

Snuneymuxw News

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

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NOVEMBER UPDATES

RIVER ROCK & MAPLE RIDGE CASINO ACQUISITIONS



PDG has entered into agreements to purchase River Rock Casino Resort and Chances Maple Ridge from Great Canadian Entertainment.

With these acquisitions, building on the recent purchases of Casino Nanaimo and Elements Casino Victoria, PDG will become one of B.C.'s largest casino operators by revenue and the largest Indigenous owned gaming operator by revenue in Canada.



These milestones mark a major step toward Snuneymuxw's economic self-determination, creating lasting prosperity for our Nation and communities across the province.

📺 Watch the announcement: [View the event recording here](#)





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TE'TUXWTUN LAND TOUR

On October 29, members joined us for a tour of the te'tuxwtun lands. This was an opportunity to walk the lands, learn about future plans for te'tuxwtun, and connect with the PDG team.

Members who were unable to attend in person are invited to take a virtual tour of the te'tuxwtun lands [here](#).



HALLOWEEN COMMUNITY DINNER



We had a great time at the Halloween Community Dinner on October 28!

It was wonderful connecting with you and sharing updates about economic opportunities and developments.

Visit the post on [Facebook through Snuneymuxw First Nation](#) to see more photos capturing the highlights of the event.





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HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT

Happy Halloween from PDG! 🎃



We had some frightfully fun moments during our [office trick-or-treating](#) on October 31. Students and daycare kids joined us for a morning filled with costumes, candy, and smiles.

A big thank you to the staff and teachers for organizing and decorating, your creativity made the morning extra special!



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Interested in joining the PDG family? We're always looking for passionate and talented individuals to be part of our growing team. Send your resume to hr@petroglyphdg.com or visit our website to learn more!

Stay updated: petroglyphdg.com/career-opportunities.





Halloween at our October Elders Luncheon



Interested in learning more about our Elders Luncheons?
Call **250-740-2337** or contact Kate at kateg@snuneymuxw.ca



Halloween at Snuneymuxw hulit lelum



**Questions about Snuneymuxw hulit lelum?
Call 250-740-2337 or check out www.snuneymuxw.ca/health**



hoy cep qd' for joining us at our Halloween Community Dinner!





hoy cep qd' for joining us for our te'tuxwtun Land tour!



More info about community planning available at www.snuneymuxw.ca/cp



On October 16th, we announced just under 200 acres at te'tuxwtun returned to Snuneymuxw reserve lands.

"The return of these te'tuxwtun lands affirms the brilliance of our Ancestors, the strength of our Treaty, and the enduring truth that Snuneymuxw never surrendered our land. The Ministerial Order recognizes our shared truth and honours generations of Snuneymuxw leadership who upheld our rights and title. The development of these lands will have a significant and lasting impact on the regional economy.

As we move forward, our relationship with te'tuxwtun will continue to deepen and grow, for our children, and all generations to follow."

- Chief Mike Wyse

Watch the event recording here:





Land Guardian Program Announcement

The Lands and Natural Resources department is happy to announce the establishment of the new Land Guardian Program. Overseen by the Lands Division, the Land Guardian Program recently hired its first 2 members who you may recognize from the community, Robert White (Phillips) and Edward Wyse-Good Jr. two young individuals who are equally eager and excited to represent the community and contribute to land stewardship. Both Robert and Edward have grown up hunting and exploring the lands, their experiences and knowledge of the traditional territory will be an immense asset to the Land Guardian Program.

The new Land Guardian Program aims to strengthen natural resource management by gathering and collecting information in order to better understand the current status of the land-based ecosystems of the Snuneymuxw traditional territory. The Land Guardian Program is rooted in preserving, protecting, and promoting the Snuneymuxw culture, values and way of life, an objective of the 2024-2028 Snuneymuxw Strategic Plan.

In addition to creating a visual presence throughout the traditional territory, the Land Guardians will be responsible for taking on various small scale restoration projects, monitoring wildlife populations, educating users on best practices and back country safety and eventually leading community and youth programs to promote the transferring of knowledge amongst the community and strengthening the connection between the people and the land.

If you have any questions or wish to find out more about the Land Guardian Program, please feel free to reach out to landguardian@snuneymuxw.ca or to the Lands Director, Wolfgang Schoenefuhs at wolfgang.s@snuneymuxw.ca.



Snuneymuxw Members:
You are invited.



