

Snuneymuxw News

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

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Dear Snuneymuxw,

Snuneymuxw First Nation is reporting no new cases in our community, however we did report a potential Covid-19 exposure at Qwam Qwum Stiwxwulh school. All required response measures are in place at QQS and we are monitoring the affected individuals including providing various supports as necessary. Council will keep you updated as we go forward.

Despite the prohibition of large gatherings including in-person community meetings due to the pandemic, publishing written updates has been a suitable alternative. Planning has begun to organize virtual community meetings but in the meantime, I would like to share a few initiatives with you.

Firstly, I want to reiterate that we have an open door policy for Snuneymuxw citizens to attend regular council meetings. However, due to the pandemic in-person attendance is restricted and we may arrange attendance virtually. As well, our negotiations with government are moving forward in a number of ways. Finalizing the Teytexen specific claim is a priority of our Nation and we have made some considerable progress. But before we enter the final negotiation stages, our goal is to present an update to you and receive your feedback. Currently, Snuneymuxw, Canada and B.C. are focusing our work to transfer land to Snuneymuxw as an immediate measure, and transition our Nation-to-Nation relationship on the proper footing that strengthens Snuneymuxw authority and decision-making within our territory. Provincially, the implementation of the two agreements we signed with B.C. last September are well underway. We are progressing through the technical pieces with respect to the transfer of 3100 hectares of Mt. Benson and Mt. McKay lands to Snuneymuxw, and formalizing government-to-government processes including decision-making in our territory.

The Snuneymuxw gas station has been operating for 5.5 months and is performing well. You will notice that our retail cannabis store has been installed beside the gas station, and we are projecting the grand opening to occur within the next couple of months. As well, an opportunity has arisen for Snuneymuxw to acquire our land back located at 1340-1370 Stewart Avenue, next to our Thlap'Qwum village site. This is part of a larger strategy and I look forward to sharing that with you.

It is important that Council continue to share information with you and open available pathways to receive your input on all of this and much more, so that we move forward with one heart and one mind. There is always work going on and so much information to share, but feel free to contact me anytime if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Chief Mike Wyse

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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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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



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.



SFN Stewardship Training & Employment Opportunity

Position Overview:

Snuneymuxw First Nation is looking for an expression of interest to hire 2 Stewardship Officers to participate in the VIU Stewardship Technical Training Program (STTP) in September 2021. This position will lead to a more sustainable working environment with the Nation and provide caretaking for Snuneymuxw lands and waters.

The responsibilities that will be involved with this position include the successful completion of:

- Resource Management Officer Technology 165: Compliance Communication & Resource Management (this is a 2-part course).
- RMOT 102 Introduction to Parks & Protected Areas.
- RMOT 151 Small Motors: intro to 2&4 Engines.
- Foundations for Success 101: Reading, Speaking & Presentation Skills.
- Marine First Aid.
- Swift Water Rescue.

Successful candidates will receive support to attend STTP and complete the program. Upon successful completion, both members will receive an environmental technician certificate.

Summary and Scope:

The VIU Stewardship Technical Training Program participants will report to the Community Planner.

The overall role of the SFN Stewardship team is to provide overall monitoring and caretaking of Snuneymuxw lands and waters. Strengthening and building capacity in this manner advances the implementation of the Snuneymuxw Treaty of 1854 and provides a mechanism that supports Snuneymuxw authority within Snuneymuxw Territory. The goal of this new program is to create a holistic system that includes processes and procedures that enforce Snuneymuxw laws and ways of life, and the Stewardship Officers will be a great addition to the SFN organization.

The stewardship team acknowledges the central importance of Indigenous knowledge, cultural and resource management. The work of the stewardship team will support all projects, programs, and cultural revitalization activities.



As a whole, the SFN Stewardship team is responsible for a wide range of duties. We expect that each stewardship worker will have varied expertise and competencies in several areas of responsibility.

Snuneymuxw Standards:

Our values will guide us towards becoming a stronger, more effective organization with a positive and mutually beneficial work environment for everyone.

