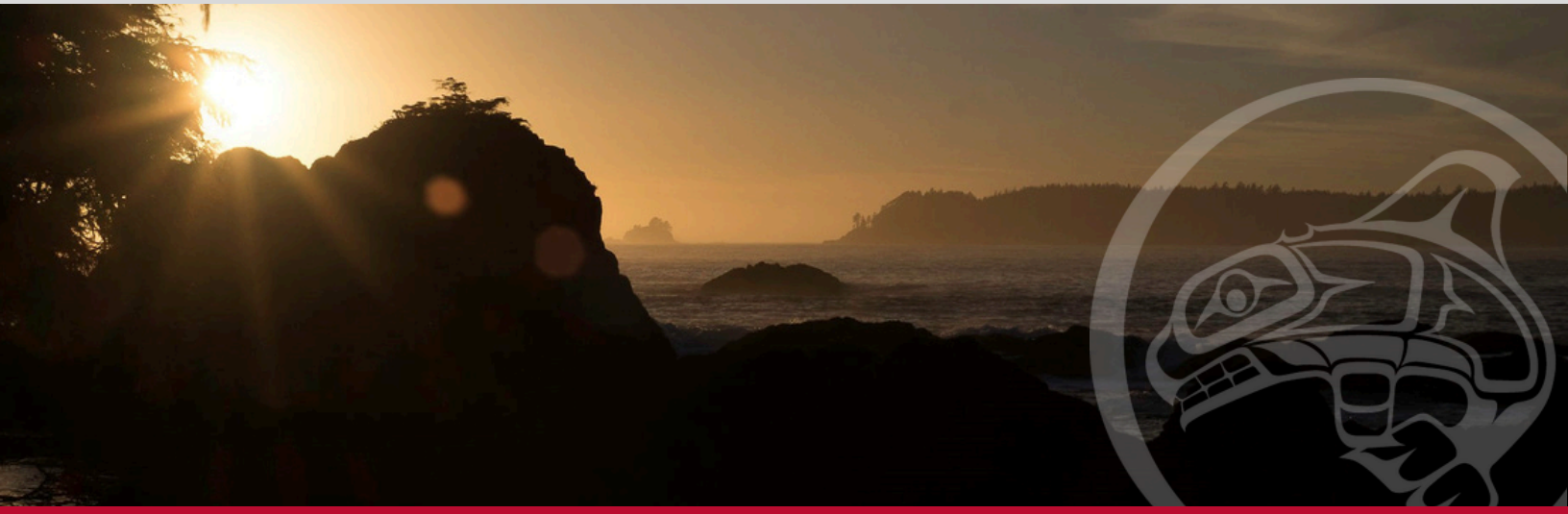
ANACLA NEWS

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HUU-AY-AHT FIRST NATIONS

OFFICES CLOSED WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2026



HAVE A GREAT LONG WEEKEND!

We will re-open Thursday, July 2, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.

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.



***Based on Anacla Citizen data base list**

Grace Carpenter-Nookemis
June 17

Tia Dennis
June 21

Josephine Dennis
June 22

Jacqualine Dennis
June 23

Shawn Mack
June 23

Kristen Young
June 23

Huu-ay-aht Schedule

June 2026
Week 1: June 26 - 30

Monday, June 22	Office Closed	8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Anacla & Port Alberni HFN Government Offices	Reopen on Tuesday, June 23, at 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday, June 23	Men's Mental Health Walk	10 a.m.	Soaring Eagle	3 or 5 km walk staring and ending at the Soaring Eagle. Community BBQ and speakers to follow.
	Anacla: CFW Community Engagement	4:30 - 8 p.m.	House of Huu-ay-aht	Update on Huu-ay-aht's CFW's journey as we work through: Federal Legislative Review, Yaa'akap Act, and Jurisdiction
Wednesday, June 26	Port Alberni: CFW Community Engagement	4:30 - 8 p.m.	Italian Hall	
Thursday, June 25	Nanaimo: CFW Community Engagement	4:30 - 8 p.m.	Vancouver Island Conference Centre	
	Youth Art Therapy	6 - 7:30 p.m.	5062 Angus St., Port Alberni	To register, please call 250-731-5676
Sunday, June 28	Vancouver: CFW Community Engagement	12 - 3:30 p.m.	Hilton Hotel Metrotown	Update on Huu-ay-aht's CFW's journey as we work through: Federal Legislative Review, Yaa'akap Act, and Jurisdiction
	Port Alberni: Culture Night	2:30 - 5 p.m.	3747 Church St. Port Alberni	Bring your shawls & Drums
Monday, June 29	Child & Family Drop-in	1 - 2:30	CFW Office, ʔumʔiiqsu Centre	Have fun and learn about services offered
	Victoria: CFW Community Engagement	4:30 - 8 p.m.	Delta Hotels Ocean Pointe	Update on Huu-ay-aht's CFW's journey as we work through: Federal Legislative Review, Yaa'akap Act, and Jurisdiction
	Anacla Culture Night	6 - 8 p.m.	House of Huu-ay-aht	Bring your shawls & Drums