THE OPPOSITE OF ADDICTION IS CONNECTION

A Snuneymuxw Harm Reduction Event
(During National Addictions Awareness Week 2025)

Community Event Details



Date: November 17, 2025



Time: 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM



Location: Snuneymuxw Recreation &
Wellness Centre (SFN Gym)

What to Expect



Enjoy a shared dinner



Connect with local programs and supports



Giveaways

Questions?

Contact bronwynj@snuneymuxw.ca
or jaked@snuneymuxw.ca

www.snuneymuxw.ca/healing





"Harm reduction is helping loved ones without judgement or discrimination."

- Elder Sandra Good

www.snuneymuxw.ca/healing



Election Information

? Questions? Contact Electoral Officer Ron Laufer at:

✉ ronlauferelections@gmail.com | ☎ 1-833-443-VOTE (8683)

Snuneymuxw First Nation

Notice of Chief & Councillor Nomination Meeting

A meeting of the electors of the Snuneymuxw First Nation will be held to nominate candidates for one (1) Chief and five (5) councillors for the next four-year term, commencing February 2, 2026. The term is expiring for Chief and 5 Councillors. The following councillors will continue in their positions until February 1, 2028: Councillors Eli Wyse, Kate Good, Regan Seward, Isaac Thomas and Bill Yoachim.

➔ **Nomination Meeting -- November 7, 2025 -- 6:00 – 9:00 PM**

Snuneymuxw Gymnasium - 1145 Totem Road, Nanaimo, BC

You must be a Snuneymuxw member and 18 years or older as of December 13, 2025 to nominate, be a candidate, or vote. You may nominate or second up to 1 candidate for Chief and up to 5 for Councillor.

- ☐ Candidates must be ordinarily resident within the SFN Candidacy Area.
- ☐ You may nominate in person at the meeting. You may also deliver nomination forms to the Electoral Officer (I encourage you to email forms back to: ronlauferelections@gmail.com). **Mail-in nominations (including those that are hand-delivered) must include the signed and witnessed Voter Declaration Form.** You may copy a blank nomination form if you wish to nominate for multiple positions.
- ☐ Mail-in nomination forms must be received by the electoral officer by 4:30 PM on November 7, 2025. Hand-delivered nomination forms must be received by the Electoral Officer before the close of the nomination meeting at **9:00 p.m.** in order to be valid.

➔ **Election Day -- December 13, 2025 -- 9:00 AM TO 8:00 PM**

Snuneymuxw Gymnasium - 1145 Totem Road, Nanaimo, BC

Any elector may vote in person, online or by mail-in ballot (Canada Post may not be available).

NOMINEE REQUIREMENTS:

- Nominees with a criminal conviction within the past five (5) years are not eligible to hold office.
- If you are nominated on November 7, **you will have three (3) days until 4:30 p.m. on November 10, 2025 to submit a recent Criminal Record Check, Candidacy Acceptance Form and Declaration of Eligibility Form to the Electoral Officer.** Nominees who fail to meet this deadline cannot be a candidate in the election. Copies of the SFN Electoral Code are available at the SFN Administration Office. **Candidacy Acceptance Forms are available from the Electoral Officer.**

Given under my hand at Vancouver, this 8th day of October 2025


Electoral Officer

Please contact the electoral officer anytime for assistance with anything about the election process:

Electoral Officer: Ron Laufer
Mobile: 1-833-443-VOTE (8683)

Email: ronlauferelections@gmail.com
P.O. Box 96125, Mountain View, Vancouver, BC V5V 0H7



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THLAP'QWUM COMMUNITY SETTLEMENT TRUST Notice of Nomination Meeting

DATE: November 7, 2025

TIME: 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

LOCATION: Snuneymuxw Gymnasium (1145 Totem Road, Nanaimo, BC)

A meeting of the electors of the Snuneymuxw First Nation will be held at the above time and place to nominate candidates for the position of Community Trustee of the Thlap'Qwum Community Settlement Trust (the "Trust"). Two (2) Trustees will be elected, one (1) resident Trustee and one (1) non-resident Trustee. The four-year term of office for the Trustees will begin on February 2, 2026.

- Nominees must submit a candidate acceptance form and criminal record check by November 10th at 4:30 PM and be approved by the Administrative Trustee to stand for election.
- Potential candidates must satisfy all the eligibility requirements to serve as a Trustee:
 1. be at least 19 years of age;
 2. not be mentally incompetent;
 3. not be bankrupt or have been convicted of fraud;
 4. have financial, legal, accounting, or business education or experience;
 5. be a SFN member;
 6. not be a member of SFN Council, an employee of SFN, nor an employee, director, or officer of any organization owned or controlled by SFN, except for positions of administrative assistance to SFN Council or the Trust; and
 7. have no prior convictions for indictable offences for which a pardon was not obtained, as evidenced by a criminal record check.

