fish and Somass sockeye, approximately 50% of our Ocean and Terminal Chinook and Coho, 10% of our meat herring, and no Chum or Pink. We were successful in catching approximately 10% of our Commercial Henderson Sockeye in the first of 3 runs, however subsequent attempts were unsuccessful. 2015 fishing season will include similar allocations. Secured a small commercial oyster licence that is available yearly for a contract harvester.
- Fish fence in Henderson River will continue in 2015. Issues of fence stability, and ability to get complete counts, continue to be a challenge. DFO and UTG discussing a design for a permanently mounted fence that can be easily installed and removed yearly, and possibly remote enumeration. Funding will likely come in stages from various funding sources,

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rather than all at once. Quite a significant focus among MFNs and DFO on ensuring the health and stability of Henderson sockeye stocks.

- UTG now has a yearly commercial oyster licence. This licence enables UTG to offer an opportunity to Uchucklesaht citizens to harvest wild oysters. Harvesters retain the majority of proceeds from the sale of the oysters. 2014 harvest was conducted by two Uchucklesaht citizens.
- Joint UTG-HFN proposal to Aboriginal Aquaculture Association for a feasibility study for the use of pooled resources and teams to utilize existing aquaculture tenures. Very limited Federal funds, but proposal was successful in securing funds for a feasibility study. UTG willing to consider the use of existing tenures and infrastructure, but is cautious given our past involvement in aquaculture harvesting.
- Two Elk tags issued to two Uchucklesaht Citizens in the Fall of 2014, to harvest one elk. Neither party was successful. Elk poaching continues to be an issue for all MFNs, and there is a substantial reward for information leading to conviction.
- Technical representation at Joint Fisheries Technical Committee (JFTC) and Maa-nulth Fisheries Committee (MFC)
- Technical representation at the Maa-nulth Wildlife Committee (MWC)
- Two Nuu-chah-nulth citizens were hired as the UTG fisheries technicians. They conducted patrols, managed the fish fence, assisted with distributions, and conducted the dockside monitoring surveys.
- MFNs collectively agreed on a MDFA fishing protocol that all MFNs are permitted to fish in the MDFA, with the approval of the respective fisheries manager.
- Enforcement action taken against one UT member, temporary suspension of harvest card. Had reports of the some members attempting to sell fish illegally.
- On-going consultations with outside agency enforcement staff to streamline process (e.g. DFO staff, RCMP, Provincial staff), understand roles of different jurisdictions, with the goal of education and eventual self-regulation.
- Yearly dockside monitoring contract with DFO, fishermen information collected by UT staff and forwarded to DFO.
- UT owned prawn/crab boat, Lorna Doone, moored in Kildonan, outfitted and ready to fish in the Spring.
- UTG jointly supported the enforcement action by BC and Canada for the illegal poaching of Roosevelt Elk. Poaching mostly took place in the HFN area.
- Identified need for Roosevelt Elk translocation efforts for relocation of up to 12 Elk within UT traditional harvest area. Working with BC, BCWF, and MMFN on relocation efforts/procedures.
- UT supported the MFN collective in opposing the proposed commercial herring fishery, as the proposed catch would be detrimental to stock re-building efforts.



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- Reminder to all UT harvesters, please report both aquatic and terrestrial catches, as this is an important management tool used to ensure the conservation of species.

### Village Operations

- BC Hydro completed installation in February 2015 of a permanent generating station, after many months of temporary generators and power outages. The UTG maintenance contractor, Richard Bartleme splits his time in the village between maintaining the BC Hydro gen set, and all other village operations.
- UTG Six-plex and double-wide was rented out to WFP logging crews, from August 1, 2014 to February 28, 2015. New logging crew moved in the Spring of 2015. Units are all furnished.
- The one major village improvement includes the new access, giving residents road access for the first time. Access to village by road is limited to village residents and contractors. Village guests may park near the BC Hydro gen set. Signage is planned for the road and village.
- Major upgrade to village wharf planned for 2015. Other upcoming village operations include boardwalk repairs, clearing of vegetation and debris adjacent to houses, slash pile burning, removal of portable
- UTG Treaty Settlement Lands continue to be professionally surveyed. This is a multi-year project that began in 2013, and will likely take a total of 5-6 years. Latest portion to be surveyed is around the Snug Basin area.

### Henderson Lodge

- Contractor has complete work on renovating and cleaning of the Lodge. Work done includes removal of all debris, derelict sheds and buildings, replace outside steps and deck, replace wall fronting deck, thorough washing of the inside, cutting of firewood, trail cutting including one to the Henderson Tree, replace deck on cabin, hazard tree removal, and removal of old appliances.
- Lodge will be marketed for tourism use, along with any need for contractor temporary accommodation.
- DFO continues to use the lodge in the Fall for their staff and contract staff, for Clemens Ck enumeration work (e.g. swims, tagging, etc.)

