



Winter 2017



Message from Maquinna

On behalf of MHSS, I hope everyone had a warm and enjoyable Christmas and a healthy, Happy New Years. With the new year upon us, MHSS is already busy ensuring we have another success year ahead. MHSS has many exciting projects under way, such as expanding the site at Maatsquiaht to include a venue of celebration for our culture through interpretative displays, personal testimonials, carvings, music and videography as part of a Canada 150 Grant. This Spring, MHSS will be partnering with BC Parks

to take on the management role at Hot Springs Cove in Maquinna Marine Provincial Park. This agreement with BC Parks will provide us with the opportunity to create 4 full time seasonal jobs and an opportunity for the Nation to build a campground and provide host services to the thousands of guests that visit the hot springs each year. We are also expanding our Guardian program to include more recruits to add to our current team. If you are interested, please don't hesitate to apply!

Community Meeting

On February 22nd please join us at 5 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room for dinner and community meeting.

Elders Christmas Luncheon



Group photo of Elders



Kindergartens, Grade 1 and 3's shared some of their Christmas Cheer

This year's Elders Christmas Lunch was awesome! The school's multipurpose room was abuzz with Christmas merriment. There was an incredible turn out of our Elders who left the luncheon with bellies full and with a contented sense of happiness. The best way to spread Christmas cheer is by signing loud for all to hear and this year's Elders luncheon entertainment knocked it out of the park! The performers this year were the kindergartens, grade ones and three class who did a spectacular job of putting smiles on the Elders faces. We had some of our Chiefs hand out fish, oranges and chocolates to our honoured Elders. Our Elders truly enjoyed themselves. So, thank you to all of those who helped out in pulling off this very golly Merry Christmas luncheon. We were also able to send smoked salmon out to all Ahousaht elders this year and were so lucky to have been able to put some fish away during the summer months for this purpose.

Christmas in Seattle

MHSS has decided to switch up our hosted community dinners each year to share the Christmas spirit with our members who live away from home. Last years was in Port Alberni which was a roaring success and this year was just as positive with our members in Seattle. Our Hawiiah, definitely surprised our members with smoked salmon and fish heads. There were a lot of happy faces. We had around 45 Ahousaht members attend a great luncheon and chumas! Keith Atleo updated the members of MHSS' activity by sharing a PowerPoint, everyone was really interested and asked many positive questions. It was wonderful to see happy family and friends who are never far away from hearts even though distance divides us.



Some of our Ahousaht members living in Seattle who attended a Christmas Luncheon



Canada

MHSS plans to celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary with a reconciliation project based in the historic site of the last residential school to close in British Columbia, the current site of Lone Cone Hostel and Campground. The project will develop a permanent reconciliation interpretive display at the site of the historic Christie Residential School, which holds both significant value to our Nation as a historic village site and more recently as a site associated with much pain and suffering. The site is now transforming into an internationally renowned eco-tourist destination supporting cultural exchanges between Ahousaht citizens and travelers from around the world. The project will assist the Ahousaht Chiefs in populating the interpretive center with personal testimonials, carvings, music and videography. The content

will be developed by former students, Ahousaht and other First Nation elders and youth and will transform the content into interpretive and interactive, educational and artistic exhibits that can be enjoyed and understood by people from many diverse backgrounds. The storyline weaved will illustrate pre-and post-contact interactions and historical milestones culminating with the expression of unity and hope that marks the celebration of Canada's 150th birthday. Public celebrations will be hosted to open the site and cultural displays will be held on a regular basis to enhance the displays. Youth learning events will be hosted on a regular basis. Plus, one heck of a firework display will occur on July 1st 2017 everyone is invited to attend the celebrations!



Aerial shot of Maasquiaht (Lone Cone Hostel and Campground)



