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## Reconciliation Agreement with the Province Signed

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### SNUNEYMUXW MEMBERSHIP:

#### Reconciliation Agreement with the Province of BC

I am excited to let all the Snuneymuxw People know of an exciting development which will provide a new era of economic opportunity for our membership and Nation.

Over the last 3 years our Council has been working hard to ensure respect for our Treaty of 1854. This work has included a number of coordinated efforts including: challenging all efforts by the Federal and Provincial Crown to make decisions about the use of lands and resources in our Territory that may infringe our Treaty rights; re-organizing our relationships with local actors such as the City of Nanaimo so that it is more respectful of the Treaty; making it clear to industry that if they wish to do projects in the Territory they will have to meet certain conditions and requirements that reflect the Treaty; and, educating the general public about the fact of the Treaty and what it means for the daily lives and actions of all citizens of the region.



This work has built on the leadership of our members over many generations. As early as 1864 Snuneymuxw Chiefs were advocating with the Crown, seeking proper respect for our Treaty of 1854. It was our members that stood up in the 1960's and fought in Court against the Province's efforts to infringe our Treaty by arresting our members for hunting. It was our members that stood up in the early 2000's and made it clear that the current British Columbia Treaty Process was fundamentally flawed because it did not recognize and protect our Treaty of 1854. It has been our members who have passed on our oral history of the Treaty from generation to generation to generation. It was our members who have been advancing, through the specific claims processes and the courts, redress for the historic violations of our Treaty.

All of these efforts have contributed to the Province of British Columbia realizing that it was in its interest to begin taking steps to work with the Nation in new ways, completely apart from the British Columbia Treaty Process, and begin to find new ways of working together. An immediate focus of that recognition was that a new era of economic opportunity and benefit was required by our Nation. To that end, a Reconciliation Agreement has been completed between Snuneymuxw and British Columbia that is a first step in beginning to carve out a new relationship with each other that begins to reflect and honour the Treaty of 1854. This agreement is innovative and



unprecedented. It includes the following elements:

- The transfer to the Nation of over 2100 acres of prime forest land.
- The transfer to the Nation of land at Departure Bay at the core of our winter village site.
- An 18 month pilot project focused on developing new ways of engaging with each other that will be more respectful of the Treaty of 1854. This will include setting up working groups to build understandings about the Treaty, and development of a hunting protocol that respects the Treaty.
- A commitment to a new approach to the Nanaimo River Estuary that will see interim revenue sharing with the Nation for log-booming activities, and a process for the orderly reduction of log-booming and environmental redress of the Estuary.
- A commitment to work collaboratively on planning for major expansion of the Nation's presence on and stewardship of Newcastle Island.
- A commitment to discussions about future land transfers and opportunities.

This Reconciliation Agreement is not a Treaty or land claims agreement. It is not part of the British Columbia Treaty Process and does not in any way commit the Nation to be actively involved in that process. It is a unique agreement that speaks to Snuneymuxw's specific circumstances, and the fact of our Treaty of 1854. It in no way impacts or affects our specific claims, such as the 79 acre claim, which we continue to work hard on.

Over the past years Snuneymuxw Council made it clear to BC that the status quo was broken and unacceptable and Snuneymuxw would aggressively oppose B.C. decisions that disrespected our Treaty of 1854. As the Agreement reflects, over the last few years the Province had, in effect, stopped trying to issue licences and permits in our Territory, as we made it clear we would not stand by and allow that to happen until significant progress was made. With the signing of this Agreement, and its major benefits to Snuneymuxw, Council has agreed to a number of these smaller licences and permits - the majority of which are for private docks- to be issued.

The hard work now begins. With over 2100 acres of new land, we need to systematically plan how to harvest and steward these lands to ensure that every Snuneymuxw member who wishes to take advantage of the employment and economic opportunities they provide has the ability to do so. We need to engage our young people who should see in the land, an opportunity for new and sustained employment, We need to ensure that we manage these new resources in ways that would make all past and future generations proud.

