

LGLA February 16 2023

Reconciliation through Relationships



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Respectfully acknowledge that we are
gathered today on the Traditional
Territory of Snuneymuxw First Nation



Our Journey

- 1 Reality for Local Governments
- 2 Building Foundations
- 3 Protocol Agreements 2005, 2019

Health and Housing

Sports and Events



Reality for Local Governments

DRIPA sets the stage but script is not clear

local government actors are improvising... to figure out their role and responsibilities

First Nations Governments have high expectations Province and Federal Governments are figuring out mechanisms to implement – this takes time and affects local government who are on the front line for building and maintaining relations

Jurisdiction over lands and waters where local governments and First Nations can get stuck

Negotiations with Crown exclude yet can greatly impact LG's

Courts are an avenue to test these limits when other processes stall or don't work for Nations

Reconciliation is meant to be hard
and if you are finding it fun....
then,
you are doing it wrong...

Guuduniia LaBoucan, Whitefish Lake Band

Build on past success/trust/relations



- Need leadership to guide
- Need staff on board
- Educate yourself
- Address your own bias
- Plan Together – process as important as outcome
- Prioritize and care for those with the highest needs

Building on Foundations

2005 and 2019 Protocol Agreements

Protocol Agreement Working Group

Staff Technical Working Group



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Building Foundations

City Plan: Nanaimo Reimagined July 04 2022

Reconciliation Woven throughout



Elder Lolly Good,
Snuneymuxw



Building Relations

- About Trust and Being Authentic
- Important to be Honest and Frank
- Listen to understand and to fully hear interests of First Nations even if you don't agree
- Fit in pieces that fit – don't force things



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Friendship and Trust come before politics

David Bob, Snaw-Naw-As



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National Day for Truth and Reconciliation 2021



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Honouring our children by honouring a Snuneymuxw way of being

On September 30 we will enhance the sport and recreation experience within the Stadium District by breathing life into the Land with Snuneymuxw art, ceremony and a new hul'q'uml'num' place name.

Join us in the morning to honour survivors and their families, followed by food vendors available at noon, FREE performances and activities for all.



National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 30

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Stadium District | 745 Third St, Nanaimo

www.nanaimo.ca/goto/truth



Stadium renamed Q'unq'inuqwstuxw
(pronounced ki-KIN-ish-TOOK), translates to “return/give back”.



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Q'UNQ'INUQWSTUXW
STADIUM



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Youth, Sports and Events:

Joint planning/support:

- **JANT Junior All Native Basketball tournament – March 19-24**
- **Youth Resilience Strategy**
- **Grant for artificial Sports field development with Chief's support**





- About Youth Resilience & Wellness
- 94 Teams
- ~1,200 Athletes +
- 6 Gyms
- Partnerships for Youth

Junior All Native Tournament March 19-24



Harewood Skatepark

Building Foundations

Health and Housing:

- **12 studio units for SFN homeless support (UBCM Grant & City).**
- **Te'tuxwtun Partnership with SFN, BC Housing and School District to integrate housing, community and education**



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12 Studio Units with Supports

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Te'tuxwtun Partnership Project

- Affordable housing
- Community Space
- Educational Space

Te'tuxwtun Planning and Development Project for properties located at 564 Fifth Street, 502 and 505 Howard Avenue

The Te'tuxwtun (Mount Benson) Project is a collaboration between the following Knowledge Partners:



Built on an ever increasing appreciation for the natural world, it is the Knowledge Partners' intention to restore and reclaim the spiritual energy of these great lands through the development of housing, education, parks and recreation as well as other services and amenities.



To get involved and find out more information, go to:
www.bchousing.org/nanaimo-tetuxwtun



Building on Foundations



This is not an easy journey...takes time and commitment

You know, reconciliation at its centre is really about, for me, fundamentally two things.

**It is about respect and
it is about love**

Natan Obed, President, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami

Hay ce:ep q'a Siem