### Land Use Planning

- Draft Official Community Plan and Zoning Act has been distributed to various agencies for referral, e.g. ACRD, PAPA, school districts, BC Hydro, DFO, etc. At the completion of the 60-day referral period, the planning documents will go to the UTG Executive Committee for consideration of 1st and 2nd Reading and referral to a Public Hearing. Once at the Public

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Hearing stage, all comments need to be consolidated. If there are any major changes to the planning documents, then those changes need to be presented in a follow-up Public Hearing. Once the planning documents have been adopted, it will initiate the process for accepting applications from UT Enrollees for residential interests. The process for granting a formal residential interest requires an Application, Survey, Grant; and Registration. UTG may also conduct a facilitated session to discuss the past, present, and future uses of residential interests on TSL. Thank you to the volunteer work of the UT Advisory Planning Commission participants, including Sabrina Crowley, Phyllis Halvorsen, Jayleen Sam, and Uchucklesaht Elders Gina Laing, Dorothy Cootes, and Sharon Styan

- Draft Management Plan for the Tiitskin Paawats Conservancy, being prepared jointly by UTG and BC Parks. Plan will include the location of potential infrastructure, such as trails, signage, camping, etc.

### Forestry (from UTG Forestry Consultant)

- We have recently harvested about 9,100m<sup>3</sup> from UTG lands. (Dec-February)
- We are working to acquire more seedlings to replant the harvested areas. 8,400 Cedar seedlings have been located for the UTG area harvested at Clemens Creek.
- There will be tree planters in the area in late March, so we anticipate having them do the planting as an addition to their other work.
- Western Forest Products (WFP) will be active in Henderson Lake area in 2015.
- WFP conducted helicopter logging at Silverside and is preparing to fly the wood out.
- Two possible harvest areas have been engineered on the Silverside on UTG TSL for possible logging in 2015. One area is just south of the sort, the other is at the head of Uchuck Lake. The area is 26 ha and includes about 12,000m<sup>3</sup> of timber.
- A new cutting permit containing about 4,500m<sup>3</sup> for UFVI has been submitted. It includes the remainder of the cut block at the hatchery, as well as some small areas at HN500.
- The waste and residue surveys for the UFVI blocks will be done in the next couple of months to determine if any other cut blocks need to be submitted for the licence.
- There is still an area of helicopter logging wood to be flown at HN922. It will be flown in conjunction with WFP's helicopter logging program.

**Comment/Concern:** *Uchucklesaht members should be hired* – to gather some of the tribe's fish, prawn or crabs because I believe that they know best when to fish for a certain species. I've seen a lot of bad fisheries contractors out there in our area fishing for Uchucklesaht Tribe.

**Comment/Concern:** *Why did Uchucklesaht buy the Lorna Doone as a fishing boat?* That boat just sits there and it cannot even handle our rough waters out there. It's not the right type of fishing boat for Uchucklesaht uses.

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**Comment/Concern: *Zoning and Residential Interests are important*** – we need to own our lands. Our people need a say in all of this. We need to own our properties and we need property reports. We need to record all of the information. (Mentions concern for recording and keeping paperwork for lands)

**Comment/Concern: *Forestry Job Opportunities in Uchucklesaht Territory*** – why are we not informing all of our members when there are logging companies logging down in the Uchucklesaht Areas? It is an isolated area and hard to find jobs but if you informed our members when there were logging companies working in the area, they could have that opportunity to seek a job there.

### **Director of Human Services Annual Report/Update:**

**SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT** - There was no one on social assistance in the 2014/15 year. Requests for social assistance that come in are reviewed and a determination on eligibility is made according to the Social Development Policy.

December 2014 attended a Social Development meeting put on by NTC. A lot of discussion on the challenges faced by communities due to the cuts in isolation travel and reduction in basic rates.

**CULTURE** - Throughout the year such activities as paddle making with designs put on them and painted took place; cedar bark picking happened in May and June 2014 as well as the cleaning and preparing of the cedar; throughout different times in the summer of 2014 fish canning took place, picking blue berries and blackberries; canning fruit and making jam.

June 2014 distributed Aboriginal Day packages to singles and families, made possible with the assistance of a small grant from First Nations Health Authority.

September 2014 T-shirts made and provided to residential school survivors for Orange T-shirt Day. The Human Services department put on a luncheon for survivors – an opportunity to enjoy each other's company and share a meal.

September 18, 2014 Attended a Cultural training session put on by NTC Quu?asa and NETP – an opportunity to get a good understanding of cultural services offered through Quu?asa and to further be able to refer these services to citizens.

