



Ahousaht Nation Newsletter

Fall 2017

Welcome to the Ahousaht Community newsletter, to be printed and delivered, several times each year.

Comments, questions can be sent to info@ahousaht.ca where they are read by the Chief, Deputy Chief, Manager of Administration and Executive Director.



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***Census – tell us more about you & your family
for chances to win one of three \$50 Visa Cards***

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**for information on Community Updates, AGM dates, Financial Statements
and much more**

What's Going On?

Plenty of things are going on in and around Ahousaht.

Opus International delivered the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) design at the end of May to INAC. They are going over the drawings and specifications. Next step is to tender out for contractors to build the estimated \$13.5 million project.

The four unit \$730,000 Teacherage is nearing completion out at the north end of the subdivision.

The \$1.5 million Six Unit Multiplex housing building, is well under construction at the subdivision. INAC has given Ahousaht verbal assurance of one, perhaps two additional SixPlex housing buildings to come!

Ahousaht is working with Associated Engineering and INAC to develop a phased paving of all the unpaved roads in the community. Curbs, gutters and proper drainage will also be part of the project.

Telus will be replacing the internet microwave transmitter located beside the Thunderbird Hall and lay new cabling to all community buildings and houses. This will deliver broadband internet speeds to every household, office and education buildings.

The Skateboard park is nearly completed. Kids of all ages have been enjoying it for months now. Landscaping and a commemorative plaque will added in the coming months.

Chachimhyiip will soon be expanded and seismically upgraded to include more services, more treatment and more office space. Chief & Council and Management have been pursuing both the Federal and Provincial governments to provide more services, available more of the time, including weekends and after hours. The Province approved a \$425,000+ one year program to deliver more nursing, more counselling, First Responder training and more doctor services.

The main dock has lights and power plus video surveillance cameras. Soon the Government - Small Crafts and Harbours - will introduce a Harbour Authority to oversee the harbour, docks, safety, boat moorage, collecting of moorage fees and overall dock and harbor clean up.

Housing Department has been approved to build new rental homes and to renovate existing homes in the community.

Ahousaht's Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP) is entering its second year with Project Leader Guy Louie and a group of Ahousaht community members. The goal is to have a draft Community Plan in place by March 2018.



Picture: Six plex housing complex looking north toward the four unit Teacherage

A Message from Chief Greg Louie

Thanks to all for your support to my family and myself. We are so grateful for all you have done for and with us.

Congratulations to all grads of Maaqtusiis Secondary and North Island College students. We wish you all the best.

Summer is upon us, which means camping, Elders Conference, Canoe Journeys, Sports Day. Please be safe and have fun. Ahousaht is very proud of our athletes who have traveled to Toronto to participate in the North American Indigenous Games. They played with sportsmanship and were respectful ambassadors of Ahousaht.

Ahousaht will be negotiating a New Fiscal Agreement with the Federal Government, to create greater accountability to INAC and build a fiscal relationship rather than transactional relationship. Ahousaht has given notice to INAC that we'd like at least a five or seven year agreement vs a 1,2 or 3 agreement. This way Ahousaht will have improved planning and deliver programs in a more efficient and cost effective manner.

At the last First Nations Summit meeting, I publicly invited the Minister of Indigenous Affairs to visit Ahousaht; this would give the Minister an opportunity to see how we travel, live and the added expense for groceries, medical and infrastructure. In July, the Regional Director: Catherine Lappe and her Associate RDG: Allyson Rowe will be in Ahousaht to speak with us about capital projects.

APTN will have been in Ahousaht August 24-28th filming a document about the misconception non- First Nations have about quu?us . A group of about 18 will visit, about 6 people in the group will be those who have negative thoughts/words/ pre-conceptions and perpetuate the myths of First Nations people. This will be a

definite learning experience for the non-believers. ATPN has had a pre-visit to connect with our community. ATPN may speak with you.

Have a safe fall!
Klecko. Klecko.

