



Eggs painted by our kids.

# SNUNEYMUXW

## QUARTERLY CHIEF REPORT

### JANT 2024

Between March 17 - 22 2024, the Snuneymuxw U13-Girls and U17-Boys travelled north for this year's Junior All Native Tournament, hosted by the Nisga'a First Nation.

The U13-Girls finished 3rd, and were named the "Most Sportsmanlike Team". The U17-Boys also did well, finishing in the top 10 teams.

Congratulations to all our SFN athletes!



### 2024 INAUGURATION

On February 29th 2024, we celebrated the inauguration of our newly elected council members, at the SFN Gym. The event featured traditional drumming by our esteemed Elders, followed by a shared meal, and the signing of council oaths.

Councillor portfolios can be found at: [www.snuneymuxw.ca/governance](http://www.snuneymuxw.ca/governance)



# UPDATES

## HISTORICAL LANDS TRANSFER

On January 27th, 2024, we celebrated the signing of a historic Interim Land Reconciliation Agreement. 80.09 hectares of land on Te'tuxwtun was rightfully returned to Snuneymuxw, as "addition to reserve" land.

The return of the "DND Lands" has been a priority for generations of Snuneymuxw people, with SFN councils working in legacy of each other towards the same goal.

Development plans are in the very early stages. We will continue to keep you informed and look forward to your feedback and ideas. Plans could include on-reserve housing, economic development, infrastructure upgrades and sustainable forestry projects.

The agreement is considered "interim", while the Addition to Reserve process is under way. Once complete, we will begin to develop this land for our Nation.

**Lean more:** [January 27, 2024 @ twitter.com/Snuneymuxw](https://twitter.com/Snuneymuxw)

## TWO AWARDS FOR JANT 2023

This Spring, Snuneymuxw First Nation has won two awards for our record-breaking 2023 Junior All Native Tournament!

The two awards are:

- 1) The "SPORTING EVENT OF THE YEAR" award (National)
- 2) The "SPORT STORY OF THE YEAR" award (Regional).

hay ce:p qa' to all of the athletes, coaches, families and partners who made this achievement possible.

The awards sit proudly in our trophy case at the Snuneymuxw Recreation and Wellness Centre, providing inspiration for current and future generations of Snuneymuxw athletes and fans.

JANT's roots date back to 1947, with the first official All Native Basketball Tournament taking place in 1960. While there is no available record to identify the first ever Junior All Native Tournament, its Native Basketball Tournament beginnings provided a strong foundation.

**Lean more:** [March 21, 2024 @ twitter.com/Snuneymuxw](https://twitter.com/Snuneymuxw)





# GRADUATE CELEBRATIONS!

We're looking forward to celebrating the amazing accomplishments of our Grade 12 & post-secondary grads in 2024!

**July 3rd - Grade 12 Graduation Ceremony**

**July 4th - Post-Secondary Graduation Ceremony**

If you're graduating, and would like to attend one of our celebrations, please fill out the "Graduation Celebrations form" before June 20th.

You can submit the form by email to [chenoap@snuneymuxw.ca](mailto:chenoap@snuneymuxw.ca) or drop-off at the SFN Admin reception.



**Find the form at:**

**2024 tsetsuw' hiw'a'lum'**  
**2024 Coast Salish Games**  
 July 22 - 26, 2024

**CALL FOR ATHLETES + TEAMS**  
**Deadline for registration is June 20**

Hosted by Snuneymuxw First Nation

**REGISTER**




 **Dano Thorne**  
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[www.SnuneymuxwEvents.com](http://www.SnuneymuxwEvents.com)

# Summer Events!

We are thrilled to host the 2024 Coast Salish Games this summer, between July 22-26.

The event will be followed by our second annual Snuneymuxw Days event between July 26-28.

Join us for a full week of summer sporting fun!

**Learn more:**

[www.SnuneymuxwEvents.com](http://www.SnuneymuxwEvents.com)



**SNUNEYMUXW**  
*Days*  
 July 26, 27, & 28

Hosted by the Snuneymuxw First Nation

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# REMINDER:

Update your address and contact info with SFN, to stay up to date with the latest news and opportunities. You can complete our Personal Information Form online, or email us for help.

**Website:** [snuneymuxw.ca/membership](http://snuneymuxw.ca/membership)  
**Email:** [louellaw@snuneymuxw.ca](mailto:louellaw@snuneymuxw.ca)



# GREEN ENERGY INITIATIVES WEBPAGE

We're proud to announce our new Green Energy page!

On this page, you can browse all of the green energy initiatives happening in our Nation.

And, for a limited time: Fill-out the survey at the bottom of the webpage, to be entered into a draw for a \$50.00 gift card. (Draws will take place every two months)



What is Renewable Energy & Why is it Important?



Snuneymuxw Green Energy Projects



**Lean more:** [snuneymuxw.ca/snuneymuxw-green-energy](https://snuneymuxw.ca/snuneymuxw-green-energy)

# ATTEND CHIEF & COUNCIL MEETINGS ONLINE

You can stay informed about Chief and Council portfolios by viewing live meetings online.

Making these meetings available for live online viewing is an important step that enhances community engagement, transparency, and accountability.

Learn more about how to register to view Chief and Council meetings at: [snuneymuxw.ca/governance](https://snuneymuxw.ca/governance)

And if you have any questions, you can email our SFN Governance Clerk at: [ccclerk@snuneymuxw.ca](mailto:ccclerk@snuneymuxw.ca)

**Lean more:** [snuneymuxw.ca/C&CMeetings](https://snuneymuxw.ca/C&CMeetings)



## DID YOU KNOW?

SFN also publishes a monthly newsletter. It's available by email or at [snuneymuxw.ca/newsletter](https://snuneymuxw.ca/newsletter). You can sign up for email delivery on our homepage (scroll to the bottom).

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I am writing to share progress in our ongoing work to bring our sacred objects back home.

Over the period of a couple hundred years, thousands of our sacred objects were wrongfully taken from us and displayed in galleries, museums, and private collections across the world. Rest assured; we are committed to doing what is needed to welcome them all back home where they belong.

As part of this initiative, we have diligently researched museum collections worldwide to pinpoint the locations of our sacred objects. We worked with the Nanaimo Museum to return the Snuneymuxw collection from their organization and are now collaborating to complete this crucial repatriation globally. Official requests have been submitted and we are moving towards their safe and rightful return.

The most recent collection of sacred objects being returned is from the Royal Museum in Victoria. This return marks another significant milestone in our repatriation journey. We will soon have homes for these sacred objects within our buildings so they can be experienced by our people.

With this repatriation we honour our history, celebrate a homecoming, and foster a future rooted in Snuneymuxw culture.

Sincerely,  
Chief Mike Wyse





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