



te'tuxwtun DESIGNATION VOTE



Plan to **VOTE** May 9, 2026

Help shape the future of our Nation by participating in the referendum vote for designation of lands on te'tuxwtun reserve



How

All eligible voters (18 years +) can vote in person and by mail:

1. In person on May 9

Voting hours will be 9:00AM – 8:00PM at Snuneymuxw Gymnasium, 1145 Totem Road, Nanaimo.

Members voting in person must bring a piece of ID.

2. By Mail

Mail in ballots must be received by the Electoral Officer by May 9.



Learn More

Join us for Community Information Sessions to learn more about the designation process:

March 28 In person | 12:00 – 3:00PM

Snuneymuxw Gymnasium, 1145 Totem Road, Nanaimo

April 11 Online | 12:00 – 3:00PM

Please note this meeting will be attended by an Indigenous Services Canada electoral officer.

May 6 In person | 5:00 – 7:00PM

Snuneymuxw Gymnasium, 1145 Totem Road, Nanaimo

Designation votes are administered by Indigenous Services Canada (“ISC”) and must follow the *Indian Referendum Regulations*.

This means:

- Online voting is not permitted—voting must take place by mail or in-person on May 9
- Referendum officer is appointed by ISC

Do you have questions or comments surrounding the vote? Please contact vote@snuneymuxw.ca

If you would like to confirm that you are correctly listed and eligible to vote, please email membership@snuneymuxw.ca

WHAT WILL WE VOTE ON?

After three years of member feedback, this vote asks members if they are in favour of designating 102.7 acres of land on the te'tuxwtun reserve for leasing for the following uses:

- Residential
- Commercial
- Institutional
- Light industrial
- Recreational/park
- A mix of these uses

If approved, this reserve land will be leased to our own Petroglyph Development Group (PDG). Any alternative leasing arrangements would be subject to the direction and approval of Chief and Council.

WHAT ARE OUR PLANS FOR THIS PORTION OF TE'TUXWTUN 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.

WHERE WOULD MONEY FROM TE'TUXWTUN GO?

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

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

For example, profits from PDG fund important community initiatives, including monthly Sulxween 65+ Elder payments, annual member distributions, bursaries and sponsorships, as well as the firewood and community haul-away recycling programs.

BENEFITS

This vote is an important step towards self-determination and increasing our presence across our Lands.

Chief and Council anticipate the following benefits from the proposed development:

- (1) increased revenue to Snuneymuxw, providing the Nation with greater resources to serve its members;
- (2) new employment and career development opportunities for Snuneymuxw members;
- (3) new entrepreneurship and business opportunities for members and vendors of Snuneymuxw;
- (4) improved development of amenities and services including, for example, the expansion of Casino Nanaimo, Snuneymuxw owned gas-stations, sports arena, parks, grocery stores, clinics, coffee shops, retail and hospitality outlets; and
- (5) greater commercial visibility and leverage of Snuneymuxw.



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