ANACLA NEWS

Volume 109 | December 5, 2025

WE WILL BE

CLOSED

For the holidays!

CLOSED

Monday, December 22, 2025 - Friday, January 2, 2026

REOPENING

Monday, January 5, 2026



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Happy New Year

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Based on Anacla Citizen data base list

Cierra Nookemus
November 28

Andrea Lucas
December 1

Edward Johnson
December 4

Leira Young
December 17

Jonathon Derocher
December 9

Azalea Pirie
December 20

Linnea Bowes
December 12

Greyson Nookemus
December 20

Cory Howard Jr.
December 27

Kimberley Macdonald
December 21

Vince Howard
January 7

Richard Nookemus
January 7

Josephine Janson
January 1

Louella Dennis
January 8

Orion Johnson
December 30

ENVISION THE FUTURE

Shape British Columbia's First Indigenous-led destination management organization (DMO). Join us for a key community engagement workshop to discuss a Huu-ay-aht First Nations led Destination Management Organization and new tourism development funding - Municipal Regional District Tax (MRDT). **Come learn about the process and contribute your ideas for maximizing social, economic, and cultural benefits.**

FRIDAY **Bamfield and Anacla Residents Welcome**

DECEMBER 12, 2025

3:30 - 6 P.M.

HOUSE OF HUU-AY-AHT
Upper Anacla

RSVP NOW SCAN QR CODE

SCAN HERE



Snacks & Dinner Served

QUESTIONS?

piyush.p@huuayaht.org **250-723-0100**

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Huu-ay-aht Schedule December 2025

Community Safety Watch

Witwak are in the community to provide support, guidance, and to ensure safety in the community. They respond, report, and record incidents in the community.
They can be reached at 250-720-5275.
If it is an emergency, please dial 911, then notify Witwak.

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
Mon. December 8	Women's Circle	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Port Alberni Government Office
Fri. December 5	Anacla Office Closure	12 - 4 p.m.	Anacla Government Office
	Port Alberni Office Closure	1:30 - 4 p.m.	Port Alberni Government Office
Fri. December 12	Envision the Future	3:30 - 6:00 p.m.	House of Huu-ay-aht
Sat. December 13	Huu-ay-aht Citizens Family Skate	5 - 7 p.m.	Multiplex Center, Port Alberni
Sat. December 13 Sat. December 27	Recovery Circle with Kimmie	12 - 1:30 p.m.	Soaring Eagle, Anacla
Fri. December 19	CFW sponsored Huu-ay-aht Citizens Family Skate	12:30 - 2:30 p.m.	Multiplex Center, Port Alberni
Dec 22 - Jan. 5	Offices Closed	8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Anacla and Port Alberni Government Offices

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HUU-AY-AHT YOUTH

Events for This Month



IN DECEMBER **2025**

DEC 01	**Christmas Ornament making** with JA'ERED + BROOKE SOARING EAGLE
DEC 08	**GRINCH-MAS THEME** with JA'ERED + TAMIKO SOARING EAGLE
DEC 15	**LAST GROUP BEFORE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY** with JA'ERED + BROOKE SOARING EAGLE
DEC 22	**NO GROUP ENJOY THE BREAK!** HAPPY HOLIDAYS! SOARING EAGLE

For more information: **FB: TAMIKO R WORK**

NTC Health Department in Anacla

December

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Mondays, December 8 & 15	**Youth Group at Soaring Eagle**
Wednesday, December 10	• **Homecare Nurse** • **Nurse Navigator** • **Early Years Outreach Worker** • **Clinical Counsellor** • **Quu'asa**
Thursday, December 11	• **Community Health Nurse** • **Mothers Support Worker** • **Quu'asa**
Thursday, December 18	• **Harm Reduction** • **Quu'asa**

Contact

If you have any questions regarding a service, please contact Kimberly Nookemus at 250-728-3414 or kimberly.n@huuayaht.org or Kristen Young at 250-728-3414 or kristen.y@huuayaht.org

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Huu-ay-aht Citizen Distribution

Huu-ay-aht citizens will receive a $400 distribution

Elders and Citizens will receive direct deposit on Friday, December 12, 2025
Cheque pick up will be at the Port Alberni and Anacla Government Offices on Monday, December 15, 2025.
Cheques may be delayed for Anacla due to transportation.Those who do not pick up their cheques by the end of day December 15, will be mailed out.

If you wish to have it direct deposited, to receive your money the same day as it is sent, please get your direct deposit form in as soon as possible. Also, make sure your current mailing address is up to date.
If you do not already have your direct deposit set up with the Nation or need to update you address, please submit no later than Friday, December 5, 2025.

How to update your address?

1. https://huuayaht.org/forms/change-of-address-form/
2. Call the Port Alberni Government Office at 250-723-0100 and speak with Jordan Young
   - **(Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.)**
3. Visit one of the Huu-ay-aht Government Offices

How to set up direct deposit?

