



Huu-ay-aht First Nations

Public Notices

Call for Nominations
&
Posting of Voters List

Nominations Close May 7, 2026



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*Based on Anacla
Citizen data base list

Kevin Peters
May 2

Robert Dennis Jr
May 8

Victoria Williams
May 15

Cassandra Charleson
May 3

Heather Johnson
May 15

Susan Amos
May 18

Huu-ay-aht Schedule

MAY 2026

Monday, May 18	Huu-ay-aht Government Offices Closed		
Sundays May 3, 10, 24	Port Alberni: Culture Night	2:30 - 5 p.m.	3747 Church St. Port Alberni
Mondays May 4, 11, 25	House of Huu-ay- aht Culture Night	7 - 9 p.m.	House of Huu-ay-aht
	Child & Family Wellness Drop-in	1 - 2:30 p.m.	CFW Office, ?um?iiqsu Centre
Friday, May 1	Bannock Taco Fundraiser	1 - 2:30 p.m.	Soaring Eagle
Saturday, May 2	Citizen Led Recovery Circle	12:30 - 2 p.m.	Soaring Eagle
Monday, May 4	2026 Census Collection	10 a.m.	Door-to-door
Tuesday, May 5	Red Dress Day	11 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Anacla & Port Alberni Government Offices
Friday - Sunday, May 8 - 10	Dark Skies Concert & BBQ	Registration Required	Pachena Beach
Wednesday, May 20 & Thursday, May 21	2-day Grief & Loss Circle	9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Italian Hall, Port Alberni
Tuesday, May 26	Mobile Foot Clinic	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Anacla Government Office
Wednesday, May 27	Dentist	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Anacla Government Office
Saturday, May 30	Maa-nulth Treaty Celebration	10:30 a.m. start	Campbell River

Youth program Schedule

with **Jacquie Dennis**

May 2026

Sundays May 3, 10, 24	Port Alberni Culture	All Ages	12 - 7 p.m.	Alberni Valley United Church
Mondays May 4, 11, 25	Anacla: Culture Night	All Ages	7 - 9 p.m.	House of Huu-ay-aht
Friday May 2	Bannock Taco Fundraiser	All Ages	1 - 2:30 p.m.	Soaring Eagle, Anacla
Monday May 4	Soaring Eagle Drop in	Youth ages 5 & 6	2 - 6 p.m.	Soaring Eagle, Anacla
Monday May 11	ProD Day	All Ages	10 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Soaring Eagle, Anacla
Monday May 25	Soaring Eagle Drop in	Youth ages 5 & 6	2 - 6 p.m.	Soaring Eagle, Anacla
Tuesdays	Free Play Snacks Provided	All Ages	2 - 6 p.m.	House of Huu-ay-aht
Fridays (except May 15)	Frybread Friday	All Ages	12 - 3:30 p.m.	Soaring Eagle, Anacla
Friday May 8	Bake Mother's Day Cupcakes	All Ages	12 - 3:30 p.m.	Soaring Eagle, Anacla
Saturday May 2	Potlatch	All Ages	12 p.m.	Port Alberni
Saturdays (except May 2)	Board Games	All Ages	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Soaring Eagle, Anacla

NTC Health Department in Anacla



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Tuesdays, May 5, 12, 19 & 26	Early Youth Outreach Worker
Wednesdays, May 6, 13, 20, & 27	Clinical Councillor, Quu'asa
Wednesday, May 13	Harm Reduction
Thursdays, May 7, 14, 21, & 28	Quu'asa
Thursday May 14 & 28	Harm Reduction

Contact

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

Community Safety Watch

Witwak are in the community to provide support, guidance, and to ensure safety in the community. They respond, report, and record incidents in the community.

They can be reached at 250-720-5275.

If it is an emergency, please dial 911, then notify Witwak.

CENSUS COLLECTION IN INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

They will be in Anacra on May 4, 2026,
starting at 10 a.m.

The 2026 Census begins in May!

