Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida) is pleased to share progress is being made at the site of its future Cultural Immersion Park. The building formerly known as the Thane Ore House (4400 Thane Road) in Juneau, Alaska was razed through a controlled burn November 24-25, 2018 as part of a unique training exercise for the Capital City Fire and Rescue department. Permitting to perform a live fire training on the city-owned property was issued by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation on November 13, 2018.

The building sits on waterfront land owned by the City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ) which Tlingit & Haida has leased under a 35-year land lease agreement to develop a cultural immersion park. Although the original plan was for the building to be restored in the style of a traditional longhouse, a structural engineer’s report completed by PND Engineers deemed the building to be unsalvageable. Since then, Tlingit & Haida has been performing site cleanup for the demolition of the building.
President Richard (Chalyee Éesh) Peterson was honored to be the featured speaker at University of Alaska Southeast’s (UAS) Evening at Egan on November 2nd. He kicked off UAS’ Alaska Native & Native American Heritage Month lecture series with a Tribal Governance presentation that provided an overview of Tlingit & Haida that covered the following topics:

- Governing Structure, Compacting, and Funding
- Enrollment Statistics
- Land into Trust
- Employees and Native Hire
- Language, Natural Resources and Other Services
- Partnerships/Collaborations
- Business Enterprises

To view President Peterson’s presentation, visit: www.youtube.com/watch?v=8uhPlQMWagc.

The Enrollment Committee met to review and act on pending tribal enrollment applications December 3-6, 2018 in Juneau, Alaska.

The Enrollment Committee is comprised of six Delegates that are appointed by the President – Ella Bennett, Chair (Juneau); LaVerne Wise, Vice Chair (Seattle); Stephanie Rainwater, Secretary (Seattle); Judy Helgesen (Ketchikan); Frank Wright (Hoonah); and Patricia Alexander (Sitka). The committee meets twice a year to review and act on the Tribe’s enrollment applications, requests for relinquishment and blood quantum corrections.

During their meeting, the Enrollment Committee reviewed 284 applications for tribal enrollment (approved 281 new tribal citizens), 14 blood quantum corrections (approved 13), and 5 relinquishments (approved 3). The committee also reviewed the Tribe’s Title 15 Enrollment Statute and shared proposed amendments with President Richard (Chalyee Éesh) Peterson and General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy. Their recommendations will be reviewed by the Executive Council. The committee also met via teleconference with the Elections Committee to discuss Resolution TA 18-03 “Tlingit & Haida and Local Election Chair to Improve Tribal Citizen Contact List”. A follow-up joint meeting of the Enrollment and Elections committees will take place in the Spring to develop a report to present to the 84th Annual Tribal Assembly.

For more information on enrollment, please contact:

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Tlingit & Haida congratulates 5th Vice President (VP) Ralph (Gōos’k’) Wolfe and Cultural Heritage & Education Director Sarah (Aanshawatk’i) Dybdahl who recently received the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development’s (NCAIE) prestigious “40 Under 40” award. The award recognizes Native American, Alaska Native and First Nation citizens between 18 and 39 years of age who demonstrate leadership, initiative and dedication to achieve significant contributions to Native communities throughout North America.

“I couldn’t be prouder of Ralph and Sarah,” said President Richard (Chalyee Éesh) Peterson. “They’re both truly deserving of this recognition for all they do in support of Tlingit & Haida, our culture, communities and tribal citizens.”

Ralph is Eagle Frog of the Kooskadee clan. Prior to being elected to the Executive Council in 2016, Ralph served as Tlingit & Haida’s Youth Representative and Sealaska’s Youth Advisor, and has been a Delegate since 2014. He is married to Gloria Wolfe and they have two children – Jackson and Jace.

Sarah grew up in Klawock, Alaska and is from the Taakw.aaneidi clan. She holds a Bachelor’s degree in Anthropology from Southern Oregon University. Sarah formerly served as the Executive Director of Huna Heritage Foundation and worked over 15 years in various capacities for Sealaska and Sealaska Heritage Institute. She is married to Travis Dybdahl and is mother to three children – Michaela, Orion and Elias.

