

# Mahla'asgum

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GITMIDIK: PEOPLE OF THE GRIZZLY

**NOVEMBER  
2025  
EDITION**



## Listening and Planning in New Aiyansh

Over the past month, Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government hosted three public meetings focused on Capital & Housing, Governance, and Priorities & Planning. Each session gave community members a chance to hear updates directly from Council and Administration, ask questions, and share what matters most to them.

While each meeting had a different focus, a common theme emerged: people want clear information, opportunities to be heard, and steady progress on the projects that affect their daily lives. Staff are now reviewing the input gathered at these meetings and will be bringing back options and recommendations to Council.

These meetings, held in accordance with Part 3, section 14 (1) of the New Aiyansh Village Charter, underscore the commitment to promoting accountability and transparency within the community of New Aiyansh.



## Capital & Housing: Planning for Today and Tomorrow

In November, community members joined Council and Administration to talk about current housing needs and future capital projects. Topics included status of the heatpump project, a 22 apartment building complex, and plans for a new subdivision.

Participants shared concerns about waitlists for renovations, and staff took note of suggestions for improving communication and project timelines. The Capital & Housing team is now reviewing priorities and feedback from the public, and we will share more detailed updates as decisions are made.



## Priorities & Planning Public Meeting

At the Priorities & Planning public meeting, Council and Administration shared some of the major projects on the horizon, including a second access road to the village, infrastructure upgrades, and capacity-building initiatives to support the work of key departments. Community members highlighted the importance of including the public in future information sessions. This feedback will help guide how projects are sequenced and where limited resources are focused. Staff are now updating work plans and undertaking feasibility studies to assess timelines, costs, and next steps.

# Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government Receives 2025 BCPVPA Partnership Award

Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government has been honoured with a 2025 Partnership Award from the BC Principals' & Vice-Principals' Association (BCPVPA). Chief Councillor Calvin Morven accepted the award on behalf of the community at a ceremony held November 21, 2025, in Vancouver, on the traditional and unceded territory of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tseil-Waututh peoples.

Chief Councillor Calvin Morven received the award on behalf of GVG "New Aiyansh is one of four communities within our School District 92 (Nisga'a) located in Northern BC. We continue to work with our District for health, safety and continued support for our children's education both academically and culturally. We are very pleased to receive this award on behalf of our community."

The BCPVPA recognized Gitlaxt'aamiks as "a village government that models the collective responsibility between leadership, families, and school staff in nurturing the learning of children and youth."

"Our Partnership Awards recognize the unwavering commitment of the recipients and the importance of their contributions," says BCPVPA President, Dr. Shannon Behan. "Even beyond that, celebrating the Awards helps the BCPVPA to illuminate what is taking place in BC schools everywhere in the province, every day. School communities benefit from the actions and generosity of many dedicated individuals, organizations, and businesses who are quietly making a difference, and who are truly committed to helping students in their communities to succeed and to thrive. On behalf of our members all across the province, we feel that is worth celebrating!"

For more than two decades, the BCPVPA has presented the Partnership Awards in recognition of the time and expertise that local citizens dedicate to supporting BC students and schools. Nominations are submitted by the BCPVPA's sixty Chapters that provide professional support to Principals and Vice-Principals across the province.



# Strengthening Governance, Housing, and Community Well-Being

At the recent public meeting, Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government Council members provided updates on their work at local, regional, and provincial tables, highlighting priorities in governance, housing, economic development, education, and community safety.

Newly elected Councillor Brian Tait shared reflections from his early experience at Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a (WSN) and his attendance at the Nation2Nation forum. He noted that WSN proceedings have at times felt somber or tense and expressed a desire for the work of Nisga'a governance to feel more uplifting and accessible, including reinstating live-streamed WSN sessions. Councillor Tait also reported on attending the B.C. Cabinet & First Nations Leaders' Gathering, where he met Premier David Eby and several provincial ministers.

Councillor Steven Bright provided an update on his work as Chair of the Community Relations Committee and Co-Chair of the Operations & Maintenance Committee. He emphasized a service-based approach to leadership, sharing a quote from Gordon Tootoosis: "Leadership is about submission to duty, not elevation to power."

