



# Snuneymuxw

First Nation

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Dear Snuneymuxw,

Despite an interruption to band operations, other business and strategic priorities of our Nation continue to progress. On behalf of Chief and Council, I want to provide you with a brief update about the development of a Snuneymuxw citizenship law.

The Chief and Council process for granting individuals with Snuneymuxw membership has been on hold since the summer of 2016. Since then, requests to transfer into our Nation has been put on hold. When Chief and Council made this decision over three (3) years ago, Snuneymuxw people were preparing to vote and approve the Thlap'Qwum (79 acre) land claim.

Determining Snuneymuxw citizenship goes to the heart of who we are as people, and because of this we want to engage with you to hear your perspectives and vision about how we move forward with non-membership requests. Your voice will help start the process to develop a Snuneymuxw citizenship law.

If we, as a Nation, decide together to develop a Snuneymuxw citizenship law, then we will move from section 11 to section 10 of the Indian Act. With this change, our Nation is able to determine our own citizenship, decide who becomes a member of our Nation, and include our way of life and culture when doing so.

I wanted to share this update with you so that you are aware that Chief and Council are interested in community discussion about citizenship which will help our Nation govern according to Snuneymuxw values.

If you have any questions or require more information please contact Joan Brown at 250-740-2300.

Respectfully,

Chief Mike Wyse