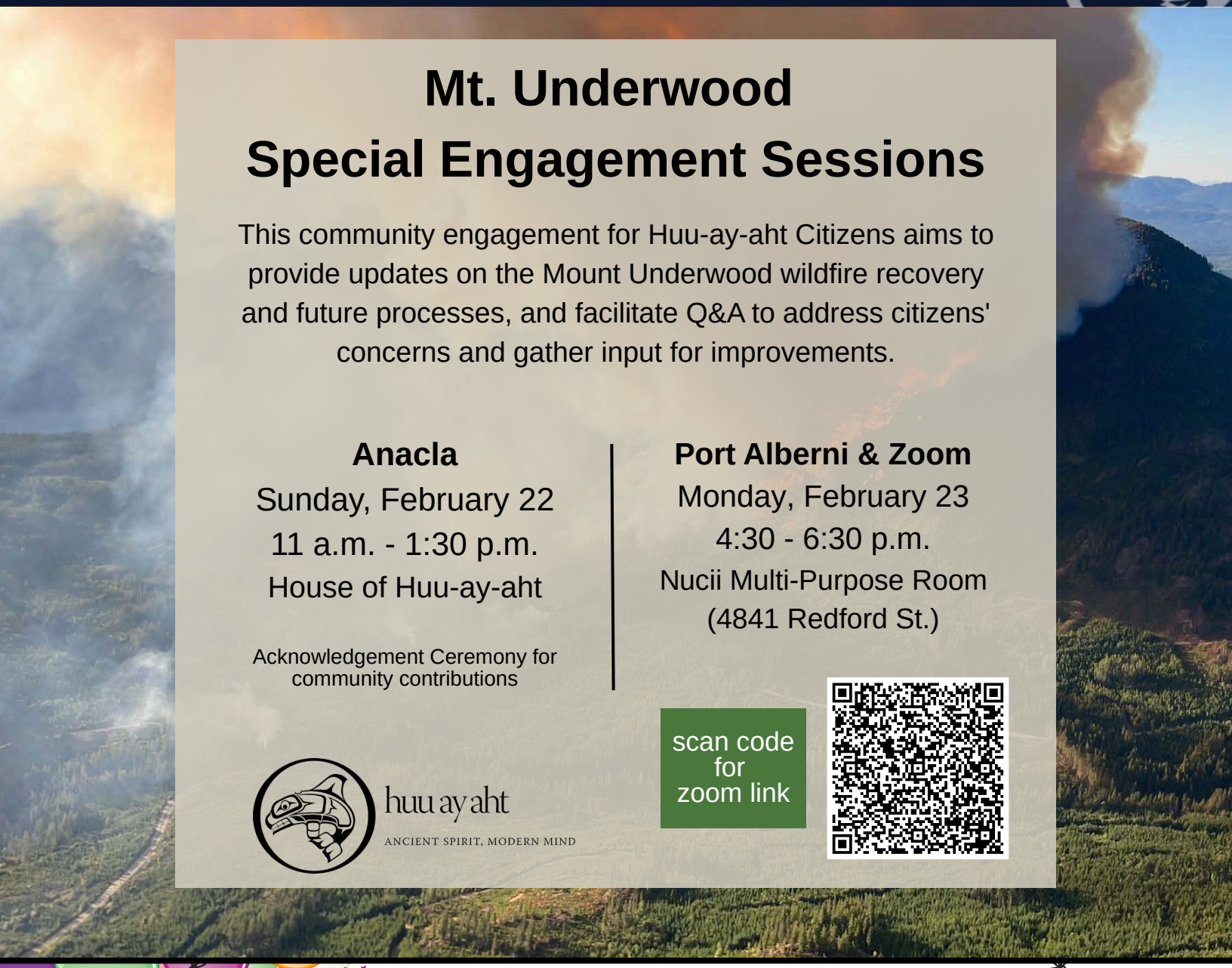
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Mt. Underwood
Special Engagement Sessions

This community engagement for Huu-ay-aht Citizens aims to provide updates on the Mount Underwood wildfire recovery and future processes, and facilitate Q&A to address citizens' concerns and gather input for improvements.

