



Maʔas taqimł

Huu-ay-aht First Nations Housing Authority

NOTICE OF AVAILABLE RENTAL

Application
Deadline

**June
18**

Unit for Rent:

- 1 bedroom unit in Lower Anacla
- Entry level in triplex

Please Note: If you have applied to a different unit and are interested in this unit, please contact the Housing Manager to express interest

For more information, or to apply for the unit, contact the Maʔas taqimł Housing Manager at manager@hfnha.org or 250-731-5001



*Based on Anacla Citizen data base list

*Karen Robinson
June 7*

*Dayshawn Dennis
June 7*



NTC Health Department in Anacla



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Mondays, June 2, 9, 16, 30 Afternoons	Child & Youth Support Workers (Afternoon at Soaring Eagle)
Wednesday, June 4	Dietitian, Community Health Nurse, and Quu'asa
Thursday, June 5	Quu'asa, Early Years Outreach Worker, Harm Reduction
Wednesday, June 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Health Nurse • Home Care • Mothers Support Worker • Quu'asa
Thursday, June 12	Quu'asa and Senior Coordinator
Wednesday, June 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Care • Community Health Nurse • Mothers Support Worker • Quu'asa
Thursday, June 19	Early Years Outreach Worker and Quu'asa
Wednesday, June 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mothers Support Worker • Early Years Coordinator • Harm Reductions • Quu'asa • Home Care • Nurse Navigator
Thursday, June 26	Home Care, Quu'asa, and Early Years Outreach Worker

Contact

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

Huu-ay-aht Schedule

June 2025

Thursdays	CFW Snack & Chat	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Anacla Government Office
	Anacla Shuttle	11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Anacla
Sundays	Culture Nights	2:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.	3747 Church St.
Tues., June 10 - Wed., June 11	Two-Day Grief & Loss Wellness Circle	10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Italian Hall (4065 6th Ave.)
Thurs., June 12	Executive Council Meeting	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Anacla Government Office/Zoom
Fri., June 20	STAT: Government Offices Closed	8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Port Alberni and Anacla
	Nation Indigenous People's Day Event	11 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Pachena Beach Private Site
Tues., June 24	Indigenous Entrepreneurs Workshop	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Barclay Hotel (4277 Stamp Ave.)
Wed., June 25	Beach Day	11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Pachena Beach
	Family Berry Picking	4 p.m.	Soaring Eagle



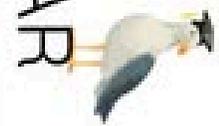
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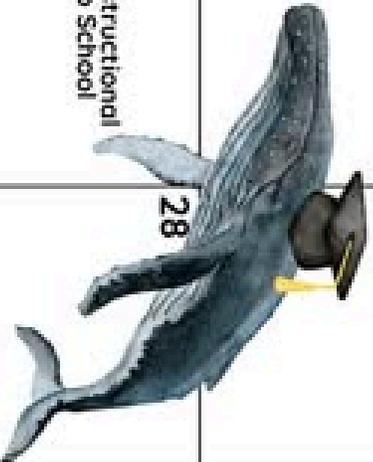
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Youth Coordinator Schedule **June 2025**

Sundays	Port Alberni Culture	All Ages	2:30 - 5 p.m.	3747 Church St.
Mondays	NTC Youth Group	Ages 12 and up	3 - 5 p.m.	Soaring Eagle, Anacla
Fri., June 6	Frybread Friday	Ages 7 and up	2 - 5:30 p.m.	Soaring Eagle, Anacla
Sat., June 7	Fredrick Lake Day	Ages 10 and up	Pickup starting at noon	Soaring Eagle, Anacla
Thurs., June 12	Forest Walk & Garden	Ages 5 - 7	3 - 5 p.m.	Soaring Eagle, Anacla
Fri., June 13	Frybread Friday	Ages 7 and up	2 - 5:30 p.m.	Soaring Eagle, Anacla
Sat., June 14	Gardening	Ages 5 & 6	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Soaring Eagle, Anacla
	West Coast Trail Ladders	Ages 10 and up	1 - 2 p.m.	Soaring Eagle, Anacla
	Pachena Beach	Ages 7 - 10	3 - 5 p.m.	Soaring Eagle, Anacla
Thurs., June 19	Forest Walk & Garden	Ages 5 - 7	3 - 5 p.m.,	Soaring Eagle, Anacla
Fri., June 20	Indigenous People's Day	All Ages	11 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Anacla Private Sites
Wed., June 25	Family Berry Picking	All ages, Parents must accompany	4 p.m.	Soaring Eagle, Anacla
Thurs., June 26	Forest Walk & Garden	Ages 5 - 7	3 - 5 p.m.	Soaring Eagle, Anacla
Fri., June 27	Frybread Friday	Ages 7 and up	2 - 5:30 p.m.	Soaring Eagle, Anacla
Sat., June 28	Boat Ride	Ages 5 and 6	TBD	Soaring Eagle, Anacla

