



**August / ḡ<sup>w</sup>áXilaqus**  
“month when dog salmon spawn”

## Long-term Haisla Nation Employee Retires



After 35 years of steadfast service, a respected member of Haisla Community School is stepping into retirement, leaving behind a legacy rooted in commitment and care. Newly retired Stan Omejc began his journey with Haisla Nation as a laborer during the initial construction of Haisla Community School, laying the literal foundation for the place that would become his professional home. Shortly after, he joined the janitorial team, and over the decades took on multiple roles—including bus driver and head of maintenance—adapting to the evolving needs of the school and the community.

His deep connection to the school goes far beyond tasks and titles. “I’ve seen students of yesterday become the parents of today’s students,” he reflected. “It’s been incredible to witness the growth and generational continuity.” With heartfelt appreciation, he recalled community fundraising events, spirited sports days, and the unwavering support from residents that made school life vibrant and memorable.

“I’m proud of my work at Haisla Community School,” he said. “And I hope the next generation continues to care for it as much as I have.”

As for retirement plans, he’s keeping it local, choosing to remain in Kitimat and embrace a well-earned chapter of rest and enjoyment.

Haisla Nation Administration, elected Chief and Council, and community extend gratitude to Stan for his decades of dedication, and wish him all the best in his next chapter.





# Haisla Nation Council

## 2025 Haisla Nation Council Meeting Schedule

In alignment with elected Chief and Council's dedication to providing membership opportunities for engagement, and considering time constraints when tackling agenda items, discussions at our 2024 Council Retreat led to a proposal that was agreed upon at the December 2024 duly convened meeting. This proposal involved adding a second meeting date to the monthly schedule. The goal of this approach is to ensure that there is ample time for both membership discussions and for addressing time limitation concerns.

Haisla Nation Council is the elected decision-making body that sets the overall direction of the Haisla Nation in organizational and community planning. One committee has been established as a branch of Haisla Nation Council, which is the Committee of the Whole (COTW).

The Committee of the Whole (COTW) serves as an intermediary body, ensuring that the organization's operational functions are running effectively and to a satisfactory standard. The role of the COTW is to set expectations and monitor the performance of Administration. The COTW is accountable to the elected Chief and Council, and its primary responsibilities include developing and proposing recommendations to Council and tracking the performance of Administration, ensuring expectations are being met. Agenda items passed at the COTW level will be addressed at duly convened meetings.

Haisla Members are welcome to attend any duly convened council meeting. For those who do not wish to attend but would appreciate a meeting summary, summaries for all duly convened meetings will be released electronically for Haisla membership via the membership portal on [haisla.ca](http://haisla.ca) and the private membership Facebook page.

The schedule for the meetings is noted below – please note dates are subject to change:

| <b>Haisla Nation Council Monthly Meetings for 2025</b>   |  |
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| <b>Monthly Committee Meetings</b>  | <b>Monthly Duly Convened Meetings</b>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tuesday March 25, 2025</li><li>• Tuesday April 15, 2025</li><li>• Tuesday May 20, 2025</li><li>• Tuesday June 17, 2025</li><li>• Tuesday July 15, 2025</li><li>• Tuesday August 19, 2025</li><li>• Tuesday September 16, 2025</li><li>• Tuesday October 14, 2025</li><li>• Tuesday November 18, 2025</li><li>• Tuesday December 16, 2025</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wednesday March 26, 2025</li><li>• Wednesday April 16, 2025</li><li>• Wednesday May 21, 2025</li><li>• Wednesday June 18, 2025</li><li>• Wednesday July 16, 2025</li><li>• Wednesday August 20, 2025</li><li>• Wednesday September 17, 2025</li><li>• Wednesday October 15, 2025</li><li>• Wednesday November 19, 2025</li><li>• Wednesday December 17, 2025</li></ul> |



## Writing to Council - The process

### **Steps Haisla Nation Council Follows Upon Receiving Letters or Emails from Community Members:**

- 1** Letter/email submissions are received by the Clerk to Council in-person, by email (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.





## BC Government Officials Visit čimáuča



**From Elected Chief Councillor, Maureen Nyce:** I had the privilege of welcoming Premier Eby and Minister Dix to čimáuča . They witnessed firsthand our Nation's firm and focused commitment to reclaiming our rightful place and securing a meaningful role in decisions that affect our lands, waters, and future.

