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MAY EDITION



Special Assembly 2026

From May 11th to May 15th, the Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government proudly hosted the 2026 Nisga'a Lisims Government (NLG) Special Assembly. Held at the New Aiyansh Rec Centre, the five-day event served as a vital forum for leadership, staff, and citizens from across the Nation to connect, deliberate, and look toward the future. The assembly focused on a wide array of core governance matters, community updates, and strategic public initiatives. Throughout the week, presentations and open discussions provided a space to evaluate ongoing programs and align collective priorities for the Nisga'a Nation. Participation remained steady over the five days, utilizing a hybrid model to ensure citizens both near and far could tune into the proceedings.

Day 1 (May 11) | 363 Participants | In-person attendance (Estimate) |

Day 2 (May 12) | 606 Participants | Combined online and in-person turnout |

Day 3 (May 13) | 626 Participants | Combined online and in-person turnout (Weekly Peak) |

Day 4 (May 14) | 525 Participants | Strong continuous engagement |

Day 5 (May 15) | 103 Participants | Closing day in person attendance |

Our media and communications teams were on the floor throughout the entire event to document this important week in our Nation's governance. A comprehensive gallery of 524 photos has been compiled, capturing the leadership presentations, staff milestones, and citizen discussions that defined the assembly.



NESS Students March for MMIW

The month commenced with a powerful and meaningful demonstration as students from NESS marched in solidarity for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW). The procession, which was safely escorted by the RCMP, began at the Auditorium and concluded at NESS, showing strong community support and awareness for this vital cause





Post-Secondary Info Session

Education took center stage at the NESS Post-Secondary Info Session, an event well-attended by each Nisga'a Village Education Administrator. A major highlight of the session was a presentation by Jolene Adams, Community Liaison at Newmont. She introduced an exciting new opportunity for Nisga'a post-secondary students: the Nisga'a Nation Minerals Legacy Fund. This fund has been established specifically to support post-secondary studies that are relevant to both the Nisga'a Nation and the British Columbia minerals industry, paving the way for future career opportunities for our youth.



Gitmidiik Group Career Fair: Empowering Community Employment

Gitmidiik Group hosted a comprehensive, multi-day Career Fair. Designed to foster local economic growth and workforce development, the event served as a vital bridge connecting community talent with meaningful career pathways. The event served as a dynamic hub for collaboration, bringing together an array of foundational industry partners and professional presenters. By creating a centralized space for dialogue and mentorship, the fair allowed local job seekers to explore diverse sectors and gain a clearer understanding of the modern employment landscape. The fair provided a platform for community members to cultivate professional relationships, interface with corporate recruiters, and interface directly with potential employers.

An initiative of this scale relies heavily on the moving parts of community collaboration. Gitmidiik Group extends its sincere appreciation to NLG and all participating industry partners for their generosity. Their contributions—specifically the provision of excellent event prizes—greatly enhanced engagement and contributed to the overall success of the fair.

Looking Forward: Events like these do more than fill immediate job openings; they build long-term community capacity, inspire professional confidence, and lay the groundwork for sustainable economic independence.

Entrepreneurship Workshop: Building the Businesses of Tomorrow

Led by Bodie Elliot, this interactive session was a major standout for community members looking to take control of their economic futures. The workshop focused on the core pillars of launching a successful business, with a specific emphasis on modern marketing strategies.

Strategic Marketing Fundamentals: Attendees learned how to identify target demographics, build a compelling brand voice, and stand out in the regional marketplace.

Demystifying Entrepreneurship: Bodie broke down complex business frameworks into accessible, actionable steps, showing participants how to turn creative ideas into viable business models.



Duz Cho Heavy Equipment Simulator: High-Tech Trade Testing

Fairgoers got a firsthand taste of what it takes to drive the heavy industry sectors forward. The Heavy Equipment Simulator was a massive hit, drawing line-ups eager to test their coordination at the controls. The simulator allowed participants to experience the actual physics, sightlines, and tactile responses of operating massive earthworks machinery—such as excavators and bulldozers—in a safe, controlled environment.

Attendants walked away with a real understanding of the technical skills required for lucrative careers in civil construction, infrastructure development, and mining operations.

By blending cutting-edge technology with direct career exploration, Duz Cho provided a unique gateway for local talent to discover a passion for high-demand industrial trades.



Embracing Evolution: Chief & Council and Staff Explore the Potential of AI

Technology moves fast, and staying ahead of the curve is essential for effective leadership and administration. Recently, Chief & Council, alongside staff members, participated in an introductory Artificial Intelligence (AI) training session led by facilitator Daphne Thomson.