JUNE 2025 COMMUNITY CALENDAR



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1  SongWest Singing Retreat	2 NTC Youth Drop-In Board Games SE - 3:15 - 5:15 pm Adult Volleyball BCS - 7 - 8:30 pm	3 K Day! BCS - 10:15 - 11:30 am After School Club BCS - 5 - 4:30 pm Adult Basketball BCS - 7:30 - 9:30 pm	4 Yoga with Alessandra BCS - 5:15 - 6:15 pm Tee Ball BCS - 6 - 7 pm	5 Warriors Anocío - 4:30 pm Huu-qu-ahit Culture Practice BCS - 7:30 - 9:30 pm	6 Rainbow Party! BCS - 10:45 - 11:45 am SongWest Singing Retreat	7 SongWest Singing Retreat 
8 SongWest Singing Retreat	9 SongWest Singing Retreat NTC Youth Drop-In Movie Night SE - 3:15 - 5:15 pm Adult Dodgeball BCS - 7 - 8:30 pm	10 After School Club BCS - 5 - 4:30 pm Adult Basketball BCS - 7:30 - 9:30 pm	11 Yoga with Aneri BCS - 5:15 - 6:15 pm Tee Ball: Final Game and Pizza Party BCS - 6 - 7:30 pm	12 After School Club BCS - 5 - 4:30 pm Warriors Anocío - 4:30 pm Huu-qu-ahit Culture Practice BCS - 7:30 - 9:30 pm	13 Friday Night Chill - End of Year Party Fireball - 7:30 - 10:30 pm	14 Indigenous Peoples' Day! 
15 Community BBQ Potluck Pocheno Gazebo - 2 pm	16 NTC Youth Drop-In Craft Night SE - 3:15 - 5:15 pm Community Affairs Mtg Zoom - 6:30 pm Adult Soccer BCS - 7 - 8:30 pm	17 After School Club BCS - 5 - 4:30 pm Adult Basketball BCS - 7:30 - 9:30 pm	18 Imagination Station: Beading BCS - 3 - 4:30 pm Yoga with Alessandra BCS - 5:15 - 6:15 pm	19 After School Club BCS - 5 - 4:30 pm Warriors Anocío - 4:30 pm Fitness Training BCS - 5 - 6 pm Huu-qu-ahit Culture Practice BCS - 7:30 - 9:30 pm	20 Summer Solstice	21 Indigenous Peoples' Day!
22 	23 Adult Dodgeball BCS - 7 - 8:30 pm	24 After School Club - End of Year Party BCS - 5 - 4:30 pm Adult Basketball BCS - 7:30 - 9:30 pm	25 NTC Beach Day! Pocheno Yoga with Alessandra BCS - 5:15 - 6:15 pm	26 Last Day of School! Bamfield Community School Graduation BMSC Rlx - 4 - 6 pm Huu-qu-ahit Culture Practice BCS - 7:30 - 9:30 pm	27 Non-instructional Day, No School 	28 



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BEACH DAY



2025



Come join us for a fun filled afternoon at Pachena Beach! Kick off summer with activities such as Fire Truck tour, beach games, Culture, face painting, and more! Hope to see you and your family there!!