1. Visit your bank or online banking app and request a Direct Deposit Form
2. Fill out HFN direct deposit form found at https://huuayaht.org/forms/ and send to accounts@huuayaht.org
3. Visit one of the Huu-ay-aht Government Offices to get form

Please Note:

1. **Minors' distributions will be deposited in their trust fund**
2. **We are unable to release cheques to anyone except the payee under any circumstances**
3. **Photo ID must be provided when you pick up your cheque. If you do not have a photo ID, a declaration form will be available and you will need a witness who knows who you are.**
4. **Please refer to the Distribution Administration Policy at https://huuayaht.org/government/legislation/**

Anacla Little Library - Give a Book, Take a Book

Visit the community Book Exchange in Anacla!

The shelf is set up in the Anacla Office, between the entrance doors.

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

Everyone is welcome to give a book, take a book, and enjoy the exchange!



RECOVERY CIRCLE

CITIZEN LED RECOVERY CIRCLE

Integrating AA Principles and Wellbriety Tools

Saturdays
December 13 & 27, 2025
12- 1:30 P.M.
Soaring Eagle, Anacla

Join Kimmie MacDonald for a supportive recovery-focused group. Open to anyone on the path to recovery or wanting to begin.

Contact Person: Kimmie_macdonald@hotmail.com



My name is Kimmie MacDonald.
I live both in Port Alberni and Anacla. My mother is Marilyn Cote (MacDonald/ Clappis), and my father is late Bill MacDonald, my stepdad is Don Cote.
My late grandparents from Huu-ay-aht are late Andy Clappis and Annie (Williams) Clappis.

I went through Edgewood Treatment Center for alcoholism and currently attend Recovery meetings twice a day. I also completed a small micro course in Mental Health and Substance Use with UVic and want to continue with more education in that field. I am looking forward to hosting a Recovery Meeting in Anacla, and if interest is there, to continue to do them bi-weekly (on Saturday afternoon).

If you have a desire to quit drinking (or using narcotics), please come check out the meeting. I have been in recovery for over 4 months and would love to share my sobriety journey with anyone wanting to participate.

Contact: Kimmie_macdonald@hotmail.com

RUMOURS ARE NOT HARMLESS

They hurt people, our workplace, and our community



Rumours look like:

- “I heard that ___ about them…”
- Guessing why someone is off sick or on leave
- Talking about someone’s performance, discipline, pay, or personal life without facts

Rumours can:

- Damage reputations and careers
- Create stress, anxiety, and mistrust
- Become bullying or harassment under our policies

At Huu-ay-aht First Nations, our values say “Do not gossip; stop gossip when it occurs.”
Living ʔiisaak (respect) and ʔuʔaaɬuk (taking care of) means we speak to each other, not about each other. If you’re not sure something is true, don’t share it.

LEARN MORE - Scan QR codes to view resources

Guide: What is harassment and violence?

Huu-ay-aht First Nations Values and Guiding Principles.

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Huu-ay-aht Dance Practice

HOUSE OF HUU-AY-AHT

Mondays

7 - 9 p.m.

Bring your shawls and drums!



NEW COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

Available for community use at Soaring Eagle when open.

An opportunity for Citizens to learn digital skills!

- 6 new desktop computers
- 6 monitors
- 6 keyboards
- 6 mice
- 1 printer



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Winter Wonderland Skating!



Saturday, December 13

5 - 7 p.m.

Pizza, hot chocolate and snacks will be provided

Friday, December 19

12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Snacks & hot chocolate will be provided

Alberni Valley Multiplex
3737 Roger St., Port Alberni

- **Huu-ay-aht Citizens**
- **Skate rentals are free**
- **Gas cards will be provided for December 19 event**

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Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council presents the 2025 Urban Community HOLIDAY GATHERINGS

Victoria	December 02 4pm-9pm	Edelweiss Club 108 Niagara Street, Victoria
Vancouver	December 04 4pm-9pm	Japanese Hall 475 Alexander Street, Vancouver
Nanaimo	December 9 4pm-9pm	Beban Park Auditorium 2300 Bowen Road, Nanaimo
Port Alberni	December 10 4pm-9pm	Italian Hall 4065 6th Avenue, Port Alberni
Campbell River	December 11 4pm-9pm	Thunderbird Hall 1420 Wewaikum Road Campbell River

For more information, please contact Deborah Smith at the NTC Main Office at (250) 724-5757 ext. 244

Join us for a fun-filled family evening. Bring your drums!



