



Mahla'asgum Saw'insk

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This is a test, I am testing out the new Affinity Designer and Publisher which should make editing documents such as the monthly newsletter much easier. I was previously using Microsoft word, which was painful and required me to adjust the document each time I used it. With this program I can create “Master Pages” which are templates I can save. I can drag a master page onto any page and the information such as text and picture will conform to the master page. This is an incredibly efficient and powerful way to make sure the format of a page fits the narrative of the story.

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STDC Business Manager: Bert Mercer

I'm from the Nisga'a Village of New Aiyansh. I have been employed with the Nisga'a Nation since September 18th, 2009 as the Manager for Economic Development. I have recently joined our team at Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government as the Business Manager for Sii T'ax Development Corporation, the economic arm for New Aiyansh. I enjoy all challenges and opportunities.

I was a Board Member for Terrace & District Community Services Society (TDCSS), a past Board Member for Skeena Native Development Society for 10 years, Board member for TRICORP, Indigenous Tourism BC and a current Northern BC Director for the National CANDO



Bert Mercer

My education achievements and career has always been centered on business and economic development including project management. Received certification in the UBC Management Development Program and certification in the field of community economic development for professionals from NVIT, SFU and CANDO. I recently attained my Masters Certification for Project Management (PMI) with UNBC. I am studying for my PMP designation.

I was part of the North American Business Alliance for Local Living Economies for two years as there were only 25 selected in North America.

We do have exciting projects that we are working on for New Aiyansh.

*"Sii T'ax Development Corporation
is open for business"*



Economic Development Resource Officer: Brad Mercer

Brad Mercer brings 23 years of experience in business working with Indigenous communities throughout BC & Yukon. Operating his own small business as a business consultant-advisor.

17 years working with domestic and international investment groups.

UBC Sauder's School of Business (Business Management) and Simon Fraser University (Economic Development Professional).

Brad still plans to continue his part time studies (online) at Simon Fraser University for his master's degree (MBA) in Business.



Brad Mercer

Brad also has 29 years of experience as a certified heavy equipment operator living the camp life in the Arctic Circle, Nunavut, Northwest Territories, Yukon, Alaska and all four corners of B.C. in such industries as Mining, Forestry, Hydro Dams, Highways, Oil & Gas and Port development with LNG Canada in Kitimat operating a dredging barge from the Netherlands.

“Business Development, Economic Development is in my blood. Now that I have gained my experiences in the outside world throughout the years and still obtaining a education, I am ready to bring things to life with our community. Moving back home from Burnaby to New Aiyansh to build a sustainable future together for everyone who wants to be a part of our aspirations in UNITY.”

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Economic Development is in my
blood.”*



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GITMIDIHK: PEOPLE OF THE GRIZZLY

Community Economic Development Officer: Garrett K. Dyer

Hello, My name is Garrett k Dyer, Nisga'a Name is Wii Smaxim GAAK. I am your Gitlaxt'aamiks Community Economic Development Officer. I have been working throughout the Nass Valley for 29yrs. My very first job was as a Tree planter, through the years learning hard work pays off with various jobs in resources such as Tree spacing, Wilpsyoon- Guide Outfit, Logging, Nisga'a Fisheries, Commercial fishing, Housing contractors.

I had studied Fire, EMT and vehicle extrication at JIBC. I went on to join the Nisga'a Health care team 4yrs, Makola Housing for 3 years where I managed 11 contractors to upkeep over 325 units and 6 buildings.



Garret Dyer

Currently studying for my Certificate in Economic Development. My plans are to obtain my Business Administration Diploma continue to work with Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government.

I enjoy Fishing, Biking, walking, hiking, Hockey, Softball with family and friends. I love playing Basketball, I had the opportunity to play with great teammates and some not so bad teammates. Along the way with every sport, I met some very interesting people to say the least.

My Mentors are my Ye'e & Jiji (Grandfather & Grandmother) father, father in-law & Uncles. Gone but never forgotten.

“Economic development cannot take a nation forward on its own. We need a society and economy which complement each other. We need to take care of the poor, deprived and left behind sections of society.” -Narendra Modi



Gitlaxt'aamiks Community Service Awards



Eugene Adams
Community Volunteer Award



Teresa McMillan
Teacher of the Decade



Brian Tait
Governance - Public Service Award



Kate Mercer
Administration - Public Service Award



John Clayton
Entrepreneur of the Decade



Gerald Robinson
Ceremonial Dance Group Award



Patrick Guno
Youth Leadership Award



JANT
Top Fundraising Group



Adele Gosnell, Rosie Robinson, Verna Williams
Nisga'a Language Award



Jason Scott
Traditional Holistic Service Award



Nita Morven
Historian-Community Service Award



Darlen Morgan
Community Builder Award



Winnie Morven-Hansen
ACW Leadership Award



Eva Clayton
Woman of Distinction Award



Edmond Wright
Man of Distinction Award



Gitlaxt'aamiks Sports Awards



Jackson Clayton
JANT Future Star - Male



Rayna Gosnell
JANT Future Star - Female



Michael Morven
YMCA Youth Award



Laney Munroe
YWCA Youth Award



Quinton Nisyok
YMCA Intermediate Leadership



Phillip Clayton
YMCA Seniors Leadership



Justin Adams
YMCA Masters Leadership



Constance Johnson
YWCA Ladies Leadership



Roberta Clayton
YWCA Leadership Award



George Robinson
YMCA Leadership Award



Roberta Moore
YWCA Athlete of the Decade



Basil Morgan
YMCA Athlete of the Decade



Rosie Robinson
GVG Sports Fan of the Decade



Chester Munroe
Youth Athletic Mentor of The Decade



Gitlaxt'aamiks 15 years+ Service Awards



*Judy Wright
15 years of service*



*Chester Munroe
15 years of service*



*Currie Gosnell
15 years of service*



*Garrett Davis
15 years of service*



*William Robinson
15 years of service*



*Darlene Morgan
15 years of service*



*Graeme Mackenzie
15 years of service*



*Walter Nisyok
15 years of service*



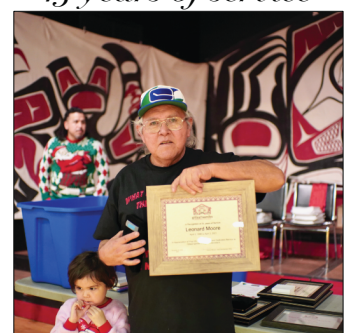
*Ruth Robinson
20 years of service*



*Camilla Swift
20 years of service*



*Earl Munroe
20 years of service*



*Leonard Moore
25 years of service*



*Gloria Nisyok, Sherry Wright
35 years and 30 years of service*



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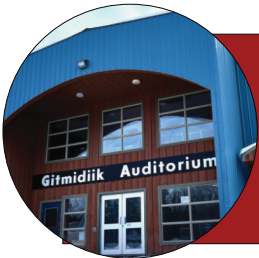
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Upcoming Events



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Small Business Event

February 7th, 2024

New Aiyansh Auditorium 9:00 am – 5:00



Family Day

Feb 20th 2024



Council of the Whole

Feb 20th 2024



Council of the Whole

Feb 22nd 2024



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