You must be a registered Snuneymuxw member and at least 18 years of age as of December 13, 2025 (election day) to nominate a candidate or vote.

You may nominate in person at the meeting. You may also deliver nomination forms to the Electoral Officer (I encourage you to email forms back to: ronlauferelections@gmail.com). Mail-in nominations (including those that are hand-delivered) must include the signed and witnessed Voter Declaration Form. You may copy a blank nomination form if you wish to nominate for both positions. Please note you can **only nominate one person for each position** (resident and non-resident Trustee). Each form must be signed by you and witnessed.

Mail-in nomination forms must be received by the electoral officer by 4:30 PM on November 7, 2025. Hand-delivered nomination forms must be received by the Electoral Officer before the close of the nomination meeting at 9:00 p.m. in order to be valid.



Election Day -- December 13, 2025 -- 9:00 AM TO 8:00 PM Snuneymuxw Gymnasium - 1145 Totem Road, Nanaimo, BC

Any elector may vote in person, online or by mail-in ballot (if available via Canada Post). Please contact the electoral officer anytime for assistance with anything about the election process.

Given under my hand at Vancouver, this 8th day of October, 2025

Ron Laufer, Electoral Officer
Phone: 1-833-443-VOTE (8683)

Email: ronlauferelections@gmail.com
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Snuneymuxw First Nation Notice of Election & Chief Acclamation

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Snuneymuxw First Nation that a poll will be held to elect five (5) Councillors for a term of four (4) years. As Michael James Wyse was the only candidate duly nominated for Chief and having submitted the required documents to accept the nomination, Chief Wyse is acclaimed for another term and no election will take place for the position of Chief. At the same time, an election is being held to elect two (2) Community Trustees of the Thlap'Qwum Community Settlement Trust (one (1) resident Trustee and one (1) non-resident Trustee).

Election Day -- December 13, 2025 -- 9:00 AM TO 8:00 PM
Advanced Poll -- December 6, 2025 -- 9:00 AM TO 8:00 PM

Snuneymuxw Gymnasium - 1145 Totem Road, Nanaimo, BC

All Candidate Forum -- November 26, 2025 -- 6:00 PM TO 9:00 PM

Snuneymuxw Gymnasium - 1145 Totem Road, Nanaimo, BC

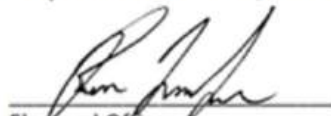
- ❖ Registered SFN members who are at least 18 years old as election day are eligible to vote.
- ❖ Any elector may vote in person, online, or by mail-in ballot (Canada Post may not be available).
- ❖ Mail-in ballot packages will be sent to electors living off reserve. On-reserve residents that will be away on voting day may obtain a mail-in ballot package by contacting the Electoral Officer.
- ❖ The term is expiring for the following 5 Councillors: Edward Good, Wanda Good, Erralyn Joseph, Emily Manson and Paul Wyse-Seward. The following councillors will continue in their positions until February 1, 2028: Councillors Eli Wyse, Kate Good, Regan Seward, Isaac Thomas and Bill Yoachim.

ELECTRONIC VOTING (9 AM on Dec. 6th – 8 PM on Dec. 13th)

To vote electronically, visit Simply Voting at: <https://snuneymuxw.simplyvoting.com/>
When you get to the website you will be prompted through the process to cast your vote.

I will count the votes at the Gymnasium after the close of the poll at 8:00 p.m. on December 13, 2025, and will declare the results immediately following the count.

Given under my hand at Vancouver, this 11th day of November 2025.


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FLU & COVID VACCINES HAVE ARRIVED!



