



**KITSELAS**  
FIRST NATION

**Gitselasu (Kitselas)**

*'People of the Canyon'*

# Social Development Update

May 28, 2024

Social Development Department is short staffed currently. I am making every effort to fill the void. Please be patient and understanding as we go through this transition.

The gift cards were delayed, and I apologize for that. Staff worked diligently on getting them processed to be distributed to the persons that receive them. \*The cards are available at the reception desk.

New Income Assistance Applications: applications are available at the receptionist desk; Complete the form, sign, and date it and return form to this office. All applicants must follow instructions for obtaining other information required to support the application, and this causes a waiting period for all new applicants.

Social Development Funeral expense subsidy: There's been questions submitted to administration regarding financial assistance for funerals and clothing. The Band Council provides \$250 to the bereaved family and it's up to the family to decide what expenses to apply these funds to. \*The band does not provide a clothing allowance.

In some situations, social development can support families that demonstrate that they don't have the financial means to pay for all the funeral expenses. Prior to the families attending the initial meeting at the funeral home, they must contact the Kitselas Social Development worker to request financial assistance with burial expenses. The person dealing with the funeral home on behalf of the family must demonstrate that they don't have the means to cover expenses and must submit a request to Kitselas Social Development Dept for assistance to help with expenses.

\*You do not have to be an Income Assistance Client to receive this type of support.

\*This support is a subsidy. Any expenses over and above the limits is paid by the family.

Until further notice, if you have any questions, please contact Debbie at 250-635-5084 Ext 4090, or email [community.services@kitselas.com](mailto:community.services@kitselas.com)

I appreciate your support and for understanding that I am doing the best I can to fill the void in the social development department at this time. I do have my Director job, plus still working on Post-Secondary Program until such time as I hire a new Education Coordinator. Your patience is appreciated. Thank you.

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