In coming weeks and months we will have community dialogues and forums about this Agreement and its implementation. I encourage each and every one of you to speak to me and your Councillors directly to get further information and learn about this turning point for all of us. Attached is an information sheet that provides more information about the Agreement. It includes some maps of the lands that are being transferred to Snuneymuxw.

Yours truly,

Chief Douglas White III Kwulasultun



## SUMMARY OF BASIC TERMS OF THE RECONCILIATION AGREEMENT SIGNED BY SNUNEYMUXW AND BRITISH COLUMBIA

### **Purpose**

The Reconciliation Agreement (RA) states that it is made in the spirit of mutual respect, recognition and reconciliation of SFNs Aboriginal and treaty rights.

The RA is not a new treaty and is not entered into by SFN under the BC Treaty Process. The RA recognizes the Douglas Treaty of 1854 including its constitutional status.

The Agreement transfers land to Snuneymuxw as part of an effort to advance reconciliation with SFN, and to help unleash economic opportunities.

### **Lands Transferred**

Under the RA, BC will transfer more than 2,100 acres of forest land at Mount Benson and a property at Departure Bay to SFN.

Maps of the lands to be transferred are attached.

The lands will be transferred to SFN in fee simple.

It is estimated the transfer of lands will be completed within 4 to 6 months, if not sooner.

The RA also contains a commitment by BC to meet with SFN within 2 years to discuss the transfer to SFN by BC of additional lands within SFN Territory.

### **Relationship with the Province**

A key part of the RA is a new engagement protocol with BC.

Under this protocol, SFN and BC will explore new ways to engage about: (1) the Douglas Treaty of 1854; (2) decision-making about lands and resources in SFN Territory; and (3) the Nanaimo Estuary, including the practice of log booming.

A hunting protocol will also be developed between SFN and British Columbia.

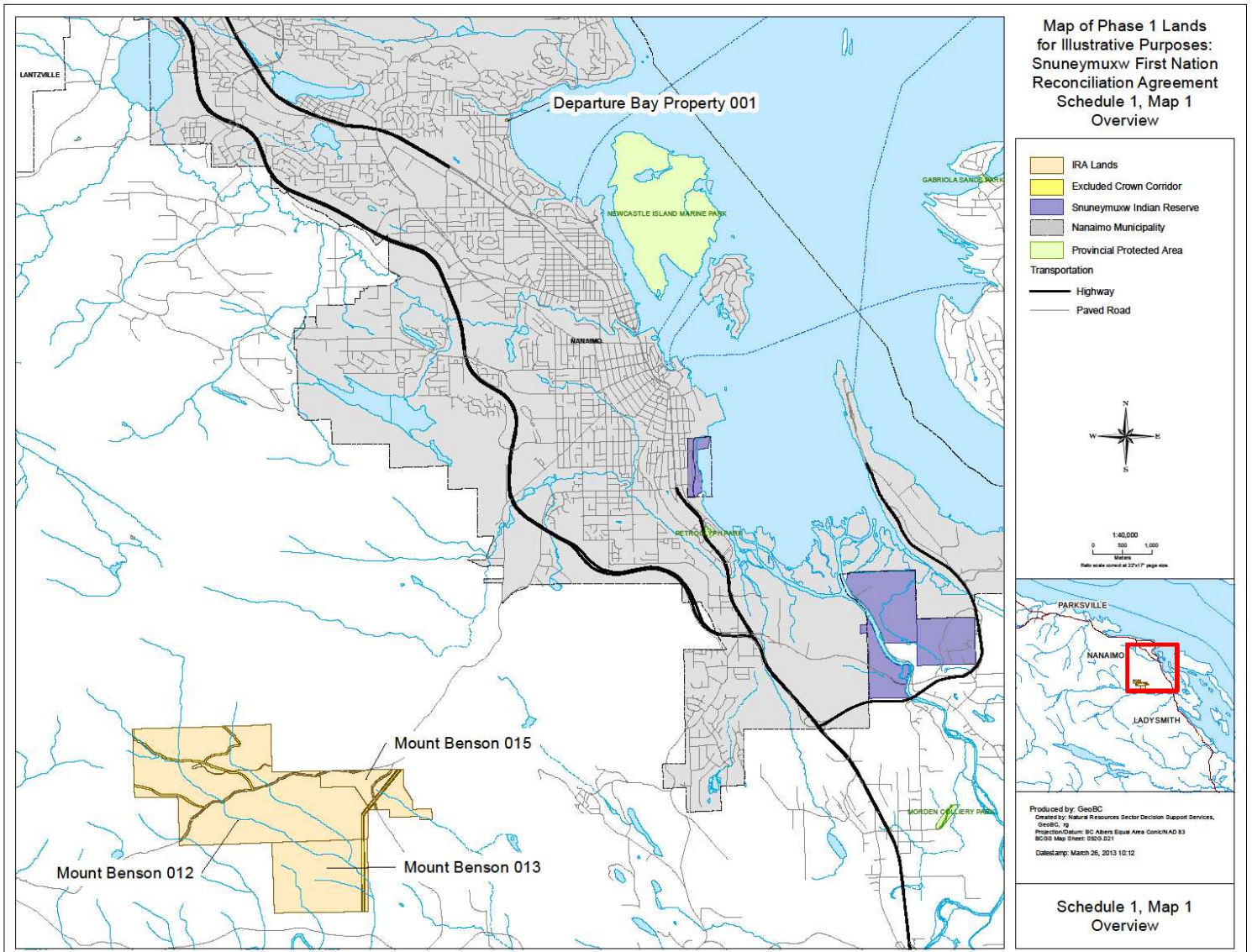
In the lead-up to the Agreement, SFN has vigorously opposed all new proposed uses of lands and resources in SFN Territory, including minor referrals from the Province. As part of the Agreement, SFN has agreed to no longer oppose a list of specific current referrals in SFN territory these are mainly existing private docks).