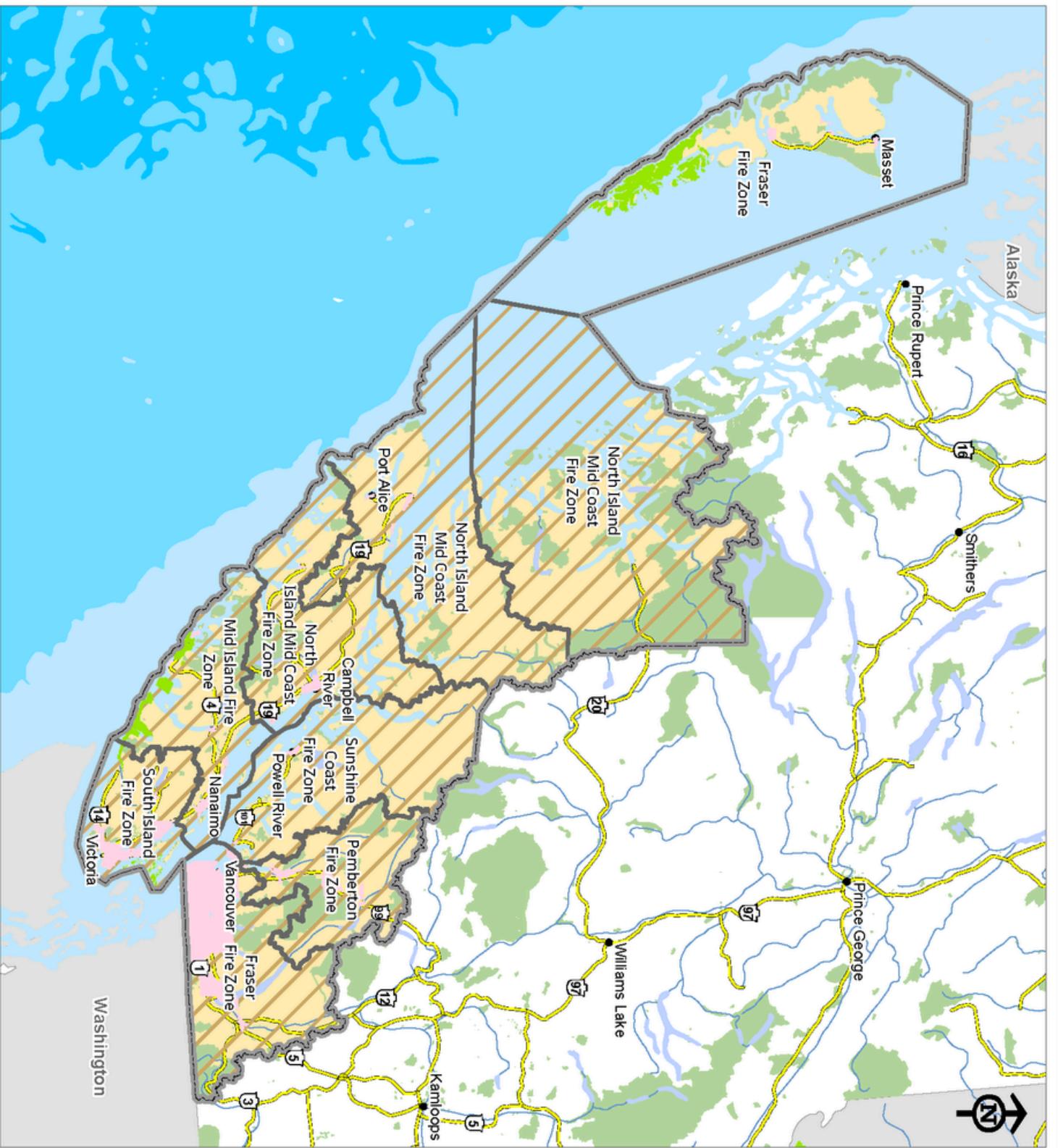
Pachena Beach 
Wednesday, June 25th



11:00 AM - 3:30 PM



DESIREE SANDERSON 250-735-2444
KRISTEN YOUNG 250-728-3414



Coastal Fire Centre Prohibition Areas

- Prohibition Area A*
- Prohibition Area A in BC Park / Protected Area*
- Prohibition Area B*
- Prohibition Area B in BC Park / Protected Area*
- Coastal Fire Centre
- Fire Zone Boundary
- BC Park / Protected Area
- National Park
- Municipality



Order: Cef-C-2023-001

Effective Date: This Order takes effect at 12:00 noon Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) on May 30, 2023 and remains in force until the earlier of 12:00 noon Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) Friday October 31, 2023 or until the Order is rescinded.

***Prohibition Area A prohibits the following:**

- Category 2 open fire as defined in the *Wildfire Regulation*
- Binary Exploding Targets
- Fireworks, as defined in the *Fireworks Act*
- Burn barrels or Burn Cages of any size or description
- Controlled Air Inverters
- Air Curtain Burners
- Carbonizers

***Prohibition Area B prohibits the following:**

- Category 3 open fire as defined in the *Wildfire Regulation*
- Carbonizers
- Air Curtain Burners

Disclaimer:

BC Wildfire Prohibitions (fire bans) and restrictions are made under Sec 10, 11, 12 of the *Wildfire Act*. Prohibitions and restrictions apply to all land described in the legal order. Municipalities regulate open fire within their boundaries. This data does not show municipal prohibitions or restrictions, so please check with your local municipality for any other restrictions before igniting any fire.

Coordinate System: NAD 1983 Albers

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GROW CONNECT THRIVE

A 4-Hour Workshop for Indigenous Entrepreneurs

Got a great idea? Ready to take the first step?
This workshop is built for Indigenous changemakers
and aspiring entrepreneurs ready to turn ideas into
action!



Jennifer Gallic
Business Development Officer
NEDC

Register Now!

P: 250-735-8871
E: mary@nedc.info

Workshop Highlights:

- Overview of NEDC's services and funding supports
- Introduction to entrepreneurship (Is this the right path for you?)
- Discussion on entrepreneurial mindset, sacrifices, and potential rewards
- Addressing common myths about business ownership
- Inclusion of real-life success stories from Indigenous entrepreneurs

Why Attend?