Please join Tlingit & Haida in congratulating both Ralph and Sarah!

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**Patricia Alexander Provides Witness Testimony**

Tlingit & Haida Delegate and Violence Against Women Task Force Co-Chair Patricia Alexander of Sitka, Alaska was one of six invited panel speakers to provide witness testimony to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs during a Senate oversight hearing on missing and murdered Indigenous women December 12, 2018. The hearing, “Missing and Murdered: Confronting the Silent Crisis in Indian Country,” was led by U.S. Senator Jon Tester with testimony from law enforcement agencies, tribal leaders and survivors.

The hearing was held following the Senate’s passage of S.1942, also known as Savanna’s Act; and has moved to the House of Representatives for consideration. If enacted, S.1942 will improve tribal access to federal databases that track missing and unidentified persons, specifically American Indians and Alaska Natives; require the Department of Justice to consult with Indian tribes while developing national law enforcement and justice guidelines when responding to cases involving missing and murdered Indians; motivate federal, tribal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to incorporate the guidelines into existing processes; provide Indian tribes and law enforcement agencies with training and technical assistance relating to the implementation of the guidelines developed; and require annual reporting to Congress on statistics relating to missing and murdered Indians in the United States.
VP Sanderson Appointed to Community Engagement Committee

Rob Sanderson Jr.

Tlingit & Haida congratulates 4th Vice President Rob Sanderson Jr. on his recent appointment to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council’s (NPFMC) Community Engagement Committee.

NPFMC’s Community Engagement Committee was formed in June 2018 to identify and recommend strategies to provide effective community engagement with rural and Alaska Native communities. The committee is made up of nine members who will assist NPFMC in developing successful engagement and outreach tools and processes to facilitate improved communication and understanding between rural communities, tribes and the NPFMC.

“Rob has been a long-time, tireless advocate on fisheries and his expertise and experience will serve our interests well,” said President Richard (Chalyee Éesh) Peterson. “For far too long our voice as Native people has been absent from these discussions at the federal level and with his new seat at the table, Rob will assure that no longer is the case.”

Rob is Haida of the Eagle moiety, Stuts clan. His Haida name is Gu’usuwaa. He has served as a Tlingit & Haida Delegate since 2000 and is currently serving his 6th term on the Executive Council. Rob is a strong leader on important Alaska Native issues such as fisheries, subsistence (our way of life) and transboundary mining. He represents the Tribe on the Indigenous People’s Council for Marine Mammals (IPCoMM), United States Forest Service (USFS) Alaska Tribal Leaders Committee and the Alaska Native Harbor Seal Commission to name a few. He is also a member of the Alaska Native Brotherhood Camp 14.

“I look forward to working with the North Pacific Fishery Management Council’s Community Engagement Committee members to develop approaches to improve communication and understanding between rural Alaska Native communities and the NPFMC,” said Rob. “We’re experiencing many difficulties in fisheries - low salmon returns, loss of herring, ocean acidification, warming of oceans and climate change to name a few. I’d like to encourage coastal community residents to email any concerns or issues they have related to fisheries to me at haida2009@gmail.com to help me understand the issues and needs in their area.”

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GOTNV Special Native Issues Forums

Throughout the election season, Tlingit & Haida, along with Southeast Alaska partner organizations, hosted a series of Get Out The Native Vote (GOTNV) Native Issues Forums in Juneau to support candidate engagement and voter education among tribal citizens. The public forums covered Ballot Measure 1 and panel discussions comprised of candidates running for gubernatorial, local house district and municipal seats.

GOTNV Southeast Alaska is a non-partisan effort. To watch the GOTNV candidate forums, visit: https://livestream.com/accounts/507620.

Gunalchéesh, Háw’aa to our GOTNV partners: Sealaska, Goldbelt, Inc., Huna Totem Corporation, Kootznoowoo, Inc., League of Women Voters, Sacred Grounds Café, Juneau Radio Center, Sealaska Heritage Institute, SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC), and Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority (THRHA).
This year’s Native American Heritage Month celebration theme was “Celebrating Our Ways of Life”. The event featured various stations with teachings on our Southeast Alaska Native ways of life. John Garcia shared a presentation demonstrating how to make a bentwood box, Selena Beierly taught beading, Alfie Price taught language (Lingit, Xaad Kil, and Sm’algyax), 2nd Vice President Jackie Pata shared information on regalia pattern making, Della Cheney taught how to weave a cedar bracelet, and Robert Mills shared insight into formline art. There was also a kid’s project station where youth could color and create holiday decorations.

