

 Huu-ay-aht First Nations

2025 ANNUAL PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2025

 10 a.m. |  Port Alberni Athletic Hall

1 DAY LEFT!

All information regarding the 2025 Annual People's Assembly, can be found on our website!

www.huuayaht.org



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Based on Anacla
Citizen data base list

*Dawn Gallant
November 22*

*Phillip Dennis Jr
November 23*

*Vanessa Young
November 23*

*Richard Nookemus
November 24*

*Mia Pye
November 25*

*Cierra Nookemus
November 28*

*Andrea Lucas
December 1*

*Edward Johnson
December 4*



*Jonathon Derocher
December 9*



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PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY INFORMATION SHARING SESSION

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

 12 – 7 p.m.  Port Alberni Athletic Hall

12 – 5 p.m. – Huu-ay-aht Administration will host various information booths for attendees to connect with Huu-ay-aht departments, Partners, and our Group of Businesses.

12:30 p.m. - Lunch

Engagement Presentations: Opportunities for citizens to learn about Huu-ay-aht major projects, program developments, and business and economic developments

Huu-ay-aht Government projects that will help guide government programs, community safety, and treaty implementation:

1 p.m. - Imagination FC: Huu-ay-aht Citizen Survey Project

1:25 p.m. - Alberni Valley Restorative Justice Society Presentation

1:50 p.m. - Port Alberni RCMP Indigenous Policing Services Presentation

2:15 p.m. - Tribunal Project Update

2:40 p.m. - Research Project: tašii?akqin ?uyaqhmisukqin (Our Journey, Our Story): Huu-ay-aht Perspectives on Treaty Implementation Update

Huu-ay-aht Government projects that will help strengthen Huu-ay-aht lands and natural resources:

3:05 p.m. - Parks Canada: West Coast Trail Unit of Pacific Rim National Park Reserve Update

3:30 p.m. - The Firelight Group: Land Use Amendments Project

Huu-ay-aht First Nations businesses and Economic Partnership that will help build self-reliance for the Nation:

3:55 p.m. - Huu-ay-aht Group of Business: Annual Update

4:20 p.m. - Huu-ay-aht & Forum Partnership: Framework Plan Adoption and next steps

5:00 p.m. - Dinner

5:30 - 7 p.m. - Culture

If you have any questions or would prefer to receive your materials by email, please contact peoplesassembly@huuayaht.org



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ENVISION THE FUTURE

Shape British Columbia's First Indigenous-led destination management organization (DMO). Join us for a key community engagement workshop to discuss a Huu-ay-aht First Nations led Destination Management Organization and new tourism development funding - Municipal Regional District Tax (MRDT). **Come learn about the process and contribute your ideas for maximizing social, economic, and cultural benefits.**

FRIDAY  **Bamfield and Anacla Residents Welcome**

 **DECEMBER 12, 2025**

 **3:30 - 6 P.M.**

 **HOUSE OF HUU-AY-AHT**
Upper Anacla

RSVP NOW
SCAN QR CODE



SCAN HERE

 **Snacks & Dinner Served**

QUESTIONS?

 piyush.p@huuayaht.org  250-723-0100



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STRATEGIES



Huu-ay-aht Schedule

Nov-Dec 2025

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
Sat., Nov. 22	PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY	10 a.m.	Port Alberni Athletic Hall
Wed. Nov. 26	Lunch and Learn	11 a.m. - 2 p.m.	House of Huu-ay-aht
Nov. 26, Dec. 3, Dec. 8	Women's Circle	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Port Alberni Government Office
Sat., Nov. 29	Recovery Circle	12 - 1:30 p.m.	Soaring Eagle, Anacla
Dec 1 - 4	PAL & CORE Course	8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Anacla Government Office
Fri. Dec. 12	Envision the Future	3:30 - 6:00 p.m.	House of Huu-ay-aht
Sat. Dec. 13	Huu-ay-aht Citizens Family Skate	5 - 7 p.m.	Multiplex Center, Port Alberni
Fri. Dec. 19	CFW sponsored Huu-ay-aht Citizens Family Skate	12:30 - 2:30 p.m.	Multiplex Center, Port Alberni
Dec 22 - Jan. 5	Offices Closed	8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Anacla and Port Alberni Government Offices

