

Yale First Nation Government

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Make sure to bring the kids by the band office during the day on Halloween, Thursday Oct 31st.

We will be handing out treats from 9am until office closes at 4pm!

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Community NEWSLETTER

314 Hudson Bay St. Hope, BC, V0X 1L0, 604-869-0013

Community News
 Chief Ken Hansen

I would like to thank all the YFN citizens and YFN Staff for your hard work and dedication to the successful completion of the Seabird Island Claim. This settlement will bring opportunity for generations to come. Please do not hesitate to ask if you need any form of assistance with the settlement, we are dedicated to ensuring that you enjoy every aspect of it.

As mentioned in our community meetings, there will be upcoming meeting sessions that will be integral to the development of the YFN Membership Code and YFN Trust Fund. Please make sure you attend these meetings as they will influence the future of our community.

Respectfully, Ken Hansen, Chief Yale First Nation

At The Band Office
 Isabella Dagnino

Congratulations from YFN to our office receptionist, Isabella on her successful application to show her work at the Reach Gallery in Abbotsford, Oct—Nov. Her art is large format film photography which was commonly used in the 1920's. Isabella says she enjoys working with this kind of film because the large format allows her to capture a lot of information in her compositions. We all wish her well and hope that members will find a chance to drop by the gallery and take a look at her work.

The Reach Gallery is located at 32388 Veterans Way Abbotsford, BC V2T 0B3. Website is <https://www.thereach.ca/>

Did You Know?

Many historians believe that hockey was actually invented by the Mohawks! Hundreds of years ago, Jesuit priests wrote about the Mohawks playing with a stick and a piece of frozen ice embedded with mud and stones. According to the Jesuit journals, when a player was struck by the "puck" they yelled "Aukie!" meaning, ouch. Other inventions credited to Canada's Indigenous peoples include the canoe and kayak, darts, lacrosse, petroleum jelly, and cough syrup.

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Included..

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Emory Creek Campground
 Beautiful River View Sites

BC Parks
 Flush Toilets
 Firewood Sales
 Creek & River Access

18 km north of Hope on HWY 1
 Info: 604-807-2684

First Nations Empowerment Program

East Fraser-Salish Communities
 Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5pm - 9pm
 October 1 - November 7

Hosted by Spuzzum First Nation: 36500 Main Rd, Spuzzum
 Transportation and Child Minding Provided by FIRST

*Come share a meal while we build relationships in our community.
 It's time to talk, share knowledge, and heal.
 Everyone is welcome (but seats are limited)*

For more information, contact:
 FIRST: Jana C: 604-206-9501
 Ray H: 604-206-9503; Ray C: 604-206-9513
 Spuzzum: Angie M: 604.863.0192
 Sage: Warren M: 778.838.9932

Sage Counselling and Addiction Services Inc.
 First Nations Health Authority
 Health through wellness

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House for Sale on Reserve

- Custom home on 3 acres at Albert Flats IR 5, very private, 2 wood stoves
- Built 10 years ago, 3,000 square feet finished (1,000 square feet unfinished basement)
- Price \$440,000
- Doug will help a potential buyer do the paperwork for a mortgage on reserve

Please contact Doug Hansen at 604-869-1597 or doughansen21@gmail.com



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Fisheries Update

Dominic Hope



This is definitely a difficult fishing season with many conservation concerns, constraints and obstacles as seen below, the added concern with the Big Bar Landslide (see excerpt from a British Columbia website update). We started the fishing season with a closure to protect the earliest chinook stocks this closure continued until July 15th. However, this overlaps with the Early Stuart/Early Summer conservation window closure.

This added obstacle, the Big Bar Landslide has added great uncertainty. DFO and first nations are having continued discussions to work through whether opportunities include sockeye focused fisheries, chinook focused fisheries or a limited combination of both chinook and sockeye.

Please ensure that the YFN office and Fisheries Management have your current contact info and be prepared for short notice and limited fisheries opportunities this season.

This season, YFN posted the position for YFN Lead Catch Monitor. There were several submissions and the successful candidate was Tessa Poole. Tessa is local to the community and has worked as Catch Monitor for YFN for the past few seasons. We look forward to working with Tessa this season. Fishers and members can expect to receive correspondence and fishery notices from Tessa, followed by any catch reporting etc...

