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HUU-AY-AHT FIRST NATION ALL-CANDIDATES MEETING 2026 BY-ELECTION

SUNDAY, MAY 31, VANCOUVER
HILTON METROTOWN, 3 - 5 P. M.
(6083 MCKAY AVE., BURNABY)

MONDAY, JUNE 1, VICTORIA
MARRIOTT INNER HARBOUR, 6 - 8 P.M.
(728 HUMBOLDT ST.)

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, NANAIMO
CONFERENCE CENTRE, 6 - 8 P.M.
(101 GORDON ST.)

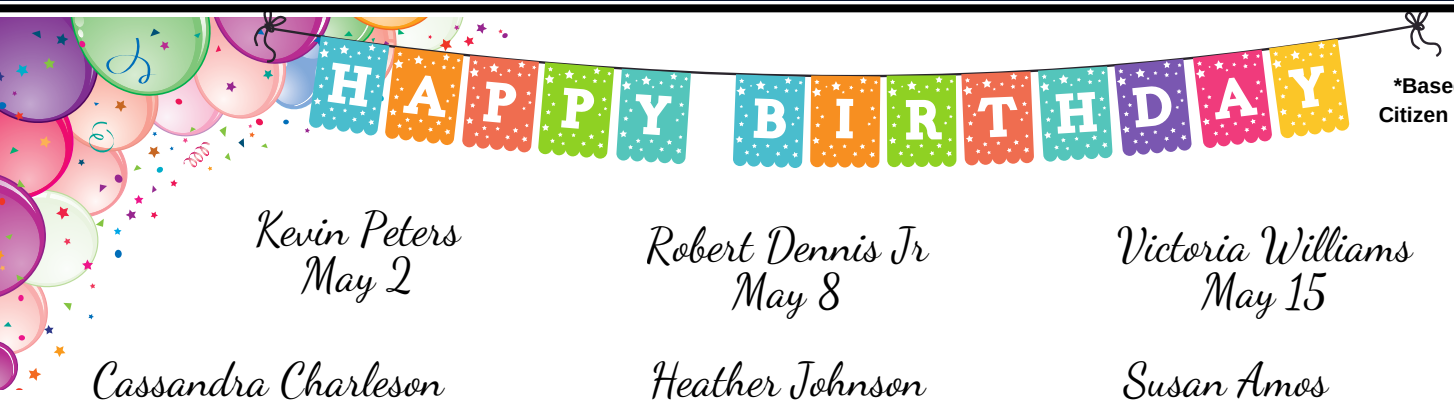
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, PORT ALBERNI
BEST WESTERN BARCLAY, 6 - 8 P.M.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4, ANACLA
HOUSE OF HUU-AY-AHT, 6 - 8 P.M.

Appetizers, dessert, coffee, and tea will be served.

SAVE THE DATE

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*Based on Anacla Citizen data base list

Kevin Peters
May 2

Robert Dennis Jr
May 8

Victoria Williams
May 15

Cassandra Charleson
May 3

Heather Johnson
May 15

Susan Amos
May 18

Huu-ay-aht Schedule

MAY 2026

Sundays	Port Alberni: Culture Night	2:30 - 5 p.m.	3747 Church St. Port Alberni
Mondays May 4, 11, 25	Anacla Culture Night	6 - 8 p.m.	House of Huu-ay-aht
	Child & Family Wellness Drop-in	1 - 2:30 p.m.	CFW Office, ʔumʔiiqsu Centre
Monday, May 18	Huu-ay-aht Government Office Closed	8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Anacla & Port Alberni Huu-ay-aht Government Offices
Thursday, May 21 & Friday, May 22	2-day Grief & Loss Circle	9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Italian Hall, Port Alberni
Tuesday, May 26	Mobile Foot Clinic	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Anacla Government Office
Wednesday, May 27	Dentist	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Anacla Government Office
Thursday, May 28	Wills & Estate Info Session	3 - 5 p.m.	Anacla Government Office
Saturday, May 30	Maa-nulth Treaty Celebration	10:30 a.m. start	Campbell River

Youth Schedule

MAY 2026

Monday May 25	Soaring Eagle Drop in	Youth ages 5 & 6	2 - 6 p.m.	Soaring Eagle, Anacla
Tuesdays	Free Play *Snacks Provided*	All Ages	2 - 6 p.m.	House of Huu-ay-aht
Fridays (except May 15)	Frybread Friday	All Ages	12 - 3:30 p.m.	Soaring Eagle, Anacla
Saturdays	Board Games	All Ages	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Soaring Eagle, Anacla

NTC Health Department in Anacla



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Tuesdays, May 19 & 26	**Early Youth Outreach Worker**
Wednesdays, May 20, & 27	**Clinical Councellor, Quu'asa**
Thursdays, May 21, & 28	**Quu'asa**
Thursday May 28	**Harm Reduction**

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

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.



