



JULY 2021 NEWSLETTER

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Kitimat's "WayLessWaste" program is here!

Since 2016, Kitimat residents have stated loud and clear that you want to produce "WayLessWaste", and we need a residential curbside collection program to do this. The District of Kitimat has listened, and we are taking action:

Fall 2021, we will be rolling out an exciting **new expanded curbside collection program** designed to meet the recycling needs of our residential community.

Your role: Residents of Kitimat, it is important that you keep doing your part to produce "WayLessWaste". Take the time to plan before your adventures. Pack your picnics and snacks in reusable containers and bags. Stay hydrated using reusable beverage containers and straws. Let us do what we can to prevent generating waste.



Are you an independent, non-franchise Kitimat business selling retail goods and services? Sign up to the [Love Kitimat](#) program and help promote your business and shopping local.



Community Exhibition Call for Entry Information

Name of Exhibition

2021 Community Exhibition: Friday, August 20 to Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021

Category

Visual Art and Photography.

Theme

There is no theme, though written statements are strongly encouraged to accompany the submitted pieces, in order to create an internal or external dialogue with the artist/photographer and viewers.

Description

The Kitimat Museum & Archives is seeking visual artists and photographers, of all skill levels, to participate in the upcoming community exhibition Visual Connections. This is a great opportunity for visual artists to display and sell their artwork in the Upstairs Gallery of the Museum.

Important Dates

- The deadline for entries is Friday, August 6, 2021
- Artwork must be in the Museum by Tuesday, August 17, 2021, for installation.
- Exhibition Dates: Friday, August 20 to Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021
- Opening reception: None

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BEAR AWARENESS

Areas in and around Kitimat are prime bear habitat, it is common to see bears in green spaces and open areas as the bear moves from one feeding area to another. June and July bears feed heavily on clover, so keep your lawns mowed down to prevent an encounter with a hungry bear.

Did you know that a bear has poor eyesight but incredible hearing and smell? They are attracted to a variety of smells, including recycling cans and bottles and barbecues.

- Clean your BBQ after each use.
- Pick ripe fruit trees
- Do not put your garbage out until garbage day.
- Feed your pets inside
- Do not keep bird feeders during bear season.

Everyone has a responsibility - Please do your part to keep our community safe and keep bears alive. Educate your friends and neighbours about being bear aware and managing attractants.



River Safety

The water levels on the Kitimat River can change quickly with little warning. In addition the riverbanks are subject to erosion, creating unstable ground next to the river. Take caution when approaching the Kitimat River. Avoid the edge of the riverbank and do not stand on land that appears to be unstable or appears to be undermined by the water levels



Haisla Bridge Screen installation

In the coming few weeks you will see some changes to the Haisla Bridge. A visual barrier will be installed between bridge users and the construction area.

This will be a benefit for traffic safety to minimize distractions to drivers looking at the construction activities while driving over the bridge. Also preventing the potential for misc. items to fall from the bridge to those working on the gravel bar below.

The Kitimat Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Centre



Renos are taking a little longer than planned. We hope to be back home early August. Just a reminder that our temporary location is at: Hirsch Creek Golf & Winter Club 2000 Kingfisher

Hours of operation are:

Mon-Fri 9am-6:30pm

Weekends 9-5pm

We are upstairs on the patio side, just look for our signs. You can reach us via phone or email.

250.632.6294 or info@kitimatchamber.ca

Thanks for your patience and we can't wait to show you our improvements!

FREE STUDENT BUS FARES IN KITIMAT

In September 2020, the District of Kitimat introduced free bus fares for all students attending a Kitimat school or homeschooling in Kitimat, from kindergarten to Grade 12. The pilot program was a success, and Mayor and Council have now extended it until August 31, 2023.

Student free fares can be used on the Kitimat transit system and also on parts of the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine system, specifically the routes to Cable Car and Kitimaat Village.

Students 14 and under are not required to show student ID.

- Students in high school (ages 15 – 18) will be required to show student ID in order to participate in the program.
- Students who do not possess a student ID, or are unable to obtain one, can apply for a free monthly bus pass at the District of Kitimat municipal hall.
- When students receive their new student ID's in the fall, stickers will be provided and required on all students ID's in order to board the bus for free.
- When the high school year ends in June, students will still be able to use their student ID or monthly bus pass until the end of August.

The pilot program was initially passed by Council in January 2020 with the goal of encouraging more young people to use public transportation and help move Kitimat towards more eco-friendly transportation. "We're pleased to be able to support families by increasing the access to transportation and hopefully also supporting community shift towards more environmentally sustainable practices." Mayor of Kitimat, Phil Germuth stated in an interview with the [Northern Sentinel](#).

More information on bus schedules and fares can be found at [BC Transit](#). Questions regarding this program should be directed to the District of Kitimat.