Any questions can be forwarded to Dominic Hope, Fisheries Manager.

Big Bar Landslide Incident

In response to a significant landslide discovered between June 21 and 23, 2019 in a narrow portion of the Fraser River near Big Bar, just north of Lillooet, B.C., an integrated incident management team was established.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada and the Government of B.C. are assessing the situation for a number of salmon species that are migrating to their spawning grounds. With support from local First Nations and geotechnical engineers, a plan to address the conditions and risk to these salmon is currently being evaluated for implementation.

Salmon Species at Risk

Based on the magnitude of the obstruction, a number of salmon species that are a significant conservation concern need to pass through the area. Species include: Spring/Summer 5-2 Chinook, Early Stuart Sockeye, Early Summer Sockeye, Summer Run Sockeye.

Site Recovery Obstacles & Options

This is a complex situation in a remote and unstable portion of the river with steep canyon slopes and turbulent, swift-moving water. It is not accessible by existing public roads. Challenges facing any remediation work include: rapid flow conditions, migrating stocks, accessibility to the site, safety of personnel in carrying out any work at the site

Here are potential options being considered to improve fish passage through the area:

Continue to monitor how many fish are passing through

Explore options to remove or remediate the rock obstruction itself. Several methods of doing this are being considered

Physically move fish upstream from the obstruction

Each of these options comes with potential benefits and some risk or possible consequences. For this reason, we are thoroughly assessing each option. Regardless of what action might be taken, work can only begin if the site is safe. Work to remove loose rocks in the slide area is underway.



Health Department
Lauren Duerksen



New Multi-purpose building will present a variety of job opportunities

Multi-Purpose Building/Health Centre update
Moving forward – ever so slowly. We are now entering the design phase. During this time, we will be meeting with designers and architects to create the vision and plan for the building. We thank the community for all its input over the last few years and anticipate that this home for YFN will be amazing. We expect to begin clearing the land soon and begin building late next spring with a potential end date of mid 2021. We want this done right, not fast. Now is a great time for community members to plan for the potential of increased employment opportunities. We will eventually need trained people to fill the following types of positions, not all at once but as we grow, we will need:

MEDICAL OFFICE

- Doctor
- Nurse Practitioner
- Registered nurses
- Licensed Practical Nurses
- Care aids
- Homemakers
- Drivers for medical travel
- Medical Office Assistant
- Billing clerk
- Counselors
- Addiction supports

DENTAL OFFICE

- Dentist
- Dental Hygienist
- Dental Assistant
- Dental Reception/billing

PHARMACY

- Pharmacist
- Pharmacy assistant

FINANCE

- Finance Manager
- Accounts Payable
- Receivable clerk
- Payroll clerk

HOUSING/MAINTENANCE

- Building Service Workers (janitor, cleaner)
- Land Maintenance
- Vehicle fleet maintenance
- IT Support Specialist
- Supply Management

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Events co-ordinator
- Cooks

Reception/Administrative assistants
Bus driver

SOCIAL and FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

- Youth Workers
- Native Court Worker
- Early Childhood Educators
- Education/employment counselor

ADMINISTRATION

- Administrative Assistants

As well as any of these wonderful career choices, having certificates like:

Foodsafe, First aid/CPR, Serving it Right, Superhost /Customer Service training.

All this training will come in handy when there are catering and conference events being held. We want to ensure its YFN and its citizens that benefit from these events and contracts.



New School Year – New Extra-Curricular Activities

Yale First Nation wants to support families of **children who are registered members of YFN ages 18 and under** to access extra curricular activities.



Email the health department with the:

- Name and status number of your child
- What activity they want to do
- The cost of the part you need help with



We will not be able to pay for everything but may be able to help with: *equipment, lessons, basic registration fees, basic rec-centre memberships*



We are not able to help with travel, tournament fees, hotels or meals.