The session sparked a lot of great dialogue. While a healthy dose of skepticism remains about how these fast-evolving tools fit into our daily work, many attendees walked away seeing the clear advantages of incorporating AI into our workflows—provided it is used with intention.

Streamlining the Heavy Lifting: AI as a Formatting Partner

For many, the word "AI" conjures up images of machines doing the thinking for us. In practice, however, the tool is at its best when it acts as an administrative assistant.

Take policy writing, for example. In the past, drafting a new policy meant hours of researching frameworks from other organizations, followed by the tedious task of formatting a document from scratch. Today, staff can utilize AI to handle the structural layout. By inputting a "stream of consciousness" draft containing all the necessary raw information, AI can instantly structure it into a clean, professional policy format.

Ultimately, the takeaway from Daphne Thomson's training session wasn't that we should hand our jobs over to algorithms. Instead, it showed us that when used deliberately and mindfully, AI can eliminate tedious formatting blocks and solve complex technical hurdles—giving staff more time to focus on what matters most: serving our community.



A Tool, Not an Artist: Creative Problem-Solving in Photography

The debate around generative AI and the arts is ongoing, and the consensus among creators is clear: AI is nowhere near capable of replacing human artists. However, it can serve as a powerful utility for problem-solving.

Our communications team recently put this to the test during a historical photo restoration project. Facing the challenge of working with a very low-quality, blurry scan of an old photograph, we used AI to help bring definition back to the subjects.

The Restoration Process:

The AI Sketch: Gemini AI analyzed the low-resolution pixel patterns of the original image to create a high-definition, photorealistic sketch of the lines and features it recognized.

The Blur Technique: A soft blur was applied to the AI sketch to soften any overly rigid, artificial lines.

The Final Layer: The original photograph was layered over the top with transparency added.

By blending the machine's advanced pattern recognition with the historical truth of the original photo, the features of the subjects became defined and sharp. Thanks to this hybrid approach, the players in the photograph are now fully identifiable, preserving a piece of history that might have otherwise remained blurred.

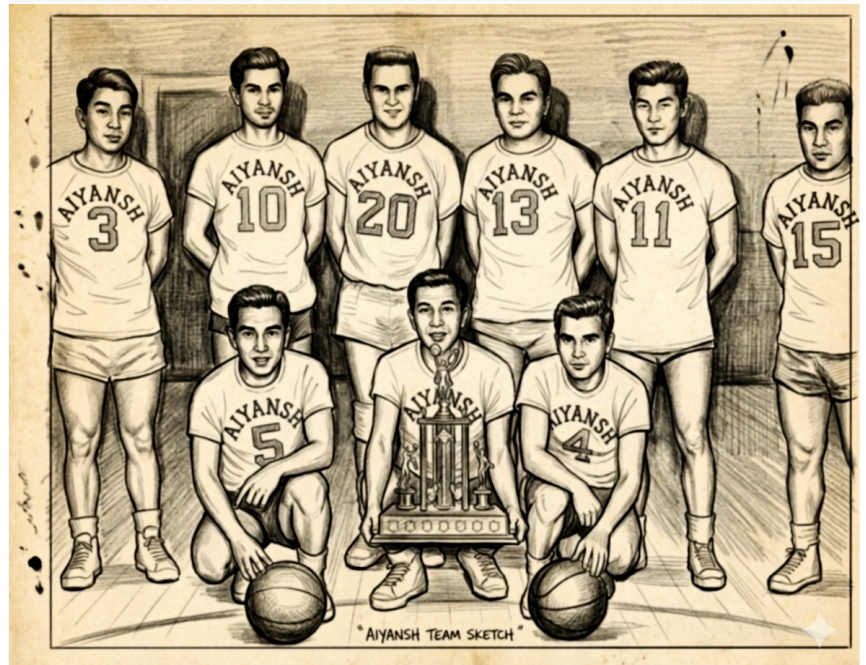
The Original Scan

This scan isn't the best quality. There isn't a ton of definition in the facial features which makes the players hard to identify.



Gemini AI Sketch

You can see the caricature-ization of the players faces. This is the generative aspect of AI, basically it is making it's best guess at missing information.



Hybrid Scan/Sketch

By blurring the sketch, adding transparency, and layering the sketch and scan, the facial features become more prominent. Although still present, the sketch is highlighting the faces of the players rather than re-imagining them.



Repeating the Process

The same process was repeated with this photo of the intermediates. Although there is even less definition in this photo.



