

Snuneymuxw News

Informing the people of the Snuneymuxw First Nation about issues that matter

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April 29, 2021

Dear Snuneymuxw,

We have no new Covid-19 cases to report to you. Since we reported the potential exposure at Qwam Qwum Stiwixwulh (QQS) school, we have had a few meetings with medical health officers for the Island Health Region and we are advised that transmission at the school due to the potential exposure is very low. But, everyone cannot let our guards down and please remain steadfast with practicing personal and professional health and safety. We have a distance to go yet and we must all continue do our part to help flatten the curve in our region.

Snuneymuxw departments are working with Council to improve the quality of life for Snuneymuxw people, and you may notice that more and more job posting are being posted on the Nations behalf. Part of this priority is to offer training and skills development training with these job postings. Please keep an eye out for them and I encourage you to apply if you are interested. Our Nation will help to enhance livelihoods and remove the barriers for you to access employment and training.

Health, housing, education and culture are some of the other indicators for the improvement of the quality of life. We have many initiatives on the go touching on each of these, for example including clinical services at our health centre. The Snuneymuxw learning centre, when complete, will expand our Nations' ability to offer holistic and culturally appropriate education programming that builds upon our successes with QQS. Access to housing is essential and to respond to the challenge of our Nation having a small land base, we are entering partnerships with B.C. housing and others to provide housing units in our territory. For, example with the new 4-plex that is under construction right now and two additional 4-plex's that are on its way. While addressing the inequities of our people due to colonialism through reconciliation with governments and others takes time, moving forward is important right now for our people.

Also, I wanted to update you about the Snuneymuxw Elders Advisory committee. We have resumed these meetings and the inclusion of our Elders in the work of our Nation is very important. We are also looking at revisiting our efforts to initiate a Snuneymuxw youth council so please keep an eye out for that.

Take care and reach out to me at any time.

Chief Mike Wyse

Snuneymuxw First Nation, 668 Centre St., Nanaimo, B.C. V9R 4Z4

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1266 Gordon Road

OFF RESERVE MARKET HOUSING

\$1,700/mth

\$850 deposit

Utilities not included



- Available immediately
- 3 Bedroom 2 bathroom
- 1800 Square Feet (approximate)
- Electric Heat
- Family home in private area near IR #4
- Preference given to families & income verification required
- Open house for viewing Friday 30th @ 1:00 – 4:00pm
- Standard Snuneymuxw housing application can be submitted at the band office, or sent via email to: capitalprojects@snuneymuxw.ca See attached form or pick one up at the Snuneymuxw band office.



LISTING AGENT

SFN housing & Infrastructure

250-740-2300

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COVID SUPPORT

**FOOD AND CLEANING SUPPLIES
FOR POSITIVE TEST CASES AND
THOSE IN ISOLATION AS
DIRECTED BY ISLAND HEALTH**

**THIS SUPPORT IS FOR SFN BAND
MEMBERS ON AND OFF RESERVE WITHIN
THE NANAIMO REGION.**

DANIELLE FROUDE: (250)-797-2696

FALICIA DENNIS: (250)-667-4478



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HOUSING WAIT LIST / APPLICATION INQUIRIES

Housing Applications can be picked up from the receptionist at the administration building or they can be emailed, faxed, or mailed upon request.

Housing Applications are to be updated:

- a. Once a year.
- b. When you have a change of address.
- c. When any contact information has changed.

It is important that you fill out the entire application. Any incomplete applications will be denied and sent back to the applicant to fill in the remaining information.

Complete applications can be dropped with reception or any of the options listed below;

Mailed to: 668 Centre St, Nanaimo BC, V9R 4Z4

Emailed to: ashleyw@snuneymuxw.ca

Faxed to: 250-740-2361



KW'UMUT LELUM UNVEILS HOUSE POST CARVED BY FAMOUS SNUNEYMUXW ARTIST NOEL BROWN

Thursday, April 15th Kw'umut Lelum installed a 16-foot House Post, soaring at 534 Centre St. on Snuneymuxw First Nation. The beautiful work of art tells a story of the history of our people, traditions, and ancestors; symbolizing protection and strength to our communities, families and children across our 9 member Nations.

