



# CHIEF REPORT

## LOOKING BACK AT 2025

### EDUCATION

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



In 2025, QQS saw record enrollment, with 140 students, and also expanded its hul'q'umi'num' and land-based learning programs.



In 2025, we had 32 Snuneymuxw high school grads, and the Snuneymuxw Learning Academy (Woodbank) welcomed 22 adult learning students.



In 2025, we celebrated 16 Post-secondary grads, and supported 68 Snuneymuxw university students.



In 2025 we opened our new Snuneymuxw Youth Centre, in partnership with Kw'umut Lelum.



We also opened our 2nd Snuneymuxw daycare called Qwam Qwum Qeq, located near QQS, to support our growing families, balancing work, education, and raising children.



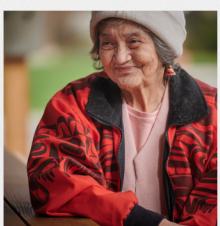
In 2025, we hired a dedicated Education Navigator, who led a series of career workshops and employer tours for our members.

### HEALTH

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



In 2025, Snuneymuxw hulit lelum further expanded and strengthened available services, in support of our community's wellness.



This year, we began to provide monthly Sulxwen Elder payments, for Snuneymuxw Elders 65+ years of age.



In 2025, Snuneymuxw hulit lelum hired a new dedicated mental health & wellness team.

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



In November, came together for our annual harm reduction event. This year, the theme was "The Opposite of Addiction is Connection".

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We breathed life into our Snuneymuxw songs in a series of Jam Sessions, led by cultural leader Darren Good.



We are addressing a long-standing housing shortage with the biggest on-reserve housing initiative in over 50 years.

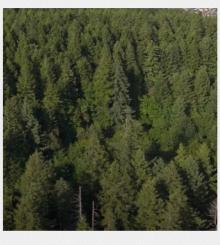
Learn more at: [www.snuneymuxw.ca/bchousing](http://www.snuneymuxw.ca/bchousing)

### LAND RETURN

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

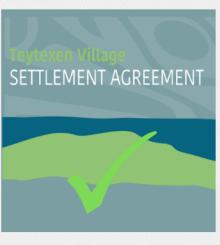


In 2025, we came together at more than 12 community planning engagement events! hay cep qa' for sharing your gifts to help lead the way.



After generations of hard work, in 2025 Snuneymuxw reclaimed a total of 2,232.84 acres

Mount Benson Forestry Lands:	1976.84 acres
te'tuxwtun:	198 acres
teytxen Specific Claim:	58 acres (through Land settlement)



In March, we came together as a community and voted YES on the teytxen Specific Claim Settlement Ratification Vote.



After voting YES, Snuneymuxw members received a \$10,000 teytxen distribution payment.



In October we announced that just under 200 acres at te'tuxwtun was returned to Snuneymuxw as reserve lands.



Then, Snuneymuxw members joined PDG for a guided tour of our te'tuxwtun Lands.

## PARTNERSHIP & ECONOMIC GROWTH



Our Petroglyph Development Group worked tirelessly in 2025, towards their mission to grow the Snuneymuxw economy.



This year, Snuneymuxw became a major casino operator in BC, when we acquired 2 casinos in January, and in October, we entered into definitive agreements to purchase 2 more.



In September we signed a landmark MOU with the Nanaimo Airport Commission, exploring economic opportunities, while recognizing SFN's inherent rights.



In April, we supported the Duke Point Terminal expansion launch, honouring our treaty rights and helping grow the Snuneymuxw and regional economy.



In May, we came together as a community for an audit presentation, where we celebrated 388% growth of PDG's asset base, over 7 years.



In gratitude of a great year of economic progress, we were honoured to announce a \$1,000 Christmas Distribution to each of our members.

## MARINE & LAND GUARDIANS

[www.snuineymuxw.ca/marine](http://www.snuineymuxw.ca/marine)



We are so grateful to our Snuneymuxw Marine Division, who helped us stay nourished, and cared for our waters in 2025!



Our Marine team worked with unwavering commitment this year, to provide multiple sockeye & prawn food fish distributions for our community, both on and off reserve.



In May, our Marine Division hosted "Marine Steward Witness Training", with 14 participants, representing 6 local Nations.



Our Lands Department continues to grow. This year we hired a new Lands Director, and 2 new Land Guardians!



In June, our Marine Division hosted another annual kw'atl'kwu event on Gabriola Island, for World Oceans Day.



In 2025, we saw Chum salmon returns surpassing 58,000 thanks to dedicated habitat restoration efforts, including: channel widening, oyster reef creation, kelp restoration, and marine data partnerships.

## SPORT



The Islanders participated in JANT 2025, AND WON! hay cep qa' to all of our coaches, parents, and athletes!



In July, we enjoyed our exciting annual Snuneymuxw Days! We loved connecting with you, and look forward to seeing you again in 2026! [www.snuineymuxwdays.com](http://www.snuineymuxwdays.com)



Our young people on the Snuneymuxw Seawolves soccer team kicked things into high gear in 2025. In August, their coaches hosted the "Snuneymuxw Coastal Cup" tournament.



The Snuneymuxw Native Sons had a great year in 2025. They hit the court in May, at the 2nd Annual Tseshah Lightning Open Basketball Tournament in Port Alberni.



Snuneymuxw also made waves in Lacrosse this year. The Snuneymuxw Sundevils lacrosse team scooped-up success this season. And on the Nanaimo Timbermen, Gordie Walls-Good was named Transition Player of the Year & 1st Team All Star!



Over the Summer, the Island Brave team and Snuneymuxw paddler Jacob Seward, qualified to represent Snuneymuxw and Canada at the 2025 IVF World Distance Championships in Brazil!

# AND NOW, ON TO 2026!