- Unlock new business potential on Vancouver Island
- Network with Indigenous entrepreneurs and leaders
- Enjoy free lunch + a chance to win a door prize!

Tuesday, June 24, 2025 | 10am - 2pm
Best Western Plus Barclay Hotel, Port Alberni



Youth Volunteers Needed!

Are you a youth interested in volunteering and supporting the 25th anniversary House of Huu-ay-aht Celebration on Saturday, July 26?

We need two youth to support the Mater of Ceremony by running around, passing out materials, directing people, and more.

If interested, please fill out the form in our caption to share your interest. Once selected, a Huu-ay-aht staff member will be in contact.



Huu-ay-aht Land Use Regulations Amendments Project

Hišimlin (We are all together). We're excited to share with you the launch of the Huu-ay-aht First Nations (HFN) Land Use Regulations Amendments Project, which is a significant step forward for our community following the adoption of the Framework Plan. It is with the spirit and intent of taking care of our ɥahuuli that we move this project forward! We will keep citizens informed about this Project through Newsletters, HFN App updates, and an upcoming webpage on the nation's website, where you can learn why we're undertaking this work, who's helping to move it forward, how long it will take, and how you can get involved.

What is this project about and why are we doing it?

ʔaaʔaayišahapaʔin (we have lots to do). Huu-ay-aht has over 8,250 hectares of land within our Treaty settlement boundaries. Guided by our key policy frameworks—2024-2029 Strategic Plan, Hišuk ma čawak Integrated Resource Management Plan, Community Economic Development Plan, and our Framework Plan—This project will update four regulations under the Huu-ay-aht Community Planning and Development Act, which includes our:

- 1. Land Use Plan Regulation:** This document outlines our long-term vision for land use and development within our ɥahuuli, and all other regulations must align with it.
- 2. Zoning Regulation:** This document establishes guidelines for the types of development that can occur in specific areas, as well as the permitted uses and construction methods for each property.
- 3. Development and Building Permit Regulation:** This document outlines the steps applicants must take to develop land in our ɥahuuli.
- 4. The Residential Lease Regulation:** This document explains the steps required to establish residential leases on our ɥahuuli.

Who is helping to move this project forward?

ʔiʔičaʔukwiʔasin (we will be steering our canoe in the right direction). This project is led by HFN Lands and Natural Resources Department, with oversight from the Executive and ɥawiiɥ Councils and support from a working group comprising staff from multiple departments. Huu-ay-aht has also hired Firelight, an Indigenous-owned and led consulting firm, to help support the project with planning and technical support services. Firelight collaborates with Indigenous governments and organizations throughout BC and Canada. You can learn more about them, the values that guide their work, and the services they provide at <https://firelight.ca>.

How long will the project take and how can I be involved?

ɥaačatiʔ ʔaaqʔin haaɥin (We'll invite others). Launched in May 2025, this year-long project is scheduled for completion in April 2026. During this time, we will host a series of virtual and in-person citizen engagement opportunities to reach out to and hear from as many citizens as possible. We will also share project updates openly and regularly to spotlight how your input is helping shape the proposed amendments—ensuring they reflect the real needs of our citizens and their daily lives. There are several ways to stay informed and get involved, including visiting the Huu-ay-aht app or website, attending citizen engagement opportunities, and staying informed by reading the newsletters.



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Call for Photos

Celebrations at the House of Huu-ay-aht

Do you have any photos from past celebrations at the House of Huu-ay-aht, including the Grand Opening in 2000? We are looking to collect and honour visual memories from these special events. Your photos could help us preserve and share the rich history of the community.

If you have images you'd like to share, please send them to communications@huuayaht.org, or drop by the Anacla or Port Alberni Government Office during open hours, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m..

Please include:

- Your name and contact info
- Event name and year (if known)
- A brief description of the photo (who is in it, etc.)

VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR

Pachena Bay Music Festival *Sacred Sober & Safe Space*



During the Pachena Music Festival on Saturday, July 19, we will have a Sacred Sober & Safe Space. We are seeking individuals to help supervise this area.

Volunteers will ensure a healthy environment and provide snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. Those who volunteer will receive an honorarium. If you can commit to a time slot, please contact Rena. Thank you!