Huu-ay-aht Schedule

July 2026
Week 2: July 1 - 10

Wednesday, July 1	**Office Closed**	**8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.**	**Anacla & Port Alberni HFN Government Offices**	**Reopen on Thursday, July 2, at 8:30 a.m.**
Tuesday, July 7	**Soccer Skills Workshop**	**9:30 - 11:30 a.m.**	**Upper Anacla Field**	**All Ages. Lead by Sam Hodgetts from Ditidaht First Nations**
	BBQ Lunch	**12 - 1 p.m.**	**House of Huu-ay-aht**	**Including, welcome ceremony, cedar crafting, and culture**
	FIFA Watch Party	**1 - 3 p.m.**	**House of Huu-ay-aht**	**Watch a FIFA soccer game live!**

Culture Night

To close out the summer, the Culture Team is doing something special for our final two nights. Instead of our traditional schedule, we are hosting a Drum Making and Sewing Night!

What's available at each location:

- 20 Drum-making kits
- 4 Sewing machines

A quick note on sewing: Please keep in mind that this is not a formal shawl-making course. However, if you have a shawl you've already started, you are more than welcome to bring it in and use our machines to finish it up!

Don't miss out on these final sessions of the season. See you this Sunday in Port Alberni and Monday in Anacla!

Due to limited resources, these final culture nights for the summer will be for Huu-ay-aht Citizens only on a first-come, first-served basis. I appreciate your understanding.

HUU-AY-AHT DAYS CAMPOUT

GATHER WITH US TO HONOUR OUR SHARED HISTORY, CELEBRATE WHO WE ARE, AND CONNECT AS HUU-AY-AHT CITIZENS

AUGUST 14 - 15, 2026

PACHENA BAY BEACH

CITIZEN PRIVATE SITES

Registration now open! Deadline: Monday, August 3, 2026

For questions, please contact 250-723-0100 or events@huuayaht.org

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HUU-AY-AHT FIRST NATION
HOUSING SURVEY

WE HEARD YOU!

HOUSING IS HUU-AY-AHT CITIZEN'S #1 PRIORITY

COMPLETE THE SURVEY BY JULY 30TH TO BE ENTERED INTO THE DRAW TO WIN $250

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You spoke clearly THAT Housing is the foundation of our future. Now, we're diving deeper to understand the realities and barriers you face. Help us build the path home.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT NENE FROM IMAGINATION FX: NENEKRANEVELDT@GMAIL.COM

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Congratulations to Huu-ay-aht 2026 Graduates!

Secondary School Graduates

Ciara Brown - Dogwood, ADSS
Jason Jack - Adult Dogwood, NETP
Roy Dawson - Dogwood, John Barsby Secondary
Amber Dennis - Dogwood, Point Grey Secondary
Hailey Jacob - Dogwood, Lillooet Secondary
Emily Kosteniuk - Dogwood, EALC
Dannika Lopez - Dogwood, ADSS
Gaige Manson - Dogwood, Yale Secondary
Alayna Mundinac - High school diploma, Ozark High School
Mackenzie Parcher - Dogwood, ADSS
Donald Pilling - Adult Dogwood, EALC
Davin Powell - Dogwood, EALC
Taylor Rayner-Ginter - Dogwood, Ballenas Secondary
Gordon Seitcher - Dogwood, EALC
Isabelle Sport - Adult Dogwood
Leland Thompson - Dogwood, John Barsby Secondary

