

*The Metro Vancouver region is situated on the territories of 10 local First Nations: Katzie, Kwikwetlem, Kwantlen, Matsqui, Musqueam, Qayqayt, Semiahmoo, Squamish, Tsawwassen, and Tseil-Waututh. Improving relationships with Indigenous peoples and First Nation communities is a priority for Metro Vancouver, as we work to identify common interests, honour reconciliation, and ensure that our efforts to protect and enhance the region benefit all residents.*

*Metro Vancouver recognizes First Nations' and Indigenous peoples' distinct cultures and practices, their ties to the land, water and environment, as well as their histories of adversity, economic aspirations, and modern institutions.*

*We are strengthening our relationships with First Nations in the region by exploring new pathways to reconciliation, including increased engagement, dialogue, and collaboration.*



# OVERVIEW OF FIRST NATIONS

in the Metro Vancouver Region 2023



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## INTRODUCTION

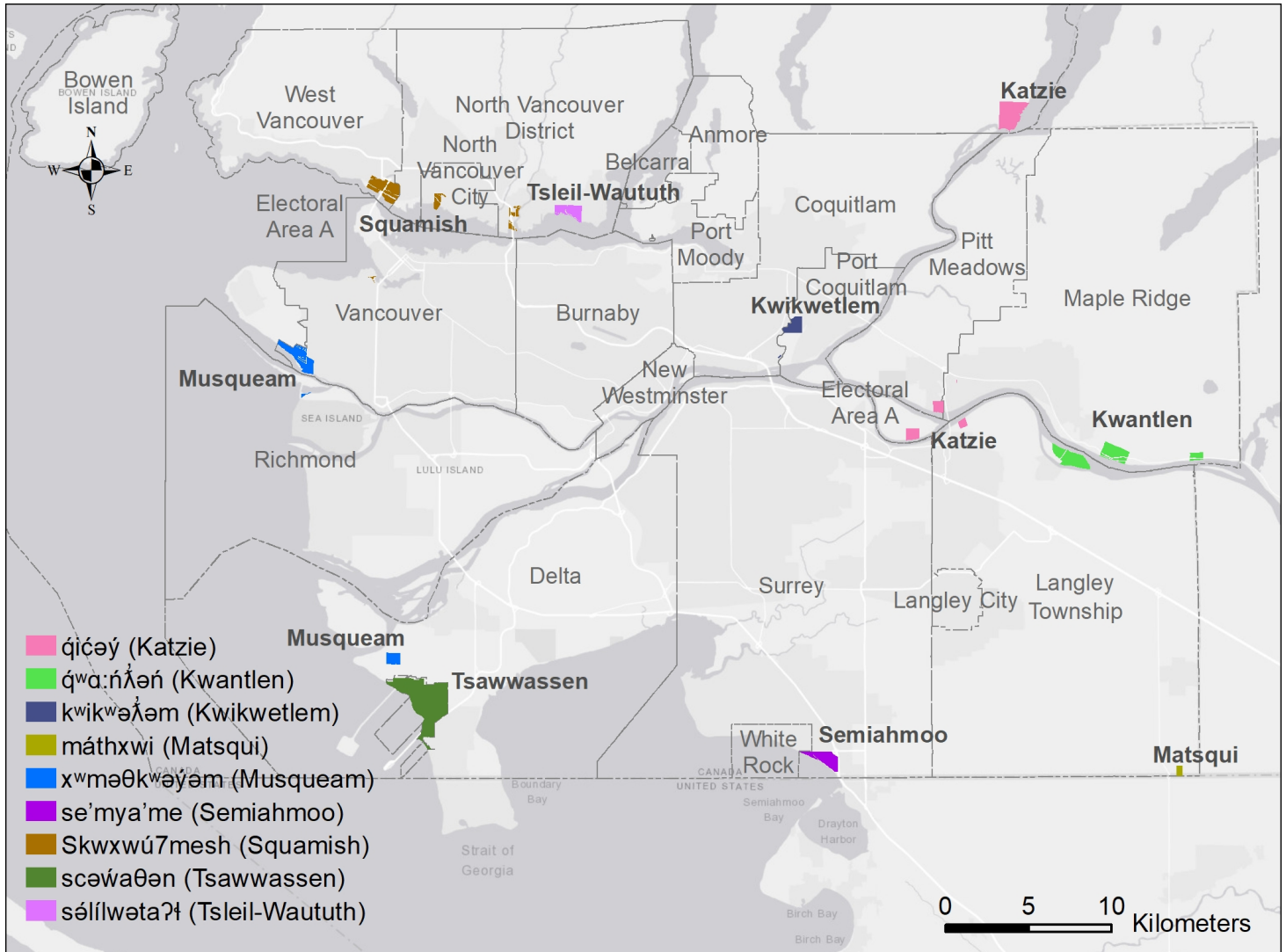
One of the objectives in Metro Vancouver Board's Strategic Plan (2019-2022) is to "strengthen relationships with First Nations." This document is a resource guide for building and fostering better local government - First Nations relations. The *Overview of First Nations in the Metro Vancouver Region* provides Metro Vancouver, its Board, committees, and the public with information on neighbouring Indigenous communities and First Nations outside Metro Vancouver that have interests within the region.

### METRO VANCOUVER'S INDIGENOUS RELATIONS TEAM:

- Provides advice, information and support to regional district staff on First Nations' interests that may affect corporate programs, initiatives and projects
- Responds to pan-municipal First Nations issues
- Represents and supports Metro Vancouver local government interests at treaty negotiation tables and related activities, and
- Provides staff support to the Metro Vancouver Board's Indigenous Relations Committee and the Municipal Technical Advisory Committee on Indigenous Relations (MTAC).

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604-436-6745; [IndigenousRelationsRequests@metrovancover.org](mailto:IndigenousRelationsRequests@metrovancover.org)

# FIRST NATION RESERVES AND TREATY LANDS LOCATED IN METRO VANCOUVER



The Territory maps following are for information purposes only, prepared from publicly available sources. They are not intended to create, recognize, limit or deny any Aboriginal rights, nor imply endorsement of such by Metro Vancouver. To learn about territorial boundaries, contact the First Nation in question.

## ᑕᑎᑎᑎ (Katzie First Nation)

("Kayt-See")

ᑕᑎᑎᑎ (Katzie First Nation's) five reserves are located proximate to four different Metro Vancouver jurisdictions: Pitt Meadows, Maple Ridge, Township of Langley, and two reserves within Metro Vancouver's Electoral Area 'A'.

ᑕᑎᑎᑎ (Katzie's) main reserve (Katzie I.R. No. 1) is located adjacent to Pitt Meadows. ᑕᑎᑎᑎ (Katzie) has the largest reserve in the region (Pitt Lake I.R. No. 4, 2.14 sq.km.) as well as some of the smallest reserves (Katzie I.R. No. 2, Barnston Island I.R. No. 3, and Graveyard I.R. No. 5, a cemetery).

