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NESS March Back-to-School

Students, families, educators and community members gathered at Gitmidiik Hall on September 10 for the Annual Back-to-School Breakfast and March, a tradition that grows each year. The morning celebrated our students and showed the strength and unity of our community as a new year of learning began. The event is a partnership between the Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government, School District No. 92, community organizations, volunteers and families. Thank you to everyone who served food, greeted guests, and helped with setup and cleanup. Last year about 300 people attended, and your support continues to make this a morning our children and youth look forward to.

NESS Opening Ceremonies

The school year at Nisga'a Elementary Secondary School opened on September 8 with a staff blanketing ceremony. Elders handed Gaanim Siwilaye'enskw over to NESS staff, and elementary students were introduced to their teachers for the year ahead. The ceremony signified our parents and guardians entrusting the education and protection of our youth with the School District 92 staff.











Eco-Depot Grand Opening

The Nass Valley Regional Landfill officially opened its new Eco-Depot on September 23. The new facility gives residents a place to bring their recycling. Once BCHydro connects the facility to the power grid, the Eco-Depot will begin collecting organic waste. The organic waste will be processed in a machine that turns the organic waste into black soil over a period of 24 hours once fully operational.












Elder's Cybersecurity Workshop









Newmont hosted a cybersecurity workshop for elders, teaching participants how to recognize scams and online security threats. The workshop was first of many that Newmont plans to host for elders as scam calls and phishing attempts have skyrocketed with the growth of Large Language Models (also known as ai). The workshop is based on a three step model:

Pause
- Stop and wait: Do not react right away.
- Spot the pressure: Scammers try to make you feel panicked, scared, or rushed.
- Take your time: Real companies and government groups will always give you time to think.

Verify
- Check the source: Look closely at email addresses, website links, and phone numbers.
- Use trusted contacts: Do not use the phone number or link provided in a suspicious text or email.
- Go direct: Type the official website address into your browser yourself or call a number from a past statement or your official account card.

Protect
- Keep secrets safe: Never share your passwords, PIN numbers, or one-time verification codes with anyone.
- Guard your data: Be careful before sharing private details like your date of birth or banking info.
- Report the threat: If you spot a scam or feel your account is compromised, report it to your organization's IT department or your bank immediately.

PUBLIC MEETING SEASON STARTS WITH FINANCE

Community Meeting Recap: Budget, Local Control, and What Comes Next

At the recent public meeting on September 27th, Council, administration and community members discussed the village budget, staffing, and how decisions about services and funding are being made. Here's what you need to know.



To address these, the CAO is requesting $2.5 million for LNG training programs, dedicated funding for communications to improve engagement and transparency, and the return of Operations and Maintenance (O&M) control to the village.



CAO raises budget concerns

The Chief Administrative Officer presented a report on budget pressures facing the village. Key concerns included the centralization of services, which has reduced local control and created inefficiencies; housing and infrastructure control currently resting with NLG CFC rather than the village; limited community consultation on decisions affecting services and funding; and funding delays that have slowed program delivery.



Community voices

Community members spoke openly about feeling disconnected from the broader Nation and from decision-making, concerns about funding the community is entitled to, and a lack of follow-up on previously approved budget items. Members also called for a formal petition process so residents can bring concerns and requests directly to Council.





Council acknowledged these frustrations and reaffirmed its commitment to greater local autonomy and transparency in financial and administrative matters. Council also committed to pursuing legal action on funding and service delivery control.

What happens next

Council will begin legal proceedings related to funding and service delivery. Administration will develop a formal petition process for community members. The CAO will continue negotiating the return of O&M control and pursue the LNG training funding. The CFO will report back on previously approved budget items and outstanding funding. The HR Manager will continue recruitment and workforce development and report at the next public meeting.

Watch for updates in future newsletters.



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Join Us

October 15th, 10:15AM

for the World's Largest Earthquake Drill.



The Great British Columbia ShakeOut

BC Earthquake Alliance

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Monday July 6, 2026

Parents/Guardians

Re: Registering Application for Books/Supplies

We have been continuing to move forward this year using digital forms for Books/Supplies and Permission slips. These Permission slips assist us with your child's registry at NESS enrollment and Annual Reporting (FFA) for Nisga'a Fiscal Finance Agreement.

Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government welcomes new residents who registered child(ren) at Nisga'a school. We encourage families to go on the Web site

Registering at NESS and GVG education department will also benefit the current Parents/Guardians for student's Books/supplies.
Contact:

a) Camellia Swift: camellia@peopleofthegrizzly.com
b) Parent/guardians' email and phone number (* update contact information)
To have a Postal Box #, address, telephone number, Child's Grade, Date of Birth. your child status number or a Nisga'a citizen's number.
c) Banking information (Direct deposit Required)

The first deadline: Friday August 7, 2026, Direct deposit on August 21, 2026
Second deadline: Friday October 9, 2026 -Direct deposit is on Friday October 23, 2026

Books/Supplies: 2026-2027
Quarterly monthly allowances (September, October, November and December 2026) (January, February and March 2027) (April, May and June 2027).
Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to a favorable response.