- Collection begins on **May 4** in Indigenous communities across Canada.
- Census information is important and can help communities plan services such as child care, education, and health care.
- Households in Indigenous communities will receive a census invitation letter that provides instructions on completing the questionnaire online.
- Census employees will be in communities to help households complete the census questionnaire.
- The census questions are available in **15 Indigenous languages** for reference purposes.
- All information is collected under the authority of the *Statistics Act* and will be kept strictly confidential.



More details about the 2026 Census can be found at
census.gc.ca



This place
is becoming
something rare.

A protected dark sky.



May 8-10, 2026
Bamfield & Anacla,
Vancouver Island

Canada

Three Star Dark Sky Concert & Community BBQ

May 8 - 10, 2026

Join us on the edge of the Pacific at Pachena Beach in Huu-ay-aht Territory for the Three Stars Dark Sky Festival.

Based in the villages of Anacla and Bamfield, this gathering brings together Indigenous knowledge and western science to explore our connection to the cosmos through storytelling, art, and astronomy.

Led by Huu-ay-aht First Nations and HFN Group of Businesses, the Three Stars Dark Sky Festival is part of a broader vision to protect and share the night sky.

Science, art, and cultural knowledge come together in a place where the stars still lead the way.

Not just what you'll see overhead. What it means to protect it.

Come experience it as it unfolds.

Anacla Residents free admission, tickets are available at hgb.ticket.ca

MOBILE FOOT CLINIC

Dr. Katia Langton
Certified Pedorthist

All diabetic patients need to be assessed annually to prevent complications.

- ✓ Painful feet?
- ✓ Painful knees?
- ✓ Difficulty walking?
- ✓ Are you Diabetic?

We provide fully covered orthotics under First Nations Health Authority to help you keep active, walking, and mobile, and to protect diabetic feet!



**Anacla Huu-ay-aht
Government Office**



**Tuesday, May 26, 2026
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.**

Call to book your comprehensive foot assessment, and to ensure an appointment.



250-728-3414

Deadline to sign up is May 8.



**OceanWalk
Pedorthic
Clinic**

Diabetic and
Functional Orthotics
and Diabetic-Orthopaedic
Footwear

Katia Langton C. Ped, C. Ped (C)
Secretary of the Diabetic Foot Stream Committee
of the International Diabetes Federation



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Call Out

TO HUU-AY-AHT SINGERS & DANCERS

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

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

Event details:

**Saturday, May 30, 2026,
Campbell River Community Centre**

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

TO HUU-AY-AHT CITIZENS

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

Event details:

Saturday, May 30, 2026

**Campbell River Community Centre
Huu-ay-aht is planning for a bus to
travel from Anacla to Campbell
River with a stop in Port Alberni.**

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

CITIZEN LED RECOVERY CIRCLE

Integrating AA Principles and
Wellbriety Tools

Saturday,
May 2

12:30 - 2 P.M.

Soaring Eagle, Anacla

Join Kimmie MacDonald for a
supportive recovery-focused
group. Open to anyone on the
path to recovery or wanting to
begin.

Contact Person:

Kimmie_macdonald@hotmail.com

CULTURE NIGHTS

House of Huu-ay-aht

Mondays, May 4, 11, 25
7 - 9 p.m.

Alberni Valley United Church

Sundays, May 3, 10, 24
2:30 - 5 p.m.

Bring your shawls
and drums!

National Day of Awareness for MMIWG2S

Red Dress Day

Tuesday, May 5, is National Day of Awareness for
Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls
and Two-Spirit persons. Wear red and come join
us at our pop-up tent for a BBQ, culture, and
sharing to honour this day.

Where:

Anacla:

Outside the HUU-AY-AHT Government Office

Port Alberni:

Outside the HUU-AY-AHT Government Office

Time:

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Questions?

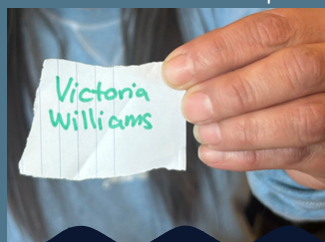
Contact Rena at 250-723-0100, or
Kristen at 250-728-3414.