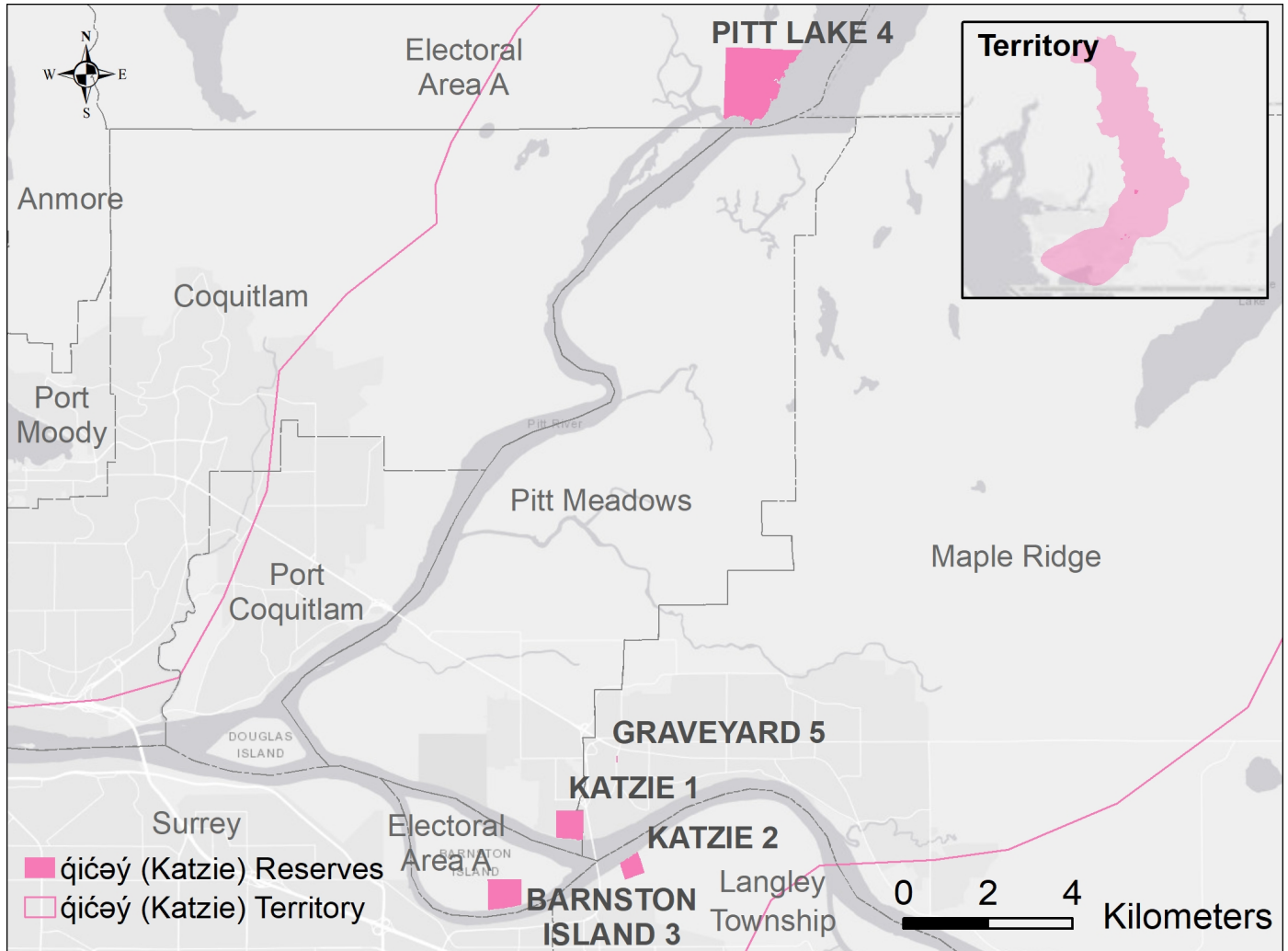
The name ᑕᑎᑎᑎ (Katzie) describes the action of a person's foot pressing down on moss.

CONTACT	10946 Katzie Road Pitt Meadows, BC V3Y 2G6 Tel: 604.465.8961 Fax: 604.465.5949 Email: <a href="mailto:reception@katzie.ca">reception@katzie.ca</a> Web: <a href="https://www.katzie.ca">https://www.katzie.ca</a>
STATUS OF TREATY NEGOTIATIONS	Stage 4: Agreement-in-Principle (AIP) - Active Negotiations
FIRST NATION OFFICIALS (as of November 2022)	Chief Grace George Councillor Rick Bailey Councillor Lisa Adams Councillor David Kenworthy
REGISTERED POPULATION AS OF DECEMBER 2022*	Total Registered Population 644 Living on own reserves 311 Living on other reserves 12 Living off reserve 321
RESERVES IN MV (HECTARES)*	Total: 335.2 Hectares Katzie I.R. No. 1 (43.1) Katzie I.R. No. 2 (23.1) Barnston Island I.R. No. 3 (54.6) Pitt Lake I.R. No. 4 (214) Graveyard I.R. No. 5 (0.4)
REGISTERED POPULATION ON RESERVES**	Katzie I.R. No. 1 – 244 Katzie I.R. No. 2 – 26 Barnston Island I.R. No. 3 – 49

\* Sources: [Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada](#), [BC Treaty Commission](#), [BC Assembly of First Nations](#), [Government of BC First Nation A-Z Listing](#)

\*\* Source: 2021 Census, Statistics Canada

# ᑕᑭᑕᑦᑭᑦ (Katzie First Nation)



Source of Territory Map

Katzie: [www.katzie.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Katzie\\_SOI\\_Map.pdf](http://www.katzie.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Katzie_SOI_Map.pdf)

BC Treaty Commission: [www.bctreaty.ca/sites/default/files/Katzie\\_SOI\\_Map.pdf](http://www.bctreaty.ca/sites/default/files/Katzie_SOI_Map.pdf)

## ᑕᓄᓐᓄᓐ (Kwantlen First Nation)

("KWONT-Luhn")

Three of ᑕᓄᓐᓄᓐ (Kwantlen First Nation's) six reserves are located within the Metro Vancouver region. The other reserves are located within the Fraser Valley Regional District.

The name ᑕᓄᓐᓄᓐ (Kwantlen) translates into "tireless runners."

CONTACT	23690 Gabriel Lane, PO Box 108 Fort Langley, BC V1M 2R4 Tel: 604.888.2488 Fax: 604.888.2422 Web: <a href="http://www.kwantlenfn.ca">www.kwantlenfn.ca</a>
STATUS OF TREATY NEGOTIATIONS	Not in the BC Treaty Process
FIRST NATION OFFICIALS (as of November 2022)	Chief Marilyn Gabriel Councillor Tumia Knott Councillor Leslie Antone
REGISTERED POPULATION AS OF DECEMBER 2022*	Total Registered Population 375 Living on own reserves 69 Living on other reserves 37 Living off reserve 269
RESERVES IN MV (HECTARES)* RESERVES OUTSIDE OF METRO VANCOUVER NOT SHOWN	Total: 366 Hectares McMillan Island I.R. No. 6 (191) Langley I.R. No. 5 (140.6) Whonnock I.R. No. 1 (34.4)
REGISTERED POPULATION ON RESERVES**	McMillan Island I.R. No. 6 – 96 Langley I.R. No. 5 – 0 Whonnock I.R. No. 1 – 05

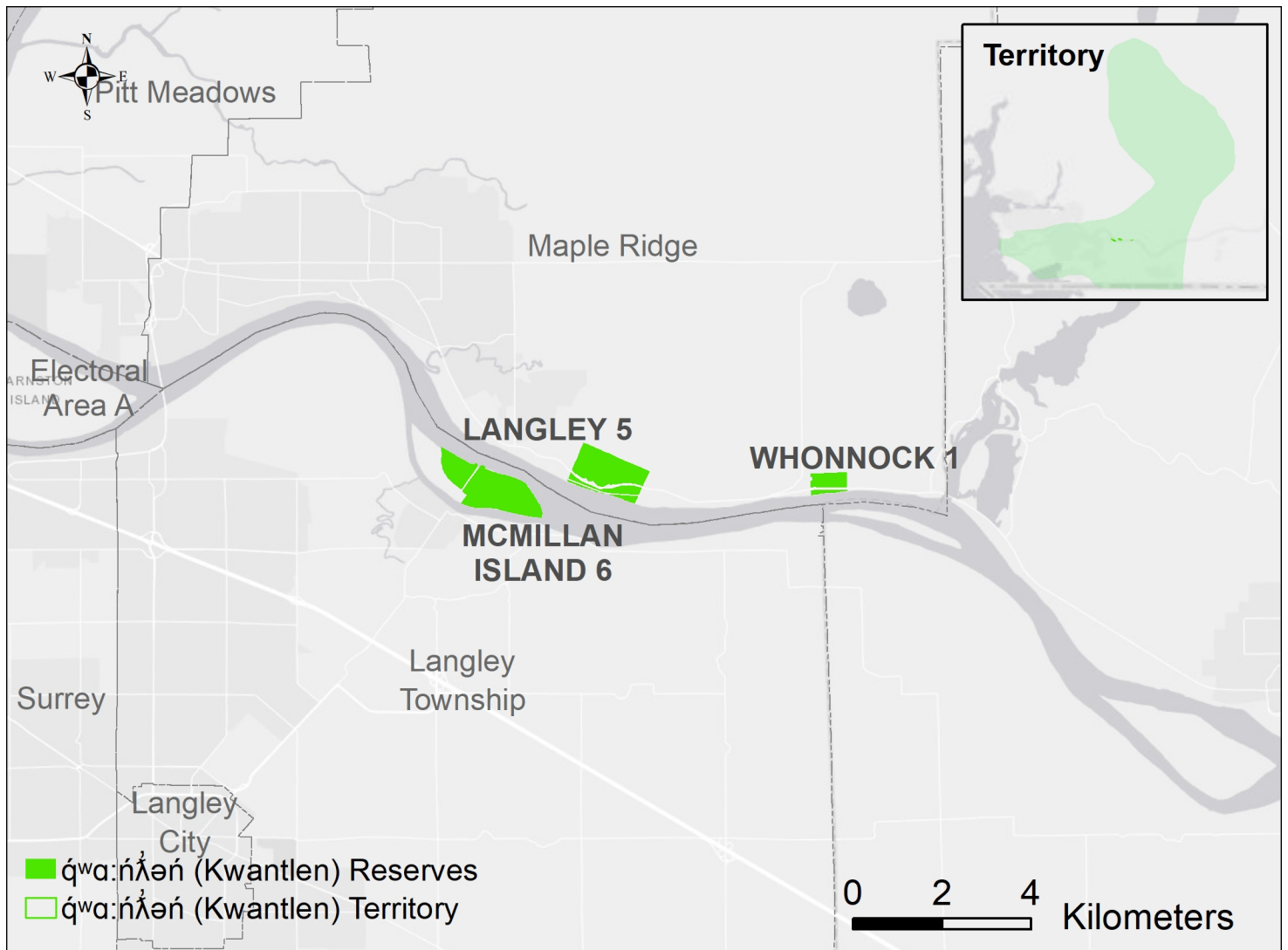
\* Sources: Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada; BC Treaty Commission, Kwantlen First Nation, BC Assembly of First Nations,