Youth Program Schedule

With Jacquie Dennis

Nov-Dec 2025

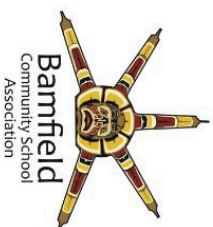
Sundays	Beach Walk	Ages 5 - 7	11 a.m.	Soaring Eagle, Anacla
Mondays	Anacla: Culture Night	All Ages	7 - 9 p.m.	House of Huu-ay-aht
Mon., Nov 24	NTC Drop in Hot Chocolate & Board Games	Youth 12 +	7 - 9 p.m.	Soaring Eagle, Anacla
Mon., Dec 8	NTC Drop in Grinchmas Theme	Youth 12 +	7 - 9 p.m.	Soaring Eagle, Anacla
Mon., Dec 15	Last NTC Drop in before Christmas	Youth 12 +	7 - 9 p.m.	Soaring Eagle, Anacla



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NOVEMBER 2025 COMMUNITY CALENDAR



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<p>9</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>Non-instructional day, No School Pottery Class BCS ~ 6:30 - 8:30 pm Adult Dodgeball BCS ~ 7 - 8:30 pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Remembrance Day, No School Pottery Class BCS ~ 6:30 - 8:30 pm Adult Basketball HOH ~ 7:30 pm - late</p>	<p>12</p> <p>School's Out Gr. 4-7 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Dance Workout BCS ~ 5:30 - 6:30 pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>School's Out Gr. 1-3 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm French Hour BCS ~ 5:30-6:30 <i>Bonjour</i> Adult Ball Hockey HOH ~ 7:30 pm - late</p>	<p>14</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>Oysters, Authors, & Ale BMSC ~ 5:30 - 10:30 pm</p> 
<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>School's Out Gr. 4-7 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Adult Dodgeball BCS ~ 7 - 8:30 pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>School's Out Gr. 1-3 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Yoga BCS ~ 5 - 6 pm Adult Basketball HOH ~ 7:30 pm - late</p>	<p>19</p> <p>School's Out Gr. 4-7 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Community Lunch BCS ~ 12 - 1 pm Dance Workout BCS ~ 5:30 - 6:30 pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>School's Out Gr. 1-3 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm French Hour BCS ~ 5:30-6:30 Adult Ball Hockey HOH ~ 7:30 pm - late</p>	<p>21</p> 	<p>22</p>
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<p>30</p> <p>Community Christmas Potluck HOH ~ 4pm</p> 	<p>Calendar Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn more about our events by checking our Website or Facebook page, or by emailing the BCSA! You can buy a ticket for Oysters, Authors, and Ale at the Market, the Bamfield Mercantile & Marine, or at the BCSA 					

Anacla Little Library - Give a Book, Take a Book

Visit the community Book Exchange in Anacla!

The shelf is set up in the Anacla Office, between the entrance doors.

If you have gently used books you'd like to share, please bring them to the Anacla Office.

Everyone is welcome to give a book, take a book, and enjoy the exchange!



Lunch & Learn

📍 House of Huu-ay-aht

📅 Wednesday, November 26

🕒 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.



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Anacla Citizens:
Meet the staff of the
NTC Quu'asa Team

Winter Wonderland Skating!



 **Saturday, December 13**

 **5 - 7 p.m.**

 **Pizza, hot chocolate and snacks will be provided**

 **Friday, December 19**

 **12:30 - 2:30 p.m.**

 **Snacks & hot chocolate will be provided**

 **Alberni Valley Multiplex
3737 Roger St., Port Alberni**

- Huu-ay-aht Citizens
- Skate rentals are free
- Snacks will be provided
- Gas cards will not be provided for this event

Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council presents the 2025 Urban Community HOLIDAY GATHERINGS



Victoria	December 02 4pm-9pm	Edelweiss Club 108 Niagara Street, Victoria
Vancouver	December 04 4pm-9pm	Japanese Hall 475 Alexander Street, Vancouver
Nanaimo	December 9 4pm-9pm	Beban Park Auditorium 2300 Bowen Road, Nanaimo
Port Alberni	December 10 4pm-9pm	Italian Hall 4065 6 th Avenue, Port Alberni
Campbell River	December 11 4pm-9pm	Thunderbird Hall 1420 Wewaikum Road Campbell River

For more information, please contact Deborah Smith at the NTC Main Office at (250) 724-5757 ext. 244

Join us for a fun-filled family evening. Bring your drums!