During the celebration, the group of youth who created the “Ixsixán, Ax Kwáan (I Love You My People)” music video, released their second single, “Zibit”. The new song and music video explored the idea of turning Juneau into one giant museum exhibit where Southeast Alaska Native culture was on full display. Will Kronick with the Tribal Family & Youth Services (TFYS) department introduced the video and the rest of the creative group who helped bring it to life. Arias Hoyle returned as lead vocalist and was accompanied by Chris Talley who provided the chorus. Other members of the youth-led project included Marcel Cohen, Bradley Dybdahl, Keegan Kagan, Geri Rodriguez, Kenndra Willard and Aidan Wilson. Film and sound production was provided by Josh Laboca with Second2NoneSound. The project was funded through a Native Connections Grant.

Gunalchéesh, Háw’aa to everyone who joined us in celebrating Our Ways of Life during Native American Heritage month!

The Native Lands & Resources (NLR) department recently received $150,000 from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to conduct baseline physical/chemical studies on the Chilkat River in collaboration with the Chilkat Indian Village and the Chilkoot Indian Village. The water sampling on the Chilkat River is expected to begin January 2019.

Sampling began on the Taku and Stikine rivers in November 2015 and the Alsek River in 2018. Currently a Memorandum of Understanding is being drafted with the BIA, United States Geological Survey and Ketchikan Indian Community to start sampling on the Unuk River.

NLR would like to thank the BIA for their continued support in the Transboundary Rivers project.
Tribe Receives Over $1 Million in CTAS Funding

The Department of Justice (DOJ) awarded Tlingit & Haida over $1 million dollars in grant funding under its Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) to address and improve criminal justice and public safety issues. Tlingit & Haida received funding from the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) and Office on Violence Against Women (OVW).

The Department of Justice launched CTAS in 2010 to streamline the grant process and increase access to funding for federally recognized tribes, tribal consortia, Alaska Native villages and corporations, as well as authorized tribal designees to enhance law enforcement practices and sustain crime prevention and intervention efforts. Funding is provided under nine purpose areas: public safety, community policing, justice systems planning, alcohol and substance abuse, corrections, correctional alternatives, violence against women, juvenile justice, and tribal youth programs.

CTAS Project Overview:

**OVW Violence Against Women Tribal Governments Program ($450,000)**
Tlingit & Haida’s Judicial Branch received a three-year grant to fund the Violence Against Native Women and Girls Initiative. This initiative will provide culturally acceptable access to support and advocacy services to ensure that all crime victims, whether children or adults, are not further traumatized by the legal and enforcement systems as a result of their being a victim. For more information on this initiative, contact the Tribal Court at 907.463.7165.

**OVC Children’s Justice Act Partnerships for Indian Communities ($442,403)**
This is the Tribal Family & Youth Services (TFYS) department’s third round of funding. This three-year grant will be used to improve the investigation, prosecution, and handling of child abuse cases, especially cases of child sexual abuse, in a manner that increases support for and lessens trauma to child abuse victims. The funding further supports programs to provide comprehensive and coordinated multi-disciplinary responses to child abuse victims and provide trauma informed, culturally competent, holistic services to child abuse victims and their families. For more information on this grant, contact TFYS at 907.463.7169.

**COPS Public Safety and Community Policing ($181,000)**
Tlingit & Haida’s Public Safety department will use these funds to purchase emergency response watercrafts for search and rescue operations for the communities served under Tlingit & Haida’s Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) program. The watercrafts purchased will be easy to operate, quick to deploy and fuel efficient. Funds will also be used for additional VPSO training. For more information on the COPS Public Safety and Community Policing grant, contact Public Safety at 907.463.7738.
Elders Excitedly Explore the Alaska State Museum

The Tribal Family and Youth Services (TFYS) department’s Elderly Services program took their elders group for a tour of the Alaska State Museum on a recent field trip. Museum staff treated the elders to behind-the-scenes access of Alaska Native artifacts (i.e. carving tools, baskets, beaded items, spruce root hats) from the 1850s. The group toured the laboratory where archivists are researching Chilkat blankets and learned how scientists are able to date and know the origins of the paint dyes.

