

# UYXABS

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## DITIDAHT FIRST NATION

Dear Ditidaht Members,

Ditidaht is holding community meetings to discuss treaty updates on **Lands, Parks and Consultation**. In addition, there will be a focus on beginning the **Community Planning** process, and getting your input on the most important issues to address moving forward. **What is your Vision for the future in relation to lands, health, social, education and governance?** Come to help and start the conversation! We will also outline next steps for the **Doobah Land Use Study** - a project that is being coordinated by the Ditidaht Development Corporation in conjunction with Vancouver-based planning firm Eco-Plan, and with financial support of NEDC. They will be working closely with the people working on our *Comprehensive Community Plan* project and our *Strategic Land Use Plan* project.

Please join us this **November 2014**, as follows;

### Ditidaht AIP Communication 2014 Community Meetings

#### DATES

**November 3, 2014** ( evening ) 5:30—  
8:00pm

**November 4, 2014** ( evening ) 5:30—  
8:00pm

**November 5, 2014** ( evening ) 5:30—  
8:00pm

**November 6, 2014** ( evening ) 5:30—  
8:00pm

#### LOCATION

Riverwalk, Quw'utsun CCC 200 Cowichan Way, **Duncan**

Room 7 & 8, Beban Park 2300 Bowen Road, **Nanaimo, BC**

Ballroom, Barclay Hotel 4277 Stamp, **Port Alberni, BC**

Ditidaht Community Hall, **Nitinaht Lake**

**Dinner will be served at all meetings.**

Please call Paul Sieber, Ditidaht Communication at 1-888-745-3366 or Shelley Chester, Ditidaht Treaty Coordinator at 1-800-997-3799 if you have any question. Klecko, Klecko.



The Ditidaht First Nation

Is now accepting Catering Bids for AIP  
Communications meeting  
Scheduled for November 6, 2014

Approx 150 people

Please include:

Hall Set up and Clean up

Dinner Menu/coffee/tea/Desert

Please submit your bid to the Band Office or

Email: [mary-ann@ditidaht.ca](mailto:mary-ann@ditidaht.ca)

Deadline for BIDS is October 29, 2014

4:00PM

### Community Services Manager's Report:



The Ditidaht Family Campout through the week of July 7<sup>th</sup>- 10<sup>th</sup> was an amazing trip, where families were transported by the Ditidaht Fisheries program to Tsuquada. Tsuquada was one of our main traditional village sites, and we thought it would be beneficial for families and youth to reconnect to the traditional land. This was primal opportunity for the youth to adventure and explore the traditional territories around Tsuquada, such as Tsusiat Falls, Burial sites, petro glyphs and many other opportunities. I believe this is one of the best ways for our youth and families to really connect with themselves and others from the Ditidaht First Nation.

I believe removing everyone from the realm of modern technology; such as, electricity, internet, cable, telephone and everything that revolves with contemporary society, was truly influential on restoring the knowledge of where we come from as Ditidaht people. Community Services arranged for breakfast, lunch and supper, where it alleviated pressure for people to just enjoy the landscape and company of others in the solidarity of the peace and quiet.

It was fun filled week with camp fires, games, language treasure hunt, prizes, lahal and singing songs. I strongly believe this week brought us closer together as families, friends and community members. There were plenty of ups and downs, but nothing that would take away from the beauty of our homeland! We were surrounded by the vastness of the open ocean, whales, seals, ravens and eagles. Some of the families took time to harvest food from the ocean, but I believe our highlight was when we had Sockeye on the open fire with potato salad on the last night.

## Community Services Report



Ditidaht youth were well represented in all sports this summer. We have had the privilege of participating in the BC Summer Games in Nanaimo at Long Lake. We sent 5 youth to this week long event. We had 6 registered but one had a prior commitment that he had to attend. The youth had a great experience in this journey in representing

At the very same time as the BC Summer Games, our youth were recognized for their huge and amazing efforts at the North American Indigenous Games, where Team BC was the second largest team with over 500 athletes. Team BC, not only were the medal leaders with winning the medal count with 160 medals in 14 different sports (63 Gold, 49 Silver, and 48 Bronze). Team BC made history at the NAIGames 2014 by being the overall medalists and winning the John Fletcher Spirit Award, never in history was this accomplished before.