PAL & CORE Course

Anacla Government Office

December 1 – 4, 2025

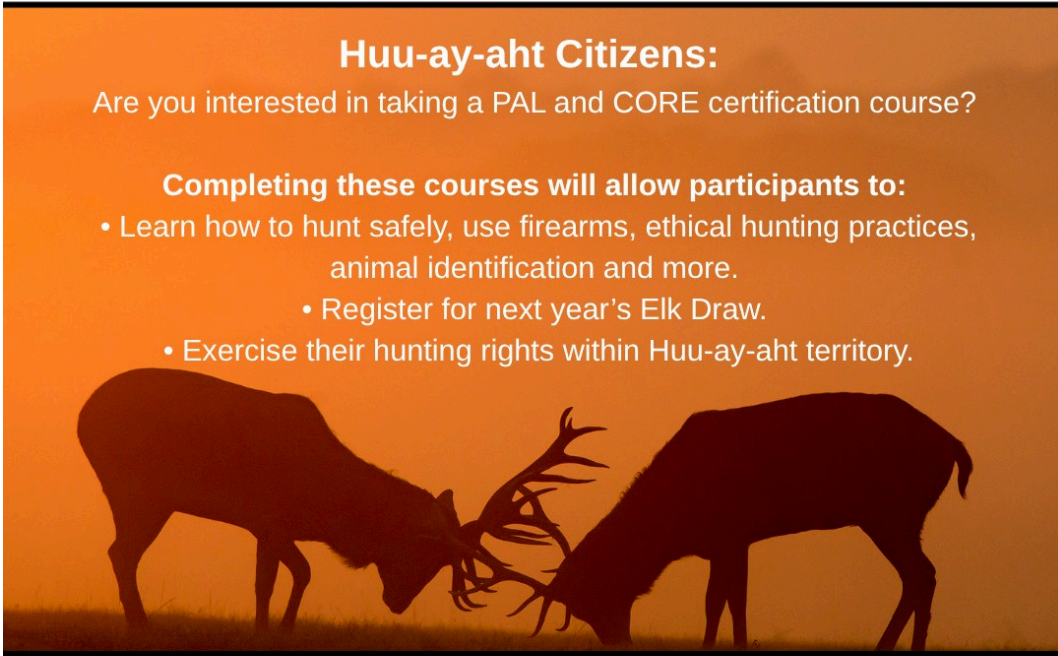
8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Huu-ay-aht Citizens:

Are you interested in taking a PAL and CORE certification course?

Completing these courses will allow participants to:

- Learn how to hunt safely, use firearms, ethical hunting practices, animal identification and more.
- Register for next year's Elk Draw.
- Exercise their hunting rights within Huu-ay-aht territory.



If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Abigail Andiel at abigail.a@huuayaht.org or 250-728-3414



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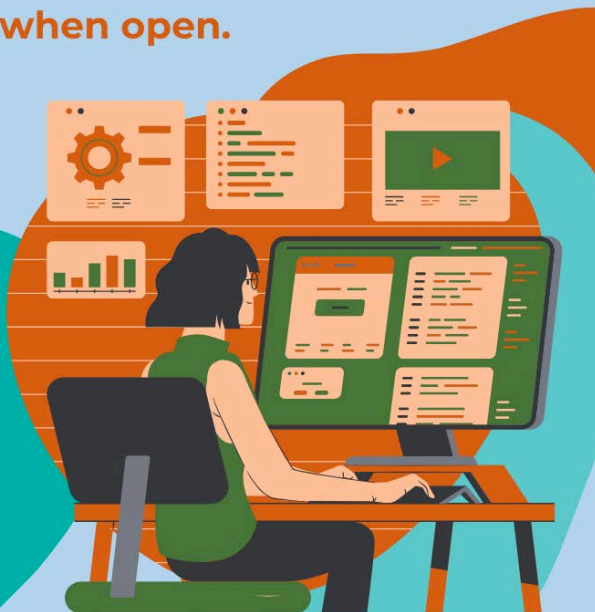
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NEW COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

Available for community use at Soaring Eagle when open.

