



Snuneymuxw Days 2024

# SNUNEYMUXW

## QUARTERLY CHIEF REPORT

### CASINO NANAIMO AT XWSOL'LEXWEL

In a historic transaction for both parties, Snuneymuxw First Nation's Petroglyph Development Group acquired Casino Nanaimo from Great Canadian Entertainment, along with the Downtown Nanaimo property, which is part of our village, xwsol'lexwel.

**Watch the event recording here:**



<https://youtu.be/PrVXvyxNNMo>

**Learn more:**

[snuneymuxw.ca/snuneymuxw-lands](https://snuneymuxw.ca/snuneymuxw-lands) > Casino Nanaimo



### THLAP'QWUM TRUST AGM

The Thlap'Qwum Trust Annual General Meeting took place on July 31 2024, at the Snuneymuxw Gym. The purpose of the event was to present the Trust's annual report, to provide a presentation from Trust Financial Advisors George&Bell, and to hear your thoughts and answer your questions. Trustees also discussed the long term economic planning that is underway to develop a 10-year Snuneymuxw Economic Plan.

**Watch the event recording here:**



<https://youtu.be/T4aN45CHQXs>

**Learn more:**

[snuneymuxw.ca/thlapqwum-trust](https://snuneymuxw.ca/thlapqwum-trust)





# UPDATES



## GRADUATION 2024

In early July, we had a wonderful time celebrating the many accomplishments of our Grade 12, Qwam Qwum Stuwixwulh School, and Post-Secondary graduates, at several community events.

Congratulations to everyone who graduated this year! We can't wait to see what you do with your gifts next!



**Learn more:** [Education @ snuneymuxw.ca](mailto:Education@snuneymuxw.ca)

## FOOD FISH 2024

This summer, an important Halibut food fish distribution was made available to Snuneymuxw members. A big hay cep qa' to the Snuneymuxw Marine Division for making this possible!

The halibut has been processed into 1lb vacuum-packed portions, packed into 15lbs boxed parcels, and distributed on the Island, in the lower mainland, and in Washington.

After closely monitoring this year's Fraser River Sockeye run, our Marine Division found that we're currently seeing the lowest number of Sockeye returning on record (only 567,000 Sockeye). This small run size is very concerning, and meant we needed to take steps to preserve stocks for this cycle year. These conservation measures led the Nation to explore other options for traditional foods for our people, resulting in fresh Halibut for distribution.

If you have questions about 2024 Food Fish, you can contact: [fsc2024@snuneymuxw.ca](mailto:fsc2024@snuneymuxw.ca)



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- 2) Point the camera at the QR code, and look for a banner to appear.
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# 2024 tsetsuw' hiw'a'lum'

Our Nation was honoured to bring back the Coast Salish Games this summer, after it lay dormant for nearly 14 years. The event was given a hul'q'umi'num name: 2024 tsetsuw' hiw'a'lum'.

We heard firsthand throughout the event, how important these games are to so many within our communities.

We enjoyed watching hundreds of youth athletes sharing and developing their passion for sport and culture, as they engaged with lacrosse, races, soccer, basketball, and war canoe.

On Friday July 26th, the Coast Salish Games closed with a small ceremony on the beach at The Point.

A big hay cep qa' to all of our event sponsors, and to everyone who worked hard to make the event possible!



# SNUNEYMUXW DAYS 2024

Our annual Snuneymuxw Days event also took place in July.

The event began with a special Snawayalth Feast and Jam Night hosted by Snuneymuxw. We gathered at the Snuneymuxw Gym to drum, share songs, and celebrate our timeless connections.

We were deeply inspired to watch War Canoe paddlers of all ages, from all over the region, compete in races at "The Point",

And while the races took place, hundreds of visitors came to check out the event's marketplace, st'l'ul'iqulhew't-hw (Kids Zone), food trucks, and 3 on 3 basketball tournament!

We raise our hands to the many sponsors, workers, partners, and volunteers who honoured all of our athletes with their generous support. See you all next year!



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# LAND UPDATES

## sxwayxum

In July, 2.67 hectares of Snuneymuxw's historic sxwayxum village site (a 2.67-hectare property), was returned by the province. The acquisition and return of this land under the Sarlequun Snuneymuxw Treaty of 1854 marks an important milestone in honouring and upholding treaty promises. The site will benefit from being under Nation control, with future development plans that will enhance the magnificent setting.

## kwula'xw

Also in July, following the successful rezoning of the Sandstone property, our Nation saw the return of an additional 10.11 hectares of our kwula'xw village site. This land transfer is part of the broader 'Recognition, Cooperation, and Mutual Benefit Agreement', aimed at bringing much-needed amenities, goods, services, and infrastructure to the south-end of Nanaimo. This latest transfer brings the total land returned to Snuneymuxw First Nation to 45.73 hectares - with an option to purchase an additional 60.70 hectares, for a total of 106.432 hectares.

"The return of 2.67 hectares of our sxwayxum village carries profound spiritual and cultural significance for the Snuneymuxw People. This village is integral to our way of life and is fundamental to our traditional legal, economic and social systems. Today marks an example of how a shared path will bring transformative success to Snuneymuxw, Nanaimo and the entire region.

Our people deeply appreciate the Province's swift action and bold decision-making in collaborating with our Nation, bringing forward reconciliation and shared prosperity."

CHIEF MIKE WYSE

Watch the event recording here:



[youtube.com/live/Hpjh-fD57Zo](https://youtube.com/live/Hpjh-fD57Zo)

Learn more about land negotiations:



[snuneymuxw.ca/snuneymuxw-lands](https://snuneymuxw.ca/snuneymuxw-lands)

# WORLD OCEANS DAY

We celebrated World Oceans Day on Gabriola Island, with our kw'at'l'kwu event.

The event features knowledge and story sharing, marine science info booths, crafts, games, and demos of remotely-operated underwater vehicles (ROVs) and drones!

We also shared a meal, featuring Bannock by Lorna Johnny, and a BBQ lunch hosted by Juan Moreno.

Learn more:

June 10 @ [facebook.com/SnuneymuxwFirstNation](https://facebook.com/SnuneymuxwFirstNation)



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