Anacla

Sunday, February 22

11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

House of Huu-ay-aht

Acknowledgement Ceremony for community contributions

Port Alberni & Zoom

Monday, February 23

4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Nucii Multi-Purpose Room

(4841 Redford St.)

scan code for zoom link

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Based on Anacla Citizen data base list

James Nookemis
February 22

Sylvia Dennis
March 9

Booby Nookemus
March 16

Alexyss Howard
March 20

Paulo Johnson
March 20

Cory Howard Sr.
February 23

Georgie Nookemus
March 5

Willow Nookemus
March 18

Barry Halvorson
March 29

Wilson Joe
February 25

Sir Shawn Rielly
March 13

Patrick Nookemus
March 25

Leonard Nookemis
March 29

Huu-ay-aht Schedule February 2026

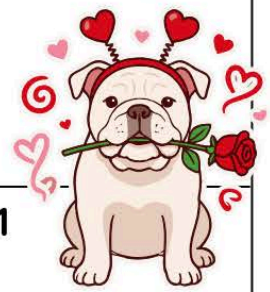
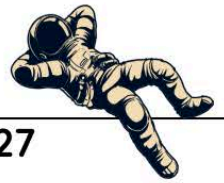
Sundays	Port Alberni: Culture Night	2:30 - 5 p.m.	3747 Church St. Port Alberni
Mondays	House of Huu-ay-aht Culture Night	7 - 9 p.m.	House of Huu-ay-aht
	Child & Family Wellness Drop-in	1 - 2:30 p.m.	CFW Office, ʔumʔiiqsu Centre
Monday, February 23	NTC Youth Group	3:15 - 5:15 p.m.	Soaring Eagle, Anacla
Saturday February 21	Citizen Led Recovery Circle	12:30 - 2 p.m.	Soaring Eagle
Sunday February 22	Anacla Mount Underwood Engagement	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	House of Huu-ay-aht
Monday, February 23	Port Alberni & Virtual Mount Underwood Engagement	4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Nucii Multi-Purpose Room (4841 Redford St.) or Zoom
Wednesday to Friday February 25 - 27	Incoming Health Team Appointment Needed: Call 250-728-3414		Anacla Government Office
Wednesday February 25	Health Survey, Community Dinner	4 - 7 p.m.	House of Huu-ay-aht
Mondays February 9 - March 16	Women's Circle	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Port Alberni Government Office
Fridays February 20 & 27	Art Therapy, Huu-ay-aht Women ages 18 +	10 - 11:30 a.m.	CFW Office, ʔumʔiiqsu Centre
Friday to Monday March 6 - 9	Tribunal In-Person Meetings	Book an appointment	Anacla Government Office

FEBRUARY 2026
COMMUNITY CALENDAR





Bamfield Community School Association

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 	2 School's Out Gr. 4-7 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Volleyball, ages 16+ BCS ~ 7 - 8:30 pm 	3 School's Out Gr. 1-3 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Groundhog Day! Adult Basketball HOH ~ 7:30 pm - late	4 School's Out Gr. 4-7 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm	5 School's Out Gr. 1-3 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Adult Ball Hockey HOH ~ 7:30 pm - late	6 Secondary Student Greenhouse Project BCS 9 am - 12 pm	7
8	9 School's Out Gr. 4-7 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Dodgeball, ages 16+ BCS ~ 7 - 8:30 pm	10 School's Out Gr. 1-3 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Library Hour BCS ~ 4:30-6:00pm Yoga Pacific Sounds Lodge 5-6 pm Adult Basketball HOH ~ 7:30 pm - late	11 School's Out Gr. 4-7 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm 	12 School's Out Gr. 1-3 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Adult Ball Hockey HOH ~ 7:30 pm - late	13 Non-instructional day, No School 	14 Valentines Day! 
15 	16 Family Day, No School Soccer, ages 16+ BCS ~ 7 - 8:30 pm	17 School's Out Gr. 1-3 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Yoga Pacific Sounds Lodge 5-6 pm Adult Basketball HOH ~ 7:30 pm - late	18 School's Out Gr. 4-7 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Community Lunch BCS ~ 12 - 1 pm 	19 School's Out Gr. 1-3 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Adult Ball Hockey HOH ~ 7:30 pm - late	20 Youth Friday Night Chill BCS 7 - 9 pm 	21
22	23 No After-School Club! Dodgeball, ages 16+ BCS ~ 7 - 8:30 pm 	24 School's Out Gr. 1-3 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Library Hour BCS ~ 4:30-6:00pm Yoga Pacific Sounds Lodge 5-6 pm	25 School's Out Gr. 4-7 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm 	26 School's Out Gr. 1-3 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Cooking Class: Pasta Making East Firehall ~ 6 - 9 pm Adult Ball Hockey HOH ~ 7:30 pm - late	27 	28

Calendar Notes:

- At Library Hour, come check out our library books & learn about our free, by-mail Decoda library option! We also have free wifi and by-donation printing services!
- Join our Pasta Making Class with Taylor on Feb 26th! Registration required, email managerbcsa@gmail.com.
- This month's free community lunch will be lasagna roll-ups! Vegetarian option available!

