



# TSESHAHT FIRST NATION

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### RE-AWAKENING OF ʔUKʷATQUʔIS: WOLF TOWER UNVEILING

**When:** Tuesday June 21, 2022  
**Where:** Harbour Quay, Port Alberni  
**Who:** Everyone is welcome

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On behalf of Tseshah ʔawiih (Hereditary Chiefs), we announce the Re-awakening of ʔukʷatquʔis: Wolf Tower Unveiling Event, Tuesday June 21, 2022.

For more than 100 years the Tseshah people have been kept from performing our Wolf Ritual at our Winter Village site ʔukʷatquʔis that was lost under duress without treaty for settler occupation. It remains a sacred part of our Aboriginal Title territories and today we have much to celebrate!

In partnership with the City of Port Alberni, Tseshah First Nation will celebrate the re-awakening of ʔukʷatquʔis with the unveiling of our Wolf Tower. Walking together is an expression of meaningful action and ongoing commitment to reconciliation efforts. We look forward to celebrating Indigenous culture and all cultures that make up Port Alberni and surrounding areas.

During our dawn until dusk celebration, we expect to welcome upwards of 1,000 people. Together we uphold Tseshah responsibilities and protocols by challenging our neighbouring Nations and other dignitaries to paddle their Chiefs to the ceremonial grounds from their own territory or launch from Clutesi Haven Marina and be escorted by our Beach Keepers vessel for a traditional welcoming protocol of coming ashore.

Breakfast, lunch, and snacks will be served throughout the day, as well as a traditional feast of salmon and seafood for dinner. There will be space available for crafters, artisans and indigenous-focused small businesses to sell their wares. Tseshah will be performing many of our songs and dances and invite other Nations and cultures to take the floor and share theirs as well.

We look forward to having you attend in celebration and bear witness to the Re-awakening of ʔukʷatquʔis: Wolf Tower Unveiling Event.

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