HUU-AY-AHT HARVESTERS

Winner of the April 15, 2026 draw -
Victoria Williams! Congratulations!

To report your catch:

- Drop off your catch form at either office, or
- Email harvest@huuayah.org, or
- Call 250-728-3414 and report to the Natural Resources harvest reporting team.



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Two-Day Grief and Loss WELLNESS CIRCLE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026
&
THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026
9 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

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

CONTACT

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

Registration Required
Spaces are limited

Join a supportive circle for Huu-ay-aht citizens (18+) to explore the evolving nature of grief. This space integrates cultural tools and practices to help navigate difficult emotions and support regulation. Together, we foster wellness by honouring both pain and resilience, providing the support needed to move through grief rather than feel stuck in it.



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

FRYBREAD FRIDAY



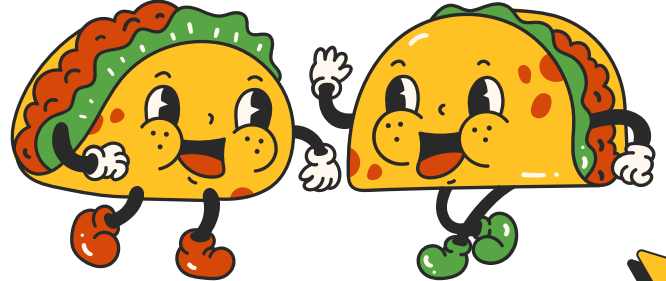
Huu-ay-aht Youth are welcome to join Youth Worker Jacquie every Friday for Frybread!

Soaring Eagle, Anacla
12 – 3 p.m.
Open to all ages!

Bannock Tacos Fundraiser



Loonie-Toonie Fundraiser for Youth to attend Tluplich Games



Friday, May 1, 2026

1 - 2:30 P.M. | Soaring Eagle, Anacla



MOTHER'S DAY Youth Cupcake Bake



Show Mom how sweet she is.

Friday, May 8
12 - 3:30 p.m.
at Soaring Eagle

HOT PETS? NOT COOL!

THE TEMPERATURE IN A PARKED CAR, EVEN IN THE SHADE WITH PARTLY OPEN WINDOWS, CAN RAPIDLY REACH A LEVEL HIGH ENOUGH TO SERIOUSLY HARM OR EVEN KILL YOUR PET.



KNOW THE WARNING SIGNS OF HEATSTROKE



WHAT YOU CAN DO IF YOU SEE A DOG THAT MAY BE IN TROUBLE



1 Record the information about the vehicle.



2 Ask the store to page customers.



3 If the dog looks in distress, please call your municipal animal control authorities or local law enforcement.

BCSPCA
SPEAKING FOR ANIMALS

spca.bc.ca/hotpets
#hotpetsnotcool

What Should You Include in Your Pet's First-Aid Kit?



Tools

- Scissors With Blunt End
- Disposable Gloves
- Oral Syringe/Turkey Baster
 - Use this to administer liquid medicine or water if your pet is having trouble drinking on their own or being fussy.
- Cotton Balls/Swabs
- Tweezers

Wound Care

- Gauze Pads
- Adhesive Tape
- Alcohol Wipes
- Antibiotic Ointment
- Styptic Powder
 - This can be used to stop minor bleeding, like when you accidentally clip your pet's nail too short. It takes about 15 seconds to start working.
- Ice Pack
- Towels

Cleansing Agents

- Saline Eye Solution
- Artificial Tear Gel
 - Use this gel when your pet has dry or irritated eyes to moisture and flush them out.
- Liquid Dishwashing Soap



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If you think your pet's condition is worsening or that they may have a medical emergency, contact your veterinarian right away.