An opportunity for Citizens to learn digital skills!

- 6 new desktop computers
- 6 monitors
- 6 keyboards
- 6 mice
- 1 printer



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RECOVERY CIRCLE

CITIZEN LED RECOVERY CIRCLE

Integrating AA Principles and Wellbriety Tools

Saturday, November 29, 2025
12- 1:30 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

WINTER IS COMING...

Contact Huu-ay-aht infrastructure team for any Anacla housing maintenance requirements or firewood delivery.



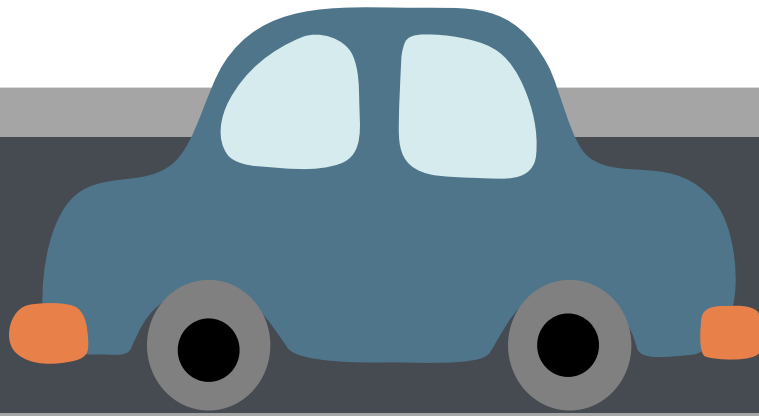
Huu-ay-aht Dance Practice

HOUSE OF
HUU-AY-AHT

Mondays
7 - 9 p.m.

Bring your shawls
and drums!





Get your Learner's Licence!

Get your Learner's (L) licence before Thursday, December 18, by 4 p.m. and be entered to win \$100 Cash!

To be entered into this draw, please submit a photo of your yellow page licence!

Book today at <https://www.icbc.com/>

To be entered in the draw, please contact Brent at brent.r@huyuayaht.org



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WOMEN CIRCLE

Monday December 8
and Wednesdays, November 26 & December 3

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
(Snacks Provided)

**Huu-ay-aht First Nations Port Alberni
Government Office (4644 Adelaide St.)**

This six-week program is designed to create a safe, culturally grounded, and empowering space for Huu-ay-aht women to come together in healing, strength, and sisterhood—honouring their stories and voices while addressing different issues that affect their well-being and community.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact Irene at 250-735-0948 or 250-723-0100.

Register for Grass Weaving

Monday, November 24
&
Tuesday, November 25

1 - 4:30 p.m.

Port Alberni Government Office

Each 2-day workshop has a limited amount of seats available, 15 per group. Register to claim your spot!

For more information and to register, contact **Rena Johnson**, rena.j@huyuayaht.org, 250-723-0100



Getting Information on Treaty Implementation

This survey is designed to assess citizen satisfaction with the information available on Huu-ay-aht First Nations' treaty implementation work. Your feedback will help guide how Huu-ay-aht can better meet citizen needs moving forward.

Participants can opt in to be entered into a draw for a **\$50 gift card** by providing their legal first and last name in the last question on the survey. If you leave it blank, you will not be entered, and your survey will remain anonymous.

The deadline to complete the survey is Monday, November 24, 2025.

Link: <https://forms.office.com/r/RwLS4qLP8K>



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Get in Our Canoe and Let's Paddle Together!

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A reminder that the **Land Use Amendments Project is ongoing!** This project includes updates to the following Huu-ay-aht Regulations:

1. **The Land Use Plan**
2. **The Zoning Regulation**
3. **The Development and Building Permit Regulation; and**
4. **The Residential Lease Regulation:**

Huu-ay-aht Land Use Amendments Project

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(everything is one)

Lend Your Voice and Let's Paddle Together!

We continue to launch our Sequence of Mini Surveys called:

Seeds for Thought


Each survey is just 5 questions & The Next Survey is up until November 14!