CONTACT:

Rena Johnson
rena.j@huuayaht.org
250-720-0100

It's that time of year again! Tax time.... As per the Huu-ay-aht Housing Regulation:

Section 20 – Annual Income Review

(1) *By June 15 of each year, the tenant of the unit must*

- (a) *Supply their previous year's notice of assessment from Canada Revenue Agency, and*
- (b) *Provide any other information the housing authority requires in order to assess their income within reasonable timelines set by the housing authority.*

(2) *Subject to sections 21 to 23, if the tenant fails to provide the information set out in subsection (1) or otherwise does not continue to qualify, the housing authority will provide at least two full calendar months' notice of termination of the tenancy effective no later than September 1 of the year in which the information under subsection (1) was provided.*

(3) *If the tenant continues to qualify for the unit, the housing authority will give at least two full calendar months' notice of any increase in their rent effective no later than September 1 of the year in which the information under subsection (1) was provided.*

The Huu-ay-aht Housing Regulation can be found on the website. <https://huyuayaht.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Rental-Housing-Regulation.pdf>

Here is what you will need to do:

File your income taxes with Canada Revenue Agency. The deadline for filing taxes is April 30 annually. You can do these yourself either online, by mailing in completed income tax package or you can have an accountant company do it for you. You will receive your Notice of Assessment after you file your taxes. You will receive this either by mail or digitally to your online account if you have created one. Once you have received your Notice of Assessment, you will submit to rentalhousing@hfnha.org.

The deadline is June 15, 2025.

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Maʔas taqimł Housing Society Office

143 Nookemus Road, Anacla, BC V0R 1B0

manager@hfnha.org | 250-720-6740



Social Housing - Rental Payments

The Housing Society has been accepting rent payments by e-transfer since April 2024

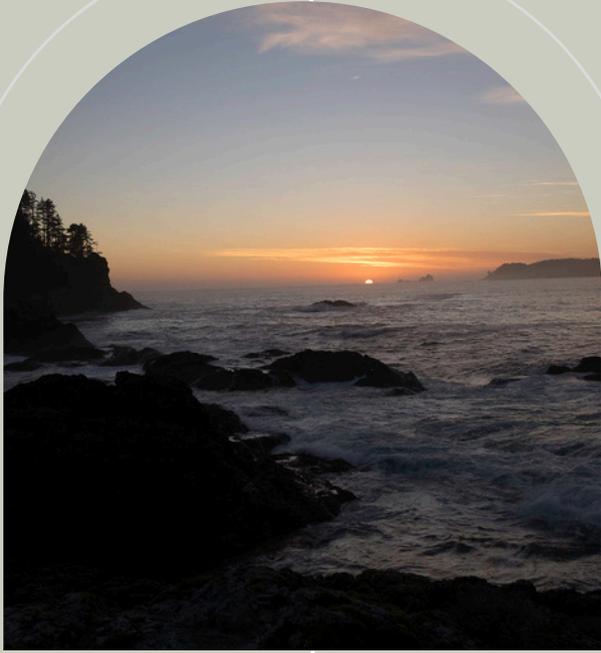
Rent is to be paid in full on the 1st of each month, paid by e-Transfer to manager@hfnha.org must include memo “Rental Unit and Months Rent”.

We encourage tenants to pay rent by e-transfer, however we continue to accept cash payments.

If you are a Tenant and are paying in cash, the payments may be dropped off at the Housing Office where a receipt will be given.

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Two-Day Grief and Loss WELLNESS CIRCLE

TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025
&
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2025

LOCATION: ITALIAN HALL
(4065 6TH AVE. PORT ALBERNI)

CONTACT

RENA JOHNSON
250-723-0100
rena.j@huuayaht.org

Spaces are limited

The two-day circle, which takes place between 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., is for HUU-AY-AHT citizens 18 years and older. It will be facilitated by Cory Howard Sr, Jennifer Hastings, and Rena Johnson. Snacks and lunch will be provided. Gas support is available for those travelling from out of town.

You are Invited

HOUSE OF HUU-AY-AHT 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Saturday, July 26, 2025
Doors open at 9:30 a.m.
Lunch and Dinner will be served
Everyone welcome
Bring your shawls and drums

Family Berry Picking

Date: Wednesday, June 25

Meeting Location: Soaring Eagle, Anacla

Time: 4 p.m.

Lead by: Jacquie Dennis, Victoria Nookemus, and Celine Sauve

Please bring a container or bucket for the berries, a snack, an outdoor chair, and water for hydration. Additionally, all children must be accompanied by an adult.

If you have any questions, please contact Victoria Nookemus by email at victoria_n@huuayaht.org or connect on Facebook Message at Vikky HFN Outreachworker.

Please remember to place all garbage inside the bins and NOT beside them. Leaving trash outside attracts wildlife and creates a mess.



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Welcome to our ḥaḥuuti Video

Scan the QR code or visit www.huuayaht.org



Child & Family Wellness Drop-in snack and Chat

Date: Thursdays

Where: Anacla Government Office

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

Topics: Self Care, Parenting tips, Stress Management, Conflict Resolution, Communication, Boundaries, Crafting, Affordable activities, & cooking on a budget



Upper Anacla Sewer System!

Reminder: Citizens using the sewer system in Upper Anacla, please do not flush baby wipes, menstrual products, or non-biodegradable materials. These items cause serious damage to the treatment plant. Let's work together to protect our infrastructure.





