



Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw Treaty Association

INFORMATION SERIES PART 2

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HALQ'EMÉYLEM Language "Hal-kuh-may-lum"

Stó:lō (river)
"Stah-lo"

Xwexwilmexw
(First Nations people)
"Whe-wheel-mook"

Leq'á:mél
"Luck-ahh-mull"

Ts'elxwéyeqw
"Tsell-whay-yook"

Aitchelitz or Áthelets
"A-chuh-lits" or "Ath-uh-luts"

Skowkale or Sq'ewqéyl
"Sk-ow-kale" or "Scow-cull"

Yakweakwioose or Yeqwyeqwí:ws
"Yack-whe-kwee-use" or "Yook-yook-wee-us"

Tzeachten or Ch'iyáqtel
"Chee-ack-ten" or "Chee-yack-tull"

Tít
"Teet"

Skawahlook or Sq'ewá:lxw
"Skow-wah-luke" or "Scow-wal-th"

Who are the SXTA?

The Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw Treaty Association (SXTA) is comprised of the following 3 Stó:lō tribes made up of 6 Indian Act Bands:

1) Leq'á:mél Tribe
Leq'a:mel

2) Ts'elxwéyeqw Tribe
Aitchelitz, Skowkale, Yakweakwioose &
Tzeachten

3) Tít Tribe
Skawahlook

Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw Negotiation Structure

Negotiating Team



SXTA Treaty Negotiating Team (TNT)

SXTA Chair/Political Advisor
(as of April 2017)
Chief Terry Horne
Siyémches



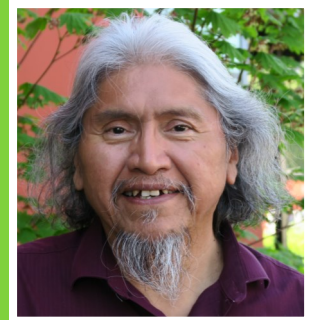
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Technical Advisor/GM
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Dr. Dave Schaepe
Tl'elqtelemexw



Cultural Advisor
Sonny McHalsie
Naxaxalhts'i



Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw Support Structure

Technical Support:

- Stó:lō Research and Resource Management Centre (SRRMC) provides treaty management services including:
- Administrative, research, and mapping support
- Lands Technical Working Group
- Lands Governance Working Group/Critical Path Working Group
- Treaty-Related Measures Projects (TRM)

Outreach Support:

- Treaty Community Outreach: Liaison staff providing communication between member communities and SXTA.
- Set up: workshops, meetings, gatherings, forums, one-on-one sessions, kitchen table gatherings, SXTA Place Names tours, etc.
- Produce: bi-monthly newsletters, treaty informational DVDs and brochures, educational materials, etc.
- Maintain: SXTA website





Principles of the Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw

“S’ólh témexw te íkw’elò.
Xólhmet te mekw’stám ít kwelát.”

“This is our land.

We have to take care of everything that belongs to us.”

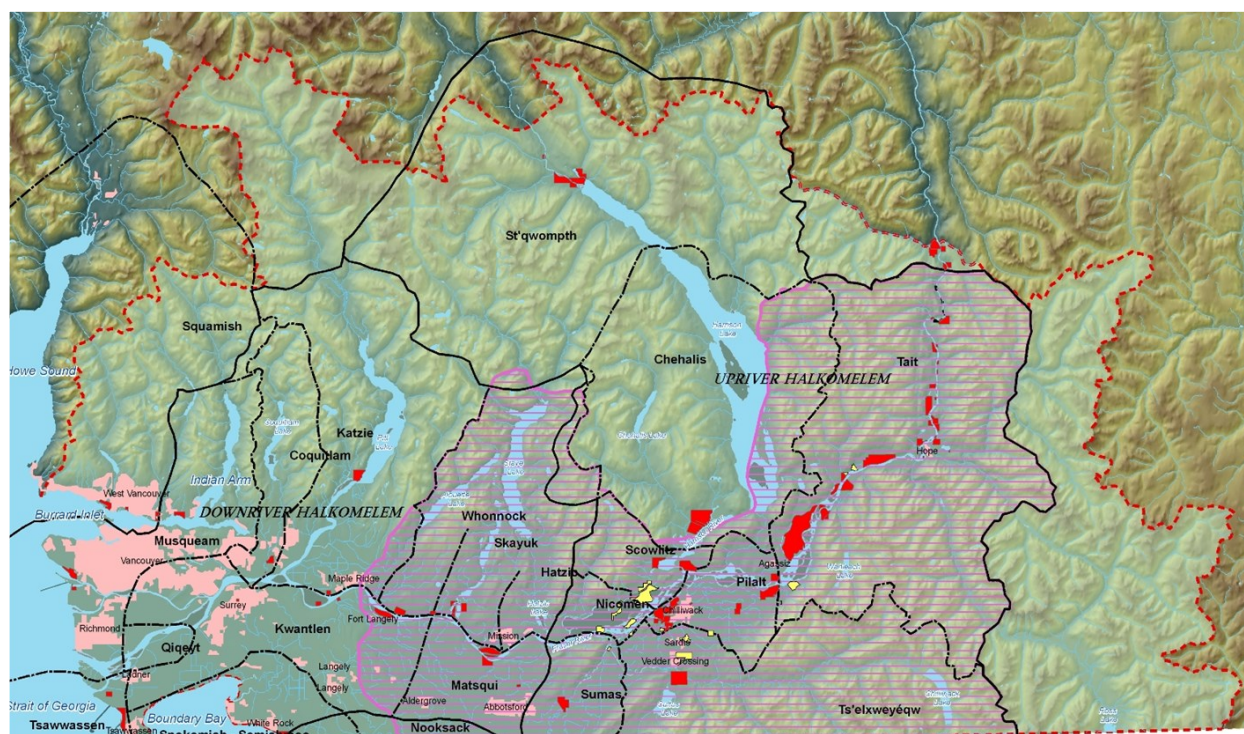
- Development of a new relationship with federal and provincial governments.
- Preservation of Sto:lo culture, heritage and rights and title.

