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Huu-ay-aht First Nations

2025 ANNUAL PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2025

10 a.m. | Port Alberni Athletic Hall

CITIZENS MOTIONS

How to submit:
Submit to Coraleah Bauer or Alexis Young
Call: 250-723-0100
Email: lawclerk@huuayaht.org or alexis.y@huuayaht.org

Deadline: Friday, October 3, 2025

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Based on Anacla Citizen data base list

Zaiden Gates
September 26

Danae Bird
September 27

Brian Peters
September 29

Alec Frank
October 10

Carole Nookemus
October 10

Craig Charleson
October 12

Corrissa Janson
October 25

Benny Clappis
October 26

Marleen Nookemus
October 26

Landon Wares
October 26

Melanie Nookemus
October 19

Kensie Johnson-Sabbas
October 26

Monday, September 29, 2025

Join Us! National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



Anacla
Location: House of Huu-ay-aht
Time: 12 - 2 p.m.
Lunch will be provided

Port Alberni
Location: Port Alberni Government Office (4644 Adelaide St.)
Time: 2 - 4 p.m.

Snacks and light refreshments will be provided
Everyone is Welcome

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Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 30, 2025



Anacla and Port Alberni Government Office will be closed for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Enjoy your long weekend!

We will reopen Wednesday, October 1, at 8:30 A.M.

2025 Sarita Chinook Economic Fishery



It was a fun-filled though labour-intensive day on September 11, 2025, when Huu-ay-aht First Nations citizens and staff and Nitinaht River Hatchery crew participated in the 2025 Sarita River Economic Fishery, brood stock collection destined for Nitinaht River Hatchery, and sampling for scientific analyses.



HUU-AY-AHT FISHERS

Report your catch and be entered to win $200 gift card for Gone Fishin'!

Every citizen that submits a catch report will be entered into the draw. All catch reports already collected from this calendar year are valid, and the contest is open until October 31, 2025.

To report your catch:

- **Drop off your catch form at The Port Alberni or Anacla Government 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!



Huu-ay-aht Schedule Sept-Oct 2025

Thursdays	CFW Snack & Chat	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Anacla Government Office
Sundays	Port Alberni: Culture Night	2:30 - 5 p.m.	3747 Church St.
Mondays	Anacla: Culture Night	7 - 9 p.m.	House of Huu-ay-aht
Mon., Sept. 29	Anacla: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	12 - 2 p.m.	House of Huu-ay-aht
	Port Alberni: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	2 - 4 p.m.	Port Alberni Government Office
Wed., Oct. 1	Courtenay Halibut and Chinook Distribution	12 - 1 p.m.	Wachiay Friendship Center (1625 McPhee Ave).
	Parksville Halibut and Chinook Distribution	3:30 - 5 p.m.	House of Huu-ay-aht
	Family Fun Bingo Night	6 p.m.	House of Huu-ay-aht
Thurs., Oct. 2	Nanaimo Halibut and Chinook Distributions	12 - 1:30 p.m.	Nanaimo Curling Club (106 Wall Street).
Tues., Oct 7 Wed., Oct 8	Grass Weaving	1 - 4:30 p.m.	Port Alberni Government Office
Tues., Oct. 7	Men's Healing Circle	1 - 3 p.m.	Soaring Eagle
Wed., Oct. 8	Port Alberni Chinook Food Fish Distribution	5 - 7 p.m.	Dry Creek Park
Fri., Oct. 10	Anacla Halibut and Chinook Distribution	12 - 2 p.m.	House of Huu-ay-aht

Youth Program Schedule
With Jacquie Dennis

Sept-Oct 2025

Sundays	Beach Walk	Ages 5 - 7	11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Soaring Eagle, Anacla
Mondays	Anacla: Culture Night	All Ages	7 - 9 p.m.	House of Huu-ay-aht
Tuesdays	Drop in cooking lessons	All Ages	2 - 6 p.m.	Soaring Eagle, Anacla
Fridays	Afternoon activities	All Ages	12 - 3 p.m.	Soaring Eagle, Anacla
Saturdays	Crafts, cedar weaving, movies	All Ages	12 p.m.	Soaring Eagle, Anacla
Fri., Sept. 26	Frybread Friday	All Ages	12 - 3 p.m.	Soaring Eagle, Anacla
Mon., Sept. 29	Full Day Activities	All Ages	8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Soaring Eagle?, Anacla
Sat., Oct 4	Hot Dog and Marshmallow Roast	All Ages	12 p.m.	Pachena Bay Gazebo
Mon., Oct. 6	Ghostly Creations	NTC 12+	2 - 6 p.m.	Soaring Eagle, Anacla
Sat., Oct 11	Movie and popcorn	All Ages	12 p.m.	Soaring Eagle, Anacla