I reiterated our bold and visionary economic development plans that reflect our values, protect our culture and traditions, and contribute meaningfully to the well-being of all Canadians, especially in these turbulent times.



It was a proud day for me to showcase our village and our people, and the many developments we are leading and have planned for our territory as owners. As a Nation, we look forward to building on our relationship with the provincial government, because we have shown what's possible when we work together in true partnership.

Thank you to our Hereditary Chiefs, elected Council, staff and members who took time out of their day to join in the day's activities. I am so proud of what we are doing together.





## Communications & Events

### Haisla Membership Portal: Your Gateway to Information

The Haisla Membership Portal is designed specifically for registered Haisla Members, providing a dedicated space to access pertinent information tailored to the Haisla Membership community.

If you haven't signed up yet, today is the perfect opportunity! Simply visit **haisla.ca** and look for the black navigation button labeled "Membership Portal."

The process takes just a few minutes, and once you're registered, you'll gain access to exclusive member-only documents, updates, and forms.

For any inquiries regarding the Haisla Membership Portal, please don't hesitate to reach out to **communications@haisla.ca**.



## MEMBERSHIP PORTAL REGISTRATION

[WWW.HAISLA.CA/REGISTER](http://WWW.HAISLA.CA/REGISTER)





# Communications & Events



## Haisla Membership Portal

### How to Register

The Haisla Membership Portal is an online space where our organization shares important updates directly with registered Haisla Members. Since not everyone uses social media, this portal offers another way to stay informed. Members can access updates, meeting notes, messages from Chief and Council, and more. Below are the steps to help you register.

- ✓ Go to [www.haisla.ca](http://www.haisla.ca) and click the **"Membership Portal"** button located on the **red strip**.



Username or Email \*

Password \*

☐ Keep me signed in

[Forgot your password?](#)

[Login](#) [Register](#)

- ✓ If you are a new user, select the grey **"register"** button underneath the username and password form.

- ✓ Fill out the registration form completely. Use your legal first and last name (no nicknames) so we can verify your information with our Membership Clerk. After filling out the form, click the register button.

Username \*

First Name \*

Last Name \*

Status Card Number \*

Email Address \*

Password \*

Confirm Password \*

[Register](#)

- ✓ Upon submitting your registration, you will receive an email indicating that your account is currently pending review. Once approved, you will receive a follow-up email confirming your account, allowing you to log in to the portal.





# Communications & Events

## HOW HAISLA NATION COMMUNICATES WITH MEMBERSHIP

Haisla Nation uses several tools to keep members informed, connected, and up to date. Each platform serves a different purpose, and together they help make sure everyone has access to the information they need.

### PUBLIC FACEBOOK PAGE

This page is open to everyone and is used to share general updates with the community and public.

**What you'll find:** Public announcements, event notices, emergency alerts, and feel-good stories.

**Why it's helpful:** It's a quick and easy way to stay in the loop and share important news with a wide audience.

### PRIVATE FACEBOOK GROUP (MEMBERS ONLY)

This group page is a space to share information with registered Haisla Nation members.

**What you'll find:** Member-specific updates, opportunities, and announcements.

**Access:** To join the group, membership can request an invite from [communications@haisla.ca](mailto:communications@haisla.ca), or can have a Haisla Member who is already part of the page invite them. You'll be prompted to answer a few questions as part of the membership process. Please note: If the questions are not answered, the request will not be advanced. After 2 months, the invite will be declined.

**Note:** Comments are turned off to keep the focus on clear, direct communication. A HN contact will always be noted on posts should members have any questions.

**Why it's helpful:** It's a focused space for members to get updates that matter specifically to them.

### MEMBERSHIP PORTAL

<https://haisla.ca/login>

This is a secure online space where members can access important documents and resources.

**What you'll find:** A community calendar, downloadable forms, council meeting summaries, AGM items, policies and more.

**Why it's helpful:** Everything you need is in one place, and you can access it anytime.



Membership Portal



**HAISLA NATION**

### PUBLIC WEBSITE

<http://www.haisla.ca>

The website is a hub for stories, updates, and information about the Nation.

**What you'll find:** News articles, helpful resources, department information, and more.

**Why it's helpful:** It's a great way to learn more about what's happening in the community and to share our stories with the world.



Haisla Website

### VOYENT ALERT!

This is a notification system that sends alerts directly to your phone or email.

