



Lilawagila School Dzawada'enuxw First Nation Education

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To teachers who applied for the Primary and Intermediate Teacher positions at Lilawagila School. This information is compiled to orient you to our community.

Travel and freight to our extreme remote isolated community makes it expensive to live here. To save money on freight and transportation you must be creative, plan ahead, problem solve and practice patience. The most important purchase to live in our community is knee high gum boots for the river. (Kingcome slippers)

I would like to find a teacher committed to the education of our children, who is willing to stay longer than one year, depending on our nominal roll and if you fit into our community, In the past the students have had to get used to a new teacher each year for three years in a row.

Kingcome Inlet is a small extreme remote isolated village, in a beautiful spiritual valley, about five miles up along the Kingcome River, surrounded by mountains and wilderness, accessible only by boat or seaplane. The nearest port of entry is by boat or plane is Port McNeill on Vancouver Island and by plane from Campbell River on Vancouver Island.

We have over 500 on our band list; fewer than 100 live in the village year round. Our people used to fish and log but now our main employer is the Dzawada'enuxw First Nation, Band Office, Health Centre and School.

The name of our tribe is Dzawada'enuxw, we are in the Kwakwaka'wakw language group, there are a few fluent speakers left so learning our language is important. The Dzawada'enuxw practice the Potlatch System through our hereditary chiefs. Helen Willie teaches our Language and Culture Program and at the end of the school year the students will host a Yayuma, they will sing and perform dances in our Ceremonial House for the community and distribute gifts after the performance.

The Kingcome River is fed by a glacier and has different types of salmon, but not sockeye, Trout and Ooligans. White fish, crab, prawns, herring can be caught in the Inlet and shell fish can be

harvested in our traditional territory. Our community members hunt seal, duck, geese and deer. Our community fishes and renders Ooligan oil, smokes Ooligans. The salmon are canned or jarred fresh, smoked or barbequed or dried.

Harvest:

- Salmonberry, Huckleberry, Salalberry, Thimbleberry, Blackberry, Goose Berries are harvested to make jam or dried. I hear there is wild cranberries up the river, I haven't heard of anyone harvesting yet.
- A few people grow vegetable gardens, our goal is that more people will learn to garden, the school has access to one of the raised beds between the school and the Health Centre and each year the Primary and Intermediate Classes garden.
- There is a traditional root garden at the mouth of the river.
- Medicine from our environment is still harvested and used.
- Cedar bark stripping is done to make dance regalia and baskets.

Wildlife:

- **Grizzly Bears and Black Bears** are monitored by community members by radio phone, they normally pass through but if they hang around too long then they are killed. There has not been too many in the last two years. I have never heard of an attack on a human in our village.
- **Cows** that were left from an abandoned farm down the river sometimes come into our village
- **Wolves**, I've lived here 21 years and heard of them in the village two times, the last time they were in the village one dog went missing and one that was tied up was killed. I have never heard of an attack on a human in our village.
- **Cougars**, I have never seen one but I hear them sometimes, they sound like a baby or women screaming loudly, there are warnings when one is around the village. I have never heard of an attack on a human in our village.
- When there is wildlife scares, the people with vehicles will drive community members to and from work.
- **Mountain Goats**, I have seen them with binoculars on a mountain. I want to get a telescope.
- **Sea Lions, in the Inlet**
- **Seals, in the inlet and in the river**
- **Otters, in the river**
- **Birds:** Ducks, Geese, Crane, Swans, Eagle, Hawks, Raven, Seagull, Grouse, Owls, Blue Jays, Crows, in the spring there are all kinds of birds passing through the village (birdwatchers paradise)

Floods:

- Kingcome Village is on a flood plain. Every year we have one or two floods so our homes are built up and we can't really use our basements although many people do and if there is a flood they need to lift everything up. They usually are from 1 foot to four feet high. The code for building a house on a flood plain now is 10 feet off the ground. On Sept. 25, 2010 we had the worse flood I've ever experienced; approximately 8 feet, our

community was evacuated for a month. The newer homes were ok but the older homes got flooded inside. Lilawagila School is the emergency evacuation point, it is built 10 feet off the ground and has a helicopter landing pad. Now as soon as we know it will flood we will come to the school with our bedding and food and wait it out. The flood goes down in a couple of days and is usually no problem.

