

FAQ Teytexen Village SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

What is the Teytexen Village claim?

After decades of work by the Snuneymuxw First Nation, we're now at a place where Canada is admitting fault for its past actions and coming to the negotiating table to compensate our Nation for our losses. After a successful vote, Canada will provide Snuneymuxw \$42 million in compensation for not protecting or reserving the southern portion of Teytexen village for Snuneymuxw People.

Where is Teytexen Village?

Teytexen means “go upstream” or “going upstream.” Teytexen Village is located to the east of the Nanaimo River and covers approximately 58.3 acres of land. It is a sacred and historic part of Snuneymuxw territory—central to our identity, culture and way of life. The land has been at the heart of our community for generations.

What are we being offered for the Teytexen Village land?

Canada has agreed that a one-time payment of \$42 million will be made to Snuneymuxw First Nation. In return, Snuneymuxw will release Canada from all liability related to the Teytexen Village claim.

How will we use the \$ 42 million settlement?

We're in the process of finalizing a 10-year financial plan to help improve the quality of life for our members. To start, we've agreed to give each Snuneymuxw member \$10,000 as part of the settlement, reflecting approximately half of the settlement funds that Snuneymuxw will be receiving.

What is a specific claim?

Specific claims are about Canada's historic wrongs to First Nations. Canada's Specific Claims Process provides a way of seeking resolution to these longstanding grievances through negotiated settlements.

Are we being adequately compensated for this land?

The Teytexen Village claim honours the big work and dedication of the Snuneymuxw People who spent decades fighting for this settlement. Since 2001, Snuneymuxw has worked to turn the government's initial \$5 million offer into the \$42 million settlement.

The \$42,000,000 settlement offer is a global settlement offer that considers:

- Current Unimproved Market Value
- Loss of Use
- Early Use Losses (cultivation of potatoes and hay)
- Coal Losses
- Fishing Losses
- Loan Funding

Other Losses: timber; loss of gravesites; harms flowing from displacement and loss of travel routes, and cultural areas.

Voting yes is about more than financial compensation. By participating in this historic vote, we honour the land, the big work of our community and our future generations.

Does this claim surrender any of our rights?

No. The settlement agreement does not impact Snuneymuxw's Aboriginal title and treaty rights. Rather, we are agreeing to release Canada from any liability for its historic failure to reserve and protect Teytexen for Snuneymuxw. The settlement agreement is about acknowledging past wrongs and securing a better future for our people—without giving up what is rightfully ours.

Why is my vote important?

By participating in this historic vote, we honour the land, recognize the hard work of our community and shape a stronger future for generations to come. For the ratification to pass, at least 25% plus one of all eligible members must participate, and the majority of those who vote must be in favour.

All Snuneymuxw members aged 18 and older are eligible to vote.

There are three ways to vote, online, by mail and in-person.



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