As well as, there was Byte Camp hosted in Ditidaht, where the youth learned about making music videos. Jordyn and Todd were amazing at grasping the youth's attention. Our youth were really pleased with the outcome of their music videos. The youth were expected to go out in the community with video cameras and record themselves, friends and families, then edited their videos into one music video for their own keeping. All the children went home with a flash drive on a bracelet that they could keep and all felt very proud.



This summer, the Ditidaht youth, parents and supporters have a lot to feel proud of, because this year they were also awarded the most Sportsmanlike team at the Tlu-Piich games. The Nitinaht Lake Paddle Club hosted a two day canoeing event at Centennial Pier in Port Alberni, where our kids helped teach other youth and adults from other Nations. Our youth excelled and participated in track and field, and were excellent role models in every event. Team Ditidaht had a lot of representation and volunteered wherever the Tlu-Piich games committee requested assistance. Therefore, Team Ditidaht was well deserving of the most sportsmanlike team.

Then the youth did the Science Venture Camp, and the youth really enjoyed the science experiments and learned how to make silly putty, worked with sodium chloride, and went on a boat ride down the lake. They drew a map of the Ditidaht Territory, and made X-rays by making bones of their arms, foot and legs, and drew it onto the paper with Candle wax. The youth studied owl pellets, bones and even dissected in an experiment. The Science Venture Camp was a great partnership with the daycamp, where Wendy Thompson



Community Services staff, chartered Cecil Joseph, and volunteer parents to drive to Hupacasaht territory to attend their Family Day Camp, which was hosted by Carolina Tatoosh and her summer students. There were about 35 community members that travelled from Ditidaht and participated in all kinds of events. They had crafts with kids, went on a hike up Stamp Falls to the fish ladders, where they showed Ditidaht how they count fish, then they hosted a lunch at the House of Gathering. After lunch was done, Hupacasaht took our members to the Hole in the Wall, which was quite a hike. Then Carolina took out her Cars for the youth to enjoy, where they can drive around for a couple of hours.



To finalize our summer, our community hosted other Nations to come join in our Family Fun Day. Some people chose to come spend the night before so they weren't losing out on valuable time! As far as I understand, this had been one of the most enjoyable "Day Camps" hosted yet by other nations praise. First of all, Community Services Staff cooked a large pot of Chilli, Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Homemade Buns, Rice, and Caesar Salad for all the visitors and community members attended as well. After dinner Ditidaht hosted lahal for the evening with Esther Edgar teaching the basics of the game and challenging the youth. The following morning Community Services staff served the guests breakfast. Then the Family Fun Day started with a tour of the Community with the local swimming and a tour of the Campsite. By the time they arrived back at the community hall there were fun filled relay races set up for all ages including daycares involvement. A huge highlight of the day was the Language Treasure hunt which had community members and elders involved. The participants had to take a scavenger hunt list of Ditidaht language and traditions that they had to gather asking lots of questions. It was great to see the community involvement. Then the staff had other games set up, such as Pop the Balloons with Darts, Hockey shoot out, Basketball shoot out, a fish pond, and a Bouncy Castle. Every child went home with prizes after the day was done. The Hashilthsa staff, Qu'aasa staff and Hupacasath staff all gave great praise to the events and most of all hospitality that Ditidaht created

**Asaabuus Daycare Managers Report**

July/ August 2014

At Asaabuus Daycare our enrollment for July was 13 children and in August our enrollment is 18 children.

**Staff:**

Michelle Ralston; Manager and Infant and Toddler educator.

Crystal Watts; Senior Supervisor and Preschool/Daycare educator.

Delores Campbell; Early Childhood Educator that works with all ages.

Magdelynn Patterson; Assistant.

Angela Williams; Lunch Cook, Assistant and Janitor.

**Special Events:**

In August we went on a field trip to Parksville Beach water park and swam in the ocean. We made a stop at the Fire Hall to learn all about the trucks and what the firemen do in an emergency. We had a few parents come with us to participate and enjoy the day.

