

## NEWSLETTER

Nuchatlaht Tribe

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# The Nuchatlaht Title Claim – Where Are We in the Case?

By: Jack Woodward

Last month, I wrote an article in this newsletter introducing the important Nuchatlaht title claim. This is an update on what stage the case is at, and what you can expect in the future.

As of May 19<sup>th</sup>, all parties to the lawsuit have now filed their “pleadings”. Pleadings are court documents in which the parties set out their version of the facts. Canada, BC, and Western Forest Products are the opposing parties, and none of them admitted that the Nuchatlaht historically used or occupied the claim area to the extent needed to prove Aboriginal Title. But Canada did at least admit that the present-day Nuchatlaht are the descendants of the same Aboriginal group that existed in 1846, the year that the Nuchatlaht territory was included in the country that is now called Canada. This helps.

Now that the pleadings are filed, here are some of the upcoming steps in the case:

- 1. Motion to strike.** We think that some of the issues raised by the other parties in their pleadings are irrelevant to Nuchatlaht’s title claim and would only waste everyone’s time in court. Consequently, we intend to bring a “motion to strike” – essentially, asking the court to delete those portions of the pleadings so that we can focus on what really matters.
- 2. List of documents.** The parties need to file their lists of documents that they intend to rely on in court. Currently, this step is due to be completed by June 24<sup>th</sup>, although it is very likely that the opposing parties will ask for extensions of time.
- 3. Applying for court dates.** We need to apply to the court to nail down the dates when this case will be heard. This involves trying to find a slot in the court’s schedule when they have time to hear us. Optimistically, we hope that might get dates as early as April to June, 2018, but this very much depends on the availability of judges and other factors outside of our control.

Tiny but mighty: The Nuchatlaht Tribe is providing leadership to other First Nations in British Columbia by showing that it is possible for any band, however small, to get into court and begin asserting their legal rights.

In the next newsletter I will discuss some of the important historical and scientific evidence that proves that the Nuchatlaht are the rightful owners of these beautiful lands.

Regards,  
Jack Woodward

# Nuchatlaht Dialect Signs

By: Mason Ducharme

In May 2017, Nuchatlaht Tribe picked up eight (8) signs written in Nuchatlaht dialect to help reintroduce the Nuchatlaht language into the community. These signs were funded through surplus dollars from the FPCC Language Revitalization Program.

The following are the words on the signs:

1. hišumyitʔak - community hall
2. mamuquwifukʔi nučaałʔath - Nuchatlaht Band
3. Officełayafasuwit - greenhouse
4. ʔumčaaquwit - (indoor) gym, recreational centre
5. ʔumčaaʔasʔak - playground, playing field
6. wiinapuʔi Stop! (such as on a stop sign)

If you know how to correctly pronounce these Nuchatlaht words, there is an opportunity for you. Nuchatlaht Tribe is currently seeking someone who can pronounce these words, and is willing to be recorded via video on the pronunciation. The video would then be shared on our Facebook page, and other social media accounts. If you, or someone you know can do this, please email Mason Ducharme at [administrator@nuchatlaht.com](mailto:administrator@nuchatlaht.com). An honorarium will be presented to the person upon completion of services.

## Record Breaking 2016-2017 Audit

By Mason Ducharme

Every year, Nuchatlaht Tribe and other First Nations are required to undergo annual audits in accordance with their funding agreements. Audits for Nuchatlaht Tribe in the past took 72-96 hours to complete. For this year's 2016-2017 audit, it was completed in less than 24 hours.

The auditors arrived on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 pm, and they left on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm. The reason that the audit was completed quicker than previous years is that my staff was much more organized this year. This is a huge success for Nuchatlaht Tribe, and I am very proud of them and this accomplishment.



## Nuchatlaht Tribe Staff Retreat

By: Mason Ducharme

On June 7-8, your Nuchatlaht Tribe staff will be at the Cluxewe Resort which is located in between Port McNeill and Port Hardy for an annual staff retreat. The staff will be leaving Oclucje reserve at 1:00pm on June 6<sup>th</sup>. The staff will be leaving the Cluxewe Resort on June 9<sup>th</sup> first thing in the morning.

The focus of this year's annual staff retreat will focus on communication, professional writing, conflict resolution, and self-care. It is our hope that this retreat will provide the staff with tools to do their jobs more effectively, and the tools they need to achieve a healthy work-life balance.