Incoming Health Team

February 25 - 27, 2026

Anacla Government Office



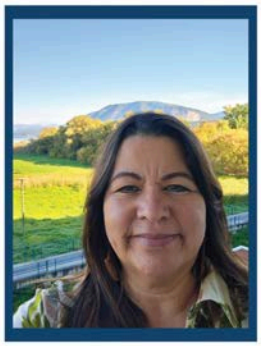
Dr Kelly Torres
Dentist



Rosie Walker
CDA



Arica Windsor
Denturist



Lerinda Wright
Nurse



Audrey Vanderhoek
Nurse

Seabird Island Diabetic Clinic

HELICOPTERSWITHOUTBORDERS

NORTH RAVEN DENTAL

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If you would like to book an appointment, please contact Kimberly, kimberly.n@huuayaht.org, 250-728-3414

CITIZEN LED RECOVERY CIRCLE

Integrating AA Principles and Wellbriety Tools

Saturday, February 21, 2026
12:30 - 2 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

Huu-ay-aht Culture Night

Mondays
7 - 9 p.m.

House of Huu-ay-aht

Bring your shawls and drums!



Hishuk-ish Tsawalk

Healthy Children, Healthy Futures

The Health Survey will collect information about what contributes to health over a lifetime. This information can help people and communities make health-related decisions.

$40 Walmart gift card provided for survey completion.

The Health Survey is open until Nov 2026 to:

1. Registered and non-registered members of Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council (NTC) Member Nations residing in British Columbia who are age 16 or older.

2. Individuals (Indigenous and non-Indigenous) living on-reserve in a NTC Member Nation who are age 16 or older.

Huu-ay-aht!

Join us for a community dinner and complete your Health Survey.

Wednesday, February 25
4pm - 7pm

Dinner at 5:30pm

House of Huu-ay-aht

$40 Walmart gift cards for completed surveys

Door prizes

This survey will take approximately 45 - 60 minutes to complete online, in person, or over the phone.

This project is led by Lynnette Lucas, Director of Health at the NTC and Adjunct Professor at SFU. Contact us through our website for more information.

Website: nuuchahnulth.org/hchf
Facebook & Instagram:
@healthychildrenhealthyfutures

NUU-CHAH-NULTH TRIBAL COUNCIL

Photo credit: Erin Barney

Help shape the future of Huu-ay-aht's Tribunal

We are seeking to speak with **Huu-ay-aht Citizens, Elders, government staff, and others** with knowledge of traditional laws to help shape the Tribunal's future. Your insights will help us understand the changes needed to ensure this process truly reflects Huu-ay-aht ways.

Book in-person meetings between Friday, March 6 - Monday, March 9 At the Anacla Government Office

If you have any experience to share about the Tribunal or ideas for improving the Tribunal process, we want to hear from you!

For more information or to schedule a conversation, please contact: Tribunal Project Coordinator, **Jeremy Perkins, jeremy.p@huuayaht.org or 250-720-7434**

Scan to learn more about the Tribunal Project

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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.

The canned fish distribution is complete for the 2025 season!



The Huu-ay-aht Fisheries Team distributed hundreds of boxes of cans to citizens all over Vancouver Island and the lower mainland.

Shoutout to youth Keona Charles for assisting with the Vancouver distribution!

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Huu-ay-aht First Nations

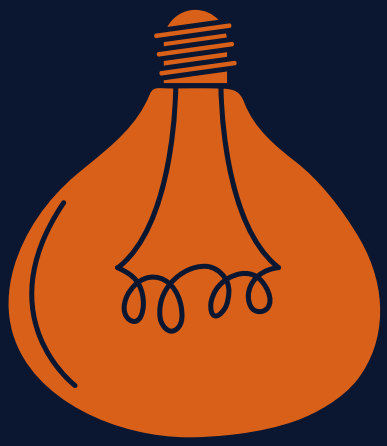
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

2026 Food Fish Program

www.huuayaht.org

Scan the QR code for more information

BC HYDRO SCHEDULED POWER OUTAGE



AFFECTED AREA:

Upper and Lower Anacla

WHEN:

Sunday, March 1, 2026
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

WHY:

Pole Replacement

2026 SPRING

LEGISLATURE

FIRST SITTING - MARCH 17
SECOND AND THIRD SITTING - MARCH 30

WHERE: MAʔAS SUQIN
(ANACLA GOVERNMENT OFFICE)
TIME: 10 A.M.