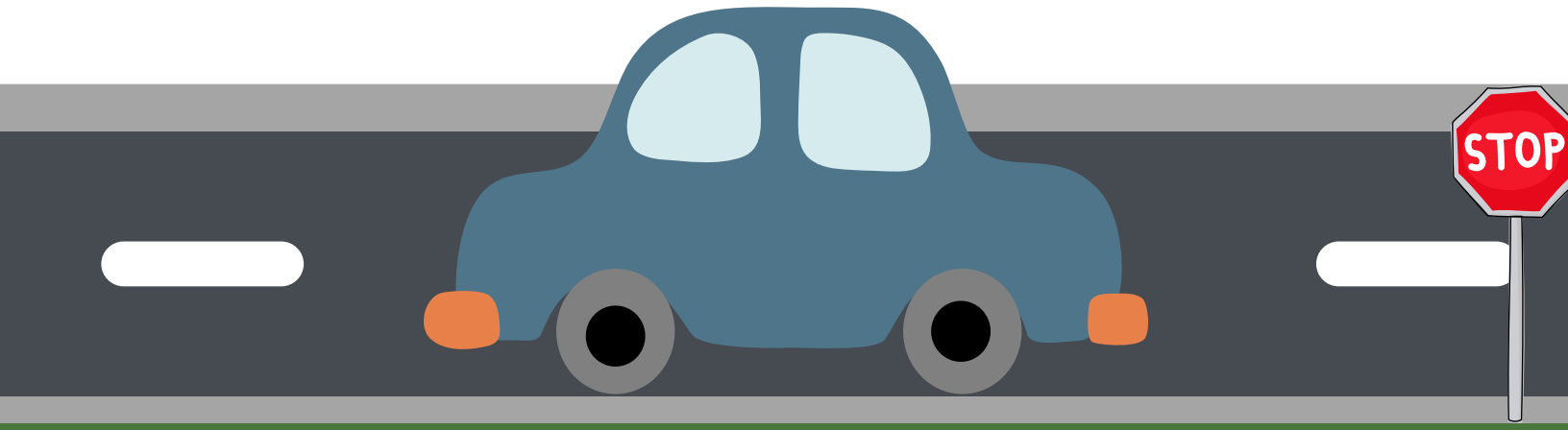
BCSPCA
SPEAKING FOR ANIMALS

Attention Anacla and Bamfield Huu-ay-aht Citizens!
The SPCA visits Anacla Community about once per month for pet wellness checks.

The SPCA donates pet food, blankets, beds, collars and leashes which can be found at the Anacla Government Office.

For more information contact:
Stephen Smith
stephen.s@huuayaht.org

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Get your Learner's Licence!

Get your Learner's (L) licence before Thursday, December 18, by 4 p.m. and be entered to win $100 Cash!

To be entered into this draw, please submit a photo of your yellow page licence!

Book today at https://www.icbc.com/

To be entered in the draw, please contact Brent at brent.r@huuayaht.org

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WOMEN CIRCLE

Monday December 8

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
(Snacks Provided)

Huu-ay-aht First Nations Port Alberni Government Office (4644 Adelaide St.)

This six-week program is designed to create a safe, culturally grounded, and empowering space for Huu-ay-aht women to come together in healing, strength, and sisterhood—honouring their stories and voices while addressing different issues that affect their well-being and community.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact Irene at 250-735-0948 or 250-723-0100.

WINTER IS COMING...

Contact Huu-ay-aht infrastructure team for any Anacla housing maintenance requirements or firewood delivery.
250-728-3414







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Get in Our Canoe and Let's Paddle Together!

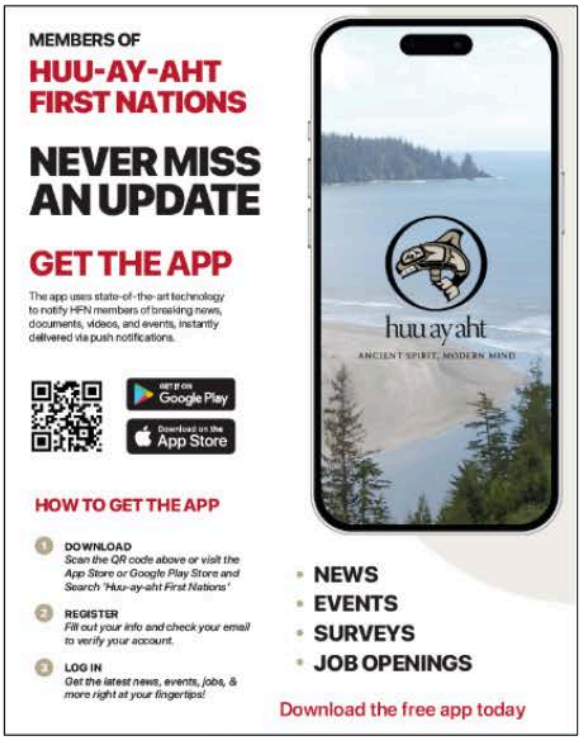
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A reminder that the **Land Use Amendments Project is ongoing!** This project includes updates to the following Huu-ay-aht Regulations:

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



Huu-ay-aht Land Use Plan and Rental Lease Regulations Amendments SURVEY **LINK BELOW. Deadline December 15, 2025**



This is your opportunity to help shape the future of Huu-ay-aht lands and

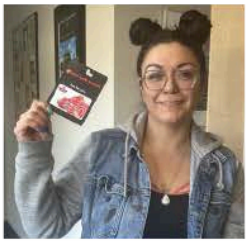
Win a $50 gift card!

A gift card is up for grabs with each new mini survey released!