[Government of BC First Nation A-Z Listing](#) \*\*

Source: 2021 Census, Statistics Canada



## q̓w̓a:ńłəń (Kwantlen First Nation)



Source of Territory Map

Kwantlen: Kwantlen First Nation Traditional Territory (2019 FCRSA) ([www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/natural-resource-stewardship/consulting-with-first-nations/agreements/kwantlen\\_fcrsa\\_executed\\_june\\_20\\_2019.pdf](http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/natural-resource-stewardship/consulting-with-first-nations/agreements/kwantlen_fcrsa_executed_june_20_2019.pdf))

## kʷikʷəłəm (Kwkwetlem First Nation)

("Kwee-KWET-lum")

kʷikʷəłəm (Kwkwetlem First Nation) has two reserves: Coquitlam I.R. No. 1 is located adjacent to Coquitlam, at the mouth of Coquitlam River, where it drains into the Fraser River; and Coquitlam I.R. No. 2 is located further up the Coquitlam River adjacent to Port Coquitlam.

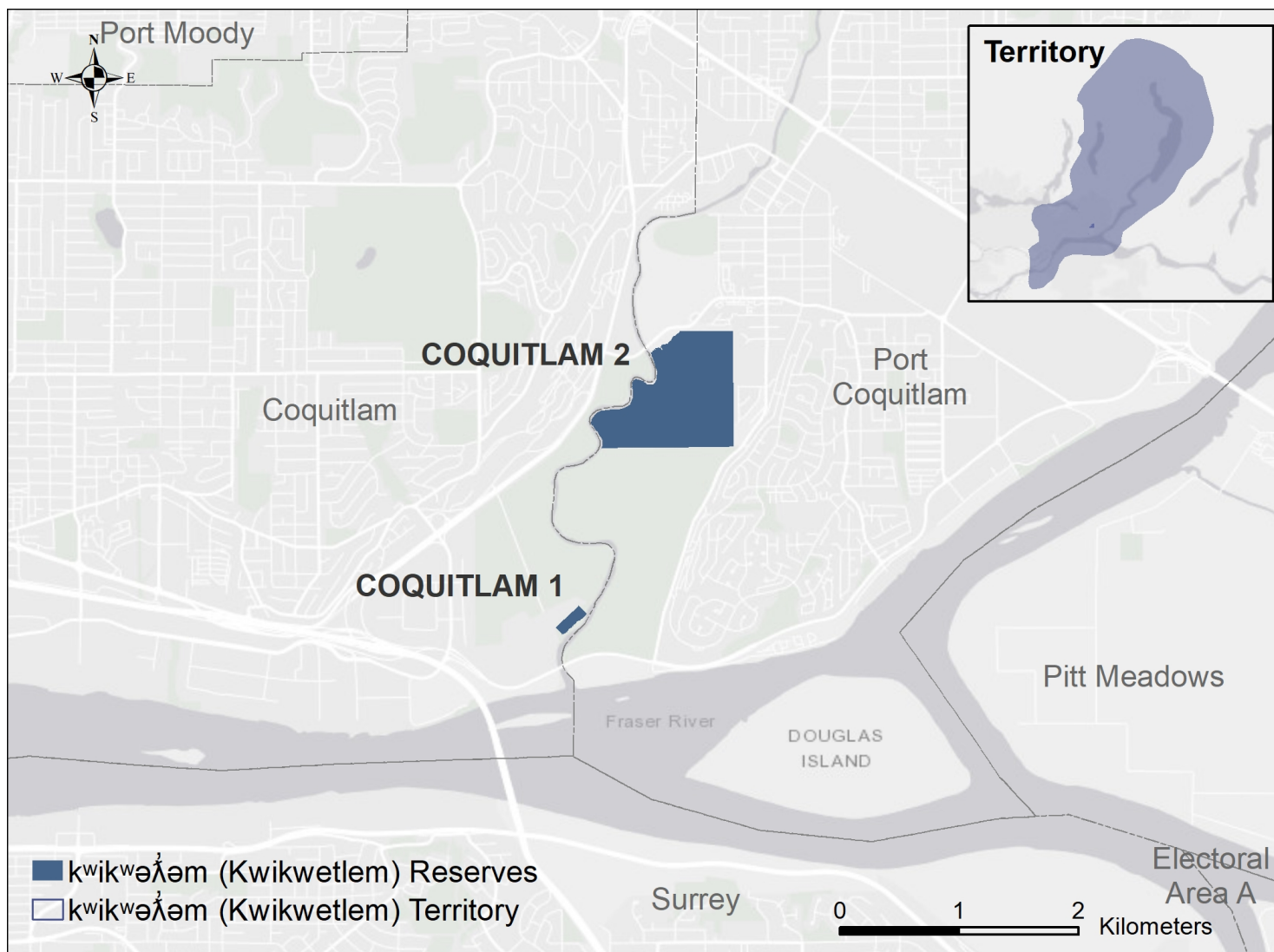
The name kʷikʷəłəm (Kwkwetlem) means "red fish up the river."

CONTACT	2-65 Colony Farm Road Coquitlam, BC V3C 5X9 Tel: 604.540.0680 Fax: 604.525.0772 Email: <a href="mailto:reception@kwkwetlem.com">reception@kwkwetlem.com</a> Web: <a href="http://www.kwkwetlem.com">www.kwkwetlem.com</a>
STATUS OF TREATY NEGOTIATIONS	Not in the BC Treaty Process
FIRST NATION OFFICIALS (as of November 2022)	Chief Ed Hall Councillor John Peters Councillor George Chaffee
REGISTERED POPULATION AS OF DECEMBER 2022*	Total Registered Population 133 Living on own reserves 44 Living on other reserves 5 Living off reserve 84
RESERVES IN MV (HECTARES)*	Total: 84.5 Hectares Coquitlam I.R. No. 1 (2.6) Coquitlam I.R. No. 2 (81.9)
REGISTERED POPULATION ON RESERVES**	Coquitlam I.R. No. 1 – 55 Coquitlam I.R. No. 2 – 0

\* Sources: Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada; Kwkwetlem First Nation; BC Treaty Commission, BC Assembly of First Nations, Government of BC First Nation A-Z Listing

\*\* Source: 2021 Census, Statistics Canada

## kʷikʷəłəm (Kwkwetlem First Nation)



Source of Territory Map

Kwkwetlem: kʷikʷəłəm Traditional Territory (<https://www.kwkwetlem.com/our-territory.htm>)

## máthxwi (Matsqui First Nation)

("MAT-skwee")

máthxwi (Matsqui First Nation) has four reserves but only one is located within Metro Vancouver. Matsqui I.R. No. 4 is adaject to the Township of Langley, where a majority of the First Nation members live.

The name máthxwi (Matsqui) translates into "easy portage" or "easy travelling."

