



## HUU-AY-AHT FIRST NATION ALL-CANDIDATES MEETING 2026 BY-ELECTION

**SUNDAY, MAY 31, VANCOUVER**  
HILTON METROTOWN, 3 - 5 P. M.  
(6083 MCKAY AVE., BURNABY)

**MONDAY, JUNE 1, VICTORIA**  
MARRIOTT INNER HARBOUR, 6 - 8 P.M.  
(728 HUMBOLDT ST.)

**TUESDAY, JUNE 2, NANAIMO**  
CONFERENCE CENTRE, 6 - 8 P.M.  
(101 GORDON ST.)

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, PORT ALBERNI**  
BEST WESTERN BARCLAY, 6 - 8 P.M.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 4, ANACLA**  
HOUSE OF HUU-AY-AHT, 6 - 8 P.M.

Appetizers, dessert, coffee, and tea will be served.

# SAVE THE DATE

### 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.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

*Linda Young*  
June 4

*Ethan Gates*  
June 5

*Dayshawn Dennis*  
June 7

*Grace Carpenter-Nookemis*  
June 17

\*Based on Anacla  
Citizen data base list

# Huu-ay-aht Schedule

## June 2026

<b>Sundays</b> June 7, 14, & 28	<b>Port Alberni: Culture Night</b>	<b>2:30 - 5 p.m.</b>	<b>3747 Church St. Port Alberni</b>
<b>Mondays</b> June 1, 8, 15, 29	<b>Anacla Culture Night</b>	<b>6 - 8 p.m.</b>	<b>House of Huu-ay-aht</b>
	<b>Child &amp; Family Wellness Drop-in</b>	<b>1 - 2:30 p.m.</b>	<b>CFW Office, ?um?iiqsu Centre</b>
<b>Thursdays</b> June 4 - 25	<b>Youth Art Therapy</b>	<b>6 - 7:30</b> Registration required Contact: celine.s@huuayaht.org	<b>5062 Angus St., Port Alberni</b>
<b>Thurs., June 4</b>	<b>Anacla: All- Candidates Meeting</b>	<b>6 - 8 p.m.</b>	<b>House of Huu-ay-aht</b>
<b>Tues., June 9</b>	<b>BC Hydro Planned Outage</b>	<b>11 a.m. - 5 p.m.</b>	<b>Anacla</b>
<b>Wed., June 10</b>	<b>Office Closed: Staff Training</b>	<b>8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.</b>	<b>Anacla &amp; Port Alberni HFN Government Office</b>
<b>Thurs., June 11</b>	<b>BC Hydro Planned Outage</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.</b>	<b>Anacla</b>
	<b>Annual Harvesters Meeting</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>	<b>Anacla Government Office</b>
<b>Wed., June 17</b>	<b>Excuse Me Hearing Clinic</b>	<b>By Appointment</b>	<b>Anacla Government Office</b>
<b>Sun., June 21</b>	<b>Indigenous People's Day Celebration</b>	<b>11 a.m. - 3 p.m.</b>	<b>Pachena Bay (Private site)</b>
<b>Mon., June 22</b>	<b>Office Closed: Indigenous People's Day</b>	<b>8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.</b>	<b>Anacla &amp; Port Alberni Government Office</b>
<b>Tues., June 23</b>	<b>Anacla: Child &amp; Family Wellness Engagement</b>	<b>4:30 - 8 p.m.</b>	<b>House of Huu-ay-aht</b>

# COMMUNITY NOTICES:

## Roadside Mowing & Brush Cutting

**Where:** Bamfield Road (Between WCT Operations and Binnacle Road)

**When:** Starting Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 8:30 AM

**Duration:** Up to two (2) weeks

Please be advised that roadside mowing and brush cutting operations will be underway along Bamfield Road starting next week.

- **Traffic Impact:** Expect minor traffic disruptions and brief delays.
- **Safety Advisory:** Drivers are urged to exercise extra caution and slow down when travelling between Anacla and Bamfield.