Budget Act, 2026
Community Safety Act Amendment Act, 2026
Huu-ay-aht General Legislation Amendment Act, 2026

We're Hiring!

- Strategic Initiatives Manager
- Indigenous Tourism Specialist
- ʔumʔiiqsu Tenant Support Worker
- Youth Program Worker
- Cultural Wellness Worker

Full details of these postings are available on our website: https://huuayaht.org/whats-happening/work-with-us/ or scan QR code

2026 Seasonal Employment Opportunities
Bamfield Huu-ay-aht Group of Businesses

The Huu-ay-aht Group of Businesses (HGB) is now hiring seasonal team members for the upcoming season across our diverse operations in Bamfield. These positions offer an opportunity to work in a beautiful coastalenvironment while supporting Huu-ay-aht First Nations' economic development and creating unforgettable guest experiences across our hospitality businesses.

We have a varietyof seasonal opportunities ranging from 3–6 months, with start dates in April, May, and June. All positions conclude in September.
We offer competitive wages ($20.00–$30.00 per hour,depending on the position), seasonal retention bonuses, learning and development opportunities, and a fun, supportive work environment surrounded by breathtaking naturalbeauty. Limited employeehousing may be available.

For more information about specific roles and responsibilities, please refer to the job descriptions on our website - https://www.hfngroup.ca/careers/

Patient Travel

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

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

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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BED BUG IDENTIFICATION & PREVENTION

A Quick Guide to Detection, Habits, and Control

1. **How to Identify Bed Bugs**

- **Appearance:** Oval-shaped, flattened bodies. Adults are 4-5 mm long and rust-brown (or deep red-brown after feeding).
- **Hiding Spots:** Their flat shape allows them to hide in baseboards, floor cracks, under carpets, behind wallpaper, bed frames, and picture frames.
- **Signs of Infestation:** Live or dead bugs. Check crevices near sleeping areas.
  - **Cast Skins:** Shed skins left behind during moulting.
  - **Fecal Matter:** Small reddish-black spots on bedding or mattresses.
  - **Eggs:** Tiny (1/32" to 1/8") white eggs in dark crevices.
  - **Odour:** Large infestations produce a sweet, but unpleasant, musty smell.

2. Bed Bug Bites

- **The Reaction:** Often appears as red, itchy welts in clusters or lines.
- **The Truth:** Reactions vary. Some people have delayed itching (days later), while many (especially older adults) may have no reaction at all. Bites are not a reliable way to confirm an infestation.

3. How They Spread

Bed bugs are "hitchhikers." They do not cling to people, but they hide in:

- **Travel Gear:** Suitcases, purses, and laptop bags.
- **Movement:** Moving infested furniture down halls or using communal laundry machines.
- **Disturbance:** Incorrect pesticide use or furniture disassembly can drive them into neighbouring rooms.
- **Shortages:** A lack of food (no host) or harbourage space causes them to migrate.

4. Immediate Action Plan

If you find traces of bed bugs, follow these "Do's and Don'ts":

DO NOT	DO
Disturb the room. Leave the scene untouched for diagnosis.	**Quarantine the room.** Stop using it immediately.
Move items. Taking luggage or furniture out spreads the bugs.	**Contact a Professional.** Call a pest control expert immediately.
Self-Treat. Incorrect sprays can make the problem worse.	**Notify Management.** If in a hotel/apartment, work with staff.

5. Prevention & Control

- **Inspect Regularly:** Check mattress seams, folds, and furniture near beds.
- **Stay Clean:** Vacuum bedrooms frequently and seal cracks in walls or bed frames.
- **Protect:** Use certified bed bug encasements for mattresses/box springs.
- **Visibility:** Use light-colored sheets to make fecal spots easier to see.