“Haqls chexw xwelmi:ay staxwelh.”
“Remember our future generations.”

RECONCILING COLLECTIVE ABORIGINAL RIGHTS & TITLE

- Recognize Tribal areas within the Statement of Intent (SOI)
- Develop strategies for an inclusive treaty.
- Develop strategies for working out shared interests and issues within a cultural context, using traditional agreement-making and dispute resolution processes.

S’ólh Témexw “Our Land” - Stó:lō Territory



Stó:lō
Traditional
Territory



Core
Interest
Area



Progress to date

2016: Currently in stage 4 of the 6 stage BC Treaty Process.

Actively working towards final Agreement-in Principle and compiling essential feedback.

Took unique first step and made land/capital transfer offer to BC and Canada in November 2013.

The Six Stage BC Treaty Process

STAGE 1: Statement of Intent (SOI) to negotiate a treaty

The statement of intent (SOI) to negotiate a treaty with Canada and BC must identify the First Nation's governing body for treaty purposes and the people that body represents and show that it has a mandate from those people to enter the process. The SOI must describe the geographic area of the First Nation's distinct traditional territory and identify any overlaps with other First Nations.

STAGE 2: Readiness to Negotiate

The Treaty Commission must convene an initial meeting of the three parties within 45 days of accepting a SOI allowing the 3 parties to exchange information, determine the parties' readiness to negotiate and generally identify issues of concern. The 3 parties must also demonstrate they have a commitment to negotiate, a qualified negotiator, sufficient resources, a process to develop a mandate and ratification procedures. The First Nation must have begun addressing any overlaps and the governments must have a formal means of consulting with third parties. The table is then ready to begin negotiating a framework agreement.

STAGE 3: Negotiation of a "Framework Agreement"

The framework agreement is, in effect, the "table of contents" of a comprehensive treaty. The three parties agree on the subjects to be negotiated and an estimated time frame for stage four agreement-in-principle negotiations. Canada and BC engage in public consultation at the regional and local levels.

STAGE 4: Negotiation of an "Agreement in Principle" (AiP)

Substantive treaty negotiations begin. The three parties examine in detail the elements outlined in their framework agreement. The goal is to reach agreement on each of the topics that will form the basis of the treaty. These agreements will identify and define a range of rights and obligations, including: existing and future interests in land, sea and resources; structures and authorities of government; relationship of laws; regulatory processes; amending processes; dispute resolution; financial component; fiscal relations and so on. The AiP also lays the groundwork for implementation of the treaty.

STAGE 5: Negotiation to Finalize a Treaty

The treaty formalizes the new relationship among the parties and embodies the agreements reached in the AiP. Technical and legal issues are resolved at this stage. A treaty is a unique constitutional instrument to be signed and formally ratified at the conclusion of Stage 5.

STAGE 6: Implementation of the Treaty

Long-term implementation plans need to be tailored to specific agreements. The plans to implement the treaty are put into effect or phased in as agreed. With time, all aspects of the treaty will be realized and with continuing goodwill, commitment and effort by all parties, the new relationship will come to maturity.

Process completed

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