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## HUU-AY-AHT FIRST NATIONS





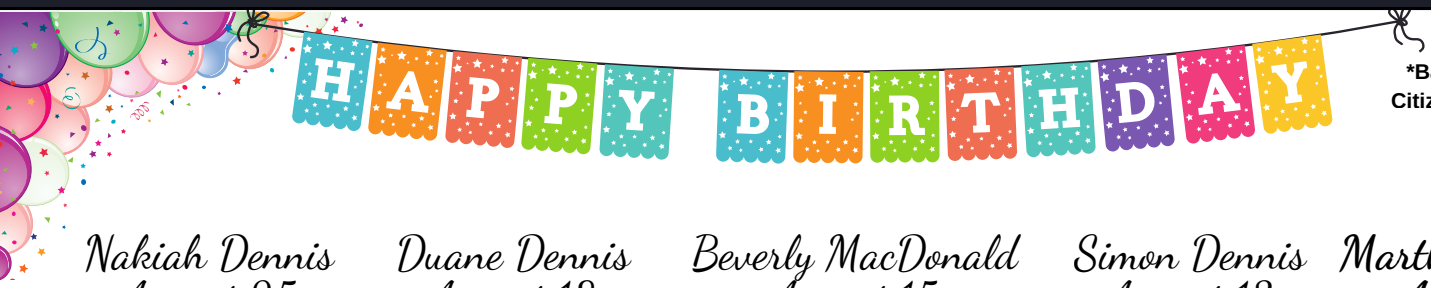

# Offices Closed

## Monday, September 1, 2025

**Anacla and Port Alberni Government Office will be closed for Labour Day.**

**Enjoy your long weekend!**

**We will reopen Tuesday, September 2, at 8:30 A.M.**




*Based on Anacla Citizen data base list

Nakiah Dennis
August 25

Duane Dennis
August 18

Beverly MacDonald
August 15

Simon Dennis
August 13

Martha Johnson
August 9

Jenelle Johnson-Sabbas
August 28

Chase Young
August 27

Tammy Howard
August 25

Sarah Dennis
August 25

Tauri Young
September 2

Arlene Nookemus
September 1

Georgie Nookemus Jr.
August 31

Bruce Nookemus
August 29

Honey Woiwod
September 2

Alexander Smith
September 2

Phyllis Williams
September 5

Arthur Peters
September 6

Robert Dennis Sr
September 7

Chloe Chakita
September 7

Yvonne Williams
September 10

Aubree Redbear
September 12

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**Huu-ay-aht Emergency Operations Centre Staff Transition Back to Regular Duties**

With the Mount Underwood Wildfire being contained and electricity power restored to the community, the Huu-ay-aht First Nations Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) team will begin transitioning back to their regular duties as Huu-ay-aht Government Staff.

In this transition, The Huu-ay-aht Guardians and WitWak members will begin collecting items that were loaned to citizens such as generators, cooking stoves, and related accessories that were provided during the power outage. Citizens can return loaned items if Huu-ay-aht Staff haven't been able to pick them up by Thursday, August 28, 2025. These items will be put in storage for use in future emergencies.

As a friendly reminder, a section of Bamfield Road remains closed due to unsafe conditions, and there is no through access at this time. The Youbou route is currently the only alternative ground route, and we encourage all drivers to use caution when travelling. We advise to check road updates prior to travelling and ensure you have everything you need for the rough road conditions. The Lady Rose Marine Service is also an alternative transportation option.

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Huu-ay-aht First Nations

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**Grocery Shopping & Food Replenishing Support for Anacla Citizens**

With section of the Bamfield Main Road closed still, we understand that accessing groceries remains challenging for Anacla citizens. Below are several suggestions to help you get the supplies you need:

Grocery Shopping Suggestions:

1. Order and Ship via Lady Rose:
   You can place a grocery order with your preferred store and have it shipped to Bamfield via the Lady Rose Marine Services.
2. Drive the Youbou Route:
   The Youbou route is currently the only accessible ground route. Citizens are welcome to use this road to travel for grocery shopping—please drive with caution, as road conditions can be unpredictable.
3. Make Arrangements with Family or Friends:
   If you're unable to travel, consider arranging with family or friends to pick up groceries on your behalf.