Call Out

TO HUU-AY-AHT SINGERS & DANCERS

Huu-ay-aht will be performing at the 15-years of Treaty Celebration

If you are interested, you must commit to dance practices leading up to the event.

Event details:
Saturday, May 30, 2026,
Campbell River Community Centre

For questions or to sign up, please contact Cory Howard Sr. at 250-728-3414 or cory.j.h@huuayaht.org

TO HUU-AY-AHT CITIZENS

Are you interested in attending the 15-years of Treaty Celebration hosted by the Maa-nulth Treaty Society?

Event details:
Saturday, May 30, 2026
Campbell River Community Centre
Huu-ay-aht is planning for a bus to travel from Anacla to Campbell River with a stop in Port Alberni.

If you are interested in attending, you must sign up by calling Port Alberni, 250-723-0100 or Anacla reception, 250-728-3414

CITIZEN LED RECOVERY CIRCLE

Integrating AA Principles and Wellbriety Tools

Saturday,
May 16 & 30

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

CULTURE NIGHTS

House of Huu-ay-aht

Mondays, May 25
6-8 p.m.

Alberni Valley United Church

Sundays, May 17 & 24
2:30 - 5 p.m.

Bring your shawls and drums!

Know a youth ready for an adventure this summer? Applications for the 2026 Copper Island camp season are now available for pickup at both the Anacla and Port Alberni Huu-ay-aht Government Office reception areas.

2026 DATES:

- Adventure 1 (Ages 9–11): June 30 – July 4
- Adventure 2 (Ages 12–14): July 7 – July 11
- Adventure 3 (Ages 15–18): July 14 – July 18

Stop by either reception desk to grab an application form and get started!



BE ČIMS AWARE

- Report all sightings and encounters to the RAPP line (1-877-952-7277). All reports are tracked so issues can be addressed before they escalate.
- Keep garbage, food and attractants (compost, fruit trees, barbecues) secure in čims-proof locations. **Please dispose of garbage in bins and secure carabiner clips.**
- Scare away čims in the community with lots of noise. It doesn't seem neighbourly, but preventing čims from feeling at ease around humans keeps them safer in the long run.

Wills and Estate Information Session

This informative session, facilitated by Lawrence, Huu-ay-aht First Nations In-house Legal Counsel provides a vital opportunity for citizens to navigate the complexities of Wills and Estate planning. We will break down the essential legal steps to protect your assets and share the importance of a formal will to ensure your final wishes are honoured. Whether you are starting from scratch or updating an existing plan, this session offers the practical guidance and peace of mind needed to secure your family's future and preserve your legacy for the next generation.

Wednesday, May 27
3 – 5 p.m.
Port Alberni Huu-ay-aht Government Office
Dinner included

Thursday, May 28
3 – 5 p.m.
Anacla Huu-ay-aht Government Office
Dinner included

Office Closed

Monday, May 18, 2026

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

Both offices will reopen on Tuesday, May 19, at 8:30 a.m.



Type of support:

- Building stronger parent-child relationships
- Handling toddler meltdowns or teen pushback
- Navigating co-parenting and partner communication
- Managing your time, energy, and mental health
- Developing as a leader—in your family and beyond

Book your introduction appointment today!

drew@dadcentral.ca

www.dadcentral.ca

Cultivating Food Security:
Huu-ay-aht First Nations Launches Vertical Farming Pilot in Anacla

Huu-ay-aht First Nations (HFN) is preparing to welcome a new Vertical Hydroponic Farming unit to Anacla, with delivery expected in mid-May. Led by HFN's Economic Development team in strategic partnership with Simon Fraser University (SFU), the project represents a major step toward local food sovereignty. This initiative was made possible by securing close to $700,000 in funding from several key partners, including Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC), Island Coast Economic Trust (ICET), BC Hydro, and the BC Government.

The project utilizes specialized technology from Growcer, a leader in modular farming, which is providing the unit along with the essential training and technology transfer required for success. Once operational, the Growcer unit will enable the year-round local growth of fresh produce, such as leafy greens and vegetables. This is a vital resource for the community, where access to fresh, affordable food is often limited by distance and transportation challenges.