Sports:

- Our sport is soccer, there is a Wolf Men's Team and a Wolverines Ladies Team and most of the players live off reserve. There are Annual First Nation Soccer Tournaments in Squamish, Duncan, Victoria, Campbell River, and Alert Bay. Our students enter or join teams in the June Sports Tournament in Alert Bay. Need volunteers to train the youth and fundraisers to take them to at least the tournament in Alert Bay.
- Hockey Night in Canada, the Canucks are the favourite.
- Indian Baseball, is played on our grassy field
- Kids play outside in summer, Guard the Chief and Rancho Brown
- We played Volleyball before and entered tournaments in Port Hardy and Alert Bay.
- Gym, there is a gym attached to the school which the community uses at night and weekend. School staff is welcome to volunteer to open, monitor and close the gym. The community members play indoor soccer, volleyball, floor hockey, basketball. The children have balls, hoops and other toys to play in the gym. The school also has a ping pong table.
- The school atrium and gym are available for exercise classes, the atrium has a big flat screen on the wall to play DVD's and an Xbox.
- Hiking, Camping, Fishing, Canoeing, Kayaking,

Orientation to Kingcome Inlet

Travel: By air or boat depends on **weather and tide**. In the winter we sometimes have to break a path in the ice to cross the river, climb a slippery bank, get a ride on a truck on a logging road down to the mouth of the river, climb down a slippery river bank, and get on a river boat to the government dock to catch a plane or bigger boat to Vancouver Island.

Air:

Wilderness Seaplanes Port Hardy 1800-343-5963

Pricing may have changed, no time to revise

- Port Hardy to Kingcome \$176.00
- Wed (Mail plane) departing 1:30am approx. 45 min. Straight run
- Up to two hours depending on how many stops (mail run)
- Freight Passenger allowed 45 pounds, then it costs .95 Lb. After allowable freight
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Pacific Coastal Airline Port Hardy to Vancouver Google

Vancouver Island Air Campbell River 1-877-331-2433

- Campbell River to Kingcome Inlet \$156.45

- Mon, Wed & Fri departing 2:00am Summer Approx. 40 min. Straight run
- 1 to 2 passengers \$185. Plus tax each one way
- 3 and over \$149. Plus tax each way
- Up to two hours depending on how many stops
- Freight Kingcome resident allowed 60 pounds, non resident \$30 pounds, \$1. a pound after allowable freight

Corilair Campbell River to Kingcome 1-888-287-8366 Charter only

Pacific Coastal Airlines Campbell River to Vancouver Google

Private Boat: Ideal dream

- Small vehicle in Kingcome to get your freight from the beach to your accommodation.
- Small river boat to get passengers and freight up and down the river.
- Covered boat to get you from Kingcome to Van Island. You would have to anchor at the Government dock in the Inlet.
- Vehicle in Port McNeill

Water Taxi: Water taxis must be chartered; you could arrange for passengers and freight both ways to keep cost down. Call Band office to find out if there is a charter coming in or you can arrange one yourself. **Costs may have gone up, have to phone to revise.**

- Les Dawson and Diana Dick Seats 3 or 4 \$180. Each & .80 lb. freight
- Joe Willie Seats 5 or 6 \$100.00 each
- SeaWolf Adventures seats 10 \$850.00
- Gwa was Protector seats 12 approx. \$800.00
- 250-668-3825
- Silver King Marine Charters seats 12 approx. \$1200.00 plus tax
- 250-956-4047
- MacKay Whale Watching seats 45 approx. \$2800.00 plus tax
- 250-956-9865

River:

- \$30 up to \$50 (if you have lots of freight), Plane dock to village each way
- **Joe Willie** **250-974-3011** **covered jet boat**
- **Les Dawson** **250-974-2009** **covered jet boat**
- **Les Dawson** **250-974-2009** **open punt**
- Leonard Smith (Walkus) 250-974-2607 small open boat
- Victor Dawson 250-974-2342 open punt

- Trevor Dawson 250-974-5547 small covered boat
- Don Willie 250-974-3110 small open boat

Vehicle transportation for passenger and freight in Kingcome

- Les Dawson 250-974-2009 Truck
- Health Centre 250-974-5543 Gator & Mule
- Band Office 250-974-3013 Gator
- School 250-974-3047 Quad and wagon
- Joe Willie 250-974-3013 Argo

Bus:

- Tofino Bus- Book on line – Port Hardy to Campbell River, Van and Vic
- Island Link Bus Service – Book on line – Campbell River to Van and Vic

Car:

- Park in Port McNeill at the parking lot below Shoprite Rona.
- Park in Campbell River at Vancouver Island Air parking lot
- People do own vehicles and park them in Port McNeill or Campbell River.
- Yearly parking visitors marine office

Car Rental:

- Budget Port Hardy 250-949-6442
- Budget Campbell River 250-923-4283

Freight:

- **Inlet Navigation** Campbell River 250-287-4311
- Sells Gas, Propane and Diesel, also brings in furniture & vehicles, dry goods
- **Campbell River Marine Terminal**, 250-286-3898
- Containers approx. \$220. Pallet approx. \$120. Brings freight from CR to KI
- \$60.00 to wrap & hold items on a pallet for delivery to Inlet Navigation.
- You could shop for dry goods at Costco in Courtenay and deliver to Marine Terminal to be sent in on Inlet Navigation.
- **Dick Dawson** 250-902-8900
- Dick skippers a gill net fishing boat, he brings in freight from Port McNeill, groceries, appliances, quad's, he takes out recycling, approx. every two weeks.
- This is probably the cheapest way to get in although it takes the longest, approx. 5 to 7 hours to travel through the beautiful coastal waters and our traditional territory.
- He charges \$50. A person, .80 Lb. for freight (must phone him, could have changed)

Taxi Services:

- Waivin Flags Taxi 250-956-2355

- Waivin Flags Taxi Port McNeill to Port Hardy \$50.00
- Forty K Taxi Alert Bay 250-974-5525
- Town Taxi Port Hardy 2350-949-7877
- Beeline Taxi Campbell River 250-287-8383
- 287 Taxi Campbell River 250-287-8294

Groceries:

- Groceries must be purchased outside of our community from Port McNeill and Campbell River. If you can afford to purchase your dry goods in bulk for the school year or for the winter and send it in on a barge (Inlet Navigation) then you would just have to purchase your fresh and frozen food once a month or every two weeks
- Market Place IGA Port McNeill 250-956-4404
Fax or phone order in with your credit card information, they charge for shopping and delivery
- Thrifty Foods Campbell River 250-850-3581
- Can order on line with credit card and they will deliver to Vancouver Island Air
- Quality Foods Campbell River 250-287-2820
- Can order on line with credit card and they will deliver to Vancouver Island Air
- Save On Foods Port Hardy
- Can phone or fax order, they will shop and deliver to Wilderness Seaplane

I fax my order to IGA, Les Dawson picks it up or has it delivered to the loading dock, he brings it into Kingcome and to my door.

I order on line from Quality Foods with my credit card, they charge a small amount for shopping and delivery. They shop for me and deliver to Vancouver Island Air. You must apply for an account. You can order liquor and Tobacco from them.

Internet:

- School has Telus High Speed Internet.
- The band has paid for the installation in the teacherages but the teachers are responsible to pay the band for the wifi monthly.

Cable:

- School has Shaw Cable

Telephone:

- The band has paid for the telephone hookup, the teachers are responsible to pay the band for their telephone monthly.
- Cell phones do not work here, although some of my guests have a telephone app and can make calls through Wi-Fi and some message from their cell phone.
- Telephone list for community available at the school.

Radiophone:

- School will provide teacher with a radio phone.

Council:

- Willie Moon- Council Chair
- Tanya Dick-off reserve representative Councillor
- Melissa Willie- Councillor-Education Portfolio
- Lucy Puglas-Councillor-Education Portfolio second
- Midori Nicolson-Councillor

Band Office:

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| • Band Administrator | Bobbi Smith |
| • Band Office Receptionist Secretary | Position Posted |
| • Capital Projects/Policy Development | Robin Dawson |
| • Housing | Lucy Puglas |
| • Lands/Resources | |
| • Lands/Resource Consultant | |
| • Janitor | Malcolm Puglas |
| • Hydro | Trevor Dawson |
| • O&M | Peter Coon |
| • Propane | |

School:

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| • School Administration | Emily Willie |
| • Intermediate Teacher | Sarah Norval |
| • Intermediate Education Assistant | Nikita Nicolson |
| • Intermediate Education Assistant | Cassandra Henry |
| • Primary Teacher | Sunny Cooper |
| • Primary Education Assistant | Zachary Taylor |
| • Primary Education Assistant | Kaye Dawson |
| • Language and Culture Teacher | (Helen Willie is on leave) Darryll Dawson |
| • Aboriginal Head Start Teacher | (Deata Taylor is on leave) Ashton Souch |
| • Aboriginal Head Start Assistant | Antonia Lines-Dawson |
| • Receptionist | (Lulu Webber on leave) Diana Dick |
| • Janitor | (Thomas Moon on leave) |
| • Operations and Maintenance | Sean Dick |

Finance:

- Finance Administration Pamela Moon
- Payroll Clerk/Accounts Receivable Leanne Moon
- Accounts Payable Emily Webber
- Finance Advisor Kristine Nicolson

Health Centre:

- Health/Social Services Administration Charlene Dawson
- Social Development Marijo Willie
- Secretary/Receptionist Dawn Robertson
- Community Health Care Coordinator Elizabeth Taylor
- Health Center has a Treadmill, Bike, Sauna and Body vibrator; you must phone them to ask permission to use their equipment.

