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:

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

(“Snueymuxw”)

WHEREAS:

A. The City and Snueymuxw have mutual respect for each party’s mandates, policies and areas of jurisdiction;

B. The City and Snueymuxw face a number of common issues in planning for and providing services and economic development opportunities for their communities; and

C. The City and Snueymuxw 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 Snueymuxw 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 accord with the following principles:

PRINCIPLES:

1. The City recognizes the value and importance of the Snueymuxw history and culture, and Snueymuxw’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 Snueymuxw members and all residents of the community. The City and Snueymuxw will collaborate on the development and implementation of projects of mutual interest, 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 within the jurisdiction of both the City and Snueymuxw. 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 Snueymuxw 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. Snueymuxw and the City will foster mutual respect and understanding among individuals and institutions. The parties will invite 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 Snueymuxw 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, Snueymuxw 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 the 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

SNUEYXMUXW FIRST NATION

Chief John Wesley