Many elders in the group are personally connected to items in the museum’s archives and the registrars were thrilled to hear stories directly connected to silver bracelets, carvings and baskets. One elder knew that her father had carved a bracelet for the museum, but had never seen a picture of it. She and a museum worker were moved to tears when the item was quickly found in the database and they read the description together. Everyone had a blast looking at the awesome exhibits and the museum staff were thrilled to learn more about the history of each item.

“It was such a great trip! I want to go back soon,” raved Starina Johnson. The elders topped off their magnificent morning with muffins and coffee at the Raven Café. Where will they go next?!

Get Out the Elder Vote

Twenty elders took advantage of Tlingit & Haida’s transportation to the polls and were treated to a VIP voting experience on Election Day!

Elderly Services’ transport vans were transformed into Voting Vans and whisked elders to polling places all around Juneau and Douglas. Every elder was greeted with a bottle of water, walked to their polling place by a dapper chauffeur, and the experience concluded with an after-voting mint!

TFYS employees Ann Stepetin, Justin Jones, and Will Kronick all served as Election Day chauffeurs.
**Frances Andrews Promoted to Tribal Court Administrator**

Tlingit & Haida is pleased to announce the promotion of Frances Andrews to Tribal Court Administrator. Frances joined the Tribal Court in July 2017 as the Lead Clerk of the Court. Prior to that, she served as the Registered Agent Clerk for Hoffman & Blasco and also held various positions at SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC). Frances is in her final year of school and will be receiving her Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Management from the University of Alaska Southeast.

In her new role, Frances will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Tribal Court, including case flow management; supervision of personnel; developing and implementing policies and procedures, statutes and other governing documents; maintaining the Tribe’s law library; developing the annual budget; and completing reporting on all grants administered by the Tribal Court.

“It is key that we have qualified staff in our Tribal Court and I couldn’t be happier to see Frances step into the Tribal Court Administrator position,” said Presiding Judge Debra O’Gara. “She has really proven to be a valuable addition to our Tribal Court team. Under Frances’ leadership, the Tribal Court will continue to expand its capacity to meet the judicial needs of tribal citizens and families.”

Frances is the daughter of David Dowd and Michelle Clark and the granddaughter of Sally Phillips, Frances Betts Croupley, and David Phillips. Her Tlingit name is Kinduàan and she is a child of the Deisheetaan, grandchild of the Kaagwaaantaan and Tsaagweidi, and was adopted by the Dakl’weidi.

Frances and her husband William Andrews have four children – Corissa, Amanda, Shaun, and Artemis.

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**VP Sanderson Represents Tribe at Land Sovereignty Rally**

Tlingit & Haida 4th Vice President Rob Sanderson Jr. traveled to Washington, D.C. on November 14, 2018 to represent Tlingit & Haida at the Mashpee Wampanoag Land Sovereignty Rally. The rally was organized in response to the Department of the Interior’s (DOI) first Carcieri decision, issued on September 7, 2018, in which it refused to reaffirm its own authority to confirm the status of the Mashpee Wampanoag tribe’s reservation.

The DOI rejected the clear evidence of federal jurisdiction provided in multiple federal reports (some commissioned by Congress). The Mashpee Reservation Reaffirmation Act (H.R.5244/S.2628) is a bipartisan bill that reaffirms the status of Mashpee’s reservation. Passage of H.R.5244/S.2628 will prevent DOI from disestablishing the tribe’s ancestral reservation homelands!

Supporters marched from the National Museum of the American Indian to the U.S. Capitol building to bring awareness to the threat posed upon the Mashpee Wampanoag tribe and to urge the passage of H.R.5244/S.2628.