Doctor:

- A doctor comes in on a Tuesday from Port McNeill Clinic on a helicopter every two weeks on a day trip.
- Phone the Health Centre, ask the receptionist to put your name on the list for an appointment bring in your medical information.
- For all emergencies a doctor must call the helicopter to come in to pick up the patient and bring them out to Port McNeill or Campbell River.

Nurse:

- Two nurses come into the village every other week and stay for 4 to 7 days.

Community Health Representative:

- Will come to you in an emergency, take vitals and call Dr. in Port McNeill if needed.
- Weekdays, announced
- Weekend on call, announced

Counsellor:

- A Drug and Alcohol youth counsellor comes into our community to work with youth 13 to 18, she has agreed to come into the school to work with the students on a monthly basis.
- A counsellor comes in once a month to service adults in the community

First Nation Medicine:

- Helen Willie
- Thomas Moon

Store

- No store at the moment

Post Office:

- At John Macko's House (Diana Dick)
- Mail once a week comes in on Wednesday and is ready for pick up Wednesday or Thursday.
- Parcels can be received
- Regular stamped envelopes can be sent out but bigger envelopes and parcels must be sent from Port McNeill or Campbell River

Courier services:

- Available in Port McNeill
- Campbell River, Vancouver Island Air will call a courier and charge us, send PO for Band Business or use personal credit card.

Artists:

- Joe Willie Miniature wood carved masks, pendants 250-974-3011
- Don Willie Carpenter, Carver-Plaques, Masks
- Kenny Puglas Carver

Guest houses: Provide Accommodation and meals. I charge \$165.00 a night including 3 meals for each guest.

- Emily Willie 250-974-2570
- Charlene Dawson 250-974-3082
- Gloria Nicolson 250-974-2866
- Lindsey Willie 250-974-3135
- Leanne Moon 250-974-2550
- Teachers are welcome to put your names forward

Small Business:

- Emily Willie Pizza 250-974-2570 once or twice a month
- Emily Willie Seamstress orders
- Kindling Malcolm Puglas \$10 a box
- Firewood Hema Willie, Trevor Dawson, Les Dawson, \$175. A cord
- Laura Puglas Catering, Kyle Robertson, Salvator Raniolo

Fundraisers:

- The school holds one to two fundraisers a month to raise money for their fieldtrip.
- Soccer Team fundraisers, during soccer season
- Funerals, our community raises funds to help families with funeral costs.
- Special occasions, Medical, Grad expenses etc.
- Hockey pools, Soccer pools, hockey squares

Church:

- The Anglican Church was flooded, was raised and renovated. This church was built by the community, inside are painting done by a community Artist.
- A mission boat comes in during the summer, holds services and Sunday school

- A minister occasionally comes in from Alert Bay to visit and hold services
- The church is currently being used by the Adult Education Students and Teacher.

Big House: New

- Built in 2004
- Used for Potlatches, Feasts, Practices (dancing & singing)

Big House: Old

- Over a hundred years old
- Oldest house on the coast, hand split cedar planks
- Was lived in
- Needs repair

Banks:

Alert Bay:

- Coastal Community Credit Union 250-974-5527

Port McNeill:

- Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce 250-956-3351
- Coastal Community Credit Union 250-956-3972
- Coastal Community Insurance 250-956-4437

Port Hardy:

- CIBC 250-949-6333
- Coastal Community Credit Union 250-949-7471
- Scotia Bank 250-949-6414

Campbell River:

- Bank of Montreal 250-287-7437
- Coastal Community Credit Union 250-286-6205
- Coastal Community Credit Union 250-923-0862
- Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce 250-286-4300
- HSBC Bank Canada 250-286-0011
- RBC Royal Bank 250-286-5500
- Scotia Bank 250-286-4350
- TD Canada Trust 250-286-5450

Hotels on Vancouver Island:

Port McNeill	Haida-way Motor Inn Hotel	250-956-3373	Restaurant, Breakfast
Port McNeill	Black Bear Resort	250-956-4900	
Port Hardy	Airport Inn	250-949-9434	Restaurant
Campbell River	Heritage River Inn	250-286-6295	Breakfast room
Campbell River	Town Centre Inn	250-287-8866	Breakfast coupon
Campbell River	Coast Discovery Inn		
Campbell River	Comfort Inn (new)		

Pets:

The Housing Committee does not allow pets inside the Teacherages. Your pets would have to stay outside on your porch. I cannot guarantee their safety. All the dogs have been neutered and spayed and I have not witnessed any fights since they were fixed but they used to pack and beat up dogs. The dogs in Kingcome are not trained, they live outside, they warn us of wild animals.

I hope this is helpful, If you have any questions, please email me and I will do my best to answer. The prices may have changed, please google or call to confirm prices.