



National Indigenous Peoples Day 2026

Our community came together on June 21st to celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day (formerly known as Aboriginal Day) in New Aiyansh. Legends of The Nass - Past, Present, and Future Athletes was our theme of the parade this year, we had representatives from each community showing us their community pride.

Alongside the festivities, the day carried another purpose: raising funds for our NIFA teams. The generosity of families, businesses, and visitors made this year's celebration to remember. A new Indigenous King & Queen were crowned, sixteen youth entered the fitness competition, and floats and cyclists filled the village.

Total raised for NIFA: **\$30,438.50**

A Day of Sport, Spirit, and Celebration

CROWNED INDIGENOUS KING & QUEEN 2026



YOUTH FITNESS

16 entries | Youth Only

1. Isaac Robinson
2. Jayden Lewis
3. Carl Azak Jr.
4. Lailah Johnson

FLOAT PARADE

Best in Show

1. NIFA
2. Gitmidiik Sonics
3. Gitwinksihlkw Elders

BIKE PARADE

Best Decorated

1. Grace Stevens
2. Violet Nyce
3. Barry Guno



Honouring Those Who Guide Us

As part of our Holding Up Our Elders initiative, community nominations were reviewed and each recipient was matched with an award reflecting their contributions, gifts, and impact on our community. We are proud to share these moments and the full honour roll on the following page.



The 2026 Honour Roll

Verna Williams — Walking in a Good Way Award

Pansy Haizimsque — Community Strength Award

Paul Arthur Mercer — Trailblazer Award

Cecil Mercer Sr. — Storyteller & Knowledge Keeper Award

Darlene Morgan — Community Builder Award

Bert Eli — Spirit Lifter Award

Nita Morven — Lifetime Service Award

George Williams — Honoured Leadership Award

Claude Morven — Foundation Builder Award

Stacey Gosnell — Community Nourisher Award

Currie Gosnell — Guiding the Next Generation Award

Roberta “Bets” Clayton — Cultural & Community Award

Eugene Adams — Service Through a Lifetime Award

Victor Robinson — Honoured Eagle Chief Award

Kathleen Clayton — Legacy Builder Award

Rosie Robinson — Pillar of the Community Award

Winnie Hansen — Community Care Award

Alver Tait — Cultural Legacy Artist & Knowledge Carrier Award

Audrey Adele Gosnell — Living the Language Award

Myrle Morven — Heart of the Community Award

Monica Morven — Cultural Legacy Creator Award

Cora Morven — Community Spirit Award

Ms. Pham — Education Impact Award

Arthur Johnson — Keeper of Memories Award

William Robinson — Ye’e Award

Betty Wright — Lifetime Volunteer Service Award

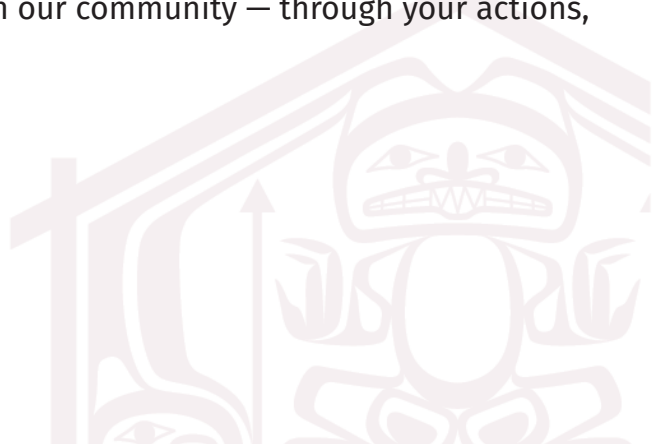
Gerald Robinson — Bringing People Together Award

Ron Davis — Community Recognition Award

28 Awards in Total

19 Presented on the day of the event

We extend special recognition to all who were nominated and who continue to make meaningful contributions Gitlaxt'aamiks. Thank you for the many ways you strengthen our community — through your actions, your teaching, your leadership, and your care for others.





