



# HAISLA NATION COUNCIL

September 2023

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## SEPTEMBER 2023

### LONGTIME EMPLOYEE RETIRES AFTER 46 YEARS

Karen Smith began her time with our organization in 1977. Her son was two years old when she returned to the workforce. Karen has seen many changes during her time as the Postal Clerk and has remained a team player, transitioning through all the developments of the organization. One big change was the name of her employer. When she first began working the organization was known as Kitamaat Village Council (KVC) and as she retires it is now known as Haisla Nation Council (HNC). In the early years of her employment be it rain, sleet or snow, Karen made the 28 km return trek to the Kitimat Post Office in town to pick up our community's mail; returning to our Post Office to then sort and deliver that day's correspondence. This process eventually evolved over time as Canada Post made changes internally and the mail started being delivered daily. For the most part the little post office on Haisla Avenue, next to Sunahead Avenue, was where Karen spent many hours working as the Postal Clerk, with the exception of when it was moved temporarily to the Haisla Recreation Centre.

Karen will be remembered for her smile, her laughter, her welcoming “hello!” to community members and her homemade candies.

A luncheon was held on August 31, 2023, to congratulate Karen on her retirement and to wish her well as she starts a new chapter.



Karen pictured above with her family.



View of Haisla Nation Post Office





# Haisla Nation Council News

*Happy Retirement*

**Karen Smith**

**Haisla Nation Post Office Clerk**

On behalf of Haisla Nation Council Administration and elected Chief and Council, congratulations on your retirement. Thank you for your contribution and dedication to our organization over the last 46 years! May your retirement be healthy and happy.





## Writing to Council - The process

### Steps Haisla Nation Council takes when letter submissions are received from community members:

- 1** Letter submissions are received by the Clerk to Council in-person, by email ([dugrant@haisla.ca](mailto:dugrant@haisla.ca)) or by fax (250-632-2840)
- 2** The Clerk to Council acknowledges the receipt of the submission and provides dates of upcoming Committee and Council meetings.
- 3** Senior management reviews the submissions and following policy makes recommendations to the Committee and/or Council if required.
- 4** Follow up response to community member.





# Haisla Economic Development Department



**HAISLA NATION**

August 2023

## Haisla Nation launches Economic Development Corporation

With the Haisla Nation's economic development interests growing tremendously in the past several years, the launch of a new Economic Development Corporation (EDC) has been approved by Council.

As we implement the new EDC as per Council's approval, we are committed to ensuring our membership receive updates and have an opportunity to ask questions.

Questions and feedback can be directed to Lisa Grant by email at [lgrant@haisla.ca](mailto:lgrant@haisla.ca)

### Overview

The new EDC will play a major role in the economic self-sufficiency of our Nation. Through its success, the Nation will be empowered with the monetary resources required to attain its cultural, social, spiritual and environmental goals.

HNC has learned a tremendous amount from the previous EDC's and has drawn inspiration from successful Indigenous communities corporations, learnings which have been considered by independent experts who we've engaged to ensure the most effective model for the benefit of all Haisla members.

### Our Values and Vision

The vision for the EDC has been developed in alignment with the Haisla Nation's core values and will support the Nation to achieve its mission and vision.

*"Our mission is to build a powerful, prosperous and proud community, healthy in mind, body and spirit."*

The values of the EDC are divided into three core principles and reflect the attributes that are most important to ensuring the effectiveness and sustainability of the EDC's operations.



#### Accountability

The EDC will establish clear targets for individuals and business units, which will be continuously monitored and updated.



#### Transparency

Through regular, transparent reporting, the EDC will improve stakeholder understanding of ongoing economic development activities.



#### Sustainability

The EDC will act as a steward to the Nation, prioritizing financial and environmental sustainability above all else.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Sip n Chat -  
October 10, 2023**

The HNC Economic Development Department will provide an update on the launch of the EDC, among other items, at a Sip n Chat on October 10, 2023.

We will provide an update on the exact timing and a link for people to join the Sip n Chat in the coming weeks, but please plan to attend and bring your questions.



...see more on the next page



# Haisla Economic Development Department

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. Why do we need an EDC? Why Now?

With increased funds from major projects, partnerships and business development, an EDC is imperative to foster sustainable growth for long-term prosperity. Some examples include:



Our economic development team, third party advisors, including financial and legal experts, agree that the time is now to establish the right structure to ensure Haisla Nation's economic interests are managed effectively to maximize benefits for our people for the long term.

### 2. How will the EDC impact me?

Nothing will change in terms of how benefits and revenue sharing accrue to the Nation and are distributed to members. The only change will be a more focused entity whose sole purpose is to ensure Haisla Nation members benefit from increased economic opportunities that have been afforded to our Nation.