MEMBERS OF
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AN UPDATE**

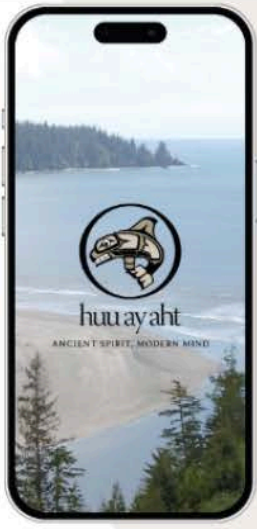
GET THE APP

The app uses state-of-the-art technology to notify HFN members of breaking news, documents, videos, and events, instantly delivered via push notifications.



Get it on


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HOW TO GET THE APP

1. **DOWNLOAD**
Scan the QR code above or visit the App Store or Google Play Store and Search 'Huu-ay-aht First Nations'
2. **REGISTER**
Fill out your info and check your email to verify your account.
3. **LOG IN**
Get the latest news, events, jobs, & more right at your fingertips!

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- SURVEYS
- JOB OPENINGS

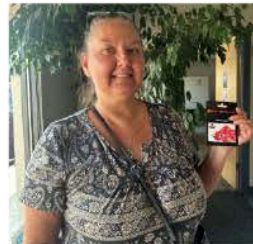
Download the free app today

This is your opportunity to help shape the future of Huu-ay-aht lands and

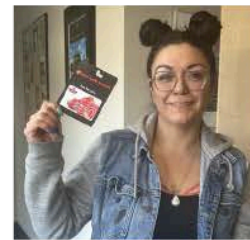
Win a \$50 gift card!

A gift card is up for grabs with each new mini survey released!

We have already had 2 Mini Surveys & 2 winners:



1st Survey Winner
Valeria MacDonald



2nd Survey Winner
Laura Johnson

Survey #4: Huu-ay-aht Land Use Plan Regulation Amendments: Housing
link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HUFNsurvey4>

Deadline December 15, 2025



Homemaker Training Program

January 19-30, 2026

9AM-4PM

Anacla

Building Skills for Quality Home Support

The Homemaker Training Program equips participants with the knowledge and practical skills needed to provide safe, respectful, and client-centered home support services. Graduates will be prepared to deliver high-quality homemaking and companion care that promotes client well-being, safety, and comfort in the home environment.

Program Outcomes

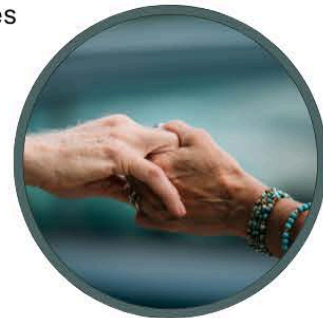
- **Safety & Compliance:** Ability to follow workplace safety protocols and maintain confidentiality.
- **Client-Centered Service:** Skills to respect client preferences and provide personalized care.
- **Practical Homemaking Skills:** Competence in meal preparation, cleaning, and household organization.
- **Professional Standards:** Knowledge of documentation, time tracking, and ethical boundaries.

Value of Training

- Enhances employability in home care and support roles
- Builds confidence in delivering culturally safe and respectful services
- Provides certifications (Food Safe, WHMIS, First Aid Awareness)
- Prepares participants for real-world caregiving challenges

To Register

Connect with your assigned Case Manager or to register for NETP services contact our Intake Coordinator
Gregory.Thomas@nuuchahnulth.org or 250-723-1331



Connect Today!