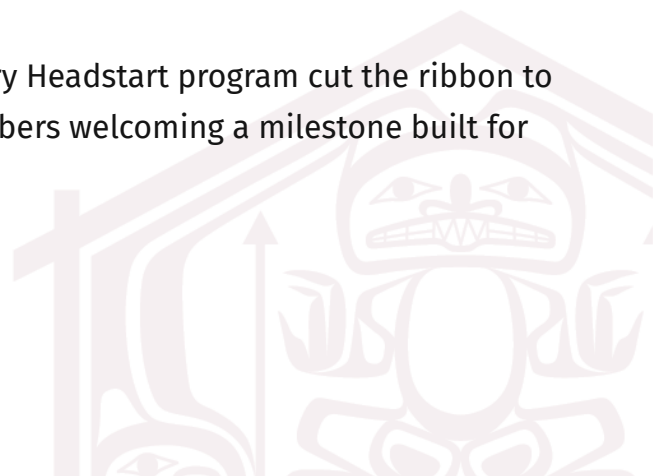
COMMUNITY NEWS

An Important Economic Asset Is Introduced

NEW MECHANIC SHOP OPENS ITS DOORS

On June 19, 2026, the community gathered to mark the opening of our new mechanic shop. Donovan Guno raised the flag to along with the four chiefs who called the Mechanic shops name. Our new flag was designed by Anthony Gosnell. Chief Councillor Calvin Morven, Councillor Steven Bright, Eric Grandison, and Earl Munroe called the name of the mechanic shop — an exciting moment for local trades and the economic future of Gitlaxt'aamiks.

In a joyful highlight of the morning, the children of the Nursery Headstart program cut the ribbon to officially open the new shop — our youngest community members welcoming a milestone built for their future.



Class Of 2026

Eighteen Students walked the stage at Nisga'a Elementary Secondary School on June 20th 2026. To every graduate — your community could not be prouder!



Class Of 2026

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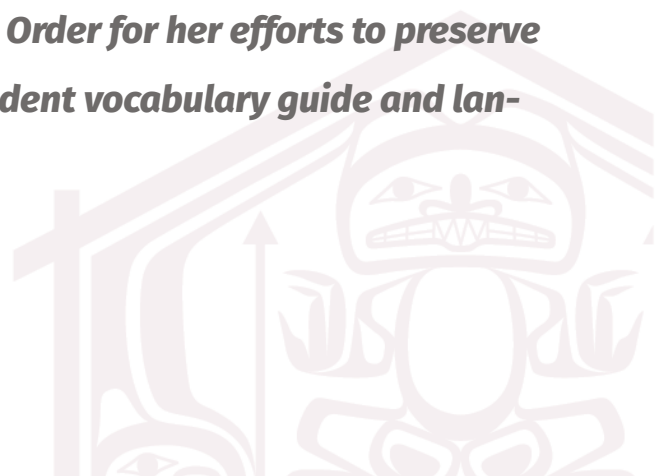


Verna Williams Appointed to the Order of Canada

We are proud to share that Verna Williams has been appointed to the Order of Canada, named among 55 new members recognized by the Governor General of Canada. It is one of the country's highest civilian honours.

The Order of Canada recognizes people who make “extraordinary contributions to the nation,” according to the office of the Governor General of Canada.

“Verna Williams is being invested as a member of the Order for her efforts to preserve the Nisga’a language, including contributions to a student vocabulary guide and language archive.”





Regarding Health Services For Offland Nisga'a

Two subjects I'd like to write about. My new health diagnosis and the Annual General Assembly of the Nisga'a Lisims Government (NLG) on May 11, through the 16, 2026. I chose these because one event impacted the other. Susan and I had decided to attend the assembly, one as Nisga'a Citizens secondly because we have a vested interest in the progress of our self-government given that our Treaty with Canada and British Columbia has now been a reality for 26 years. This landmark agreement was reached in the year 2000. "Oh happy day!"

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LETTER OF CONCERN CONTINUED

I am slightly embarrassed to say that I know very little about our Treaty, but I am going to remedy that: I've already started and I want to share my understanding and critique of NLG up to this point and how it has affected my fellow citizens, family and me. Susan, my wife of fifty years, and I live in Franklin, Tennessee, a quaint town just 15 miles south of Nashville, "Music City U.S.A." We love it for many reasons, however most importantly because we are close to well-known hospitals and a large number of doctors.