We have already had 2 Mini Surveys & 2 winners:



1st Survey Winner
Valeria MacDonald



2nd Survey Winner
Laura Johnson

Huu-ay-aht Land Use Plan and Rental Lease Regulations Amendments
Survey Link: https://huuayaht.org/updates-to-the-land-use-plan-and-residential-lease-regulations/
Deadline December 15, 2025

Winter Chinook Me Too Fishery Opportunity for Maa-nulth Fishers



Maa-nulth Fishers have the opportunity to fish Winter Chinook in the commercial Me Too Fishery starting in December and open until March 15, 2026, or when the quota is caught.

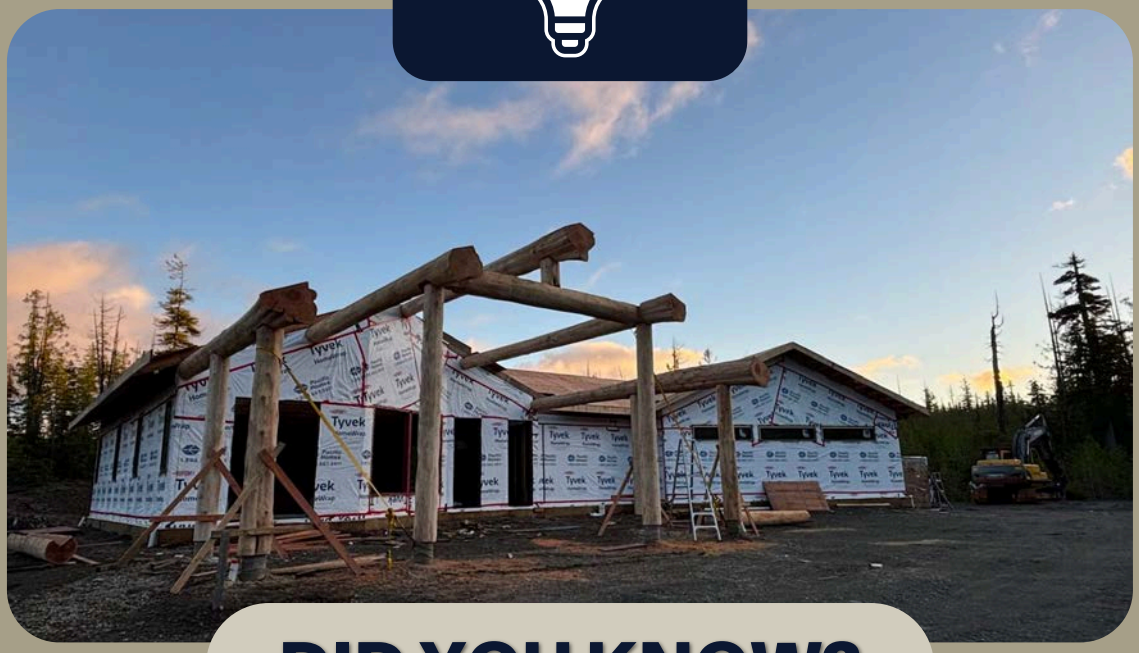
Fishing is permitted in the Maa-nulth Domestic Fishing Area, inshore.
Gear type to include all trolling and line gear.
No gillnets or seins.

Fishers should contact Amelia Vos, Natural Resources Manager, to sign up and receive fishing information:
amelia.v@huuayaht.org or 250-728-3414



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DID YOU KNOW?

- The Cultural & Visitor Information Centre is under construction with the roof and windows being installed. The proposed parking lot design for the cultural center is being designed with construction starting in 2026.

- The ʔumʔiiqsu Centre upgrades are waiting on permit approval with The City of Port Alberni.

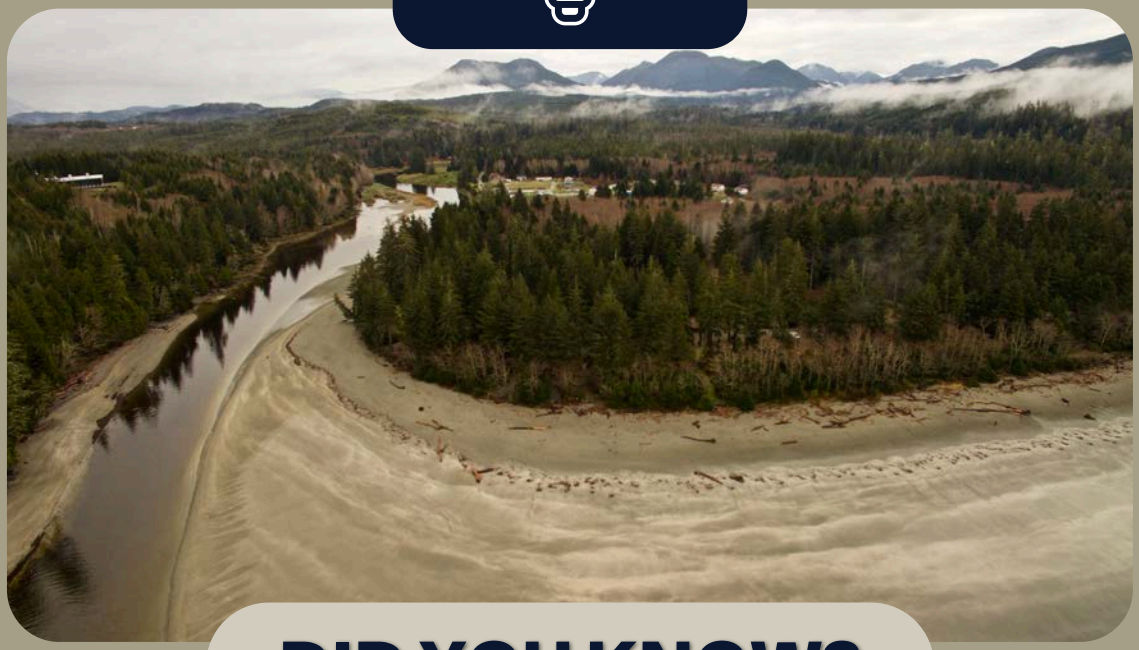
- The trail maintenance is nearing completion along the Bamfield main road, and the danger tree removal has been completed on the lifesaving trail.