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**Food Replenishing Support:**

Huu-ay-aht First Nations is currently planning a process for citizens to receive financial support to replenish food that was lost in fridges and freezers due to the power outage. We are working closely with Indigenous Services Canada to ensure we follow their requirements.

Requirements: financial support is a per household that lost food in their fridge and freezer due to the power outage. Huu-ay-aht will be tracking to ensure fairness and accuracy.

To request financial reimbursement, contact Community Services team member Kristen Young at 250-728-3414 or 250-720-5632

# HUU-AY-AHT FISHERS

## Reminder to report your catch!

Salmon fishing is good, and people are catching lots!

It is a requirement of your harvest card to report your catch to the HFN Natural Resources team weekly.

To report your catch:

- Drop off your catch form at either office, or
- Email **harvest@huuayaht.org**, or
- Call 250-728-3414 and report to the natural resources harvest reporting team.

## Give a Book, Take a Book

We're excited to start a community Book Exchange in Anacla!

The shelf will be set up in the Anacla Office, between the entrance doors. To get started, we're asking for book donations.

If you have gently used books you'd like to share, please bring them to the Anacla Office.

Once the shelf is stocked, everyone is welcome to give a book, take a book, and enjoy the exchange!



# 2025 Sarita Chinook Economic Fishery




Citizens interested in participating in the Sarita Economic Chinook Fishery are encouraged to attend an information and orientation session on Tuesday, September 2, from 4 - 5 p.m. at the Anacla Government Office.

Huu-ay-aht is planning fish September 3 - 5 and the following week.

This session will help citizen have all the information they need and allow HFN to prepare for the fishery.

Pizza provided.

Contact Amelia Vos for questions at amelia.v@huuayaht.org or 250-728-3414

## Huu-ay-aht Fishers land and sell their first Chinook in the Maa-nulth Incremental Community-based Economic Fishery

Huu-ay-aht First Nations (HFN) is pleased to share that on Tuesday, August 19, Huu-ay-aht Fishers have landed and sold their first Chinook in the Maa-nulth Incremental Community-based Economic Fishery.

This Fishery was negotiated though the " Me Too" Clause within the Maa-nulth Treaty. This is the first step in gaining access to economic fisheries for Maa-nulth citizen fishers.

Three HFN fishers landed fish at the offload site in Ucluelet and were cut a cheque on site for their catch.

Huu-ay-aht raises their hands to the hard work that went into this opportunity and send good luck to the fishers as they continue to catch fish in the fishery.




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### *Huu-ay-aht Seeds for Thought Second Survey*

ʔaaʔaayišaḥapaƛin (we have lots to do). Lend us your voice! Seeds for Thought is a sequence of mini surveys specific to the Land Use Amendments Project ~ each survey is just 5 questions! A new mini survey will be released each month. This is your opportunity to help shape the future of Huu-ay-aht lands and win a $50 gift card! A gift card is up for grabs with each new mini survey released!

Use the link or scan the QR Code and take the quick Seeds for Thought Second survey now: **https://forms.office.com/r/HnJ4gC4BC5**

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# Get in Our Canoe and Let's Paddle Together!

