

# Mahla'asgum

# Saw'winsk

## Buxwlaḱs

### FEBRUARY EDITION



## Flooding Incident — Main Office

On January 6, 2026, the sprinkler system in the main office building burst at approximately 4:50 am, causing extensive water damage throughout every office, including the photocopy room, records room, council chambers, and the building's entire crawl space.

The CAO was on site within the hour. By 9:00 am, a full staff briefing had been held. Restoration and IT assessment teams arrived by midday. All staff have since been temporarily relocated across the Interpretative Centre, Resource Centre, Recreation Centre, Public Works, and the Elders Centre while restoration work is completed.

The building is fully insured; total restoration costs — covering structural repairs, heating, electrical, furniture, and sprinkler systems — may reach \$1 million, with only the deductible falling to GVG. Restoration is estimated to take up to nine months.

We extend our deepest thanks to the entire staff team for their remarkable resilience throughout this process, and to caterer Frank Tait for organizing a staff luncheon on January 14 in recognition of their efforts. Special recognition also goes to Dorian Stephens for alerting Public Works, and to Graeme Mackenzie, Earl Munroe, and Walter Nisyok for being first on site.



## **GVG Calls for Funding Fairness and Reform**

Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government (GVG) is making a public call for fairness, transparency and reform — a call that comes in response to Nisga'a Lisims Government's (NLG) years-long failure to resolve issues concerning distribution of housing funds and governance.

In March 2022, NLG received roughly \$83 million in federal funding to support Village housing construction and renovation projects under a Fiscal Financing Agreement (FFA). GVG expected to receive its per capita share immediately, as Nisga'a law required.

Along with the other Village Governments, GVG was surprised by the sudden implementation of legislative amendments centralizing control of Village funds under NLG's Capital (New Asset) Finance Commission. GVG was further disappointed by unfair treatment that prevented only GVG from completing desperately needed housing projects — including new elder housing units and homes for young families.

GVG has raised serious concerns with NLG regarding the subordination of Village decision-making, the handling of Nisga'a resources, and the failure to uphold decorum and the spirit and intent of the Nisga'a Final Agreement and Nisga'a Constitution.

GVG now calls for a significant course correction, restoring to Village Governments the responsibility for the delivery of housing in their communities, and a renewal of respectful relationships between NLG, Village Governments, and their members — all guided by concern for the welfare of our people.

*“Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government has been dealing with this issue for five years. As the council responsible for the oversight and management of all FFA-funded programs and services for the community of New Aiyansh, we can no longer stand back and watch the move to centralization. Ensuring the autonomy of each Nisga'a Village as a distinct and separate entity from Nisga'a Lisims Government was a primary focus of negotiations towards the Nisga'a Final Agreement. As the largest of the Nisga'a Villages, New Aiyansh has the capacity to not require third-party management of our housing program or any other programs funded through the Fiscal Financing Agreement.”*

— **Calvin Morven, GVG Chief Councillor**

# Wildfire Training – March 23–31, 2026

Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government is hosting a week-long Wildfire Training program running March 23–31, 2026. Classes will run daily from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 4:00 p.m., meeting each morning at Gitmidiik Auditorium, 4628 Morven St., New Aiyansh, BC.

## Course Schedule

**March 23:** S100/S185 – Classroom delivery (20 people)

**March 24:** S100 Field Delivery (20 people)

**March 25:** Power Saw Operator – Classroom morning; maintenance & sharpening afternoon.  
Class/Field Delivery (15 people)

**March 26:** Power Saw Operator – Field Delivery (15 people)

**March 27:** S211 Fire Environment, S212 Communications, S213 Heavy Equipment – Classroom delivery (15 people)

**March 28:** S235 Ignition Operations, S230 Intro to Supervision – Classroom delivery (20 people)

**March 29:** S241 Fire Assessment, ICS100 – Classroom delivery (20 people)

**March 30:** ICS 200 – Classroom delivery (20 people)

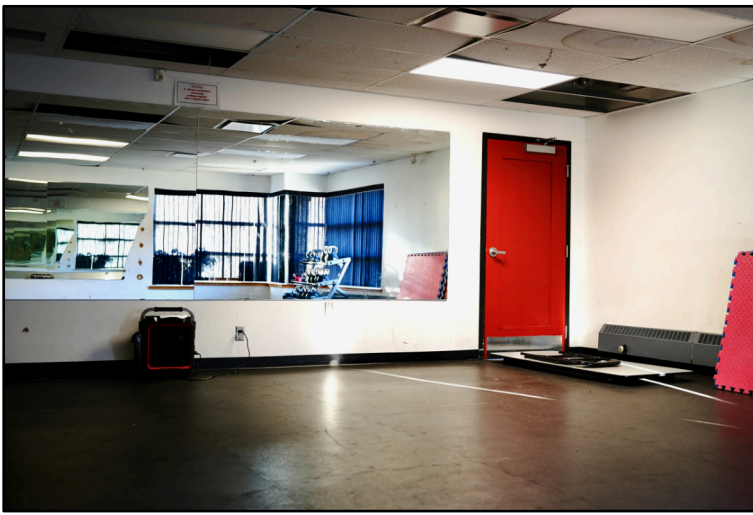
PPE and equipment for field deliveries will be provided. Students must wear long sleeve shirts, pants, and work boots for field deliveries.

