



Herring spawn between Wellington Pump Station Park and Invermere Beach, just north of Neck Point Park. (Photo taken by our SFN Marine Division.)

Watch the full video at: youtube.com/@SnuneymuxwFN



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CHIEF SEASONAL REPORT

FULL OWNERSHIP OF MARRIOTT

In March 2026, our Nation, through Petroglyph Development Group (PDG), acquired 100% ownership of the Courtyard by Marriott Nanaimo, which was previously co-owned through a partnership with PEG Companies, based in Utah. This investment reflects Snuneymuxw's long-term approach to sustainable economic growth. The hotel currently employs 48 people and supports a growing tourism and business travel sector.



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2026 INAUGURATION

In February, we came together at the SFN Gym, to celebrate the inauguration of our newly elected council members, and celebrated the acclamation of chief Mike Wyse.

The event featured drumming, music and dance performed by our children, a shared meal, and the signing of council oaths. A recording of the event is available in the link below. Congratulations!



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UPDATES

te'tuxwtun



DESIGNATION VOTE MAY 9

The te'tuxwtun Designation Vote is coming soon. After three years of community engagement, we are asking Snuneymuxw members to vote "yes" to designating a portion of our te'tuxwtun lands for mixed-use development, based on member feedback. If approved, this land will be leased to our own Petroglyph Development Group (PDG) to manage the development of this exciting project. **Vote in-person at the Gym on May 9th. Mail-in ballots must be received by May 9th.**

If you have questions about the vote, please send them to vote@snuneymuxw.ca

More information about the vote, including a list of Frequently Asked Questions is available at the link below.

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SNUNEYMUXW ARTISTS LIGHT A PATH

This past winter, Snuneymuxw artists shared their work through a special art exhibit, Lighting a Path. This light projection installation illuminated each artist's work along the pathways at sway'a'lana creating a powerful viewing experience.

The exhibit featured artwork by:

- The late Dr. William Good
- The late Joel Good
- Eliot White-Hill, Kwulasultun
- kwasilwit, Chenoa Point
- Noel Brown
- Ryan Hughes
- yutustana:t, Gena Seward-Wilson

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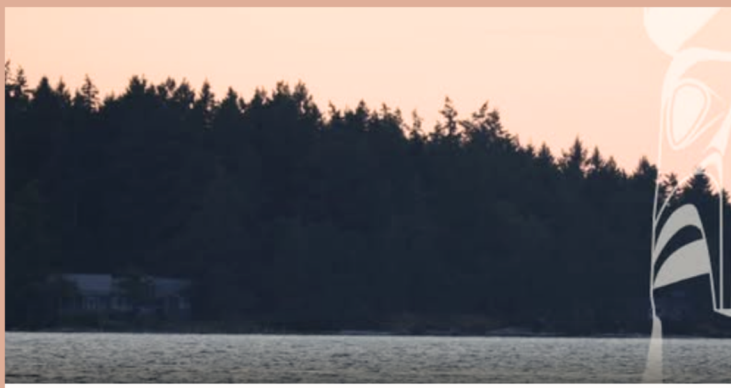
WHAT'S A 'QR' CODE?

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.



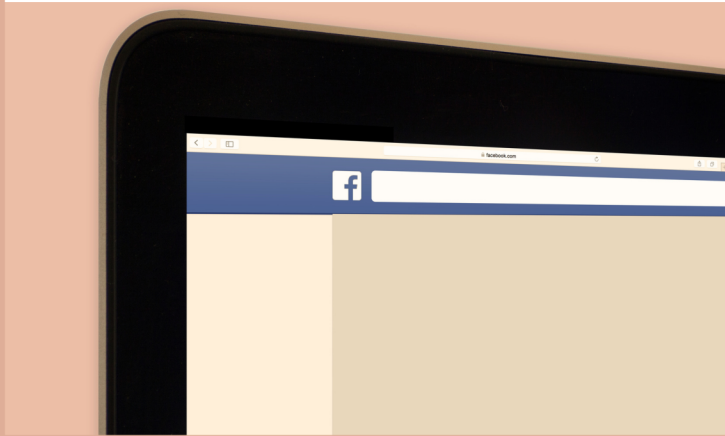
Snuneymuxw First Nation – Members Only

NEW MEMBERS-ONLY FACEBOOK GROUP

In February, we announced our new Private Snuneymuxw Facebook Group, for registered Snuneymuxw members only. This is a private protected space, created for Snuneymuxw First Nation members to access important information, ask questions, connect, and support each other in a safe and respectful environment.

This group is one of the ways that our Nation is taking steps to ensure information is getting to members directly, and effectively.

If you are a registered Snuneymuxw member, and would like to request access to the group, you can go to the link below, and click “JOIN GROUP”. Please allow one week for our membership approval process.



LEARN MORE: fb.com/groups/sfnmembersonly



PROTECTING OUR WATERS

Our Nation is calling for a full environmental investigation following recent contamination events at Duke Point, including an oil spill and ongoing industrial discharge.

Our shared lands and waters are not disposal sites for corporate waste. We will not tolerate continued destruction of our treaty rights to fisheries as formerly. Our waters are central to our people, our food systems, and our way of life.

We have sent formal letters to federal, provincial, and municipal authorities, and have alerted media and partners.

We will continue to advocate for accountability and the protection of our territory.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SNUNEYMUXW FIRST NATION DEMANDS INVESTIGATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY AFTER OIL SPILL AND LONG-STANDING TOXIC DISCHARGE AT DUKE POINT

Snuneymuxw (Nanaimo), B.C. (February 19, 2026) — Snuneymuxw First Nation will not stand for continued contamination of Snuneymuxw waters, and is calling for a full environmental investigation following two separate contaminations at Duke Point within Snuneymuxw territory.



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!

SFN COUNCILLOR AWARDED

Congratulations to Councillor Sqwulutsultun (William) Yoachim, who has received the 2026 Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Victoria.

Councillor Yoachim is a graduate of the UVIC School of Social Work and the Executive Director of Kw'umut Lelum Child and Family Services. He is being recognized for his leadership and dedication in reshaping what child and family wellness can look like when it is rooted in culture, compassion, and community accountability.

We are honoured to have his strength, wisdom, and lived experience help inform our council table. His voice continues to advance community-focused solutions that support the wellbeing of our families and future generations.

"I just want people to feel supported to work in ways where they feel they can make a difference"
- Sqwulutsultun

LEARN MORE: tinyurl.com/yejdzksd



NEED HELP WITH YOUR TAXES?
Free Tax Season Support
For Snuneymuxw Community Members



SUPPORT FOR TAX SEASON

On March 17, Snuneymuxw's Education team hosted a free drop-in event, to help members with their tax returns.

We were thrilled that more than 40 Snuneymuxw members attended! Due to the strong turnout, a second session was held in April to meet the demand.

It was great to see so many members accessing support during the busy tax season.

If you have questions for the Education team, you can reach them at education@snuneymuxw.ca

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- Sign up for our monthly email newsletter: snuneymuxw.ca/newsletter
- Keep your member contact info up-to-date by emailing: membership@snuneymuxw.ca