

## **“For the People” – Council Planning Retreat**

On the weekend of February 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> the Tla-o-qui-aht Chief and Council came together for a planning retreat to focus on team building and identifying priorities for their Council term. As they sat together, they realized that their greatest priority was to “be there for the people”. For the Tla-o-qui-aht members and families. This became the theme of the planning session.

Much of the first day focused on how the Council can improve communications and work well together as a team. They started by talking about the values or guiding principles that will guide them over the next 3+ years as they plan and work together. They then agreed on some steps to support them to make wise decisions. They will invite different Elders to future Council and community meetings to offer haahuupa, language and guidance. It is a priority for this Council to rebuild their relationship with the Tla-o-qui-aht Ha’wiih. They also want to create more opportunities to meet and get input from community members and staff. Council plans to look at creating community committees through the 2019/2020 budgeting process.

The second day of the Council planning session focused on overall priorities for their term. There is much work to do and many areas to focus on. The following are some of the main themes that emerged. Many of the top priorities focused on community health, wellness and unity. The Council wants to work with the staff and community partners to improve the quality of services being provided to Tla-o-qui-aht members. Reducing poverty and increasing food security are seen as keys to community health. They talked about how to increase skills, knowledge and opportunities to harvest and preserve local foods and medicines that have sustained Tla-o-qui-aht people since the beginning of time. Community safety is also a big priority. How do we work together to ensure that our men, women, youth and elders feel safe in our communities?

Another priority for Council is to revitalize Tla-o-qui-aht culture and language, to increase programs and to include culture and language in all aspects of Tla-o-qui-aht governance and services. They want to work with Ha’wiih and Elders to collect Tla-o-qui-aht history, teachings, values and knowledge to imbed them in our practices, policies and governance to get back to our roots. They especially would like to learn about the different roles and responsibilities in traditional Tla-o-qui-aht governance.

The Council would also like to do an assessment of Tla-o-qui-aht infrastructure and facility needs and work towards developing projects such as: a longhouse, elders’ facilities, a gym, recreational facilities and sewage treatment. There were many other priorities discussed including youth engagement and leadership development.

The Council’s next steps are to hear priorities and goals from the Tla-o-qui-aht members living at home and away. There will be a series of community led planning meetings this month where Council will hear the hopes and dreams of members to start the development of a long-term community plan to guide them on how to “be there for the people”.

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## “the way we want to be”

**We Need your Voice!**

**Come participate in Community-Led Planning Sessions to Set Priorities for a Tla-o-qui-aht Comprehensive Community Plan**



**What are your hopes and dreams for Tla-o-qui-aht? Where do you see Tla-o-qui-aht in 25 years? How do we get there? What steps do we take in the next year, in the next 3 years or 10 years?**

**There are two opportunities to participate:**

**Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at Tin Wis 10:00 am to 5:00 pm**

**Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at the Port Alberni Friendship Centre noon to 5:00 pm**

More details will be provided in a future community notice. Please contact Norine Messer, Capacity Building Coordinator if you have any questions at 250-735-4111 or at [norinemesser@hotmail.com](mailto:norinemesser@hotmail.com)

# Upcoming Employment and Opportunities within the ʔapsčiiik ʔašii Multi-use Pathway Project – Pacific Rim National Park

The Pacific Rim National Park has just released a Call for Proposals for construction of the ʔapsčiiik ʔašii Multi-use Pathway Project. Proposals must include an Indigenous Benefits Plan that will outline how the proponent will train and hire members of Tla-o-qui-aht and Yuu-thluth-aht First Nations. The following are some of the opportunities that will be available:

## Labour/ Employment

- Occasional use of traffic control (flagging) personnel
- Supervisors and foremen
- Office personnel for book keeping, time keeping, general correspondence, tracking quantities and costs, and record keeping
- Loggers/fallers for falling trees, clearing bush and undergrowth, and cutting up blow down trees
- Carpenter / labour to install metal railing on Jersey barriers
- Personnel with first aid certifications and experience
- Equipment fueling and maintenance
- Labour for placing geotextiles and gravels
- Cranes, operators, steel erectors, carpenters, and labour for one bridge installation and for elevated trail sections
- Excavation equipment of various sizes and operators
- -Certified Arborist for localized root cutting

## Equipment & Services

- Local housing and services for personnel not hired locally
- Equipment and labour to construct earth filled retaining walls and concrete block retaining walls
- Excavation equipment of various sizes and operators
- Pile driving equipment, operators, and swampers for steel pipe piles

If you are interested in these employment and training opportunities and would like to be prepared please attend the information sessions on the following page and/ or contact Tla-o-qui-aht Education Manager Iris Frank or Nuu-chah-nulth Employment and Training Case Manager Evan Hauser.



## PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION

# ʔapsčiiik ʔašii

Multi-use  
pathway project

March 5-7, 2019

Join us for an update on the ʔapsčiiik ʔašii multi-use pathway project, including:

- Work completed to date
- Current status of the project
- What to expect in the year ahead
- Question and answer period

### INFORMATION:

1-250-726-3500 [pc.pacrim.info.pc@canada.ca](mailto:pc.pacrim.info.pc@canada.ca)

## SÉANCE D'INFORMATION PUBLIQUE

# ʔapsčiiik ʔašii

Le projet de  
piste polyvalente

Du 5 au 7 mars 2019

Joignez-vous à nous pour obtenir une mise à jour sur le projet de piste polyvalente ʔapsčiiik ʔašii :

- Travaux effectués
- État du projet
- Ce à quoi on peut s'attendre au cours de l'année à venir
- Période de questions

### RENSEIGNEMENTS :

1-250-726-3500 [pc.pacrim.info.pc@canada.ca](mailto:pc.pacrim.info.pc@canada.ca)



<b>March 5, 2019</b> 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	<b>Tiičmis ʔaq'kin Health Centre   Centre de santé Tiičmis ʔaq'kin,</b> <b>Community Room   salle communautaire</b> #82 Nuu Piit Taah Chilth, Ty Histanis	<b>5 mars 2019</b> 14 h à 16 h
<b>March 5, 2019</b> 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	<b>Tofino Council Chambers   Salle du conseil de Tofino</b> 121 Third Street, Tofino	<b>5 mars 2019</b> 17 h à 19 h
<b>March 6, 2019</b> 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	<b>George Fraser Room   Salle George Fraser,</b> <b>Ucluelet Community Centre   centre communautaire d'Ucluelet</b> 500 Matterson Drive, Ucluelet	<b>6 mars 2019</b> 17 h 30 à 19 h 30
<b>March 7, 2019</b> 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	<b>Cixʷatin Centre Gymnasium   Gymnase du centre Cixʷatin</b> 700 Wya Rd, Hitacu	<b>7 mars 2019</b> 17 h 30 à 19 h 30