**What you'll find:** Emergency alerts, safety notices, and community updates.

**Why it's helpful:** It's fast, reliable, and lets you customize the types of alerts you want to receive.



Voyent Alert

### INSTAGRAM

Instagram is used to visually share, preserve and celebrate our identity through images.

**What you'll find:** Photos of community events and historical photos that tell a story.

**Why it's helpful:** It's a powerful way to visually capture and share the story of our Nation—past, present, and future.



Instagram

### HAWK COMMUNICATIONS APP

Coming in the future, we will launch a new app that will make it easier to stay connected via your mobile device, offering real-time notifications, event reminders, and quick access to news and updates.



## Communications & Events

**Do you have Grandchildren, and live  
in the Greater Vancouver Area?  
We have an event for you!**

You're invited to join us at this year's



**Mama-o & Baba-o**  
LUNCHEON



**This is the perfect opportunity to  
relax, savour a delicious meal, win  
some prizes, and proudly share  
photos and stories of your  
grandchildren!**

**August 10, 2025**

Doors Open at 12:30 PM  
Lunch Served at 1:00 PM  
at the Croation Culture Centre  
3250 Commercial Drive  
Vancouver B.C.

This is a catered lunch, all  
plates and utensils  
provided. RSVP is required.  
Please call or text Kelli  
Stewart at 250-639-3705 or  
e-mail [ksmith@haisla.ca](mailto:ksmith@haisla.ca).

**We look forward to sharing and  
creating memories with you!**



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## Culture and Language

# I AM ENOUGH

## Truth and Reconciliation weekend

This is an open and inclusive invitation to all for hope, healing, celebration of culture, tradition and storytelling.

**Hosted in ċimáuća (Kitamaat Village)**

**Saturday, September 27, 2025**

**5:00 p.m. – Community Dinner**

Gather with us to share a meal and begin our time together in reflection and connection.

**Don't forget to bring your feastware (bowl, mug, and eating utensils)**

**Sunday, September 28, 2025**

**10:00 a.m. – Walk for Truth and Reconciliation**

Join us for a community walk, followed by a series of teaching tables offering opportunities to learn, listen, and witness stories, teachings, and truths.

Explore local handmade goods and artwork available for purchase.

If you have any questions please contact Shelley Bolton at [shbolton@haisla.ca](mailto:shbolton@haisla.ca), Minnie Rosso at [Mrosso@haisla.ca](mailto:Mrosso@haisla.ca) or Angie Silvestre at [asilvestre@haisla.ca](mailto:asilvestre@haisla.ca)





# Culture and Language



## Truth and Reconciliation Day

### Feast Soup and Vendor Tables

The Culture & Language Department's Truth and Reconciliation weekend is coming up quickly!

**We are currently looking for:**

- Feast soup cooks for Saturday, September 27, 2025
- Artists, crafters, and bakers to sell their work or baked goods on Sunday, September 28, 2025

If you would like to book a table or help prepare soup, please contact Minnie Rosso at 250-639-9361 ext. 726.

**Please note:** Minnie will not respond to messages on her personal phone or Facebook.





# Child & Family Services



**HAISLA  
NATION**

**Food Share**  
FOR HAISLA FAMILIES

**Focus:** Support community - no one is turned away.

**Vision:** All people can feed themselves, their loved ones, and the community with dignity.

**Values:** We believe everyone has the right to food. We are equity oriented. We believe in prioritizing lived experience in addressing food insecurity.

Reminder: If you are picking groceries up for another member, they must provide a list of items they need. The list can be texted to Louise at 250-639-7346, Jessica at 250-279-8001 or Renata at 250-279-1111.

One bag per household. Please bring your own bag.

**NEXT FOOD SHARE DATES:**

**AUGUST 12, 2025**

**AUGUST 26, 2025**

**1:00 - 3:00 PM**

**HAISLA RECREATION CENTRE**

We appreciate the thoughtfulness of our Haisla Community members with wanting to donate to our cause, however, due to limited manpower, at this time we are not accepting food donations.





## Education & Training



# Online Parenting Programs

Build your parenting skills—on your schedule

The BC Council for Families and Online Parenting Programs are offering self-paced, online parenting courses designed to support families through every stage of parenting—from infancy to the teen years.

- For parents of children aged 0-18
- For families navigating separation or high-conflict situations
- 8 affordable, 12-unit courses
- Certificate upon completion

Learn at your own pace, in your own space.