I feel blessed, I have a primary-care physician, a pulmonary physician, a cardiologist and now an Oncologist, just to mention a few. In addition exists the Vanderbilt Hospital, Williamson County Hospital (5 minutes away from our house) and St. Thomas Hospital and a large number of quick-access walk-in clinics. I just turned 84 y/o and healthcare has become a major priority. I think you understand why I am sharing! As mentioned earlier, most recently I was diagnosed with cancer in my upper left lobe of my lungs and also in my lower vertebrae. This is grave news to me and I could feel my outlook on life change immediately knowing that cancer more often than not, kills! Right away my Oncologist made arrangements for an operation to surgically remove the cancer and I did. At first the surgeon reported that we were successful in removing the cancer; however as we found out later it came back and due to my age and heart problems, another surgery was not possible. So now we have started immunotherapy administered every 15 days. Needless to say, it is very expensive! Thus the impetus for a financial assistance from Programs and Services.

The prognosis of my cancer is serious, so this fact compelled me to change my future life plans. So Susan and I decided to go to my home village of Gitlaxt'aamiks and attend the Nisga'a Annual Assembly. The purpose was twofold, one to apply for assistance financially from Nisga'a Valley Health Board and two to gain information about the progress of the Nisga'a People's Government Administration and Programs and Services. The Assembly was the opportune time to learn where we stand as a Self-Government Nation and how our Government Employees functioned. And learn we did.

The immediate answer I got to my seeking financial assistance was an emphatic, "NO!" My feelings were hurt! I swallowed my pride but did not quit! In retrospect I could have asked the delegates at the Assembly; they could indeed make a change to current policy of not funding Nisga'a People living away from Treaty Lands simply because the Treaty is with them. The fact is NLG and the people do not have Sovereignty over their Lands and Resources: however the Nisga'a have the right to make laws over local culture, language, HEALTH and public order. This fact is in the Treaty and so I encourage the people, committees, administrators and the WSN to draft inclusion of off-Treaty Lands Nisga'a. Remember the Treaty is OURS! We have the authority! Not only that less than 2000 Nisga'a benefit from Programs and Services on Treaty Lands. A large number of us live away from The Nass Valley! Do you know that? T'oo-yak-siiy Nisim.

—Jack Cecil

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC



Limited Capacity at The Lava Roc.

Good day citizens of Sii Ayans, we at The Lava Roc. Restaurant take great pride in being here in the village and we value our customers experience here. We also take great value in our staff's safety. We at the restaurant we understand that some of our customers only have a limited amount for their lunch break. We ask that our customers pre-order that way they can enjoy their food. We would like to ask the public to be patient as we only have a one Flattop Grill and two Deep fryers.

Any disrespectful, abusive, and aggressive behaviour will not be tolerated in our establishment.

We reserve the right to refuse service to any customers with this behavior. This is directly from The Lava Roc. Management, the Sii T'ax Development Corporation manager.