The new EDC will report to a Board of Directors who will take direction from HNC, and there will be increased information sharing and transparency for Haisla members.

### 3. How will Haisla members be informed about the EDC?

The new EDC is committed to being transparent about its operations through regular reporting and updates that will be shared through the new EDC's website and through existing HNC channels.

## Would you like to be on the EDC Board?

The EDC will be governed by a five-member Board of Directors, reporting directly to the Haisla Nation Council. The board will comprise two HNC council members and is currently seeking a Haisla Director, as well as two independent individuals with financial and legal expertise.



The Board will be responsible for a wide range of tasks associated with overseeing the EDC. If you are interested in being part of the Board, please reach out Lisa Grant at [lgrant@haisla.ca](mailto:lgrant@haisla.ca) for more information.



## Help us name the EDC Submit your ideas today!

Haisla input and involvement will be a key part of our ability to successfully launch the new EDC.

Do you have an idea for a name for the EDC that reflects Haisla culture, our nuyem and our vision as a community?

Scan the QR code to submit your suggestions.



The winning contestant can select from a range of prizes, valued at \$1,000, which will include:

- iPad
- Amazon Gift Card
- Other Gift cards (gas, store cards, grocery cards, etc.)

Each individual who submits a name will be eligible to win a gift valued at \$50. Please note that multiple submissions by the same person will receive a single gift card.

To be eligible, submissions must be received before midnight September 15.





# Haisla Employment and Training Department

**Vancouver Membership:**

**REMEMBER!** →

**Bring your  
resume with  
you!**

**HAISLA** MINI

**JOB FAIR** for HaiSea Marine & Seaspan Opportunities

Open to Haisla Members & their spouses



**Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**

**6pm to 8pm**



**River Rock Hotel**

**8811 River Road, Richmond, BC**



*\*note location*



**HaiSea Marine**

A Haisla - Seaspan partnership

This is a great chance to check out marine employment and training opportunities in the area, and back home.

Opportunities include Master, Mate, Cook Deckhand, and shore-based positions supporting the new HaiSea tugboat fleet in Kitimat.

Bring your resume and questions for the HaiSea Marine team, and members from the HNC Employment and Training Department.





## Haisla Employment and Training Department

# Vancouver Membership Job Search and Resume Clinic



Haisla Members and their spouses:

Join us for Coastal GasLink's **Employment Transition Guide**

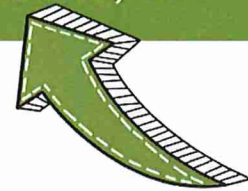
**Review and Resume Date: September 13, 6pm to 8pm**

**Location: River Rock Casino, Lillooet Room, Richmond, BC**

Be better prepared for your job search in today's marketplace.

Learn how to leverage:

- Your Skills
- Education
- Training
- Social Media
- Write effective Cover Letters
- How to update your Resume



*\*note location*

One on One review of your current resume.

Special Guest Speakers and Q/A Sessions.

Join us at the Clinic and get your copy of the Transition Guide USB.

**Coastal GasLink**





# Haisla Health Department

From Lucille Harms, Director of Health & Wellness



## meet KELLY STALKER

I am pleased to introduce Kelly Stalker who is our Indigenous Community Engagement Advisor for Kitimat General Hospital. Kelly has been in this role since May 1, 2023.

The Indigenous Community Engagement Advisor is a newly created position and part of the role is to offer support for Indigenous, Inuit, and Metis patients and their families.

Dealing with medical care and/or medical emergencies can be stressful. Kelly will be available to offer support and guidance to patients and their families as they navigate their way through medical appointments/emergencies.

Kelly is known to advocate for Indigenous issues and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Indigenous Studies/Social Geography. Before moving to Kitimat she lived in Falkland, BC, where she worked in employment advocacy. Kelly is looking forward to making connections in our community and getting to know community members.

Some of you may recognize her as she has attended our community events and has spent time at the Haisla Elders Centre. If you see her around, don't be shy and introduce yourself.

Kelly's office is located in Kitimat General Hospital and her contact information can be found at the bottom of this page.



