



## Notice to all Hupačasath First Nation Members

Hupačasath Members Only  
Per Capita Distribution  
Distribution Amount: \$200.00 per person

### **In Person Pick up Dates:**

Wednesday December 7th 2016 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Thursday December 8th 2016 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

### **In Person Pick up Location:**

hupačasath House of Gathering  
5500 Ahahswinis Drive, Port Alberni, BC

You must be fully registered as a member of Hupačasath First Nation as of **4:00 p.m. on December 1st 2016** to be eligible for this distribution.

The per capita distribution will be identified as a "GIFT" and will not be considered as income for assistance benefits calculations.

- Cheques may only be picked up by Band members 19 years of age or older.
- Parents or guardians must collect cheques on behalf of their children if the children are under 19 years of age. Persons under the age of 19 will not be allowed to pick up cheques unless accompanied by their guardian.
- Guardians must show proof of guardianship to pick up cheques.
- Band members or any other designated person cannot pick up cheques for any other eligible member 19 years of age or over. **This procedure will be strictly enforced.**
- Out-of-town member's cheques will be mailed on December 7th 2016 unless the band member directs that they will pick-up the cheque themselves. Please provide HFN admin direction to hold or mail your cheque. Your cheque will be mailed to your last known contact details.
- Members who cannot pick up cheques directly at the Hupacasath House of Gathering – Ahahswinis Reserve #1 – Port Alberni, British Columbia **must contact the Band to provide specific mailing instructions.**
- Any cheques designated for pick up by December 9th, 2016 at 12 p.m. and not picked up will be mailed to members directly **to last known contact details.**
- Any cheques not cashed by March 15, 2017 will be cancelled and placed in the Hupacasath Membership Trust Account and no longer made available for this distribution.

## Dinner & Presentation with NEDC – This Wednesday!

Have you ever wanted to start your own business?

# NEDC wants to help!

Wednesday November 9  
@ 6:00pm  
Dinner Provided

Join us for some halibut dinner and a presentation to learn what resources are available to you from the Nuu chah nulth Economic Development Corporation

We're really excited about the upcoming presentation to the community – ever thought of owning your own business? Or do you own one and need more help?

NEDC has been really awesome in helping HFN start up our companies and we think it would be great if our membership took advantage of the opportunities like we did!

Join us for some halibut dinner and a presentation to learn what resources are available to you from the [Nuu chah nulth Economic Development Corporation](#).

Please RSVP to Jolleen ASAP if you think you will be attending so we make sure there is enough food for all of us!

**Garbage Day is on Thursday this week. Our office will be closed on Friday November 11<sup>th</sup> for Remembrance Day.**



We earned the Minister's Award For Innovation and Excellence In Woodlot Management for 2016! Read more on the next page from the Hashiltha article.

The award, which included a cheque for \$2,500, was presented to Hupacasath Chief Councillor Steven Tatoosh and forest resource manager Warren Lauder on Oct. 27.

It is the first time the B.C. Forest Ministry has honored a First Nation operation, according to South Island Natural Resource District Manager Rhonda Morris.

“This award was put in place to recognize excellence in woodlot management,” Morris said. “This year, there were winners in the North, the South and the Coast areas. And for the Coast, Hupacasath was the winner.”

Hupacasath was nominated by David McBride, operator of Greenmax, which is situated near the Hupacasath Woodlot 1476 (Sproat Lake).

The Nation also operates Woodlot 1902, at the head of Burde Street, in Port Alberni, as well as a First Nations Woodland License at Great Central Lake.

All told, there are 860 woodlots (maximum 800 hectares) across the province, with 26 located in the South Island District.

Lauder said woodlot management covers a wide range of responsibilities. Woodlot 1402 has an annual allowable cut of just under 5,000 cubic metres of timber, while Woodlot 1476 has a harvest of about 3,800 cm<sup>3</sup>.

“In a woodlot, you’re involved in the whole spectrum of management,” he explained.

Many of those small holdings, like 1402, are located in the “urban interface.” That means operators must manage for recreational and wildlife values, as well as for homeowners, powerlines, water licenses, etc.

“We have the Log Train Trail running through the woodlot,” Lauder said. “We’ve had lots of conversations with the Log Train Trail Society, covering a lot of issues such as bridges, steps and walkway paths.”

“We have also re-invested some of the profits to help with the recreational values,” Tatoosh added.

The harvested timber is sold to brokers who in turn find the most appropriate markets at the best price.