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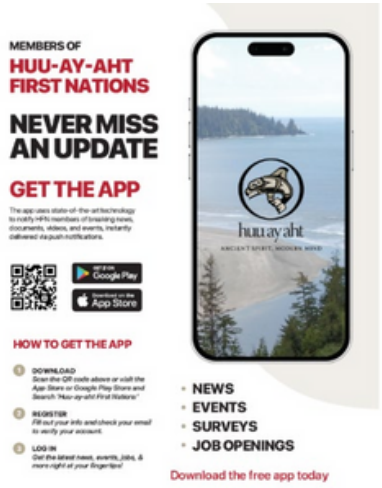
The **Land Use Amendments Project has been underway for a couple of months now!** We are currently collecting information that will help guide updates to the following regulations:

1. **The Land Use Plan**
2. **The Zoning Regulation**
3. **The Development and Building Permit Regulation; and**
4. **The Residential Lease Regulation:**




## WE HAVE NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO LEND YOUR VOICE AND HELP SHAPE THE OUTCOMES OF THIS PROJECT!

We have officially launched our **second** survey in our **Sequence of Mini Surveys called** ***Seeds for Thought***




**Each survey is just 5 questions!** A new mini survey will be released approximately every month (a minimum of 3 surveys will be released). **This is your opportunity to help shape the future of Huu-ay-aht lands and win a $50 gift card! A gift card is up for grabs with each new mini survey released!**

**Take the survey through the HFN App or the HFN website.**

Let others know about the mini surveys and encourage others to take these mini surveys! The more feedback we receive the better outcomes we can achieve!

## Here are the results of the first Mini Survey held in July 2025

### Who Participated in the Survey?

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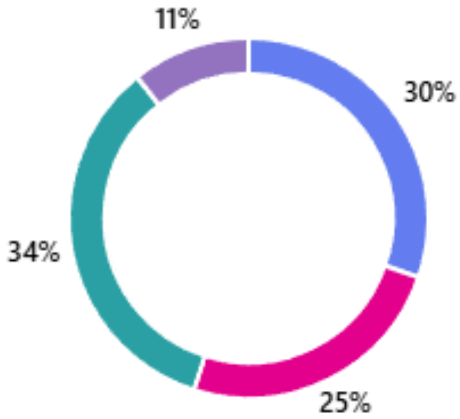
### Where Do They Live?

42%Anacla & Port Alberni
5% Vancouver & Mainland
6% Parksville/Qualicum
7% Victoria
9% Nanaimo
2% Duncan
5% Courtnay
13% USA & International

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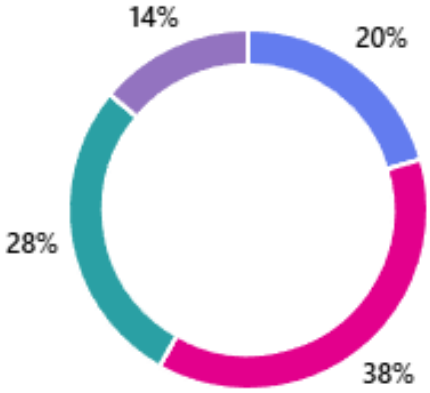
## When you think about the ḥaḥuułi (Traditional Territory), what do you think should be the top priority?

- Creating a community where people can live, work, learn, shop and celebrate their culture all in one place
- A Nation that helps citizens grow businesses, earn money and find good jobs
- Making sure that our resources on the land and our cultural traditions are available for future generations
- Creating a strong economy while taking care of the environment



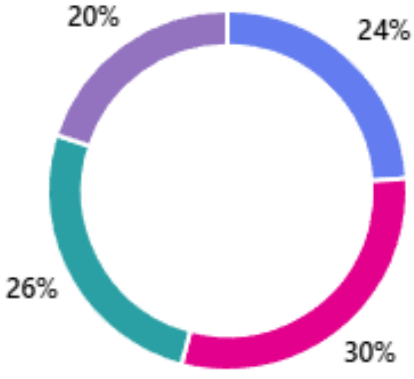

## When building on the ḥaḥuułi,what style should buildings have?

- New buildings that have a traditional indigenous style like dome or cone shapes and use natural materials like wood and stone
- New buildings made from natural materials like wood and stone that show important cultural symbols
- New buildings that have a traditional indigenous style like long houses and use natural materials like wood and stone
- New building that use materials like glass, concrete, steel and wood