*Now on
Tuesdays*



Drop-In Clinic

Every Tuesday, 1:00PM-3:30PM

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1451 MacMillan Road



Please bring your Care Card

**AVAILABLE TO ANYONE 6
MONTHS OF AGE AND OLDER**

Questions? please call

250-740-2337





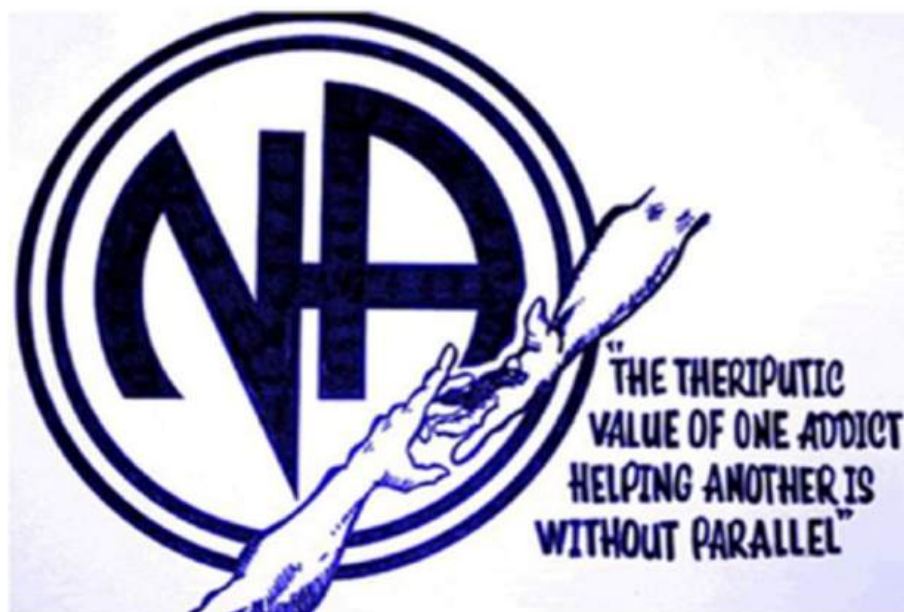
SNUNEYMUXW MEMBERS!

***Please update your
contact information,
if it has changed.***

UPDATE YOUR INFO HERE:
www.snuneymuxw.ca/membership



NEED ASSISTANCE?
membership@snuneymuxw.ca
250-740-230



When : Wednesdays @ 7pm

Where : 669 Centre Street

(in the Portable)

More info
about NA
programs:



www.cviana.ca/who-we-are

Info about the
importance of
anonymity:



Find more
local
meetings:



www.cviana.ca/current-meetings



HOW TO ACCESS SFN COUNSELLING

1.

Call SFN hulit leum
and ask to speak
with a counsellor.
250-740-2337



2.

We connect you with
a counsellor.



3.

We book your first
appointment and
look forward to
welcoming you.



SNUNEYMUXW HULIT LELUM
1451 MACMILLAN RD.,
NANAIMO, B.C.
Reception: 250 740 2337

www.snuneymuxw.ca/healing



HOW TO GET HELP FOR SUBSTANCE USE

- 1.** Call SFN hulit leum at 250-740-2337,
and ask to speak with a counsellor
- 2.** We book your first appointment and
look forward to welcoming you.
- 3.** You and a counsellor have a confidential
conversation to discuss the following:
 - a) Your physical, spiritual, and mental health.
 - b) Whether detox support is needed
before starting treatment.
 - c) Review treatment options including
treatment centres.
 - d) The support we can provide while you
wait for additional help.
- 4.** Plan for ongoing and post treatment support.



SNUNEYMUXW HULIT LELUM
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NANAIMO, B.C.
Reception: 250 740 2337

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2025 SOCIAL ASSISTANCE DATES

MID MONTH

DEC. 04/24

JAN 08/25

FEB 05/25

MAR.05/25

APR 02/25

MAY 07/25

JUN 04/25

JUL 08/25

AUG 06/25

SEPT 10/25

OCT 08/25

NOV 05/25

DEC 03/25

S/A DAYS

DEC.18/2024 (FOR JANUARY 2025)

JAN. 22, 2025 (FOR FEBRUARY 2025)

FEB.19, 2025 (FOR MARCH 2025)

MAR.19, 2025(FOR APRIL 2025)

APR.16, 2025 (FOR MAY 2025)

MAY 21, 2025 (FOR JUNE 2025)

JUNE 25,2025 (FOR JULY 2025)

JULY 23, 2025 (FOR AUGUST 2025)

AUG. 27,2025 (FOR SEPT 2025)

SEPT. 24,2025 (FOR OCT 2025)

OCT. 22, 2025 (FOR NOV 2025)

NOV. 19,2025 (FOR DEC 2025)

DEC. 17, 2025 (FOR JANUARY 2025)



SNUNEYMUXW HULIT LELUM SUPPORT SERVICES

SFN Counselling Services

SNUNEYMUXW HULIT LELUM
1451 MACMILLAN RD., NANAIMO, B.C.

