



# HAISLA NATION COUNCIL

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## APRIL 2024

**HaiSea Marine's new floating operations and maintenance facility, Zewén, is now operational and prepared for service.**

HaiSea Marine recently unveiled and blessed their new floating operations and maintenance building. The facility, named Zewén, which means coho in the Haisla language, was constructed on the Wei Wai Kum territory in Campbell River by Pacific Marine Construction.

Zewén will serve as the main hub for the world's greenest tugboat fleet and is set to be transported up the Douglas Channel to Kitimat.

On March 13, 2024, representatives from Haisla Nation, Wei Wai Kum, and LNG Canada joined forces for the naming and blessing ceremony.

For more details, check out the media release at [www.seaspan.com/News/press-releases](http://www.seaspan.com/News/press-releases).

*Images on pages one and two were provided courtesy of Washington Companies.*







# HaiSea Marine News continued..



“  
 When HaiSea was still in the idea and planning phase, we challenged Seaspan to create something different; an environmentally friendly tugboat fleet to ply our waters; job opportunities for Haisla Nation members and our local First Nations neighbours; and lastly, we wanted diversity and inclusion to be part of HaiSea’s culture. As we celebrate the naming of the Zewén facility, it is clear that our shared vision of diversity, inclusion, and environmental innovation is coming to fruition.  
 ”

Crystal Smith, Elected Chief Councillor, Haisla Nation



## HaiSea Marine

A Haisla - Seaspan partnership





# Haisla Nation Council

## 2024 Committee/Duly Convened Council Meeting Schedule

Haisla Nation Council is the elected decision-making body that sets the overall direction of the Haisla Nation in economic, organizational and community planning. Two committees are branches of Council:

### The Executive Committee (EC)

- The EC acts as an intermediary body to ensure the operational side of the organization is performing in a satisfactory way through monitoring. The role of the EC is to set the expectations and monitor the performance of the Administration. The EC is accountable to elected Chief and Council, and primary responsibilities include developing and proposing recommendations to Council and tracking the performance of the Administration, ensuring expectations are being met.

### The Stakeholders Relations Committee (SRC)

- The SRC's role is to develop recommendations and action plans to put forward to the Council for consideration. As the name suggests, they work with external groups and stakeholders with a mission to foster the creation of positive, sustainable economic opportunities to benefit Haisla members.

The Committees meet regularly. To streamline time and process the Committees hold their meetings together to reach their common goal of being efficient and timely. In this streamlined process, to continue with the goal of being efficient and timely, all Duly Convened Council meetings immediately follow the Committees meeting.

Monthly Committee/Duly Convened Council meetings are scheduled for the third (3rd) Wednesday of every month unless noted otherwise.

Haisla Nation Council is committed to keeping our membership informed of upcoming Committee/Duly Convened Council meetings with the following schedule of dates for 2024. These dates are also posted on [haisla.ca](http://haisla.ca) and can be found in our calendar of events. Please note dates are subject to change and an update will be made on the [haisla.ca](http://haisla.ca) calendar if such changes are required.

Haisla Nation Council Monthly Committee / Duly Convened Council Meetings for 2024			
January 1 <del>X</del> 31	April 17	July 17	October 16
February 21	May 15	August 21	November 20
March meeting moved to April 2	June 19	September 18	December 18

A Committee/Duly Convened meeting summary will be released electronically for Haisla membership in the week that follows the meeting.

Letter/email submissions received from community members follow the process noted below:

- Letter/email submissions are received by the Clerk to Council.
- The Clerk to Council will acknowledge receipt of the submission and provide dates of upcoming Committee/Duly Convened Council meetings.
- Senior management will review the submission and following the applicable policy will make recommendations to the Committees and/or elected Council, if required.
- Once the item has been addressed a follow up will occur with the community member.

