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GITMIDIJK: PEOPLE OF THE GRIZZLY

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DECEMBER/JANUARY EDITION



Name Update: Aligning Our Signage

Project Complete: As of December 5, 2025, the exterior welcome sign now officially reads "Nisga'a Village of New Aiyansh."

Why the change? This update fulfills a Council directive to ensure our physical branding matches our legal identity. While we have transitioned through name changes in the past, the village name officially remains "The Nisga'a Village of New Aiyansh." All legal documents and mailing addresses will revert to this name to keep things consistent for residents and administration alike.

Council Resolution Summary: In December 2018, Council formally clarified that "Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government" was intended solely for branding and communications, and that all legal, administrative, and mailing uses of the village name remain "Nisga'a Village of New Aiyansh." The welcome sign update aligns with this resolution.

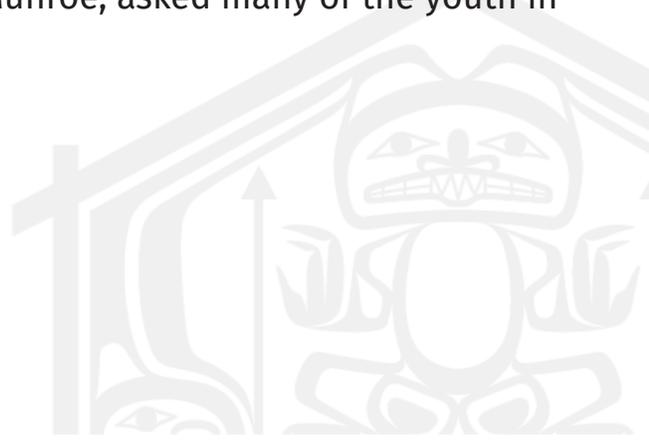


T'ooyaḱsiy' ḱiin for a Wonderful Christmas Dinner

We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone involved in the Annual Community Christmas Dinner on December 10, 2025.

Hosting over 400 guests is no small feat, and it was made possible by our incredible team. Twelve kitchen staff worked tirelessly to prepare a delicious turkey dinner, while our planning committee ensured every detail—from the decorations to the door prizes—was perfect.

The evening was brightened by the voices of the Gitlaxt'aamiks Headstart and Nursery Class and local carolers. Our Master of Ceremonies, Chester Munroe, asked many of the youth in attendance what they would like for Christmas.





Upholding Accountability: Stimulus Program Meeting

On December 3, 2025, the Stimulus Program hosted its first-ever Public Meeting, welcoming an impressive 147 community members. This significant event served as the finale to the series of public meetings held from September through December 2025.

In accordance with Part 3, Section 14(1) of the New Aiyansh Village Charter, these gatherings are essential for upholding the Village Government's commitment to accountability and transparency. Thank you to everyone who attended and engaged in the process.

GVG Zenfolio Gallery



Scan the QR code to revisit special moments from recent community events in our photo gallery.





Fitness Room Expansion & New Class Schedule

To accommodate our growing fitness community, **Gitlaxt'aamiks Sport and Recreation** is excited to announce a new addition 'Mirror Room' to the fitness room! Whether you are into lifting or mobility, we have more space to help you reach your goals.



Weekly Weight Room and Mirror Room Schedule (7:15 PM Daily)

Monday: Strength Training (Kettlebells)

Tuesday: EMOM – Strength & Conditioning (Barbell/Dumbbell) – *Fitness Weight Room*

Wednesday: Stretch and Mobility – *Mirror Fitness Room*

Thursday: TABATA 40/20 Dumbbell Complex

Friday: HIIT Body Weight (Body Attack) – *Mirror Fitness Room*



Monthly Gym Fees: Please remember that fees are due at the beginning of each month.

- **Adult Rate:** \$10.00
- **Youth Rate:** \$5.00





Community Connects at GVG Open House

On January 21, 2026, the Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government welcomed residents for an Open House and Community Dinner. The event was designed to update constituents on current department placements and ensure everyone knows where to access essential services.

