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W'iihoon/Genuugwiikw (August/September) 2025 Edition



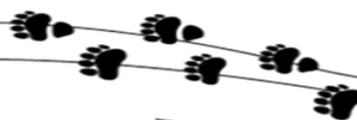
Tribal Picnic in honor of National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

The Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government hosted a Tribal Picnic on September 29, 2025, in observance of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Chief Councillor Calvin Morven opened the event with a welcome address. Followed by a prayer and food blessing. The meal was provided by the pdeekx (tribes): laxgibuu, ganada, gisk'aast, gans laxsgiiik. The Gitlaxt'aamiks Ceremonial Dancers then introduced a panel of residential school survivors through song. Survivors were given an opportunity to speak and share brief parts of their stories.

Further education was provided by CAO Darlene Morgan, who gave a presentation titled '*Through the eyes of a child*,' offering a preview of a book she is currently writing. Attendees also received a brief overview of the 94 Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, as well as the history of Orange Shirt Day.

While the survivors' stories were difficult to hear, their shared truth is integral to reconciliation and serves as a powerful form of education for the community.



Nisga'a Nation Clash of the Clans 2025



The 2nd Annual Clash of the Clans Tournament successfully took place from September 25-27, 2025, spanning three Nisga'a villages: New Aiyansh, Laxgalts'ap, and Gingolx. We want to commend the Wild Camps Team, GVG Staff Volunteers and Community Volunteers for making this event a success!

The tournament was proud to feature participation from the following post-secondary institutions: University of Northern British Columbia, University of Calgary, University of the Fraser Valley, The University of Winnipeg, University of Regina, and MacEwan University.

The local 'Hayatskw Warriors' Nisga'a Selects team, made up of Nisga'a men from the host villages, made the nation exceptionally proud. More than a competition, the tournament served as a unique event for cultural exchange, bringing together local Nisga'a citizens and athletes with visiting varsity coaches and players. This successful merging of sport and culture was a testament to strong community engagement, intended to inspire local youth to pursue elite athletic opportunities and higher education.



Scan the QR code to view the 2025 Nisga'a Nation Clash of the Clans online album

.....Continued Nisga'a Nation Clash of the Clans 2025

We received the following note of thanks from Al Tuchscherer, Head Coach at the University of the Fraser Valley.

Hi Al,

On behalf of the UFV women's team – a huge thank you for an amazing event. We loved every minute of it and I know I was impacted greatly by the experience. I'm sure all of our athletes would say the same thing!

Please pass along this message to Chester (I think I picked off his email from previous group emails), Gary (Fonz), the people who prepared the amazing food all three days, all the staff working the gym. Also a special thank-you the lady (I wish I remembered her name and title) who shared her story about surviving residential schools and her mission to provide opportunity for the Nishga Youth. I think she really drove home the reason why we there!

We would love to come back in the future – I think as word spreads you are going to have a waiting list! I will highly recommend to any coaches I speak to!

Finally, keep me posted on summer camp schedule that I can pass along to my athletes. If the timing is right, I may even be interested in taking a road trip.

Thanks again Al,

Al



Al Tuchscherer
Head Coach, Women's Basketball
University of the Fraser Valley



Nisga'a Phrases - Fall Season

Kwsit - Fall

Dahlaa kwsit ii mak'hl hli gayansihl ammaal - The leaves fall off the cottonwood in the fall.

Kwsit wil limksihl gayda ts'uuts' - Mushrooms grow in the fall.

Sagaydaa-ts'uuts' nuum txas-kwsit. - We pick mushrooms during the Fall.

Sityeekskwhl willoohl yans dahlaa kwsit. - Leaves change color in the fall.

Sakhl laxha. - The weather is cold.

Eekhl wahl hoon tgun. - This fish is called a coho.

Dim luuhlim-dihitgumis. - we will stand guard. (in basketball)

Dim sayt-wandii jit'aayuwin. - There's a meeting tonight.

