



# Membership Update

Ehattesaht Tribe

## Students travel to 2006 National Aboriginal Achievement Awards

13 students, who responded to our writing contest by the deadline, won a trip to the 2006 National Aboriginal Achievement Awards. Zeballos school covered all expenses for two additional youth who worked hard to respond to the contest on time. The youth were escorted by three volunteer chaperones: Sharon Elshaw, Ernie Smith and Maggie Miller.

Sharon Elshaw states, "First of all I want to thank Chief and Council for the Opportunity to be a chaperone to the National Aboriginal Achievement Awards in Vancouver on January 27<sup>th</sup>.

I also want to thank the parents for trusting their children with us on this journey. Most of all I want to thank the youth that attended. There were a few challenging moments that we were able to quickly work through. Overall it was an excellent experience for me.

My favourite part (I watch too much Dora the explorer) was being able to spend the time with my nieces and nephews. This was a very happy New Year treat for me because I don't often have this opportunity. As well as my nieces and nephews I had the pleasure of getting to know a few other ZESS youth.

Thank you again for the respect and honor you showed by being honest and not only taking care of yourselves but also by watching out for your "buddies".

It really takes a lot of teamwork to ensure a fun and more importantly safe journey, thank you all for the team effort."



Aaron Wells, Actor Adam Beach, Nathan Smith and Phillip John. More photos on pages 4 and 5.

## \$20,000 Contract with Ministry of Forestry

A decision was made at the Jan6/06 Chief & Council meeting to spend the \$20,000 Forestry dollars as follows: To have research conducted and a video prepared identifying areas for traditional use. To interview elders as well as other informed members on the past and present use of our inland territory. To inventory some inland CMT and Archaeological sites. To videotape our findings and pinpoint areas on a map.

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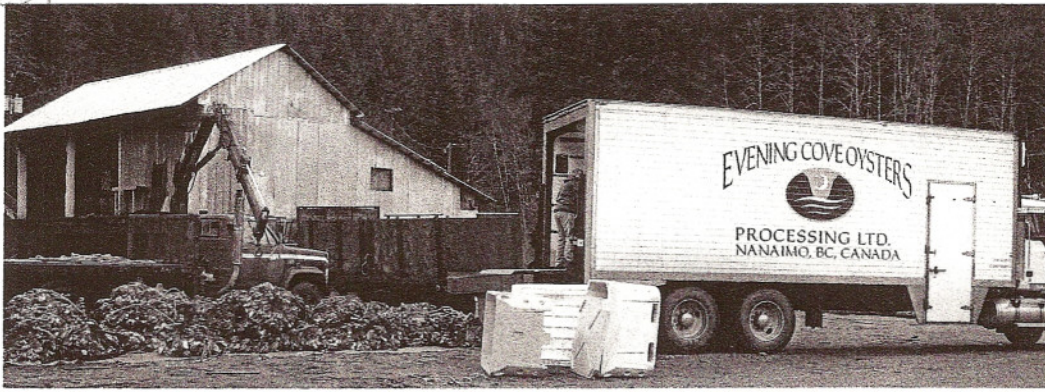
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### Band Meeting

- April 8, 9, 2006
- One Day Budget
- One Day General
- Vote on Custom Election Regulations Changes (see more information inside)
- Phone, fax or email your travel plans to Sharon
- Fax or email any Agenda Items
- For Highway conditions check online at [www.drivebc.ca](http://www.drivebc.ca)





January 29, 2006 Evening Cove Oysters picks up a semi truck load of Oysters from Ehattesaht's Oyster Farm.

*"What areas, new or existing, are band members interested in being focused on more or being focused less in the budget for the New Fiscal Year April 1, 2006-March 31, 2007?"*

*P.Fenn*

## Future Looks Promising for We'Shuk Oysters

The band's Oyster Manager has been working on developing a buyer for our oysters in the states. The company purchasing the oyster really likes their quality and wants to develop a long-term relationship. We have made a couple of small shipments to them and are now working on weekly & bi-weekly shipments to them with them providing the trucking. This means that we will have one major buyer that will reduce the oyster farms reliance on the band for funding. In fact, Council is putting the oyster farm on its own in April and separating the oyster farm from band operations.

