



te'tuxwtun ADDITION TO RESERVE

Your vote helps shape
the future of our Nation

Book 6 of 6
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At this time, all information is accurate



Overview

This booklet shares information about te'tuxwtun lands

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hay cep qa' for taking the time
to learn more about the

te'tuxwtun ADDITION TO RESERVE

Your voice and your vote matters.

Help turn our shared vision for the future into reality. We need your heart and mind to help shape what's ahead for our Nation.

As we prepare for the
te'tuxwtun vote, we invite you to
scan the QR code or visit
www.snuneymuxw.ca/cp to:

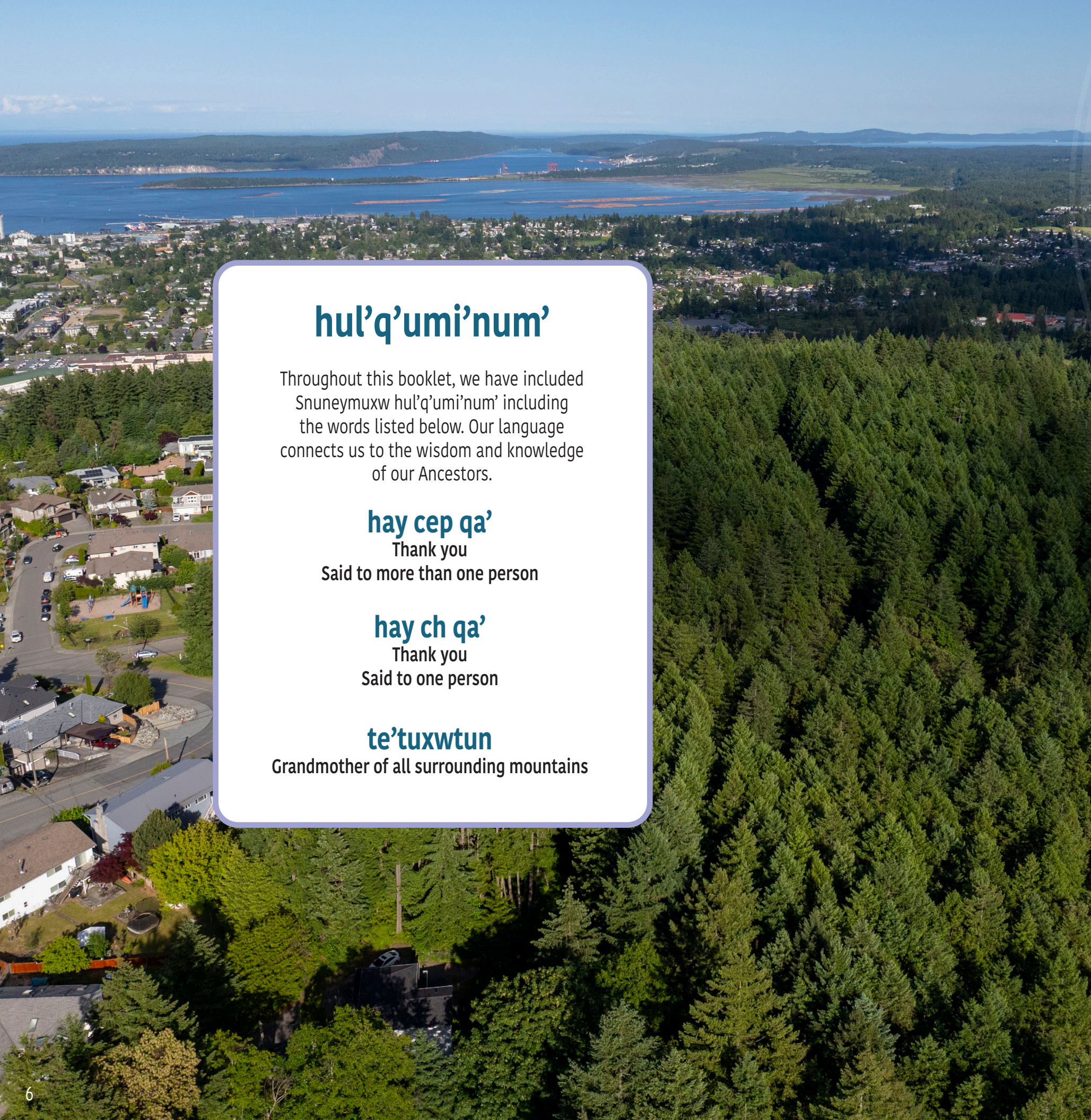
Share your feedback on the future
of the te'texwtun land parcel

Take a virtual tour of our
te'tuxwtun lands

Stay up to date with voting
information and key dates

And more!