The RA includes an extension of SFN's operating permit for Newcastle Island Marine Park for two years. In that time, BC Parks has committed to meet with SFN at a high level and attempt to address a wide range of issues in the Park.





### Schedule "1" - Maps of Lands for Illustrative Purposes





## INTRODUCING OUR NEW COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE

Hello.

The AGM last Thursday was a great opportunity for me to meet some of you and to see the dedication to community wellness. I am excited to walk alongside and assist individuals and the community reach their health goals. I bring to the community a commitment to health and an understanding that we all define health differently. I look forward to walking beside you in wellness.

*Sandra*



Sandra Piper



# CHR NEWS

April 2013

## Snuneymuxw First Nation Health Centre

### BBB TUESDAYS 12-1:30

- April 9th Nutrition
- April 16th Topic to be decided
- April 23rd Topic to be decided

### ELDERS DROP IN

- April 18 Drop in twice a month to share a healthy lunch and socialize with elders in the community and learn topics on Health issues
- April 25

**Community Kitchens Fridays 9:30—12:30 Please call before each Friday to Register!**



# Membership List Update

In order to keep you better informed, whether it be keeping you up to date on special community notices and events or to advise when important information will be posted on the website, our goal is to connect and engage with Snuneymuxw people. An important part of this effort is to maintain a full and accurate membership list.

*So, we are asking for your help to update our records.*

We are missing information for many members that live off reserve. It would be very helpful if family could inform our office of contact information for family members who may not have up to date information on file at the band office.

If you are, or know someone who is, a Snuneymuxw First Nation member:

- **whose address has changed over the past two years,**
- **who is not sure if your contact information is up to date,**
- **who has not provided us with an email address,**

please contact the SFN membership clerk, Vanessa Dennis, at [vanessad@snuneymuxw.ca](mailto:vanessad@snuneymuxw.ca).