*I would like to thank membership for being so understanding in regards to the cheques and Direct deposits being done only on Fridays. This has allowed me to be more efficient in my job by freeing up time to concentrate on other duties of my job. Kleco, kleco*

*Cuu*

*Sharon Elshaw*

## Proposed Hiring Committee

We want to start a committee and are requesting one candidate from each of the Ehattesaht Families. Therefore, please have a family meeting to decide who's name you will put forward.

Also we would like to add that the candidates must have knowledge of Ehattesaht hiring policies and good knowledge of the law and employment standards. In addition, candidates must have an alternate in place in case they cannot make it to the interview process.

More formal terms of reference will be prepared for our April Band Meeting.

## netb Enhanced EI Program - Brushing

Netb has provided funding for Ehattesaht to hire three workers for 11 weeks under their Enhanced EI Program. At first it seemed we would have trouble getting the program off the ground because of the lack of response to our posting that was mailed out to membership. When we reposted we opened up the position to individuals with First Nations Ancestry. Fortunately, this resulted in good response.

Stan Harry, Vince Smith and James Nicolaye will be working until the end of March on Brushing, Construction and General Clean up in Ehatis, Queens Cove and Hoke. Eight weeks work in Ehatis will include brushing around the reserve for safety reasons. Also, the crew will work on our Youth Center construction. The work in Queens Cove will include brushing the waterline, brushing the community and general clean up. The work in Hoke will include brushing trails, brushing the cemetery, fence repair and marker identification of gravesites. We will ask an Elder to travel with the workers when they work on marker identification of gravesites. To ensure the safety of our workers we will have to purchase mandatory safety gear. In addition, we will want to equip our workers with the proper tools to get the job done efficiently and safely.

We hope that you will welcome these workers into the community and express appreciation for their strong work ethics.



*Vince Smith, Stan Harry and James Nicolaye working on bridge repairs behind the office.*



# Message from Elected Chief Ernie Smith

## **Community Safety**

Council has dealt with quite a few individuals whom are breaking our band rules and policies. We've dealt with them swiftly and fairly. On the other hand, we have also hosted a Healing Circle for two individuals who have made mistakes. This required the involvement of both parties to deal with each issue, Elders and Community Members. Together, as a community, issues were worked through.

## **Forestry**

Council has finalized and signed the forestry deal with MOF, if you Google Ehattesaht you can find it online, also a report is in the Ha Shilth Sa as well.

We currently are finalizing a RRW deal with WFP.

Council has made a decision to Bid on a Heli- logging contract for WFP, we will know in a few days if we are successful at the 75,000 m3 bid.

Council is conducting a full review of Hecate Logging Ltd. Direction from membership, lack of dividends and loss of heli logging jobs over the past couple of years prompted the review.

## **Administration**

As always, Council have been spending a lot of time in the office, we anticipate this will be needed less and less as time goes on. First we need to get finances under control and a strong Administration in place that includes Forestry Co-ordinator and Treaty Worker. We are confident that this is happening.

## **Youth**

Council and Admin have spent a lot of time and resources on our youth on trips and activities such as the National Aboriginal Achievement Awards.

We hoped to teach our youth a few things:

- The importance of meeting deadlines.
- That they can succeed
- To be proud of who they are
- That they can do any job they strive for.

## **Housing**

I have been phoning DIA about our Additions to Reserves application. Also, I attended an All Candidates Forum in Campbell River prior to the recent elections. I made each candidate aware of our application, the length of our housing waiting list and the lack of movement from DIA. Each candidate assured me that they would address our concern should they be elected. Our name is out there.

## **Tribal Council**

I have been going to NTC Director meeting every month, mostly to deal with change in NTC's operation, as well as strategic planning. The Strategic Planning process was very good, I would like to see something similar for our band.

In closing, these are only a few but important things we as council have been concentrating on, I am happy and proud to be your Elected Chief and will continue to work for you with honour and integrity.