Throughout the afternoon, community members toured our temporary workstations:

- **1:00 PM:** Rec Centre (Community Relations)
- **1:30 PM:** Resource Centre (Programs & Services)
- **2:00 PM:** Elders Centre (Adult Care)
- **2:30 PM:** Public Works (Housing & Communications)
- **3:00 PM:** Interpretive Centre (Finance & HR)

The day concluded with a community supper at the Gitmidiik Auditorium at 4:00 PM.

T'ooyaksiy ñiin to the community of New Aiyansh for your continued patience and understanding. As the GVG Administration continues to roll out temporary workstations, we remain committed to upholding the delivery of all programs and services to our constituents.





Congratulations to Our Horticulture Level 2 Graduates!

We are thrilled to congratulate **Nathan Temple, Valerie Dyer, and Mathius McKay** on successfully completing the **Horticulture Landscape Level 2 program!**

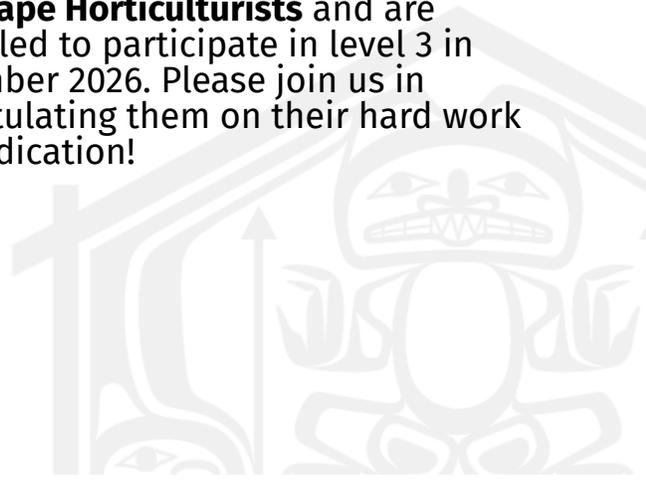
Earning this certificate is a significant achievement, accomplished through a partnership between K5T Employment & Training and Coast Mountain College. This program provides advanced technical training to students continuing their apprenticeship journey. Building on the foundations of Level 1, our staff focused on complex landscape construction and maintenance skills.

Key areas of study included:

- Hardscape Installation:** Construction of interlocking brick, retaining walls, and drainage systems.
- Plant Health:** Advanced plant identification, pest management, and pruning techniques.
- Turf & Irrigation:** Maintenance of turfgrass systems and installation of irrigation components.
- Project Planning:** Reading and interpreting landscape plans and grading requirements.



Completion of this level moves Nathan, Valerie, and Mathius one step closer to becoming fully certified **Red Seal Landscape Horticulturists** and are scheduled to participate in level 3 in September 2026. Please join us in congratulating them on their hard work and dedication!



BUXWLAᑁS 2026 FEBRUARY

HAÑII-GANUUTKW SUNDAY	KSᑎOOᑎAM SA MONDAY	HAÑIIIGILP'IL HL SA TUESDAY	HAÑIIIGWILÁI HL SA WEDNESDAY	HAÑIITᑎALPᑎ HL SA THURSDAY	HAÑIIKWSD INSHL SA FRIDAY	HAÑIIYEᑎK SATURDAY	
SIMDAALA'AM NAGATS'E							 <p>gitlaxt'aamiks GITWINKS PEOPLE OF THE GRIZZLY</p> <p>ELDERS CENTER 250-633-2067</p> <p>HOURS MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM DROP IN ALWAYS WELCOME</p> <p>MOVEMENT IS MEDICINE - REC CENTER WEDNESDAYS 1-2 PM</p> <p>CRAFT CLUB THURSDAYS 2-5 PM</p> <p>POP UP BAKE SALES OCCASSIONALLY</p>
1	2	3 LUNCH SALE CHICKEN CESAR WRAPS	4 CLOSED- BUSINESS RUN	5 CRAFT CLUB 2-5 PM	6	7	
8	9 SIM'ALGAX 6-8 PM	10 LUNCH SALE CHOW MEIN	11 MOVEMENT IS MEDICINE 1-2 PM	12 CRAFT CLUB 2-5 PM	13 BREAD SALE	14	
15	16 CHARLENE AWAY 16 - 20 TH	17 MONTHLY LUNCHEON NISGA'A SOUP	18 MOVEMENT IS MEDICINE 1-2 PM	19 CRAFT CLUB 2-5 PM	20  HOOBIYEE GITWINKSIHLKW	21	
22	23 SIM'ALGAX 6-8 PM	24 LUNCH SALE	25 MOVEMENT IS MEDICINE 1-2 PM	26 CRAFT CLUB 2-5 PM	27 CLOSED- DEEP CLEAN	28	