Hawiih Councillor Theresa Nookemus

- Planned to attend the **Land Claim Agreement Coalition (LCAC)** in Ottawa and have citizens participate in cultural event, but due to several deaths, Hawiih Council made the decision to cancel.
- **Nananiqsu** met and discussed “The Archived Report” and how artifacts should be documented. Nananiqsu agreed to take a trip and view the artifacts.
- Heather Castleden attended the Nananiqsu meeting to discuss someone being a Nananiqsu representative to support and review the **Tribunal Process**.



Edward R. Johnson

- Huu-ay-aht First Nations (HFN) undertook a **Comprehensive Capital Needs Assessment** to evaluate their Child and Family Services (CFS) delivery. The objective was to identify gaps and determine the necessary capital assets to support these services. Huu-ay-aht has received significant funding from Canadian Human Rights Tribunal (CHRT) to support the **Child and Family Services and ?um?iiqsu Centre**
- Huu-ay-aht, Binche, and Tsq’escen First Nation met to discuss CHRT - 41 and the Jurisdiction & Coordination Agreement Journey. Followed was a tour of the ?um?iiqsu Centre
- Attended the **Lands Claim Agreement Coalition (LCAC)** with 28 modern treaty nations in attendance, and was able to make **connections** and discuss strategies, movement, and changes within our Nations, including a discussion around Youth.

Stephen Rayner

- The **Solar upgrades** for Anacla Government Office are moving forward.
- The draft is **Framework Plan** is complete and we are nearing the finalization and approval process.
- We are entering the second phase of the **Governance Project**, creating the draft legislative changes.



Evan Cook

- The 2025-2026 **Budget Act** was completed with notable increases related to the accounting services, Oomiiqsu Centre, and Huumiis Ventures Ltd.
- **Huu-ay-aht Group of Businesses** has been busy completing the land purchase for the Micro-tel Hotel in Port Alberni, the harvesting of the cut block by Sarita River, and the construction of the Nova Harvest Oster production facility also in Port Alberni.
- For **economic development**, Evan has been building relationships with China Group Stackable and Salish Elements and our 4-year community economic development plan is 90% completed.

Stella Peters

- Our Culture and Wellness team hosted **dance practices** in Anacla and Port Alberni to prepare delegations for Hoobiyee and Ottawa, but the trips were cancelled due to recent losses in our Nation.
- Our **Nananiqsu** raised funds to attend Hoobiyee, and they had a wonderful experience.
- Our Nation is preparing for the **25th anniversary of the House of Huu-ay-aht** on July 26, which will be a special time for celebration and unity.
- Hinatinyis is leading **Language** efforts and is doing great work in our homelands.
- Stella will be working with ḥawiiḥ Council and Nananiqsu, including Theresa Nookemis and Jeff Cook, on identifying artifacts that may belong to Huu-ay-aht.





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New Staff Members Join Huu-ay-aht First Nations



Aneesha Narang

Aneesha Narang is excited to join the Huu-ay-aht Finance team. Born and raised in Port Alberni, she moved away to pursue her education and build a career as an accountant in the Lower Mainland. Now, she is grateful for the opportunity to return and contribute to the community that helped shape her.

Since 2018, Aneesha has worked in accounting and finance across various sectors, including First Nations, municipalities, and non-profit organizations. These diverse experiences have deepened her appreciation for community-driven work, and she is eager to bring that passion to her role with Huu-ay-aht.

Outside of her professional life, Aneesha is an avid runner and helps lead a run club in the Fraser Valley. She is also actively involved in local and international sports communities, serving on the boards of the Alberni Valley Track Club and the global organization Sport for Life.

She looks forward to being part of the Huu-ay-aht team and connecting with community members.



Jacquie Dennis is excited to return to her role as Youth Worker with Huu-ay-aht First Nations. Known affectionately by the kids as “Jacqweee,” she will be coordinating youth activities for children aged 5 to 12. After previously serving in this role for 11 months, she is rejoining the team after a brief three-month break and is eager to continue supporting Huu-ay-aht youth.

Jacquie is currently enrolling in further education to enhance her skills and deepen her impact on the community. Her dedication to lifelong learning reflects her commitment to creating meaningful experiences for the youth she works with.

Outside of work, Jacquie has a passion for houseplants, gardening, and self-sufficiency. She is currently growing 15 different types of vegetables in her home garden, as well as many more in the community garden

In the summer, she enjoys smoking and jarring fish, embracing traditional and sustainable practices. She’s also working toward a personal goal of running a 10 K, having already completed her first 5 K. Jacquie is grateful for the warm welcome back and looks forward to reconnecting with the community and creating a fun and supportive environment for Huu-ay-aht youth.



Suzanne Teske is thrilled to join the Huu-ay-aht team as a Registry Clerk. Recently relocated to beautiful Port Alberni from Ottawa, where she was born and raised, Suzanne brings with her a wealth of experience in administration and community service.

