

**WORKING TOGETHER:**  
FIRST NATION  
& MUNICIPAL  
RELATIONSHIPS  
IN ACTION



K'ómoks First Nation

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**INGREDIENTS FOR SUCCESS**



**CORAL MACKAY**

Elected Councillor  
**K'ómoks** First Nation

↑ Salmon River IR#1  
Sayward area, 130 km north

VANCOUVER ISLAND



IR#2

COMOX



IR#1

COURTENAY



IR#3

The Salish Sea

Comox Lake

K'ómoks  
Traditional  
Territory  
**10,751 km<sup>2</sup>**

DENMAN ISLAND

HORNBY ISLAND

K'ómoks is an urban Nation on Eastern Vancouver Island, whose members identify culturally as *Kwak'wala* speaking, *K'ómoks / ayajuthem* speaking, and *Pentlatch*.

Located between the Town of Comox and the City of Courtenay, we have two arterial roads bisecting our main reserve.

**378**

TOTAL MEMBERS

**145**

MEMBERS ON RESERVE

**56**

LIVING IN THE VALLEY

## 2012

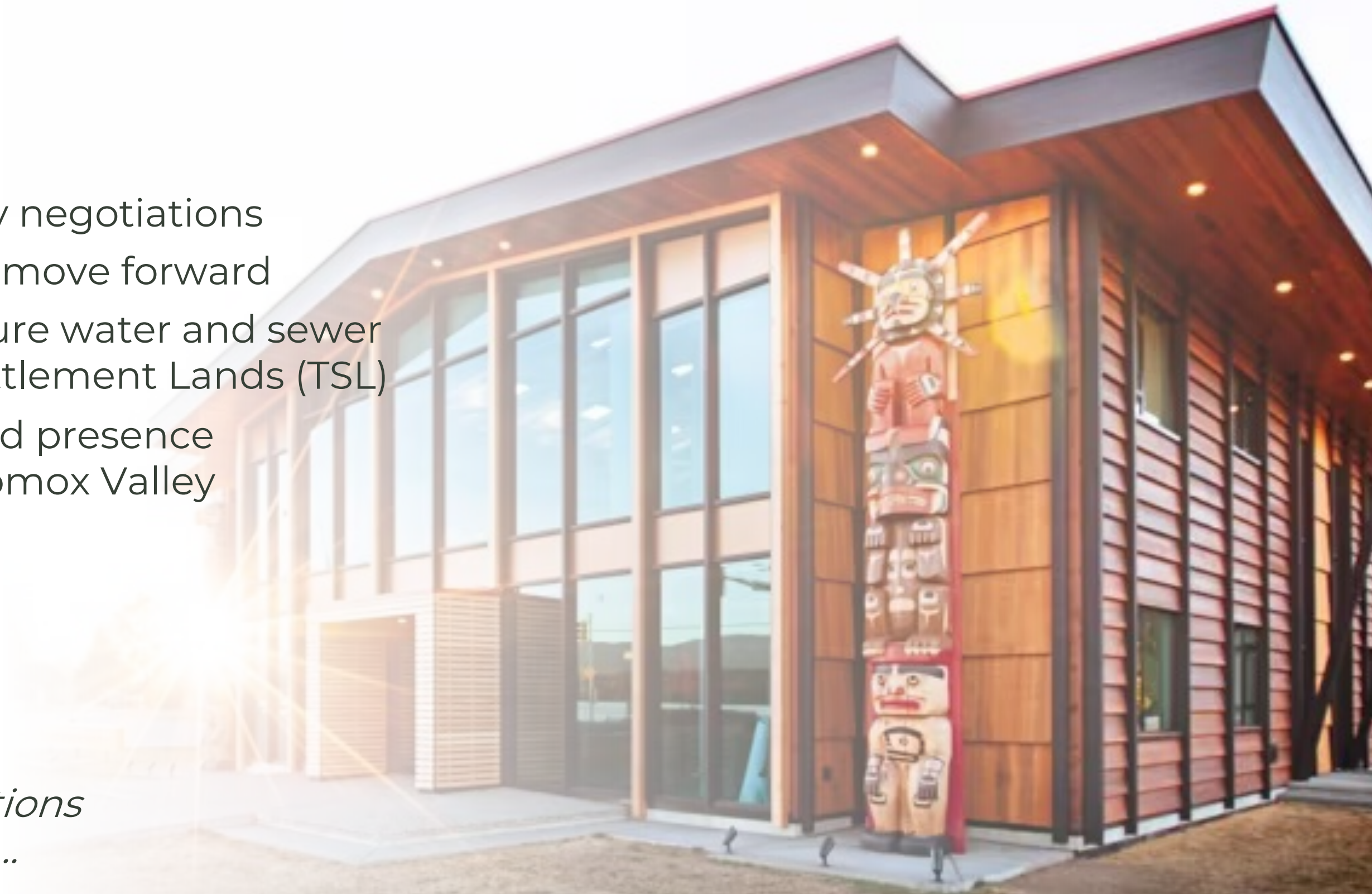
### AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE

- Years of dedicated Treaty negotiations
- Community mandate to move forward
- **Winning condition:** secure water and sewer services to our Treaty Settlement Lands (TSL)
- Emphasize the integrated presence of K'ómoks within the Comox Valley

## 2022

### LAND AND CASH OFFER

*Now continuing in negotiations  
to move toward ratification...*



Partnership snapshot with the **COMOX VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT (CVRD)**

**\$45M**

SOUTH SEWER PROJECT

**\$8M K'ÓMOKS CONTRIBUTION**

- Shared vision
- Active partnership
- Environmental stewardship

JOINT PARK CREATION WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

**KUS KUS SUM**

**NORTH EAST WOODS**

**TREATY LANDS AND TRIBAL PARKS**





Our local government relationships haven't always been positive. But, we've gone from being left out to being actively engaged.

### **What's changed?**

- UNDRIP
- Truth & Reconciliation Calls to Action
- Local Government Act

### **Individual build relationships**

- Outreach between CAOs
- Working on protocols
- UBCM funded Community-to-Community meetings



Collaboration is NECESSARY

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**CURIOSITY**

**SHARED VISION &  
COLLABORATION**

**ONGOING LEARNING  
AND ADVOCACY**

**ALLYSHIP**

**TRUST**



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THANK YOU

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