ANACLA NEWS

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Based on Anacla Citizen data base list

Corrissa Janson
October 25

Marleen Nookemus
October 26

Benny Clappis
October 26

Kensie Johnson-Sabbas
October 26

Landon Wares
October 26

Belinda Nookemus
November 5

Stella Peters
November 3

Georgie Nookemus
November 1

Deegan Nookemus
November 10

Theresa Peters
November 10

Huu-ay-aht First Nations

2025 ANNUAL PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2025

10 a.m. | Port Alberni Athletic Hall

TRANSPORT: BAMFIELD TO PORT ALBERNI

There will be a Lady Rose charter to and from Bamfield for Huu-ay-aht citizens for the People's Assembly.

If you have already registered, call us so we can update your registration: 250-723-0100

Deadline: Friday, October 31, 2025

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!



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CITIZEN NOMINATIONS

Do you know an amazing Huu-ay-aht citizen and want to recognize them? To nominate a citizen, please fill out this form:
Citizen Award Nomination Form

Deadline: Friday, October 31, 2025

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PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY PACKAGE: MAIL-OUT DAY IS OCTOBER 31, 2025

Due to **mail delivery delays**, it may take longer for citizens to receive the People's Assembly packages. Huu-ay-aht will be posting the package on social media, to the App, and emailing it to the email list in our data base.

Getting Information on Treaty Implementation

This survey is designed to assess citizen satisfaction with the information available on Huu-ay-aht First Nations' treaty implementation work. Your feedback will help guide how Huu-ay-aht can better meet citizen needs moving forward.

Participants can opt in to be entered into a draw for a **$50 gift card** by providing their legal first and last name in the last question on the survey. If you leave it blank, you will no be entered, and your survey will remain anonymous.

The deadline to complete the survey is Monday, November 24, 2025.

Link: https://forms.office.com/r/RwLS4qLP8K



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Huu-ay-aht Schedule Oct - Nov 2025

Sundays	**Port Alberni: Culture Night**	**2:30 - 5 p.m.**	**3747 Church St. Port Alberni**
Mondays	**House of Huu-ay-aht Culture Night**	**7 - 9 p.m.**	**House of Huu-ay-aht**
Fri., Oct. 24	**Girls Group**	**11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**	**Port Alberni Government Office**
	Anacla: Honouring & Acknowledging Our Citizens Who Attended Indian Residential School	**12 - 2 p.m.**	**House of Huu-ay-aht**
	Port Alberni: Honouring & Acknowledging Our Citizens Who Attended Indian Residential School	**2 - 4 p.m.**	**Port Alberni Government Office**
Mon., Oct. 27	**Vancouver: Dinner with Executive Council**	**4 - 6:30 p.m.**	**Hilton Metrotown**
Thur. Oct. 30	**COVID and Influenza Vaccine Clinic**	**11 - 2:30 p.m.**	**Anacla Government Office, Boardroom**
Fri., Oct 31	**People's Assembly Deadlines: Registration, reserve transport for the Francis Barkley, and Citizen Award Nominations.**		

Youth Program Schedule
With Jacquie Dennis

Oct - Nov 2025

Sundays	Beach Walk	Ages 5 - 7	11 a.m.	Soaring Eagle, Anacla
Mondays	Anacla: Culture Night	All Ages	7 - 9 p.m.	House of Huu-ay-aht
Tuesdays	Soaring Eagle Drop in	All Ages	2 - 6 p.m.	Soaring Eagle, Anacla
Fridays (except Oct. 31)	Frybread Friday	All Ages	11 - 3 p.m.	Soaring Eagle, Anacla
Sat., Oct. 25	Arts & Crafts	All Ages	12 p.m.	Soaring Eagle, Anacla
Thur., Oct 30	Halloween Monster Mash	All Ages	6 - 8:30 p.m.	Bamfield Community School
Thur., Oct 30	Haunted House Halloween Spooktacular	All Ages	6 - 8:30 p.m.	Soaring Eagle
Fri., Oct 31	Free water taxi to West Bamfield Trick or Treat on the Boardwalk	All Ages	4 - 4:30 p.m. East Dock 5:30 - 6 p.m. Wreckage Dock	West Bamfield

Please be advised that Monday Night NTC Youth Group is postponed until further notice.