Sincerely,

Camellia Swift

Camellia Swift
Education Administrator

Theme Days at NISGA'A ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 2026

- Friday Sept 18 — PAJAMA AND STUFFY DAY
- Tuesday Sept 29 — ORANGE SHIRT DAY: March fr. Unity Pole to Interpretive Center begin at 1:20

OCTOBER 2026

- Friday October 9 — DRESS UP AS A TEACHER DAY (and teachers will dress as students)
- Thurs.October 15 — TERRY FOX RUN/WALK 9 - 12
- Thurs. October 29 — BACKWARDS DAY
- Friday October 30 — COSTUME DAY

NOVEMBER 2026

- Friday November 6 — FAVOURITE SHIRT N SHADES DAY
- Friday November 13 — ROCK YOUR MOCS DAY

DECEMBER 2026

- Friday December 11 — CHRISTMAS SWEATER (Christmas attire) DAY
- Thurs. December 17 — Christmas concert 6:30
- Friday December 17 — SLEDDY WITH TEDDY AND LAST DAY OF SCHOOL BEFORE WINTER BREAK

JANUARY 2027

- Friday January 15 — PLAID DAY
- Friday January 29 — CAMOUFLAGE DAY

FEBRUARY 2027

- Friday February 5 — HAT DAY
- Friday February 19 — 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL, DRESS AS 100 YEARS OLD
- Wed. February 24 — PINK SHIRT DAY / ANTI BULLYING DAY: March from Unity Pole to GVG 1:20

MARCH 2027

- Friday March 12 — JERSEY DAY

APRIL 2027

- Friday April 9 — SUPER HERO DAY
- Friday April 30 — PIRATE DAY

MAY 2027

- Tuesday May 4 — MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU (STAR WARS DAY)
- Wed. May 5 — RED DRESS / RED SHIRT DAY, MMIWG2S+
- Friday May 7 — ROCK N ROLL DAY
- Tuesday May 11 — NISGA'A DAY: WEAR REGALIA OR RED/BLACK/WHITE
- Friday May 28 — COLOUR WARS DAY

JUNE 2027

- Friday June 11 — FORMAL DAY
- Friday June 18 — PAJAMA DAY
- Wed. June 23 — TROPICAL ISLAND DAY, last full day of school
- Thursday June 24 — CELEBRATION OF GROWTH: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

GITLAXT'AAMIKS VILLAGE GOVERNMENT

PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

#	PARTICULARS	DATE	VENUE	DOORS OPEN	CLEAN UP
1	FINANCE MEETING	29-Sep-26	AUDITORIUM	4:00 PM	YMCA
2	P&S EDUCATION	14-Oct-26	AUDITORIUM	4:00 PM	YMCA
3	P&S SOCIAL SERVICES	21-Oct-26	AUDITORIUM	4:00 PM	THUNDER
4	STIMULUS PROGRAM	28-Oct-26	AUDITORIUM	4:00 PM	THUNDER
5	COMMUNITY RELATIONS	12-Nov-26	AUDITORIUM	4:00 PM	YMCA
	KSM & CAMFRIA PRESENTATION	17-Nov-26	REC CENTER	4:00 PM	YMCA
6	O&M PUBLIC WORKS	18-Nov-26	AUDITORIUM	4:00 PM	THUNDER
7	HOUSING & INFRASTRUCTURE	25-Nov-26	AUDITORIUM	4:00 PM	JANT
8	GITMIDIIK & STDC	02-Dec-26	AUDITORIUM	4:00 PM	JANT
9	COMMUNITY XMAS DINNER	09-Dec-26	REC CENTER	4:00 PM	YMCA, JANT,THUNDER
9	GOVERNANCE-COUNCIL	16-Dec-26	REC CENTER	4:00 PM	JANT

X̱LAAXW 2026 OCTOBER

SIMDAALA'AM NAGATS'E

HAŃII-G̱ANUUTKW SUNDAY	KSG̱OOG̱AM SA MONDAY	HAŃIIGILP'IL HL SA TUESDAY	HAŃIIGWILAL̓H L SA WEDNESDAY	HAŃIITX̱ALP X̱HL SA THURSDAY	HAŃIIKWS DINSHL SA FRIDAY	HAŃIIYEEK̓ SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5 REIKI SESSIONS	6 LUNCH SALE TEA TIME WITH HOPE	7 REIKI SESSIONS	8 ELDERS' FITNESS	9 **CLOSED DEEP CLEANING**	10
11 	12	13 ELDERS DROP-IN	14 MINDFULLNESS & WELLNESS WITH CAT PUBLIC MEETING: P&S EDUCATION	15 KNOWLEDGE IN OUR HANDS ELDERS' FITNESS	16 LUNCH SALE NOVELTY BINGO	17
18	19 MINDFULLNESS & WELLNESS WITH CAT	20 LUNCH SALE TEA TIME WITH HOPE	21 PUBLIC MEETING: P&S SOCIAL SERVICES	22 MINDFULLNESS & WELLNESS WITH CAT	23 ELDERS DROP-IN	24
25	26 REIKI SESSIONS	27 LUNCH SALE	28 PUBLIC MEETING: STIMULUS REIKI SESSIONS	29 ELDERS' FITNESS	30 HALLOWEEN TEA TIME	31 