**Other:**

With lower numbers during the summer and lots of staff on we took advantage of cleaning, de-cluttering the daycare and preparing for a busier fall/winter season. With helpful hands and a team effort all of the rooms including the outside were cleaned up.

We put a community survey out in July to get feedback and ideas from community members. We received feedback from 4 people. We had an incentive if people filled out the survey they had a chance to win a store credit. We made the draw in early August and Jolene Joe won. We would like to implement the ideas that we received.

Parents and Tots has been less busy over the summer and we are hoping that numbers will pick up soon. Staff picked blackberries with the children and then made jam with them.

We practiced our annual earthquake drill in July and did our monthly Fire Drills throughout the summer. When it was slow staff learned and practiced more Ditidaht language. The Language Nest will start back up with the Elders in September.

We look forward to a busy and eventful 2014/2015.

## Ditidaht Fisheries Managers Update

### July 2014

- The Fisheries Manager attended Nation to Nation Introductions to Self Government Nation, along with other Ditidaht Managers, Administration, Chief and Council we were able to see how Economic and Team Work Operations was noticeably effective in operations.
- DFNF brought Midnight Raider back to Nitinaht Lake in one day into the lake and tried some late seine fishing
- DFNF assisted with the DFN Campout we brought out 30 people out to beach, we used all the DFNF boats and we went to go get them 4 days after. Looked like they had fun
- DFNF arranged for Food Fish SOCKEYE vessel with offload facility and facilitated Nation to Nation meetings, communications was good it was to keep staff informed of plan for delivery process etc by daily morning meetings.
- Provided Crab, Halibut, Sockeye, for DFN AGM plus provided the tour Nitinaht Lake with Midnight Raider and Carl Edgar boats the tour was of our Ocean Villages
- DFNF Painted Midnight Raider deck & cabin after cleaned with soap and water.
- Ordered new Chinook Gill net made from Pacific Net and Twine we supplied our own corks and led line
- Gathered all fishing totes in preparation for the Food Fish

### August 2014

- The vessel that DFNF Chartered caught 4000 pieces of Sockeye for DFN and DFNF with the assistance of DFN Public Works and the use of their trucks, trailers we were able to deliver fish to members
- DFNF used two vessels for Gill net Chinook Test Fishing at the South End of Nitinaht Lake. All catch for FSC with catch information going to DFO
- Belosh is in for repairs on the electronic and rewiring under the dash
- Every Tuesday during the months of May 1<sup>st</sup> to September 31<sup>st</sup> 2014 we gathered Mussels for PSP delivery for Canadian Food Inspections Agency for Red tide Monitoring
- DFNF was in communications with W.C. Wright about Cheewaht Watershed Restoration to develop and schedule and identify when the work is to be carried out with the assistance of DFNF staff.

## Ditidaht First Nation Website

Great news! Ditidaht First Nation now has an active website. Please check it out at [www.ditidaht.ca](http://www.ditidaht.ca).

**The site includes:** News Media and Events, Ditidaht History, Parks and Recreation, Treaty Negotiations, Member Services and Contact Directory. In addition, all future Ditidaht First Nation community meetings information will be posted prior to the events.

**In the Members Services** section you will be able to print out forms for: Report Card Incentive Application, University Application, Skills and Training Application, Housing Application, Status Card Application, and the 2013 - DFN Annual General Meeting Handout. All future DFN employment opportunities will be posted under 'Employment Opportunities' so please check it frequently.

To ensure you receive regular updates about Ditidaht's current events, activities, information sessions and community meetings, please update your contact information on a regular basis.

For more information, please contact Mary-Ann Dick, Administrative Assistant at 1-888-745-3366 or email at [mary-ann@ditidaht.ca](mailto:mary-ann@ditidaht.ca)

If you have any questions regarding the Ditidaht Treaty Process, please contact Shelley Chester, Treaty Coordinator at 1-800-997-3799 or via e-mail at [dtdots@shaw.ca](mailto:dtdots@shaw.ca) - OR - Paul Sieber, Treaty Communications, 1-888-745-3366 or via e-mail at [paulcomm@ditidaht.ca](mailto:paulcomm@ditidaht.ca).

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