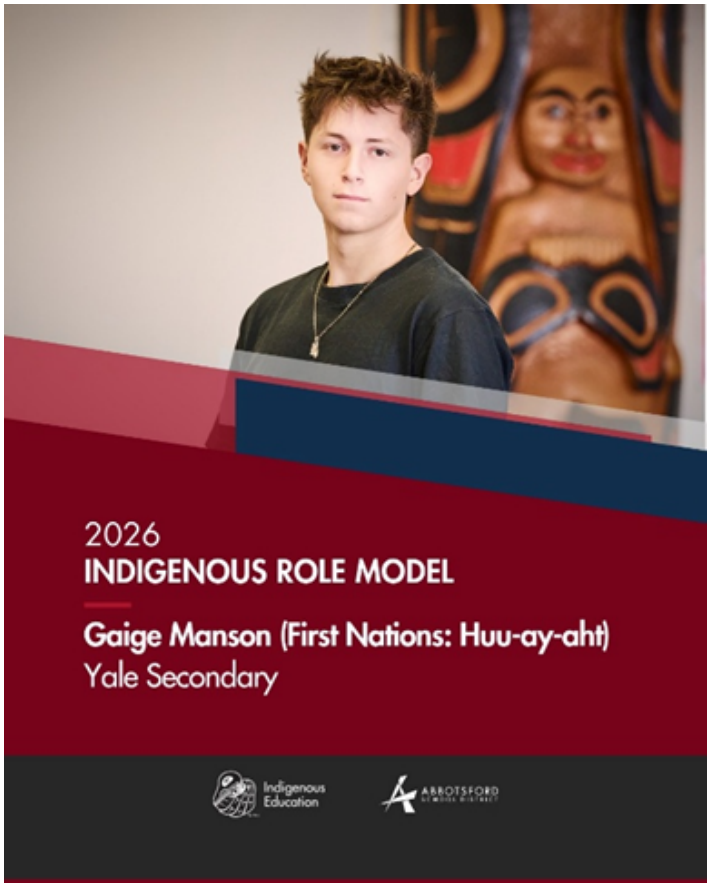
Currently, work is underway in Anacla to prepare the site and ensure the necessary systems are in place before installation. Simultaneously, SFU is supporting Huu-ay-aht in developing a business plan, training materials, food safety protocols, and hiring processes to get the project up and running. Launched as a pilot, this initiative serves as a social blueprint for the future, allowing HFN to test operations and explore how the project can evolve into a long-term social enterprise that creates local jobs and ensures lasting food security for Huu-ay-aht citizens.



Inside a hydroponic vertical farming unit (Photo provided by Growcer).

Huu-ay-aht Youth Honoured with Indigenous Role Model Award

On Thursday, April 16, marked a significant milestone for the Huu-ay-aht First Nations community as Gaige Manson was formally recognized at the Semá:th First Nation Longhouse. The son of the late Timothy Manson and grandson of Marleen Nookemus, Gaige was named one of only ten students in the Fraser Valley to receive the prestigious Indigenous Role Model Award. This honour follows a highly competitive selection process involving over 100 student applicants, with each recipient earning a $1,000 scholarship to support their future endeavours.



To earn this distinction at Yale Secondary, Gaige had to meet a rigorous set of district-wide standards that emphasize cultural connection, academic focus, and community service. Throughout his four years of high school, he demonstrated great commitment to his heritage by enrolling in language classes every single year. Beyond the classroom, he was a visible leader on his rugby team and an active participant in school culture, embodying the "Lion Pride" and inclusive spirit expected of the district's top student mentors.

Gaige's path to this award was solidified by a comprehensive video application that showcased his resilience and his reputation as an "overall good human" with strong marks. His leadership extends into the school's Link Crew and various Indigenous clubs, where he has acted as a positive motivator for younger students. His ability to balance the physical demands of athletics with the academic discipline required for graduation made him a standout candidate during the rigorous review process.

With high school graduation on the horizon, Gaige has already mapped out a clear and practical path for his professional life. He plans to transition his dedication and hands-on work ethic into the University of the Fraser Valley (UFV) plumbing program. By pursuing professional training and working toward becoming a certified plumber, Gaige intends to turn his technical interests into a sustainable career, continuing to serve as a role model for Huu-ay-aht youth by proving that dedication to one's roots and one's future go hand in hand.

Looking for support with post-secondary, trades, or training? Contact Education, Employment, & Training Manager, Brent at brent.r@huuayaht.org or 250-723-010

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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JULY 20-24, 2026 - BAMFIELD, BC - PACHENA BAY

We're Hiring!