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OCTOBER 2025
COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Bamfield
Community School
Association

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Calendar Notes: • Booooooooooo! • Parent/Teacher Conferences Oct 28/29. Half day of school for students on those days.			1 School's Out Program Grades 4-7 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm	2 School's Out Program Grades 1-3 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm	3	4
5	6 School's Out Program Grades 4-7 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Monday Night Sports: Dodgeball BCS ~ 7 - 8:30 pm	7 School's Out Program Grades 1-3 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Yoga with Alessandra BCS ~ 5 - 6 pm Adult Basketball HOH ~ 7:30 pm - late	8 School's Out Program Grades 4-7 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm	9 School's Out Program Grades 1-3 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Adult Ball Hockey HOH ~ 7:30 pm - late	10	11
12 Thanksgiving Community Potluck HOH	13 Thanksgiving - No School Monday Night Sports: Soccer BCS ~ 7 - 8:30 pm	14 School's Out Program Grades 1-3 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Adult Basketball HOH ~ 7:30 pm - late	15 School's Out Program Grades 4-7 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Community Lunch BCS ~ 12 - 1 pm	16 School's Out Program Grades 1-3 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Adult Ball Hockey HOH ~ 7:30 pm - late	17 Youth Friday Night Chill BCS 6 - 8 pm	18
19	20 School's Out Program Grades 4-7 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Monday Night Sports: Dodgeball BCS ~ 7 - 8:30 pm	21 School's Out Program Grades 1-3 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Adult Basketball HOH ~ 7:30 pm - late	22 School's Out Program Grades 4-7 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm	23 School's Out Program Grades 1-3 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Adult Ball Hockey HOH ~ 7:30 pm - late	24 Non-instructional day, No School Adult movie night: Rocky Horror Picture Show BCS 7 - 9:30 pm	25
26	27 School's Out Program Grades 4-7 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Monday Night Sports: Volleyball BCS ~ 7 - 8:30 pm	28 Parent/Teacher Conferences! Half Day of School! Yoga with Alessandra BCS ~ 5 - 6 pm Adult Basketball HOH ~ 7:30 pm - late	29 Parent/Teacher Conferences! Half Day of School!	30 Monster Mash Kids Halloween Event TBD Adult Ball Hockey HOH ~ 7:30 pm - late	31 BVFD Halloween Dance 19+ East Firehall	

COVID-19 & INFLUENZA VACCINE



When: Thursday, October 30, 2025, 11 - 2:30 p.m.
Where: ANACLA Huu-ay-aht Government Office, Boardroom
Who: All ages. Those 6 months and older are eligible for Influenza and Covid vaccination

To book an appointment and for questions:
Phone NTC Nurse Sam: 250-735-0416

- Please bring Care Card number
- Appointment recommended but walk-ins welcome

As there are only two nurses for this clinic, appointments are recommended if possible (can book 10 min appt slots for two nurses from 11-2:30)

-Other options for flu/covid vaccination:
-Bamfield Island Health Outpost clinic October 29.
-Pharmacies for those 12 years + (recommended to call ahead in case appt is needed).

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Save The Date:
Honouring & Acknowledging Our Citizens Who Attended Indian Residential School

Friday, October 24, 2025

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

Attention Anacla & Bamfield

Resurfacing work on the trail between Anacla and Bamfield will begin October 14.
Work will start at Binnacle Road

Huu-ay-aht Dance Practice

HOUSE OF HUU-AY-AHT

Mondays
7 - 9 p.m.

Bring your shawls and drums!