Unlock Your Potential with the Nuu-chah-nulth Employment & Training Program

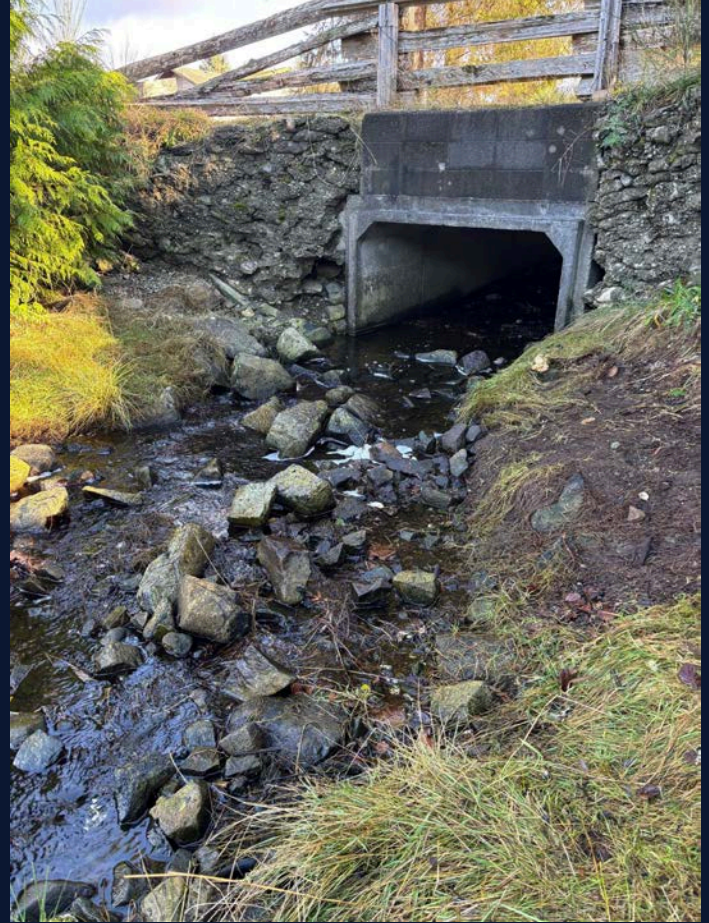
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 Office Location
4090 8TH AVE
Port Alberni, BC

Canada 

Huu-ay-aht Youth, working with Fisheries & Guardians, clean up nets blocking culvert.



MAKING CONNECTIONS

A group for women to come together and grow. Through the creativity of vision board making, we'll spark meaningful conversations about healthy relationships, stress management, effective communication, setting boundaries, and defining what success means to each of us. Together, we'll reflect on our past, embrace our present, and shape our future in a safe and supportive space designed to connect, create, and inspire.

November 4, 18, 25
Time: 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Open to all Nuu-chah-nulth women ages 18+.

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Light snacks and refreshments will be offered.

Contact:

Celine Sauv : celine.s@huuayaht.org

Call/Text: 250-731-5676

Bamfield Main road closures: How to use DRIVEBC.CA

The screenshot shows the DriveBC.ca website interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'Map', 'Cameras', 'Delays', 'Advisories', and 'Bulletins'. A search bar is located at the top center, and a 'Report a problem' button is on the top right. The main map area shows Port Alberni, BC, with a red diamond icon containing a calendar symbol, indicating a future closure event. The 'Map layers' menu on the right is open, and the 'Future events' option is highlighted with a yellow circle. The 'Future closure event' panel on the left provides details for the event, including the location (Bamfield Road), description, and update information.

Future closure event

Both Directions
Bamfield Road
Between 8km and 11km

Description
Maintenance planned. Starting Tue Nov 4 at 10:00 AM PST until Fri Nov 7 at 2:00 PM PST. From 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM PST on weekdays. Road closure planned.

Last update 16 hours ago
Next update in 5 hours

DBC-83139

How to stay up to date on the Bamfield road activity:

1. Visit <https://www.drivebc.ca/>
2. When in the Map, on the right hand side there will be a Map Layers Menu
3. On that menu select "Future Events," this is where you can see planned closures
4. The symbol for scheduled future events is a red diamond with a calendar in it.
5. Click on the symbol to get the info.

Check **drivebc.ca** for future road closure details.

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!



AGGRESSION TO DOGS

REDUCING & MANAGING DOG AGGRESSION TOWARDS OTHER DOGS

The information in this fact sheet is for mild dog-dog aggression only. Serious dog aggression resulting in injury to a person, another dog or companion animal requires the help of a veterinarian, qualified dog trainer or behaviourist.

RECOGNIZING THE PROBLEM

It is important to understand that between the age of 1 and 3 most dogs will play less, become more selective about who they play with and become less tolerant of forward behavior from other dogs.

This is completely normal; as long as the dog is simply snarking off the other dog. Snarking is a dog's way of saying leave me alone or go away.

In addition most dog fights or scuffles result in no injury at all. They can look and sound ferocious but they are completely normal and are more like an argument than an assault.