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## Anacla Quarry Material Production

**Where:** The Anacla Quarry

**When:** Starting next week (Week of May 25, 2026)

**Duration:** Approximately one (1) month

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

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

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## House of Huu-ay-aht Roof Renovations

**Where:** House of Huu-ay-aht, Anacla

**When:** Today, Tuesday, May 26, 2026

**Duration:** Up to two (2) weeks

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

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

The 15-years of Treaty Celebration  
hosted by the Maa-nulth Treaty Society

# EVENT & SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 30, 2026

## Shuttle Transportation



### Anacla > Port Alberni > Campbell River

**6:15 a.m.** Depart from Huu-ay-aht Anacla Government Office

**8:15 a.m.** Depart from Huu-ay-aht Port Alberni Government Office

**10:15 a.m.** Arrive at Campbell River Community Centre



### Campbell River > Port Alberni > Anacla

**3:30 p.m.** Depart from Campbell River Community Centre

**5:30 p.m.** Arrive at HFN Port Alberni Government Office

**7:00 p.m.** Arrive at HFN Anacla Government Office

## Event Schedule



**10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.** 15-years of Treaty Celebration

- **1:00 - 1:15 p.m.** Huu-ay-aht joins victory song
- **2:15 - 3:15 p.m.** Huu-ay-aht Cultural Performance



For questions about the event or shuttle schedule,  
please contact Kristen Young at 250-720-5632

# 2026 By-Election

Got questions for the 2026 By-Election candidates? We want to hear them!

We want to ensure the upcoming All-Candidates Meetings address the issues that matter most to you. To keep the process fair, organized, and inclusive, we've launched an official question submission form.

Use the link on our website or scan the QR Code to submit your question!

Disclaimer: Submitting a question does not guarantee it will be asked during the event. Due to time constraints, only a limited number of questions may be presented.



## HUU-AY-AHT FIRST NATIONS **OFFICES CLOSURES**

**Date: Wednesday, June 10**  
**Reason: All-Staff Training**  
**Reopen: Thursday, June 11**

**Both Anacla & Port Alberni  
Huu-ay-aht Government  
Offices will be closed.**

**Date: Monday, June 22**  
**Reason: National  
Indigenous People's Day**  
**Reopen: Tuesday, June 23**

**Both Anacla & Port Alberni  
Huu-ay-aht Government  
Offices will be closed.**

# CITIZEN LED RECOVERY CIRCLE

Integrating AA Principles and  
Wellbriety Tools

Saturday,  
May 30  
June 13 & 27

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,

June 1, 8, 15, 29

6-8 p.m.

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### Alberni Valley United Church

Sundays,

June 7, 14, 28

2:30 - 5 p.m.

**Bring your shawls and drums!**

Know a youth ready for an adventure this  
summer? Applications for the 2026 Copper  
Island camp season are now available for pickup  
at both the Anacla and Port Alberni HUU-AY-AHT  
Government Office reception areas.

#### 2026 DATES:

- Adventure 1 (Ages 9–11): June 30 – July 4
- Adventure 2 (Ages 12–14): July 7 – July 11
- Adventure 3 (Ages 15–18): July 14 – July 18

Stop by either reception desk to grab an  
application form and get started!



## BE ČIMS AWARE

- 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.



Registered Hearing  
Instrument Practitioner,  
Dr. Monkia North from  
Excuse Me Hearing will be  
in Anacra on  
Wednesday, June 17

To book an appointment,  
please call the Anacra  
Government Office  
250-728-3414.

## CHILD & FAMILY WELLNESS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Join us for an update about Huu-ay-aht's  
Child and Family Wellness's Journey:

- Pathways to Jurisdiction
- HUU-AY-AHT'S YAA?AKÀP Child and Family Wellness Act
- A Five-Year Review of An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis Children, Youth and Families

**Tuesday, June 23, Anacra**  
House of HUU-AU-AHT, 4:30 - 8 p.m.

**Wednesday, June 24, Port Alberni**  
Italian Hall, 4:30 - 8 p.m.

**Thursday, June 25, Nanaimo**  
Vancouver Island Conference Centre, 4:30 - 8 p.m.

**Sunday, June 28, Vancouver**  
Hilton Hotel Metrotown, 12 - 3:30 p.m.

**Monday, June 29, Victoria**  
Delta Hotels Victoria Ocean Pointe, 4:30 - 8 p.m.

**Door Prize: \$500 Gift Card at Each Location!**



# Dad Central



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appointment today!**

[drew@dadcentral.ca](mailto:drew@dadcentral.ca)

[www.dadcentral.ca](http://www.dadcentral.ca)



# Sunday, June 21, 2026

# NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY

Pachena Bay Beach (Citizen Private Site), Anacapa  
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.