MAKING CONNECTIONS

A group for women to come together and grow Through the creativity of vision board making, we'll spark meaningful conversations about healthy relationships, stress management, effective communication, setting boundaries, and defining what success means to each of us. Together, we'll reflect on our past, embrace our present, and shape our future in a safe and supportive space designed to connect, create, and inspire.

Tuesdays: October 28,
November 4, 18, 25
Time: 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Open to all Nuu-chah-nulth women ages 18+.

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Light snacks and refreshments will be offered.

Contact:
Celine Sauvé: celine.s@huuayaht.org
Call/Text: 250-731-5676



Women Warriors 6-Week Pilot Launch
Ages 12-22

Port Alberni
Thursday
October 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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Girls Group

For girls ages 8-13 to come and learn grass weaving with Kathy Edgar Port Alberni Government Office

Friday, October 24, 2025
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

To register reach out to Rena Johnson.
Email: Rena Johnson
rena.j@huuayaht.org
Phone: 250-723-0100

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Huu-ay-aht First Nations Economic Development Act (EDA) & Governance and Fiscal Agreement (GFA)



Long-Term Vision

Let's build an economy that reflects our values, priorities, and people. With upcoming changes to the Economic Development Act, your voice is more important than ever.

Please take 5 minutes to complete the survey — your input can guide the next generation.
Deadline to submit, November 7, 2025

Scan the code to access the form!

SCAN HERE

Get in Our Canoe and Let's Paddle Together!

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A reminder that the **Land Use Amendments Project is ongoing!** This project includes updates to the following Huu-ay-aht Regulations:

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



We continue to launch our Sequence of Mini Surveys called:

Seeds for Thought

Each survey is just 5 questions!



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.

BUT WAIT ~ THERE'S MORE!

WE'RE HOLDING AN

IN-PERSON CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT SESSION!

NOVEMBER 21, 2025

AT THE INFORMATION SESSION

IN PORT ALBERNI

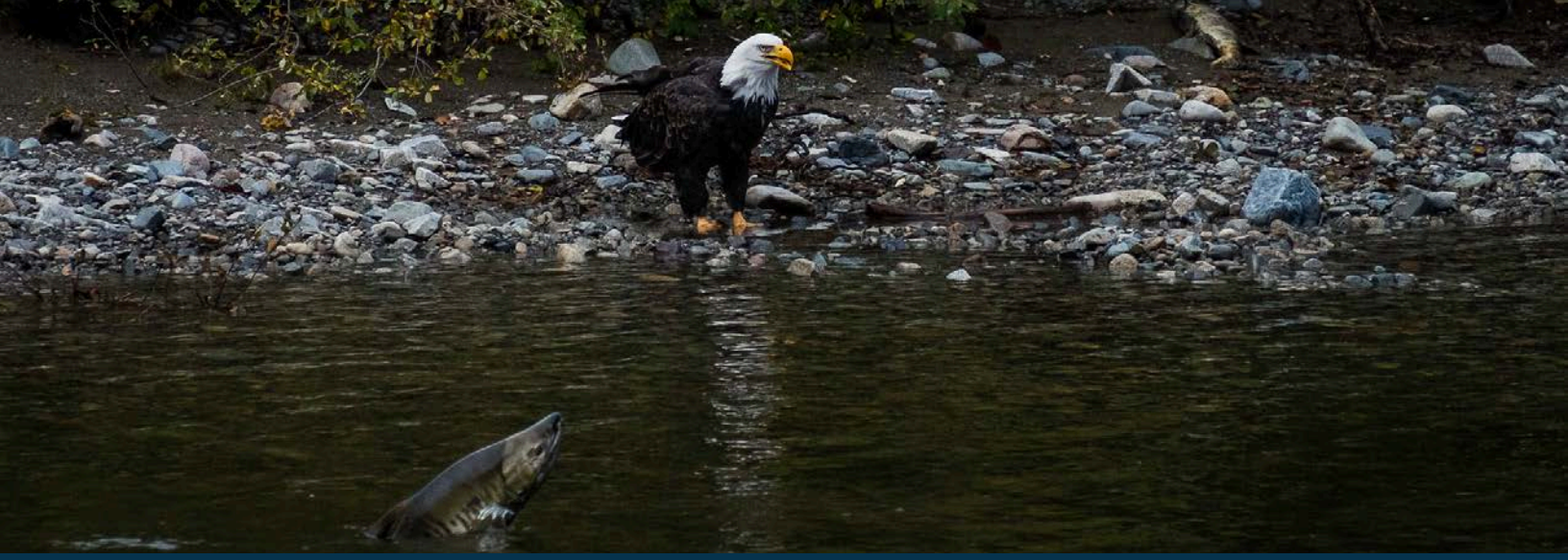
We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Wondering About All the Ways to Stay Informed and Involved with the Project?