SARAH & CHARLENE AWAY FOR PADM

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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 WEDNESEDAY
VITALS CLINIC
ELDERS FITNESS THURS
1:30-3 PM

CRAFT DROP IN
THURSDAYS
3-5 PM

POP UP
BAKE SALES &
BREAD MAKING

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NOTICE

To:	Residents New Aiyansh
From:	Sherry Wright, Director of Community Relations
Cc:	Chester Munroe, Director of Recreation
Date:	October 1st 2026
Re:	**Rec Centre Fees**

Monthly Fees are due at the beginning of **each month.**

All users are to pay their fees at the beginning of each month this includes teams that are practicing and user groups.

- Gym + Fitness Room - $15.00
- Gym - $5.00
- Fitness Room - $10.00
- Youth Room - $5.00
- Drop-in fee - $3.00

Important: The $5.00 Gym pass is for the gym only. **It does not include the Fitness Room.** If you use both the gym and the fitness room, your monthly fee is **$15.00**.

Any questions please contact our office 250-633-3100 ask for the Director of Community Relations, Sherry Wright

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WARRIORS & WARRIORESSES OF FITNESS
WE'RE BACK — STRONGER, HEALTHIER & TOGETHER
Wednesday, September 9 • 8:00 PM

After a month of reflection and reset, our group exercise sessions resume tomorrow. This is a NEW CHAPTER—an opportunity to return stronger, healthier and committed to building a respectful community.

OUR STANDARD: RESPECT

There will be **ZERO TOLERANCE** for:

Bullying, intimidation or harassment.
Swearing, abusive or disrespectful language.
Personal drama or conflicts being brought into class.
Using the class to settle personal scores or disagreements.
Excluding, controlling or deliberately disrespecting others.

You do not have to be friends with everyone—but you DO have to respect everyone. The gym is a place to train, grow, encourage and build each other up.

TWO LEVELS • THREE DAYS A WEEK

BEGINNERS & LESS ADVANCED Monday • Tuesday • Thursday | 7:00–8:00 PM
ADVANCED & ATHLETES Monday • Tuesday • Thursday | 8:00–9:00 PM

Choose the level that best suits you. We are not competing against each other—we are becoming better versions of ourselves.

MONTHLY DUES

$10 monthly fitness fee. Please pay your dues to Chester Munroe, Director of the Recreation Centre.

EVERY GENERATION BELONGS

Youth and Elders, we invite you to join us. Please encourage your Children, parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles and Elders to participate. A strong community moves together.

PERSONAL & SMALL-GROUP TRAINING

Prefer a more individualized approach? Personal Training is available, along with couples, family and small-group sessions of six or fewer members. Come forward to register.

THE RESET IS REAL

Leave the drama, personal conflicts and negativity outside. Bring RESPECT, ACCOUNTABILITY, DISCIPLINE, ENCOURAGEMENT and COMMUNITY inside.

Stronger bodies. Stronger minds. Stronger relationships. Stronger community.
SEE YOU TOMORROW • WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 • 8:00 PM
Let's get back to work.

Transformational Coach JB | Group Exercise Instructor + Personal Trainer
Coach Chester | Director of the Recreation Centre

OCTOBER 2026

GVG CALENDAR: KEY DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
				NLG Executive	NLG Executive	Wilps Ksim Xsaan Stone Moving Feast
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Nov 2026 Basic Needs (SA) Intake	Nov 2026 Basic Needs (SA) Intake Lower Village Recycling Pick-up	Upper Village Recycling Pick-Up		Books & Supplies Deadline	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Thanksgiving – Statutory Holiday GVG Office Closure	Lower Village Recycling Pick-up COW Meeting	Public Meeting – Programs & Services COW Meeting	The Great BC ShakeOut Regular Council Meeting Post-Secondary Application Winter Deadline		Wilps Luux Hoon Stone Moving Feast
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		Lower Village Recycling Pick-up Nation2Nation Forum	Upper Village Recycling Pick-Up Nation2Nation Forum	Nation2Nation Forum	Nov 2026 Basic Needs (SA) Late Intake	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	WSN Sitting	WSN Sitting Lower Village Recycling Pick-up	WSN Sitting Public Meeting – Stimulus			

Please Note for October:

- **Recycling pick-up:** Lower Village on Tuesdays and Upper Village on Wednesdays