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## Press Release

### Huu-ay-aht Executive Council Approves Continued Closure of Ancient Village of Kiiḵin

**Anacla, B.C. – December 19, 2024** - The Huu-ay-aht Executive Council passed a motion on Thursday, December 19, confirming that the Ancient Village of Kiiḵin will remain closed to the public. This decision includes the temporary suspension of Kiiḵin Tours, which had been offered both privately and by the Nation, until further notice.

Huu-ay-aht is actively working on an exciting new research and development initiative aimed at enhancing and reimagining the Kiiḵin Tours experience. Over the years, Kiiḵin has operated under the Huu-ay-aht Economic Development Department, and the temporary closure in 2024 has provided an opportunity to focus on capacity building and long-term strategic planning.

As the Nation looks ahead to 2025, Huu-ay-aht remains committed to creating a sustainable and enriched Kiiḵin Tours program. In collaboration with Huu-ay-aht Group of Businesses and Legacy Tourism Group, the Nation is conducting comprehensive studies to ensure the preservation of this National Historic Site while enhancing the cultural and educational experience for future visitors.

The public is reminded that access to Kiiḵin remains restricted without explicit permission from Huu-ay-aht. Unauthorized tours or activities at Kiiḵin are strictly prohibited. The Nation will not assume responsibility for any accidents, damages, or liabilities arising from unauthorized access or actions.

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