An aerial photograph showing a coastal town with houses and streets in the foreground, a dense green forest in the middle ground, and a large body of water with mountains in the background under a clear blue sky.

hul'q'umi'num'

Throughout this booklet, we have included Snuneymuxw hul'q'umi'num' including the words listed below. Our language connects us to the wisdom and knowledge of our Ancestors.

hay cep qa'

Thank you

Said to more than one person

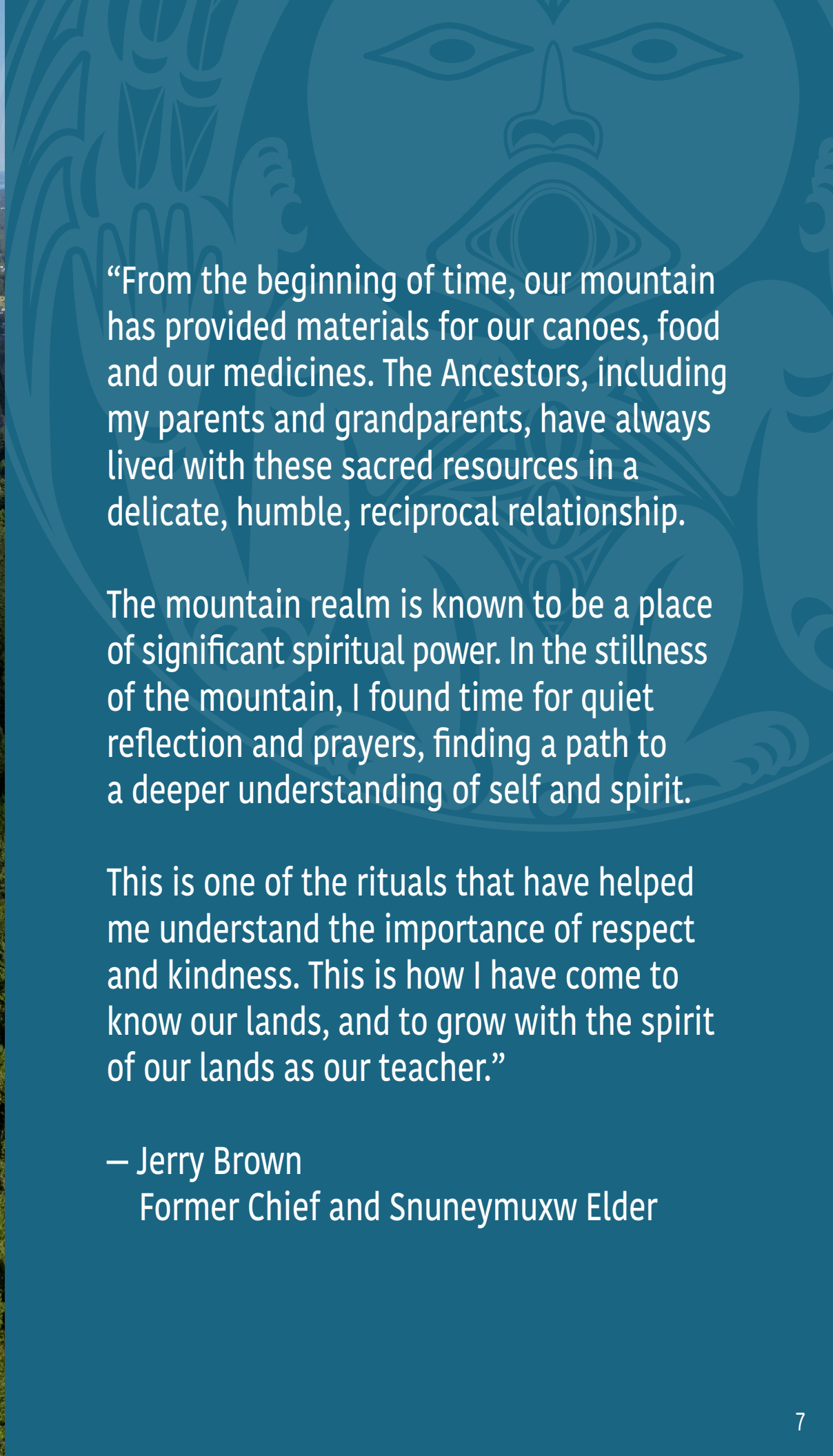
hay ch qa'

Thank you

Said to one person

te'tuxwtun

Grandmother of all surrounding mountains

A teal-colored background featuring faint, stylized Indigenous art, including a large face with prominent eyes and traditional patterns.