BED BUG IDENTIFICATION & PREVENTION

A Quick Guide to Detection, Habits, and Control

1. How to Identify Bed Bugs

- **Appearance:** Oval-shaped, flattened bodies. Adults are 4-5 mm long and rust-brown (or deep red-brown after feeding).
- **Hiding Spots:** Their flat shape allows them to hide in baseboards, floor cracks, under carpets, behind wallpaper, bed frames, and picture frames.
- **Signs of Infestation:** Live or dead bugs. Check crevices near sleeping areas.
 - **Cast Skins:** Shed skins left behind during moulting.
 - **Fecal Matter:** Small reddish-black spots on bedding or mattresses.
 - **Eggs:** Tiny (1/32" to 1/8") white eggs in dark crevices.
 - **Odour:** Large infestations produce a sweet, but unpleasant, musty smell.

2. Bed Bug Bites

- **The Reaction:** Often appears as red, itchy welts in clusters or lines.
- **The Truth:** Reactions vary. Some people have delayed itching (days later), while many (especially older adults) may have no reaction at all. Bites are not a reliable way to confirm an infestation.

3. How They Spread

Bed bugs are "hitchhikers." They do not cling to people, but they hide in:

- **Travel Gear:** Suitcases, purses, and laptop bags.
- **Movement:** Moving infested furniture down halls or using communal laundry machines.
- **Disturbance:** Incorrect pesticide use or furniture disassembly can drive them into neighbouring rooms.
- **Shortages:** A lack of food (no host) or harbourage space causes them to migrate.

4. Immediate Action Plan

If you find traces of bed bugs, follow these "Do's and Don'ts":

DO NOT	DO
Disturb the room. Leave the scene untouched for diagnosis.	Quarantine the room. Stop using it immediately.
Move items. Taking luggage or furniture out spreads the bugs.	Contact a Professional. Call a pest control expert immediately.
Self-Treat. Incorrect sprays can make the problem worse.	Notify Management. If in a hotel/apartment, work with staff.

5. Prevention & Control

- **Inspect Regularly:** Check mattress seams, folds, and furniture near beds.
- **Stay Clean:** Vacuum bedrooms frequently and seal cracks in walls or bed frames.
- **Protect:** Use certified bed bug encasements for mattresses/box springs.
- **Visibility:** Use light-colored sheets to make fecal spots easier to see.

If there are questions or concerns, please contact infrastructure by email at infrastructure@huyuayaht.org





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The skunk cabbage are out
which means the čims are
returning and foraging for
food!



 Report all sightings and encounters to the RAPP line (1-877-952-7277). All reports are tracked so issues can be addressed before they escalate.

 Keep garbage, food and attractants (compost, fruit trees, barbecues) secure in čims-proof locations. **Please dispose of garbage in bins and secure carabiner clips.**

 Scare away čims in the community with lots of noise. It doesn't seem neighbourly, but preventing čims from feeling at ease around humans keeps them safer in the long run.

For more information
scan here:



BE ČIMS
AWARE



We're Hiring!



- Legislative Clerk
- Maintenance & Asset Technician
- ʔumʔiiqsu Tenant Support Worker

Full details of these postings are available on our website:

<https://huuayaht.org/whats-happening/work-with-us/>
or scan QR code



2026 Seasonal Employment Opportunities Bamfield Huu-ay-aht Group of Businesses



The Huu-ay-aht Group of Businesses (HGB) is now hiring seasonal team members for the upcoming season across our diverse operations in Bamfield. These positions offer an opportunity to work in a beautiful coastal environment while supporting Huu-ay-aht First Nations' economic development and creating unforgettable guest experiences across our hospitality businesses.

We have a variety of seasonal opportunities ranging from 3–6 months, with start dates in April, May, and June. All positions conclude in September.

We offer competitive wages (\$20.00–\$30.00 per hour, depending on the position), seasonal retention bonuses, learning and development opportunities, and a fun, supportive work environment surrounded by breathtaking natural beauty. Limited employee housing may be available.

For more information about specific roles and responsibilities, please refer to the job descriptions on our website - <https://www.hfnngroup.ca/careers/>

Patient Travel

Please contact Kimberly Nookemus
at 250-728-3414 or kimberly.n@huuayaht.org

Do you have a medical appointment coming up?