Email: health@yalefirstnation.ca



Animals of Canada

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 N E V A R P R O F X V F R H J
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| Bear | Grizzly | Salmon |
| Bobcat | Groundhog | Seagull |
| Chipmunk | Hawk | Skunk |
| Cougar | Heron | Snake |
| Crow | Marmot | Sparrow |
| Deer | Moose | Squirrel |
| Eagle | Mouse | Trout |
| Elk | Orca | Weasel |
| Fox | Packrat | Whale |
| Frog | Raccoon | Wolf |
| Gecko | Raven | |
| | Robin | |

A NEW website for YFN

YaleFirstNation.ca will soon be live online once again. We are just putting the finishing touches on a brand new website so soon you will be able to browse an all new photo gallery, watch videos, download applications, newsletters and book appointments with staff. We are aiming for a vibrant, exciting website for you to visit regularly to keep up with the latest news in the nation, so stay tuned.

If you are in crisis and require immediate help. Please call :

KUU-US CRISIS LINE

The KUU-US Crisis Line Society operates a 24 hour provincial aboriginal crisis line.

TOLL FREE: **1-800-588-8717**

CRISIS CENTRE OF BC

Help is Available! We truly are here to listen, here to help 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you or someone you know is having thoughts of suicide, call TOLL FREE: **1-866-661-3311**

INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SOCIAL SOCIETY (IRSS):

Indian Residential Schools Crisis Line is available 24 hours a day for anyone experiencing pain or distress as a result of his or her residential school experience. Indian Residential School Survivors and Family.

TOLL-FREE: **1-800-721-0066** 24hr CRISIS LINE **1-866-925-4419**

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The Rainbow Out Front

Some of you may have noticed we have a new colourful edition to our band office! Some of the youth from Read Right Society's homework program painted a beautiful rainbow outside of our office. We did this to show our solidarity and support to those in our community who fall under the LGBT2Q+ umbrella. As a band office and member not just of the indigenous community but also the municipality of Hope and surrounding areas we want to show everyone that walks by our door and enters our office that we are both welcoming and accepting of all.



Let's Stay Connected

Elections – Programs – Voting – Events – Distribution.

In order to serve you better please keep your contact information email, address and phone up to date.



Housing Report
Crystal Sedore 

- What are my rights regarding property or my family home on reserve if I get a divorce?
- What if I'm not a band member?
- What if I'm not First Nation?
- What if we were common law partners?
- Do I have any claim to assets on reserve after my partner dies?

These questions all address Matrimonial Real Property Rights and the answers can be very complicated with many nuances and situational considerations. I will be heading to Edmonton in Mid September to take training in this field so that I can advise band members about what their rights are and how to protect their matrimonial interest in family assets. Once I have completed the training we will be hosting a series of workshops for band members to discuss topics that might be of interest, such as domestic partnership agreements, matrimonial real property rights and wills and estates.

Maintenance and Repairs— "Request for Repairs" forms are available at the band office to request maintenance and repairs on your rental homes. Please ensure all requests are sent to Housing in writing, e-mail is also accepted, to ensure your request is addressed quickly. All written requests are addressed as they are received. Phone-in requests are not recommended. **PLEASE NOTE**- After a service technician has visited your home to address your repair request please follow up with housing to let us know if the problem has been resolved. If the repairman needs to return a second time with parts or to finish the job please let us know so that we can follow up and ensure the job gets finished.

Please note that the Housing emergency phone number is for emergencies only. For general housing information and questions please call the band office, 604-869-0013, during business hours, 9am-4pm Monday to Friday. Housing Emergencies-604-206-5544.

Are your Hydro Bills Through The Roof?

If your [household income](#) falls within a certain range, you can get a free energy saving kit delivered right to your door. Energy saving kits can help you make your home more comfortable and energy-efficient all year. Each kit includes simple, energy-saving products that you can install yourself. The products will help you seal up drafts in your home, save on your lighting costs, and reduce your home's water use.

The kit contains:

- LED bulbs
- Weatherstripping to reduce drafts around windows and doors,
- High efficiency showerhead,
- Water-saving tap aerators,
- LED night light,
- Fridge and freezer thermometer,
- Step-by-step instruction guide to help you install each product.

You MUST bring your last Hydro bill in to HOUSING if you want help to apply for the FREE Energy Saving Kit for your home
604-869-0013

Or apply online at BCHYDRO.com or by calling:
604 224 9376

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8 Nations, One Tribe

On August 27th, 2019, I (Councilman Pedro Moreno) attended a Tiyt Tribe signing event with 7 of our First Nations neighbours.