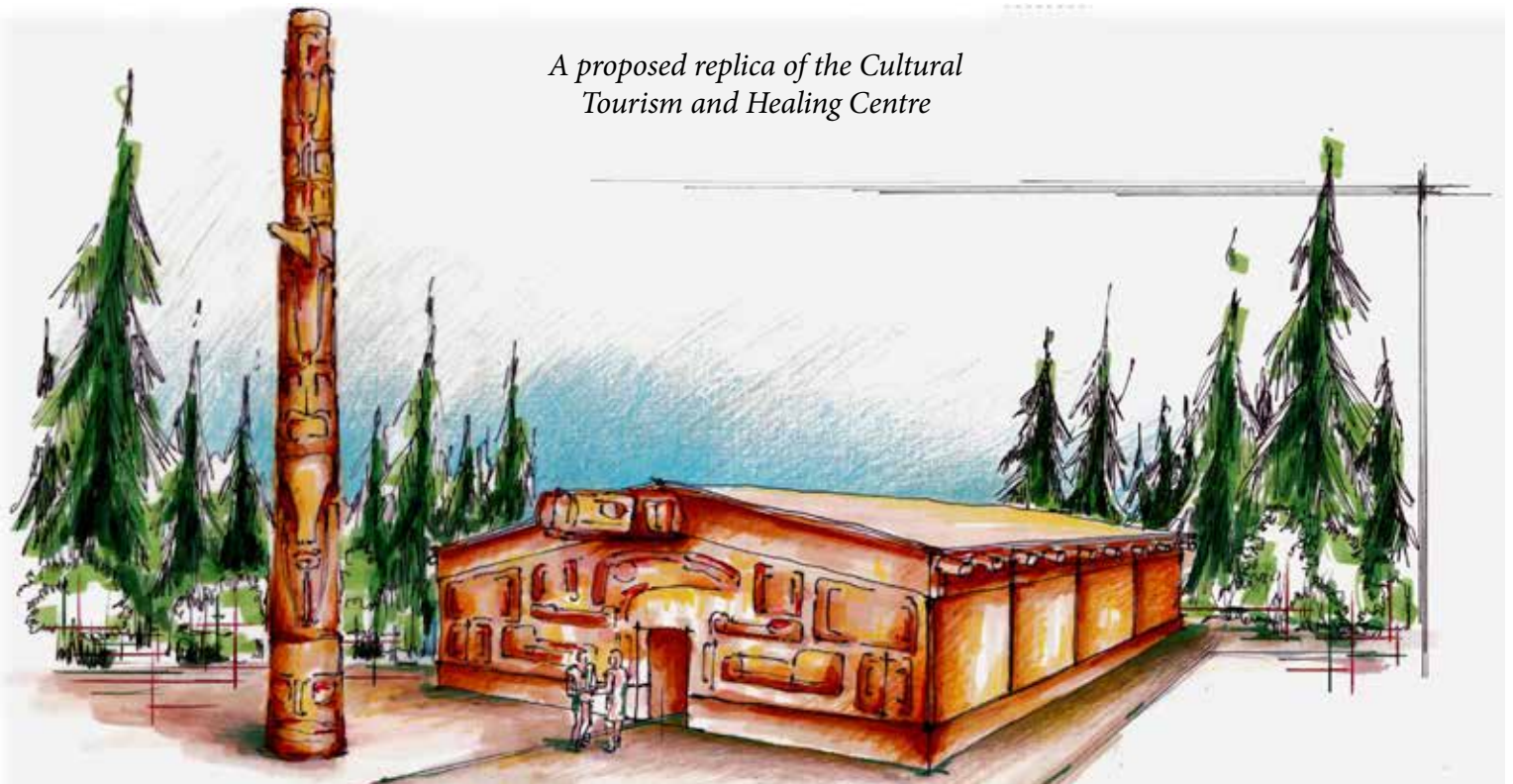
*Cultural Tourism and Healing Centre
Planned for Matsquiaht Site*

Masquiaht Cultural Tourism and Healing Centre Planning

A planning workshop is planned in January with elders and community advisors participating in a 2-day session at the Lone Cone Hostel Cedar Event room. Consultants from Legacy Tourism will assist MHSS in defining an appropriate cultural sharing plan and instruct the project team in refining the design parameters of the healing center and cultural tourism venues.

Engineers are currently conducting a Lidar aerial survey of the entire project area and will present a finalized survey to the project team by the end of January. Business planning is currently underway and a presentation of a draft plan is expected to be made to the community in the Spring of this year.

*A proposed replica of the Cultural
Tourism and Healing Centre*





*Bulson Lake photo:
Jerome Frank-Perry*

Bulson Creek Hydro Project

The Bulson Creek team continued to gather data throughout the fall and winter. Fish Snorkel surveys were conducted during September and November with a couple Ahousaht members participating in the swims alongside the biologists for the project. The project team has had a series of meetings with BC Hydro officials discussing project design, points of interconnection and criteria for accessing the Standing Offer Program.

Work continues on the project with Elemental Energy out of Vancouver in assessing overall feasibility and refining the design.





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Guardians

The Guardians are looking forward to dusting off their uniforms and getting back to patrolling the hahoulthee and assisting in research projects in Ahousaht Sound. After an incredibly successful first season the program is growing and will be taking on additional Guardians, as well we hope to expand the season into the fall and winter. We will be looking to add another 2 Ahousaht members to our existing crew of 4. If you meet the minimum requirements of having a healthy life style, being reliable and aren't

afraid to roll up your sleeves to get a job done then we are interested in talking with you. If you are interested, please submit a cover letter and resume to Stephanie. This year the guardians will conduct marine patrols, monitor trails and camp sites, provide public information and cultural services, perform search and rescues, conduct studies and research and provide overall maintenance and stewardship of all natural resources and infrastructure.