- **Visitthe Huu-ay-aht website and app** regularly for updates and opportunities **https://huuayaht.org/ /huu-ay-aht-land-use-regulations-amendments-project/**
- **Respond to and attend citizen engagement opportunities** to share your thoughts and ideas; and – **Watch for the October Mini Survey and Attend the November 21st In-Person Engagement Session!!**
- **Read our newsletter updates** to stay informed!

We Look Forward to Taking This Journey With You

Hišimɬ (all together)



Huu-ay-aht Fisheries Team Start Fall Escapement Surveys Soon

By Abigail Andiel

The **Huu-ay-aht Fisheries Team** is diving into the fall salmon season with the annual escapement surveys. These surveys mean suiting up in layers of wool, climbing into thick drysuits, boots, gloves, hoods, snorkels, and life jackets. Once we are in our moon suits, we are dropped off at the top of the river to swim several kilometers downstream in water that's only about 7–10°C.

With our faces in the cold current, we snorkel past schools of returning salmon —sometimes thousands at a time. These fish spend most of their lives in the ocean, only coming back to their natal stream to spawn. We watch them work their way upstream, dig their redds (gravel nests where females lay their eggs), spawn, and finally complete their life cycle. This all happens within a few short weeks, and during this time, it's important that the fish are not disturbed.

Our team surveys several rivers and creeks, including **Sarita, Klanawa, Rousseau, Pachena, Sugsaw** and **Fredrick**. We are seeing all 5 species of wild Pacific salmon found in BC: Chinook, Chum, Coho, Sockeye, and even Pinks.

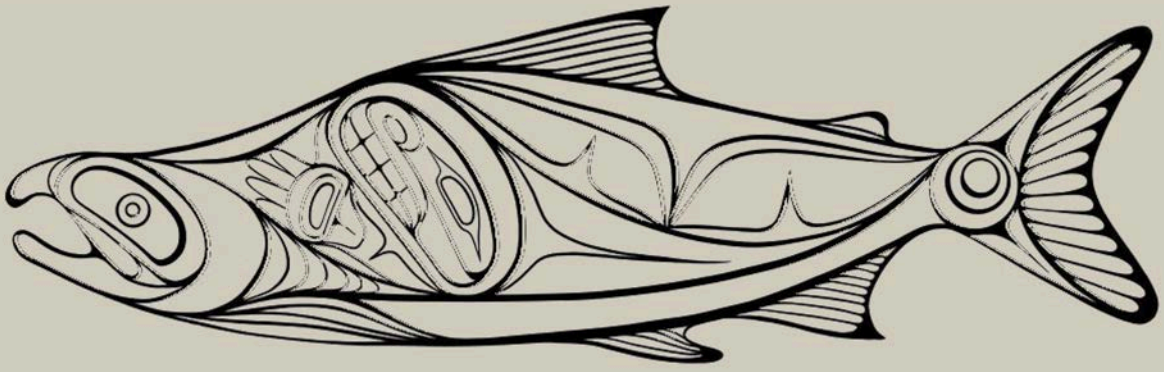
We're excited to have Huu-ay-aht youth Vanessa Young, Victoria Williams and Zyliss Dick joining us in the river this fall to help with counts. Spending hours in the river, we often share the scene with bears fishing along the banks, eagles soaring overhead, and fall leaves drifting slowly beside us. It's a truly magical phenomenon to witness—the pulse of the salmon and the river moving together as one.