Whether you're looking to strengthen your parenting skills or manage co-parenting challenges, these courses offer practical tools and guidance



**Scan the QR Code for more information**



# Employment and Training



## Call of Interest

### The Path to Trades Program

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#### **Free Training for Haisla Youth Ages 15-30!**

Offered by the Youth Employment and Skills Strategy (YESS)

Looking to build your future? Join our community-based training program designed just for youth!

- ✓ Hands-on learning
- ✓ Skills development
- ✓ Career exploration
- ✓ Full wraparound support to help you succeed every step of the way

**Join us for a free, two-week training program  
this August at KVI!**

Email [training@haisla.ca](mailto:training@haisla.ca), attention: Fran Smith, to put your name forward.



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## Elder Services



### Weekly Activities

**Drop In** – Mondays & Wednesdays

**In-House Lunch** – Tuesdays & Thursdays at 12:00 PM

**Meals on Wheels** – Wednesdays



### Special Activities

**Jam Making** – August 8 at 10:30 AM

**In House Lunch with Daycare Centre** – August 12

**Food/Bake Sale** – August 15

**In House Lunch with Cedar LNG** – August 21

**Terrace Trip** - August 22 Depart at 8:45am

**Bingo** - August 29 at 10:30am

**⛔ Please Note Closures**

**August 4** – Closed

Everyone is welcome to join the fun!



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### Haisla Elders Centre

130 Owekeno Ave

Haisla B.C.

(250) 639-9361 ext 313



# Governance & Administrative Services



## Congratulations to the newly elected Chief and Council of Haisla Nation!

On July 24, 2025, a ceremony took place where Maureen Nyce, Deanna Gray, Paul Gray, Kim Robinson, Joanne Ross, and Lisa Grant were officially sworn in as members of Haisla Nation Council. Their term will run from 2025 to 2029.

With the tiered custom election code, elected Councillors Broderick Nyce, Greg Smith, Paula Smith, and Byron Olsen-Grant will serve until 2027.

The event was attended by Haisla Hereditary leaders and community members. To the right, shown is a group photo that includes both the Haisla Hereditary leaders and the elected members of the Haisla Nation.



Missing from the photo elected Councillors Paula Smith and Byron Olsen-Grant.







# Haisla Community School

## REGISTRATION OPEN

**Registration for the 2025/2026  
school year is now open!**

Go to <https://haisla.ca/haisla-community-school-registration/>



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SCHOOL**  
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1534 Jasse Street  
250-632-5011





# Haisla Recreation Centre



## Eye-Catching New Podium at the Haisla Recreation Centre.

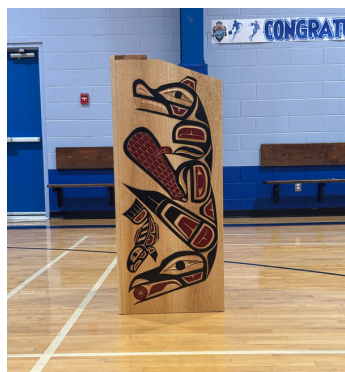
There's a nice new addition at the Haisla Recreation Centre. A custom-built podium is now part of the space and ready for use during community events.

The Recreation Centre is a central part of life in Haisla.

It's where people come together for celebrations, meetings, and gatherings of all kinds. The new podium replaces the old one, which had served the community well but was starting to show its age. This new podium brings a fresh look and gives speakers a proper place to stand and be seen, with beautiful Haisla art featured in its design.

Created by Brad Starr, the podium fits naturally into the space and adds a thoughtful touch to the Centre. Whether it's used for ceremonies, presentations, or announcements, it's sure to be a useful part of future events.

It's a simple upgrade that reflects the care and pride put into maintaining shared spaces in the community.







## Haisla Recreation Centre

# New Dr. Dish Basketball Shooting Machine



The Haisla Recreation Centre now has a Dr. Dish basketball shooting machine available for use. This machine helps players improve their shooting through consistent, high-repetition practice. It is open to Haisla Members aged 13 and up and can be booked in 30-minute time slots. Staff will assist with setup and explain how to use the machine. This is a useful tool for anyone looking to build skills, stay active, or get extra shots in. It allows for efficient training without needing someone to rebound the ball. Since it took time and effort to bring this equipment to the facility, users are asked to treat it with care so it remains available for everyone.







