

At Snuneymuxw Days!

SNUNEYMUXW

CHIEF SEASONAL REPORT

SULXWEEN 65+ ELDER PAYMENT

The first Sulxween 65+ Elder Payments have now been disbursed! All registered Snuneymuxw Members 65 and older, are now eligible to receive monthly financial support (\$250 CAD). This initiative is the result of generations of hard work from our leadership. We are humbled to see it come into effect for our Esteemed Elders. If you have any questions about the Sulxween 65+ Elder payment, please contact the SFN Admin building reception at 250-740-2300.

LEARN MORE: <https://tinyurl.com/456raep9>



JAM SESSIONS PREPARE SONGS FOR SNUNEYMUXW DAYS

Over the past few months, our very own Darren Good has been leading community jam sessions, breathing life into our Snuneymuxw songs. What started as a small gathering in the Longhouse kitchen quickly grew. Once word got out, family from all over started to travel to the Island to jam together! Our group eventually moved to the SFN Gym for more space. Together, we spent months practicing. It all came together for a sacred giant jam night at the Snuneymuxw Longhouse during Snuneymuxw Days 2025.

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UPDATES



GRADUATION 2025

In early July, we had a wonderful time celebrating the many accomplishments of our Grade 12 and post-secondary graduates, at several community events. Congratulations to everyone who graduated this year! We can't wait to see what you do with your gifts next!

huy 'ul' 'uy' un syaas, sii'em!

This means:

- huy 'ul' 'uy' = the highest praise / excellence
- un syaas = your work
- sii'em = respected ones (pl)

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2ND DAYCARE COMING SOON!

We're pleased to share that construction is underway for a second daycare facility, located right beside Qwam Qwum Stuwixwulh School. This new addition will increase our capacity to support more children from our community.

The new daycare building is thoughtfully designed, featuring a beautiful mix of natural materials and modern shapes, all nestled in a setting surrounded by the land. It promises to be a warm, welcoming, and inspiring space for children to learn, play, and grow.

Construction is expected to be completed by August 2025, with staff preparing to officially open in early September.

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WHAT'S A 'QR' CODE?

You may notice little black and white square scan codes in our newsletters. That's called a "QR" code (which stands for "Quick-Response" Code). It's a quicker way to open a website link (no typing required).



Here's how to use a QR code:

- 1) Open the camera app on your phone.
- 2) Point the camera at the QR code, and look for a banner to appear.
- 3) Tap the banner to open the link.

DUKE POINT EXPANSION

On April 4th, with support from our Nation and the Port of Nanaimo, DP World's Duke Point Terminal officially launched construction of the Duke Point Terminal expansion, aimed at significantly enhancing Vancouver Island's connectivity and trade resilience with global markets. Snuneymuxw First Nation has a direct interest in the project through an economic agreement, and the Port is in relationship with our Sarlequun Transport business.

"The Duke Point area is in the heart of Snuneymuxw First Nation territory, living in relationship with our economy, trade and way of being. We are supporting the expansion of modern shipping in Duke Point based on clear recognition of the rights enshrined in our Snuneymuxw Sarlequun Treaty of 1854. We are honoured to uphold our Nation's longstanding responsibility to support the growth of the local economy, benefiting all communities connected to our lands."

Chief Wyse at the Port of Nanaimo.

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'I' CUN 'UW 'I' LAND UPDATES

teytexen

In April, the teytexen Village Land Settlement was successfully voted on. Funds have now been secured and cheques have been distributed.

te'tuxwtun

Now, we're focusing our efforts on te'tuxwtun. This winter, members will be asked to vote on whether Snuneymuxw First Nation should enter a 120-year headlease with our own Petroglyph Development Group, which would manage a 25.6-acre portion of these te'tuxwtun lands. A "yes" vote would help unlock economic opportunities to support Nation building while restoring our presence on this land.

Share your feedback

You can share your feedback about the future of our lands online, or at one of our community engagement events. For more info, go to www.snuneymuxw.ca/cp.

SFN COMMUNITY PLANNING & LANDS

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Community Engagement event on July 8th



NEWSLETTER DELIVERY JOB

Interested in getting paid to deliver Snuneymuxw newsletters to the community?
Send an email to mail@snuneymuxw.ca and ask to sign up!

MORE THAN 700 HECTARES TRANSFERRED ON TE'TUXWTUN

In July, the Province of BC finalized its third major land transfer under the 2020 Land Transfer Agreement, returning over 700 hectares on te'tuxwtun (Mount Benson North) to our Nation.

This brings the cumulative total to more than 3,000 hectares slated for return, with over 2,000 hectares of village lands still to be restituted.

The land will be held in fee simple by our Petroglyph Development Group (PDG), and integrated into Mount Benson Forestry.

If you'd like to share your thoughts on the future of te'tuxwtun, please visit www.snuneymuxw.ca/cp to complete our land use survey. While there, you can also view videos, featuring drone footage of our Lands.

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"This third transfer marks another meaningful step forward in restoring our responsibility over our lands. Each parcel returned strengthens our Nation's economic independence and renews our deep connection to te'tuxwtun North. More than 2,000 hectares of our village lands have yet to be returned under the agreement, and we remain firmly committed to continuing this vital work until every piece is restored, for our people and future generations."

Chief Mike Wyse



ISLAND BRAVE GOES TO CHAMPIONSHIPS IN BRAZIL

Snuneymuxw's Island Brave has qualified to represent Team Canada at the 2025 IVF World Distance Championship in Brazil! The team won the last three Canadian Championships. Our very own Jacob Seward has also qualified and will be competing in the Junior 19 Men V6 division. Congratulations!! To all who supported these amazing athletes from youth to now, hay cep qa' for helping make a dream come true!

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www.IslandBrave.ca



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