RCMP Department of Fisheries B+B: Tseax River Inn Fishing on the Tseax Bridge S Gonu General Store McCullough Street St Peter's Spreet Sii T'ax Dev Corp Gas Bar & store Diversified Automotive and Towing New Aiyansh Village Gov Admin Building Poles-Gitmidiik Hall Gitzyon Avenue Gitlaxt'aamiks Community Hall Memorial Park Farmers Market Farmer's Market Nisga'a Commercial Group Nisga'a Fisheries Helipad School Board Offices Department of Fisheries Nisga'a Elementary Secondary School 田旅 Unity Pole Smokehouse and Community-Garden Animal Control Shelter Hike to scenic lookout Hiking trail Sherry's Valley View/Lodge **Anglican Church Artist Auditorium** 🖳 Fire hall Bed and Breakfast Food Garage Nisga'a Valley Health Gas & Convenience Store Helipad Hiking Information Nisga'a Lisims-Government Building Lookout Nisga'a Valley Health Gitlaxt'aamiks Recreation Centre Gitlaxtaamiks Cultural Centre Phone Totem Poles Store Tait Avenue Hike to lava beds **Totem Pole** Nisga'a Artist (Jewellery) Volunteer Fire Hall Nisga'a Artist (Carver) oreen'a Lava Lodge and Nass Valley Gifts Washroom Nursery Headstart Nisga'a Artist (Master Carver) You are in Bear Country

Gitlaxt'aamiks: Capital of the Nisga'a Nation

formerly: New Aiyansh

One of four Nisga'a communities, Gitlaxt'aamiks is located 97 kilometres northwest of Terrace, British Columbia. Home to approximately 1,800 residents, Gitlaxt'aamiks offers rich cultural history, natural beauty, and central location for exploring Nisga'a

Gitlaxt'aamiks was a large and ancient village on the north bank of the Nass River on the edge of the historic Grease Trail. In 1883, a missionary established a Christian village about six kilometers downriver. There, Nisga'a craftsmen built a large village complete with Victorian style houses, a church, community hall, school, sawmill, and its own printing press. They called this new village Aiyansh (Fertile Valley). After a series of floods, the people of Aiyansh finally moved to higher ground on the other side of the river and established New Aiyansh. It was here-after seeking a settlement for 113 years-Nisga'a negotiators signed British Columbia's first modern treaty, the Nisga'a Final Agreement.

In the spring of 2010 the village government voted to rename the village of New Aiyansh Gitlaxt'aamiks.

Gitlaxt'aamiks offers an ideal launching point for discovery of Nisga'a Lands and culture. In 1977, the "Unity Pole" was raised here-the first new pts'aan (totem pole) in the Nass Valley in a century. It signaled a rebirth of Nisga'a art, culture, and language, as well as a renewed commitment to securing a fair and equitable treaty. Today, the Nisga'a Final Agreement is secure and signs of renewal reverberate throughout the Nisga'a Lands.

Gitlaxt'aamiks is situated on the edge of Anhluut'ukwsim Laxmihl Angwinga'asanskwhl (Nisga'a Memorial Lava Bed Park), the site of Canada's last volcanic eruption. Sport fishing, back country recreation, and cultural tours are available (in season). Visitors from around the world come to experience Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a, the legislative assembly of Nisga'a Lisims Government.

Local stores serve the community and Bed & Breakfast accommodation is available in Gitlaxt'aamiks and other Nisga'a villages. Nisga'a Highway 113 paves the way for ease of access to Gitlaxt'aamiks and the rest of the Nass Valley.

http://www.nisgaalisims.ca/gitlaxtaamiks-capital-nisgaa-nation

Annual Village activities Tour de Nass bike race: May Walk for Life: June Aboriginal Day: 21st June Canoe Races at Lava Lake: July Canoe Journey: August The Gitmiidik Hall is open weekly for bingo

Contact Information:

Village Government: (toll free) 1-877-588-2388 Nisga'a Valley Health Authority: 1-888-233-2212 School District #92: 250-633-2228 Mechanic: Diversified Automotive and Towing 250-633-2273 Bed and Breakfast:

Sherry's Valley View Lodge: 250-633-2458 Lorene's Lava Lodge: 250-633-2522

Alver Tait, Master Carver: 250-633-2656 Eric Clayton, Carver: 250-633-2097 Warren Tait, Jeweller: 250-633-2073

Store: Sil T'ax Dev Corp Gas Bar: 250-633-2918 Gonu General Store: 250-633-2476 Nass Valley Gifts: 250-633-2522 **Recreation Centre Services**

Full kitchen Fitness room

Classes

Or *5555 from a cell phone Or call 9-1-1

To report a wildfire on Nisga'a Lands please call: 1-800-663-5555

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