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Student Summer Program 2025

On July 7, 2025, 17 students began their 7-week Student Summer Program, gaining valuable experience across various placements. These placements included the Lava Roc Restaurant, New Aiyansh Gas Bar, Brushing and Weeding, Greenhouse, Trail Project, Carpenter Helper, Grave Yard, Animal Control, and Communications. The primary intent of student summer work programs is to provide young people with valuable opportunities to gain practical work experience, develop essential employability skills, explore career paths and increase awareness of the benefits of education. Commending the student summer workers for their efforts of stepping out of comfort zones and putting themselves out there in these complex work placements. Great job to the Student Summer Program participants.



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NEW 872GP John Deere Grader

New Aiyansh, BC – On June 30, 2025, the Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government Public Works Department proudly announced the arrival of a brand new John Deere 872GP Grader, a significant acquisition poised to enhance infrastructure and services within the community. This state-of-the-art machinery is set to play a crucial role in a variety of essential tasks, with its primary objectives being pipeline work, comprehensive road maintenance, and efficient snow removal. The 872GP model, known for its advanced capabilities and robust performance, represents a substantial upgrade to the department's equipment fleet. The addition of the John Deere 872GP Grader is expected to significantly improve the efficiency and effectiveness of public works operations, ensuring well-maintained roads year-round and providing critical support for pipeline projects vital to the community's infrastructure. Its advanced snow removal capabilities will also be a major asset during the winter months, ensuring safer and more accessible thoroughfares for residents.



Treaty Sale Fishery a Success

The Gitlaxt'aamiks Economic Corporation successfully hosted an in-river Treaty Sale Fishery on July 10, 11, 17, and 18, 2025. The event brought together local fishers for a total of 15 hours each day, running from 5:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Old Aiyansh landing was a hub of activity as boats and fishers gathered for the event.

On the first round of fishing, 20 boats participated, while the second round saw 15 boats. The community efforts were highly productive, with an estimated 7,792 sockeye pieces purchased from fishers during the first part of the sale.

The Treaty Sale Fishery is an important event that highlights the economic opportunities and cultural traditions of the Nisga'a salmon harvesting.





Nisga'a and Kitselas Nations Share Development Insights

On July 11, 2025, the Nisga'a community of New Aiyansh welcomed 12 representatives from the Kitselas First Nation for a tour focused on community development. The visit was an opportunity for the Kitselas group to learn about the journey of various community projects, from their early stages to their current successful operations.

The day began with a presentation in the Council Chambers, where the Chief Administrative Officer provided an in-depth look at the strategies and processes behind the projects. Following the presentation, the Kitselas representatives embarked on a comprehensive tour of the community. Stops on the tour included the Gitlaxt'aamiks Interpretive Centre, where they learned about cultural preservation and community engagement. They also visited the Community Smokehouses and the Community Garden, gaining insights into initiatives that support food security and traditional practices. The tour concluded at the Gas Station/Mechanic Shop, a key example of a successful economic development project that serves both the community and travelers. This visit highlights the importance of inter-nation collaboration and the sharing of knowledge.



A Bounty of Produce at the Community Garden

The Community Garden has been a hive of activity this summer, with both communal work and individual gardening projects flourishing. The season has yielded a diverse and abundant harvest from the three greenhouses and three outdoor gardens.

Gardeners have been busy tending to a wide variety of vegetables, herbs, and fruits. The summer crop includes everything from bush beans, tomatoes, cabbage, cucumbers, and peppers to more unique items like lemon cucumbers, jalapeños, and turnips. There are also nine different types of berries, an assortment of herbs including sage, and staples like potatoes, snap peas, and green onions. Sunflowers, swiss chard, and spinach are also thriving, adding to the garden's bounty.



The success of the garden is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the staff. This season, the team consists of eight seasonal employees. Two supervisors received extensive training from Tea Creek Training and Employment, with a focus on Food Sovereignty Training. Additionally, three other staff members successfully completed the Landscape Horticulture Pre-Apprentice Level 1 program at K5T, bringing valuable expertise to the team.

