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

How do we move forward as local governments?



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

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2005 and 2019 Protocol Agreements

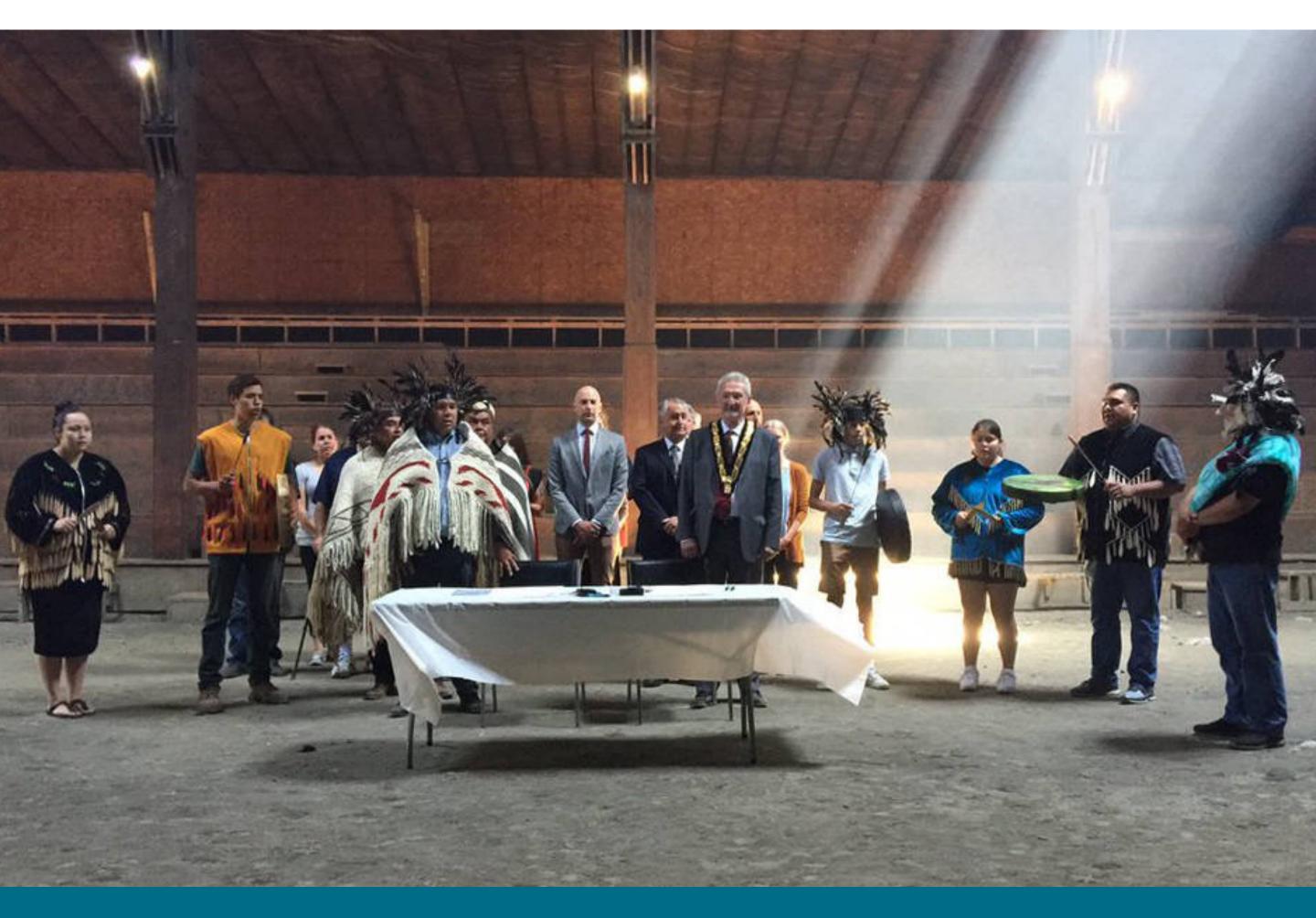


Protocol Agreement Working Group

Staff Technical Working Group











City Plan: Nanaimo Relmagined July 04 2022



Reconciliation





Building Relations

- About Trust and Being Authentic
- Import 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





Friendship and Trust come before politics

David Bob, Snaw-Naw-As

























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'umi'num' place name. National Day for Truth & Reconciliation FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 30 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Stadium District | 745 Third St, Nanaimo

www.nanalmo.ca/goto/truth



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







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















Youth, Sports and Events: Joint planning/support:

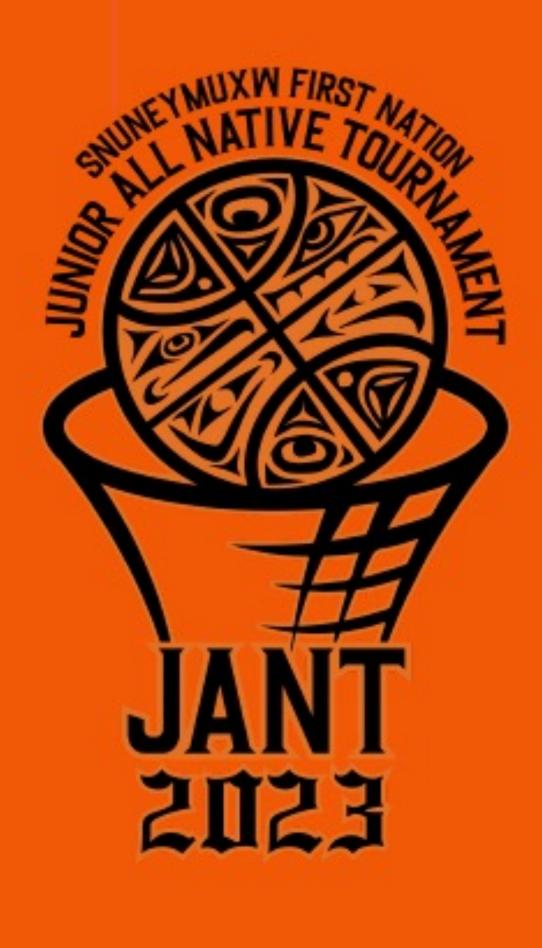


- JANT Junior All Native Basketball tournament – March 19-24
- Youth Resilience Strategy

Grant for artificial Sports field development with Chief's support

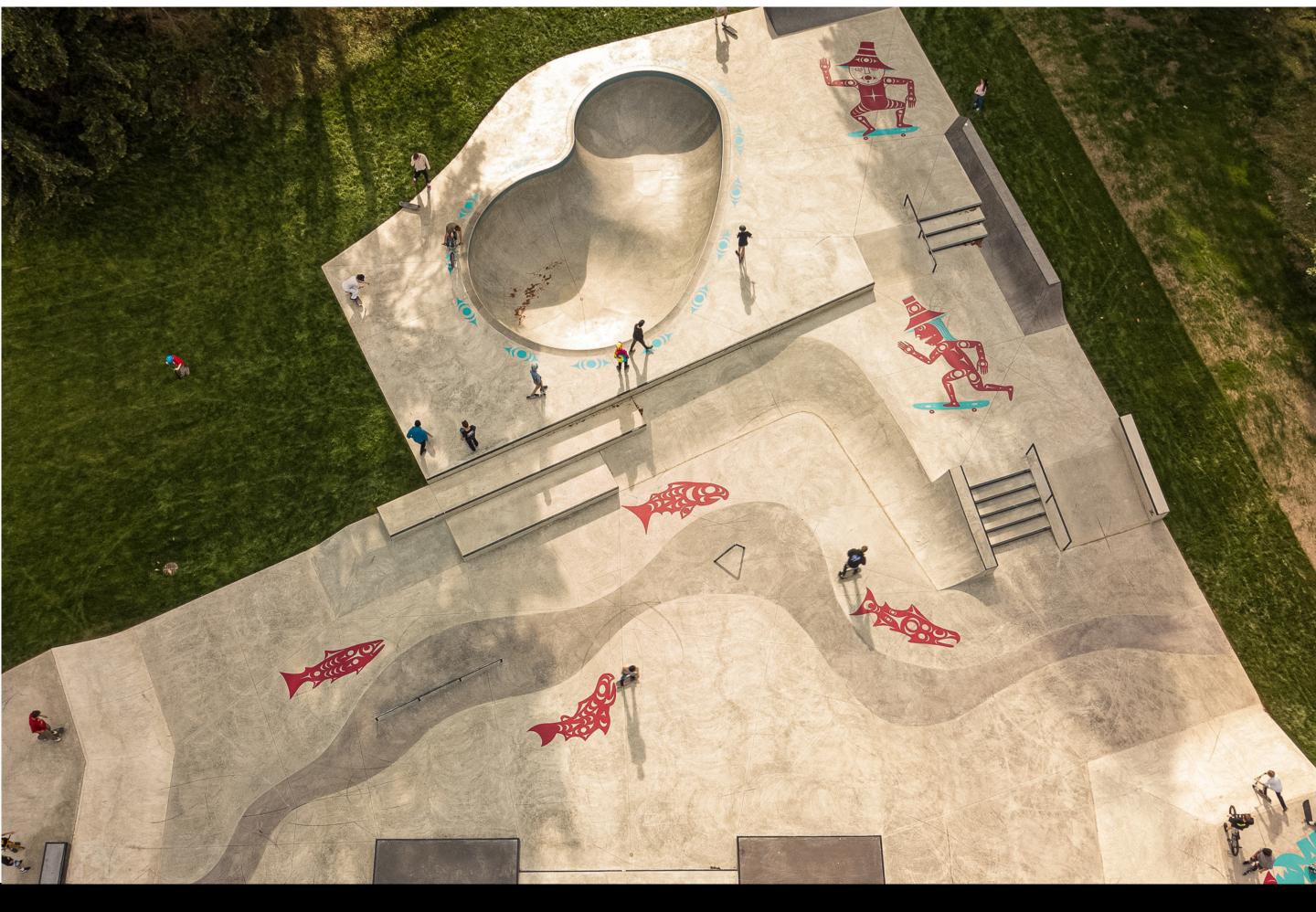
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- About Youth Resilience
 & Wellness
- 94 Teams
- ~1,200 Athletes +
- 6 Gyms
- Partnerships for Youth

Junior All Native Tournament March 19-24



Harewood Skatepark

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









12 Studio Units with Supports

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Te'tuxwtun Partnership Project

Affordable housing
Community Space
Educational Space





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