Post-Secondary Graduates

Simon Gurney - Business Administration Program certificate, Tsleil Waututh Nation Skills Centre
Arianna Johnson-Sabbas - Indigenous Community Wellness certificate, Camosun College
Sheila Mickey - Indigenous Community Wellness certificate, Camosun College
Alyssa Dennis - Aboriginal University Bridging Program certificate/ Adult Dogwood, Vancouver Island University
Robert J. Dennis - Indigenous Land Stewardship certificate, Native Education College
Maliya Eardley - Animal Care Aide Certificate, Vancouver Island University
Lee-Anna Gurney - Office Administration Employment Training certificate, Native Education College
Jenelle Johnson-Sabbas - Indigenous Health Administration Leadership program , UBC
Marlene Mickey - Adult Dogwood with Honours, WSANEC College

Daycare Graduates

Port Alberni Paawats

Bennett Weightman, Francis Robinson, Perry Jr. Robinson, Giovanni Taylor, Tommy Beks and Zavier Kane

Anacla Paawats

Daniel Martin
Doreen Dick

SAVE THE DATE

2026-2027 high school & post-secondary graduation celebration

Thursday, August 13, 2026
Location: House of Huu-ay-aht



For graduates, please confirm that you are on the graduation list and whether you need transportation supports by emailing: education@huuayaht.org

ENVISION THE FUTURE

HFN DESTINATION MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION AND MUNICIPAL REGIONAL DISTRICT TAX (MRDT) SURVEY

As we prepare to open the new Huu-ay-aht First Nations (HFN) Cultural & Visitor Centre, we are also launching an Indigenous-led Destination Management Organization dedicated to supporting, elevating, and promoting all local tourism-related businesses operating within our traditional territory including hospitality, restaurants, guided tours, charters, sport fishing, and experiential services.

The upcoming Cultural & Visitor Centre will actively promote regional businesses to visitors. By completing this survey, you help ensure the Cultural & Visitor Centre has the correct details to promote your business to incoming travelers. Please take approximately 5 minutes to complete this short survey to ensure your business details are accurately cross-referenced with our master directory.

COMPLETE THE SURVEY!

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https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TQ38WMZ

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NEED SUPPORT WITH UPDATING OR CREATING A WILL?

Huu-ay-aht First Nations would like to know if Huu-ay-aht Citizens are interested in having support to draft a Will to ensure your final wishes are honoured.

Please fill out the interest form!

Scan the QR Code, our website at huuayaht.org, or call the Huu-ay-aht Government Office at 250-723-0100

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Huu-ay-aht Citizen Firewood Program

Sunday, June 7, 8 a.m. until Fire Prohibition is Implemented

The Basics:

- **The Deal: 2 FREE cords per citizen household per year (Additional cords: $50/each).**
- **Permits: Required! Get yours on-site this Sunday with the Lands Department, or later at the Anacla & Port Alberni Huu-ay-aht Government Offices.**
- **Rules: Personal use only. No commercial sales or trading.**

Mandatory Safety & Gear:

- **Chainsaw experience required.**
- **PPE: Chaps, safety glasses, steel-toed boots.**
- **Fire Safety: Every vehicle must have a shovel & 2lb ABC fire extinguisher.**
- **Roads: Headlights ON. Logging trucks have right-of-way!**

Where to go?

Contact Stephen Smith at 250-728-3414 or stephen.s@huuayaht.org for location details.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Anacla Quarry Material Production

Where: The Anacla Quarry
When: Starting next week (Week of May 25, 2026)
Duration: Approximately one (1) month

Please be advised that material production at the Quarry is scheduled to begin next week.

- **Activity:** Operations will include blasting and the use of heavy equipment in the area.
- **Access:** This work will be strictly localized to the Quarry site. It will not disrupt access to Upper Anacla.

House of Huu-ay-aht Roof Renovations

Where: House of Huu-ay-aht, Anacla
When: Today, Tuesday, May 26, 2026
Duration: Up to two (2) weeks

Please be advised that the House of Huu-ay-aht roof replacement project has officially started as of today.

