

Snuneymuxw News

Informing the people of the Snuneymuxw First Nation about issues that matter

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MARCH 2026



wulh̓xus

(March or month of the frog)

sculhqwéxun̓

(Wind)

luć tu lhqelć

(Full moon)

slhumuxw

(Rain)

théluq

(Waves)

xéw̓s

(Something new)





te'tuxwtun
DESIGNATION VOTE



Plan to **VOTE** April 25, 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 April 25

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 April 25.



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

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

April 16 Online | 5:00 – 7:00PM

April 23 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 April 25
- 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.



Plan to **VOTE** April 25



March UPDATES

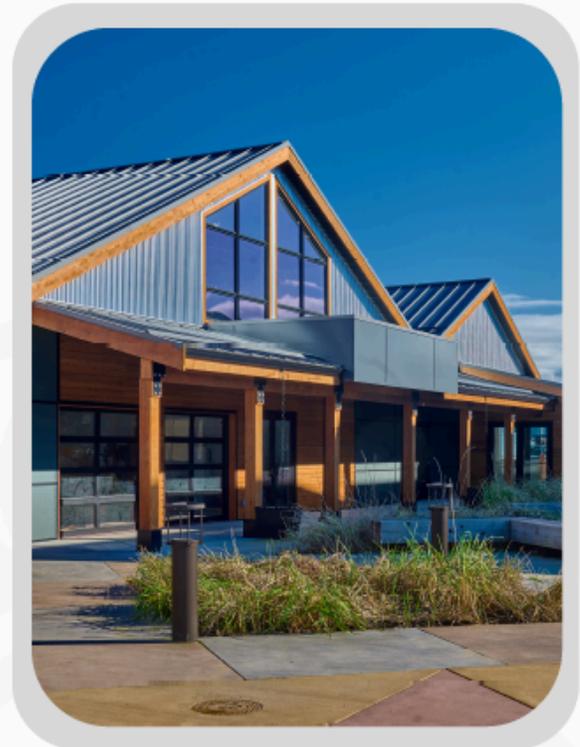


THE VILLAGE AT STILILNUP

We are proud to announce the name and logo for The Village at stililnup, an oceanfront village of shops and services owned and operated by Snuneymuxw First Nation (SFN) and PDG.

Located just steps from the Departure Bay Ferry terminal, this magnificent location is where Snuneymuxw origin unfolds, where Snuneymuxw's relationship with the land and sea began and where the teachings that guide the Nation are originally rooted.

The Village at stililnup is located on a part of the historic Snuneymuxw village of stililnup. The neighbouring bay's deep waters sustained the community since the first family and the name honours this relationship. The Village at stililnup is designed to be a community hub that welcomes locals and visitors to Snuneymuxw, honouring its roots as an ancient place of arrival.



Read more by scanning the QR Code





PETROGLYPH
DEVELOPMENT GROUP



These memories and teachings live on through the Village at stilnup logo created by Snuneymuxw artist Elliot White-Hill, Kwulasultun.

In the artwork, the Sun is honoured. In stories shared by the artist's late great-grandmother, Dr. Ellen White, Kwulasulwut, the Sun is described as our grandfather, who once visited each house across all the Snuneymuxw villages each day, until he was kidnapped by Seagull. Raven and other beings came together to free him, after which he rose to live in the sky.



Learn more by
scanning the
QR Code



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Interested in joining the PDG family? We're always looking for passionate and talented individuals to be part of our growing team. Send your resume to hr@petroglyphdg.com or visit our website to learn more!

Stay updated: petroglyphdg.com/careeropportunities.





WE'RE HIRING!

HEALTH MANAGER (DETAILS ON MEMBERS-ONLY FB PAGE)

**Community Wellness and Groups Facilitator
(Temporary)**

Clinical Counsellor

LEARN MORE + APPLY
www.snuneymuxw.ca/careers



NEED HELP WITH YOUR TAXES?

**Free Tax Season Support
For Snuneymuxw Community Members**

If you are interested in registering, please gather:

- Receipts (medical, other)
- Income slips (T4's, T1's etc.)
- Photo ID
- Social Insurance Number

Please feel free to drop in and ask questions or gather more information.

The Executive Director of Volunteer Nanaimo and SFN staff will be there to support you.

**NO
APPOINTMENT
NECESSARY**



**TUESDAY MARCH 17
9:00AM - 3:00PM**



**EDUCATION PORTABLE
(669 CENTRE ST)**

Questions?