The small ceremony took place on Friday, April 16th 2021 with Snuneymuxw artist, Noel Brown, Kw'umut Lelum's Executive Director, Bill Yoachim, and board members, Chief of Snuneymuxw, Mike Wyse, Chief of Stz'uminus, Roxanne Harris, and, Chief of Qualicum, Donna Kennedy.

At the bottom of the house post is an eagle sheltering a baby with its wings.

"The eagle always takes care and looks over the children at all times, which Kw'umut Lelum does," Brown said. "Above the eagle is a lady with her blanket, which keeps the children warm. Above that is a killer whale, which looks after us at sea."

Brown said he's "proud and honoured" to be the steady hand carving the house post and he learns more about Coast Salish culture every time he works on one.

Chief Michael Wyse, of Snuneymuxw First Nation, was pleased with the work and said it was inspirational, especially in this time of COVID-19.

"It's wonderful to celebrate something very positive like this in our community, with all that we've been through with COVID and we're able to come together as a community, representing nine nations, to unveil a beautiful gift that Noel has carved for us," said Wyse. "It's a very proud day."

ABOUT KW'UMUT LELUM

Kw'umut Lelum is a Delegated Aboriginal Agency delivering a full range of coordinated, culturally informed child safety and family wellness services to address the unique needs of Indigenous families and communities. Our approach is informed and guided by Coast Salish values our Member Nations include: Halalt, Lyackson, Ts'uubaa-asatx (Lake Cowichan), Malahat, Penelakut, Qualicum, Snaw-Naw-As (Nanoose), Snuneymuxw and Stz'uminus.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Communications and Information Officer

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Kw'umut Lelum

544 Centre St, Nanaimo, BC V9R 4Z3

TEL 250.591.0933 **FAX** 250.591.0935

TOLL FREE 1.800.613.1777 **Child Help Line** 310.1234

kwumut.org



SNUNEYMUXW EARTH DAY/BEACH CLEAN UP

Huy t'seep q'a to Snuneymuxw community members and Kw'umut Lelum staff for gathering to celebrate Earth Day on Thursday, April 22nd. Community members and KL staff met on Shoreline Drive to help clean up the beach and surrounding area. A big huych'qa to the City of Nanaimo for providing equipment, gloves, and bags in supporting this initiative.





SOCIAL ASSISTANCE DATES

MID-MONTH
JAN 6
FEB 3
MAR 10
APR 7
MAY 5
JUN 9
JUL 7
AUG 11
SEPT 8
OCT 6
Nov 3
Dec 1

S/A DAY
January 20, 2021 (for February)
February 17, 2021 (for March)
March 24, 2021 (for April)
April 21, 2021 (for May)
May 19, 2021 (for June)
June 23, 2021 (for July)
July 21, 2021 (for August)
August 25, 2021 (for September)
September 22, 2021 (for October)
October 20, 2021 (for November)
November 17, 2021 (for December)
December 15, 2021 (for January 2022)



THLAP'QWUM COMMUNITY SETTLEMENT TRUST



Snuneymuxw Membership Survey

Weekly \$100 draw – every Monday!
Please see question #2 in the survey if you would like to be entered into the weekly draw for completing this survey!

Survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NBZLZL3>

Dear Snuneymuxw Nation Members:

The Thlap'qwum Community Settlement Trust Trustees would like to request your valuable input for a survey to determine the priorities of the Thlap'qwum Community Settlement Trust and how we can support the community.

The general purpose of the Trust is to improve the quality of life of SFN Members by generating and maximizing wealth for SFN through the promotion and funding of opportunities, programs, initiatives, and services.

This survey will provide valuable information to determine what priorities are most important to our Membership. This information will be collected, and the data received will allow the Trustees to determine what the membership feels is important and where the priorities are for funding and supporting initiatives to benefit the community.

These priorities are all important and will be supported, to the best of our abilities, year to year in our programming and grant opportunities.

It is very critical that we understand what priorities are important to you as an individual. Please take some time to fill out this survey, every opinion is important, and every voice is heard.

A survey will be requested from the membership every 4 years, as membership priorities may change.



