



# Snuneymuxw

First Nation

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Dear Snuneymuxw,

I hope you are enjoying the remaining 2020 summer season, staying home and practicing safety measures protecting your family and relatives. With everything going on in the world and here at home, I am proud of our community strength and resilience to work with one another and help one another during these unpredictable times.

With the uncertain start of the school year ahead of us, there is much concern with sending our children back to school continuing their education journey. It is still unclear about what safety measures will be put in place at the school your child is enrolled, and how the public health orders will be applied. But I want to assure the parents, guardians, aunties and uncles, that with whatever decision you make which is in the best interest of the child will be supported by our Nation.

Chief and Council are developing plans and other procedures in preparation of a second wave of covid-19 and in the event the economy is shut-down once again. Council has had the opportunity to reflect on our governance, administration and operations with an eye to make the process for protecting health and safety of our Nation more efficient and effective.

As well, our Nation continues to advance various priorities and business initiatives. Negotiations with federal and provincial governments are geared to respect and implement our Snuneymuxw Treaty of 1854, and we are close to finalizing some important agreements on lands and implementing our Treaty with both levels of Government. The Snuneymuxw gas bar is progressing quickly, so keep an eye out for the announcement for the grand opening! Recently, our Nation received approval for a retail cannabis license and remember, the Snuneymuxw retail cannabis store will be located on Stewart Avenue next to Beefeaters. And, we are in the planning stages to build more housing units in our community.

While the work of our Nation continues, I want you to know that you can reach out to me, any Councilor or our band office at any time. It is important that we remain united, with one heart and one mind, as we move forward, together.

Sincerely,

Chief Mike Wyse