Please contact Sheila White
at sheilaw@snuneymuxw.ca
OR call 250.740.2300





Snuneymuxw Housing Department Accepting Applications!

This is a call out for members wanting to be on the housing registry to fill out a housing registry application and submit it to the SFN Housing Department.

If you are unsure if you are on the registry or have been on the registry for more than 12 months, please fill out an application.

Please email the housing department if you have any questions or to receive an application.

HOUSING@SNUNEYMUXW.CA

250-740-2354

1451 MACMILLAN ROAD



LIGHTING A PATH

**FEBRUARY 16
– MARCH 16**

sway'a'lane
MAFFEO SUTTON PARK

WE HONOUR THE LAND THROUGH A SPECIAL 2026 INSTALLATION,
BEST SEEN AFTER DARK, CONTINUING THE SPIRIT OF THE
LUMINOUS PATHS FESTIVAL AND FEATURING ARTWORK BY:

THE LATE DR. WILLIAM GOOD

THE LATE JOEL GOOD

ELIOT WHITE-HILL, Kwulasultun

kwasilwit, CHENOA POINT

NOEL BROWN

RYAN HUGHES

yutustana:t, GENA SEWARD-WILSON



NANAIMO CLIPPERS COME TO SNUNEYMUXW

ENGAGEMENT SESSION WITH COMMUNITY

**THIS IS AN EVENT FOR SNUNEYMUXW
MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES**



SATURDAY MARCH 21, 2026

12:00 PM

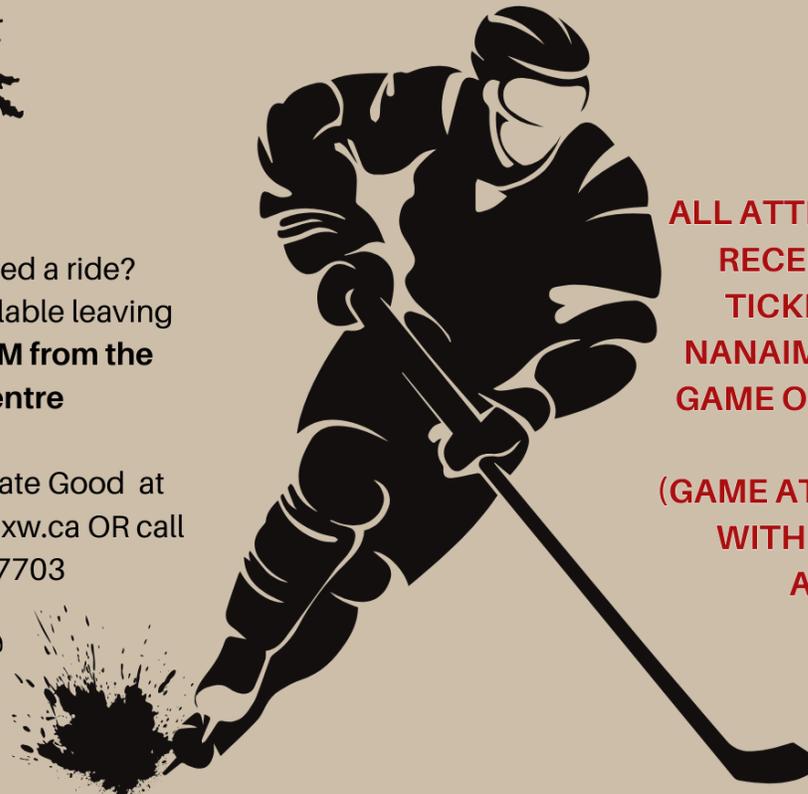


SNUNEYMUXW LACROSSE BOX
(1951 ISLAND BRAVE RD)



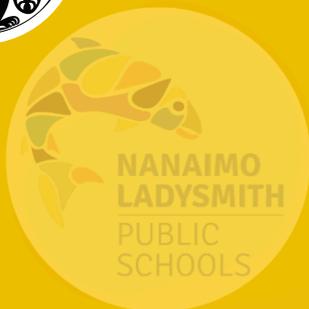
Questions? Need a ride?
Rides will be available leaving
IR#1 at 11:30AM from the
Youth Centre

Please contact Kate Good at
kateg@snuneymuxw.ca OR call
250-619-7703



**ALL ATTENDEES WILL
RECEIVE A FREE
TICKET TO THE
NANAIMO CLIPPERS
GAME ON MARCH 22!**

**(GAME AT 2PM + SKATE
WITH THE TEAM
AFTER)**



**Register
Now!**

Kindergarten



SECURE YOUR CHILD'S SPOT!