Councillor Melanie Woods, who was away attending the Housing Central – BC Affordable Housing Conference, submitted a written report outlining the four committees she serves on. As a member of the Legislative Review Committee, she supports the review of proposed amendments and drafting of legislation. On the GVG Capital & Housing Committee, she highlighted homeowners' pride alongside rising construction and renovation costs, noting that the committee is exploring creative housing solutions such as duplexes, mixed-unit dwellings, and apartments. As part of the NLG Capital Finance & New Infrastructure Committee, she reiterated that GVG's housing plan has not changed and that, while several projects have been reimbursed, the community remains committed to securing remaining funds. Councillor Woods also reported on her role as a newly elected Director at Large with the North Central Local Government Association.





Councillor Taron Scott, now in her third consecutive term, reported on her work as Chair of the Programs & Services Committee and the NLG Programs & Services Standing Committee, Co-Chair of the Community Relations Committee, and representative to the Indigenous Education Council, where she continues to advocate for strong programs and supports for families.

Councillor Leonard Guno sits on the Lands and Resources Committee and the Nisga'a Fish and Wildlife Department Committee. He spoke to ongoing issues around the Northern Boundary and reported that the Language and Culture Act has passed first reading, with second and third readings anticipated at the next WSN meeting.

Councillor Denise Eli serves as Chair on the NLG Finance and NLG Programs & Services Committees, and Co-Chair of both the NLG Striking Committee and Public Order, Peace, and Safety Committee. She commended the teamwork between Council and GVG Administration, emphasizing that capacity building has been and will continue to be critical to the success of the organization.

Deputy Chief Councillor Noah Guno reported on his roles with the Housing and Economic Development Committees, and as an alternate on the Capital Commission and Lands & Resources Committees. He outlined several economic opportunities and challenges, drawing particular attention to inconsistent disbursement practices at the Capital Finance Commission and stressing the need to clarify the roles and responsibilities of CFC members.

Chief Councillor Calvin Morven reaffirmed Council's vision for a strong, inclusive, and vibrant community. He acknowledged ongoing challenges related to local drug and alcohol dealers and noted that GVG continues to work with the RCMP on the legal steps required to implement a community bylaw. Chief Councillor Morven underscored that meaningful reconciliation requires listening, mutual respect, and a shared commitment to the future, and he continues to prioritize strong working relationships with all levels of government.

Together, these reports underscore Council's shared focus on accountable governance, community safety, and building long-term capacity to better serve Nisga'a citizens.



## **Nisga'a Leaders Attend 10th B.C. Cabinet and First Nations Leaders' Gathering**

On November 4–5, 2025, Nisga'a Executives and Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a (WSN) Members joined more than 1,300 delegates at the 10th B.C. Cabinet and First Nations Leaders' Gathering, held on the territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations at the Vancouver Convention Centre West. The Gathering brings First Nations leadership and the Province together to strengthen relationships, advance reconciliation, and discuss community priorities through plenary sessions and one-on-one meetings.

Over two days, more than 1,200 individual meetings were held between First Nations and provincial representatives. The Nisga'a delegation took part in 30 of these sessions, raising key issues such as Nass Area Nisga'a Lands and Tree Farm Licence 1, housing and urban/rural/northern supports, cyber safety and telecommunications expansion, Treaty implementation, waste and water management and protected areas, Nisga'a Child and Family Services, food security, public safety and justice matters in the Nass Area, and Nisga'a schools and education. Through the Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations, Nisga'a representatives also engaged in discussions on community safety, infrastructure partnerships, economic development, the toxic drug crisis, and support for Elders.

Speakers throughout the Gathering emphasized rights, respect, and reconciliation, and the importance of honest dialogue between First Nations and government. Nisga'a leaders highlighted the need for direct communication with provincial treaty partners, stronger support for Elders, and continued work to build capacity to better serve Nisga'a citizens. Youth voices were also present through a concurrent Youth Caucus, which called for mentorship, opportunity, and space for culture and potential to grow together.