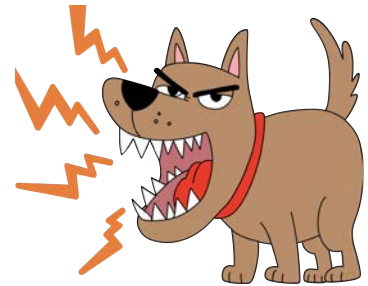
The 3 main reasons for dog-dog reactivity are:

- 1) On leash reactivity- due to barrier frustration
- 2) Fear of other dogs
- 3) Resource Guarding

Warning signs

Are the dog's way of letting another dog know that they are uncomfortable. Never punish a warning sign.

- Staring directly at the other animal
- Whining, barking or growling
- Snapping or biting
- Raised hackles
- Ears pointing forwards
- Straining against the leash to reach the other animal
- Freezing
- A stiff tail held up high may be wagging (not always a friendly sign)



TRAINING OPTIONS

- 1) **On Leash reactivity:** is most often is due to frustration. The dog really wants to say hello to another dog but is not given access to the other dog. The resulting frustration can look alarming as the dog may bark, lunge or even growl when he sees another dog.

The way to determine if this is frustration motivated or actual aggression is to determine if the dog plays well off leash. It's not uncommon for dogs to play fine when they're off leash but bark and lunge at another dog when they're on leash.

These dogs benefit from regular access to off leash play. Train them to sit or watch the handler instead of going off on every dog they see.

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If off leash history is unknown or you know your dog is not good with other dogs when off leash then the best thing to do is show the dog that the presence of other dogs predict fantastic things. A qualified trainer who uses positive reinforcement and force free techniques can help with this.

- 2) **Fear of other dogs:** fear of other dogs may happen because of inadequate socialization, genetics or a bad experience with another dog. *Never punish a fearful dog.* Punishing a fearful dog can make the fear worse. Instead, show them that other dogs predict fantastic things for them.

If your dog is fearful of other dogs the way to work on this is to show him that other dogs predict fantastic things (like yummy treats)

This involves gradually reducing the distance between him and another dogs.

- Take your dog an area where he will see another dog but they are far enough away that he is completely relaxed.
- Everytime he notices the dog pause for 2 seconds and then feed him a few pieces of treat
- Slowly reduce the distance between your dog and the other dog, make sure that he does not appear worried or anxious. Repeat as above by giving him pieces of his treat a few seconds after he notices the dog.
- The goal is for his emotional state to change from fear to Yippee because other dogs predict treats.
- Feed him treats every time he sees another dog even if he is barking and lunging at the other dog.

- 3) **Resource guarding:** it is perfectly normal for a dog to protect his food, toys, location or even human from other dogs. This can manifest as snarling, growling, and freezing, snapping or biting when another dog approaches him when he is eating, chewing on a toy or laying on the couch. In the majority of cases, there is no injury at all and nothing needs to be done. If resource guarding results in injury to one dog then hire a qualified trainer who uses positive reinforcement and force free techniques to help you.

Management can help to minimize the issue by feeding or giving food toys to each dog in a separate room.

Muzzle training is highly recommended if your dog has caused injury to another dog. This will prevent the possibility of another injury and give you peace of mind.

FEMALE - FEMALE HOUSEMATE AGGRESSION

Occasionally two females living in a home will have increasingly worse fights with injury as time goes on. This often begins when one of the two female dogs reaches social maturity. In these cases re-homing one of the dogs is often the best solution.

VETERINARY HELP

Talk to your veterinarian if your dog is fearful as they may feel medication will help and provide you with a behaviour modification plan.

CAUTIONS/REMEMBER

Dog aggression is a serious problem. It is likely that you will need professional help. Start by speaking with your veterinarian and select a trainer that understands the underlying emotional factors that are often at the source of dog/dog aggression (fear). Never use pain or physical punishment to control aggression as this can worsen both the fear and the aggression.

Never attempt to separate dogs that are fighting by grabbing them as this could result in a redirected bite.

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.