Several Bands including Yale First Nation, signed a letter of understanding for exploratory discussions at the Tel te yet campsite in front of numerous witnesses including the Minister of Indigenous Affairs, Carolyn Bennet.

When looking at and learning our history, several villages worked closely together. These villages and people later became Reserves under the Colonial Government. These Reserves are now known as Popkym First Nation, Peters First Nation, Shxw'ow'hamel First Nation, Skawahlook First Nation, Chawathil First Nation, Union Bar First Nation and Yale First Nation.

Through our Land Claim for Seabird Island, the information is that the land of what is now Seabird Island (BAND) First Nation, was set aside as Reserve land for the previously mentioned 7 bands. Our Chiefs wanted us to hold on to this land for our future generations. Canada took the land away from us and made it its own Reserve (Seabird Island). We (Yale First Nation) have just received compensation from Canada for the Seabird Island Land claim.

The other Bands, its families and its people do have some memory of our Bands, First Nations working together, but that we are family.

Yale First Nation has attended several meetings with these other First Nation that we now call Tiyt Tribe meetings. The Seabird Island Band (First Nation) is also a part of our Tiyt Tribe, so we are 8 Bands.

We are looking at working together in areas where we can support each other. We share common interests within our territory and the Federal and Provincial Governments and business affects us all. We are looking forward to working together and believe that it will benefit all of us First Nations within our territory.

Pedro Moreno

YFN Council



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F.I.R.S.T

FIRST – 2018 – 2020 – Yale First Nation proudly supports the Fraser-River Indigenous Resiliency Support Team in the provision of support services to the 8 communities of the Fraser Canyon: Peters, Shxw'ow'hamel, Chawathil, Spuzzum, Yale, Boston Bar, Boothroyd and Union Bar. This team provides community outreach, health care navigation, counselling services and transportation for treatment and medical appointments to communities, families and individuals. Their activities are highly confidential and are reported quarterly as Contact Instances, Counselling Sessions and Case files.

Mental Health – FIRST provides outreach and counselling services to all members, both on and off reserve. Our Wellness Worker provides outreach services and supports to all membership both on and off reserve, often providing rides to treatment and medical appointments. Our Wellness worker spends a lot of time assisting members to replace lost or stolen ID and with Registration with ISC for themselves and new family members. She also assists with the registration of deaths, births and name changes. Her interactions with members are highly confidential.

Speeding on Reserve

The office has received several complaints of speeding drivers.

Please do not drive over 15km/hr on reserve and be very watchful of children and pets.

Remember to please also remind your guests and visitors to drive slowly while on YFN roads.

Thanks!



Fraser-River Indigenous Resiliency Support Team

In partnership with – Boothroyd, Boston Bar, Chawathil, Peters, Shxw'Ow'hamel, Spuzzum, Yale, Union Bar

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Supporting your Physical, Mental, Spiritual, Emotional needs.

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Harm Reduction. Peer Support. Advocacy.

Every journey begins with one step, and it helps if there is someone beside education.

We have a diverse set of skills gained through life experience and formal you.

You can contact us directly for details.

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Social Development

Paul Keller



Income Assistance Recipients

Many of you are asking and thinking about how the **Settlement Funds** will affect your Income Assistance. Yale First Nation (YFN) Administration and the Social Work Department have been working diligently to clarify this question.

After consulting with our YFN Lawyer, I have learned that...Once the Federal Minister signs the Settlement Agreement

- 1) YFN will need to get the Federal Government's consent [to share the Settlement Agreement description/classification with](#) Indigenous Services Canada (ISC- [Income Assistance](#)).
- 2) Our lawyer will then send a letter to [ISC - Income Assistance](#) describing the legal definition of the Settlement Agreement received.
- 3) ISC - Income Assistance has assured me that once they know the Settlement Agreement description, they will do their best to find a total exemption for all Income Assistance clients. It is important to understand this **does not mean** a Guaranteed Exemption.

I do not have an exact time frame as to when this process will be completed. At this time, please continue as usual with your Income Assistance until notified by the Band Social Worker in this regard. Please call me or come in to see me if you have any further questions.

