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Ucluelet Celebrates New Fire Services Agreement with the Yuułuᑭiᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭ Government – Ucluelet First Nation and Gives Thanks to Retiring Fire Chief Eeftink

Ucluelet, BC – The District of Ucluelet and the Yuułuᑭiᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭ Government – Ucluelet First Nation (YG) have approved an agreement for the Ucluelet Volunteer Fire Brigade (UVFB) to provide fire protection service to Yuułuᑭiᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭ’ s home community of Hitaću. The two-year agreement is now in effect and covers all YG lands neighbouring the District. For Mayor Mayco Noël, the agreement is a positive step for both partners and supports the District’s draft Official Community Plan expectations for YG relationships and reconciliation.

YG President Les Doiron agreed, “On behalf of our community and hard-working team, we would like to give a thank you, to the District of Ucluelet Mayor, Mayco Noël, and his Council & staff. ᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭ ᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭ to our neighbours. We have coexisted for many decades with great relationships and it’s great to see both municipal and YG governments at work. Our Government looks forward to continued collaborative projects in the future. Thank you again to our friends & neighbors “across the bay”.

District Council and staff are also giving thanks to retiring volunteer department Fire Chief Ted Eeftink for his 10 years of leading the Brigade. Eeftink will be ending his tenure as Chief this spring as the District completes its hiring process for the municipality’s first full-time Fire Chief. With a growing population and increasing number of visitors to the community, this permanent position will oversee fire protection and emergency services for the District and surrounding service areas.

Mayor Mayco Noël is thankful for the stability that Chief Eeftink and his officers brought to the force. “We have an outstanding and dedicated volunteer Fire Department and Chief Eeftink and our department officers have led the fire team to a level where it is time for a full-time salaried Fire Chief. Our Council thanks him for his years of dedication and excellent service to the community.”

The District will be accepting applications until March 11th and the new Fire Chief position posting can be found at the District website: www.ucluelet.ca/careers

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