## SFN Support Groups

### for

# Men

**Monday evenings 6-8 pm**  
**At the Health Centre Kitchen**  
**Facilitator: *Wayne Johnny***

# Women

**Wed Apr 10 Personality Type/Colour**  
**(6-8 pm at the Health Centre Kitchen)**

The group will focus on creating a safe place for participants to:

- ❖ Explore their concerns and challenges
- ❖ Learn about themselves
- ❖ Gain a greater understanding of healthy relationships



### 2013 Canoe Race Schedule

#### MAY

- 11 - 12: Nooksack Days
- 18:- Coupeville
- 18 - 19: Chilliwack Landing
- 25 - 26: Seabird Water Festival

#### JUNE

- 1 - 2: Cultus Lake Water Festival
- 8 - 9: Sasquatch Days @ Harrison Hot Springs
- 15 - 17: Stommish Water Festival, Lummi/Cowichan Bay Water Sports
- 22 - 23: Shell Beach Water Sports
- 29 - 30: Scowlitz

#### JULY

- 6 - 7: Whey-ah-wichen Days @ Burrard
- 13 - 14: Ambleside
- 20 - 21: Chemainus Bay
- 27 -28: Tsartlip

#### AUGUST

- 3 - 4: Tsawout
- 10 - 11: Swinomish
- 17 - 18: Chief Seattle Days
- 24 - 25: Makah Days
- 31 - Sept 1: Black Lake, WA







**Permission Slip**

My daughter, \_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to participate in the Girl Power girl’s group.

***Date and time of Group is: Tuesday’s from 3:30 to 5:00pm***  
Beginning April 16 (6 sessions)

***Who:*** Girls (age 9 to 12)

***Where:*** Cedar Youth Center

I understand that Girl Power discusses topics relevant to girls development such as body changes, body image, media and girls, and introduces them to skills such as: communication skills, journal writing, creative visualization. I understand that the girls are encouraged to share and express themselves regarding topics.

I understand that the following group guidelines are important:

- ◆ **Confidentiality**—what is said in the circle stays in the circle. Unless harm to self of others is revealed.
- ◆ **Listening**—it is expected that girls listen to each other without interrupting.
- ◆ **Self-paced**—girls can choose to pass regarding discussion topics.
- ◆ **Respect** —non-judgmental attitude and basic respect for others.

I understand that I may contact the facilitator with questions or comments about the group.  
Nancy Seward - (250) 751-9409 or nancys@snuneymuxw.ca

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Parent’s signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Girl’s signature



# WorkBC

Employment Services Centre

# SPRING JOB FAIR

Thursday, April 11, 2013

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Vancouver Island Conference Centre

## Employers attending:

Island Crisis Care Society (ICCS)  
 J. Garnon Williams Ltd.  
 Nanaimo Senior's Village  
 Origin at Longwood  
 St. John's Ambulance  
 Vancouver Island Health Authority

Express Employment Professionals  
 Nanaimo Region John Howard Society  
 Rhino Labour Temp Services  
 Sprott Shaw College  
 Tru Spa Institute of Aesthetics Ltd.  
 Vancouver Island University

Catalyst Paper  
 Manpower (SHAW)  
 Schnitzer Steel  
 School District 68  
 Sun Life Financial  
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*...and more!*

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GT Hiring Solutions  
 Phone: 250.729.5627  
[www.gthiringsolutions.ca](http://www.gthiringsolutions.ca)



The Employment Program of British Columbia is funded by the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia.



## Spring clean-up

The maintenance department will be organizing a spring clean-up in approximately mid to late May. Additional notices will be provided to community members as to what will be picked up and when.

### **IMPORTANT - RECYCLING - IMPORTANT**

If you are placing your recyclables into plastic bags – please make sure that they are clear / see-through bags and not black plastic. The recycling plant will not take recycling in black bags.