Is your child turning 5 years-old this year?

Register now for Kindergarten! Spaces are limited in some schools

so act now to secure your child's spot in their catchment school.



More information: www.sd68.bc.ca/kindergarten-students



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SNUNEYMUXW DAYS RAFFLE

**FIRST PRIZE:
OC1 &
PALAFAMALA
PILI PADDLE**



**\$20/TICKET
OR
3 FOR \$50**

**SECOND PRIZE:
2 NIGHT STAY AT
RIVER ROCK,
\$200 GIFT
CERTIFICATE TO
GORDON
RAMSEY
RESTAURANT
AND \$1,000
SPENDING
MONEY**



**DRAW DATE:
JULY 26, 2026 AT
SNUNEYMUXW
DAYS - CANOE
SHED**

Ticket Sellers:

Kate Good
(250-619-7703) OR
kateg@snuneymuxw.ca

Regan Seward
(250-616-3997) OR
Artr33@hotmail.com

Samantha Wesley
(250-268-7725) OR
pulutthiye@gmail.com

Peter Seymour
(236-594-6607) OR
p-seymour70@outlook.com
hulit lelum front desk
(250-740-2337)





When : Wednesdays @ 7pm

Where : 669 Centre Street

(in the Portable)

More info
about NA
programs:



www.cviana.ca/who-we-are

Info about the
importance of
anonymity:



Find more
local
meetings:



www.cviana.ca/current-meetings



HOW TO ACCESS SFN COUNSELLING

1.

Call SFN hulit leum
and ask to speak
with a counsellor.
250-740-2337



2.

We connect you with
a counsellor.



3.

We book your first
appointment and
look forward to
welcoming you.



SNUNEYMUXW HULIT LELUM
1451 MACMILLAN RD.,
NANAIMO, B.C.
Reception: 250 740 2337



HOW TO GET HELP FOR SUBSTANCE USE

- 1.** Call SFN hulit leum and ask to speak with a counsellor. 250-740-2337
- 2.** We book your first appointment and look forward to welcoming you.
- 3.** You and a counsellor have a confidential conversation to discuss the following:
 - a) Your physical and mental health.
 - b) Whether detox support is needed before starting treatment.
 - c) Review treatment options including treatment centres.
 - d) The support we can provide while you wait for additional help.
- 4.** Plan for ongoing and post treatment support.



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1451 MACMILLAN RD.,
NANAIMO, B.C.
Reception: 250 740 2337



2026 SOCIAL ASSISTANCE DATES

MID-MONTH

INCOME ASSISTANCE PAYMENT DATES

JAN. 07/26

JAN 21, 2026 (for February)

FEB. 04/26

FEB.25, 2026 (for March)

MAR. 11/26

MAR. 25, 2026 (for APRIL)

APR. 08/26

APR. 22, 2026 (for MAY)

MAY. 06/26

MAY 27, 2026 (for JUNE)

JUN. 10/26

JUN. 24, 2026 (for JULY)

JUL. 08/26

JUL. 29, 2026 (for AUGUST)

AUG .12/26

AUG.26, 2026 (for SEPTEMBER)

SEPT. 09/26

SEPT. 23, 2026 (for OCTOBER.)

OCT.07/26

OCT. 21, 2026 (for NOVEMBER)

NOV. 04/26

NOV. 18, 2026 (for DECEMBER)

DEC. 02/26

DEC. 16, 2026 (for JANUARY)



SNUNEYMUXW HULIT LELUM SUPPORT SERVICES

SFN Counselling Services

SNUNEYMUXW HULIT LELUM
1451 MACMILLAN RD., NANAIMO, B.C.

Front Desk: **Appointment Line:**
250-740-2337 **250-740-2345**

Our counsellors at SFN hulit lelum have completed trauma-informed, master's level university education and are certified counsellors.

Our counsellors are available Monday to Friday to support Snuneymuxw members.