Photorealistic Sketch

Photorealism was chosen to bring more definition to the image.



Resulting Image

The sketch is a lot more prominent in this photo than the previous photo. This is because the original scan had less information to begin with.





gitlaxt'aamiks
GITMIDIHK: PEOPLE OF THE GRIZZLY

MISO'O

JUNE 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
BC Hydro Planned Power Outage 8:00AM-4:00PM	Income Assistance Intake Date June 8-9					
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Committee of the Whole (COW)	Committee of the Whole (COW)		Regular Council Meeting	GVGNational Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration	NESS GRAD
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
National Indigenous Peoples Day Fathers Dav			NLG Executive	NLG Executive	NLG Executive	
28	29	30				

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*

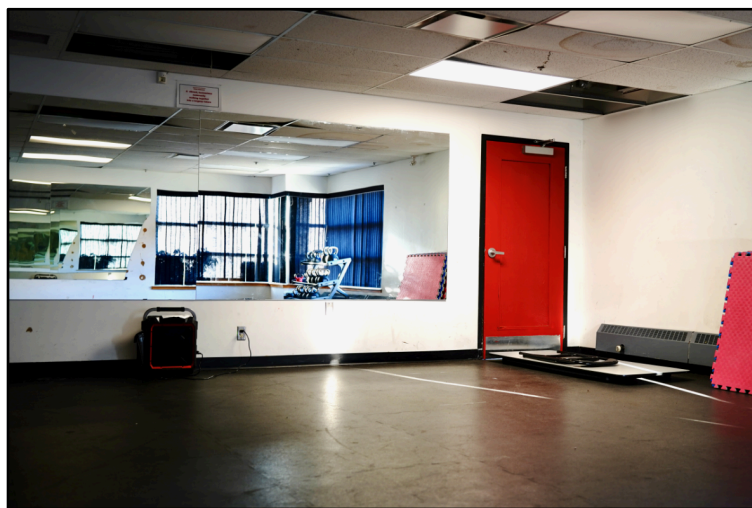
Wednesday: Stretch and Mobility – *Mirror Fitness Room*

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



GVG Zenfolio Gallery



Scan the QR code to view
more photos from our
galleries



Employment Opportunity

Position:	Homecare Support Worker	Posting Date:	May 21, 2026
Employment Type:	Full-Time	Closing Date:	June 4, 2026

Scope of Work:

The Homecare Support Worker reports to the Community Worker, provides personal care, household support, and companionship to Elders and other community members, enabling them to remain safely and comfortably in their homes. This role works under the guidance of the Community Social Worker and contributes to the overall well-being of clients through reliable, compassionate, and professional service.

Responsibilities

Client Service Plans

- Understand and follow each client's individual service plan, which may include:
 - a. Providing supportive and comfort measures.
 - b. Preparing meals and snacks and ensuring adequate fluid intake.
 - c. Performing essential household services to help clients remain safely at home.
 - d. Creating a warm, welcoming, and calm environment that fosters personal interest and positivity.
 - e. Offering companionship and emotional support.

Client Treatment

- Treat all clients with kindness, dignity, and respect.
- Protect clients' rights to privacy and confidentiality, including personal property and information.

Safety Protocols

- Follow established safety procedures when performing all duties.
- Promptly report any accidents or injuries (to yourself or clients) to the Community Social Worker.

Policy Adherence

- Carry out all tasks in accordance with established policies, procedures, and directions provided by the Community Social Worker.
- Maintain proper infection control and safety practices while performing caregiving duties.

Home Environment Maintenance

- Ensure clients' homes are kept clean, safe, comfortable, and well-maintained.
- Report any hazardous conditions or faulty equipment to the Community Social Worker.

Documentation

- Accurately complete and submit all required records, time sheets, service plans, and other documentation in a timely manner.

Professional Development

- Attend scheduled orientation sessions, workshops, and in-service training.
- Stay informed about program and policy updates that affect Homecare Support services.

Communication

- Collaborate effectively with program staff, Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government personnel, and families to support program delivery.
- Prepare reports, statements, and correspondence as required by the Director of Programs and Services or Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government.

Budget and Funding

- Contribute to the Homecare Support Worker budget planning process.
- Assist in preparing funding proposals that support Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government goals and community initiatives.