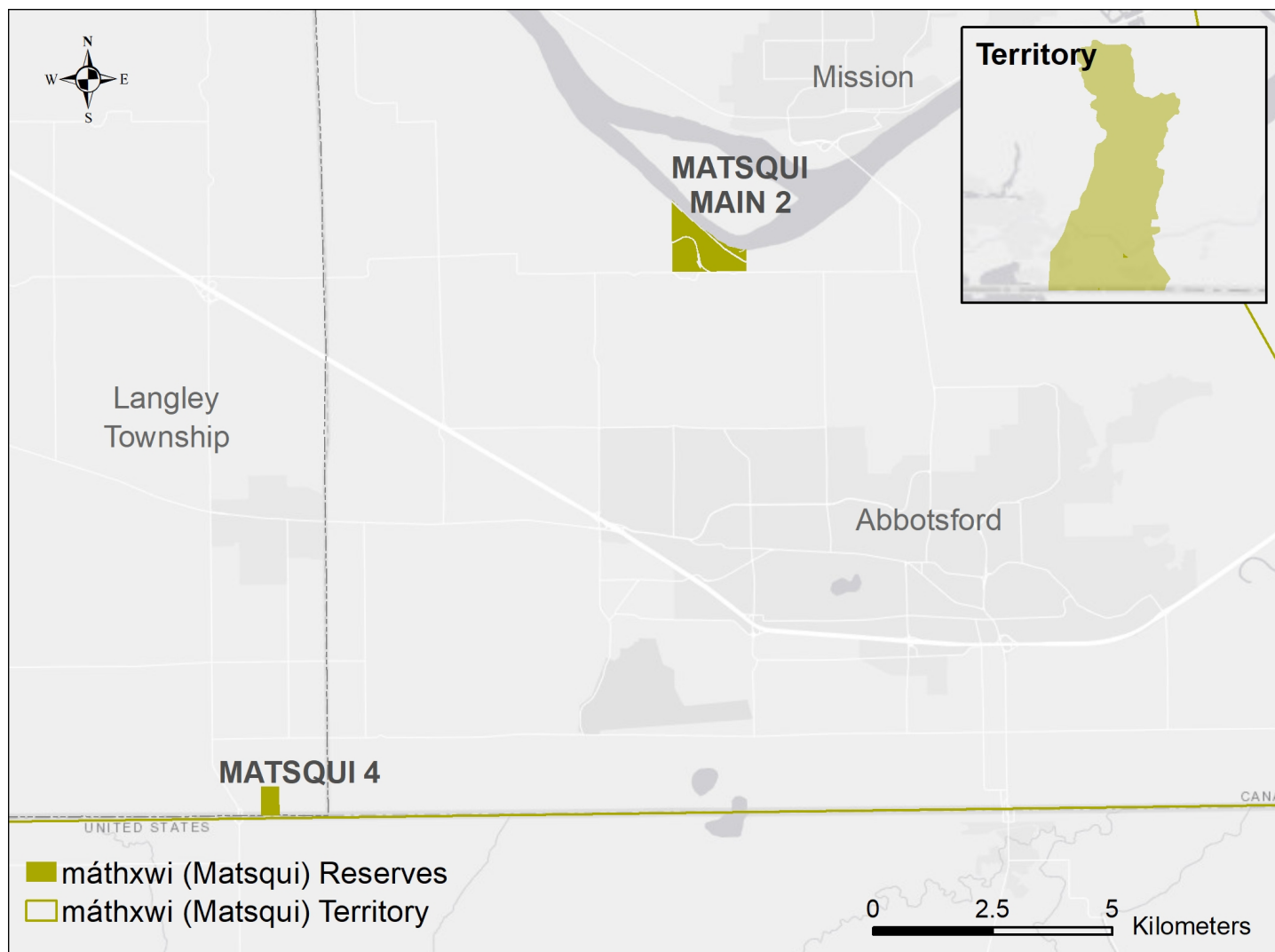
máthxwi (Matsqui First Nation) is affiliated with the Stó:lō Nation, an alliance of 11 First Nation communities in the Fraser Valley.

CONTACT	31989 Harris Road, PO Box 10 Matsqui, BC V4X 3R2 Tel: 604.826.6145 Fax: 604.826.7009 Email: <a href="mailto:matsquiband@shaw.ca">matsquiband@shaw.ca</a> <a href="https://www.bcafn.ca/first-nations-bc/lower-mainland-southwest/matsqui">https://www.bcafn.ca/first-nations-bc/lower-mainland-southwest/matsqui</a>
STATUS OF TREATY NEGOTIATIONS	Currently not in treaty negotiations
AFFILIATION	Stó:lō Nation
FIRST NATION OFFICIALS (as of November 2022)	Chief Alice McKay Councillor Ryan Duncan Bird Councillor Brenda Lynn Morgan
REGISTERED POPULATION AS OF DECEMBER 2022*	Total Registered Population 289 Living on own reserves 97 Living on other reserves 16 Living off reserve 176
RESERVES IN MV (HECTARES)* RESERVES OUTSIDE OF MV NOT SHOWN	Total: 24.3 Hectares Matsqui I.R. No. 4 (24.3)
REGISTERED POPULATION ON RESERVES**	Matsqui I.R. No. 4 – 456

\* Sources: Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada; BC Treaty Commission, BC Assembly of First Nations Government of BC First Nation A-Z Listing

\*\* Source: 2021 Census, Statistics Canada

## máthxwi (Matsqui First Nation)



Source of Territory Map

Matsqui: Matsqui Traditional Territory (2021 FCRSA) [www.gov.bc.ca](http://www.gov.bc.ca) ([www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/natural-resource-stewardship/consulting-with-first-nations/agreements/Matsqui\\_first\\_nation\\_fcrsa\\_executed\\_july\\_13-2021.pdf](http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/natural-resource-stewardship/consulting-with-first-nations/agreements/Matsqui_first_nation_fcrsa_executed_july_13-2021.pdf))

## ᑭᓄᓐᓂᓐᓂᓐᓂᓐ (Musqueam Indian Band)

("MUSS-kwee-um")

ᑭᓄᓐᓂᓐᓂᓐᓂᓐ (Musqueam Indian Band's) three reserves are located adjacent to Vancouver, Richmond and Delta.

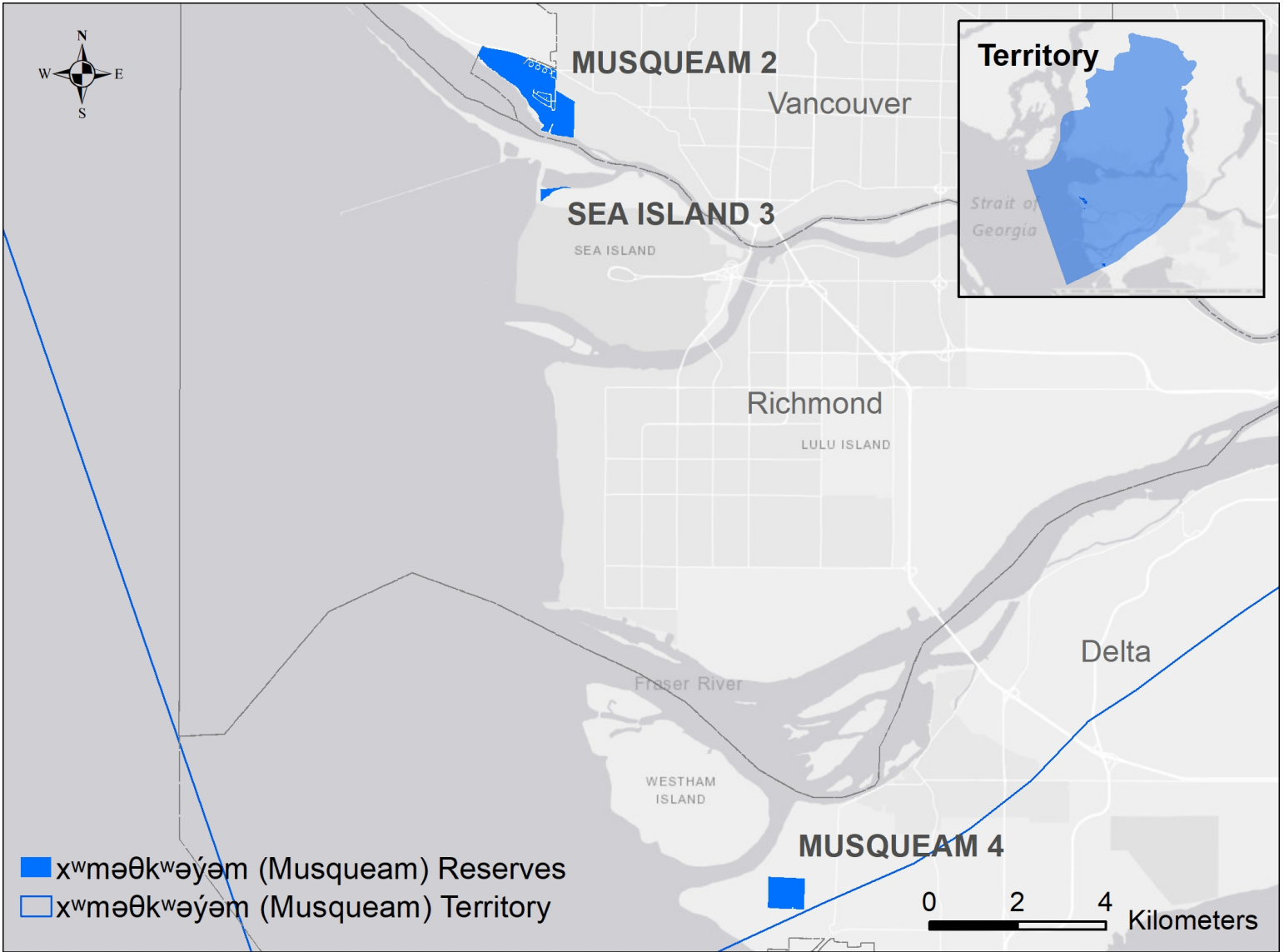
ᑭᓄᓐᓂᓐᓂᓐᓂᓐ (Musqueam Indian Band's) main community is located in the marshy lowlands overlooking the north arm of the Fraser River (in the south-west corner of Vancouver).