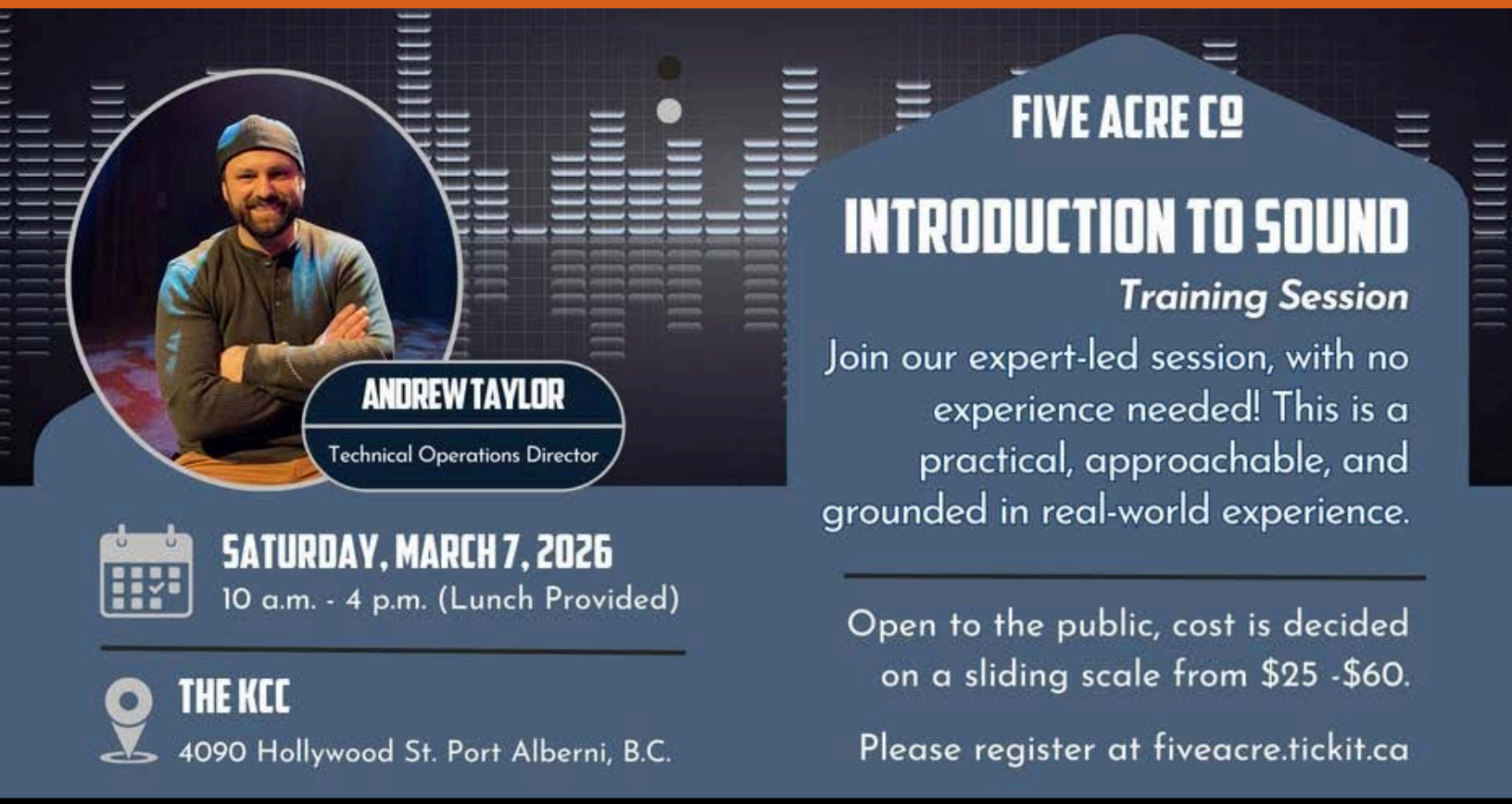
If there are questions or concerns, please contact infrastructure by email at infrastructure@huuayaht.org

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Training opportunities available with the Support of Community Services

Need support with the Registration fee? Contact Community and Citizen Services at 250-723-0100.



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INTRODUCTION TO SOUND

Training Session

Join our expert-led session, with no experience needed! This is a practical, approachable, and grounded in real-world experience.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Lunch Provided)

THE KCC
4090 Hollywood St. Port Alberni, B.C.

Open to the public, cost is decided on a sliding scale from $25 -$60.

Please register at fiveacre.tickit.ca



FIVE ACRE CO

INTRODUCTION TO LIGHTING

Training Session

Join our expert-led session, with no experience needed! This is a practical, approachable, and grounded in real-world experience.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Lunch Provided)

THE KCC
4090 Hollywood St. Port Alberni, B.C.

Open to the public, cost is decided on a sliding scale from $25 -$60.

Please register at fiveacre.tickit.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).

2026 payment schedule

~~January 21, 2026 (for February 2026)~~
February 25, 2026 (for March 2026)
March 25, 2026 (for April 2026)
April 22, 2026 (for May 2026)
May 27, 2026 (for June 2026)
June 24, 2026 (for July 2026)
July 29, 2026 (for August 2026)
August 26, 2026 (for September 2026)
September 23, 2026 (for October 2026)
October 21, 2026 (for November 2026)
November 18, 2026 (for December 2026)
December 16, 2026 (for January 2027)

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

** CANCELLED FEBRUARY 23 **