Qualifications

- Completion of a Home Support/Resident Care Attendant or equivalent training program, or relevant experience providing personal care and home support.
- Current First Aid and CPR certification (or willingness to obtain).
- Food Safe and WHMIS certification are considered an asset.
- Knowledge of infection control and safe work practices.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality and demonstrate respect for Elders and community members.
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills, with the ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Reliable, compassionate, and committed to quality client care.
- Valid Class 5 Driver's License and access to a reliable vehicle preferred.
- Successful completion of a Criminal Record Check (vulnerable sector) required prior to employment.

While we appreciate all applications received, only those contacted will be interviewed. We reserve the right to re-post this position in the event that no qualified applicants apply. No faxes or telephone calls will be accepted. Submit your cover letter, resume and three (3) current employment references to Dena Robinson, Director of Human Resources at dena@peopleofthegrizzly.com.

N I I H L ' N A A M
T I I N A ?

Do you want
some tea?

Save the date and join Hope
for tea and baked goodies
Thursday afternoons at the
New Aiyansh Elders' Center

RIDES ARE AVAILABLE
PLEASE CALL
250-633-2067



To book an appointment, call or text (250)552-4843

Small dog neuter-\$800

Large dog-\$1,100

Small dog spay-\$1,200

Large dog spay-\$1,400

Cat neuter-\$600

Cat spay-\$900



VET TO PET
IS
Coming
TO YOUR
AREA!

Dr. Kim Hunter
SERVING THE NORTH

HAZELTON **TERRACE**

Exact dates and location to be announced

TO BOOK APPOINTMENTS, TEXT OR CALL
(250) 552-4843

The advertisement features a collage of images: a black GMC pickup truck towing a white mobile clinic trailer with a cat and dog logo, a smiling woman (Dr. Kim Hunter) with a stethoscope around her neck holding a small white and black dog, and a background of misty mountains. The text is arranged in a clear, bold font with some elements in green and blue boxes. The bottom section has a dark blue background with a heart icon and a smartphone graphic.

NEW AIYANSH ABORIGINAL DAY



Raffles Include:

Big Ticket Items,
Giant Food Hamper
Loonie Auction
50/50
Cash Raffle

Events Include:

Jail & Bail
3-on-3 Basketball
Tricycle Race
Arm Wrestling
Dunk Tank
Arts & Crafts
Dollar Bingo
Soap-Box Derby
Themed Parade
Mr. AB-Original Flex Off
Chili Cook Off
Elder's BBQ
Blind Water Challenge



Children's Events:

Carnival Games
Water/ Swim Park
Face Painting
Bouncy Castles
Bike Challenge
Fitness Competition

Contests:

Best Wolf Howl
Best Raven Call
Best Eagle Soar
Best Orca Splash
Best Moose Call
Soapberry Whipping
Paper Airplane
Chubby Bunny
Fear Factor
Balloon Pop
Best Decorated Bike

This Year's Theme:

Legends of the Nass: Past, Present, and Future
Athletes

All proceeds go towards the NIFA Teams

Date:
Parade Start:
Location:

Friday June 19th 2026
11:00AM @ the Auditorium
New Aiyansh Rec Centre

LIVE ON LOCATION

MISO'O 2026 JUNE SIMDALA'AM NAGATS'E

HAÑII- GANUTKW SUNDAY	KS GOOGAM SA MONDAY	HAÑII GILP'IL HL SA TUESDAY	HAÑII GWILAL HL SA WEDNESDAY	HAÑII T'XALP'X HL SA THURSDAY	HAÑII KWSD INSHL SA FRIDAY	HAÑII YEEX SATURDAY	
	1	2 LUNCH SALE	3 WELLNESS WEDNESDAY	4 TEA TIME W HOPE	5 BAKE SALE	6	 gitlax't'aamiks GITLAX'T'AMIKS PEOPLE OF THE GRIZZLY ELDERS CENTER 250-633-2067 HOURS MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM DROP IN ALWAYS WELCOME LUNCH SALES TUESDAYS AT NOON - LUNCHEON NO PURCHASE NECESSARY WELLNESS WEDNESDAY MOVEMENT IS MEDICINE 1-2 PM CRAFT CLUB THURSDAYS 2-5 PM POP UP BAKE SALES OCCASSIONALLY
BC HYDRO 7 PLANNED POWER OUTAGE 8:00-4:00	8	9 LUNCH SALE	10 WELLNESS WEDNESDAY	11 TEA TIME W HOPE	12 BAKE SALE	13	
14	15	16 LUNCH SALE	17 WELLNESS WEDNESDAY	18 TEA TIME W HOPE	19 GVG INDIGENOUS DAY CELEBRATION	20  NESS GRAD CELEBRATION	
21	22	23 LUNCHEON	24 WELLNESS WEDNESDAY	25 TEA TIME W HOPE	26 BAKE SALE	27	
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MEMO

To: Homeowners
From: Earl Munroe, Director of Public Works
Cc: Darlene Morgan, Chief Administrative Officer
Date: Friday, May 22, 2026

This notice is a reminder regarding the Village refuse pickup service.