**To register:** Contact Susan at the Gitlaxt'aamiks Public Works building or call **250-633-3113**.

**James Wright**

**Heavy Equipment Manager, Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government**





## Fitness Room & Class Schedule

### 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



## Safety Notice: Vaping Incident

A damaged vaping device was recently found concealed inside a paper towel dispenser in the men's washroom at the Gitlaxt'aamiks Sport and Recreation Centre. The device showed visible burn marks, posing a serious fire risk given its proximity to combustible materials.

Please be reminded that vaping is strictly prohibited on all GVG properties, including the Recreation Centre. We ask all community members to dispose of vaping devices safely and responsibly, and never to leave damaged or heated electronics unattended in any GVG facility. The safety of our community is our top priority. Thank you for your cooperation.





## Masters Division

The Masters squad put together an impressive 3-2 record, including wins over Greenville, Kitkatla, and Skidegate. A narrow opening loss to Gingolx set the tone for a competitive week that the team responded to emphatically in their following three games.

Date	Matchup	Score	Result
Feb 14	New Aiyansh vs Gingolx	68 – 64	<b>LOSS</b>
Feb 16	New Aiyansh vs Greenville	86 – 77	<b>WIN</b>
Feb 18	New Aiyansh vs Kitkatla	91 – 69	<b>WIN</b>
Feb 19	New Aiyansh vs Skidegate	77 – 67	<b>WIN</b>
Feb 20	New Aiyansh vs Gingolx	68 – 52	<b>LOSS</b>





## Gitmidiik Seniors

The New Aiyansh Seniors finished with a strong 3–2 record. Victories over Bella Coola (twice) and Lytton highlighted a well-rounded squad with depth and determination throughout the week.

Date	Matchup	Score	Result
Feb 15	Bella Coola vs New Aiyansh	84 – 67	<b>WIN</b>
Feb 17	New Aiyansh vs Burnaby	118 – 74	<b>LOSS</b>
Feb 17	Lytton vs New Aiyansh	90 – 80	<b>WIN</b>
Feb 18	New Aiyansh vs Bella Coola	84 – 72	<b>WIN</b>
Feb 19	New Aiyansh vs Kitkatla	102 – 52	<b>LOSS</b>





## Gitmidiik Thunder

New Aiyansh opened the tournament with a default win over Kitkatla, before facing tough competition from Kitamaat and Hesquiaht. The team fought hard across all three games, gaining valuable court time and experience against competitive opponents.

Date	Matchup	Score	Result
Feb 14	New Aiyansh vs Kitkatla	Win by Default	<b>WIN</b>
Feb 15	Kitamaat vs New Aiyansh	63 – 19	<b>LOSS</b>
Feb 17	New Aiyansh vs Hesquiaht	75 – 45	<b>LOSS</b>

## GVG Zenfolio Gallery



Scan the QR code to view more photos from ANBT 2026.



# XSAAK MAR 2026



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>01</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>07</b>
<b>08</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
JANT 2026	JANT 2026	JANT 2026	JANT 2026	JANT 2026	JANT 2026	
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
	Council of the Whole Day 1 & 2	Regular Council Meeting	WSN	WSN	WSN	
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

# X̄SAAK 2026 MARCH

HAÑII- GANUUTKW SUNDAY	KSGOOGAM SA MONDAY	HAÑIIGILP'IL HL SA TUESDAY	HAÑIIGWILAL HL SA WEDNESDAY	HAÑIITXALPX̄ HL SA THURSDAY	HAÑIIKWSD INSHL SA FRIDAY	HAÑIYYEK̄ SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	LUNCH SALE SPAGHETTI	MOVEMENT IS MEDICINE 1-2 PM	CRAFT CLUB 2-5 PM	BREAD SALE		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	SIM'ALGAX 6-8 PM	LUNCHEON SEAFOOD BOIL	MOVEMENT IS MEDICINE 1-2 PM	CRAFT CLUB 2-5 PM	CLOSED - DEEP CLEAN	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		JR ALL NATIVE TOURNAMENT	MOVEMENT IS MEDICINE REC CENTER WEDNESDAYS 1-2 PM			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		SPRING BREAK	MOVEMENT IS MEDICINE REC CENTER WEDNESDAYS 1-2 PM			
29	30	31	<b>SIMDAALA'AM NAGATS'E</b>			
			CRAFT CLUB THURSDAYS 2-5 PM			
			POP UP BAKE SALES OCCASIONALLY			



ELDERS CENTER  
250-6333-2067

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  
OCCASIONALLY