# 'Bounce Back' U17 Tournament Photo Highlights



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# December 2025

# Important Dates

**Community Christmas Dinner**

**Dec 10th  
5PM-9PM**



**Council Meetings**

**Dec 8th,  
9th, 11th**



**NLG Executive Meeting**

**Dec 17th**



**Holiday Office Closure**

**Dec 22nd  
- Jan 2nd**



# LUUT'AA

2025

SIMDAALA'AM NAGATS'E

HAN' II- GANUUTKW SUNDAY	KSG. OOGAM SA MONDAY	HAN' IIGILP' ILHL SA TUESDAY	HAN' IIGWILA JHL SA WEDNESDAY	HAN' IITX_AL PXHL SA THURSDAY	HAN' IIKWS DINSHL SA FRIDAY	HANIYEK SATURDAY
	1 SIM' ALGAX 6PM	2 SUSHI BOWL LUNCH SALE	3 MOVEMENT IS MEDICINE 1:00 PM	4 CRAFT CLUB HOLIDAY BEADING	5	6
7	8 SIM' ALGAX 6PM	9	10 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER	11 CRAFT CLUB HOLIDAY BEADING	12	13
14	15 SIM' ALGAX 6PM	16	17 ELDERS HOLIDAY LUNCHEON	18 CLOSED ADMIN DAY	19 CLOSED DEEP CLEANING	20
21	22 SIM' ALGAX 6PM	23 WINTER BREAK - GVG CLOSED	24	25	26	27
28	29 WINTER BREAK - GVG CLOSED	30	31			



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ELDERS CENTER  
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**HOURS**

MONDAY - FRIDAY  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
DROP IN ALWAYS  
WELCOME

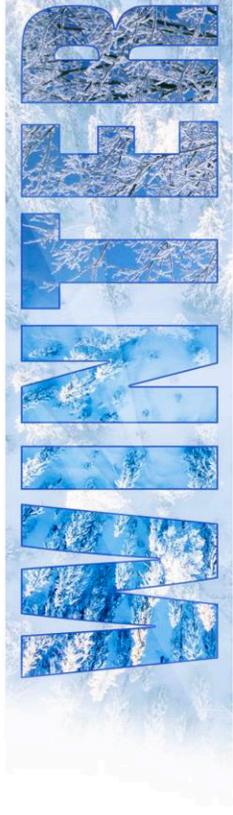
MOVEMENT IS  
MEDICINE -  
REC CENTER  
WEDNESDAYS  
1-2 PM

CRAFT CLUB  
THURSDAYS  
2-5 PM

POP UP  
BAKE SALES  
OCCASSIONALLY

# Youth Room Calendar

## DECEMBER 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1 <b>FREE PLAY DAY</b>	2 Picking Up Gingerbread houses <b>(CLOSED)</b>	3 Christmas Crafts - Reindeer hat & Jinglebell necklace	4 Popsicle stick - Snow Flake Ornament Craff	5 Annual Staff Christmas Dinner <b>(CLOSED)</b>	6
7	8 <b>GINGERBEAD HOUSE MAKING</b>	9 <b>Christmas Painting</b>	10 Community Christmas Dinner <b>(CLOSED)</b>	11 <b>Christmas Baking</b>	12 <b>Christmas Game Night</b>	13
14	15 <b>Christmas Card Craff</b>	16 <b>Beaded Candy cane Craff</b>	17 <b>Paper Snowflake Craff</b>	18 <b>Making snow</b>	19 <b>Christmas Coloring</b>	20
21	22 <b>CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY</b>	23 <b>CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY</b>	24 <b>CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY</b>	25 <b>CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY (Christmas Tree)</b>	26 <b>CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY</b>	27
28	29 <b>CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY</b>	30 <b>CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY</b>	31 <b>CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY</b>	1 <b>CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY</b>	2 <b>CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY</b>	3
4	5	Notes				

Youth Fee: \$5 Per Month

\*We may be doing outdoor activities. Please make sure your child comes with proper gear for the weather\*

\*\*\*GINGERBREAD HOUSES WILL BE FIRST COME FIRST SERVE\*\*\* :)

# DECEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Concert night NESS & HSB REC CENTRE	2 BINGO NESS BAND HOSTING	3	4 BINGO NESS BAND HOSTING	5	6
7 LAXSGIIK FUNDRAISING DAY	8	9 BINGO YMCA HOSTING	10	11 BINGO YMCA HOSTING	12 Tribal tournament YMCA HOSTING	13 Tribal Tournament YMCA HOSTING
14 TRIBAL TOURNAMENT YMCA HOSTING CANADA FUNDRAISING SAY	15	16 BINGO	17	18 APPRECIATION BINGO	19	20
21 GISKAASST fundraising day	22	23	24 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROLLING	25 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE REC CENTRE	26 ANNUAL DOOR TO DOOR GREETING	27
28	29	30 STUDENTS BALL CROWNING OF SNOW KING & QUEEN	31 ADULTS BALL			

