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What is New, Why the change?

Welcome to the NEW Ditidaht First Nation newsletter. Our intent for this newsletter is to keep our members informed on what is going on around our Nation.

Our projection moving forward will be to utilize the new communication avenues we have available and putting them to the best use we can. Part of our

new approach will be to use Social Media.

We have an official Ditidaht First Nation Facebook page, and we encourage all our members on Facebook to "LIKE" this page. This Facebook page will distribute important information to our members, as well as updates on road conditions, special events, pictures and some fun information.

Ditidaht First Nation also has a website, that the administration team will be learning to work with, and over the next while this website will be updated with current information. All membership should feel equally informed.

Please contact Laura at lbedgar@telus.net for any notices you would like included or for positive and constructive feedback.

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DITIDAHT SKILLS & INTEREST INVENTORY

Ditidaht is planning for our future and we need to know about the kinds of skills, interests and education our members have, and what they would like to have, so that we can plan accordingly and support employment, training and education. We have created a survey to collect this information and we hope that you will participate. The information will be used for planning purposes to help further our nation's long-term goals and

to organize training and employment opportunities to get there. The survey is confidential, and the information will be used for internal planning and will not be released unless authorized by the individual who has provided the information.

PRIZES FOR PARTICIPATING!

There are monthly draws for everyone who participates in the Skills and Interests Inventory survey.

There are two ways you can participate in the survey. You can go online and fill it out yourself by clicking on this link: <http://ca.surveygizmo.com/s3/50002188/Ditidaht-Member-Survey-May-2017> or you can be interviewed by one of the team members - either in person or by phone. For more information or to set up an interview with one of the team, please contact Nona Marchand at marchandnona@gmail.com

Participate in Skills and Interests Survey
to be eligible
For a monthly draw of a \$25 E-Gift Card of your choice!



Ditidaht TRM Project Updates

Based on objectives in our Comprehensive Community Plan, this year we received funding through Treaty Related Measures for the following projects:

1. Village Plan Update: This project will update the physical infrastructure from the 2001 Village Plan and incorporate different kinds of social considerations and other factors that are important.
2. Governance Capacity Development: This project is in its 2nd year and is designed to support progress on the technical aspects of governance (such as laws, policies, management structures) and also supports the capacity of membership to engage as active citizens of Ditidaht self-governance.

3. Ditidaht Comprehensive Learning Strategy: This Project features on supporting the long-term success of DFN Governance, administration economic and social development endeavors by identifying and planning for capacity development of our people. Based on a vision and input from our members, other First Nation's experiences and information from learning institutions and resources. This will help build our nation now and into the future.
4. Ditidaht Skills and Inventory: See FRONT PAGE:

All projects are being guided by the core values identified in our Comprehensive Community

Plan and are being developed in close consultation with Ditidaht Advisory committees for each project, DFN administration, staff and leadership. Information and consultations on these projects will continue to be part of Community Engagement Sessions.

Ditidaht Development Corp.

The Ditidaht First Nation recently purchased the properties that lie between the Malachan Reserve and the Caycuse River connecting to the Windsurf Park. The 150 hectares were purchased with a financial contribution from the province as well as revenue generated by DDC Forestry. DDC is also working with the province, in advance of Treaty settlement, to lease the existing Windsurf Park and double the

size of the campsite to include RV sites and power to the site. Road building has begun, a web site for reservations is being developed and a good portion of the expansion is expected to be ready for the summer of 2019. DDC has begun logging north of Malachan on another Block purchased from Island Timberlands in an effort to recoup the expense of the land purchase as well as assist with

the Park expansion costs. This project will provide training and employment opportunities and increase tourism markets and revenues.

DFN – Natural Resource Update – Feb 20, 2019

The DFN Resource office has an on-going fisheries restoration project with the logging companies and Parks Canada that operate within DFN Territory. The group is called the Cheewhat Watershed Restoration Working Group.

The project goal is the long-term habitat restoration of the sockeye tributaries that flow into Cheewhat lake. That were damaged in the late 1980's by logging in the upper sections of the tributaries S-1, S2, S-3. Parks Canada is funding the habitat

restoration work/studies that are required to start/plan this long-term restoration work for the area that is within the Pacific Rim National Park-West Coast Trail Unit.

The sockeye run up the Cheewhat River in June/July annually and hold in Cheewhat Lake until the fall rains start and then spawn in the smaller tributaries that flow into Cheewhat Lake on the west side.

In September/October 2018 Parks Canada funded a Fisheries Field Technician

training course at Nitinat, the course was for 3-weeks. There were 4-Ditidaht members that attended the course, and all received their certificates. The trainees also took part in spawning surveys on the tributaries.

Ditidaht Fisheries is hoping to expand habitat/spawning surveys though out the whole of the Nitinaht Watershed in the future to monitor the state of the salmon bearing streams.

Asaabuus Daycare News and Reminders

The Daycare is successful in, yet another proposal grant they have applied for from the First Peoples Cultural Council. This funding is going to be big with this funding and will now allow the center to reach a 4 hr. a day, full language immersion program for the fall.

The daycare children, pre k and kindergartens will all

benefits from this funding and program.

The Daycare is in partnership with the school and will work towards this goal as one with the elders support and knowledge.

As a Reminder:

Pick up time is 4:45pm. Closing staff need adequate time to attend to closing duties. If you know you will be late, please arrange alternate pick up, and assure the staff are aware of who the pickup person will be.

Welcome our New Administrator Jeneen Hunt

Let's all Welcome Jeneen, to our Nation, as she has recently started the position as Administrator.

Jeneen has an MBA in Management through Royal Roads University and enjoys working for First Nation

Organizations. Jeneen has come to the DFN from Cowichan, her parents are Amelia (Lafortune) and Gordon Elliott.

Over the last 10 years, Jeneen has been working as the Band Administrator and Chief Executive Officer Kwikwasutinwaxw Haxwamis,

Kwakiutl, and Musgamagw Dzawada'enuxw Tribal Council. Through these positions, Jeneen has gained the skills in experience and Administrator, Health Director, Education Coordinator, Capital & Housing and a bit of Economic Development.

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We're on the Web!
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Did you know?

A variety of funding programs are available to all Ditidaht members and may be accessed through the Ditidaht Community Services office.

Please contact the Community Services Building at 250-745-3331 or 1-800-745-3331 or csmanager@ditidaht.ca to learn more.

- 1) Skills and Training Incentive: All members can receive up to \$2000 each year. This can be anywhere from university to a first aid course etc.
- 2) Report Card Incentive: If you are a student in Grades 7-12, and are a registered band member, you are eligible for this incentive.

REMINDERS:

STUDENTS & GRADS:

We remind all students to that the Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council will be accepting Scholarship Applications very soon. The deadline will be sometime in May, and the celebration to take place in June.

Please ensure you check the following website for updates:

<https://nuuchahnulth.org/>

Address updates:

Please ensure all address information is update. Pass along all updated informati to Shelley Chester at dtdots@shaw.ca.

Ensuring your address is up to date also ensures all important information can get to you in a timely matter.