For 25 years, Suzanne and her husband, Rob, owned and operated a martial arts studio in Ottawa, a fulfilling chapter they recently passed on to two of their top students to continue its legacy. Alongside their business, Suzanne worked for the City of Ottawa from 2005, primarily as a Senior Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Fire Services and later to the Director of By-law & Regulatory Services. These roles strengthened her skills in organization, communication, and public service. In 2010, her passion for supporting others led her to become a certified Life Coach. Rob continues to work remotely for the Supreme Court of Canada—a role they both take great pride in.



Suzanne Teske

The couple moved to British Columbia in January 2025 to be closer to their family who live in Comox. Suzanne and Rob also share their home with two beloved dogs—Cleo, their resilient 16-year-old, and Loki, their energetic 3-year-old Rottweiler. Suzanne is looking forward to this new chapter with the Huu-ay-aht First Nations and is excited to contribute her experience and enthusiasm to the community.

Huu-ay-aht Warriors Compete in the 6th Annual Warrior Games

The Huu-ay-aht Warrior team recently competed in the 6th Annual Warrior Games at the end of May. This year, the games were hosted in the mountainous territory of Ehattesaht, approximately a six-hour drive north of Anacla.

Five Huu-ay-aht team members—Issiah Dennis, Chase Young, Landon Wares, Jordan Oppel, and Ryder Flanagan—represented our Nation, competing against seven other participating Nations and groups: Ka:'yu:k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h', Ehattesaht, Tla-o-qui-aht, Yuułu?iŋ?ath, Uchucklesaht, the Port Alberni Multi-Nation team, and Ditidaht.

The Warrior Games are modelled after tupaati (traditional marriage activities) and include events such as the forest run, archery, slingshot, hatchet throw, log balance, feather swim, and a fire-starting challenge.

Highlights from this year's competition include:

- Issiah Dennis earning podium finishes in both the forest run and log balance.
- Jordan Oppel and Landon Wares sweeping first and second place in the hatchet throw.
- Ryder Flanagan and Chase Young show great perseverance and teamwork during the fire-starting challenge.

The competition remained fierce throughout the weekend, with four teams in contention for the trophy heading into the final event. Ultimately, the Huu-ay-aht Warriors earned a proud 3rd place finish, behind the Tla-o-qui-aht and Yuułu?iŋ?ath teams.

A significant part of the weekend involved reconnecting with past Huu-ay-aht Warrior team members, including Brody and Jimmy Joseph, as well as Andrew Clappis Jr., and meeting new Warriors from other Nations.

Special recognition goes to Andrew Clappis Jr., who helped organize the weekend while also leading the Port Alberni Multi-Nation team to their first-ever Warrior Games appearance. Well done, Andy. Your leadership is truly exemplary!

Finally, kudos to all the participating Nations and youth. It takes pride and courage to explore new territories and bring respectful excitement to these events. The Huu-ay-aht Warriors are already looking forward to next year's games so they can get the trophy home to Huu-ay-aht.



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.

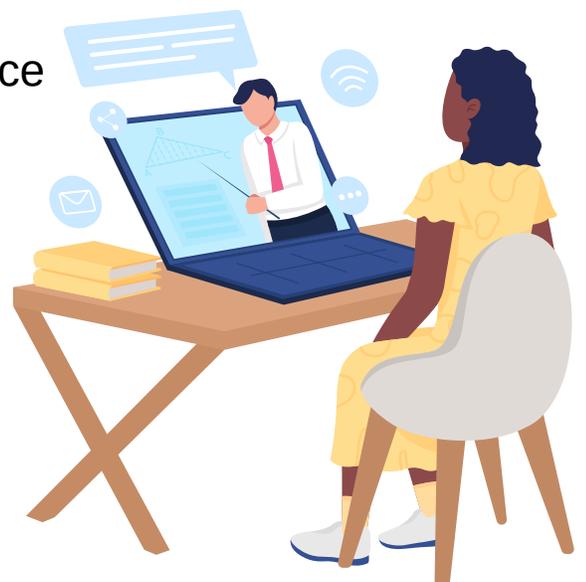
Topics include:

- 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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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

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)

WE ARE HIRING!

- Housing Manager - Open until filled
- Tenant Support Worker - Until all positions are filled

For the full job posting of both positions, please visit our website: www.huuayaht.org/whats-happening/work-with-us/ or scan QR code.

SCAN ME



Notice: Extension of Closure

Please be advised that the House of Huu-ay-aht will remain closed to the public for the remainder of the week due to ongoing electrical work associated with kitchen renovations. Electricians will be onsite all week, and power interruptions are expected. As such, no use of the facility will be permitted during the day or in the evenings until further notice.