December 16/14 – Cultural luncheon was held to showcase works done by citizens such as cedar, shawls, and drums.

Prior to April 1, 2015 Uchucklesaht Day packages prepared for citizens with a gift card – these were distributed on March 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> 2015 to households in BC and Alberta.

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Provided assistance to a citizen who took the Nuu-chah-nulth language course through North Island College. This was for the period January 2015 to April 2015.

**EDUCATION** - In May 2014 letters send to prospective grade 12 graduates reminding them to register with NTC Education to take part in the 2014 NTC Graduation ceremonies.

May 2014 letters send to grade 1 to 12 on the upcoming awards and scholarship through NTC Education; Uchucklesaht also gives recognition to the UT students getting a scholarship. Send out 14 letters for grades 1 to 3 and 54 letters for grades 4 to 12.

September 2014 information send to all UT students from grade 1 to 12 encouraging them to keep in mind scholarships that will be available at the end of the 2015 school year; and encouraging them to continue to work hard in their school year.

July 13<sup>th</sup> 2014 the NTC Post Secondary and Grade 12 ceremonies took place at Athletic Hall – Wilf Cootes Jr represented the Tribe and presented a card and gift to the Grade 12 graduate and the Post Secondary graduate.

July 23<sup>rd</sup> 2014 a Honoring dinner was put on for 12 Uchucklesaht citizens for achievements in getting a Bachelor's Degree; artistic talents, Grade 12 graduates; scholarship achievement in Academics and Fine Arts and Culture; and new babies born into UT Treaty Nation.

For the months of September to June of each school year - process attendance cheques for students between grades 7 and 12 who have provided an application prior to September of each year. This is based on 75% attendance for the month and grade 7's get \$20; grade 8 to 11 get \$25 and grade 12's get \$30.

Held an Education Info dinner on November 19, 2014 which was held at Alberni Athletic Hall from 4pm to 8pm. Approximately 125 people were in attendance. The event was facilitated by NTC Education staff giving overviews of their different roles and the supports that they provide to students.

Throughout the year on district wide Professional Days there have been events made available to students. For these events the mornings are generally taken up with an activity such as making cards, preparing flower pots, workshop on camera use, workshops with RCMP or someone from Child and Youth. The afternoon is used to provide an activity such as swimming, bowling, nature walks etc.

A workshop was also provided in late March 2015 to address issues around strengthening individuals during difficult times. This was a workshop put on for students and their parent/guardian. This workshop was facilitated by Mike McCarthy clinical counsellor with NTC

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Mental Health with assistance from Quu?asa workers. The majority of the workshop was presented in story telling style.

Attended education related meetings with NTC, SD#70, and different Nuu-chah-nulth communities to address issues specific to education in the Port Alberni area. A lot of discussion took place about how to implement language and culture into the District schools. Discussion is ongoing.

Reviewed applications for Post-Secondary funding in May and June for start-up in September 2014; then again in November/December for startup in January 2015. As well at different times had meetings and discussion with individuals who are interested in getting into Post Secondary. For 2014/15 year 3 citizens attended Post Secondary. Applications are based on policies as set out by NTC Post-Secondary education.

Provided additional assistance to a Post-Secondary student who required technical equipment for the course they were in, the request was supported as the instructor provided information on the need for this equipment.

Assistance has been provided on request from student/parent for band field trip(s); for sport(s) participation. These requests are made in writing, providing information from the school and based on availability in the budget.

Science Camp July 2014 for one week is held jointly with Huupacath and facilitated by Uulthuuk NTC. 8 children between 8 and 12 were supported to attend by Uchucklesaht.

Maintain regular and ongoing contact with NTC education, School District, Colleges, Universities, NETP, Employment/Training Centre, NEDC.

**Employment** - Put in a proposal to NETP for a grant for two summer students and for the month of July and August we were successful in having two students work with the Human Services department for the summer of 2014.

Have received various requests throughout the year to help citizens getting into new jobs; or for support into different types of career training. Each person making a request is asked to provide information on the program they are applying for; specifics on what it is exactly the financial request will cover and places they have gone to determine if their request is able to be funded elsewhere. As well, any information on the work they will be able to get into or if they have a job waiting a letter stating this. Once the required information is received, then the request(s) are reviewed and depending on availability of budgeted dollars a determination is made on their request.

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A number of programs are provided through NETP that help individuals in getting into the work force. This information is put on the web and also has been sent in mail outs.

**Child Welfare** - Throughout the year have provided support to families involved with Usma or the Ministry of Children and Families. Throughout these processes Human Services department maintains contact with both the family(s) involved and the social worker and kept informed on any planning that is taking place.

Also, throughout the year have maintained contact with social worker's involved with UT children in continuing custody. As well as maintaining regular contact with some of the homes that children are placed; as well as with the child themselves.