Please contact medical travel with:

- Date
- Time
- Doctor's name
- Travel plans

Gentle reminders to also :

- Send in confirmation of appointment
- Confirm travel plans are in place prior to appointment with medical dept.
- Send in confirmation of attendance once visit is done

Income Assistance Notice

Community members who need to apply for Income Assistance or renew as a client of the program have the following responsibilities (Section 1.3 of Income Assistance Policy)

- To conduct themselves in a prompt, courteous and respectful manner.
- To actively seek work and attend programs, training and sessions as directed.
- If employable, to actively seek work. Clients must be available for any job they are capable of.
- To have or promptly apply for a social insurance number and to provide the appropriate identification for themselves and other family members as required.
- To provide all necessary information to the Social Development Worker and sign the application form.
- To pursue any other income that they may be entitled to, for example, employment insurance benefits, workers compensation, family maintenance, or spousal support.
- To first use any assets and income before seeking assistance from the Income Assistance Program.
 - To take personal responsibility for becoming self-supporting.
 - To be involved in the process of establishing eligibility for their benefits.
- To provide documentation to support their application when requested. All documentation is subject to verification. Clients providing false information will be subject to criminal charges.

Clients who meet any of the following criteria are not eligible for IA benefits: (Section 2.2 of Income Assistance Policy)

Healthy, employable, able-bodied persons between 19 and 55 years, who do not seek employment or accept available suitable employment, education, or training.

- a. Persons who quit work, except with just cause.
- b. People who are terminated from their job because they did not comply with reasonable job requirements (for example, by not showing up for work).
- c. People who do not apply for Employment Insurance (EI) benefits, or who are disqualified from EI benefits because they failed to comply with program requirements.
- d. A person who receives an unforeseen fortune or substantial monetary gain.
- e. People who do not submit Monthly Renewal Forms as required.
- f. Persons with monthly income or assets more than the allowable maximum (see 2.5, Income and Exemptions).

2026 payment schedule

~~January 21, 2026 (for February 2026)~~
~~February 25, 2026 (for March 2026)~~
~~March 25, 2026 (for April 2026)~~
~~April 22, 2026 (for May 2026)~~
May 27, 2026 (for June 2026)
June 24, 2026 (for July 2026)

July 29, 2026 (for August 2026)
August 26, 2026 (for September 2026)
September 23, 2026 (for October 2026)
October 21, 2026 (for November 2026)
November 18, 2026 (for December 2026)
December 16, 2026 (for January 2027)



Green Building Foundations & Manufacturing

May 19-June 19, 2026

Get equipped with the necessary skills and knowledge to work in the construction and manufacturing industry. Learn how to handle hazardous materials, perform general labour and use construction tools and equipment with a focus on reducing waste and saving natural resources.

Worker Safety & Certificates include:

- Hazard Identification & Control
- Ladder & Scaffold Safety
- Rigging and Crane Safety
- Respiratory Protection & PPE
- Combustible Dust
- Confined Space Entry
- New & Young Workers OH&S
- Forklift Operation
- Fall Protection
- Respirator Fit Testing
- First Aid -OFA Level 1



For more information, contact:
Leanne Moore
250-724-8705
leanne.moore@nic.bc.ca

This training is fully funded for qualified applicants. This project is in partnership with Synergy Foundation and funded in part by the Government of Canada's Canada Retraining and Opportunities Initiative.

SUMMER



WEEK-LONG SUMMER CAMP FOR INDIGENOUS YOUTH ENTERING GRADES 9-12

Hosted by the Office of Indigenous Academic and Community Engagement

WHAT TO EXPECT AT MINI-U

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



Connect with culture



UVic Meet n' Greet & Career Fair



Explore different areas of education

CAMP FEES

\$100 non-refundable reg fee

LEARN MORE

Visit our website:
uvic.ca/iace or scan the QR code



CONTACT

laurenmclean@uvic.ca



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!



** CANCELLED FEBRUARY 23 **





Great Blue Heron