“From the beginning of time, our mountain has provided materials for our canoes, food and our medicines. The Ancestors, including my parents and grandparents, have always lived with these sacred resources in a delicate, humble, reciprocal relationship.

The mountain realm is known to be a place of significant spiritual power. In the stillness of the mountain, I found time for quiet reflection and prayers, finding a path to a deeper understanding of self and spirit.

This is one of the rituals that have helped me understand the importance of respect and kindness. This is how I have come to know our lands, and to grow with the spirit of our lands as our teacher.”

— Jerry Brown
Former Chief and Snuneymuxw Elder

Voting for the future of te'tuxwtun

The te'tuxwtun project is a profound moment for Snuneymuxw.

Over the past **yusélu** (two) and a half years, member feedback has shaped our plans for a portion of these sacred lands. Now, we are excited to move towards a vote that determines how we use a ~25-acre portion of te'tuxwtun land.

We are asking you to vote “yes” to mixed-use on te'tuxwtun, based on member feedback, including:

- Residential
- Commercial
- Entertainment
- Light industrial
- And more

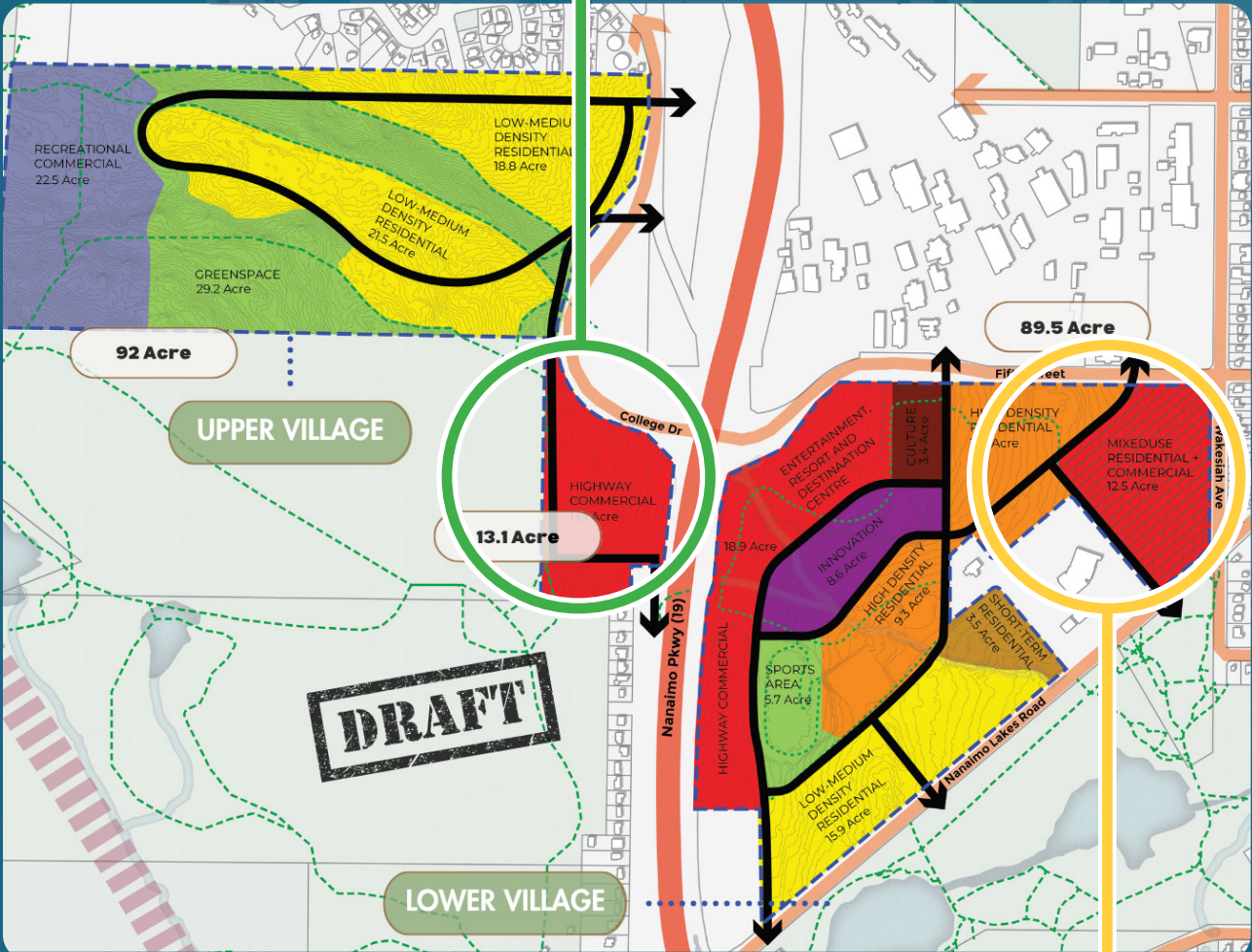
Every penny received as a profit from this project will be audited and goes directly back to our Nation. 100% of funds from this project will benefit Snuneymuxw, our priorities and our members.