During this time, you can contact your band manager Mason Ducharme at 250-204-5908, or email him at [administrator@nuchatlaht.com](mailto:administrator@nuchatlaht.com), if you have any questions or concerns. This also means that any payments will not be processed until we return back to work on Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

I appreciate your support in allowing us to take some time out of the office to better serve you.

# Cheque Processing and Distribution

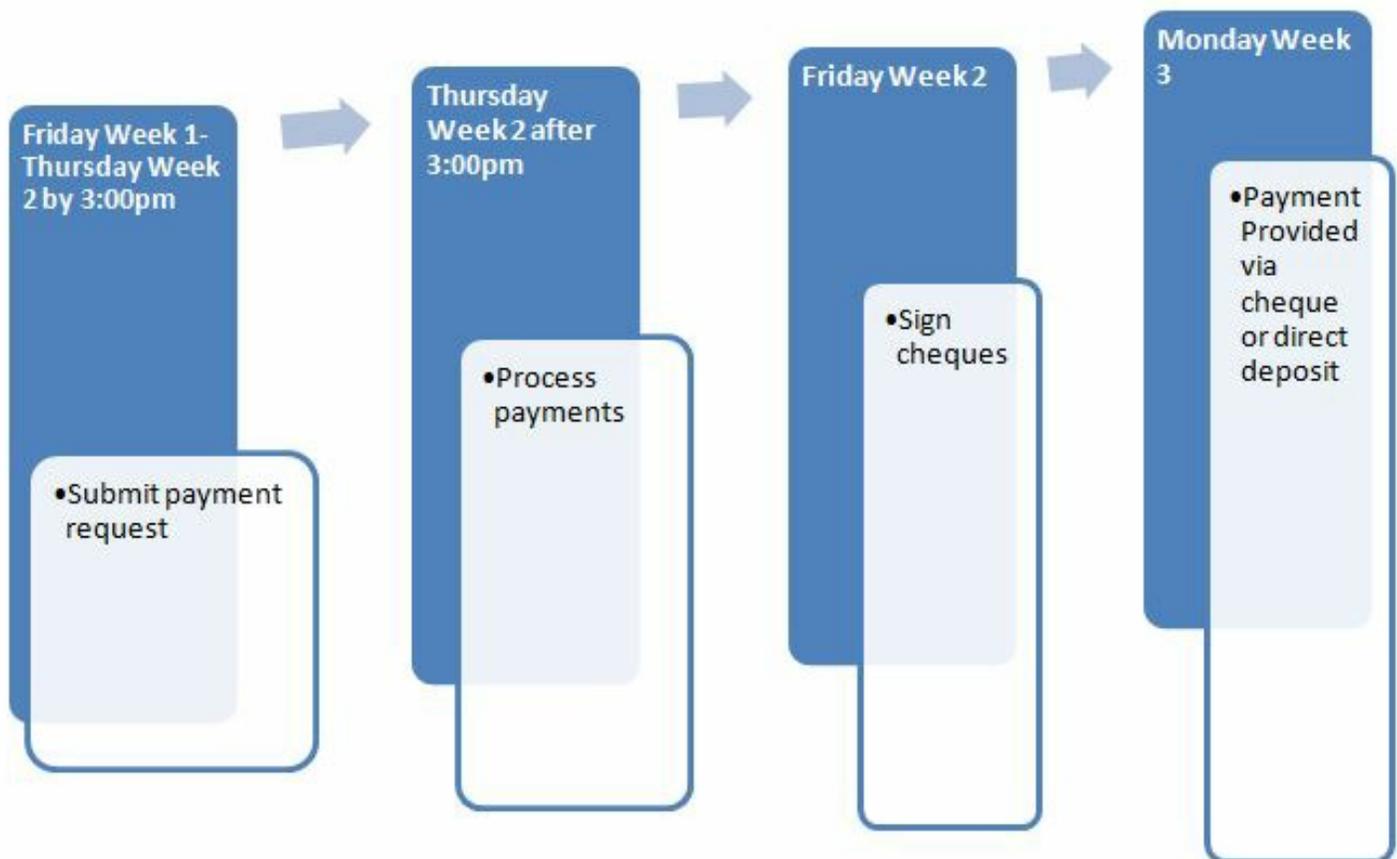
While the band manager was covering the bookkeeper for two weeks, the band manager noticed that the bookkeeper can get swamped with “urgent” payment requests that added unneeded stress. This is not good for business.