The Huu-ay-aht Fisheries Hatchery will be performing broodstock collection of Sugsaw Chum over the next two weeks. Chum is a great fish for smoking!

Any Anacla citizens interested in chum for the smoke house, please contact the Anacla Government Office.

Contact Amelia Vos, Natural Resources Manager: 250-728-3414.



Soaring Eagle Haunted House Halloween Spooktacular

Thurs
Oct. 30

6 p.m.



FRIDAY OCTOBER 24

THE BCSA PRESENTS

DOORS AT 7PM,
MOVIE AT 7:30PM



$10 SUGGESTED DONATION

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COSTUMES ENCOURAGED.
AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION EXPECTED.
AT THE BCS, MORE INFO TO FOLLOW...

18+ ONLY

THE BCSA INVITES YOU...

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FRIGHTS AND DELIGHTS!

HALLOWEEN MONSTER MASH

SPOOKY FAMILY EXTRAVAGANZA

BAKE SALE
PUMPKIN CARVING
PIZZA SALE

OCTOBER 30TH
6PM - 8:30PM

GHOLISH GAMES
COSTUME SWAP
AND MORE...

JOIN US AT THE BAMFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL FOR A NIGHT OF SPOOKTACULAR FUN & GAMES!

BAKE SALE DONATIONS ARE VERY WELCOME!
ALSO ACCEPTING PREVIOUSLY WORN COSTUMES & ACCESSORIES FOR GIVEAWAY/COSTUME SWAP

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.
KIDS UNDER 12 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT
VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

QUESTIONS? ASK US AT MANAGERBCSA@GMAIL.COM

Happy Halloween!

FRIDAY OCTOBER 31

Families are invited to catch a free water taxi from the East Government dock to the West Government dock to trick-or-treat their way down the boardwalk toward The Wreckage!

East Dock pickup: 4 - 4:30 p.m.
Wreckage Dock pickup: 5:30 - 6 p.m.

Hotdogs & hot chocolate
(complementary for the kids)

Parents, please note: there is currently NO bus to Anacla for trick-or-treating this year - please carpool with friends if you're heading that way!

BVFD

Halloween DANCE

STARRING: KITTY & THE ROOSTER

31 OCTOBER
DOORS AT 9 PM

East Bamfield Firehall

Tickets available at the Market and Mercantile, $30.

19+ Event, ID Required

BAMFIELD FIRE DEPT. VOLUNTEER

NTC AND CYS DEPARTMENT PRESENT:

A FAMILY HALLOWEEN

FRIDAY OCTOBER 31ST

2:30-4PM

JOIN US IN THE NUCII GYM

FOR

TRICK-OR-TREATING

COSTUME PARADE

SPOOKY FREEZE DANCE

PRIZES

MORE TREATS!

4841 REDFORD ST

250-724-3939

How To Prevent Halloween Howls

Halloween is a frightful holiday to begin with, making the occasion anything but Fear Free® for your pet. However, even amidst all the spooky spectacles, there are still ways you can reduce anxiety for your furry friend.

Secure the Door

Place pets behind a gate, on a leash, or in a crate or pet proofed room to prevent escapes when the door opens. Also ensure pets are wearing collars with ID tags and are microchipped!



Ditch the Doorbell

With so much action at the door, your pet's mood can range from territorial to curious. Consider covering the doorbell and opting for a motion-sensor to alert you before trick-or-treaters reach the door.