**Everyone welcome! Bring friends and family**  
Vendors, come join us! To reserve your spot, please submit your business profile (business type & number of tables needed) to Yunny Kim, Events Coordinator at [events@huyuayaht.org](mailto:events@huyuayaht.org)



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**May 26, 2026**

Dear Tenants,

*(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 is available on the website. <https://huyuayaht.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Rental-Housing-Regulation.pdf>

If you have not submitted Notice of Assessments for the 2025 Tax Year, due to not filing your taxes, please contact the Housing Manager.

A reminder, the Housing Office is now located within the Anacla Government Office.

**Maʔas taqimł Housing Society**

170 Nookemus Road, Anacla BC V0R 1B0

Email: [rentalhousing@hfnha.org](mailto:rentalhousing@hfnha.org); [manager@hfnha.org](mailto:manager@hfnha.org)

Office Hours: Monday - Friday (8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

Office Number: 866-307-0365 Ext:101

After-hours Mobile: 250-731-5001



**May 26, 2026**

Dear Tenants,

As the weather warms up, wildlife is becoming much more active in our area. To ensure our community remains safe, clean, and beautiful for everyone, we are asking all tenants to do a quick seasonal clean-up of their outdoor spaces.

Please take a few moments to review the important reminders below regarding garbage management and outdoor maintenance.

## **1. Secure Your Garbage & Avoid Wildlife Attractants**

With wildlife on the move, unsecured garbage is the number one cause of unwanted encounters with animals.

- **Secure All Bins:** Please ensure all trash and recycling are placed securely in the designated garbage bins, with lids tightly closed.
- **Clear Attractants:** Keep outdoor spaces (patios, balconies, and yards) free of debris, food scraps, and anything else that might attract pests or wildlife.

## **2. Landscaping & Outdoor Spaces**

While we love seeing everyone enjoy their outdoor spaces, please remember that tenants must obtain the landlord's prior written consent before making any changes to the landscaping on the residential property.

As a reminder, maintaining these spaces is a shared responsibility outlined in Schedule A (Standard Terms) of your Rental Tenancy Agreement:

### **Tenant's Obligations (Section 6, Part 2):**

- The tenant must maintain reasonable health, cleanliness and sanitary standards throughout the rental unit and the other residential property to which the tenant has access. The tenant must take the necessary steps to repair damage to the residential property caused by the actions or neglect of the tenant or of a person permitted on the property by the tenant. The tenant is not responsible for repairs for reasonable wear and tear to the residential property.*
- If the tenant does not comply with the above obligations within a reasonable time, the landlord may discuss the matter with the tenant and may make an application for dispute resolution under the Residential Tenancy Act (BC), seeking an order of the director for the cost of repairs, serve a notice to end a tenancy, or both.*

*Conversely, the landlord remains fully committed to its obligations under Section 6 (Part 1) to maintain the property in a reasonable state of decoration and repair, complying with all health, safety, and housing standards required by law.*

If you have any questions or notice any areas of the property requiring repair, contact the Housing Manager at 866-307-0356 or [manager@hfnha.org](mailto:manager@hfnha.org)

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# 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":

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<b>Disturb the room.</b> Leave the scene untouched for diagnosis.	<b>Quarantine the room.</b> Stop using it immediately.
<b>Move items.</b> Taking luggage or furniture out spreads the bugs.	<b>Contact a Professional.</b> Call a pest control expert immediately.
<b>Self-Treat.</b> Incorrect sprays can make the problem worse.	<b>Notify Management.</b> 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](mailto:infrastructure@huyuayaht.org)



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# Huu-ay-aht First Nations Shares Vision for Nation-Led Tourism Initiatives

Huu-ay-aht First Nations (HFN) is advancing two key tourism projects that will help shape how our ḥaḥuuḥi (traditional territories) are experienced, promoted, and supported over the long term. Together, these initiatives are focused on creating a strong, Nation-led tourism economy that reflects Huu-ay-aht values while generating sustainable opportunities for citizens.