2026 FEBRUARY

GVG Meeting Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01	02	03	04 NLG Executive Meeting - NLG Chambers	05 NLG Executive Meeting - NLG Chambers	06 NLG Executive Meeting - NLG Chambers	07
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
15 ANBT 2026 - Prince Rupert, BC	16 Statutory Holiday - Family Day ANBT 2026 - Prince Rupert, BC	17 GVG Committee of the Whole Meeting (COW) - Day 1 and 2 ANBT 2026 - Prince Rupert, BC	18 GVG Regular Council Meeting ANBT 2026 - Prince Rupert, BC	19 ANBT 2026 - Prince Rupert, BC	20 Hobiye 2026 - Gitwinskihlkw, BC ANBT 2026 - Prince Rupert, BC	21 Hobiye 2026 - Gitwinskihlkw, BC ANBT 2026 - Prince Rupert, BC
22	23	24	25	26	27	28



2026

Gitlaxt'aamiks Sport & Recreation
Center Youth Room

February

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Dance Practice (2 PM)	2 Arts & Crafts	3 Gym Games	4 Free Play Day	5 Arts & Crafts	6 Board Games	7
8 Dance Practice (2 PM)	9 Baking	10 Valentine's Card making	11 Gym Games	12 Movie Night (Lady and the Tramp)	13 Valentine's Card making	14
15 Dance Practice (2 PM)	16 Family Day (CLOSED)	17 Free Play Day	18 Arts & Crafts	19 Gym Games	20 Hoobyee (Day 1)	21 Hoobyee (Day 2)
22	23 Gym Games	24 Arts & Crafts	25 Outside Games	26 Arts & Crafts	27 Free Play Day	28
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	NOTES: Youth Room Fee \$5.00/month. Movie Night popcorn provided				



MEMO

To: Residents of New Aiyansh
From: Stirling Tait, Communications Manager
Date: Dec 19th 2025
Re: **Community Christmas Dinner Doorprizes - Results**

Good evening, New Aiyansh,

The following prizes were drawn live on Facebook and are available for pick-up at the GVG Office. Please call (250) 633-3100 to arrange a pick-up time.

List of Prizes Won:

- **Comfort Inn & Suites**
One night's stay in a Double Standard Queen room or King Suite – **Won by Tyler Guno**
- **Fountain Tire**
Digital Vehicle inspection – Valued at \$125 – **Won by Lonny Stewart**
- **Cedar Ridge**
5.7-litre Instant Pot – **Won by Brad Mercer**
- **Cedar Ridge**
65" Roku TV – **Won by Marlon Stewart**
- **City Furniture**
Range and 30" range hood – **Won by Victor Robinson**
- **Kondola's**
Gift prize – To Be Announced – **Won by Muriel Clayton**
- **RONA**
Three (3) swag bags (cooler bag with shirt and sweatshirt) – **Drake Morven, Aiden Clayton, Kim Hansen**
- **M'akola Development Services**
Gift Box – Coffee, Tea, and Me + Nisga'a Feast Procedures and Protocols Book – **Lisa Munroe**
- **Newmont**
Gift Basket – **Won by Carl Johnson**

Toll Free Number 1-877-588-2388 Fax Number 1-250-633-2271



MEMO

Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government
PO Box 233, 5200 Skateen Avenue
New Aiyansh, B.C. V0J 1A0

Date: NOVEMBER 3, 2025
To: COMMUNITY OF NEW AIYANSH
Cc: CHIEF & COUNCIL
From: DARLENE MORGAN, CAO
RE: VILLAGE GOVERNMENT NAME CHANGE

WE CONTINUE TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS REGARDING THE VILLAGE NAME. ENCLOSED YOU WILL FIND THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION DATED DECEMBER 10, 2018, THAT CONFIRMS THAT ONLY THE VILLAGE GOVERNMENT NAME WAS CHANGED.