Safe Handouts

Consider handing out candy from a garage or set out a self-serve station if your pet is on edge or anxious when people come to the door.

Comfy Costumes

Some pets simply prefer not to wear costumes. Watch their body language—if their head or tail drops, or they paw at the outfit, skip dressing up. Let them sniff and explore costume pieces first, rewarding curiosity with treats or toys.

If your pet seems comfortable, try the costume on early to check fit and safety. Soft, vest-style outfits that fasten around the chest or waist are usually best. Keep sessions brief, reward during fittings, and remove costumes when unsupervised. For a low-stress alternative, try a bandanna, bowtie, or themed toy.

Trunk or Treat Option

Consider hosting a Trunk or Treat in your community parking lot, where kids can safely collect candy from car to car while pets stay comfortable at home. You can also turn your driveway or sidewalk into a fun, pet-friendly spot to hand out treats without the stress.

Stay in Tune with Your Pet

If your pet is less social, set up a quiet, pet-safe room stocked with favorite toys, treats, and chews. Drown out outside noise with soothing sounds, species-specific music, classical or reggae. Let your pet explore this space ahead of time and settle them there about an hour before trick-or-treaters arrive.



Distraction Wins

Use food puzzles or stuffed toys to keep pets happily occupied. Hunting for treats or meals keeps them focused and content.

Pair Scary with Sweet

Reward calm behavior with tasty treats—soft eye contact or relaxing on their bed are great moments to reinforce. Ask for simple cues like "sit" or "down" and reward calm participation.

Hidden Hazards

Keep candy out of reach. Chocolate, raisins, macadamia nuts, and xylitol (found in sugar-free candy and gum) are toxic to pets.

Plan Ahead

Ask your vet about calming aids if your pet struggles with fear, anxiety, or stress. The right support can ease their worries and help them stay calm during stressful events.



THE HALLUCI NATION



TOUR

THE KCC

PORT ALBERNI

4090 HOLLYWOOD ST.

NOVEMBER 8

7:30 P.M.

$35 | FIVEACRE.TICKIT.CA | 19+

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Bamfield Main Road will reopen Oct. 24 with daily closures for a week.

Friday October 17, 2025

Removal of hazardous trees along Bamfield Main Road is ongoing as part of recovery efforts following a recent wildfire.

Work was suspended over the past weekend due to heavy rainfall and has since resumed. Further weather-related delays are anticipated.

Heavy rain is forecast for Saturday, Oct. 18, 2025, which may pause operations again. The most significant rainfall since the wildfire is expected Wednesday, Oct. 22, with 50 to 75 millimetres of rain in the forecast. This will result in a full suspension of work and allow Ministry of Transportation and Transit staff to monitor slope stability in line with the reopening protocol for fire-impacted areas.

As a result, removal of hazardous trees is expected to extend beyond Friday, Oct. 24, which will also delay utility work in the area.

As planned, traffic will be permitted through the site on the morning of Friday, Oct. 24, and the road will remain open through the weekend. However, daily closures will be in effect beginning Monday, Oct. 27, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., to allow crews to complete the tree removal, which is anticipated to take about one week.

By the time the road reopens on Oct. 24, the ministry will have removed the highest-risk trees. Patrols will continue to monitor the slope and respond to any changes. Utility work will require some full closures and, whenever possible, single-lane alternating traffic will be implemented to minimize the impact to traffic.

All planned closures and updates will be posted online: https://drivebc.ca.

LADY ROSE
MARINE

Starting Oct 2nd 2025, we will going into winter hours and will no longer stay in Bamfield until 1:30 pm. The Frances Barkley will depart once all freight has been delivered.

Passengers needing to catch the ship are advised to call the office regarding approximate departure times.

Schedule will remain the same. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays departing Port Alberni at 8:00 am.

Lady Rose Water Taxi Service last day is Friday, October 24.

UNITED WAY'S

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

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)