Chief Greg Louie

Picture to the right:
Chief Greg Louie
Wendy Rogers, INAC
Heather Leong, INAC
Catherine Lappe, INAC RDG
Cliff Atleo



Elected Chief and Council

Chief Greg Louie	Deputy Chief Patti Charleson	
Cliff Atleo	Angus Campbell	Tom Campbell
Darlene Dick	Mark Jack	Guy Louie
Andy Webster	Arnold Robinson	Qaamina Sam
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Executive Director Update

The four key areas that staff, management, the executive, Chief & Council focus on are: Safety, Health, Jobs, and Housing. We are doing our best to improve each of these areas for all Ahousaht members.

Much of the positive momentum moving the Nation forward is the managers' successfully managing their departments and staff doing what they do best. That allows Chief, Council and Executive Director to carry out Ahousaht's strategic plan moving forward.

The picture above shows one example where the Regional Director General Catherine Lappe and two of her Managers visited Ahousaht at the request of Chief Greg Louie. Often when we are not in Ahousaht we are working with the Federal and Provincial Governments, along with their respective agencies, on providing more services for Ahousaht. The message we repeat is that it is not the funders money, its Ahousaht's.

Ahousaht's website www.ahousaht.ca is the one place to see our ongoing projects, updated project status reports, to download strategic plan, download all monthly and annual financial statements and much more. There are just four menu choices at the top, each with its own set of pages to view. For example under the Contact page is an Information page that includes all emergency contact webpages, phone numbers and more. Please visit this website often and let us know what we can add or change for you.

The last few pages of this newsletter is a census. This information will be held confidentially and used to understand our community better. One example of how we will use this information is to focus on generating more of the services and jobs you are looking for.

If you ever have a question or comment for me, please feel free to email me at rob.bullock@ahousaht.ca or call my cell phone at 250-888-7439

Rob Bullock
Executive Director / Director of Finance

Pictures: (below) Family Day at T-Bird Hall
(right) Our Team fixing the broken water line



Ahousaht Census

During the health crisis this past spring, FNHA, VIHA and others strongly suggested we collect as much information as we can about our community so we can better serve you and acquire more specific services funding.

Personal Information (for you and all others living in your home)

Name:	Date of Birth	Gender: Male or Female	Married/ Divorced/ Common Law / Single Parent / Foster Parent	Employer	Employer Location	Not Working / Retired

What work would you and your family members like to do? _____

What kind of training for new skills would you like to take? _____

Tell us about your current Housing Condition:

Style:	Number of rooms	Style:	Number of rooms
Own		Rental	
Mortgage		Nation Owned	
Social Housing		Apartment	
Modular		Duplex	
Other			

Number living in your home: _____

If you could have a new house to live in, how many bedrooms would you like it to have? _____

How many bathrooms would you like it to have? _____

Would you like to live in the old village or the new subdivision? _____

One story or two (or more) stories? _____

What else would you like your next home to have? _____

Health Needs: Indicate any Special Needs

NAME:	SPECIAL NEEDS:

Skills: Indicate all that apply to you and your family (write in the number of people in your family each skill applies to. For example if two people in your home are good painters, write 2 beside Painter)

Fisherman	Janitor	Gardener	Caterer
Carpenter	Finisher	Exterior	Roofer
Plumber	Dry Waller	Painter	Floorer
Cultural	Baker	Mechanic	Electrician
Carver	Artist	Cook	Teacher
Facilitator	Videographer	Accountant	Mechanic
Computer	Excel	Word	
Other			

Interests and Talents: List all your households interests

Sports	Hobbies	Outdoor Activity	Volunteer
Cultural			
Other			

What would you like to see change in Ahousaht? How can we improve?

Thank you for your participation with this survey; please write on the back of the page for any additional comments.

**All entries will be entered into a prize draw for three \$50 Visa Gift Cards.
 Deadline 4pm October 15, 2017
 Please print off and deliver to Anne Atleo or Melinda Swan at the Administration office.**