

Tseycum First Nation

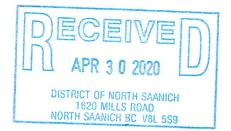
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District of North Saanich 1620 Mills Rd North Saanich BC V8L5S9

Attention: Mayor Orr & Council



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On behalf of Tseycum First Nation, and in the Spirit of Reconciliation I serve notice of our interest in what is known as the Sandown Lands in North Saanich. You are aware the lands are adjacent to the Tseycum Indian Reserve (also known as the Union Bay Indian Reserve) and Tseycum's interest in the land dates back several years. Our traditional territory encompasses the lands, waters and Salish Sea. We have survived on these lands and waters since time immemorial and rely on our traditional ways of life in the Salish Sea and in our Traditional territory. In 1852 Tseycum entered into a Douglas treaty with the Crown acknowledging and protecting our continued legal rights to these lands and waters, additionally an agreement in 2012 with the Province of BC to pursue; additions to reserve and business opportunities. The Province made a commitment with Tseycum to seek opportunities to increase the land base. The 2012 agreement stemmed from the disruption of historical burial sites to accommodate West Saanich Rd. an effort to correct the historical wrongs.

Tseycum is determined to work with all levels of government to:

take advantage of Economic opportunities, build sound business relationships participate in the economic growth that surrounds us

We would like to meet as soon as possible to discuss the Sandown Lands along with Tim Taylor who is assisting with the long term Tseycum Economic Opportunities plan. Please contact me at your earliest convenience to begin the dialogue. Email me at chief@tseycum.ca to set up a meeting.

Respectfully,

Chief Tanya Jimmy

Tseycum First Nation

CC Premier John Horgan

Minister of Indigenous Relations & Reconciliation, Honorable Scott Fraser