Garbage pickup is available:

- \$10.00 per month for once per week pickup
- \$20.00 per month for twice per week pickup

Our refuse crew follows a scheduled route and is provided with a list of all paid households and the designated pickup times for each residence.

Pickup times are as follows:

- Lower community: 9:30 am start
- Upper community: 1:00 pm start

All garbage must be placed outside prior to the start time for your area. If garbage is not out when the crew passes your home, they will continue their route and will not return later that day.

We kindly ask residents to have garbage ready on time to avoid missed pickups and unnecessary complaints to the office.

As the Village continues improving waste management services and preparing for future Eco Depot operations, residents should be aware that garbage collection procedures may change in the future, including the separation of household waste and recyclable materials. Community cooperation with scheduled pickup times helps keep services running efficiently and supports these future improvements for everyone.

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY GATHERING

"HOLDING UP OUR ELDERS"

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

NOMINATE AN ELDER TO BE HONOURED

- 1. SUBMIT A NOMINATION**
Fill out a simple form with your Elder's info & why you're nominating them.
- 2. COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION**
Contribute to gift bundles, volunteer, share words of appreciation, & join the gathering!
- 3. JOIN THE CELEBRATION** (June 19, 2026)
Elder recognition, cultural sharing, community meal, & more

GET INVOLVED

CONTACT:

sarah@peopleofthegrizzly.com

charlene.tait@peopleofthegrizzly.com

250-633-2067



ELDER NOMINATION FORM

ELDER INFORMATION

Elder's Name _____

Nisga'a Name _____

Wilp (House) _____

Tribe _____

Birthdate _____ Address _____

Contact Information _____

REASON FOR NOMINATION / RECOGNITION

NOMINATOR

Nominator Name _____

Nominator Contact Information _____

Date: June 2, 2026

To: Gitmidiik JANT Teams

- Gitmidiik Thunder Ladies Team
- Gitmidiik Seniors, Masters, and Intermediates (YMCA)
- Nisga'a United Ladies Soccer Team
- Nisga'a Braves Men's Soccer Team
- All Past, Present, and Future Soccer, Basketball, Softball Players, and Runners
- All Nisga'a Organizations and Nisga'a Villages in the Nass Valley

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2026 NEW AIYANSH ABORIGINAL DAY Celebration

Good Day,

On behalf of the Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government, it is our distinct pleasure to formally invite your teams, athletes, and organizations/villages to participate in the upcoming **New Aiyansh Aboriginal Day Celebration** on **Friday, June 19, 2026**. All proceeds raised from this year's celebrations will proudly go toward supporting the New Aiyansh and Gitwinksihlkw NIFA teams.

This year, our community celebration centers around a powerful and inspiring theme: **"Legends of the Nass: Past, Present, and Future Athletes"**

In alignment with this theme celebrating our rich athletic legacy, excellence, and future potential, **we are requesting that all participating athletes, sports teams and Nisga'a Organizations/Villages to wear their official team jerseys.** Let us fill our streets with the vibrant colors of our past, present, and future sports legends!

Furthermore, we extend a warm invitation to **all Nisga'a Organizations and Nisga'a Villages across the Nass Valley** to come out and enter a community or corporate parade float to showcase your organization's spirit and commitment to celebrate sports in the Nisga'a Nation.

Parade Logistical Details:

- **Date:** Friday, June 19, 2026
- **Meeting & Assembly Point:** The Gitmidiik Auditorium, New Aiyansh
- **Assembly Time:** 10:00 AM (For all floats and parade entries to align)
- **Parade Start Time:** 11:00 AM sharp
- **Parade Route:** Moving through the Community of New Aiyansh and concluding at the Gitlaxt'aamiks Sport and Recreation Centre.

Action Required for Parade Floats: Please call the GVG Main Reception at **250-633-3100** to confirm your parade float details and registration.

Following the parade, we invite everyone to stay and enjoy the Aboriginal Day festivities at the Rec Centre Parking Lot, including the community raffles, athletic challenges, traditional contests, bouncy castles, children's activities and importantly the signature BBQ.

Thank you for your enduring support of our athletes and community spirit. We look forward to standing together to honor the true Legends of the Nass.

Sincerely,



Darlene Morgan
Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)