

WHY THIS POLICY MATTERS

The Derelict and Inoperable Vehicle Policy establishes a clear and consistent process for identifying, notifying and removing derelict or inoperable vehicles on 'Namgis First Nation lands.

WHAT IS A...

Derelict Vehicle

A vehicle that is abandoned, dismantled or in poor condition.

Inoperable Vehicle

A vehicle that cannot be driven or is missing key components. A vehicle may be a concern if it:

- Is leaking or may leak fluids
- Is dismantled or used for waste storage
- Creates safety concerns
- Negatively impacts surrounding lands

REPORTING A VEHICLE

To report a derelict or inoperable vehicle, call the Lands & Infrastructure Department at

250-974-7246

When reporting a derelict or inoperable vehicle, please provide:

- Vehicle location
- Vehicle description
- Licence plate number, if available
- Photo, if possible
- Your contact information

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Public Works will follow the notice and removal process outlined in this brochure.



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DERELICT & INOPERABLE VEHICLES

What You Need to Know

*Approved by 'Namgis Chief and Council
in June 2026*



WHAT HAPPENS?



STEP 01 — IDENTIFICATION

Public Works records the vehicle's location and condition, takes photos and reports the vehicle to Lands.

STEP 02 — INITIAL NOTICE

Lands issues a written notice, which is posted on the vehicle and delivered to the occupant, if known. The notice identifies the required action and provides 14 days to remove or repair the vehicle.

STEP 03 — FINAL NOTICE

If no action is taken, a final notice is posted providing 48–72 hours to comply. The notice states that removal will occur without further notice.

STEP 04 — AUTHORIZATION & REMOVAL

Once Lands confirms proper notice was given and deadlines have passed, removal is authorized. Public Works arranges towing or removal.

STEP 05 — AFTER REMOVAL

If ownership is known, the owner is notified and given an opportunity to claim the vehicle. The owner may be responsible for applicable costs.

KEY TIMELINES



14 DAYS
Initial Notice



48–72 HOURS
Final Notice



APPROX. 30 DAYS
Unclaimed Vehicle*

**If unclaimed after a reasonable period (e.g., 30 days), a vehicle may be disposed of or scrapped.*

POSSIBLE COSTS

Towing • Storage • Disposal

Where appropriate, the Nation may recover costs associated with removal.