Regards,

Jelisa Lincoln & Doran Stephens

Supervisors at The Lava Roc. Restaurant

New Eco-Depot

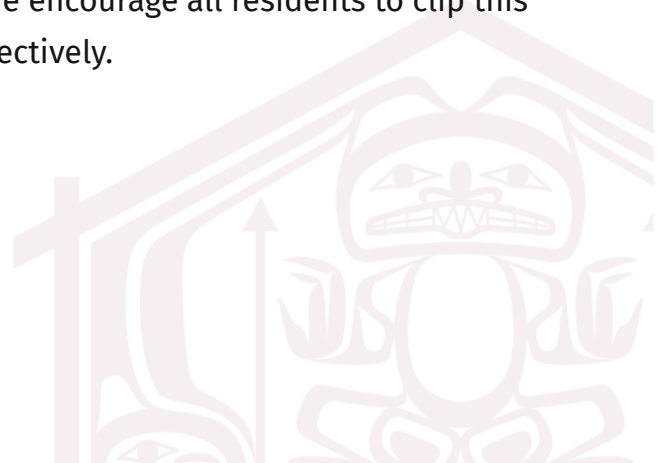
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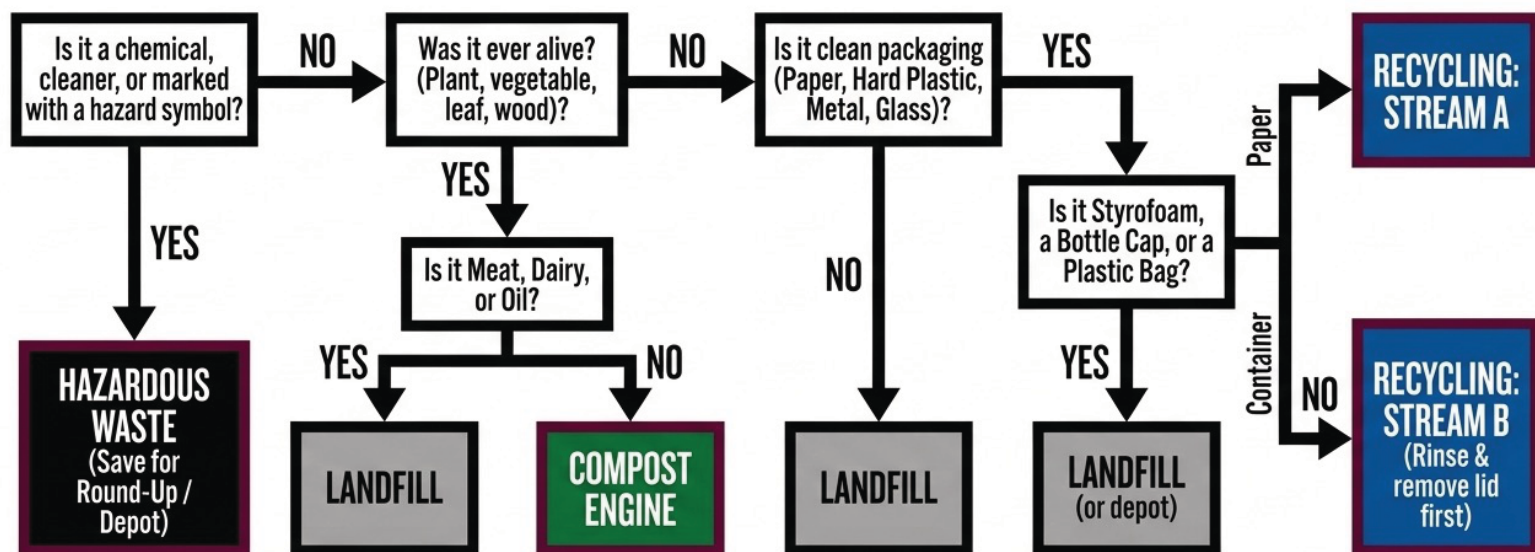


Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government is proud to announce a new partnership with IZWATG to officially implement our community's new Eco-Depot. This proactive decision comes as our current landfill begins to approach the end of its operational lifecycle.

Developing and establishing an entirely new landfill site presents significant challenges, carrying both a heavy ecological footprint and substantial economic costs. To protect our local environment and manage community resources responsibly, transitioning toward a comprehensive waste diversion and recycling program is the clear, sustainable path forward.

To help households transition smoothly, comprehensive Recycling Guides are currently being distributed door-to-door throughout the community. On the following pages, we have compiled an easy-to-read reference guide to supplement those physical handouts. We encourage all residents to clip this guide or save it on their fridge to help sort household waste effectively.





YES (Keep Dry)



News & Mail: Newspaper, inserts, magazines, catalogues, envelopes.



Cardboard: Corrugated (flattened), Boxboard (flattened, e.g., cereal boxes).



Paper Goods: Loose leaf, printer paper, notepads, paper bags, phone books, non-foil gift wrap, paper egg cartons (NO styrofoam).



STRICT NO

No Soiled/Wet Paper



No Books (hardcover or paperback)



No Foil/Plastic-Lined Bags



No Waxed Cardboard



PLASTICS



All purpose cleaners, cosmetics, dairy tubs, clamshells, cooking oil, mouthwash.

CARTONS & DRINK BOXES



Milk (gabletop), non-dairy/soup (Tetra-Pak), ice-cream (cardboard), paper drink cups.

METALS



Aluminum cans, steel food cans, bakery trays, foil containers, empty metal aerosols.

