

## STRENGTHENING THE SNUNEYMUXW ECONOMY: ELEMENTS CASINO VICTORIA

In early September, our Nation, Petroglyph Development Group and Great Canadian Entertainment announced an agreement for the purchase and sale of the Elements Casino, in Victoria. The transaction came at the heels of a previous agreement with Great Canadian Entertainment, to sell the Casino Nanaimo to Petroglyph Development Group, which we announced in June 2024.

"We celebrate our growing partnership with Great Canadian and our continued progress toward building a strong Snuneymuxw economy that provides a solid foundation for Snuneymuxw self-determination and nationhood. With the acquisition of a second casino operation, we continue to honour the decades of work by past Snuneymuxw leadership who tirelessly pursued this goal. Our Nation is sharply focused to make investments that bring returns to our people and builds our presence in the economy so that Snuneymuxw takes its rightful place." - Chief Mike Wyse



## **UPDATES**



#### **EMPOWERING WELLNESS**

On October 10th we enjoyed a special community event called **kw'am kw'um'stuhw ch tthun' shqwalunwun** (Keep your Hearts and Minds Strong), at the SFN Gym (Snuneymuxw Recreation & Wellness Centre). The event focused on addiction, recovery, and harm reduction, providing valuable resources for those seeking support.

We felt the strength of our community as we listened to powerful personal stories and gained insights from the experts. After the main event, we gathered on the beach to light lanterns.

For more resources and supports, you can go to **www.snuneymuxw.ca/healing**, or contact the Snuneymuxw Hulit Lelum Health Centre at 250-740-2337.

You are important, and help is available.

Learn more

www.snuneymuxw.ca/healing

### **COMMUNITY UPDATES**

We have hosted a series of community planning events since the summer of 2023, for members to share their ideas about what the future of Snuneymuxw lands should look like. Your ideas are important and they strengthen our outcomes.

You are invited to share your ideas and feedback. Please visit www.snuneymuxw.ca/services/lands

Our annual community meeting is coming up, visit snuneymuxw.ca/governance for details.

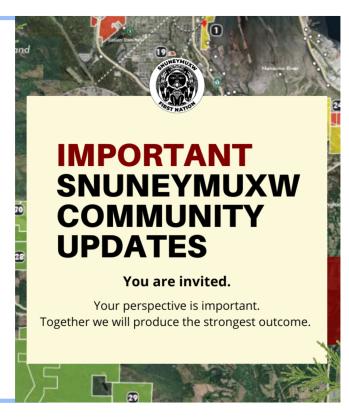
We are also finalizing negotiations for the Teytexen specific claim and will share the settlement agreement with community shortly. Stay tuned!

Have questions? Please send them to landsclerk@snuneymuxw.ca

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#### **HOUSING IS A PRIORITY: CHIEF WYSE ANNOUNCES** ON-RESERVE HOUSING BREAKTHROUGH WITH 66 NEW AFFORDABLE RENTAL UNITS

We are addressing a long-standing housing shortage with a major on-reserve housing initiative. This transformative project will create 66 new affordable rental homes for our members, providing critical relief for families looking to live at home on our lands.

#### **Game-Changing Funding Announcement:**

We've been working to create more affordable rental homes on our reserve lands. In May 2024, Snuneymuxw submitted three housing proposals to the BC Housing Indigenous Housing Fund and Community Housing Fund, and all were approved for a combined total of 66 new affordable rental units, with a development value of over \$48 million. 8 units are built and the remaining developments have been fasttracked and will be ready for tenants in approximately two years. All \$48 million dollars will be coming from the Province through a BC Housing grant, plus a associated planning budget and an ongoing operating budget. We have forged partnerships to achieve the strongest outcome for our people.

#### **Project Overview:**

These projects are part of a broader Snuneymuxw housing initiative, designed to meet the priorities of our membership.

Monthly rent for tenants will range from \$680-\$910, significantly below market value. The projects will be developed on the Gordon Road side of IR4, on Warpath Rd.





8 Units





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#### 15 Units:

2-bedroom: 3 units3-bedroom: 8 units

o 4-bedroom: 4 units



#### 43 Units:

o 1-bedroom: 10 units

• 1-bedroom (accessible): 9 units

2-bedroom: 12 units4-bedroom: 12 units

#### 8 Units:

2 x 4 units; mix of 2, 3, and4-bedroom units



#### How can I apply for this new on-reserve rental housing opportunity?

Thanks for your interest! We will share more information when we have updates.

LEARN MORE ON OUR WEB SITE:
WWW.SNUNEYMUXW.CA/SERVICES/COMMUNITY-HOUSING



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