Hôtel, Gunalchéesh to Rob for representing Tlingit & Haida and standing in solidarity with the Mashpee Wampanoag tribe.
Mark Your Calendars

December Events
3-6: Tribal Enrollment Committee Meeting – Juneau, AK
8: 477 Division Holiday Information Fair – Juneau, AK
13-14: Tribal Court Roundtable Discussions – Juneau, AK
17: Sacred Shine Auto Detailing Live Remote – Juneau, AK
18-19: Statewide Tribal Child Welfare Convening – Juneau, AK
23: TFYS’ Wellbriety Gathering – Juneau, AK
24-25: Christmas Holiday (T&H Offices Closed) – Juneau, AK

January Events
1: New Year’s Day (T&H Offices Closed)
9: Neighborhood Meeting on New Transitional Housing Program – Juneau, AK
15: 31st Alaska State Legislature Convenes – Juneau, AK
24-25: Tribal Border Summit – Tucson, AZ
28-31: ATNI Winter Convention – Portland, OR

February Events
10-14: NCAI Executive Council Winter Session – Washington, D.C.
14: Elders Valentine’s Day Luncheon & Dance – Juneau, AK

March Events
11-13: 17th Annual Alaska Tribal Transportation Symposium – Anchorage, AK
25-28: RES Las Vegas – Las Vegas, NV
31: NICWA’s Annual Protecting Our Children Conference – Albuquerque, NM

Save-the-Date
84th Annual Tribal Assembly
April 10-12, 2019
Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall
Juneau, Alaska

For questions regarding Tribal Assembly, please contact:
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Tribal Youth Highlight

Tlingit & Haida’s tribal citizen youth are doing amazing things in life and we are proud to support them in their education endeavors!

Cheyenne Siverly received support services from the Tribe and participated in the Semester at Sea program while attending the University of Alaska Southeast in Juneau. Her family recently shared a photo of her holding up a thank you sign while standing on the Great Wall of China.

Cheyenne Siverly at the Great Wall of China

Cheyenne will be graduating from the University of Hawaii Manoa with a Bachelor’s degree in Kinesiology and Rehabilitation Science and is applying for graduate school to pursue a career in physical therapy.

She has served multiple internships at the SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC) and is passionate about traditional healing practices and culture and hopes to integrate them into modern medicine. In her free time, she enjoys volunteering and traveling abroad.

Gunalchéesh Cheyenne for working hard to achieve your goals!
Now that the demolition has taken place, property clean-up will be completed and plans for construction can begin. A feasibility study funded by the U.S. Economic Development Administration provided a comprehensive report on the viability of the cultural immersion park project, estimated construction costs and conceptual plans. Current plans are to construct a new building and retrofit an existing building to house a restaurant with a performance stage, gift shop, cultural exhibit, carving shed and covered stands to provide interactive demonstrations to visitors on the traditional art of basket weaving and carving of canoes, paddles, masks, and totem poles.

With construction costs estimated to be $7 million, Tlingit & Haida’s focus will be to develop a funding strategy that identifies grants, private endowments, and fundraising opportunities to help cover the construction costs.

Gunalchéesh, Håw’aa to the CBJ Capital City Fire and Rescue department, Thane Neighborhood Association, and all Juneau community members who continue to support the Tlingit & Haida Cultural Immersion Park.

If you would like to make a donation to the Cultural Immersion Park project, Tlingit & Haida can accept payment via PayPal and Square at:

www.paypal.me/CentralCouncil
cash.me/$CentralCouncil

The Southeast Alaska Native Veterans hosted a Veterans Day ceremony on November 11, 2018 at the Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall in Juneau, Alaska. This year’s Veterans Day marked the 100 year anniversary of the end of World War I.

Each year, the event includes the posting of colors, laying of wreath and “Taps”. Tlingit & Haida President Richard (Chalyee Éesh) Peterson provided a welcome with opening comments followed by a keynote from Squadron Commander of the Alaska Air National Guard Lt. Colonel Matthew Komatsu who spoke about the instrumental and often under recognized service of Alaska Native and American Indians throughout the United States war history. The event also included special remarks from tribal citizens and U.S. Army Veterans James Lindoff and George Bennett who reflected on their service during the Vietnam War. The event closed with a performance by the Yaa Tei Yi dance group.