Questions regarding the schedule of meeting dates or the process followed regarding submissions made by community members can be directed to Haisla Nation Council's Clerk to Council, Duane Grant:

Email: [dugrant@haisla.ca](mailto:dugrant@haisla.ca)

Phone: 250-639-9361, Ext. 205 (Toll Free: 1-888-842-4752)





## Writing to Council - The process

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

- 1** Letter/email 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 will acknowledge receipt of the submission and provide dates of upcoming Committee/Duly Convened Council meetings.
- 3** Senior management will review the submission and following the applicable policy will make recommendations to the Committees and/or elected Council, if required.
- 4** Once the item has been addressed a follow up will occur with the community member.



# Haisla Education Department

## Haisla C'imo'ca Headstart

# Welcoming Haisla Babies 2024



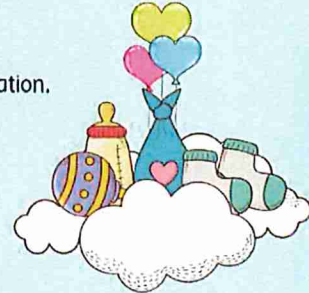
It's that time of the year again where we want to share in your joy and welcome Haisla babies born between May 2023 and May 2024.

**Q: What will we be doing to welcome Haisla babies?**

**A:** Creating a PowerPoint presentation sharing all your fabulous photos and gifting your new addition some wonderful keepsakes.

**Q: What do I need to do?**

- A:** Submit the following information to Joyce Amos at [jamos@haisla.ca](mailto:jamos@haisla.ca)
- Up to six (6) photos that will be included in our PowerPoint presentation.
  - Include your baby's:
    - Given names (first/middle/last)
    - Date of birth/time born
    - Place of birth
    - Parents
    - Siblings (if applicable)
    - Grandparents



Please note: in the past there have been issues with photos being sent via email so we ask that you follow up with a phone call to Joyce at 250-639-9361, Ext. 355 (toll free: 1-888-842-4752) to confirm receipt of your email.

**Q: Is there a deadline for submissions?**

**A:** We want to get a head start with your submissions with an aim to be ready in time for Haisla Days. We will send out a reminder with a deadline as we get closer to May 2024.

**Q: You mentioned my baby will be given a gift?**

**A:** Gifts will be presented to those in attendance at the Haisla Days Community Dinner (date to be determined). If you cannot attend the dinner or if you live outside of the Kitimaat/Kitimat area your baby's gift can be mailed. Please make sure to include your phone number and mailing address with your submission if this applies to you.

**Q: Where can I view the PowerPoint presentation?**

**A:** The PowerPoint presentation will be shared at the Haisla Days Community Dinner and will be later shared/posted on [haisla.ca](http://haisla.ca).

We look forward to receiving your submissions and sharing in the joy of your little one.

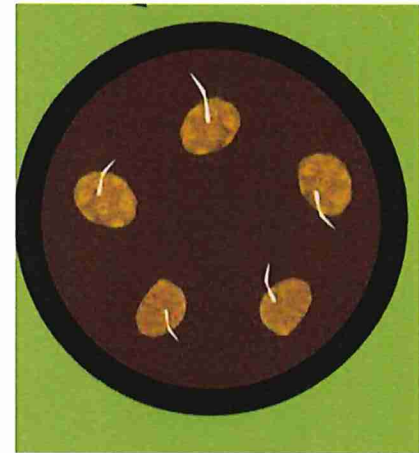






# Haisla Education Department

Haisla Community School's Spuds in Tubs program has kicked off as part of our school garden experience! Students will get the opportunity to grow, tend to, monitor, harvest, and savor the results of their hard work. They will observe the fascinating development of a small nugget potato over a sixty-day period until the end of the school year in June, documenting their progress. A special thanks to the BC Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation for this wonderful initiative. Grow students! Grow!



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WATCH THE SPROUTS GROW!



HARVEST THE POTATOES!





## Haisla Elders Centre

**WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!**

Held every  
Tuesday and Thursday  
at the  
Haisla Elders Centre  
12:00 noon

Please call  
250-639-9361  
Extension 409  
if you require transportation  
to/from the Haisla Elders  
Centre.

