

MATSQUIAHT UPDATE

April 16, 2014

We have started demolition of the old trailer buildings formerly part of the Treatment Centre. A request for proposals was open to Ahousaht businesses to do the tear down work of the buildings. The project was awarded to Maaqtusiis Construction. Up to 10 Ahousaht members were employed during the tear down.

Clayoquot Wilderness Resort (CWR) has donated the use of their excavator and dump truck with operators, and a skidder and trailer for moving material. They are also assisting with the repair of a water line and the landing site for barge access. BC Hydro laid a cable across the beach as part of a project they are doing to replace poles and upgrade the line. Unfortunately this has prevented G&N from being able to land their barge in the normal location.

The contribution of equipment and operators from Clayoquot Wilderness Resort is significant in reducing the overall cost of this project. We thank CWR for their assistance.

The next step will be to knock down the structures and clean up the site. CWR will be doing the bulk of this work over the next few days, their excavator will work over the holiday weekend and continue until April 23rd. We will see what work remains and plan to be completed by the end of the month.

Ahousaht Public Works staff were invited to go on site before demolition started and remove any materials that they thought could be used for the community. Many doors, water heaters, chairs, and other materials were taken to Ahousaht. MHSS also invited Ahousaht Health Services to take out anything that they could use for the High Rise, or any other programs.

Cedar siding was salvaged for future use at Matsquiaht, and other materials that can be salvaged have been set aside.

The MHSS General Manager is working with assistance from Aboriginal Tourism BC to develop a business plan for tourism experiences that we can offer at Matsquiaht. As these plans start to take shape and we have a better picture of what can be done we will share this information with the Ahousaht Muschim.