Over the next two weeks, roofing crews will actively remove and replace the metal roof. To ensure everyone's safety, please keep all vehicles and pedestrian traffic at a safe distance from the building.

Dad Central

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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

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!





CITIZEN LED RECOVERY CIRCLE

Integrating AA Principles and Wellbriety Tools

Saturday,
July 4 & 18

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

Indigenous-Led Community Celebration to Feature FIFA World Cup 2026 Match Screenings in Alberni Valley & Anacla

The 2026 Alberni Valley Indigenous-Led Soccer Community Celebration is coming this summer! Hosted by the Hupacasath First Nation in close partnership with the Tseshaht and Huu-ay-aht First Nations, this exciting event brings live screenings of the FIFA World Cup 2026 matches straight to the big screen.

Supported by the Province of British Columbia and delivered in collaboration with the Alberni Athletics Soccer Club, the City of Port Alberni, and the ACRD, this free, family-friendly gathering features 16 major matches. Come out for 8 dynamic days of action at The KCC in Port Alberni, and be sure to join us right at home for a special West Coast satellite broadcast at the House of Huu-ay-aht in Bamfield on Tuesday, July 7, 2026! Packed with youth-focused activities and open to everyone—bring your jerseys, flags, and best energy!

General Event Information

- Event Title: 2026 Alberni Valley Indigenous-Led Soccer Community Celebration
- Dates: June 12 – July 19, 2026 (Select dates across the tournament)
- Cost: 100% Free / Family-Friendly / Open to All
- Official Website: fwc26vifest.ca/join-the-celebration
- Official Facebook Page: "FIFA 2026 Vancouver Island Festivities”

Venue 1: The KCC (4090 Hollywood St., Port Alberni)

- Friday, June 12 - Games at: 12 p.m. & 6 p.m.
- Saturday, June 13 - Games at: 12 p.m., 3 p.m., 6 p.m., 9 p.m.
- Thursday, June 18 - Games at: 3 p.m. & 6 p.m.
- Sunday, June 21 - Game at 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 24 - Games at: 12 p.m. & 6 p.m.
- Friday, June 26 - Game at 8 p.m.
- Sunday, June 28 - Game at 12 p.m.
- Thursday, July 2 - Games at: 12 p.m., 4 p.m., 8 p.m.
- Sunday, July 19 - Game at 12 p.m.

Venue 2: House of Huu-ay-aht, Anacla

- Tuesday, July 7 (West Coast Feature Event) 1 p.m.



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FIFA WORLD CUP WATCH PARTY

Tuesday, July 7, 2026
House of Huu-ay-aht, Anacla, BC
Screen viewing from 1 - 3 p.m.



Join us prior to the watch party for:

Soccer Skills Workshop
Facilitated by Sam Hodgetts from Ditidaht First Nations
Upper Anacla Field
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

BBQ Lunch
House of Huu-ay-aht
12 p.m. noon
Including a welcome ceremony, cedar crafting, and culture

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Free Bronze Medallion & Cross Course

Earn a nationally recognized lifesaving certificateright here in your own community. Become a water safety leader, learn rescue skills, and gain first aid experience — open to all skill levels.



Course Details

- Participants must be 13 years old by final course day
- Must be comfortable swimming in the ocean, at various depths
- 5 day course, 8 hours per day of instruction
- Lunch provided each day

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or email dirkp@lifesaving.bc.ca

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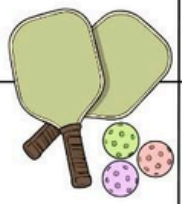
JULY 20-24, 2026 - BAMFIELD, BC - PACHENA BAY