A significant portion of the produce grown at the Community Garden is distributed directly to the community of New Aiyansh, ensuring that the harvest benefits everyone and contributes to local food security.



Nisga'a Nation Hosts BC Legislature Delegation

The Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government and Nisga'a Lisims Government recently welcomed a delegation from the British Columbia Legislature for a visit aimed at fostering cultural understanding and strengthening relationships. The guests included the Hon. Raj Chouhan, Speaker of the House, and other key officials such as Kate Ryan-Lloyd, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and Tanya Corbet and Taylor Grant from Sedgwick.

The visit provided a comprehensive look into the Nisga'a way of life and local initiatives. The delegation toured the community's Interpretive Centre, Smokehouse/Community Garden, and the Fish Plant, offering them a firsthand look at the community's economic and cultural cornerstones. The tour concluded with a presentation by Darlene Morgan, CAO in the Council Chambers, where guests learned about the community's governance and future plans.

A primary goal of the visit was to collect feedback on how the BC Legislature can become a more welcoming and inclusive space for Indigenous nations. The collaborative event highlights a shared commitment to building a more respectful and cooperative relationship between the Nisga'a Nation and the provincial government.



Nisga'a Phrases - Quick Language Refresher - All About Me!

Aguhl siwatkwshl galts'ap wil jogan? - What is the name of the village you live in?

Gitlaxt'aamiks wil jogay. - I live in Aiyansh.

Gitlaxt'aamiks wil witgwi. - I come from Aiyansh.

Naahl wanis? - What is your name?

Naahl was nigwoodin? - What is your Fathers name?

Naahl was noon? - What is your Mothers name?

Aguhl pdeegan? - What is your tribe?

Ganada niy. - I am from the Ganada Tribe.

Naahl wilbit wil witgwin? - What house are you from?

Wilps Ksim Xsaan wil witgwi. - I come from the house of Ksim Xsaan.

Nisga'a niy.- I am Nisga'a.

Nisga'a nuum. - We are Nisga'a.

Nda wil hahlalsin? - Where do you work?

Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government wil luu-hahlalsiy. - I work at Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government.



July 2025 Summer Camps

The Gitlaxt'aamiks Sport and Recreation hosted 4 weeks of summer camps for children, youth and adults throughout the month of July.

From July 7-11, 2025 Kinetiq Movement hosted a Break Dancing summer camp. Breakdancing, also known as breaking or B-boying, is a dynamic and athletic street dance style characterized by its unique blend of footwork, power moves, and freezes, all performed to the rhythm of hip-hop and funk music.

From July 14-18, 2025 Wild Camps hosted a Basketball summer camp session one. The camp focuses on developing the fundamental skills in basketball and Follow-up contact with players who are identified as candidates to pursue post-secondary basketball opportunities. Youth session had 50 kids and adult session had 20. The second session is expected to happen from August 11-15.

From July 21-25, 2025 UBC Active Kids Summer Camp was hosted. Led by UBC Kinesiology students, this camp was focused on building connections and high energy indoor/outdoor games, sports and physical activities. Gymnastics, basketball, hiking, soccer, dance and much more.

From July 28-August 1, 2025 Kickwithvic Muaythai/ Kickboxing summer camp was hosted. Muay Thai and kickboxing both feature powerful roundhouse kicks, but their techniques and applications differ slightly. Participants learned the basics of each technique.

The Gitlaxt'aamiks Sport and Recreation just released their August Summer Activities Calendar. Encouraging all children youth and adults to participate in the upcoming activities.