GLASS



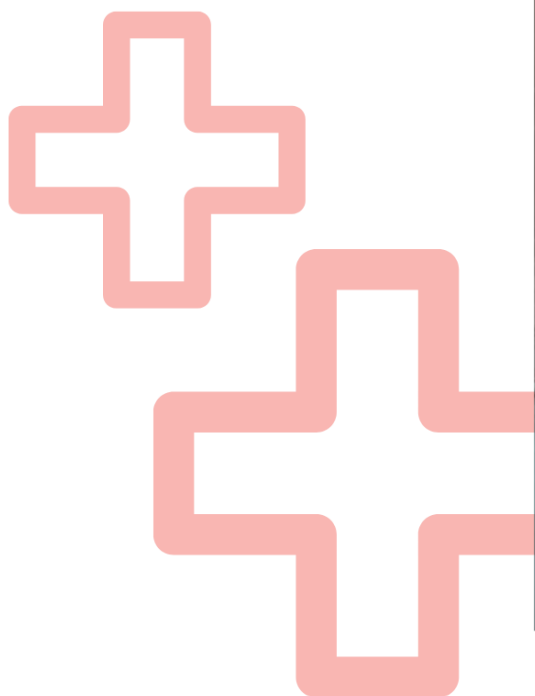
Clear, green, and brown glass. (Refundables accepted at depot).

NO BOTTLE CAPS. NO PLASTIC TOYS. NO HANGERS.



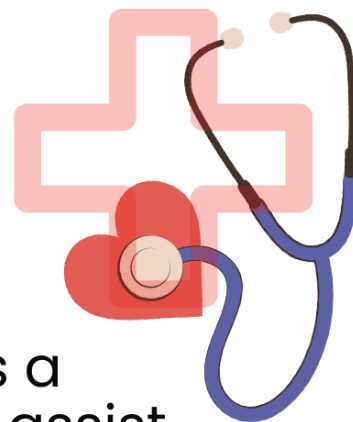
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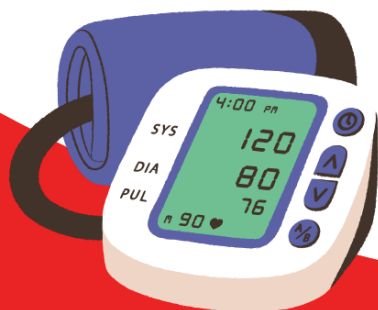


New Aiyansh Elders' Center

VITALS CLINIC



For education and awareness, this is a non-diagnostic clinic where we can assist with monitoring health and wellness. We will be checking vitals on Wellness Wednesdays with certified Emergency Medical Responders Sarah & Charlene



Please call for more info

250-633-2067





YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR

SEASONED & SIZZLING BBQ

New Aiyansh and Gitwinkwinksihlkw
are gathering together for sunshine
and stories at our elders bbq
luncheon

Monday July 13,
12:00 pm
New Aiyansh
Elders Center



GITLAXT'AAMIKS SPORT & REC
SUMMER CAMPS 2026

NISGA'A ART

JUL 8-10
Ages 6-9:
9am-12 pm
Ages 10-13+
1 pm-4pm

WILDCAMPS

July 13-17
Ages 5-11
10am-12 pm
AGES: 12-18
1 pm-4pm
Teen & Adults
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UBC ACTIVE KIDS

July 20-24
Ages 6-10
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KICKBOXING

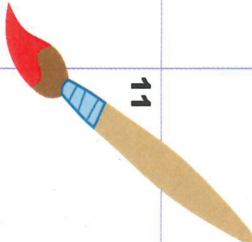
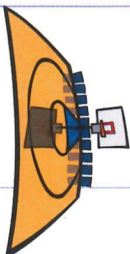
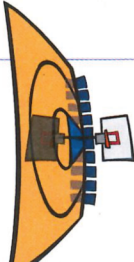
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Ages 13 - 17
1 pm 3 pm
Adults
6 pm-8pm

Workers:

Chester Munroe
Michelle LaBoucane
Mercedes Morven
Jabulani Mangena

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SESSIONS MAYBE SUBJECT TO CHANGE								

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JUL 2026



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GITMIDIHK: PEOPLE OF THE GRIZZLY

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