Gunalchéesh, Håw’aa to the Southeast Alaska Native Veterans for coordinating the Veterans Day ceremony and luncheon and to all those who attended to honor our Veterans!

Above: Southeast Alaska Native Veterans Color Guard
Left: Yaa Tei Yi dancers.
Kake VPSO Completes Training

Submitted By: Public Safety

Congratulations to tribal citizen Dean Cavanaugh who completed the 16-week Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) training course on October 16, 2018 through the Department of Public Safety Training Academy in Sitka, Alaska. Dean will be returning to his hometown of Kake, Alaska to serve as the local VPSO. He is the son of Lolanda (Tlingit) and the late Willis Cavanaugh (Tlingit and Haida). He is of the Eagle Moiety and Was’ineidi clan. His Tlingit name is Shakéutgee.

The VPSO program is funded through the State of Alaska and was established in the late 1970s. Tlingit & Haida administers the VPSO program which operates in Angoon, Hydaburg, Kake, Kasaan, Pelican, Saxman and Thorne Bay.

The VPSO program is essential to the safety of rural Alaskan communities. VPSOs are trained as first responders to address public safety emergencies such as search and rescue, fire protection, emergency medical assistance, crime prevention and basic law enforcement.

If you are interested in becoming a VPSO officer in Southeast Alaska, please consider applying and become a first responder by visiting: https://ccthita.bamboohr.com/jobs/view.php?id=6.

Haida Holiday Party

Submitted By: Office of the President

Tlingit & Haida President Richard (Chalyee Éesh) Peterson, members of the Executive Council, and several staff attended the annual Haida Holiday Party in Seattle, Washington on December 8, 2018. The gathering served as a great opportunity for Tlingit & Haida’s Program Compliance staff to help individuals with the enrollment process and to assist tribal citizens in updating their addresses and enrollment records. Tribal citizens also had the opportunity to have their photo taken for a new tribal ID card.

The Haida Holiday Party is hosted every year by the Haida Heritage Foundation whose mission is to create a strong Haida community for those living in the Puget Sound area. The event included an artist market featuring local artists specializing in everything from traditional bead work to designer purses and University of Washington logo gear. Dance group performances were the highlight of the event with nine performances throughout the day from Haida, Tlingit, and Tsimshian groups from around the region. A Haida genealogy chart created by Robin Wright was also on display for attendees to view and trace their roots. Every year during the party, the Haida Heritage Foundation holds a raffle to support their events throughout the coming year. This year’s prizes included a silver carved feast spoon, a Dorothy Grant purse, prints by David Boxley and more. The day wrapped up with a home cooked holiday meal provided by the Foundation.
Executive Council Meets

Tlingit & Haida’s Executive Council met in Juneau December 6th-7th for their last meeting of 2018. Reports were heard from the Tribe’s General Counsel, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer. Other agenda items included an update from Business & Economic Development, presentation from Alaska Permanent Capital Management, 84th Tribal Assembly priorities, Emergency Preparedness & Response Plan, and 2019 Executive Council Meeting dates.

In the wake of the earthquake that recently hit the Anchorage area, the Executive Council discussed the importance of the Tribe having an Emergency Preparedness & Response Plan. Should a devastating natural disaster hit Southeast, it’s important that there is a communication and response plan in place. This is a timely reminder for tribal citizens to always be prepared with emergency kits (i.e. fire extinguisher, first aid kit, flash light & extra batteries, water, non-perishable foods, radio) in their homes. The Tribe’s Safety Committee will be meeting to discuss an Emergency Preparedness Plan for the Tribe.

The Executive Council were pleased to receive an update from the Tribe’s Business & Economic Development department. The department has had a very busy quarter successfully launching two new business ventures: Smokehouse Catering and Sacred Shine Auto Detailing. Through these businesses, the Tribe is able to employ tribal citizens as well as Work Experience clients. The Executive Council is very excited with the progress the department is making and looks forward to what the future may bring!

The next in-person Executive Council meeting will take place in Juneau on January 10-11, 2019.