



SNUNEYMUXW FIRST NATION

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN:

THE CITY OF NANAIMO, a Municipality in the Province of British Columbia, as represented by its Mayor and Council, having administrative office at 455 Wallace Street, Nanaimo, British Columbia, V9R 5J6

(the "City")

AND:

SNUNEYMUXW FIRST NATION, a "Band" as that term is defined in the *Indian Act* (Canada), as represented by the Snuney Band Council, having an administrative office at 668 Centre Street, Nanaimo, British Columbia, V9R 4Z4

("Snuneymuxw")

WHEREAS:

- A. The City and Snuneymuxw have mutual respect for each party's mandates, policies and areas of jurisdiction;
- B. The City and Snuneymuxw face a number of common issues in planning for and providing services and economic development opportunities for their communities; and
- C. The City and Snuneymuxw wish to establish a government-to-government relationship of mutual respect and cooperation,

THEREFORE:

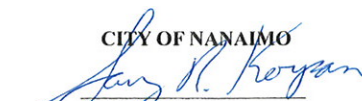
This Memorandum of Understanding represents a commitment by the City and Snuneymuxw to develop a strong, committed and fair working relationship between their respective governments, working together for the rights and benefit of all individuals in the Nanaimo region, in accordance with the following principles:

PRINCIPLES:

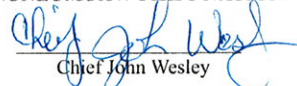
1. The City recognizes the value and importance of the Snuneymuxw history and culture, and Snuneymuxw's significant contribution to the establishment and ongoing development of Nanaimo.
2. Economic opportunities will be identified and fostered in the Nanaimo region to improve the quality of life for Snuneymuxw members and all residents of the community. The City and Snuneymuxw will collaborate on the development and implementation of projects of mutual interest and benefit, including economic development initiatives, and will work to develop agreements to achieve these goals.
3. The parties are committed to develop an agreement regarding the provision of efficient and affordable services to all residents and businesses in the region within the jurisdiction of both the City and Snuneymuxw. The sharing of information, technology and staff resources will encourage the most coordinated, efficient and effective approach to the provision of services to the community.
4. The City and Snuneymuxw will develop an agreement on working together on land use planning and development in the Nanaimo area in an integrated fashion to the benefit of all. Early, frequent and direct inter-government communication and consultation during a planning process is essential for all projects.
5. Snuneymuxw and the City will foster mutual respect and understanding among individuals and institutions. The parties will invite each other to participate in each other's events where appropriate, and provide opportunities for relationship building between both leaders and members of respective communities.
6. Representatives of the City and Snuneymuxw agree to meet regularly to review joint initiatives and projects as well as the implementation of principles.
7. Within 120 days of signing of this MOU, Snuneymuxw and the City will develop and finalize a Protocol Agreement, which will provide a detailed outline of the issues arising from items 2, 3, and 4. The Agreement will provide a framework and timelines for reaching agreement on the issues in a manner consistent with the intent of this MOU. Although the Protocol Agreement is intended to address all issues raised with this document, additional issues may also be included, subject to agreement on the part of both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have executed this Memorandum of Understanding this 20th day of April, 2005.

CITY OF NANAIMO


Mayor Gary Korpan

SNUNEYMUXW FIRST NATION


Chief John Wesley