- There have been 5 new septic fields installed in Lower Anacla.

- A new Wellness and Daycare Centre is being planned for Upper Anacla. The initial phase of this project is a feasibility study, which is expected to be completed by the end of 2025.

- The water treatment project will begin construction in the spring of 2026 and will be completed by March 31, 2028. The project will provide a new treatment building, distribution lines and a new supply line for lower Anacla.

- Communications launched a Website Development and Design Project. The new website is to be complete end of March 2026.



DID YOU KNOW?

- Huu-ay-aht First Nations (HFN) Economic Development has officially launched Destination Management Organization (DMO) and Municipal & Regional District Tax Program (MRDT) readiness project as of Monday, November 3. This initiative will help us build a sustainable tourism framework, strengthen cultural tourism, and improve visitor management across our territory. This work is proudly 95% funded by Indigenous Tourism BC (ITBC) and Island Coastal Economic Trust (ICET), providing significant support as we prepare to lead one of the first Indigenous led DMOs in Canada. **The first public engagement will be hosted at the House of Huu-ay-aht on December 12, from 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.**

- Five HFN citizens participated in the fully funded training held in Alert Bay organized by Namgis First Nations for the upcoming Hydroponic farm project (Growcer project).

- The Economic Development Department is currently conducting a survey to gather citizen feedback on the existing Economic Development Act (EDA) and Governance & Fiscal Agreement (GFA), which will help inform potential amendments to both documents. The online survey is open until the end of November, and as an incentive, a $50 Visa gift card will be awarded for every 15 completed surveys submitted by HFN citizens.

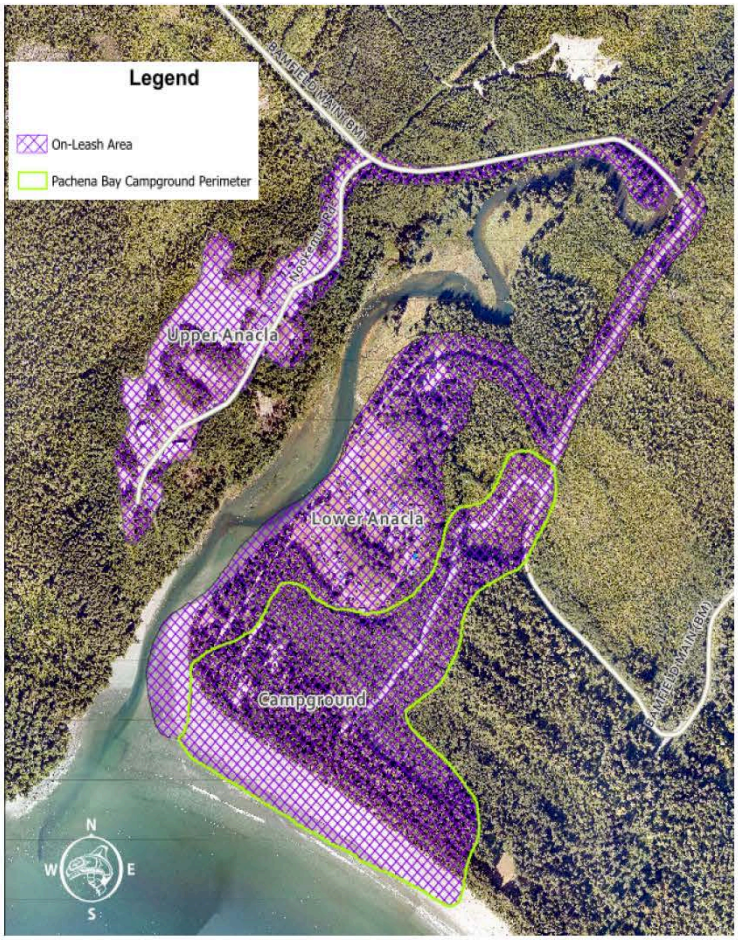
On-Leash Dog Area Enforcement

RE: Zero Tolerance Policy on Loose Dogs and Animal Welfare in Upper and Lower Anacla

Effective immediately, Huu-ay-aht First Nations enforces **Zero Tolerance** for loose dogs and for owners who place their animals in a state of poor welfare. This policy applies to all residential areas of Upper and Lower Anacla, as outlined in Section 13 of the Animal Control and Care Regulation.