THE NEW AIYANSH VILLAGE GOVERNMENT NAME WAS CHANGED TO GITLAXT'AAMIKS VILLAGE GOVERNMENT FROM NEW AIYANSH VILLAGE GOVERNMENT.

THE VILLAGE NAME REMAINS "THE NISGA'A VILLAGE OF NEW AIYANSH". WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF CHANGING THE SIGN AT THE ENTRANCE.



MEMO

To: The Community of New Aiyansh
From: Darlene Morgan, CAO
Cc: Chief & Council
Date: January 14, 2026
Re: **URGENT: Fire Safety & Improper Disposal of Electronic Devices**



Please be advised that a damaged vaping device was recently discovered in the men's washroom at the Gitlaxt'aamiks Sport and Recreation Centre. The device was found wrapped in tissue and concealed inside a paper towel dispenser. Upon inspection, the device exhibited visible burn marks, creating a significant fire hazard to the facility and its patrons.

The safety of our community and the preservation of our facilities are our top priorities. Placing heated or damaged electronic devices near combustible materials (such as paper towels) is extremely dangerous.

We urge the general public to ensure all vape devices are disposed of properly and safely. Please do not leave these items unattended or improperly disposed of within any GVG facilities. **Vaping is strictly prohibited on GVG properties including the Rec Centre.**

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our centre safe.



GITLAXT'AAMIKS VILLAGE GOVERNMENT

RESOLUTION		
DATE	10 December 2018	2018
	DAY MONTH YEAR	
CHRONOLOGICAL NUMBER		
2018-2019 FISCAL YEAR	Third QUARTER	10-12-18-02 NUMBER

DO HEREBY RESOLVE:

- THAT** On May 20, 2010 Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government passed a resolution to authorize a name change from New Aiyansh Village Government to Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government;
- AND** That there continues to be confusion on whether this name change was to include mailing addresses, legal documents, land title documents, etc.
- AND** That all our legal documents continue to show us registered as the "Nisga'a Village of New Aiyansh";
- Whereas** The initial request for the name change was only to change the Village Government name for Branding & Website design purposes;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

That effective immediately only the village government name shall be Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government and that any legal documents or signage shall revert back to Nisga'a Village of New Aiyansh and for purposes of mailing addresses it shall remain New Aiyansh.

QUORUM FOR GITLAXT'AAMIKS VILLAGE GOVERNMENT CONSISTS OF FIVE(5)

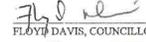

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GITLAXT'AAMIKS VILLAGE GOVERNMENT
 SPRINKLER SYSTEM AT G.V.G OFFICE
 JANUARY 13, 2025
 COMMUNIQUE FROM THE CAO

- Communications Manager, Public Works office
- Adult Care Department - 4 staff Elders Center
- Chief Administrative Officer Public Works office
- Council Chambers Public Works office

On Tuesday, January 6, 2026, the sprinkler system at the main office burst, causing major water damage. Every office, including the photocopy room, records room, and council chambers, was affected by the water damage.

At 5:38 am, the CAO contacted the Chief Councilor, the NLG CEO, and the NLG Director of Capital Assets to report the incident. Our CFO first reported the incident to our insurance company and then contacted our internet service provider for follow-up and remediation to ensure our main servers were not affected by the water damage.

At 9:00 am, we held a staff meeting to deliver a full report to all staff and then conducted a walk-through to show the extent of the damage.

At 11:00 am, Elite Flood and Fire Restoration arrived to conduct a preliminary assessment of the damage, and TL Carved at 1:00 pm to assess our computer systems.

At the staff meeting, the CAO advised that all staff would need to be relocated to other offices until the office restoration is complete. For the past week, staff have been removing files that were not destroyed, and the finance department was immediately set up to ensure that administration could continue regular business.