Dim hukskw niyy dim wil lilgitdii. - I'm going to attend the feast.



Rematriation of Wilps La'ay Pts'aan

On Thursday, September 25, 2025 - Laxgalts'ap, BC, the Nisga'a Nation celebrated the historic return and raising of the Wilps La'ay Eagle-Halibut pts'aan (pole) in a significant act of cultural revitalization and reconciliation.

The sacred pole, which represents the history and crests of the House of La'ay', had been housed at the Museum of Anthropology (MOA) at UBC in Vancouver since it was acquired by an anthropologist in 1947.

Following years of negotiation, the pole was safely transported back to the Nass Valley and will be formally raised during a ceremony at the Hli Goothl Wilp-Adokshl Nisga'a (Nisga'a Museum) in Laxgalts'ap. The event was a deeply moving moment for the Nisga'a Nation, fulfilling the wishes of Sim'oogit La'ay to bring their ancestral treasure home and strengthen Nisga'a culture for future generations.



NASS VALLEY REGIONAL LANDFILL

WINTER HOURS NOTICE

Effective October 14, 2025

9:00AM to 5:00PM – Monday-Friday

Thank you,
Landfill Crew

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

Hours, Closed 1 Hour lunch on non-sale days
Monday - Friday 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Drop ins always welcome

Movement is Medicine Elders Fitness @ Rec –
Wednesday 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Get Hooked & Crafting -beginner crochet/knit
Thu 2:00 PM

Just baked – occasional pop-up bake sales



Community Spirit Shines at 11th Annual Back to School Event

New Aiyansh, BC – The Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government (GVG) kicked off the new school year on Friday, September 5, 2025, with its well-received 11th Annual Back to School Breakfast and March.

Organized by GVG Education Administrator Camellia Swift, the event was a vibrant display of community support, bringing together over 300 guests—including students, teachers, and parents—to celebrate the start of classes.



The morning began with a community welcome by Chief Councillor Calvin Morven and delicious breakfast, generously provided by local caterers and the Meal-on-Wheels Program. Following the meal, the crowd gathered at the Gazebo for the traditional march to the Nisga'a Elementary Secondary School (NESS).



Once at the school, the official program began at the Unity Pole. Attendees enjoyed a meet-and-greet that included:

- **Teacher Introductions:** NESS staff were introduced to the families.
- **Welcome Addresses:** The School District 92 (Nisga'a) Superintendent and Board shared messages of encouragement.
- **GVG Staff Introductions:** Village Government staff were recognized for their work.



This annual tradition successfully promotes a united front of encouragement and support from the community, parents, and NESS staff, setting a positive and welcoming tone for the school year ahead.



Scan the QR code to view the Back to School Breakfast and March online album

Annual Public Meetings Showcase Village Government Engagement

The Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government (GVG) is successfully fulfilling its commitment to transparency and citizen engagement by hosting its annual series of Public Meetings this fall.

These departmental meetings ensure the GVG meets the requirements set out in Section 14 (1) of the New Aiyansh Village Charter, which mandates at least one annual general meeting for citizens to discuss matters of importance.

Attendance has been strong across the board, demonstrating a high level of citizen interest and participation:

September 10, 2025: Education Department - Programs and Services

- 145 attendees came out to review and discuss educational initiatives.

September 17, 2025: Finance Department

- 149 attendees observed and engaged with the Village's financial reports.

October 1, 2025: Social Services Department - Programs and Services

- 155 attendees participated in the discussion on social service programs.

By hosting these departmental meetings, the GVG provides citizens with direct access to information and the opportunity to observe and provide feedback on the crucial programs and services that serve the community.