CONTACT	6735 Salish Drive Vancouver, BC V6N 4C4 Tel: 604.263.3261 Fax: 604.263.4212 Web: <a href="http://www.musqueam.bc.ca">www.musqueam.bc.ca</a>
STATUS OF TREATY NEGOTIATIONS	Stage 4: Agreement-in-Principle stage - not negotiating
FIRST NATION OFFICIALS (as of November 2022)	Chief Wayne Sparrow Councillor Rosalind Campbell Councillor Nolan Charles Councillor Allyson Fraser Councillor Gordon Grant Councilor Howard Grant Councillor Jordan Point Councillor Brett Sparrow Councillor Tammy Harkey Councillor Michele Point Councillor Richard Sparrow
REGISTERED POPULATION AS OF DECEMBER 2022*	Total Registered Population 1,488 Living on own reserves 687 Living on other reserves 131 Living off reserve 678
RESERVES IN MV (HECTARES)*	Total: 273.0 Hectares Musqueam I.R. No. 2 (209.2) Musqueam I.R. No. 4 (57.3) Sea Island I.R. No. 3 (6.5)
REGISTERED POPULATION ON RESERVES**	Musqueam I.R. No. 2 – 1,646 Musqueam I.R. No. 4 – 10

\* Sources: Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada; Musqueam Indian Band; BC Treaty Commission, BC Assembly of First Nations, Government of BC First Nation A-Z Listing

\*\* Source: 2021 Census, Statistics Canada

# ᑭᗐᓄᓄᑦᑭᗐᓄᑦᑭᗐᓄᑦ (Musqueam Indian Band)



Source of Territory Map

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Declaration: [https://www.musqueam.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/musqueam\\_declaration.pdf](https://www.musqueam.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/musqueam_declaration.pdf)

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## se'mya'me (Semiahmoo First Nation)

("Seh-mee-AH-moo")

se'mya'me (Semiahmoo First Nation) has one reserve located adjacent to South Surrey.

The name se'mya'me (Semiahmoo First Nation) means 'a lowering of the feed' as in the traditional Coast salish saying that "when the tide goes out, the table is set."

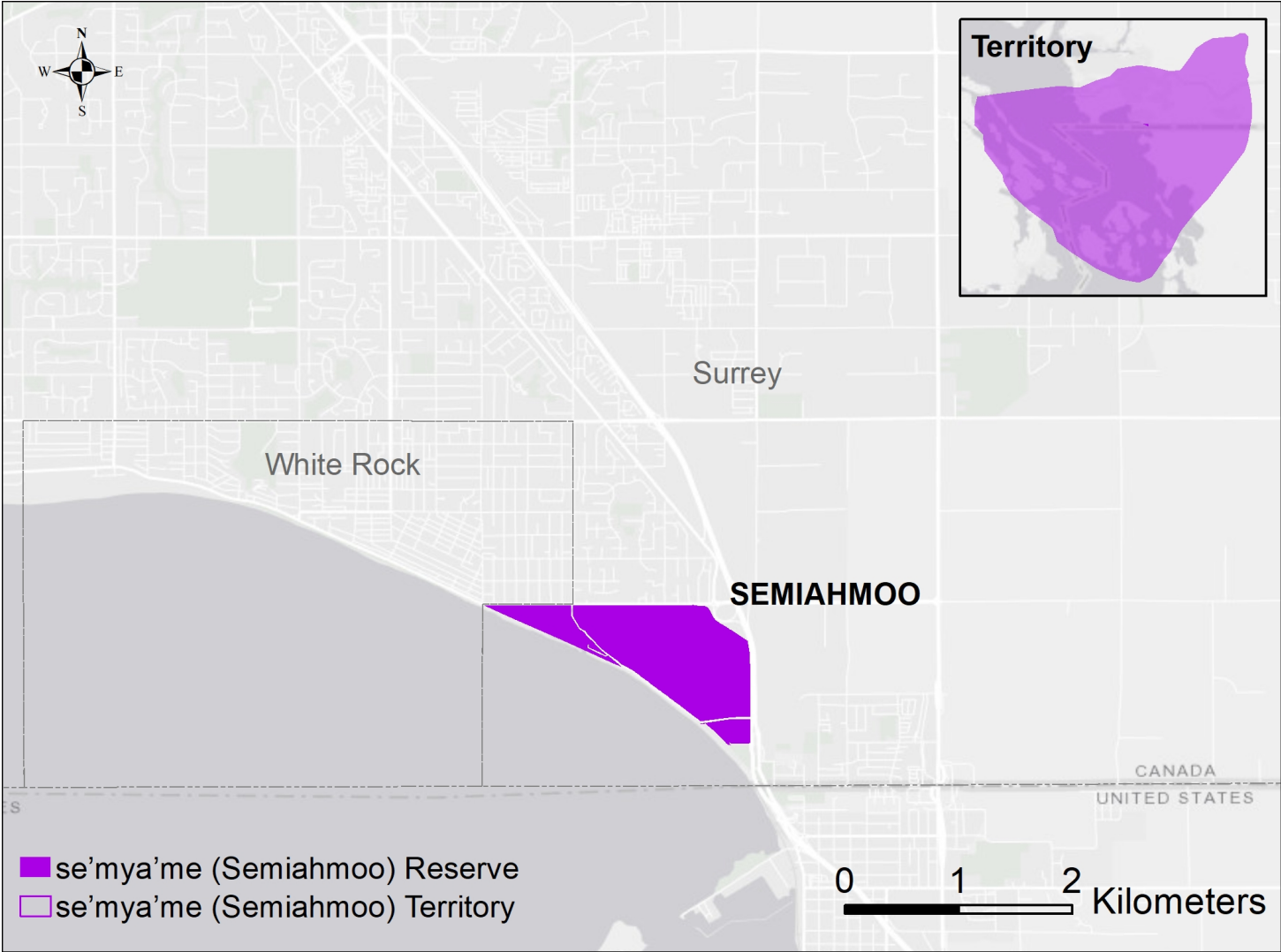
CONTACT	16049 Beach Road Surrey, BC V3S 9R6 Tel: 604.536.3101 Fax: 604.536.6116 Web: <a href="http://www.semiahmoofirstnation.ca">www.semiahmoofirstnation.ca</a>
STATUS OF TREATY NEGOTIATIONS	Not in the BC Treaty Process
FIRST NATION OFFICIALS (as of November 2022)	Chief Harley Chappell Councillor Joanne Charles Councillor Jennine Cook
REGISTERED POPULATION AS OF DECEMBER 2022*	Total Registered Population 107 Living on own reserves 48 Living on other reserves 9 Living off reserve 50
RESERVES IN MV (HECTARES)*	Total: 129.1 Hectares Semiahmoo I.R. (129.1)
REGISTERED POPULATION ON RESERVES**	Semiahmoo I.R. – 71

\* Source: Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada; Semiahmoo First Nation, BC Treaty Commission, BC Assembly of First Nations, Government of BC First Nation A-Z Listing

\*\* Source: 2021 Census, Statistics Canada



# se'mya'me (Semiahmoo First Nation)



Source of Territory Map

Semiahmoo: Semiahmoo First Nation [www.semiahmoofirstnation.ca](http://www.semiahmoofirstnation.ca) ([https:// www.semiahmoofirstnation.ca/land-research-resource-mgmt](https://www.semiahmoofirstnation.ca/land-research-resource-mgmt))

## Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation)

("SKWAH-mish")

On July 23, 1923, 16 Squamish-speaking tribes amalgamated to form the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) "to guarantee equality to all Squamish and to ensure good government."