## **Establishing Regional Management and Reinvestment**

As part of this vision, Huu-ay-aht is working toward establishing what could become Canada's first Indigenous-led Destination Management Organization (DMO). This initiative focuses on developing a coordinated approach to managing and promoting tourism across Huu-ay-aht territory. By establishing a clear identity and “sense of place” for the region, the DMO aims to ensure that local tourism directly reflects the Nation’s culture, priorities, and long-term vision.

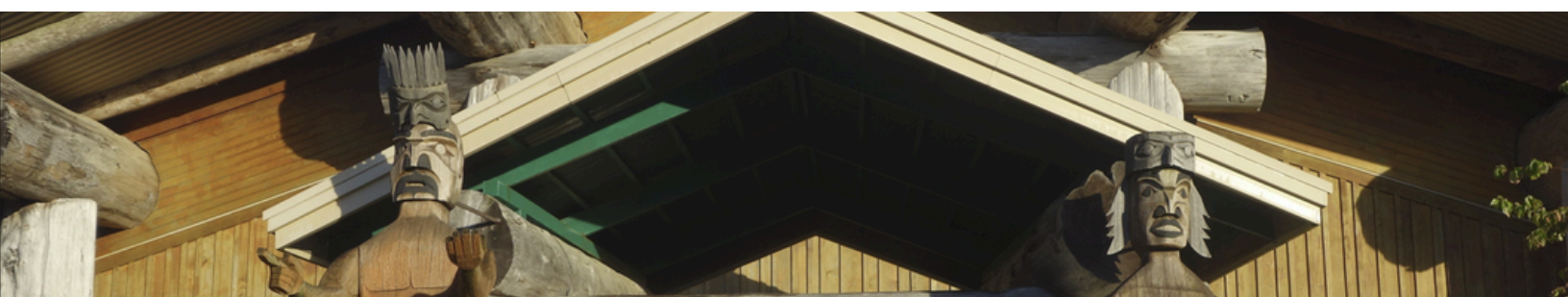
Alongside the development of the DMO, Huu-ay-aht is exploring the implementation of the Municipal and Regional District Tax (MRDT). If approved, the MRDT would generate dedicated revenue to be reinvested directly into community-identified tourism initiatives. Potential improvements include enhanced signage across the territory, trail development and maintenance, targeted marketing for regional tourism experiences, and public infrastructure such as washrooms and visitor amenities.

This project is not just about attracting visitors; it is about ensuring that tourism is well-managed and community-driven, and that it benefits all residents of the Huu-ay-aht territory.

## **Preparing for the Cultural & Visitor Information Centre**

In parallel, preparations are underway for the opening of the Cultural & Visitor Information Centre, anticipated in 2026. This facility will serve as a central hub for visitors to learn about Huu-ay-aht history, culture, and territory. Current planning focuses on designing the overall visitor experience, developing day-to-day operations, and creating structural opportunities for Huu-ay-aht artists and entrepreneurs to participate through retail space and cultural programming.

Once operational, the Cultural & Visitor Information Centre will play an important role in welcoming visitors in meaningful ways, creating local employment, and supporting cultural sharing.



## Huu-ay-aht Emergency Team Builds Readiness at Joint EOC Training Session

Five staff members of the Huu-ay-aht First Nations emergency management team recently joined forces with neighbouring nations and local partners for an intensive Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) Essentials training session.

The course, hosted by the *číšaaʔaṭh* (Tseshaht) First Nation, brought together personnel from Huu-ay-aht First Nations, Hupačasath First Nation, the City of Port Alberni, and the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) Emergency Program to build skills and practice emergency management protocols together.

Delivered by the Justice Institute of British Columbia (JIBC), the training focused on the core fundamentals of how an EOC functions to support frontline departments during a crisis. Participants explored site support operations utilizing the standardized Incident Command System (ICS) management structure. This framework defines key roles, such as operations, planning, logistics, and finance, ensuring that all can collaborate seamlessly when a disaster strikes.



Nations and Organizations participating in EOC training (Photo by Tseshaht First Nations).

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

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

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

### General Event Information

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

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

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

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

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





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

# We're Hiring!



- Witwak Security Worker
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- Legislative Clerk
- Maintenance & Asset Technician

Full details of these postings are available on our website:

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



## 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](mailto: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)