## When visiting and playing on the ḥaḥuułi, what type of activitiesare important to you? (Choose all that apply)

- Fun activities like sports, swimming, hiking, and biking
- Taking part in cultural traditions like ceremonies, story telling, dancing, singing, and drumming
- Catching fish, hunting animals and gathering plants for food, sharing and ceremonial purposes
- Spending time on the land as it is natural with friend and family



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**Our randomly drawn winner of the first Mini Survey $50 Grocery Gift Card was Valerie MacDonald!**



**Congratulations Valerie!!!**

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# LAND USE AMENDMENTS PROJECT

# IN-PERSON ENGAGEMENT

# COMING TO THE

# 2025 PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY

**We are planning on hosting an in-person event at this year's People's Assembly in Port Alberni to better understand citizen's wants and needs for Treaty Settlement Lands. At this event, we'll help you learn more about the project and offer interactive opportunities to lend your voice and shape the project's outcomes!**

**We can't wait to see you there!**

There are several ways to stay informed on the project and get involved, including:

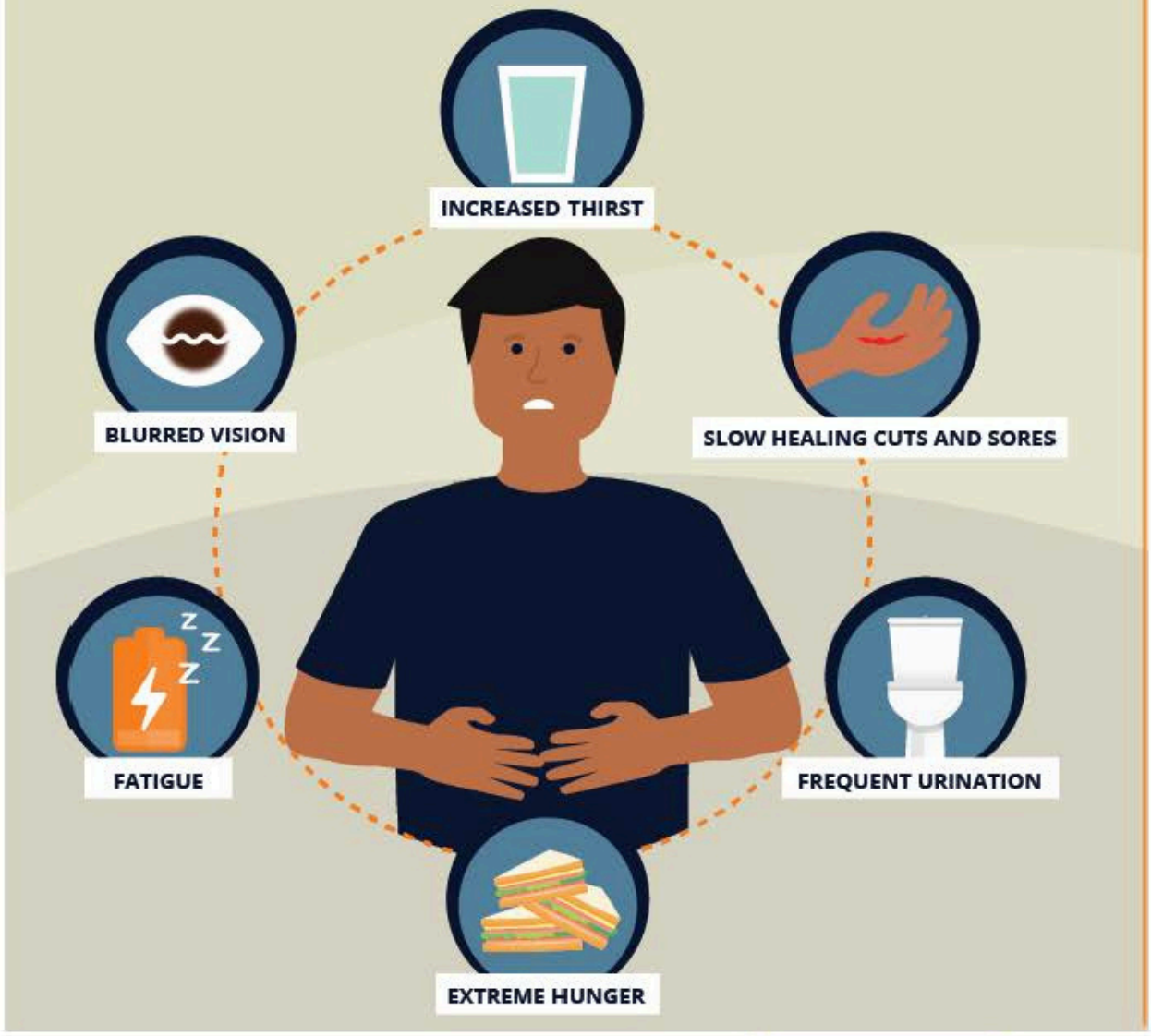
- **Visiting the Huu-ay-aht website and app** regularly for updates and opportunities https://huuayaht.org/ /huu-ay-aht-land-use-regulations-amendments-project/
- **Responding to and attending citizen engagement opportunities** to share your thoughts and ideas; and
- **Reading our newsletter updates** to stay informed!