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Anacla Halibut and Chinook Distribution

When: Friday, October 10
General Distribution: 12 - 2 p.m.
Where: House of Huu-ay-aht
What: 10 pieces of frozen, vacuum sealed halibut and 15 pieces of chinook, per citizen

Elders delivery will take place in the morning, starting 9 a.m.





Date Change!

Garbage pick-up in Bamfield will be collected on Fridays until further notice





FAMILY FUN BINGO

Join us for an exciting night of Bingo with friends and family.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

House of Huu-ay-aht
6 p.m.

Light refreshments will be available. Also, we are accepting donations for prizes. If you have questions, please contact Kimberly at kimberly.n@huuayaht.org or 250-728-3414

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Huu-ay-aht Dance Practice

HOUSE OF HUU-AY-AHT

Mondays
7 - 9 p.m.

Bring your shawls and drums!



Anacla Men's Healing Circle

SOARING EAGLE

TUESDAY OCT. 7
1-3 p.m.



Women Warriors 6-Week Pilot Launch
Ages 12-22

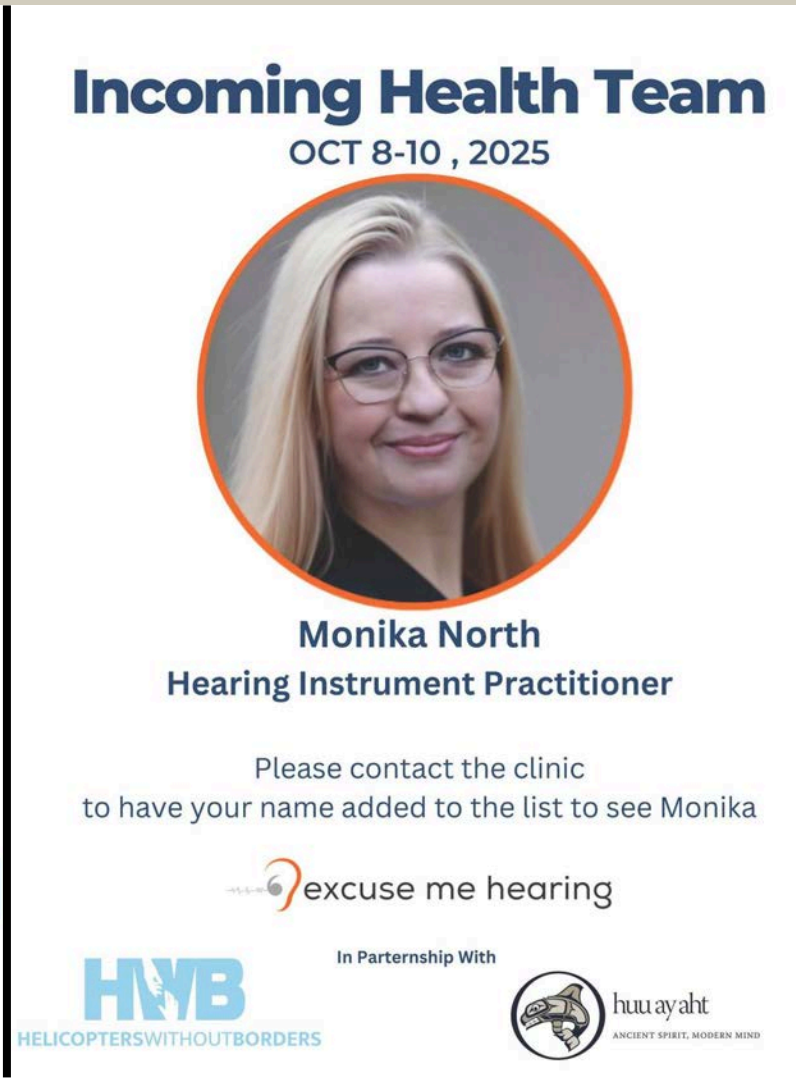
Port Alberni
Thursdays
September 25 & October 2, 2025: John Douglas Park at tiipis (Canal Beach)
October 9 & 16, 2025: Roger Creek Park Gazebo
October 23 & 30, 2025: Blair Park Gazebo