If the majority of members vote no to our community’s plan for mixed-use, this huge economic opportunity for our Nation will be put on hold.

Your participation and vote ensures that Snuneymuxw snawaylth and member voices are at the forefront of this exciting new development. You honour our Ancestors, the big work of our community and help us plan for the future together.

For the area outlined in **sax̣wulálus** (green), we’ve heard from members that there’s interest in creating an entertainment district. We hope to create a space that brings families together, offers gathering places and serves as a destination that celebrates and honours Snuneymuxw.



Within the land outlined in **luluć** (yellow), we hope to plan for retail development, with residential opportunities built above.

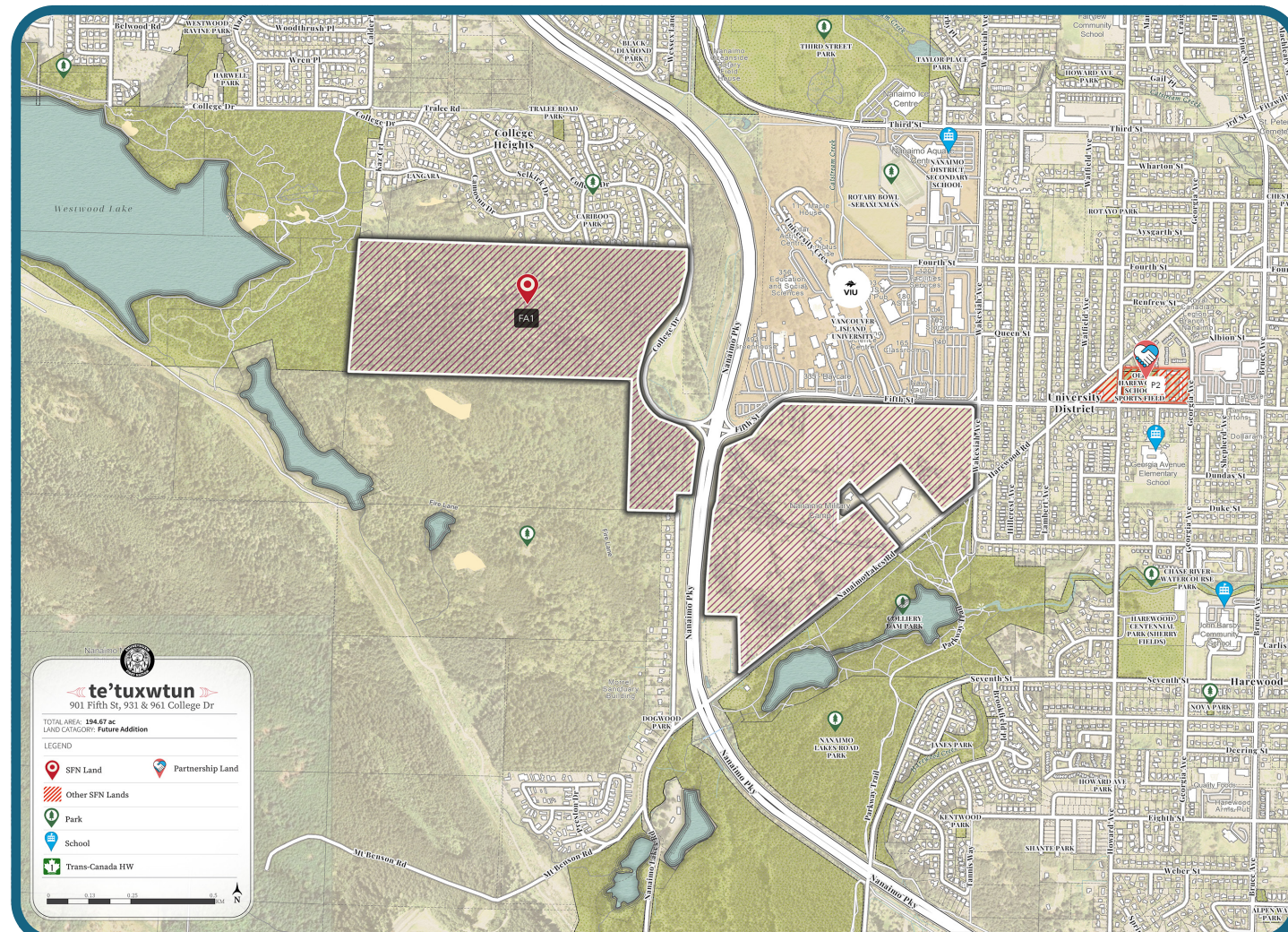
The land circled in green and yellow represent the ~25-acres to be voted on in the near future. Plans for the remainder of te'tuxwtun will be decided in a future vote.