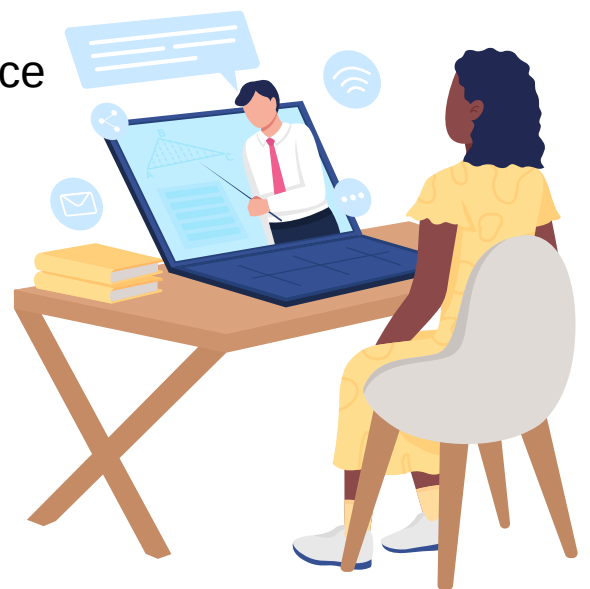
Topics include:

- 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



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

What is covered?

Mileage Rate

As of April 1, 2025, the permanent mileage rates will be:

Standard Mileage Rate:

- \$0.29 per kilometre

Special Mileage Rate (for remote communities, as specified in their Funding Agreements):

- \$0.35 per kilometre



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Patient Travel Checklist

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Patient Travel

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

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Medical Transportation Benefits



First Nations Health Authority
Health through wellness



The Medical Transportation Benefit is intended to help you access medically necessary health services not available in your community of residence.

This may include coverage towards the cost of travel, meals, and accommodation. If you need help getting to or from your appointments, your Medical Transportation Benefits may also cover the cost of an escort to travel with you.

What my plan covers

You can access Medical Transportation Benefits for travel to access health services, including the following:

- Services eligible under First Nations Health Benefits (e.g., dental, vision, etc.).
- Medical services covered by the BC Medical Services Plan or a public health agency (e.g., cancer related travel).
- Publicly funded diagnostic tests and preventative screening programs.
- Traditional healers, if approved as an Exception.
- First Nations Health Authority funded Treatment Centres for substance use, recovery, and trauma programs.
- Witnessed ingestion of Opioid Agonist Treatment.

What my plan does not cover

Some types of travel that are not covered include, but are not limited to:

- Travel back to your community of residence if you become ill during non-medical related travel.
- Travel to pick up prescriptions, glasses, or medical supplies and equipment that do not need to be fitted (e.g., off the shelf braces).



For additional information on current Medical Transportation rates, escort eligibility, documentation or required travel forms, scan the QR code to visit fnha.ca/benefits/medical-transportation.



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How Do I Access Coverage?

Where you access the program depends on what Nation and/or community you are from and where you live.

If you live in community, please contact your community's Patient Travel Clerk to access your Medical Transportation Benefits.

If you live outside your community, or are unsure who to contact for your travel, please call us at **1-855-550-5454**.

1

Submit your travel request and your written confirmation of appointment at least five business days before your trip to get prior approval.

2

Your Patient Travel Clerk or First Nations Health Benefits will send you your travel arrangements.

3

Attend your appointment as scheduled and get a signed Confirmation of Attendance Form from your Provider.

4

Submit your Confirmation of Attendance Form to your Patient Travel Clerk or to First Nations Health Benefits.

Some requests may require additional documentation, such as an Escort Form or referral letter. First Nations Health Benefits or your Patient Travel Clerk can guide you through this process.



For more detailed information about your Medical Transportation Benefits, please scan the QR code to access the Medical Transportation Client Guide or call **1-855-550-5454**.



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Meal Rates

Effective December 2, 2024, meal rates will change as reflected in the table below:

Fee schedule for meal rates		
Rate type	Previous rate	Updated rate <i>effective December 2, 2024</i>
Daily rate for same-day trips lasting more than six hours.	\$17.00 per person	\$35.50 per person (5+ years)
		\$17.00 per person (under 5 years)
Nightly rate for overnight trips up to six (5+ years) nights in duration.	\$68.00 per night per person	\$70.50 per night per person (5+ years)
		\$29.00 per night per person (under 5 years)
		\$30.00 per night per person (under 5 years)
Weekly rate for overnight trips of seven nights or more.	\$283.00 per week per Client	\$283.00 per week per Client
		\$425.00 per week per Client and approved escort*
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***Note:** The weekly rate of \$425 per week is an inclusive rate for the Client and escort and applies only when the Client is an outpatient. An approved escort supporting a Client in the hospital will continue to access the weekly rate of \$283 per week.

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)~~

