

THE MEMBERS OF SNUNEYMUXW FIRST NATION

NOTICE OF RATIFICATION VOTE

TAKE NOTICE that a Ratification Vote of the Voters of the Snuneymuxw First Nation pursuant to the Voting Guidelines will be held on March 2 and March 3, 2025 to determine if the Voters of the Snuneymuxw First Nation approve and assent to the Snuneymuxw Teytexen Village Specific Claim Settlement Agreement (the “Settlement Agreement”) between Canada and the Snuneymuxw First Nation. A copy of the Settlement Agreement will be delivered to members by mail, can be obtained from the Snuneymuxw First Nation administration office, or requested by email at teytexen@snuneymuxw.ca.

The following Ballot Question will be asked of the Voters of the Snuneymuxw First Nation by secret ballot, as set out in Schedule 2 to the Settlement Agreement:

As a Voter of the First Nation, do you:

(a) agree to all of the terms and conditions of the Snuneymuxw Teytexen Village Specific Claim Settlement Agreement initiated by the negotiators for the Snuneymuxw First Nation and Canada, which settles and releases the matters set out in the Settlement Agreement;

and

(b) authorize and direct the Council of the Snuneymuxw First Nation to sign all documents and do everything necessary to give effect to the Snuneymuxw Teytexen Village Specific Claim Settlement Agreement?

Information Meeting(s) for purposes of the Ratification Vote will be held on:

- **Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 5:00 pm** at the Snuneymuxw Gymnasium, 1145 Totem Road, Nanaimo, BC.

- **Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 5:00 pm** Online by Zoom, Link:
<https://zoom.us/j/95396090239?pwd=UpFqFCbcPox93Y18kPlhRg4OQXXDFO.1>

By-Phone (Canada): 778 907 2071; Meeting ID: 953 9609 0239; Passcode: 477160.

The Ratification Vote will take place on:

- **Sunday March 2, 2025 9:00 am – 8:00 pm at Snuneymuxw Gym, 1145 Totem Road, Nanaimo, BC**

- **Monday March 3, 2025 9:00 am – 8:00 pm at Snuneymuxw Gym, 1145 Totem Road, Nanaimo, BC**

Included with this Notice of Ratification Vote are copies of the Settlement Agreement, Voting Guidelines, and such other information as the Snuneymuxw First Nation determines.

Mail-In ballots will be sent to all Voters who are not ordinarily resident on-reserve, as well as to Voters who are ordinarily resident on-reserve. The Mail-In ballot package will include instructions on how to vote by online ballot, for those Voters who wish to use that option.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that a Voters List is posted with this Notice of Ratification Vote. Sections 5.2 and 5.3 of the Voting Guidelines provide:

5.2 A Member may apply to the Ratification Officer before the Voting Day to have the Voters List revised if such Member believes that:

- (a) the name of a Voter has been omitted from the Voters List; or
- (b) the name of a Voter is incorrectly set out or should not be included on the Voters List.

5.3 A Member of the Snuneymuxw First Nation may, up to and including the Voting Day, apply to the Ratification Officer to have their name added to the Voters List if that Member provides:

(a) proof of eligibility to vote by completing the Declaration of Membership and Eligibility to Vote Form substantially in the form of Appendix "C." This proof shall include documentation that verifies that the Voter's name is recorded on the Band List, and that the Voter is at least eighteen years old on the date of the Ratification Vote.

(b) Upon receipt and confirmation of the information in the Declaration of Membership and Eligibility to Vote form, the Ratification Officer will revise the Voters List.

VOTERS LIST: <https://www.snuneymuxw.ca/2025/02/05/snuneymuxw-voters-list/>

DATED at Nanaimo, in British Columbia, this 23rd day of January 2025.

An application for an amendment to the Voters List or a request for a copy of the Voting Guidelines or forms should be made to the Ratification Officer at: Ron Laufer, ronlauferelections@gmail.com