- Legislative Clerk
- ʔumʔiiqsu Tenant Support 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

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)

UVIC'S INDIGENOUS STUDENT MINI-UNIVERSITY

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Hosted by the Office of Indigenous Academic and Community Engagement



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- **Academic Exploration** – Engage in sessions that introduce potential areas of study and spark curiosity.
- **Cultural Connection** – Participate in cultural activities and connect with Indigenous supports.
- **Holistic Learning** – Enjoy a mix of academic, physical, creative and social activities.
- **Supportive Environment** – Learn in a culturally safe and inclusive space with other Indigenous students.
- **Confidence Building** – Gain the knowledge and experience to see university as an attainable path.



UVic Meet n' Greet & Career Fair



Explore different areas of education

CAMP FEES

$100 non-refundable reg fee

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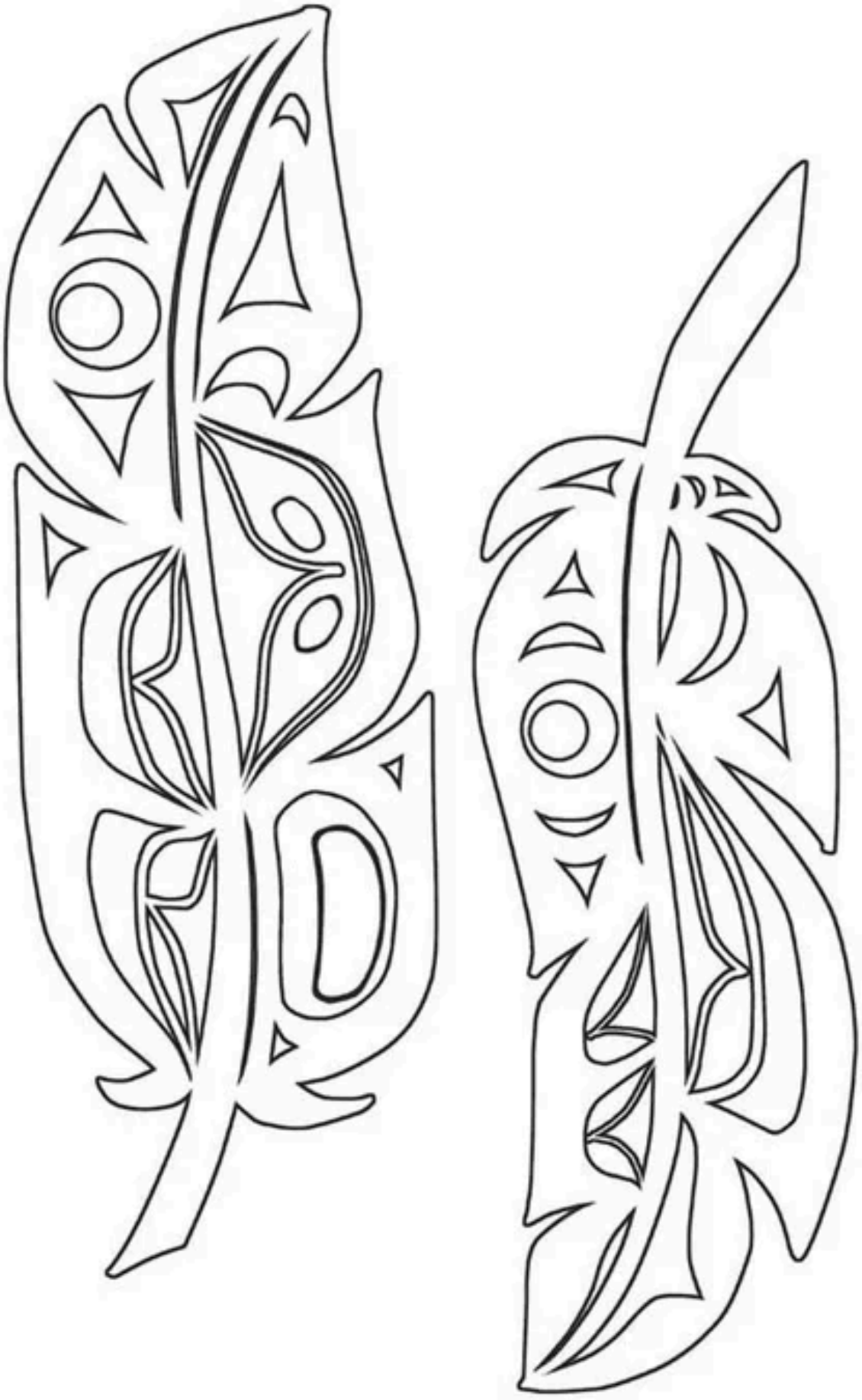
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