**We Look Forward to Taking This Journey With You**

**Hišimł (all together)**

First Nations Health Authority
Health through wellness

# Some common signs and symptoms of diabetes are:




If you or a loved one are experiencing any of these symptoms, we encourage you to connect with a primary care practitioner to check for diabetes.

A main focus of diabetes wellness is to protect the blood vessels, heart, kidneys, eyes and feet.

Your health care team can support diabetes wellness and provide regular blood work and eye/foot checks.




In the early stages, there are often no symptoms of elevated blood sugar!

# APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN

2025-26 applications for K-12 students are available online and at the Port Alberni and Anacla Government Office. Deadline for applications is Wednesday, October 1, 2025.




## PLEASE NOTE:

- Applications must be submitted with a final report card from the 2024-25 school year.
- Scholarship applications may require recommendations from teachers, administrators, or coaches.

## AVAILABLE STUDENT AWARDS

- ƛiišin Academic Excellence Award & School Supply Allowance and Scholarship award applications
- Hišuk ma cawak Healthy & Active Award application
- ʔiisaak Community & Culture Award application
- Kiixʔin Chief Louie Award application
- Kathy Nookemus Memorial Award application

WWW.HUUAYAHT.ORG/SERVICES/EDUCATION-TRAINING-EMPLOYMENT/

CONTACT

Vanessa Sabbas for questions
250-723-0100 or vanessa.s@huuayaht.org

Scan the QR Code to visit the website!

# Huu-ay-aht First Nations Online Training

Kim Barthell and her team from Relationship Matters are offering online seminars that the Huu-ay-aht First Nations' Child and Family Wellness Team has purchased for citizens to access.

Citizens will have access to all the seminars for one year and can watch them at their own pace. The access will expire on **February 15, 2026**.

Huu-ay-aht First Nation has created a login for all citizens to access these seminars. If you want to participate, please contact the Child and Family Wellness Team at 250-736-5066 for the login information.

**Topics include:**

- Becoming a Behavioural Detective: Understanding and Supporting Complex Behaviour
- Conscious Parenting
- Connection and Resilience
- The Impact of Sexual Abuse
- Self-Harm & Suicide
- Aggression in Childhood and Adolescence
- Grief and Loss
- Addiction
- Community of Support



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# Patient Travel

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Due to some changes in the eligibility for accessing Medical Patient Travel
We will require the following documentation upon a Patient Travel request.