Key Requirements:

- All dogs must be on-leash within designated areas.
- Owners are responsible for ensuring their animals are properly cared for and not subjected to neglect or poor welfare.



Consequences for Non-Compliance:

- **Fines:** Owners who fail to comply will be subject to fines of up to **$200**. **Zero Tolerance -** No warning letters will be sent.
- **Payment Deadline:** Fines must be paid within **30 days**. Failure to pay will result in the amount being recorded as **debt to the Nation**.
- **Repeat Offenders:** Individuals who repeatedly violate these regulations will receive formal correspondence and notice to the **Alberni Valley SPCA** for potential **impoundment of their animals**.
- **Citizen Duty:** Please report non-compliance to the contacts below.

This policy is designed to protect community safety, animal welfare, and the enjoyment of residential areas for all residents. We appreciate your cooperation in maintaining a safe community.

<u>For questions or concerns, please contact:</u>

Stuart Dixon – Outgoing Director of Lands & Natural Resources
Email: **Stuart.D@huuayaht.org** | Phone: **250-723-0100**

Marina Peters – Incoming Director of Lands & Natural Resources
Email: Marina.P@huuayaht.org | Phone: **250-723-0100**

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Nuu-chah-nulth Employment & Training Program

Unlock Your Potential with NETP
4090 8th Ave
Port Alberni, BC
NETP@nuuchahnulth.org

Homemaker Training Program

January 19-30, 2026
9AM-4PM
Anacla

Building Skills for Quality Home Support

The Homemaker Training Program equips participants with the knowledge and practical skills needed to provide safe, respectful, and client-centered home support services. Graduates will be prepared to deliver high-quality homemaking and companion care that promotes client well-being, safety, and comfort in the home environment.

Program Outcomes

- Safety & Compliance: Ability to follow workplace safety protocols and maintain confidentiality.
- Client-Centered Service: Skills to respect client preferences and provide personalized care.
- Practical Homemaking Skills: Competence in meal preparation, cleaning, and household organization.
- Professional Standards: Knowledge of documentation, time tracking, and ethical boundaries.

Value of Training

- Enhances employability in home care and support roles
- Builds confidence in delivering culturally safe and respectful services
- Provides certifications (Food Safe, WHMIS, First Aid Awareness)
- Prepares participants for real-world caregiving challenges



To Register
Connect with your assigned Case Manager or to register for NETP services contact our Intake Coordinator Gregory.Thomas@nuuchahnulth.org or 250-723-1331

Connect Today!

Unlock Your Potential with the Nuu-chah-nulth Employment & Training Program

SR: 250-723-1331

Office Location
4090 8TH AVE
Port Alberni, BC

Funding provided in part by the Government of Canada

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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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RCMP·GRC

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE • GENDARMERIE ROYALE DU CANADA

INDIGENOUS PRE-CADET TRAINING PROGRAM



SPRING 2026

The Indigenous Pre-Cadet Training Program (IPTP) offers Canadian Indigenous people an opportunity to experience a modified three-week Depot training experience within the RCMP at the RCMP Training Academy in Regina, Saskatchewan.

You'll learn:

- An introduction to the Criminal Code and RCMP policy
- Physical fitness and drill
- Skills to help prepare you to apply to be a police officer

Basic Requirements:

- Be of First Nation, Inuit or Métis descent
- Be 18 years or older
- Be a Canadian citizen
- Be able to pass an enhanced reliability security check
- Be in good physical condition
- Possess a Canadian high school diploma or equivalent

For BC residents, contact us at:

e_precadet_program@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

Spring 2026
Dates: TBD

Apply by December 5, 2025

Royal Canadian Mounted Police | Gendarmerie royale du Canada

BCSA ANNOUNCEMENTS

FILIPINO COOKING WITH IRENE!



Intermediate Cooking Class

THURSDAY
DEC 11TH
6:00 - 9:00 PM

$40/PERSON

SPACE IS LIMITED!

TO REGISTER, EMAIL MANAGERBCSA@GMAIL.COM

Join Chef Irene for a hands-on class where you'll learn to make three Filipino dishes: **Tinola Soup**, **Spring Rolls**, and a dessert called **Turon**.

Class takes place at the BVFD East Firehall Kitchen, ages 19+

Bamfield Community School Association

BCSA'S 2025 DODGEBALL TOURNAMNET

SATURDAY DECEMBER 13TH
2:30 PM - 5 PM AT THE BCS



Do **YOU** have what it takes to win the final dodgeball game of the year and get your team name memorialized on the iconic **trophy**?

Join us for a fun tournament followed by an end-of-the-year sports celebration & winners announcement at the Bamfield Pub.

This event is open to ages 15+ BUT each team must have at least 1 adult.

6 People
Maximum Per Team

TEAM UNIFORMS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED.