Therefore, a new process is being introduced to ensure that things run smoothly in the day-to-day band operations. From now on, requests for payments will only be accepted no later than Thursday at 3:00pm. Payments will then be issued every Monday.

Payments include the following:

- Reimbursement;
- Social assistance;
- Patient travel; and
- Other accounts payable

Here is a process diagram to help provide a better understanding of the new process:



Here is a calendar to provide a visual on the dates and times which each process must occur by:

~ June 2017 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> Submit Payment Requests by 3:00pm  Process Payment requests after 3:00pm	<b>2</b> Sign cheques	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Payment provided via cheque or direct deposit	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Submit Payment Requests by 3:00pm  Process Payment requests after 3:00pm	<b>9</b> Sign cheques	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Payment provided via cheque or direct deposit	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Submit Payment Requests by 3:00pm  Process Payment requests after 3:00pm	<b>16</b> Sign cheques	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Payment provided via cheque or direct deposit	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Submit Payment Requests by 3:00pm  Process Payment requests after 3:00pm	<b>23</b> Sign cheques	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Payment provided via cheque or direct deposit	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Submit Payment Requests by 3:00pm  Process Payment requests after 3:00pm	<b>30</b> Sign cheques	<b>Notes: Cheque signers may not be available to sign cheques every Friday therefore a delay may occur</b>

If someone submits a payment request after 3:00pm on June 1<sup>st</sup> (or any other Thursday), the person's payment will not be processed until the following Thursday's process date – in this case June 8<sup>th</sup>, and therefore, they will not receive payment until the Monday following the Thursday's process date – in this case June 12<sup>th</sup>.



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We are seeking news and articles from our members. If you feel that you have something suitable to be added to our newspapers, please get in contact with our Community Liaison at [community.liaison@nuchatlaht.com](mailto:community.liaison@nuchatlaht.com) or visit our "Contact Us" page on our website.

Topics may include, but are not limited to:  
 How-to articles, Upcoming events that are open invitation, Photos sent in from events, a milestone or anniversary (potlatch, celebration etc).

### Nuchatlaht Tribe Sport Fishing

We have established a new Sport fishing company; where we will offer services like: Sport Fishing, Water Taxi, and potentially, a whale watching service. Contact us or find out more on our website!

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 250-332-5908

## Community Calendar

June 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> – STAFF Retreat (**OFFICE CLOSED**)  
 Helena Days off – June 8<sup>th</sup> and 15  
 Mason Days off – June 12<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Bailee Days off – June 14<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>  
 June 28<sup>th</sup> – Community Cleaning (**OFFICE CLOSED**)

## Staff Hours

Ida John – 8:00am - 4:00pm  
 Audrey Smith – 8:00am - 3:30pm (w/ 30 min lunch at 12:00)  
 Rest of staff – Regular business hours (8:30am - 4:30pm)

## Zeballos area Clinic/Doctor hours

### Doctor Dates

(Please note: schedule is based on physician availability and may vary daily)

Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> – Dr. Amini | 12:00pm – 2:00pm  
 Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> – Dr. Armini | 12:00pm – 2:00pm  
 Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup> – Dr. Armogam | 12:00pm – 2:00pm  
 Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> – Dr. Mijares | 12:00pm – 2:00pm

For appointments please call 250-761-4274  
 Clinic Nurse – Monday - Friday

### Hours of Operation

8:30am - 4:30pm (Closed for Lunch 12:00pm - 1:00pm)

## Contact Information Form

Nuchatlaht Tribe is proud to announce that we'll be hosting a "Contact Information Submit" contest for our Band members.

In order to be entered, contestants are asked to submit full contact information. This includes: Full name (Including middle name), Current Address, current home phone number, cell phone number (If applicable), and email address.

Winners are limited and applicable to those who have not yet sent in their Contact information to us. Before prizes are to be handed out; we will make confirmation checks to see if Contact info has been previously sent in before. Unfortunately, those who have previously sent in contact information to us are omitted from entering this contest.

Prizes: 100\$ Gift card to Superstore  
 50\$ Gift card to Wal-Mart  
 25\$ iTunes gift card

If there are any questions regarding contest rules or general inquiries, please get in touch with our Community Liaison :

Prizes are to be drawn on:  
 July 15<sup>th</sup> 2017

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