THOUGHTS FROM A SOCIAL WORKER'S PERSPECTIVE

What an amazing time for Yale First Nation (YFN) Band members in receipt of the Specific Claims Settlement funds. From a Social Worker's perspective, a large settlement fund paid out to each member can have varying implications on YFN's social structure and/or individual(s) wellbeing. Financial settlements of this amount can either "Help or Hinder" individuals and families. I have witnessed and studied how "Poverty" or "Wealth" can lead to prosperity (growth) or adversity (hardship) for individuals, families and communities. In other communities where money has blanketed the membership, it is not just the most vulnerable that are at risk. Anyone can be at risk of serious hardship following the receipt of a large amount of money. We must be aware and support each other through these changing times. It is prudent in my role as your Social Worker that I provide you with information and options pertaining to the Settlement Funds.

Below is a list of potential areas for consideration for those receiving the Specific Claims Settlement:

Funds in Trust- Why use a trust? A trust account can be set up for those who want to manage their funds in a more measured way. It too can benefit someone who may have challenges managing a large sum of money or someone who wants to put the money away for a later date.

Among the chief advantages of trusts, they let you:

- Put conditions on how and when your assets are distributed after you die;
- Reduce estate and gift taxes;
- Distribute assets to heirs efficiently without the cost, delay and publicity of probate court;
- Better protect your assets from creditors and lawsuits

Banking/Savings/Investing- Banks can help us manage our money through various bank accounts or investing options. Budgeting advice and support is available at all banking institutions to support you with financial literacy tools to budget and/or invest. Talk to a trusted bank and check out the options available to you.

Investment Portfolio – can [be set up to pay back to you each month while locked in \(non-redeemable\) or open \(redeemable\).](#)

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GIC – More secure but less interest than an Investment Portfolio can be set up to pay back to you each month while locked in (non-redeemable) or open (redeemable).

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Complete an Education Goal- Some of you may have had education plans you could not achieve in the past because you did not have the funds to do so. This is your opportunity to invest in yourself! Once your upgrading, college, university or trade schooling is completed, you can make back all and/or more of the Specific Claims money spent on your education in a matter of a few years when employed.

Pay Off your Bills- What a feeling it would be to be debt free and stay debt free:) Talk to a financial institution about learning how to budget if you have questions.

Transportation Needs- Living in Hope and area has posed specific transportation challenges for all residents who do not have access to a vehicle. This may be an opportunity to purchase a reliable vehicle to support you in your transportation needs.

Start a Community Initiative- Chief and Council decided to gift YFN Membership with a portion of the settlement so you could manage your own affairs and create your own opportunities. Here is your opportunity individually or as a collectively few (pooling your funds together) to start a drumming group, elders/men's/women's group, etc. for the betterment of your personal self and/or community.

Start a Business- Community Futures offers a variety of services and tools to help entrepreneurs and small business owners achieve their goals, including business support services, business planning advice, loans and self employment assistance.

Community Futures South Fraser / Box 10/46115 Yale Road, Chilliwack, BC V2P 2P2 / Telephone: 604-392-5133 / Telephone: 1-877-827-8249 / Fax: 604-392-9778 <https://www.southfraser.com/>

Self Employment Program / Garden Park Towers / Suite 218-2825 Clearbrook Road, Abbotsford, B.C. V2T 6S3 / Tel: 604-864-5770 / Fax: 604-864-5769

Live more Independently- You have a chance with the settlement funds to venture out on your own if your current residence is not fulfilling your needs of a "home." A home is much more than the 4 walls and a roof. Create a better life for yourself if today you are struggling in your current living situation.

Personal Wellness- Life is difficult and challenging and at times we are just going through the motions not really "living" as we had hoped. Use a portion of your funds to heal, rejuvenate, regroup and/or find solitude. There are many healing and wellness centres or places you can escape to on your own to restore peace, harmony and balance back in your life.

Whatever you decide to do with your settlement funds, be good to yourself and others. It is easier said than done. As human beings we have all ventured off track from time to time. Money can lead us astray breaking families and communities. I know you will do your best and thus you are likely to prosper with this amazing opportunity. I am here for your support whatever the need.

Thank-you, Paul J. Keller, BSW
Yale First Nation, Social Worker
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