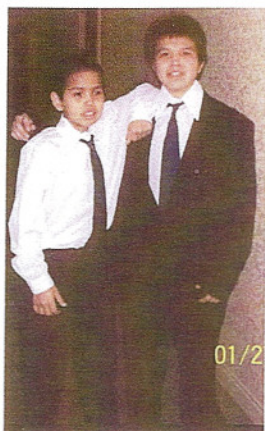




*Chaperone Maggi Miller*



*Actor Adam Beach and  
Chaperone Sharon Elshaw*



*Phillip John and Arnold John*

## 2006 National Aboriginal

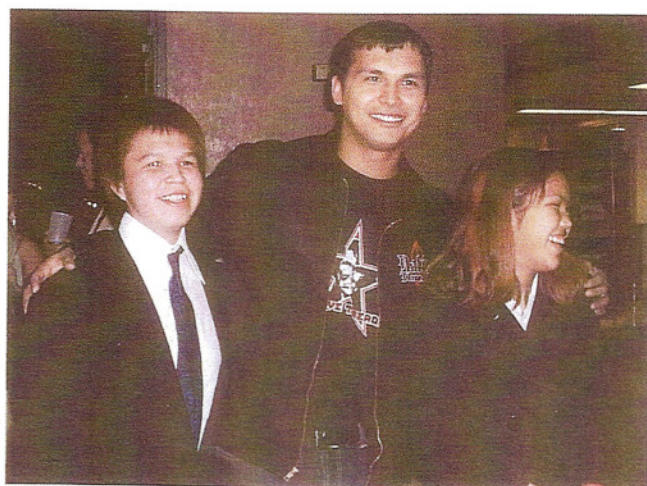


*Tyler Hanson, Kayla Wiggers, Kirsten Van Mirlo, Jo Lynn John, Elsie Vincent, Charles John, Heidi Vincent, Kimberly John, Aaron Wells, Sharon Elshaw, Rhonda John, Cory Hanson, Phillip John, Lucy Vincent, Arnie John, Nathan Smith*

*Photos Courtesy of Jo-Lynn John*



*JoLynn John and  
Actor Adam Beach*



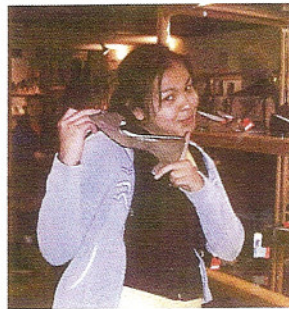
*Arnold John, Actor Adam Beach and Rhonda John*



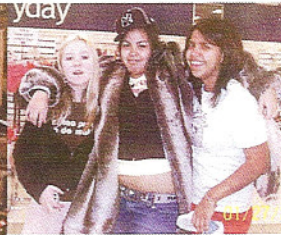
# Achievement Awards



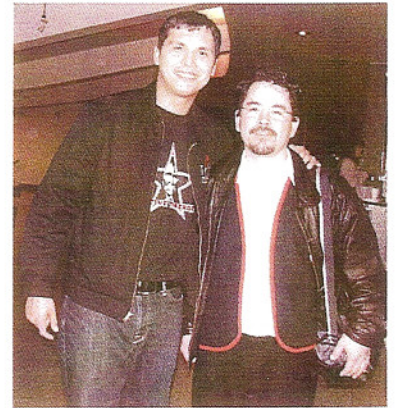
*The Girls*



*Elsie Vincent*



*Kayla Wiggers, Elsie Vincent and Kimberly John*



*Actor Adam Beach and Chaperone Ernie Smith*

*Thank You*  
**Ehattesah**

## 2006 National Aboriginal Achievement Awards

Thank you for letting me go to the N.A.A.A. It was lots of fun. I got to meet famous people. Also i got to get pictures with some of them. Also we got to go around in the mall.

Nathan





# Custom Election Regulations Changes

As you may be aware this year is an election year. Every two-year we hear concerns from membership that the Custom Election Regulations are outdated and require work. Several attempts to amend the regulations have been made but did not result in change. We have to work on this or the government is going to do it for us. Therefore, a decision was made at the Feb3/06 Chief & Council Meeting to follow through with direction received over the years and:

1. Conduct a review of the Custom Election Regulations, recommend changes
2. Mail out specific changes to membership
3. Vote on the changes at our Band Meeting scheduled for April 8,9, 2006

At this point we know of two changes that will be voted on, they are:

1. To amend section 1 to read "Council shall consist of one Chief Councillor and two Councillors."
2. To amend section 17 to read "The term of Chief Councillor and Council shall not run longer than four years."