Email: [kelly.stalker@northernhealth.ca](mailto:kelly.stalker@northernhealth.ca)

Office Phone: 250-632-8391

Cell Phone: 250-279-3848





# Haisla Youth Program

# September

2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 No sew blankets 10:00am/1:30pm
4 CLOSED- Labour Day	5 Oil pastels on canvas's 6:00pm	6 Cooking together: Homemade pizza's 5:00pm	7 Engineering activity 5:30pm	8 Board game night 5:00pm
11 Badminton and field games 5:00pm	12 Paper bag tee pee craft 6:00pm	13 Cooking together: Sushi bowls: Salmon, imitation crab, veggies 5:00pm	14 Volcano science activity 5:30pm	15 Back to school party! Starting at 5:00pm Pizza, bingo, games, and movie night!
18 Obstacle course on the field 5:00pm	19 Dream catchers 6:00pm	20 Cooking together: Poutines 5:00pm	21 Airplane races 5:30pm	22 Xbox night 5:00pm
25 Painting windows for Truth and Reconciliation Day 5:00pm	26 The Orange Shirt Story and I Matter coloring sheets 6:00pm	27 Cooking together: Indian Tacos 5:00pm	28 Making Orange shirts 5:30pm	29 Medicine bags 5:00pm

Haisla Youth Center drop-in hours are Monday-Friday 3:00pm-8:00pm daily.

Homework/reading club 3:00pm-5:00pm daily.

Planned activity/ drop in 5:00pm-8:00pm

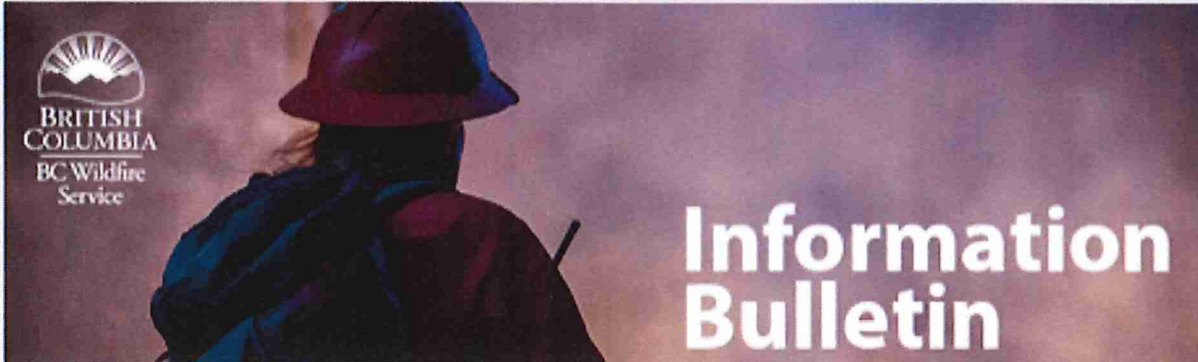
Youth Center phone numbers:  
Downstairs mainline 1-778-860-6362  
Coordinators office 1-778-735-2302

A healthy snack is provided daily at 4:00pm. We do not provide dinner and recommend your child goes home to eat dinner.

Liability forms are required to participate at the Youth Center, we have hard copies, or you can email [tagrant@haisla.ca](mailto:tagrant@haisla.ca) for an emailed copy.



# Haisla Volunteer Fire Department



August 30, 2023  
For Immediate Release

Ministry of Forests  
BC Wildfire Service

## Campfire Prohibition Planned for the Northwest Fire Centre

SMITHERS – Due to current conditions, a Category 1 campfire prohibition will be put into effect for the Northwest Fire Centre. Effective at 12 p.m. (noon) PDT on Thursday, August 31, 2023, Category 1 campfires will be prohibited across the Northwest Fire Centre.

This campfire prohibition will remain in effect until October 16, 2023, or until the order is rescinded.

On August 31, 2023, the following open fires are prohibited in the Northwest Fire Centre:

- Category 1 campfires as defined in the Wildfire Regulation;
- Category 2 open fire as defined in the Wildfire Regulation; and,
- Category 3 open fire as defined in the Wildfire Regulation

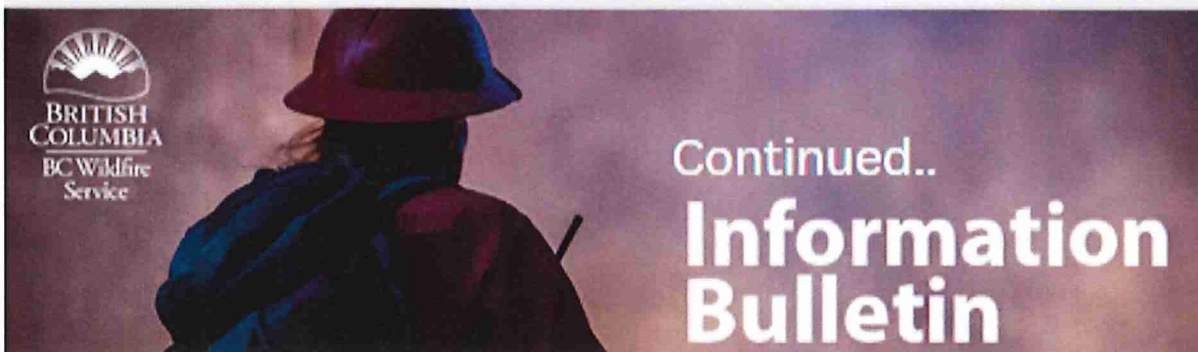
In addition to open fires being prohibited, the following activities and equipment are also restricted:

- Fireworks, including firecrackers;
- Sky lanterns;
- Burn barrels or burn cages of any size or description;
- Binary exploding targets;
- Air curtain burners;
- Tiki and similar kind of torches; and,
- Chimineas





# Haisla Volunteer Fire Department



This prohibition does not include the use of outdoor stoves. As per the Wildfire Regulation, an outdoor stove is a CSA-rated or ULC-rated device used outdoors for cooking, heat or ambiance that burns charcoal briquettes, liquid fuel or gaseous fuel, and has a flame height that is less than 15 centimetres tall.

The Category 1 campfire prohibition includes all BC Parks, Crown lands and private lands. Human-caused wildfires are completely preventable and divert critical resources away from lightning-caused fires.

Check with your local government or other jurisdictional authorities before lighting a fire of any size since they may have their own restrictions in place.

To report a wildfire, unattended campfire or open burning violation, call 1 800 663-5555 toll-free or \*5555 on a cell phone.

You can follow the latest wildfire news:

- on the free BC Wildfire Service public mobile app, available for Apple (iOS) and Android devices

Contact:

BC Wildfire Service

Fire Information Officer

Northwest Fire Centre

[BCWS.NWECInformationOfficer@gov.bc.ca](mailto:BCWS.NWECInformationOfficer@gov.bc.ca)

250-876-6844







# FROM THE TRUST WORKING GROUP

**THE GUKWE'UT PEOPLE'S TRUST**  
a shared vision for growing our wealth and building long-term prosperity and community wellbeing. It belongs to all Haisla.

## Examples of Trust benefits to our Nation:



Education



Culture Camps



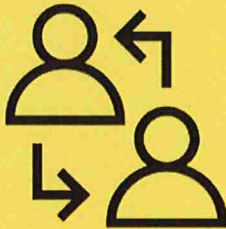
Haisla Centre



Health Centre

## Membership Engagement Sessions

### Vancouver: In-Person Session



Sunday, October 15, 2023

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Hilton Metrotown

Ballroom 3

6083 McKay Ave.

Burnaby, BC



### Kitamaat: Virtual Session

Monday, October 16, 2023

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Haisla Nation Administration Building

Large Board Room

500 Gitksan Ave.

Kitamaat, BC

Please email [mgrant@haisla.ca](mailto:mgrant@haisla.ca) by Thursday, October 12, 2023, to add your name to the list and a Microsoft Teams meeting link will be sent to you on Friday, October 13, 2023.

### Kitamaat: In-Person Session

Monday, October 16, 2023

4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Haisla Nation Administration Building

Large Board Room

500 Gitksan Ave.

Kitamaat, BC

*Membership is not required to RSVP for the in-person sessions.*



The Kitamaat virtual session will be recorded and made available the following week.

To put your name on the list to view the recording, please email [mgrant@haisla.ca](mailto:mgrant@haisla.ca) by Thursday, October 12, 2023.

Note: If your email address is different than your legal name, please provide your legal name in your email.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Message from Haisla United Church:

We are happy to announce that Rev. Teri Meyer will once again host Sunday evening services at the Haisla United Church beginning at 6:30 pm. As our minister she can be reached @ 778-876-1965.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming services.

- *September 10, 2023*
- *September 24, 2023*
- *October 22, 2023*
- *November 5, 2023*
- *November 19, 2023*
- *December 3, 2023*
- *December 17, 2023*

If you live in the village and need a ride to a service, please call the Church at: **250-279-0935.**

**Everyone is welcome!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

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### Information re: Church rentals

- If you would like to rent the Church basement, please call:
  - Bobbie Grant @ 250-632-4973
  - Minnie Rosso @ 250-279-0935
- \$175.00 for basement rentals
  - \$80.00 for damage deposit.
  - You will receive damage deposit back once everything is thoroughly cleaned.
- For funerals/memorials, you pay \$100.00 damage deposit (for upstairs).
  - You will receive this back once everything is thoroughly cleaned.
- Rental of basement for “Thank you” luncheons are also \$175.00.

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Haisla United Church Volunteers