*Haisla  
Elders  
Luncheon*



**HAISLA NATION COUNCIL**

**THE HAISLA ELDERS CENTRE IS LOCATED AT  
139 OWEKENO AVENUE  
KITAMAAT VILLAGE, BC**



# Haisla Health Centre

## Information sharing - message from FNHA

### Medical Transportation (MT) Benefit Updates

We've heard you! Thanks to the ongoing community engagement driven by the MT Transformation Project, we've gained invaluable insights into our Clients' needs. In response, First Nations Health Benefits and Services (FNHBS) has implemented significant changes to enhance your MT Benefits, effective April 1, 2024.

Updates will be in the areas of:

#### Escort coverage

FNHBS recognizes the unique challenges that some Clients experience when accessing medical services. Clients meeting the following criteria are now eligible for escort coverage without the need for additional documentation:

Individuals ages 65 and above that require assistance to attend scheduled medical appointments; and Clients travelling to and from substance use treatment centres.

Note, the MT Benefit provides escort coverage for individuals traveling to an FNHA-funded treatment center or to a non-FNHA-funded treatment center when approved as an Exception. Note, escort support for travel to treatment centres without requiring an Exception is an interim support provided until March 31, 2025, as part of FNHA's response to the toxic drug crisis.

#### Private accommodation rates

Clients will now receive \$50 per night when staying in a private home, and the maximum limit of \$100 per week will no longer apply.

#### Hospital parking supports

Clients will now be eligible for reimbursement of short-term hospital parking expenses provided that their receipt corresponds to an attended appointment.

#### Extension to the temporary mileage rate

The temporary mileage rate of \$0.29/km has been extended until March 31, 2025.

#### About the MT Benefit

The MT benefit provides supplemental coverage of transportation, accommodation and meals to assist clients who need to access medically necessary health services unavailable in their communities of residence.

To learn more visit: <https://www.fnha.ca/benefits/medical-transportation>

For additional information or support, please contact FNHBS at 1-855-550-5454 or [healthbenefits@fnha.ca](mailto:healthbenefits@fnha.ca).





# Haisla Elders Centre

# April



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Elders Centre Calendar

# 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Stat	2 In house lunch	3 Drop in Meals On Wheels	4 In house lunch	5	6
7	8 Drop In 1:30pm Exercise at the Rec Centre	9 In house lunch with Kitimat City High Principal	10 Terrace Trip	11 In house lunch	12 Crochet with Haisla Community Students, grade 2-7	13
14	15 Drop in 1:30pm Exercise at the Rec Centre	16 In house lunch	17 Drop in Meals On Wheels	18 In house lunch	19 Bingo	20
21	22 Drop in 1:30pm Exercise at the Rec Centre	23 In house lunch	24 Drop in Meals On Wheels	25 In house lunch	26 Indian Taco/Bake Sale	27
28	29 Drop in 1:30pm Exercise at the Rec Centre	30 In house lunch	Drop in Meals On Wheels			

# April

# 2024



## Haisla Youth Program

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 CLOSED for Easter Monday	2 Science experiment 6:00pm	3 Cook together 5:00pm: Shells, Pasta and Garlic Bread	4 Kids Yoga 6:00pm	5 Movie Night 5:00pm- 7:00pm
8 Sewing Club 5:00pm	9 Baking 6:00pm	10 Cook together 5:00pm: Fish Hash	11 Walk around the village 6:00pm	12 Air hockey, Foosball, and basketball games night upstairs 5:00pm
15 Sewing Club 5:00pm	16 Science experiment 6:00pm	17 Cook together 5:00pm: BBQ Salmon and Pasta Salad	18 Kids Yoga 6:00pm	19 Movie Night 5:00pm- 7:00pm
22 Sewing Club 5:00pm	23 Baking 6:00pm	24 Cook together 5:00pm: Mini Pizzas	25 Walk around the village 6:00pm	26 Glow in the dark hide n seek 6:30pm
29 Sewing Club 5:00pm	30 Science experiment 6:00pm			

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

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 250-639-7553

A healthy snack is provided daily at 4:00pm.