Team registration is required. Recommended donation of $5-10/team.
Please email your team name and the names of all team members to: bcsalitfacilitator@gmail.com. **Registration closes on Dec 12th.**

THE BAMFIELD SCHOOL'S

Mingle & Jingle

Wednesday, Dec. 17
12:00-3:00

Join us at the school for a free community lunch, followed by a merry afternoon of holiday crafts, book-reading with the kids, and a joyful community carol sing-along in the gym.

Lunch, provided by the **BCSA**, will be a hearty meal of delicious turkey, mashed potatoes, carrots, stuffing, cranberry sauce, fresh



The Bamfield Arts Council Presents:

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

Locally made art, crafts, pottery, jewelry, baking and more!

Sunday, December 7th

Live music, and lunch options available from The Wreckage

11:00AM / 2:00 PM
FREE ENTRY

The Rix Centre at BMSC

bmsc BAMFIELD MARINE SCIENCES CENTRE

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Patient Travel Checklist

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Patient Travel

Do you have a medical appointment coming up?

Please contact medical travel with:

- ☑ Date
- ☑ Time
- ☑ Doctor's name
- ☑ Travel plans

Gentle reminders to also :

- ☑ Send in confirmation of appointment
- ☑ Confirm travel plans are in place prior to appointment with medical dept.
- ☑ Send in confirmation of attendance once visit is done

Please contact Kimberly Nookemus at 250-728-3414 or kimberly.n@huuayaht.org

Patient Travel requests for
December 15, 2025 to January 8, 2026

Please have all medical requests in to Health Department
no later than December 12, 2025
for those dates to ensure processed before office closure.

Emergency-only contact, Kimberly:
kimberly.n@huuayaht.org, or 250-720-7331





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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

What is covered?

Mileage Rate
As of April 1, 2025, the permanent mileage rates will be:

Standard Mileage Rate:

- $0.29 per kilometre

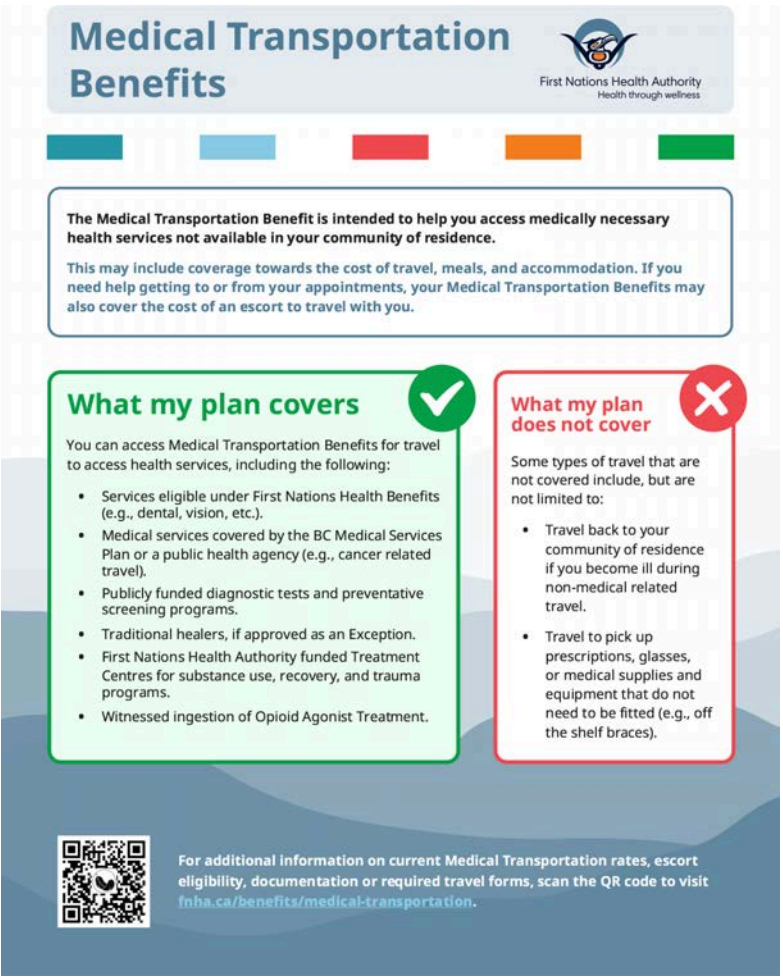
Special Mileage Rate (for remote communities, as specified in their Funding Agreements):

- $0.35 per kilometre

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Mileage Rate

As of April 1, 2025, the permanent mileage rates will be:

Standard Mileage Rate:	**$0.29 per kilometre**
Special Mileage Rate (for remote communities, as specified in their Funding Agreements):	**$0.35 per kilometre**

Meal Rates

Effective December 2, 2024, meal rates will change as reflected in the table below:

Fee schedule for meal rates		
Rate type	**Previous rate**	**Updated rate** *effective December 2, 2024*
Daily rate for same-day trips lasting more than six hours.	$17.00 per person	$35.50 per person (5+ years) $17.00 per person (under 5 years)
Nightly rate for overnight trips up to six nights in duration.	$68.00 per night per person (5+ years) $29.00 per night per person (under 5 years)	$70.50 per night per person (5+ years) $30.00 per night per person (under 5 years)
Weekly rate for overnight trips of seven nights or more.	$283.00 per week per Client $425.00 per week per Client and approved escort*	$283.00 per week per Client $425.00 per week per Client and approved escort*

***Note:** The weekly rate of $425 per week is an inclusive rate for the Client and escort and applies only when the Client is an outpatient. An approved escort supporting a Client in the hospital will continue to access the weekly rate of $283 per week.