2025 OCTOBER

Meeting Schedule



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	01 GVG Social Services Public Meeting - Doors Open at 4:00PM Auditorium	02	03	04
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
12	13 Statutory Holiday - Thanksgiving	14 GVG Committee of the Whole (COW) Meeting - Day 1 & 2 - 10:00AM	15 GVG Community Relations Public Meeting - Doors Open at 4:00PM Auditorium	16 GVG Regular Council Meeting - 9:30AM	17	18
19	20	21 9th Nation2Nation Annual Forum - Kitamat, BC	22 9th Nation2Nation Annual Forum - Kitamat, BC ----- NLG Executive Meeting - NLG Office	23 9th Nation2Nation Annual Forum - Kitamat, BC ----- NLG Executive Meeting - NLG Office	24 NLG Executive Meeting - NLG Office	25
26	27 Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a (WSN) - NLG Office	28 Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a (WSN) - NLG Office	29 Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a (WSN) - NLG Office	30	31	01

Stay Informed: GVG October 2025 Meeting Schedule

We're pleased to share the upcoming Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government (GVG) Public Meeting Schedule for October 2025!

We encourage all citizens to participate in these important community discussions. Your involvement helps shape the direction of our Village.

Please ensure you stay informed about specific meeting times and detailed Agendas. These will be posted in multiple convenient locations:

- On the GVG Website
- On the official GVG Facebook page
- Via hard copies delivered door-to-door throughout the community

We look forward to seeing you at our October meetings!



Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government Holds Biennial Priority and Planning Session

Prince George, BC – The Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government (GVG) Council and staff recently dedicated four days, from August 25 to 28, 2025, to their Biennial Priority and Planning Session. Held off-site in Prince George, BC, the session focused on charting the future course for the Village.

The intensive session involved separate focused work streams for the Council and staff to ensure productive review and planning. A key part of the agenda was a thorough review of the current 5-year Strategic Plan (2022–2027). Participants reflected on completed milestones, assessed in-progress projects, and identified new initiatives for the coming years.

Public Report to Follow

The GVG will share a more detailed summary of the outcomes at an upcoming public meeting dedicated to the "GVG Priority and Planning" session.

This public meeting will be chaired by Chief Administrative Officer Darlene Morgan and held at the Gitlaxt'aamiks Sport and Recreation Centre. Please watch for the official Meeting Agenda, which will be circulated closer to the date via the GVG website, Facebook, and door-to-door delivery.

SPECIAL FORM FOR
Santa Claus
 Please draw a picture on the back

I SWEAR I WILL ANSWER WITH THE TRUTH

MY NAME IS: _____

I AM YEARS OLD. MY PARENTS ARE _____

THIS YEAR I HAVE BEEN:
 SUPER GREAT REALLY GOOD PRETTY GOOD

ONE GOOD THING I DID WAS:

I LEARNED THAT:

MY WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS ARE:

APPROVED BY
 NORTH POLE MAIL

 SIGNATURE
 Please return forms for Jocelyn



Gitmidiik JANT Appointed as YTC Committee for 2025!

The Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government is pleased to announce the appointment of Gitmidiik JANT as the Yule Tide Committee (YTC) for 2025.

The GVG Council officially passed the motion at its September 18, 2025, Regular Council Meeting (Motion #2025-09-15-06). We extend a huge thank you to the Gitmidiik JANT group for volunteering their time and enthusiastically offering to host the YTC in 2025.

YTC Preparations are Underway. Parents are strongly encouraged to complete the necessary YTC Wish Lists and submit them to Jocelyn Dawson before or by the deadline Nov 15/25 —the earlier, the better!

Please also keep an eye out for the upcoming Fundraising Events Calendar covering October through December, which will support the YTC's success.

Important Dates

October 2025



**Social Assistance Intake
 October 9 & 10, 2025**



**Winter Semester Deadline for
 Post-Secondary Funding is
 October 15, 2025**



**Council Meetings
 October 14 & 16, 2025**



**Pension Run is determined on
 the number of calls received.
 Please call the office to put
 name down.**

Call for Submissions

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