Some of the areas that our counsellors may be able to help with include, but are not limited to:

- Anxiety
- Depression
- Grief & Loss
- Loss of relationships (friends, partners)
- Coping with anger
- Dealing with difficult emotions
- Coping skills / emotional regulation
- Self-esteem / self-worth
- Communication
- Creating healthy boundaries
- Coping with racism and discrimination
- Coping with impact of residential school and day school
- Concerns about your own, or someone else's substance use

If our counsellors determine that you may be better supported by another service provider (for example, someone who specializes in a particular area) they can help you navigate other options.



ADDITIONAL HELPFUL RESOURCE INFO:

SNUNEYMUXW EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:

If you are employed with Snuneymux First Nation, you may be eligible for extended health benefits, such as confidential counselling services through the Employee & Family Assistance Plan. Please refer to your benefits package and/or speak to Human Resources to find out more and to verify if you are eligible.

FNHA MENTAL HEALTH BENEFITS:

If you are a status First Nations person living in B.C., you can access certain health & wellness benefits through First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) such as confidential counselling services. There are numerous counsellors to choose from on their mental health provider list. SN counsellors are happy to support you with navigating the FNHA mental health provider list. For more information, please visit: www.fnha.ca/benefits/mental-health

SNUNEYMUXW FAMILY ADVOCATE:



Jake Dietrich supports families in Snuneymuxw who are connected with Child & Family Services.

Remember, you are not alone. You have options.

CRISIS / DISTRESS RESOURCES:

KUU-US Crisis Line Society (24-hour)

Adults/Elders: 250-723-4050

Child/Youth: 250-723-2040

Toll Free Line: 1-800-588-8717

Vancouver Island Crisis Society (24-hour)

Phone: 1-888-494-3888

Text: 250-800-3806 (6pm - 10pm)

Online chat: www.viccrisis.ca (6pm - 10pm)

National Residential School Crisis Line (24-hour)

1-866-925-4419

Hope For Wellness Help Line (24-hour)

Offers immediate help to all Indigenous peoples across Canada

Toll-free Help Line: 1-855-242-3310

Online Chat: www.hopeforwellness.ca

Crisis Line Association of B.C. (24-hour)

1-800-SUICIDE (1-800-784-2433)



GARBAGE & RECYCLING

**RECYCLING PICK UP:
WEDNESDAY**

**GARBAGE PICK UP:
MONDAY & THURSDAY**

Please have your garbage and recycling out by 8:00 am on the day of the service.

Please remember that all recyclables **MUST** be in a clear plastic bag or in a bin.

(The recycling depot does not accept anything in a dark garbage bag.)

MEMBER CONTACT INFO:

Has your email, phone number, or address changed?

Please update your contact information, with our membership team. This helps us keep you informed about important updates.



ONLINE FORM:

www.snuneymuxw.ca/membership

? QUESTIONS?

Contact our membership team at:

250-740-2300

membership@snuneymuxw.ca

hay ch qa' (thank you) for your help!

HEALTH CLINIC & EMERGENCY

**Health Centre Front Desk:
250-740-2337**

**Health Centre
Appointment Line:
250-740-2345**

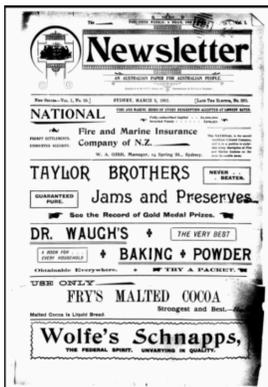
**Cheryl Mooney
250-668-2644
cmooney@snuneymuxw.ca**

**Marina White
250-668-5244
marinaw@snuneymuxw.ca**

**Regan Seward
250-616-3582
regans@snuneymuxw.ca**

**Housing:
250-740-2354**

Are you interested in delivering the Snuneymuxw News?



If so, please call the Main Office **250-740-2300** and ask for your name to be added to the list of people who deliver the SFN Newsletter.

Check out the latest Nation Job Postings:

www.snuneymuxw.ca/jobs

Follow us on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/SnuneymuxwFirstNation

SFN NEWSLETTERS

Also available on the website as PDFs:

www.snuneymuxw.ca/newsletter

Visit www.snuneymuxw.ca for more info, and to sign up to have the newsletter sent to you by email.

HANDY NUMBERS

**SFN Admin Office:
250-740-2300**

**Joan Brown: 250-740-2300
Health Centre: 250-740-2337**

QQS School: 250-754-3033

Daycare: 250-740-2348

**Tuytaxun Store:
250-753-4214**

**Saysutshun:
1-866-788-6243**

**RCMP/ Non-Emergency:
250-754-2345**