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)

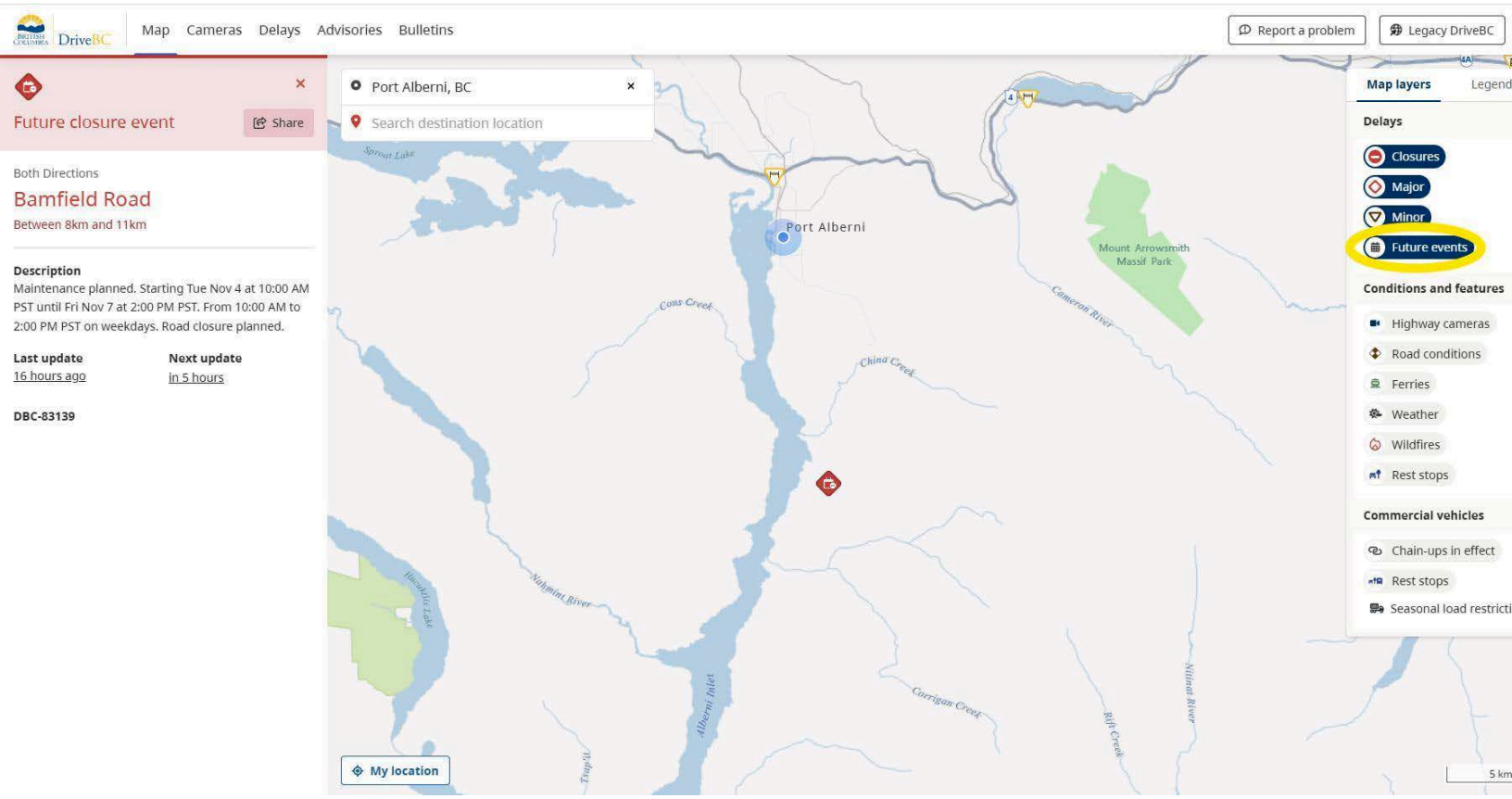
Healthy, employable, able-bodied persons between 19 and 55 years, who do not seek employment or accept available suitable employment, education, or training.

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)

Bamfield Main road closures: How to use DRIVEBC.CA



How to stay up to date on the Bamfield road activity:

1. Visit **https://www.drivebc.ca/**
2. When in the Map, on the right hand side there will be a Map Layers Menu
3. On that menu select "Future Events," this is where you can see planned closures
4. The symbol for scheduled future events is a red diamond with a calendar in it.
5. Click on the symbol to get the info.

Check **drivebc.ca** for future road closure details.

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

Countdown to Christmas!