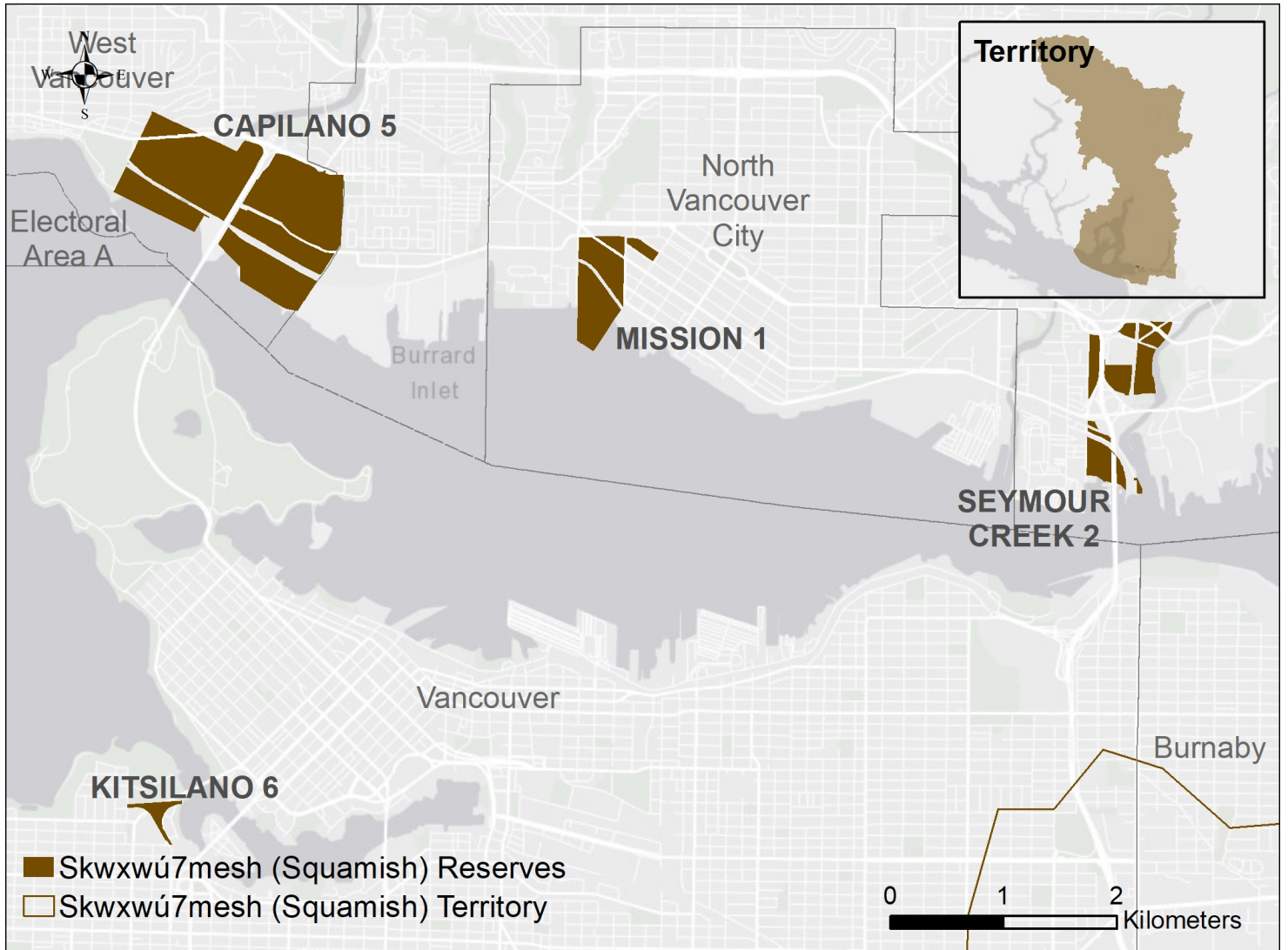
Today, Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) is the largest Nation in the region in terms of the number of reserves, combined area of reserves, registered population, and total member population on its reserves. Members of the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) continue to live primarily at the North Vancouver reserves – Mission, Capilano and Seymour – and at four of nine reserves in the Squamish Valley to the north.

CONTACT	PO Box 86131, North Vancouver, BC V7L 4J5 Tel: 604.980.4553 Fax: 604.980.4523 Web: <a href="http://www.squamish.net">www.squamish.net</a> Email: <a href="mailto:communications@squamish.net">communications@squamish.net</a>
STATUS OF TREATY NEGOTIATIONS	Stage 3: Framework Agreement stage - not negotiating
FIRST NATION OFFICIALS (as of November 2022)	Councillor Dustin Rivers - Khelsilem (Council Chairperson) Councillor Ann Whonnock Councillor Wilson Williams Councillor Stewart Gonzales Councillor Shayla Jacobs Councillor Kristen Rivers Councillor Joyce Williams Councillor/Chief Richard Williams
REGISTERED POPULATION AS OF DECEMBER 2022*	Total Registered Population 4,485 Living on own reserves 2,203 Living on other reserves 188 Living on no band Crown land 1 Living off reserve 2,093
RESERVES IN MV (HECTARES)* RESERVES OUTSIDE OF MV NOT SHOWN	Total: 265.1 Hectares Capilano I.R. No. 5 (155.6) Kitsilano I.R. No. 6 (4.4) Mission I.R. No. 1 (59.6) Seymour Creek I.R. No. 2 (45.5)
REGISTERED POPULATION ON RESERVES**	Capilano I.R. No. 5 – 2,899 Mission I.R. No. 1 – 570 Seymour Creek I.R. No. 2 – 105

\* Sources: Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada; Squamish Nation, BC Treaty Commission, BC Assembly of First Nations, Government of BC First Nation A-Z Listing

\*\* Source: 2021 Census, Statistics Canada

# Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation)



Source of Territory Map

Squamish: Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw 2026 Strategic Plan Territorial Map – [www.squamish.net](http://www.squamish.net) ([www.squamish.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Strategic-Plan-2022-2026\\_web.pdf](http://www.squamish.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Strategic-Plan-2022-2026_web.pdf))

BC Treaty Commission: [http://www.bctreaty.ca/sites/default/files/Squamish\\_01\\_SOI\\_Map.pdf](http://www.bctreaty.ca/sites/default/files/Squamish_01_SOI_Map.pdf)

## scáwáθan másteyáxʷ (Tsawwassen First Nation)

("TsuH-WAH-sun")