Time: 4 - 7 p.m.
Rain or Shine, dress accordingly
Pizza is provided

For more information, please contact Lisa at womenswarriorlisa.m@gmail.com

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Dentist Dr. Kelly Torres and Hearing Instrument Practitioner Monika North will be at the Anacla Government Office on Wednesday, October 8 to Friday, October 10, to provide dental and hearing care!

Book an appointment: Call or email Kimberly at 250-728-3414 or kimberly.n@huuayaht.org

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SCHOOL SUPPLY ALLOWANCE

We encourage all parents/caregivers to apply for their child/children's school supply allowance by **Wednesday, October 1**.

When you apply, submit the final 2024-2025 report card(s), to see whether those in grades 8-12 are eligible to receive an Academic Excellence Award. Eligible recipients are recognized with a $200.00 financial award for their hard work, dedication and accomplishments toward their education.

Huu-ay-aht Education Department would like to acknowledge the 2024-2025 Huu-ay-aht Academic Excellence Award recipients. So far, the following students in Grades 8-12 are receiving this award:

- Tehya Anderson
- Matthew Dennis
- Charles George Jr.
- Eli Ginger
- Hailey Jacob
- Kensie Johnson-Sabbas
- Jacquelene Johnson-Turgeon
- Summer Little
- Sheila Mickey
- Wyatt Phipps
- Vanessa Young
- Dannika Lopez
- Nolan Nookemus
- Sydney Nookemus
- Mackenzie Parcher
- Taylor Parcher
- Raina Saucedo
- Daniel Speck
- Hanna Speck
- Tauri Young
- Markus Fred
- Charli Brown
- NaDeen Cayou-Sport
- Samantha Cootes
- Eden Dennis

Congratulations and keep up the fantastic work!

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

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

Scan the QR Code to visit the website!

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School's Out Program



WITH THE BAMFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

School's Out is a fun and engaging after-school program for children ages 6–12, designed to inspire, support, and spark creativity!

Starting on **Monday, September 8th**, Children will enjoy two dedicated days of programming each week, including an after-school snack and a variety of exciting activities that the kids will look forward to!



GRADES 1–3: TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
GRADES 4–7: MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

3:00PM – 4:30PM AT THE SCHOOL

This program is proudly delivered by the BCSA, in partnership with United Way British Columbia (UWBC) and School District 70 (Pacific Rim).

PROGRAMMING WILL FOCUS ON...



- Identity Development
- Community Engagement & Land Stewardship
- Skills & Competencies
- Health & Wellness
- Social & Relational Well-being

Questions? Email Taylor at bcsalitfacilitator@gmail.com

REGISTRATION REQUIRED!



United Way British Columbia

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

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Bamfield and region health supports

BAMFIELD HEALTH CENTRE SERVICES

- Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Walk-in or call 250-728-3312
- Visit this clinic for same-day care if you have a health concern that should be seen within 12 to 24 hours.
- Support accessing previously booked virtual appointments with out-of-community specialists and providers.
- **For life-threatening emergencies, call 9-1-1 or go to the nearest emergency department.**

The Centre can help with:

- Coughs, colds, sore throat
- Ear infections
- Urinary tract infections
- Skin conditions (rashes, skin irritation, minor wounds or itchy spots)
- Stomach pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and constipation
- Minor illnesses, fevers or infections in children
- Infections or abscesses
- Sprains and strains
- Stitches for minor cuts and wound care
- Pregnancy testing and options
- STI testing and treatment
- Support and care after sexual assault

NEED HELP TRAVELLING TO AN APPOINTMENT?

If you or someone you care for needs support getting to a non-emergency Island Health medical appointment outside of their home community, call 1-844-940-6617 or email **Info.Patient.Transportation@islandhealth.ca**.

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)