JUNE 2026
COMMUNITY CALENDAR



MENTAL Health MATTERS

Bamfield Community School Association

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31	1 No After School Club Dodgeball, ages 16+ BCS ~ 7:30 - 9 pm	2 School's Out Gr. 1-3 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Yoga West Park Pavilion 6-7 pm Adult Basketball HOH ~ 7:30 pm - late	3 School's Out Gr. 4-7 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Juniors Soccer Wrap Up BCS ~ 6 - 7 pm	4 School's Out Gr. 1-3 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Yoga BMSC RIX ~ 7-8 pm Adult Ball Hockey HOH ~ 7:30 pm - late	5 	6 Adult Gym Drop-In, ages 19+ BCS ~ 10 am - 12 pm
7 	8 School's Out Gr. 4-7 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Volleyball, ages 16+ BCS ~ 7:30 - 9pm	9 School's Out Gr. 1-3 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Library Hour BCS ~ 4:30-6:00pm Yoga West Park Pavilion 6-7 pm Adult Basketball HOH ~ 7:30 pm - late	10 School's Out Gr. 4-7 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm 	11 School's Out Gr. 1-3 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Yoga BMSC RIX ~ 7-8 pm Adult Ball Hockey HOH ~ 7:30 pm - late	12	13 Adult Gym Drop-In, ages 19+ BCS ~ 10 am - 12 pm
14	15 School's Out Gr. 4-7 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Dodgeball, ages 16+ BCS ~ 7:30 - 9 pm	16 School's Out Gr. 1-3 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm NO YOGA Adult Basketball HOH ~ 7:30 pm - late	17 School's Out Gr. 4-7 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm	18 School's Out Gr. 1-3 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Yoga BMSC RIX ~ 7-8 pm Adult Ball Hockey HOH ~ 7:30 pm - late	19 Youth Friday Night Chill @ The Wreckage BCS 6 - 9 pm 	20 Adult Gym Drop-In, ages 19+ BCS ~ 10 am - 12 pm
21 	22 School's Out Gr. 4-7 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Soccer, ages 16+ BCS ~ 7:30 - 9 pm	23 School's Out Gr. 1-3 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Library Hour BCS ~ 4:30-6:00pm Yoga West Park Pavilion 6-7 pm Adult Basketball HOH ~ 7:30 pm - late	24 School's Out Gr. 4-7 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm	25 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!! No after school club Yoga BMSC RIX ~ 7-8 pm Adult Ball Hockey HOH ~ 7:30 pm - late	26 	27 Adult Gym Drop-In, ages 19+ BCS ~ 10 am - 12 pm
28	29 NO MONDAY NIGHT SPORT	30 Yoga West Park Pavilion 6-7 pm	Calendar Notes: • Happy Pride & Men's Mental Health Month. The BCSA Pride walk will be held at the beginning of JULY! We have many mental health resources - reach out to us! • NO community lunch this month - instead parents will be invited to celebrate our kindergarten graduation lunch! • June 25th is the Last Day of Classes at the BCS! • The Men's World Cup runs June 11 - July 19, Canada's first game is June 12th Canada vs Bosnia and Herzegovina. Go Canada Go!			

Bamfield
Community School
Association

BAMFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION'S

Summer Day Camps!

Ages 5 - 11

FREE

Lunch Provided!

At the Bamfield Community School

Camp 1: July 13th - 17th

Camp 2: July 20th - 24th

Camp 3: July 27th - 31st

Camp 3: Aug 3rd - 7th

More Information

COMING SOON

To register, please call 250-728-1220
or email managerbcsa@gmail.com

Reconciliation Theatre



WOMEN OF THE FUR TRADE

by FRANCES KONCAN

Saturday, July 11, 7:30 PM

Capitol Theatre, Port Alberni

Free Tickets @ reconciliationtheatre.ca

sponsored by the City of Port Alberni Reconciliation Fund

We're Hiring!

- Intergovernmental Affairs Advisor
- Youth & Summer Student Employment
- Casual Receptionist
- Witwak Security Worker
- Maintenance & Asset Technician

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

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Youth & Student Summer EMPLOYMENT

Are you a youth or student looking for full-time or part-time work?
Apply now for a Huu-ay-aht First Nations Government student job! Explore careers in Administration, Daycare, Lands & Natural Resources, Communications, IT, Culture, and more — in Port Alberni, Anacla, or Bamfield.

Who can apply?
- ✔ Youth or Student aged 16–25
- ✔ Registered in secondary & post-secondary school, recently finished school, or planning to return to school or training
- ✔ Preference given to Huu-ay-aht citizens

Where to apply?
We ask that all applicants complete the HFN Youth & Students Employment Program Application, available on our website under current job postings.

Deadline: Tuesday, June 30, 2026. www.huuayaht.org/work-with-us/ | 250.728.3414 | hr@huuayaht.org

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)