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April 2016

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DITIDAHT FIRST NATION



Ditidaht Annual General Budget Meeting

Friday, May 6, 2016

10:00am-2:00pm

Lunch provided

At the Ditidaht Community Hall



The Ditidaht First Nation

Is now accepting Catering Bids for Ditidaht
Annual Budget meeting for May 6, 2016

Approx 100 people

Please include:

Hall Set up and Clean up

Lunch Menu/coffee/tea/Desert

Please submit your bid to the Band Office or

Email: mary-ann@ditidaht.ca

Deadline for BIDS is April 27, 2016 at 4:00pm

Notice of Comprehensive Community Plan Land Use Planning and Ditidaht Heritage Project Meetings

When - 4:00pm to 8:00pm:

April 28th - Malachan Community Hall

May 3rd - Nanaimo Beban Park Recreation Centre

May 5th - Port Alberni Barclay Hotel- Arrow smith Room

Present and Review the CCP Draft Plan the Past-Present-Future.

CCP Video will be shown, produced by the Ditidaht Community School students

Review and Refinement of the LUP Objectives
Ditidaht Heritage Project (DHP)

DHP projects will be presented and handed out.

How all three projects are linked within the CCP and future post-treaty governance.

It's important to membership that they attend this combined meeting.

The meeting will start at 4:00pm with a door prize and through out the meetings.

The grand prize is a tablet to be drawn on May 5th in Port Alberni.

Bring your children for the kids corner- child minder will be available at all meetings.

Dinner will be served at 5:00pm at all locations. Crab and Halibut pending availability.

Do you need a new Status Card ??

Ditidaht Membership clerk will be in the following Port Alberni and Nanaimo areas

***May 3, 2016— Nanaimo, Beban Park Recreation Centre,
4:00pm to 8:00pm***

***May 5, 2016—Port Alberni, Barclay Hotel Arrow smith Room,
4:00pm to 8:00pm***

Acceptable Identification for Status cards

Must provide 1 Primary Id or 2 pieces of Secondary I.D one with Digitized photo

Status card supplies are limited—Issuance is on a First Come First Serve Basis

Category 1

Primary I.D.

- Valid Passport
- New Plastic CIS Issued after 2007

Category 2

Secondary I.D.

- Certificate of Birth
- Certificate of Marriage or Divorce
- Provincial Health Card
- Provincial Identification Card
- Driver's License
- Employee I.D with digitized photo
- Student ID with digitized Photo
- Firearms License
- Current CIS card (CIS card cannot be expired by more than 6 months

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T'abaa Song Collection and *Ditidaht Stories* Booklet

One of the goals of the Ditidaht Heritage Project is to make materials related to Ditidaht culture and history accessible to Ditidaht people. We are happy to announce two projects, a collection of t'abaa (happy, pastime) songs and a booklet of Ditidaht stories, both of which will be available for Ditidaht members at the upcoming CCP/LUP/DHP meetings in late April and early May. The t'abaa song collection will also be available on the Band Member Portal of the Ditidaht First Nation website at www.ditidaht.ca.

In the 1970s, Ditidaht Elders, including Ernest Johnson, Frank Knighton, Helen Mary Thompson, Lena Johnson, and Effie Tate, spent many hours sharing stories, songs, and memories in the Ditidaht language. These conversations were recorded on reel-to-reel tape, with the intent and knowledge that the recordings would be used by future generations to teach and to learn. These recordings, and later English translations of them, have been used to create the t'abaa song collection CD and *Ditidaht Stories* booklet, for your use and enjoyment.

The CD contains t'abaa songs – happy, pastime songs – which are meant to be known and sung by Ditidaht people. The CD contains 32 tracks of Elders singing these songs, and associated information they provided about the songs. These tracks also include the voices of late Carl Edgar Sr. and anthropologist Randy Bouchard, who worked together to translate the reel-to-reel recordings into English. Songs in the collection include a song that was sung at waayaa while Christmas gifts were being given out, songs about crab fishing near Brown's Bay, and many more.

The *Ditidaht Stories* booklet is an illustrated collection of stories, presented in English translation, which Elders also recorded in Ditidaht on reel-to-reel tape. This collection contains a wide range of stories, 21 in all, some of which may be familiar to you and some of which may be new. These include haawicqš (legends), stories of migration and the Great Flood, and recollections of more recent events and times. In addition to stories recorded during the 1970s, the booklet also includes two stories recorded earlier, possibly in 1963, by George Gibbs.

Both the t'abaa song collection CD and the *Ditidaht Stories* booklet will be available for Ditidaht members, free of charge, at the following CCP/LUP/DHP meetings:

- April 28th at Malachan Community Hall, 4:00pm to 8:00pm
- May 3rd at Nanaimo Beban Park Recreation Centre, 4:00pm to 8:00pm
- May 5th at Port Alberni Barclay Hotel, Arrowsmith Room, 4:00pm to 8:00pm

The Ditidaht Heritage Project (DHP) is happy to be able to share these collections of songs and stories as this phase of the DHP concludes. It is our hope that you enjoy the CD and the booklet with your family and friends. Kleco, Kleco!



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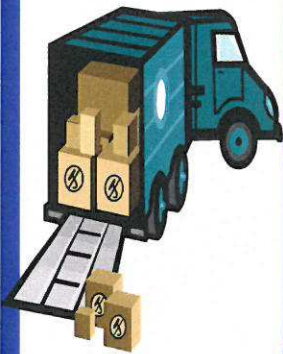
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We are on the Web!

www.ditidaht.ca



ARE YOU A DITIDAHT BAND MEMBER?

**ARE YOU MOVING or ARE YOU GOING TO BE
MOVING?**

Do you know of any Ditidaht band members who have
moved and are not receiving this newsletter?

PLEASE contact the office to ensure we have your current
mailing address.