#### **What goes inside your recycling box / clear bag?**

##### **Plastic household containers including:**

- Plastic beverage containers (may be returned for refund)
- Plastic condiment bottles – such as ketchup, relish, mayonnaise etc.
- Plastic cosmetic bottles – such as shampoo, hair rinses etc.
- Plastic dish soap / laundry soap
- Plastic food containers – such as margarine, yogurt, peanut butter etc.
- Plastic milk jugs
- Plastic vitamin bottles, pill bottles, mouth wash etc.

##### **PLEASE CHECK –**

- Containers are rinsed – NO food or other residue
- NO foam plastic Styrofoam
- NO containers that held chlorine / bleach / ammonia – based products
- NO metal bottle lids or caps, spray nozzle heads and metal attachments

##### **Household Paper including:**

- Boxboard packaging (cereal, detergent soap boxes, shoe boxes etc.)
- Catalogues
- Envelopes
- Fiber egg cartons
- Magazines
- Office paper
- Paper bags
- Telephone directories

##### **PLEASE CHECK – PAPER IS CLEAN AND DRY**

- NO hardcover books, soiled paper, drink boxes or paper with waxed coatings, plastic or foil lamination
- NO tissues, used paper towels, waxed paper, baking / parchment or soiled pizza boxes

##### **Metal Containers:**

- Food and beverage cans and lids
- Foil containers and trays

##### **PLEASE CHECK –**

- CLEAN (NO food or other residue)
- Labels removed
- NO metal pots, plastic or paper laminated with foil such as chip bags or foil yogurt covers

##### **What goes beside your Blue Bin / Recycling Bag?**

- Cardboard – must be broken down, flattened and tied in a bundle – max. size is 30" x 30" x 8"
- NO – waxed, coated or non-corrugated boxes



**Red Road to Recovery**

**N.A. Meeting**

When: Saturdays 7:30 pm

Where: 668 Centre St. in Chambers

Who: Open to all



**School Zone Traffic Change**

A Reminder from Constable Manj:  
The School Zone speed limit is changing from 30 km/h  
to **10 km/h**  
*Please slow down!*

**Firewood**



A Wood lot has been acquired on Nanaimo Lakes Road near the SPCA pound: take a **Left** on Nanaimo Lakes Road for approximately 2 km until you see red gate #60 on the **Right** (Island Timberlands) after the gate take the first **Left**. There are two cut blocks on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> roads to the **Right**.

If you are interested in cutting fire wood or big house wood please contact Chris Good (250) 716-6004.

The wood lot will be open daily 8:00 am to 4:00pm. There are special conditions to be able to cut wood; all cutters must have the appropriate safety gear such as: safety pants (chaps), glasses, ear protection, boots and windfalls are **not** to be cut.

**Garbage & Recycling Pickup**

Recycling pickup      Wednesday  
Garbage pickup      Thursday

PLEASE: **Put all Recyclables in a clear plastic bag or in a bin** and have your garbage and recycling out **NO** later than **8:00 am** on the day of that service.



**Invitation to Mass**

Please join us with  
Father Joe from Duncan  
Where: At SFN Chief and Council Chambers  
When: Sunday  
Time: 3:00 p.m.  
Snacks will be served after mass

**Sunday School and Church Service**

Sunday afternoon at 3 pm, provided by Pastor John and Mira Cho.  
Evening worship service is at 7 pm every Sunday night. Coffee and visiting to follow. This is your church. You are welcome. We would love to have you join us.  
Blessings,  
Pastors Per and Chris Knudsen, Pastor John and Mira Cho, Nanaimo Native Victory Chapel  
250-754-7866 (call forward)

**Wednesday Morning Coffee Breaks**

At St. Andrew's United Church, 311 Fitzwilliam Street, downtown, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Free coffee and baked goods, live entertainment by Willie Thrasher and Linda Saddleback and others. This is a purely social meeting and outreach, and we especially like to welcome new people.  
- Madeline Bruce, 250-741-1271.

**Prayer Group**

With Brother Mark  
Saturdays 7 pm, 614 Centre Street

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