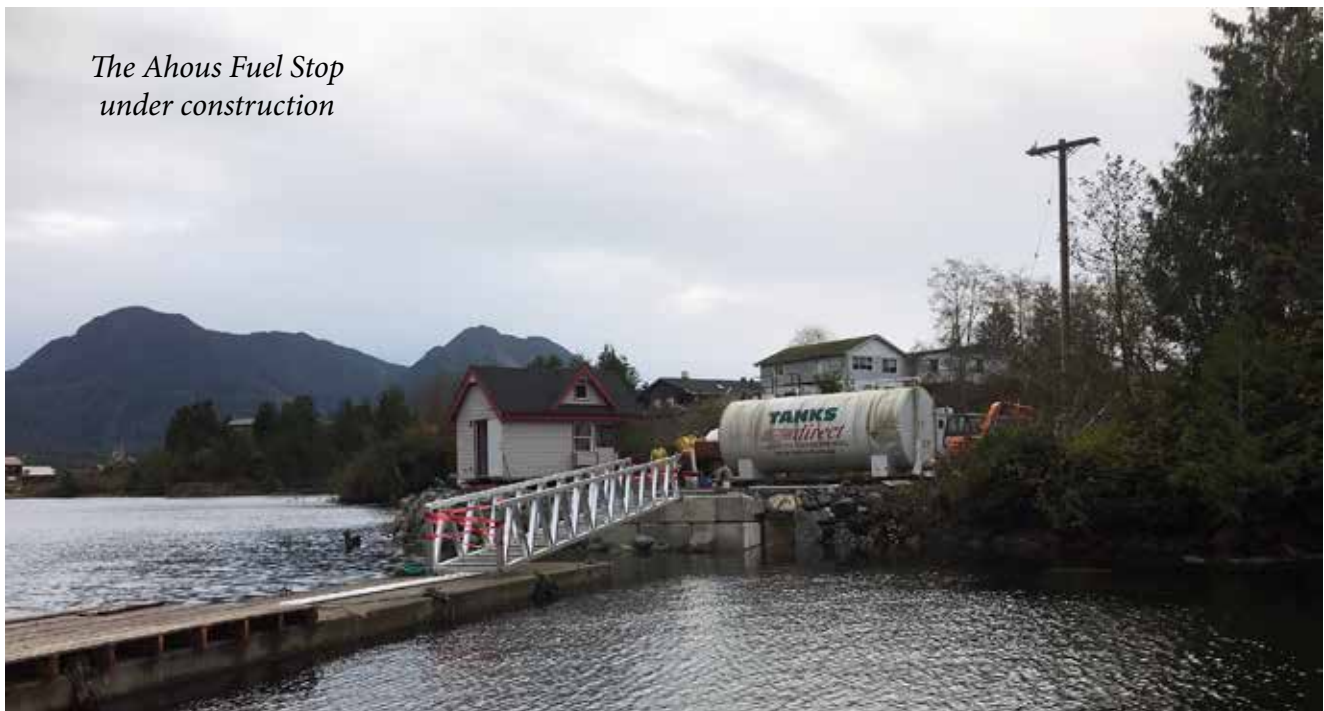


New diesel tank

Ahous Fuel Stop

The Ahous Fuel Stop, which many of you surely have noticed is underway and is expected to be completed by early February and fuel sales should be underway by early March. This is the first time ever you will be able to pump gas into

your boats and cars on reserve. We look forward to hiring two to three full time employees to start off and will plan on being open 7 days a week from dawn to dusk.



*The Ahous Fuel Stop
under construction*



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Job Posting

Position: Two Tribal Resource Guardians
Location: Will be required to work in the field based in Marktosis Head Office
Rate of Pay: Starting Rate of \$150 for 8 hr day
Hours: 5 Day Rotations
Seasonal: May through October

Position profile: The Tribal Resource Guardians is a role created by the Chiefs to protect, manage and steward natural resources within the Ha Hahoulthee. Reporting to the Operations Manager you will monitor resource extraction activities, provide public education on Ahousaht values, build trails, manage wildlife interactions, provide emergency first aid, assist in search and rescue and work with local RCMP and Coast Guard authorities to report suspicious activity. On the job training, will be provided and previous experience in the fields of fisheries, resource management, law enforcement and natural resource management is an asset.

Job Duties:

- Act as point of contact for basic communications, including: fisheries openings, harvesting restrictions, communicating resource harvesting activity (logging, road building, construction activity, wildlife harvesting restrictions, fishery closures etc.),
- Coordinate manage and maintain authorized trail building projects,
- Conduct wildlife management surveys and patrols (monitor for illegal hunting)
- Administer and manage intertribal protocols
- Attend interagency meetings when requested,
- Provide public information and safety briefings,
- Assist with all search and rescue efforts when directed by Operations Manager
- Provide emergency wilderness first aid,
- Other duties as required.

Skills/Qualifications:

- Grade 12 Equivalency
- Preferred professional accreditation in wildlife management or resource management or an acceptable combination of education and experience.
- General office experience with scheduling, filing and logistics management
- Computer literacy and proficiency with Microsoft Office tools (Excel, Word, PowerPoint)
- Excellent communication, listening and professional writing skills
- High professional and ethical standards
- Positive attitude, energetic and eager to work in a fast paced, dynamic environment as part of a team
- Must be dependable, have a high attention to detail, be able to work independently, and be willing to sign a confidentiality agreement
- Basic First Aid and CPR
- Wilderness First Aid
- Marine First Aid
- Healthy Lifestyle
- Natural Leader

Interested applicants will send their resume and cover letter to Stephanie Williams

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