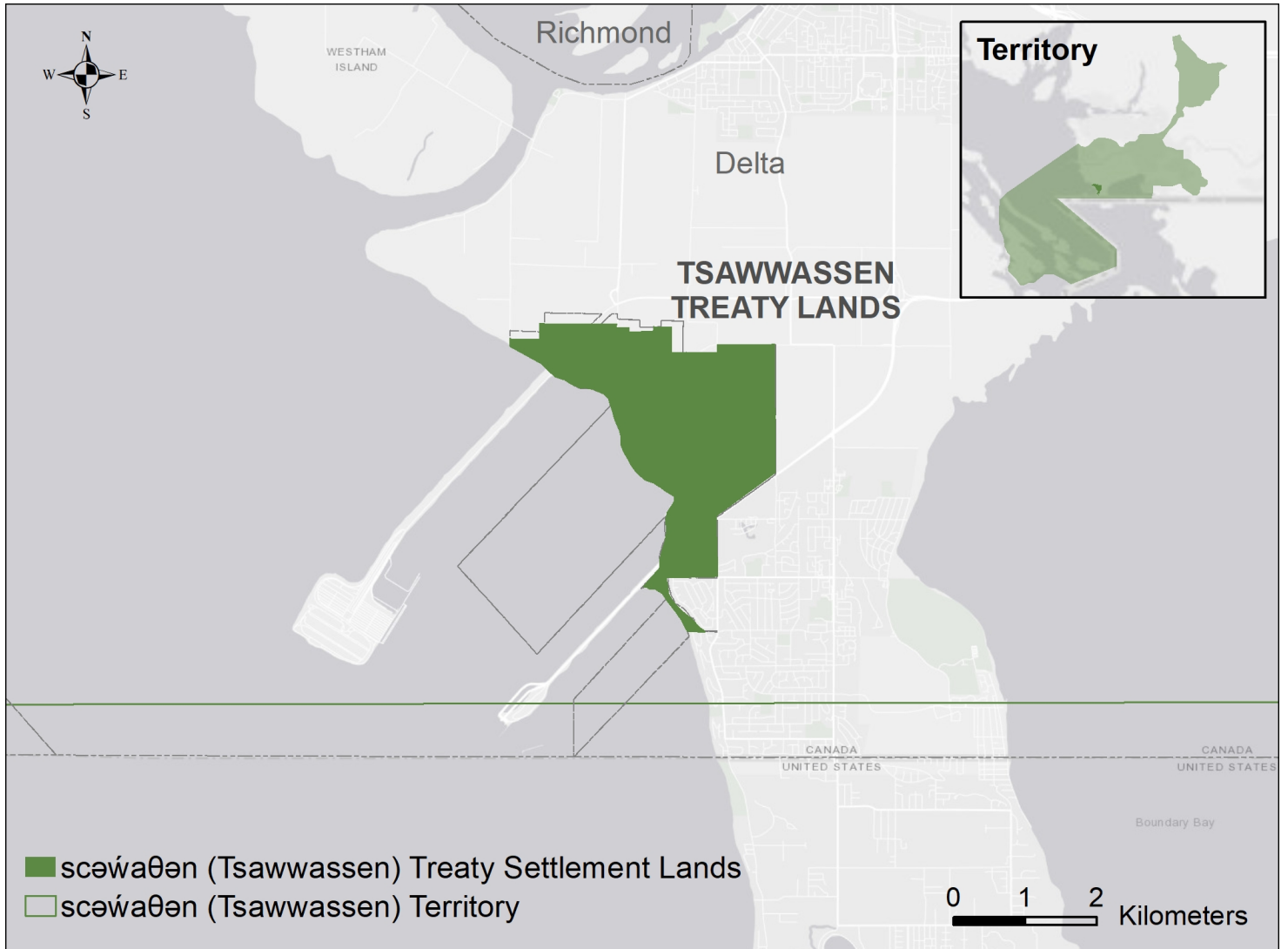
On April 3, 2009, scáwáθan másteyáxʷ (Tsawwassen First Nation) ratified the first urban treaty in British Columbia, thereby reconciling Aboriginal rights and title and fulfilling its right to self-government. The treaty provides scáwáθan másteyáxʷ (Tsawwassen) with jurisdiction over its land base of 724 hectares. On that date, the First Nation also became a full member of Metro Vancouver (both the Metro Vancouver Regional District and Greater Vancouver Water District). scáwáθan másteyáxʷ (Tsawwassen First Nation's) Treaty Lands are located on the coast overlooking the Strait of Georgia, near the Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal. The name scáwáθan másteyáxʷ (Tsawwassen) means "land facing the sea."

CONTACT	1926 Tsawwassen Drive Tsawwassen, BC V4M 4G2 Tel: 604.943.2112 Fax: 604.943.9226 Email: <a href="mailto:info@tsawwassenfirstnation.com">info@tsawwassenfirstnation.com</a> Web: <a href="http://www.tsawwassenfirstnation.com">www.tsawwassenfirstnation.com</a>
STATUS OF TREATY NEGOTIATIONS	Treaty First Nation effective April 3, 2009
TRIBAL ASSOCIATION	Naut'sa mawt Tribal Council
FIRST NATION OFFICIALS (as of November 2022)	Chief Laura Cassidy Executive Councillor Taylor Baker Executive Councillor Valerie Cross Executive Councillor Bryce Williams Executive Councillor Louise Ahlm
REGISTERED POPULATION AS OF DECEMBER 2022*	Total Registered Population 407 Living on Treaty Lands 189 Living on other reserves 8 Living on Crown Land 1 Living off Treaty Lands 209
TREATY LANDS IN METRO VANCOUVER (HECTARES)	Total: 724 Hectares
REGISTERED POPULATION ON TREATY LANDS**	Tsawwassen Lands – 2,256

\* Sources: Tsawwassen First Nation; BC Treaty Commission, BC Assembly of First Nations, Government of BC First Nation A-Z Listing Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada

\*\* Source: 2021 Census, Statistics Canada

## scáwaθan məsteyəx<sup>w</sup> (Tsawwassen First Nation)



Source of Territory Map

Tsawwassen: scáwaθan məsteyəx<sup>w</sup> Territory Map [www.tsawwassenfirstnation.com](http://www.tsawwassenfirstnation.com) (<https://tsawwassenfirstnation.com/about-tfn/our-nation/>)

BC Treaty Commission: [http://www.bctreaty.ca/sites/default/files/Tsawwassen\\_SOI\\_Map.pdf](http://www.bctreaty.ca/sites/default/files/Tsawwassen_SOI_Map.pdf)

## səlílwətaʔt (Tsleil-Waututh Nation)

("SLAY-wah-tuhth")

səlílwətaʔt (Tsleil-Waututh Nation) community members, the “people of the inlet,” live near, but not quite on, Indian Arm looking out across the Burrard Inlet.

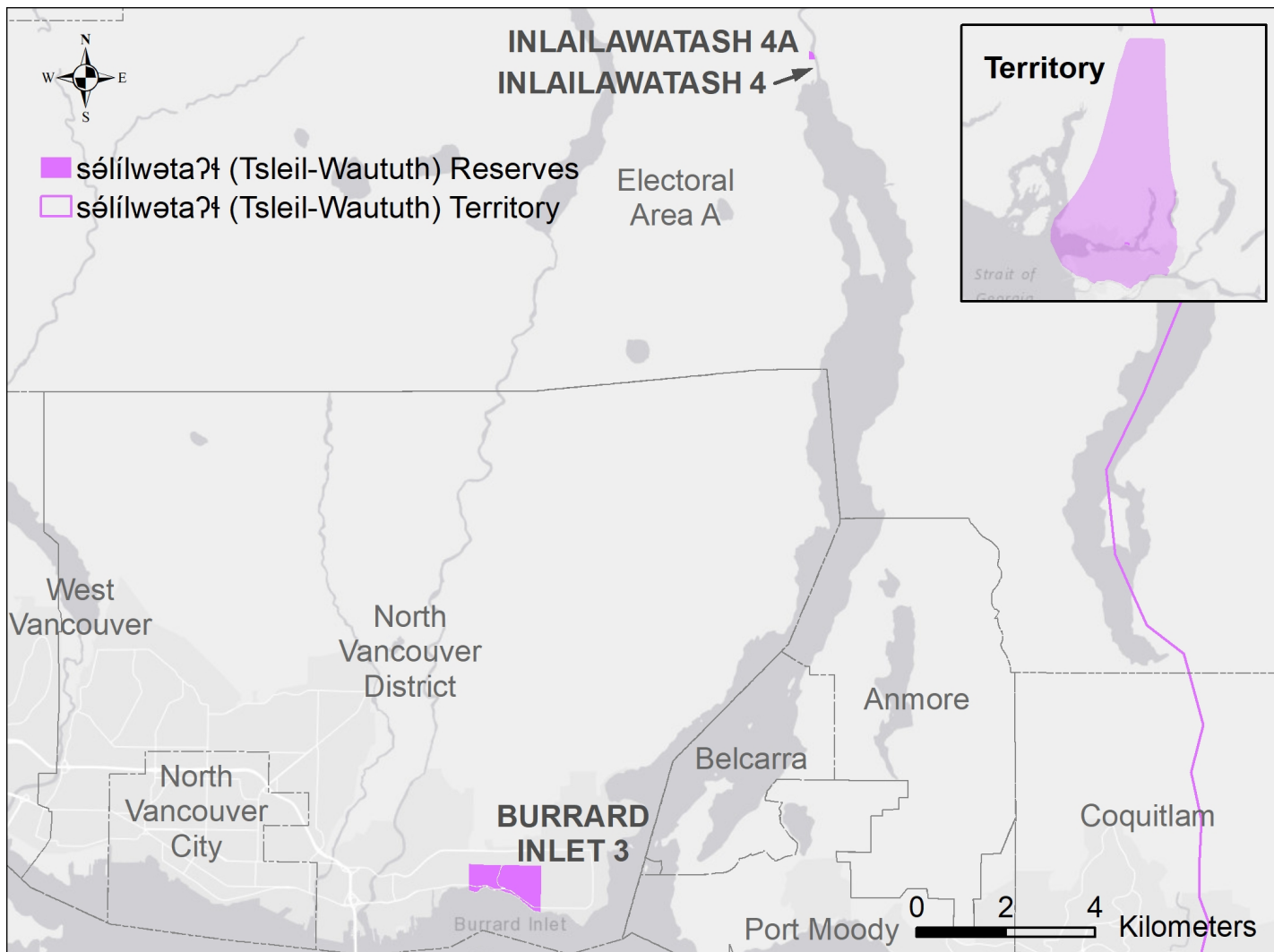
səlílwətaʔt (Tsleil-Waututh Nation) has three reserves. The main community is located on Tsleil-Waututh I.R. No. 3 adjacent to North Vancouver. səlílwətaʔt (Tsleil-Waututh Nation’s) land base of 110.7 hectares is the second smallest of the First Nations located within Metro Vancouver.