Achievement:

- Deliver what matters.
- Ensure clarity of direction and unity of purpose.
- Inspire excellence and strive for outstanding results.

Collaboration:

- Work together to build successful teams and partnerships.
- Be open, inclusive, and share knowledge.
- Seek, provide, and act on feedback.

Community Commitment:

- Know our community and put them first.
- Listen to and understand community needs.
- Be responsive, close the loop, and deliver on promises.

Integrity:

- Own your actions, successes, and mistakes.
- Act with transparency, honesty, and respect.
- Do what you say you will do.

Innovation

- Look for ways to improve and create positive change.
- Think broadly and take a wider viewpoint.
- Be responsive to new ideas and opportunities.

Position Responsibilities:

- Monitoring and caretaking of Snuneymuxw lands and waters on a daily and/or weekly basis via patrols
- Observe, record and report activities taking place on Snuneymuxw lands, and report any violations



- Coordinate with local emergency responders, the Canadian Coastguard and others
- Implement marine safety procedures and develop an annual and on-going training plan for members and staff
- Conduct community outreach, support stewardship communications and represent the new SFN Stewardship Program
- Help plan, organize and deliver cultural education events with community, culture camps and harvesting activities with members, elders and staff, and teaching sessions including virtual and/or recorded lessons and workshops.
- Participate in traditional language classes as part of professional development.
- Commitment to complete Stewardship Technical Training Program at Vancouver Island University.
- Work with other departments on various initiatives with a collaborative and team-player mentality

Job Requirements:

Education:

- Participants must have Grade 10 or higher, be 19 years or older, and be in good physical condition.
- Preference will be given to participants who intend to complete all courses.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Mature individual; minimum 19 years of age.
- Be physically fit and able to work long days outdoors in extreme weather.
- Have basic computer skills (MS Office, email, and Internet).
- Have a respectful demeanor and good oral and written communication skills.
- Have a successful completion of a Criminal Record Check.
- Have a valid class 5 driver's license.
- Serve as a mentor for youth.

Candidate Profile:

SFN members must have a positive and diplomatic personality with solid attention to detail. The members may work long hours in all types of weather and will be required to travel by all sorts of transportation. The employees will be required to be diplomatic in their interactions with multiple professionals, community members, and the general public. The successful candidates will work with one or two others while positively contributing to the overall teamwork environment.

Willingness Statements:



- You are required to possess and maintain a valid BC driver's license. Support may be provided on a case by case basis.
- You may be required to work outside of work hours if an emergency occurs.
- You will be subject to satisfactory reference checks and Criminal Records Checks.
- You will be required to provide copies of your professional certificates.

Please submit your current resume and cover letter to:

Snuneymuxw First Nation

Att: Tina-Marie Heinrich

668 Centre Street

Nanaimo, BC

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Email: HR@snuneymuxw.ca

Fax: 250-753-3492

The deadline to submit your resume and cover letter will be May 20th, 2021



2021 SOCIAL ASSISTANCE DATES

****LAST COVID19 SUPPLEMENT PAYMENT JAN 2021****

MID-MONTH	CHEQUE DATES
JAN 6	January 20, 2021 (for February)
FEB 3	February 17, 2021 (for March)
MAR 10	March 24, 2021 (for April)
APR 7	April 21, 2021 (for May)
MAY 5	May 19, 2021 (for June)
JUN 9	June 23, 2021 (for July)
JUL 7	July 21, 2021 (for August)
AUG 11	August 25, 2021 (for September)
SEPT 8	September 22, 2021 (for October)
OCT 6	October 20, 2021 (for November)
Nov 3	November 17, 2021 (for December)
Dec 1	December 15, 2021 (for January 2022)



Garbage & Recycling

Recycling pickup Wednesday
Garbage pickup Thursday

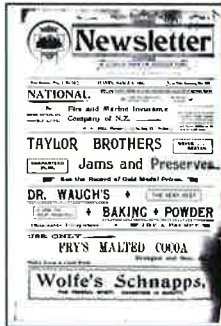
Please have your garbage and recycling out by 8:00 am on the day of the service

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

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Housing repairs

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