# Indigenous Police Services



## meet

### CONSTABLE HAILEY POELZER



My Name is Hailey Poelzer, I am a proud member of the Okanagan Indian Band with a strong passion for horses and connection to Indigenous culture and land. My love for animals and community has shaped my values and inspired my work.

I'm excited to bring my energy, respect, and dedication to the Haisla Nation community. I look forward to building meaningful relationships while supporting local initiatives.

If you see me around the community please feel free to come and say "Hi". I look forward meeting everyone.



Email: [hailey.poelzer-nielsen@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:hailey.poelzer-nielsen@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)  
Phone: 250-632-7111



# Cedar LNG

## Apprenticeship Program – Haisla Nation



Cedar LNG is partnering with Haisla Nation and Pembina Pipeline Corporation to launch an apprenticeship program to provide the skills and training needed for a career with Cedar LNG.



### Are you interested in becoming a Millwright, Instrumentation and Controls, or Electrical Tradesperson?



The apprenticeship program will include:

- On-the-job experience and work placement opportunities at the Pembina Prince Rupert facility and other Pembina facilities
- Technical training at accredited trade schools such as the British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT) in Burnaby, B.C., and Coast Mountain College in Terrace, B.C.
- Hands-on support from a mentor at Pembina facilities
- Financial assistance and other benefits



What we're looking for:

- A desire to become a certified Instrumentation, Electrical, or Millwright Journeyperson with a Red Seal
- Completion of high school (Grade 12 or GED): Math 10 and Grade 10 Science is a plus
- A valid Class 5 driver's licence will be required
- Willingness to work in Prince Rupert, B.C. and other locations as needed



Upon successful completion of this program, you will have the opportunity to begin a long-term career with Cedar LNG.

Applications for this program are open and available through the QR code below. Successful applicants will be subject to an interview and assessment process.



Apprentices can expect to finish the program and start their role at Cedar LNG in early 2029.







*\*The Electrical Apprentice candidate will require an additional year of work hours at Cedar LNG before receiving their marine endorsement.*



Scan the QR code for more information and to apply for the program.

# Cedar LNG

## Anticipated Timeline: From Recruitment to Employment

|                         |   |   |
|-------------------------|---|---|
| March/April 2025        |    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Launch apprenticeship program</li> <li>• Recruitment</li> </ul>  |
| May–September 2025      |    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recruit candidates</li> <li>• Mentor and prepare candidates</li> <li>• Support travel and accommodation needs</li> </ul> |
| September–November 2025 |    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apprentices commence work placement at Pembina Prince Rupert Terminal</li> </ul>   |
| 2026                    |    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical training commences (7–10 weeks per level, with work placements in-between)</li> </ul>                          |
| Late 2028               |    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apprenticeship completion and prepare for full-time employment</li> <li>• Cedar LNG construction complete</li> </ul>     |
| 2029                    |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full time permanent role at Cedar LNG commences</li> </ul>   |



### About Pembina

Pembina Pipeline is Haisla Nation's chosen partner to build and operate the Cedar LNG Project. Pembina has more than 70 years of experience safely building and operating energy assets across North America. They are committed to supporting Haisla Nation's goals related to employment and economic development. Learn more about Pembina at [pembina.com](https://pembina.com).



Scan the QR code for more information and to apply for the program.

If you have any questions, contact us using the emails below:

[info@cedarlng.com](mailto:info@cedarlng.com)

[employment@haisla.ca](mailto:employment@haisla.ca)





## Haisla Nation's Commitment to Community Safety



# HELP STOP DRUGS IN OUR COMMUNITY

**Keeping our community safe is everyone's responsibility.**

If you see drugs in our community or any suspicious activity, please report it.

If you have information about drug trafficking or related concerns, you can report it anonymously.

**Call 1-800- 222-TIPS (8477)**

**Visit** [www.crimestoppers.net](http://www.crimestoppers.net)

**Dial 9-1-1** if there is imminent danger

**OR Scan the QR Code**  
to report  
anonymously  
online.



**If you see something, say something. Report it today.**

Background: In November 2024, HNC passed a formal resolution condemning drug trafficking within the community, taking a zero-tolerance policy, and establishing a comprehensive approach to address the ongoing opioid crisis. HNC's position comes following recent months that has seen a rise in drug-related crime that has threatened the well-being of the Haisla community near and far.