AUGUST 2025

GITLAXT'AAMIKS SPORT & REC SUMMER ACTIVITIES

AUG 2025

Aug 5-8
Ages 6-12
Summer Day Camp
10-12 pm
1-4 pm

Aug 11-18
WILD CAMP
BASKETBALL
Ages 6-18+

Aug 17-18
UNBC BASKETBALL
2 DAYCAMP
Grade 2-7
9am-12 pm
Grade 8-12
1 pm-4pm

FIELD TRIPS
Swimming pizza & a movie
Group 1
Ages 5-8
Group 2
Ages 9-12
Group 3
Ages 13-17

AUG 25-29
UNBC SCIENCE CAMP
9 am - 12 pm
1pm-3:30 PM

Workers:
Chester Munroe
Michelle LaBoucane
Mercedes Morvan

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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		SUMMER DAY CAMP				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		WILD CAMP BASKETBALL				
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31	PLEASE NOTE: Any Cultural Activities such as, Settlement Feasts, Memorials, Stonemoving Feasts, Public Meetings will shut down programs unless directed otherwise. CLOSED ON ALL STAT HOLIDAYS			SUMMER HOURS: 9AM -5PM MONDAY-FRIDAY FEES: \$5.00 GYM/ YOUTHROOM PER MON.		

MEMO

To: Community of New Aiyansh
From: Dawid (Andre) Janse van Rensburg, Animal Control Officer
Cc: Sherry Wright, Director of Community Relations
Date: July 22, 2025
Re: PET LICENSES

We're pleased to announce that the new dog tags are ready to be issued!

If you've already been issued a dog license, or if you applied and have been waiting for your license, your dog tag is now available.

Please come see me at the Gitlaxt'aamiks Public Works Office to pick it up at your earliest convenience.

Thank you!



Gitlaxt'aamiks Farmers Market

Upcoming Dates:

July 27, 2025

August 10, 2025

August 24, 2025

10:00AM-3:00PM
9:00 AM open for set-up

Vendor space: \$20.00 for 1 Table
An extra table is \$5.00

Contact 250-633-3100 or 1-877-588-2388

We also accept vendors who show up on the day of the Market.

Complete the online Farmers Market application on our Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government website at this QR Code and send to Garrett Dyer:



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		Monthly Luncheon: Sushi Bowls	Sim'algax with Ts'aa Gabin - 6 PM	Craft Drop-In 2-5 PM	Closed for Deep Cleaning	
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	Tuesday Lunch Sale: Salmon Patties					
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	Closed for GVG Planning Session					
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"Big Fish" August

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GITLAXT'AAMIKS ELDERS CENTRE - PHONE 250-633-2067

Hours, Closed 1 Hour lunch on non-sale day
Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm
Drop in always welcome
Elders Walk @ Rec - M & W @ 1pm
Get Hooked & Crafting - beginner crochet/knitting Thu 2pm
Just Baked- occasional pop up bake sales

Welcome Jabulani (JB) Mangena, Youth Engagement Coordinator!

My name is Jabulani (JB) Mangena, and I am excited to introduce myself as the new Youth Engagement Coordinator and Coach, stationed at the Recreational Center. I have joined the team under the leadership of Sherry Wright, Director of Community Relations, started July 7, 2025.

A bit about me: I was born in Zimbabwe, have lived in South Africa(15 years+) and Alberta 3 years plus, and am now proud to call New Aiyansh my home. I am a lifelong student of communication, human behavior, and personal growth.

In my role, I look forward to working with the youth in our community, in collaboration with local sports clubs, schools, parents, and other community members. My goal is to empower young people to grow safely, feel supported, and build confidence through one-on-one and group mindset coaching, fitness coaching, and youth leadership development facilitation workshops. Mental Wellness amongst the Youth will be a big intention and with your support, it's a big possibility.

I am eager to contribute positively to the community and to connect with each of you as we work together to support our youth.

Written by: Jabulani (JB) Mangena



Important Dates

August 2025



**Social Assistance Intake
September 3 & 4, 2025**



**Books and Supplies
Deadlines August 8, 2025
& September 26, 2025**



**Council Meetings
September 15, 16 & 18,
2025**



**There will be no
Elders Pension Run
in August 2025**

Call for Submissions

If you would like to submit a story please call (250)633-3100
or e-mail: Marianne.Guno@peopleofthegrizzly.com or
Stirling@peopleofthegrizzly.com

