



## te'tuxwtun ADDITION TO RESERVE

# UPCOMING VOTE

Help ensure that Snuneymuxw **snawaylth** and member voices are at the forefront of this exciting new development.

Our 194.7 acres of land at te'tuxwtun are currently in the process of being added to Snuneymuxw's reserve land base. These te'tuxwtun lands, at one time known as Camp Nanaimo, have supported our Snuneymuxw people since the beginning of time. Over the past **yusélu** (two) and a half years, feedback from Snuneymuxw members has shaped a plan for an ~ 25-acre portion of these lands.

**Now, we are excited to move towards a Designation Vote, where our Nation will decide how this part of te'tuxwtun land will be used.**

### WHAT WILL WE VOTE ON?

Members will be asked to vote on whether they are in favour of designating an ~ 25-acre portion of te'tuxwtun for leasing as mixed-use, residential, commercial and light industrial purposes consistent with the terms set out in the designation.

### WHAT IS A DESIGNATION?

A designation is a process under sections 37 to 41 of the *Indian Act* and the *Indian Referendum Regulations* that allows reserve lands to be leased to non-members.

Reserve lands are usually leased to companies, like our own **Petroglyph Development Group** (PDG).

The decision of the designation vote will **only apply to this ~ 25-acre portion of te'tuxwtun lands**. The designated lands will not lose reserve status. They will remain part of our reserve and are only leased for certain purposes and for limited periods of time.

Plans for the remainder of te'tuxwtun will be decided in a future vote.

### WHAT DOES THIS DESIGNATION MEAN FOR TE'TUXWTUN?

If 50%+1 of voters are in favour of the designation, it will take effect when the Minister of Indigenous Services Canada accepts it and will continue for 120 years.

Under the terms of the designation, this ~ 25-acre section of te'tuxwtun lands will be leased for the following purposes:

- Mixed use
- Residential
- Commercial
- Light industrial

Chief and Council will determine:

- Which of the designated lands will be used for which purpose
- The tenants who will lease the lands
- The term of the lease
- The rent to be paid

If we vote 'yes' to leasing the land for mixed-use, including residential, commercial, and light industrial purposes, we will then grant **our own PDG** the authority to execute Nation plans.

## WHERE WOULD MONEY FROM TE'TUXWTUN GO?

100% of funds will directly benefit Snuneymuxw. Every single penny PDG receives as a profit is audited and goes directly back to our Nation.

When PDG receive profits, Chief and Council determine what to do with these funds based on community priorities.

For example, profits from PDG fund our monthly Sulxween 65+ Elder Payments of \$250 a month, our firewood distribution program and community maintenance and cleanups.

As profits increase, like they will from the te'tuxwtun development, we will bring in more money, and can do a lot more!

## WHEN WILL WE VOTE?

While we do not have a set voting date, we are aiming to go to the polls by **tum'xúytł** (winter) 2025.

Stay updated by checking our Facebook page (SnuneymuxwFirstNation), our information hub ([www.snuneymuxw.ca/cp](http://www.snuneymuxw.ca/cp)), your email and your mailbox.

An information package will be mailed to eligible members closer to the voting date, including a Notice of the Vote, instructions for voting, a mail-in ballot and more.

## WHO CAN VOTE?

If you are listed on our Nation's membership list and are at least 18 years old, you are eligible to vote.

If you would like to confirm that you are correctly listed and eligible to vote, please email [membership@snuneymuxw.ca](mailto:membership@snuneymuxw.ca).

## HOW CAN I VOTE?

Eligible members will be invited to vote in person at a polling station or by mail-in ballot. Polling station locations will be confirmed closer to the voting date.

## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF VOTING YES?

This vote is about more than just land planning. It is an important step towards self-determination and increasing our presence across our Land.

If 50%+1 of voters choose **he:'e** ("yes"), we will be one step closer to creating new economic opportunities that support our community's priorities.

The development of the te'tuxwtun lands will result in enhanced economic development. This will benefit the Nation, and our members, through:

- Increased revenue to Snuneymuxw, providing the Nation with greater resources to serve members
- New **sya:ys** (job) and career development opportunities for Snuneymuxw members
- New entrepreneurship and business opportunities for members and vendors of Snuneymuxw

Improved development of amenities and services. For example:

- The creation of sports arenas, parks, grocery stores, clinics, coffee shops, retail and hospitality outlets
- The expansion of Snuneymuxw owned gas-stations and Casino Nanaimo

A **he:'e** ("yes") vote also helps attract valuable partners and investors, giving them the confidence to work with our Nation and our Lands.

## WHAT ARE OUR PLANS FOR THIS PORTION OF TETUXWTUN LANDS?

te'tuxwtun will set a new standard for Vancouver Island and beyond. Member input highlights the potential for a strong, revenue-generating mixed-use development that supports Snuneymuxw's key priorities, grounded in **snawaylth**.