

Hałcístut Houseposts

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Q: Is the money meant for community members?

A: Yes, the funds are for community members, which are distributed through various programs. Most of these programs require residents to be within the community. For instance, the Housing & Infrastructure program is focused on homes located on reserve. However, certain programs, such as the Language program, offer Urban Heiltsuk initiatives that can be accessed when available. In summary, while most programs are community-based, some provide opportunities for Urban Heiltsuk members to participate when available.

A: The Self-Government Housepost works towards achieving formal recognition of Heiltsuk self-governance by asserting authority beyond the Indian Act and developing partnerships that align with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Calls to Action.

Q: How does the Self-Government Housepost contribute to reconciliation?

Q: What types of projects does the Housing & Infrastructure Housepost manage?

A: The Housing & Infrastructure Housepost manages projects such as home renovations, new home construction, community buildings like the Language Building and the new Government Building, and lot development.

A: Current initiatives include the development of tourism infrastructure, the implementation of a Tourism Master Plan, and upgrades to local facilities such as the Shearwater Mill to promote economic sustainability.

Q: What are some current economic initiatives?

Q: What programs are available through the Language Housepost?

A: The Language Housepost offers programs such as the language nest for young children, adult immersion programs, and the Master Apprentice Program to teach the Heiltsuk language to the language students.

A: The Marine & Fisheries Housepost ensures sustainable management and enhancement of marine resources through monitoring, collaborative planning, and promoting stewardship of the Heiltsuk Nation's ancestral waters.

Q: What is the role of the Marine & Fisheries Housepost in managing marine resources?

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Q: What is the role of the Self-Government Housepost?

A: The Self-Government Housepost focuses on empowering Heiltsuk governance and self-determination through establishing a legal framework and policies that reflect Heiltsuk values, ensuring autonomy in decision-making and preserving our cultural heritage.

A: Housing assistance is primarily available to Heiltsuk community members residing on reserve, with a focus on improving inadequate housing, supporting homeownership, and ensuring safe, sustainable infrastructure. If you own a home on reserve, you may also be eligible for specific assistance programs.

Q: Who is eligible for housing assistance through the Housing & Infrastructure Housepost?

Q: How does the Economic Development Housepost support local businesses?

A: The Economic Development Housepost fosters entrepreneurship by providing resources, creating job opportunities, supporting local businesses, and attracting investments that align with Heiltsuk cultural values.

A: The Housepost preserves the Heiltsuk language through documentation, digital resources, curriculum development, and the establishment of a Heiltsuk Language Revitalization Centre.

Q: How does the Language Housepost support language preservation?

Q: How does the Fisheries & Marine Housepost support economic opportunities related to marine resources?

A: The Fisheries & Marine Housepost supports economic opportunities by developing aquaculture projects, upgrading fisheries facilities, and engaging in training programs to build capacity in marine resource monitoring and enforcement.

A: No, the funds have been carefully allocated to each project, ensuring that every cent is accounted for. Although some programs were originally scheduled for completion two years ago, delays caused by COVID-19 may give the impression of overspending. However, all programs are either on track or have been successfully managed despite these setbacks.

Q: Has the Hałcístut funding been overspent?