Snuneymuxw First Nation Photo Contest

In this strange Covid life, we are all a little stressed, feeling a bit depressed and feeling stuck inside. Now that Spring has arrived, it makes way for the perfect opportunity to get outside and take in the fresh air and beauty that Mother Nature has to offer. Through this Covid time, it has been highly recommended we take advantage of the outdoors, while remembering to be respectful of the social distancing rules and regulations in place across the Nation. Even while social distancing, you can enjoy many outdoor activities and places. Take in the sunny or rainy days and while doing so please take some pictures and capture the moment. Anywhere from your back yard to a mountain or trail hike/walk or a picnic at the beach, or maybe a boating adventure, Mother Nature has so much beauty to offer.

I would like to promote the outdoor activities by creating a photo contest and offering a \$25 card for a prize for the 1st place winning picture.

Theme is based on "Beautiful Snuneymuxw."

If you would like to enter the contest and share your pictures with our Snuneymuxw social media and office platforms, please send your picture to louellam@snuneymuxw.ca

Photo Contest Guidelines

- Any picture including a minor will be required to have a consent form signed by caregiver(s).
- All photos are required to focus on Nature, **Beautiful Snuneymuxw**
- Pictures are to be taken within the Snuneymuxw Territory.
- Maximum of 5 pictures entered per person.
- Please include the location of where each picture was taken.
- Please include your contact information for your submissions, First and last name plus a contact phone number.
- Deadline is May 15th 2021.



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Snuneymuxw Council has an open door policy for Snuneymuxw citizens to attend Chief and Council meetings, however due to Covid-19 restrictions we are not able to accommodate in-person attendance. The schedule of regular council meetings for 2021 is as follows:

- April 1 @ 4pm-6pm
- April 15 @ 4pm-6pm
- April 29 @ 4pm-6pm
- May 13 @ 4pm-6pm
- May 27 @ 4pm-6pm
- June 10 @ 4pm-6pm
- June 24 @ 4pm-6pm
- July 8 @ 4pm-6pm
- July 22 @ 4pm-6pm
- August 5 @ 4pm-6pm
- August 19 @ 4pm-6pm
- September 2 @ 4pm-6pm

If you have any questions please contact Sheila Seymour, SFN Council Clerk, at ccclerk@snuneymuxw.ca or call 250-740-2300 Monday-Friday between 8AM-4PM.

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Garbage & Recycling

Recycling pickup Wednesday
Garbage pickup Thursday

Please have your garbage and recycling out by 8:00 am on the day of the service

Please remember that All recyclables MUST be in a clear plastic bag or in a bin. The recycling depot does not accept anything in a dark garbage bag.

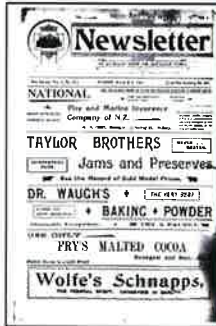
Are you interested in signing up to be on the list for delivering the Snuneymuxw News?

If so please call the Main office at 250-740-2300 and

ask for your name

to be added to the list of people who deliver the

SFN Newsletter.



COVID19

Emergency re- sponse contact

Samara Aitken

1-613-218-9553

Visit www.snuneymuxw.ca for more info!

SFN MEMBERS—

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Please call the office at: 250-740-2300 or email: mail@snuneymuxw.ca

Please provide your latest contact information including address, contact numbers, email and any other updated information.

Thank you for your help!

Handy Numbers

SFN Office: 250-740-2300

Chief Administrative operator -
Joan Brown: 250-740-2310

Emmy Manson 250-740-2337

Health Centre: 250-740-2337

QQS School: 250-754-3033

Daycare: 250-740-2348

Woodbank wellness 250-754-1300

Longhouse Kitchen: 250-722-2827

Tuytaxun Store: 250-753-4214

Newcastle Island: 250-754-7893

* NCI closed for the season

SFN Rec Centre: 250-741-0158

RCMP/non-emergency: 250-754-2345

HEALTH CLINIC & EMERGENCY CONTACTS DURING THE CLOSURE

Marina 250-668-5244
marinaw@snuneymuxw.ca

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Cheryl Mooney 250-668-2644
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Housing repairs

Check out the latest Nation job postings:

www.snuneymuxw.ca/jobs

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