

NEWS RELEASE

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Raising a flag for reconciliation

Snuneymuxw First Nation flag returns to City Hall

Summary

At 9:30 am this morning, a Snuneymuxw First Nation flag placement ceremony occurred on the steps of City Hall. Returning the flag to its permanent position recognizes the important relationship between the City of Nanaimo and the Snuneymuxw First Nation.

Mayor Krog and Chief Wyse both delivered heartfelt speeches highlighting the efforts being made towards a more positive relationship and how they plan to continue moving forward with respect and open communication.

The Protocol Agreement renewal took place in May 2019, establishing a respectful government-to-government relationship.

Strategic Link: To be a community that is livable, environmentally sustainable and full of opportunity for all generations and walks of life.

Key Points

- Protocol Agreement Working Group (PAWG), elected officials and media attended this small, intimate ceremony at City Hall.
- Snuneymuxw flag returned to its permanent position at City Hall.

Quotes

"This is a historic day and we are honoured to have had an opportunity to partake in this special flag ceremony solidifying our commitment to re-establish a critical relationship with Snuneymuxw. Communication will continue with much consideration and thoughtfulness, working towards shared goals to ensure Nanaimo is a welcoming place for all people. Together, we will all prosper."

Leonard Krog
Mayor
City of Nanaimo

"Over the last two years Snuneymuxw Chief and Council and Nanaimo Mayor and Council paused to reflect and talk about the challenges and the future that is ahead of us and more importantly how can we change the way that we engage and work together for the betterment for everyone in this region. Raising the flag at City Hall today is a symbol of our relationship with Nanaimo and another step towards reconciliation and recognition of Snuneymuxw and our treaty in this area. We have much work ahead of us and there may come a time when we are challenged but with respect, recognition and communication we will work toward economic and social prosperity for all of our people."

Michael Wyse
Chief
Snuneymuxw First Nation

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