- Staff have been relocated as follows:
- Finance Department – 4 staff Interpretative Center
 - Human Resources Interpretative Center
 - Social Development - Basic needs Interpretative Center
 - Post Secondary Interpretative Center
 - Community Relations Rec Center – Eagle Room
 - Records Management Rec Center - Eagle Room
 - Economic Development Rec Center - Eagle Room
 - Community Relations – Assistant Rec Center - Eagle Room
 - Programs & services Director Resource Center – Sewing Room
 - Community Social Services Resource Center - Sewing Room
 - Education Administration Resource Center - Sewing Room
 - Employment Counsellor Resource Center - Sewing Room
 - Housing Officer Public Works office
 - Housing Intern Public Works office
 - Corporate Clerk Public Works office
 - Communications Director Public Works office
 - Communications Manager Public Works office
 - Adult Care Department – 4 staff Elders Center

Due to the water damage, all office furniture will have to be replaced, the main office gutted, and all flooring removed. The entire crawl space will have to be dried out and cleaned. We estimate the restoration work may take up to 9 months.

The office building is fully insured, and the only cost to GVG will be the deductible. Including restoration of the office building, heating and boiler systems, electrical systems, office furniture, and sprinkler systems for the entire office, the insurance cost may be as high as \$1 million.

We want to acknowledge Dorian Stephens, Manager of the Lava Roc Restaurant, who notified the Director of Public Works that the office security alarm was activated and that water was throughout the building.

Graeme Mackenzie was first on site, then Earl Munroe and Walter Nisyok. The CAO arrived on site at 4:50 am. The water damage was already extensive throughout the building and the crawl space.

Since January 6, 2026, all staff have been assisting with cleaning and packing up each office, the archive records room, the council chambers, and the staff room. We were also required to purchase three sea-cans for storing equipment and files.

We want to extend a sincere appreciation to the community for your understanding and patience as we relocate staff. Throughout this process, we tried to ensure that social development and post-secondary clients had access to staff at all times.

Today, January 14, 2026, one of our caterers, Frank Tait, has prepared a luncheon for the staff in recognition of their work over the past week. I am incredibly grateful for this, as I have seen how hard all the staff have worked to prepare the building for restoration and to relocate to various offices throughout the village. Thank you very much, Frank.

We also want to acknowledge the NLG CEO, who responded to the CAO's call and for stopping by to view the damage and meet with the CAO. This visit from the NLG CEO was enlightening for many staff members, who felt we were carrying this load alone.

Special acknowledgement to Chief & Council for conducting their walkthrough of the building and then stepping back to allow the staff to complete the work ahead. Throughout this process, the Chief Councilor was kept up to date on staff relocation and insurance requirements.

Lastly, as the CAO, I want to extend my sincere appreciation to all our staff for coming together as a team and working hard to remove our records and electronics as quickly as possible, ensuring they are not destroyed or rendered unusable.

The shock and silence as the staff entered the office will remain with me, as I watched the pain in their faces as they tried to hold back their tears. I encouraged everyone to walk through their offices, take pictures, and wait until I received clearance from the insurance adjuster before removing anything. I watched with great humility as the staff began their work, helping and holding each other up, especially our

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O&M crew, who became the rock and strength for the office staff. On the first day, the work was done with uncanny silence as they worked through their pain.

By the third day, I began to hear laughter and felt some of the pain subsiding. I knew that as the CAO, I had an obligation to keep this team together regardless of where their offices would be located.

After seven days of packing up offices and setting up new locations, I am extremely grateful to our team, whose strength and resilience brought our organization back on its feet and enabled us to continue our work for the community of New Aiyansh.

On Wednesday, January 21, 2026, we will host an open house tour of all locations where our staff will be stationed, followed by a supper at the Gitmidik Auditorium. Schedule as follows:

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| - Rec Centre | Community Relations | 1:00 pm |
| - Resource Centre | Programs & services | 1:30 pm |
| - Elders Centre | Adult Care | 2:00 pm |
| - Public Works | Housing & Communications | 2:30 pm |
| - Interpretative Centre | Finance & Human Resources | 3:00 pm |
| - Gitmidik Auditorium | Supper | 4:00 pm |

Once again, thank you to the New Aiyansh community for your patience during the closure of our offices. Our offices will be fully operational by Thursday, January 15, 2026.



NISGA' A YOUTH SAAK/OOLICHAN ART & STORY CONTEST

Calling all Nisga'a youth! We are looking for artwork and stories showcasing the importance of saak/oolichan to the Nisga'a people.

- Open to any art format/style
- Youth from K through age 35
- Submit at school or by email

**Submit
by
Feb. 13,
2026**



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