We do not provide dinner and ask that your child goes home to eat dinner and does not have dinner dropped off at the program please and thank you for your understanding.

If your child is sick, please keep them home from programming so we can prevent the spread of germs.





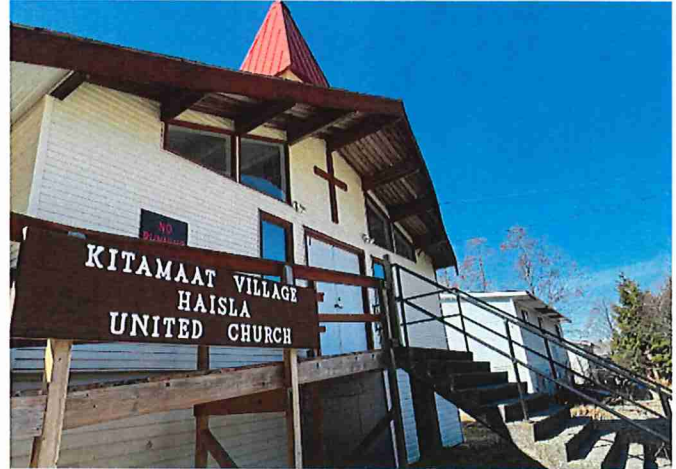
## Community News

The Haisla United Church is seeking volunteers to assist with various tasks such as opening the building for events, supporting coffee/tea craft evenings, fundraising, and any other necessary activities.

### Church Rental Information:

- Funerals and memorials have no charges, but the family is responsible for all cleaning post-event.
- Weddings operate on a donation basis, with the family responsible for cleaning after the event.
- Basement rentals, which include a meal after funerals, are priced at \$175.00 with an \$80.00 damage deposit.
- The damage deposit is refundable upon thorough cleaning of the basement post-event.
- Only cash is accepted for the damage deposit, while cash or cheque is accepted for rentals.

All proceeds from rentals and donations go towards covering the Church's monthly expenses.



All funds received from rentals/donations is put towards the monthly expenses for the Church.

Please contact one of the following if you have any questions or wish to confirm a booking:

Minnie Rosso 250-279-0935

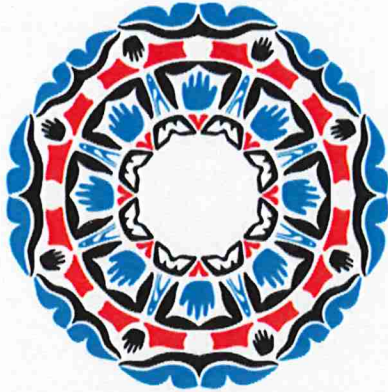
Bobbie Grant 250-632-4973

Our Minister is Teri Meyer and she can be reached at 778-876-1956 if you have any questions for her.

Thank you ,  
Haisla United Church  
137 Owekeno Avenue  
Kitamaat Village, BC



## Community News



# yáq<sup>w</sup>a

DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION

We are excited to share **yáq<sup>w</sup>a Development Corporation** has officially opened its doors on April 1, 2024.

The *xá'isla* word **yáq<sup>w</sup>a** means “to share or give away, as in food or other gifts” and it cannot be a more fitting word to describe our corporation’s overall purpose: to partake in economic development opportunities, to share our resources within our nation and with others.

**yáq<sup>w</sup>a** will ensure economic development initiatives are managed accordingly and in the best interest of the Haisla Nation.

Over the next few weeks we will be sharing updates with the community we serve from notifying valued partners of our transition, to launching our new website, LinkedIn page and more.

We look forward to introducing you to our team and answering your questions about our exciting **yáq<sup>w</sup>a** launch!



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**Yáq<sup>w</sup>a Development Corporation**

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