**For regular appointments to the nearest provider (3-5 days to process)**

**Check list:**

- Confirmation of appointment
- Confirmation of travel arrangements
- Confirmation of attendance, once visit is complete

**Transportation**

- Standard mode of transportation is by private vehicle and mileage rates
- Francis Barclay is not an approved mode of transportation, if it is the only way to and from Medical appointments, will then need to do as a Benefit Exception to FNHA for approval ( 5-7 days to process)
- Taxi Service will need to be submitted as a Benefit Exception to FNHA for approval (5-7 days to process)

**For Specialists or Service Providers outside of the nearest provider (5-7 days to process)**

**Check list**

- Confirmation of appointment
- Referral to the Specialist from your General Practitioner, Dentist or Optometrist
- If not nearest provider please note that we will be submitting to FNHA for approval though the Benefit Exception process (5-7 day process)
- Confirmation of travel arrangements
- Confirmation of attendance , once visit is complete.

**Dental**

- Dentist appointments are considered a day trip, please book appointments to allow time to get to and from in one day.
- If referred to a Oral Specialist you will need to send appointment confirmation and referral so we can do a Benefit Exception to FNHA for approval

Please contact Kimberly Nookemus, kimberly.n@huuayaht.org, or anyone from the Health team, 250-728-3414, to ensure all information is given correctly and plans are in place.

# Patient Travel & Direct Deposit

Did you know Patient Travel funds can be sent through EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer)?

If you're interested in using this service, please provide your Direct Deposit form from your bank to Finance. If your Direct Deposit form is already on file for another purpose, please inform the Finance Department, 250-723-0100, that you would like it to be used for this service as well.

For all other Patient Travel inquires, please contact Kimberly at kimberly.n@huuayaht.org or 250-728-3414

# Income Assistance Notice

Community members who need to apply for Income Assistance or renew as a client of the program have the following responsibilities (Section 1.3 of Income Assistance Policy)

•To conduct themselves in a prompt, courteous and respectful manner.
•To actively seek work and attend programs, training and sessions as directed.
•If employable, to actively seek work. Clients must be available for any job they are capable of.
•To have or promptly apply for a social insurance number and to provide the appropriate identification for themselves and other family members as required.
•To provide all necessary information to the Social Development Worker and sign the application form.
•To pursue any other income that they may be entitled to, for example, employment insurance benefits, workers compensation, family maintenance, or spousal support.
•To first use any assets and income before seeking assistance from the Income Assistance Program.
•To take personal responsibility for becoming self-supporting.
•To be involved in the process of establishing eligibility for their benefits.
•To provide documentation to support their application when requested. All documentation is subject to verification. Clients providing false information will be subject to criminal charges.

Clients who meet any of the following criteria are not eligible for IA benefits: (Section 2.2 of Income Assistance Policy)

Healthy, employable, able-bodied persons between 19 and 55 years, who do not seek employment or accept available suitable employment, education, or training.

a.Persons who quit work, except with just cause.
b.People who are terminated from their job because they did not comply with reasonable job requirements (for example, by not showing up for work).
c.People who do not apply for Employment Insurance (EI) benefits, or who are disqualified from EI benefits because they failed to comply with program requirements.
d.A person who receives an unforeseen fortune or substantial monetary gain.
e.People who do not submit Monthly Renewal Forms as required.
f.Persons with monthly income or assets more than the allowable maximum (see 2.5, Income and Exemptions).

## 2025 payment schedule

~~January 15, 2025 (for February 2025)~~
~~February 19, 2025 (for March 2025)~~
~~March 19, 2025 (for April 2025)~~
~~April 16, 2025 (for May 2025)~~
~~May 21, 2025 (for June 2025)~~
~~June 25, 2025 (for July 2025)~~
~~July 23, 2025 (for August 2025)~~
~~August 27, 2025 (for September 2025)~~
September 24, 2025 (for October 2025)
October 22, 2025 (for November 2025)
November 19, 2025 (for December 2025)
December 17, 2025 (for January 2026)