Tatoosh noted that, because woodlots work under a mandate of sustainable harvesting methods, they make good neighbors. Hence, recreational users are welcome to hike the trails, and in some cases, serve as an extra set of eyes for the operators.

That spirit of cooperation extends to other woodlot operators. Currently, Hupacasath is gearing up to produce commercial quantities of maple syrup, tapping into the native Bigleaf maple trees in the Alberni Valley.

“Last year, we did some [tapping] in the woodlots and on the reserve, as a trial run,” Lauder said. “We want to branch out. But because we have done an inventory on all the woodlots, we know where those maples are.”

“And Greenmax has some huge stands of maple adjacent to us,” Tatoosh said. “They have invited us to come in, so we could sign an agreement to tap trees on their woodlot.”

Lauder said non-timber resource rights (such as maple sap for syrup) are guaranteed under the First Nations Woodland License system.

Hupacasath members can take pride in receiving the Minister’s Award, Lauder said.

“We take our forestry seriously. It’s something that we fought hard to get to, and now we’re on the landscape. You can’t be true stewards of the land unless you’re on the landscape.

“As for being the first First Nation to achieve it, I believe it paves the way for other First Nations to show that we can be excellent stewards of the land.”



Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council



# Southern Region Annual Day of Wellness Event "Traditional Wellness"

Arts & Crafts

Vendors

Nuu-chah-nulth Traditional Wellness encompasses traditional medicines, practices, beliefs and knowledge handed down from generation to generation. It is holistic. Issaak (respect) was taught and practiced. Only healthy foods are consumed and regular physical activity was a way of life. Spiritual rituals were practiced regularly.

Wednesday November 16, 2016  
Hupacasath House of Gathering  
10am – 3:00pm

Cultural ways

Language



Cultural teachings

Traditional Songs

Nuu-chah-nulth governance

Nuu-chah-nulth scholars work

*Quu?asa Brushing*

Nuu-chah-nulth artists

Time & Date	Event	Place	More info
Mon Nov 7 & 8	COHI Screenings & Dental Therapy	House of Gathering	Open for community for check-ups and cleanings
Wed Nov 9 6 pm	NEDC Community Presentation	House of Gathering	Join us for some halibut dinner and a presentation to learn what resources are available to you from the Nuuchahnulth Economic Development Corporation
Thurs Nov 10	CCP Survey Launch	Online	Hard copies will be available along with support to fill them out
Thurs Nov 10 10am	Garbage Day	Your Home	Office closed on Friday, pick up on Thursday
Fri Nov 10	Office Closed	Remembrance Day	
Wed Nov 16 10am – 3pm	Southern Region Annual Day of Wellness Event “Traditional Wellness”	House of Gathering	Nuuchahnulth Traditional Wellness encompasses traditional medicines, practices, beliefs and knowledge handed down from generation to generation. It is holistic. Issaak (respect) was taught and practiced. Only healthy foods are consumed and regular physical activity was a way of life. Spiritual rituals were practiced regularly.
Thurs Nov 17 6pm	HFN Community Meeting	House of Gathering	Agenda to be distributed soon.
Fri Nov 18	Food Safe Training	NETP, 4090 8th Avenue Port Alberni	Nuuchahnulth Employment & Training Program is hosting Level 1 Food Safe Certification training. The course covers important food safety and worker safety information including foodborne illness, receiving and storing food, preparing food, serving food, cleaning and sanitizing.
Mon Nov 21 9am – 4pm	COHI Screenings & Dental Therapy	House of Gathering	Open for community for check-ups and cleanings
Wed Nov 23 12:00pm	Elders Luncheon – Seeking volunteers	House of Gathering	Please let Carolina know if you are able to help serve as we are hosting this time! It's always a fun time ☺
Thurs Nov 24	Community Engagement Session (tentative)	House of Gathering	
Wed Dec 7	Chumus & Chat (confirmed)		
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Sat Dec 17 <sup>th</sup>	HFN Community Dinner	House of Gathering	Please send a message to Carolina with the following information: If you are attending <b>YES OR NO</b> Yes? – Who is all coming? If you have children – list ages of each child please & thank you Carolina can be reached on Facebook, text 250-735-0444 or e-mail- <a href="mailto:caroline@hupacasath.ca">caroline@hupacasath.ca</a>
Mon Dec 19 – Tues Jan 3	Annual Office Closure for Winter Break		We will reopen usual hours on Tuesday January 3 <sup>rd</sup> at 8am.