The kitchen renovation schedule has been delayed and is currently being revised. We will share updated details as soon as they become available.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to improve our community space.

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(Thank you)

We are hiring!

Summer Day Camp Leader



Are you interested in creating meaningful educational and recreational opportunities for children? Apply to be our Summer Day Camp Facilitator in beautiful Bamfield, in Huu-ay-aht Territory on Vancouver Island!

The Bamfield Community School Association (BCSA) is seeking an energetic individual to design, promote, and implement activities for kids that are creative, inspiring, and take advantage of our wonderful outdoor environment!

Experience working with children, knowledge of child development, and strong interpersonal skills are assets.

This 9-week, 30 hour/week position has a start date of June 23rd. Compensation will be \$25/hour. Applicants must be between the ages of 15 - 30. Please apply by Friday May 30th!

Join our team for a fun and memorable summer!

Please send a resume and cover letter to BCSA Manager Jaslyn Haberl at bcsacoordinator@gmail.com. Please feel free to email or call 250-728-1220 with any questions.

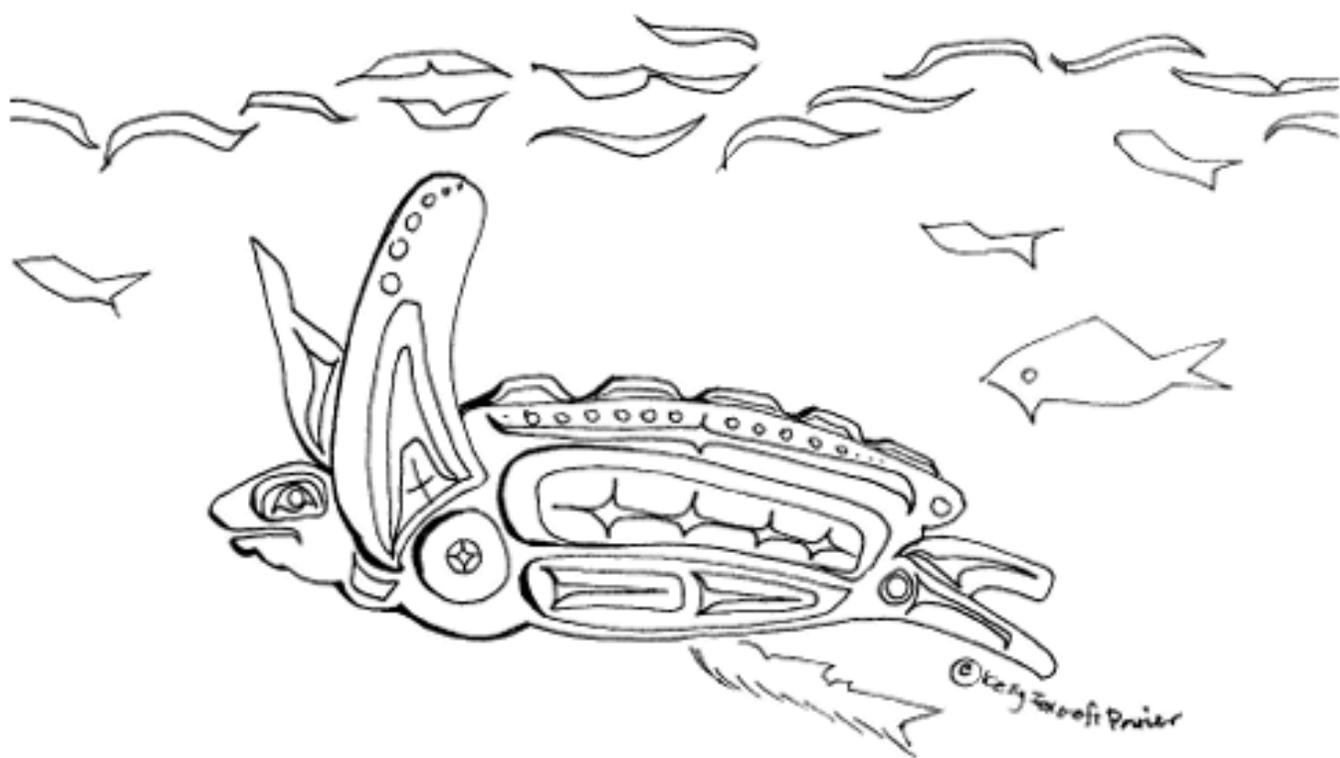
This position is generously funded through the Canada Summer Jobs Program

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LEATHERBACK SEA TURTLE

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The Leatherback Sea Turtle is not commonly seen in Nuu-chah-nulth territory, but is known to pass through West Coast waters from time to time. In some stories the turtle represents the earth itself, with a hard shell on the outside and life contained within. Because the turtle's shell forms a circle, the circular shape suggests the cycles of life and the seasons.



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