Front Desk: **Appointment Line:**
250-740-2337 **250-740-2345**

Our counsellors at SFN hulit lelum have completed trauma-informed, master's level university education and are certified counsellors.

Our counsellors are available Monday to Friday to support Snuneymuxw members.

Some of the areas that our counsellors may be able to help with include, but are not limited to:

- Anxiety
- Depression
- Grief & Loss
- Loss of relationships (friends, partners)
- Coping with anger
- Dealing with difficult emotions
- Coping skills / emotional regulation
- Self-esteem / self-worth
- Communication
- Creating healthy boundaries
- Coping with racism and discrimination
- Coping with impact of residential school and day school
- Concerns about your own, or someone else's substance use

If our counsellors determine that you may be better supported by another service provider (for example, someone who specializes in a particular area) they can help you navigate other options.



ADDITIONAL HELPFUL RESOURCE INFO:

SNUNEYMUXW EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:

If you are employed with Snuneymux First Nation, you may be eligible for extended health benefits, such as confidential counselling services through the Employee & Family Assistance Plan. Please refer to your benefits package and/or speak to Human Resources to find out more and to verify if you are eligible.

FNHA MENTAL HEALTH BENEFITS:

If you are a status First Nations person living in B.C., you can access certain health & wellness benefits through First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) such as confidential counselling services. There are numerous counsellors to choose from on their mental health provider list. SN counsellors are happy to support you with navigating the FNHA mental health provider list. For more information, please visit: www.fnha.ca/benefits/mental-health

SNUNEYMUXW FAMILY ADVOCATE:



Jake Dietrich supports families in Snuneymuxw who are connected with Child & Family Services.

Remember, you are not alone. You have options.

CRISIS / DISTRESS RESOURCES:

KUU-US Crisis Line Society (24-hour)

Adults/Elders: 250-723-4050

Child/Youth: 250-723-2040

Toll Free Line: 1-800-588-8717

Vancouver Island Crisis Society (24-hour)

Phone: 1-888-494-3888

Text: 250-800-3806 (6pm - 10pm)

Online chat: www.vicrisis.ca (6pm - 10pm)

National Residential School Crisis Line (24-hour)

1-866-925-4419

Hope For Wellness Help Line (24-hour)

Offers immediate help to all Indigenous peoples across Canada

Toll-free Help Line: 1-855-242-3310

Online Chat: www.hopeforwellness.ca

Crisis Line Association of B.C. (24-hour)

1-800-SUICIDE (1-800-784-2433)



GARBAGE & RECYCLING

**RECYCLING PICK UP:
WEDNESDAY**

**GARBAGE PICK UP:
MONDAY & 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.)

MEMBER CONTACT INFO:

**Has your email, phone number,
or address changed?**

Please update your contact information, with our membership team. This helps us keep you informed about important updates.



ONLINE FORM:

www.snuneymuxw.ca/membership



QUESTIONS?

Contact our membership team at:

250-740-2300

membership@snuneymuxw.ca

hay ch qa' (thank you) for your help!

HEALTH CLINIC & EMERGENCY

**Health Centre Front Desk:
250-740-2337**

**Health Centre
Appointment Line:
250-740-2345**

**Cheryl Mooney
250-668-2644
cmooney@snuneymuxw.ca**

**Marina White
250-668-5244
marinaw@snuneymuxw.ca**

**Regan Seward
250-616-3582
regans@snuneymuxw.ca**

**Housing:
250-740-2354**

**Are you interested in
delivering the
Snuneymuxw News?**



If so, please call the
Main Office
250-740-2300
and ask for your name
to be added to the list of
people who deliver the SFN
Newsletter.

**Check out the latest
Nation Job Postings:**

www.snuneymuxw.ca/jobs

Follow us on Facebook:

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SnuneymuxwFirstNation](http://www.facebook.com/SnuneymuxwFirstNation)

SFN NEWSLETTERS

Also available on the
website as PDFs:

[www.snuneymuxw.ca/
newsletter](http://www.snuneymuxw.ca/newsletter)

Visit www.snuneymuxw.ca for
more info, and to sign up to have
the newsletter sent to you by email.

HANDY NUMBERS

**SFN Admin Office:
250-740-2300**

Joan Brown: 250-740-2300

Health Centre: 250-740-2337

QQS School: 250-754-3033

Daycare: 250-740-2348

**Tuytaxun Store:
250-753-4214**

**Saysutshun:
1-866-788-6243**

**RCMP/ Non-Emergency:
250-754-2345**