CONTACT	3178 Alder Court, North Vancouver, BC V7H 2V6 Tel: 604.929.3454 Fax: 604.929.4714 Web: <a href="https://twnation.ca/">https://twnation.ca/</a> E-mail: reception@twnation.ca
STATUS OF TREATY NEGOTIATIONS	Stage 4: Agreement-in-Principle stage - not negotiating
TRIBAL ASSOCIATION	Naut’sa mawt Tribal Council
FIRST NATION OFFICIALS (as of November 2022)	Chief Jennifer Thomas Councillor Deanna (Missy) George Councillor Liana Martin (Guss) Councillor Curtis Thomas Councillor Dennis Thomas Councillor Kevin O’Neill Councillor Charlene Aleck
REGISTERED POPULATION AS OF DECEMBER 2022*	Total Registered Population 667 Living on own reserves 290 Living on other reserves 49 Living off reserve 328
RESERVES IN MV (HECTARES)*	Total: 110.7 Hectares Tsleil-Waututh I.R. No. 3 (108.2) Inlailawatash I.R. No. 4 (0.5) Inlailawatash I.R. No. 4A
REGISTERED POPULATION ON RESERVES**	Tsleil-Waututh I.R. No. 3 N/A

\* Sources: Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada; BC Treaty Commission, Government of BC First Nation A-Z Listing; Tsleil-Waututh Nation

\*\* Source: 2021 Census, Statistics Canada

# səlílwətaʔt (Tsleil-Waututh Nation)



Source of Territory Map

Tsleil-Waututh: BC Treaty Commission Statement of Intent – [www.bctreaty.ca](http://www.bctreaty.ca)

([www.bctreaty.ca/sites/default/files/Tsleil\\_Waututh\\_SOI\\_Map.pdf](http://www.bctreaty.ca/sites/default/files/Tsleil_Waututh_SOI_Map.pdf))

## qiqéyt (Qayqayt First Nation)

("key-KITE")

qiqéyt (Qayqayt First Nation), formerly known as New Westminster Indian Band, has the distinction of being one of the smallest First Nations in Canada (in terms of its membership) and does not have a land base.

CONTACT	Suite 105 – 3680 Rae Avenue Vancouver, BC V5R 2P5 Tel: 604.451.0531 Fax: 604.451.9231
STATUS OF TREATY NEGOTIATIONS	Not in the BC Treaty Process
FIRST NATION OFFICIALS (as of November 2022)	Chief Rhonda Larrabee Councillor Robert Bandura Councillor Rodney Bandura Councillor Ronald Lee
REGISTERED POPULATION AS OF JANUARY 2022*	Total Registered Population 15 Living on own reserves 0 Living on other reserves 0 Living off reserve 15

\* Source: Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada



## INFORMATION SUMMARY

First Nations in Metro Vancouver Region	Treaty Stage of the 6-stage BC Treaty Process	Current Membership, December 2022	First Nations Reserves /Treaty Lands in Region (ha)	Reserves in Region /of Total Reserves	Next First Nation Council Elections
<b>ḱíçáý (Katzie)</b>	Stage 4: Active Negotiations	644	335.2	5/5	March 31, 2024
<b>ḱʷa:ńłəńí (Kwantlen)</b>	Not in the BC Treaty Process	375	356	3/6	N.A.
<b>kʷíkʷəłəm (Kwikwetlem)</b>	Not in the BC Treaty Process	133	84.5	2/2	April 29, 2023
<b>máthxwi (Matsqui)</b>	Part of Stó:lō Nation; not in treaty	289	24.3	1/4	June 30, 2025
<b>xʷməθkʷəyám (Musqueam)</b>	Stage 4: not negotiating	1,488	254.2	3/3	November 30, 2024
<b>se'mya'me (Semiahmoo)</b>	Not in the BC Treaty Process	107	129.1	1/1	December 27, 2024
<b>Sḱwḱwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish)</b>	Stage 3: not negotiating	4,485	265.1	4/24	September 28, 2025
<b>scəwáθən məsteyəxʷ (Tsawwassen)</b>	Treaty First Nation effective April 3, 2009	407	Treaty Lands 724.0	Treaty Lands	October 17, 2026
<b>səlílwətaʔt (Tsleil-Waututh)</b>	Stage 4: not negotiating	667	110.7	3/3	June 30, 2025
<b>qíqéyt (Qayqayt)</b>	Not in the BC Treaty Process	15	0	0/0	N.A.

\* Sources: Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada; BC Treaty Commission

FIRST NATIONS, TRIBAL COUNCILS, TREATY GROUPS AND ASSOCIATIONS  
LOCATED OUTSIDE METRO VANCOUVER WITH INTERESTS IN THE REGION

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<p>TSEYCUM FIRST NATION</p>	<p>Chief Tanya Jimmy 1210 Totem Lane Sidney, BC V8L 5S4 Tel: 250.656.0858 Fax: 250.656.0868 Web: <a href="http://www.tseycum.ca">www.tseycum.ca</a> (under construction)</p>

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## DID YOU KNOW?

- In 2021, 1,807,250 individuals in Canada identified as Indigenous,<sup>1</sup> which represented 4.97 percent of Canada's population.<sup>2</sup>
- Across Canada, there are over 1,048,405 First Nations, 624,220 Métis, and 70,545 Inuit people.
- More than 50 percent of the total population of First Nations live in Canada's four western provinces.<sup>2</sup>
- In BC, there are 290,210 individuals who identify as Indigenous, or 5.9% of the province's population.<sup>3</sup>
- There are 63,345 people who identify as Indigenous living in the Metro Vancouver region.<sup>4</sup>
- Only 5.0 per cent (or 3,160) individuals) of those that identify as Indigenous in Metro Vancouver live on reserves within the region.<sup>5</sup>
- The average age of people who identify as Indigenous in 2021 was 33.6 years old.
- Indigenous Peoples were granted the right to vote in provincial elections in 1947 and in federal elections in 1960.
- National Indigenous Peoples Day is on June 21, the summer solstice and the longest day of the year.
- There are more than 70 Indigenous languages in Canada, only 30 of which are spoken by more than 500 speakers.
- Each September between the late 1800s and 1996, more than 150,000 First Nations, Métis, and Inuit children were taken from their homes and brought to Indian Residential Schools. September 30th is Orange Shirt Day/ National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, recognizing the legacy and ongoing impacts of past wrongs.
- Status Indians in Canada were not allowed off reserves between 1882 and 1935 unless they showed a pass.
- Indigenous Peoples used their knowledge of the land to develop safe trails that became the basis for many present highways.
- Indigenous place names in BC include "Squamish" (mother of winds), "Kamloops" (meeting of water), "Chilliwack" (going back up), "Lillooet" (wild onions), and "Qualicum" (where you find dog salmon).
- There are 50,000+ Indigenous businesses across Canada.<sup>6</sup>
- The Indigenous contribution to the national economy exceeds \$30 billion annually.<sup>6</sup>
- Indigenous Peoples create businesses at a rate 9X greater than the Canadian average.<sup>6</sup>

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1 Aboriginal identity includes persons who reported being an Aboriginal person, including: First Nations, Métis or Inuk (Inuit) and/or those who reported being registered or having Treaty Indian status, under the Indian Act of Canada, and/or those who reported membership in a First Nation or Indian band. Aboriginal peoples of Canada are defined in the *Constitution Act, 1982*, section 35 (2) as including the Indian, Inuit and Métis peoples of Canada.

2 Source: 2021 Census, Statistics Canada

3 Source: 2021 Census, Statistics Canada

4 Source: 2021 Census, Statistics Canada

5 Source: 2021 Census, Statistics Canada

6 Mákook pi Sélim, *Business in Vancouver Indigenous Business magazine*, Fall 2021 and Spring 2022