PARCEL SIZE: 194.67 acres **OWNERSHIP TYPE:** Addition to Reserve

SITE INFORMATION

Located at the base of te'tuxwtun and adjacent to Vancouver Island University, this site overlooks the city of Nanaimo and the Salish Sea. The land has varying degrees of slope. The upper parcel has a steep slope and dense forests, while the lower parcel is a mix of open spaces and forested areas.



FORMER INDIAN HOSPITAL SITE



NORTH VIEW ALONG PARKWAY



FIFTH AND WAKESIAH



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OPPORTUNITIES

- Proximity to Vancouver Island University and NDSS, with potential to serve students and professionals.
- Well connected through transportation routes, along the highway.
- Expansion of residential neighbourhoods with proximity to Colliery Dam Park and Nanaimo Aquatic and Ice Centre. Low, medium and high density residential opportunities have been identified as a priority by the community.
- Existing natural environment, mature **thuthíqut** (trees) and seasonal stream, with a beautiful view toward the Salish Sea, the coast mountains and the mainland.
- Operating businesses and developing on reserve land offers tax benefits and more flexible development options.

CONSTRAINTS

- Seasonal stream located in the central part of the lower parcel.
- Steep slopes and dense forest are present in various portions of the site.
- Impact of previous developments (Indian hospital, DND development, septic field).
- Noise pollution from highway traffic at certain locations.

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK TO DATE

- Including a monument or other element that recognizes and educates about the history and impact of the Indian hospital.
- Interest in mixed-use development that provides economic opportunity for SFN members.
- Interest in including a daycare, detox centre and entrepreneurial opportunities for members.
- Interest in having access to harvest medicinal plants and **sthumum** (berries).



NORTHEAST VIEW FROM PARKWAY



TOP OF LOWER PARCEL



LOOKING WEST TOWARDS PARKWAY

The history of te'tuxwtun

In 2024, this Land was part of a historic land reconciliation agreement that saw it returned to Snuneymuxw as part of an 80.09-hectare addition to our reserve lands.

“In 2009, my late mother, Chief Viola Wyse, was at the negotiating table alongside Counsellor William Yoachim and the late Dave Mannix. The government at that time was firm in its position: the former DND lands would never become additions to reserve land. Today, Snuneymuxw Council is honoured to finalize these additions to reserve land as a tribute to our Ancestors and as a commitment to serving our future generations. The path of reconciliation we are walking alongside Crown-Indigenous Relations has proven to be a positive way forward for our people and all connected to this sacred territory. Today is a profound step in a journey that will continue to see more milestones like this one. This is our legacy and our responsibility.”