Please fax (250-761-4156) or email (ehatis@telus.net) any regulation amendments, questions or concerns to the office by Friday March 3, 2006 to allow for sufficient time for specific changes to be mailed out to membership. Below is a copy of the Custom Election Regulations for your review.

## Ehattlesaht Custom Election Regulations 1974

WHEREAS the EHATTESAHT BAND MEMBERS at a general meeting have discussed the advantages and disadvantages of repealing section – 74 of the Indian Act,

AND WHEREAS the members of the EHATTESAHT BAND have come to the conclusion that;

- a) Having a Chief Councillor and two Councillors is inadequate during Band Council meetings.
- b) The age of majority as defined by the Indian Act (21 years) does not encourage the young future leaders to get involved in Local Government of the Band.
- c) Giving the right to vote to the off-Reserve members will encourage them to partake in the development both socially and economically of the Band.
- d) There are 58 eligible voters in the EHATTESAHT BAND

BE IT THEREFORE

RESOLVED that the EHATTESAHT BAND does repeal section 74 of the Indian Act for the election of the Chief Councillor and Band Councillors and reverts to the Band custom of election.

Band custom being defined as:

- 1) Council shall consist of one Chief Councillor and three Councillors.
- 2) any member of the Ehattlesaht Band whether living on or off reserve shall be eligible to vote in an election.
- 3) The Chief Councillor and Councillors shall be elected by the majority of votes cast by the electors of the Band.
- 4) The age of majority for the purposes of Band elections shall be 16 years.
- 5) Any elector who has reached the age of 19 years shall be eligible to be nominated for the position of Chief Councillor and Councillors.
- 6) No person can be a candidate for election as Chief Councillor or Councillor unless it is moved and seconded by persons who themselves are eligible to vote.
- 7) The nominations for Chief Councillors and Councillors shall be made at meetings, at least two weeks in advance of the set election dates. The notice of nominations meetings must be posted on the reserve in appropriate places one week in advance.



- 8) The voting shall be by secret ballot.
- 9) The electoral officer shall count the ballots in the presence of three electors.
- 10) The results of the election shall be posted by the electoral officer on the reserve and in the same location as the election notices were posted and the West Coast District Council of Indian Chiefs notified immediately of the results.
- 11) The term of Chief Councillor and Council shall not run longer than two years.
- 12) Should the nominees for position of Chief Councillors and Councillors wish to decline after the nomination meeting shall do so by signing an appropriate form at least forty-eight (48) hours before the opening of the poll.
- 13) Should a Chief Councillor or Councillor resign there shall be a by-election and the vacancy filled within fourteen (14) clear days from the date of the resignation.
- 14) Sections and regulations of the Indian Act relating to Band Council Election shall be in effect except where they conflict with these Ehattesaht Band Election Regulations.
- 15) These regulations may be amended at a meeting, which was advertised at least six days prior and the notice of the meeting shall state specifically, what sections are to be changed. The changes shall be voted on by secret ballot by a majority of the electors present.

## A Message From the Homework Club

In December 2005, plans began to start a homework club to assist the students with completing their assignments. January 9<sup>th</sup> was the first day that we started getting together after school and have been consistently getting together since then. The first day there were 9 students that attended and we went through expectations and needs. We meet at 4:30 every Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays until 6 pm. Since that first day there is now an average of 11 students attending each night. They all work very hard on completing their homework assignments and prizes will be given to students for such things as their attendance. I am so proud and pleased with what all the students have accomplished to date and will be providing progress reports to the parents. For now we are enjoying getting together and working together to help each other study and complete all our homework. This is a real pleasure for me to work with all the students and look forward to having more activities as time goes on. Thank you and I will keep you posted on all the progress the students make and thank the parents for encouraging their children to attend.

Sue Johnson, Homework Club Supervisor

### THIRD POSTING NEDC Board Rep

Ehattesaht is seeking letters of interest from Band Members to represent the band on the Nuuchahnulth Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors.