Had meetings and contact with Child & Youth Advocate in a situation where it came to their attention to determine the best interest of a child in care.

July 2014 a child in continuing custody was brought to Port Alberni for a visit; and attended the UT picnic. Child was able to meet various citizens and get a better understanding of Uchucklesaht; as well as meeting some family members.

Throughout the year attended two Family Care Worker's conferences put on by Usma. This was an opportunity to meet with Usma social workers and get updated on Usma programs and services. As well as getting an opportunity to network with the other communities.

In November/December 2014 and early part of the year participated in a number of meetings in regards to evaluation of the Usma program.

The 2014 Halloween Party was held at Gyro Centre, there was games, and costume contests and treats given to all who attended, 35 people in attendance

The Annual Christmas Party was held at Athletic Hall, a turkey dinner was shared by all, gifts for children under 18 and special guest Santa was drummed in by the Rush family singing and drumming. A fun time was had by all, 135 people in attendance.

February 2015 Family Day was observed by providing packages to singles and families, which were distributed on February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Health** - Provided assistance on medical needs not covered through prescription or covered under Patient Travel. Each request is reviewed and a determination is made based on the request and information provided by the Dr, through NTC Health, and through First Nations Health Authority.

A monthly report is submitted to Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Health for reimbursement of Patient Travel.

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A review was made of the Patient Travel rates and a recommendation was made to Executive to increase mileage and meal rates. The new amount came into effect August 2014. This is for Patient Travel in Canada only.

Monthly Elders cheques reviewed and processed each month for elders 55 and older residing in Canada. A renewed application is provided yearly.

The Nurse from NTC comes on a monthly basis providing health information, meeting with individuals on their health concerns, as well as providing flu shots yearly.

In partnership with the Southern Region Tribes have provided a Conference on health, 2014's was focused on Mental Health (Spirit of Wellness) and service providers where available to answer questions and provide information.

Continue to maintain contact with hospitals in regards to specific citizens in hospital. Such hospitals as West Coast General, St Joseph's in Courtney, Nanaimo General, Victoria General, Royal Jubilee, and Vancouver General. Also maintain contact with services provided through PA Mental Health, Island Health Authority, Elders Health office, NTC Health department to ensure we are up to date on information to provide to citizens.

Attended Pathways to Health conference September 25 2014 put on by Vancouver Island Health. A lot of information on the trends for Health careers was shared and in particular that there is and will be a lot of jobs upcoming in the Health sector.

Attend quarterly meetings put on by First Nations Health Authority. Such areas as Mental Health, Patient travel, Mother & Child services, Health services availability in the area; Suicide; Smoking cessation; have been some of the issues addressed.

Preparation and planning took place for the 2015 Elders Gathering held in Saanich in July. 13 people attended this year's gathering.

Have regular and ongoing contact with NTC Nursing department, NTC Health, First Nations Health Authority, Directors of First Nations Health, Interagency Mental Health Services.

### Upcoming Events

- **November 23<sup>rd</sup> – Education/Career event at Alberni Athletic Hall 10am to 3pm**
- **November 25<sup>th</sup> - Cultural Workshop – traditional brushing and practices – 9am-3pm**
- November 26<sup>th</sup> - Southern Region Tribes joint Community Service Expo 9:30 – 4pm
- December 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> - Social Development meeting in Nanaimo – attended by Director and Clerk
- Dec 8<sup>th</sup> - Family Tree workshop put on by Marie Samuel 9 to 3pm

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- December 12<sup>th</sup> - UT Christmas Party – at House of Gathering Noon to 4pm
- December 15<sup>th</sup> - tentative Traditional parenting 9 to 3pm. Facilitator to be confirmed
- December 16<sup>th</sup> - Stones & Gems workshop with Lisa Watts - 9 to 3pm - place to be confirmed
- January 2015 - an outline of activities and events will be planned for upcoming months, focused around culture, education, and health. These will be posted on the web and in mail-outs.

**Comment/Concern: *Nurse and Zyrd used to visit the Village every month*** – and they did come down for a little while, maybe an hour in the summer time. It would be nice to have them visit the village more often to provide their advice and services to us in the village.

**Question: *What is the Residential School Credit?*** I would like to donate my residential school credit towards cultural travel. It would be nice to have some of our Cultural Classes here down in the village.

### **Adjourn:**

**Motion #03:** Uchucklesaht Peoples Assembly agrees to adjourn the meeting of the day.

Moved: Thomas Rush

Seconded: Clifford Charles

(All in Favor – 21)

Motion Carried

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**Lunch Served and Dances/Songs/Drumming provided by the Rush Cultural Group**

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**MEETING ADJOURNED**