— Chief Mike Wyse

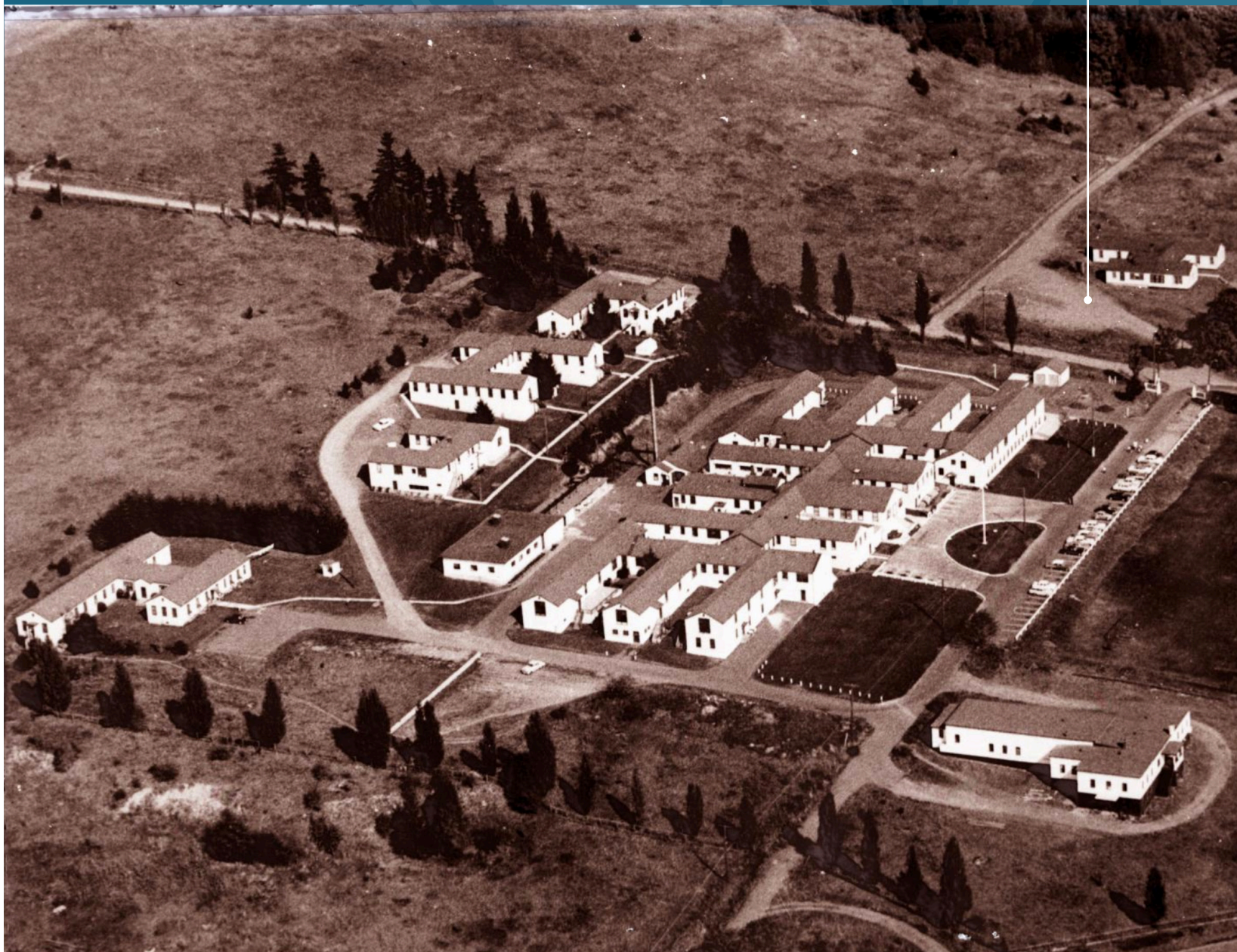


These lands have supported our Snuneymuxw people since the beginning of time.

This te'tuxwtun land was taken away from Snuneymuxw by the government in the mid 1800s.

It was used by Western Forest Products and the Department of National Defence, before becoming the site of the Nanaimo Indian Hospital from 1946-1967.

Historical photo of Camp Nanaimo and the Nanaimo Indian Hospital





These te'tuxwtun lands, at one time known as Camp Nanaimo, have supported our Snuneymuxw people since the beginning of time. Over the past **yusélu** (two) and a half years, member feedback has helped shape plans for a portion of these lands.



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We'd love to hear your ideas and suggestions for these sites. Your voice matters as we plan for the future of our Nation.

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