As a Board Rep you would be partly responsible for the overseeing of the operations of the Corporation including reviewing proposals, loan review, collecting on delinquent loans, reviewing the finances of the Corporation and reporting to Ehattesaht Council. The board meets at least once every six weeks for one to two days at a time.

#### **Qualifications:**

applicants must:

- Be 18 years of age or older;
- Not be found to be incapable of managing the person's own affairs by reason of mental infirmity;
- Not be an undischarged bankrupt;
- Not have been convicted of an indictable offence under the Criminal Code of Canada
- Be a member of a tribe that is a member of NTC
- Not have, or at any time had, a loan from the Corporation which was more than 30 days in default unless such person is elected by a majority of not less than three quarters of the members.

Please submit a letter of interest to Ehattesaht Office outlining your qualifications, any related experience and ability to travel. For a copy of the Terms of Reference please contact Darlene Lariviere @ the Ehattesaht Band office.

**Pay:**                      **Honorarium & travel expenses**                      **Deadline:**                      **February 16, 2006**

## Wedding Announcement



*Dave Miller and Stacey Hanson  
announce they will be getting  
married April 29, 2006*

## Birth Announcements



*Kassandra Alexis Billy  
born Jan27/06 7lbs3oz  
with mom Melissa Moon*



*Jayson Lawrence Felix Edgar Smith  
born Jan27/06 8lbs4oz with parents  
Karl Smith Jr & Chastity Edgar*



first for the children,  
secondly for the elders

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5	Sherry L. Smith	6	Tracey John
6	Willie Harry	7	Doreen John
7	Elisha Billy	7	Karl Smith Jr.
8	Wilbert Adams	9	Pauline Vincent
8	Emily Hubert	11	Kyle Smith
8	Wilfred Andrew III	12	Margaret Andrew
9	Eric John	14	Marie Smith
10	Ivan Eaton	15	James Adams
12	Cecilia John	15	Leona McBride
14	Joan Hubert	17	Georgina Amos
15	Christopher John	17	Jade Billy
16	Lyle Billy	18	Christopher Smith
16	Cherie John	20	Josie Swanson
16	Alana T. Smith	21	Kayla Zec - Adams
17	Brandon John	21	Clarence John
19	Florence A.D. John	26	Michael John
19	Steven Smith Jr.	27	Sasha John
20	Joshua Billy Jr.		
23	Martin John		
24	Troy John		

## Chief & Council Meeting February 15, 2006

*Chief & Council are going to try scheduling regular Council Meetings for the first week of each month. Fax, mail or email any agenda items to Darlene at the office.*



*Adams Family Dinner concludes with a family photo as the family gives special recognition to Martin John*

## VOLLEYBALL FUNDRAISING TOURNEY

- Date to be announced
- Hosts: Dave & Stacey
- Minimum 8 players/team (with minimum 2 girls/team)
- \$15/player to register
- Prizes: 1st, 2nd, 3rd "a Surprise"
- MVP & Most Sportsman like Prizes

*Also, they will be selling food:*

- Spaghetti with salad & garlic bread
- Poutine

TO REGISTER CONTACT:  
Stacey 332-5250 or 761-4311  
Dave 761-4155

## Adams Family Dinner January 2006

Maggie Miller and family hosted a feast in Zeballos January 14, 2006. Friends and family traveled from Ahousaht, Victoria, Kyuquot, Nanaimo, Vancouver and throughout the Island to attend the event in memory of the late Sam Adams. Guests were well fed and Cory was given special recognition for catching his first elk.

Ron Hamilton was in attendance to speak for the family. It was evident that the family put a lot of hard work and effort into reviving our culture as Maggie's three eldest sons danced to cleanse the floor. Next the men, including baby Kane, sang the Cry Song and while the ladies gracefully danced on the stage.

Guests were in awe as the family displayed the curtain that once belonged to the late Queen Mary. They explained, "it was given to Sam when he was a young boy, he was told to look after it because now it was his."

*Next issue of Membership Update will be April 2006.  
Fax or email your articles, birthday wishes, celebrations, etc.*