



k'weq'eneq for Katzie, Kwantlan and Semiahmoo

It's our time!



Now is the time for ReconciliACTION

The Katzie, Kwantlen and Semiahmoo (KKS) Nations have identified a parcel of land within their traditional territory — called k'weq'ənəq (Kwek-en-nek) and known as Campbell Heights North in Surrey — to be returned to the Nations to support their cultural and economic future.

This land represents the last opportunity for our three Nations to exercise our Indigenous rights and ensure the prosperity of our people.

The Katzie, Kwantlen and Semiahmoo Nations have occupied the land we call k'weq'ənəq since time immemorial. Traditionally, this was an important area of travel and trade between our communities and continues to be an important part of our shared territories.



That's the last substantive Crown land available in the shared traditional territory of the Nations

“If we truly want to talk about reconciliation, we need to be willing to talk about land. Returning k'weq'ənəq to us is a chance for Canada to turn talk of reconciliation into reconciliACTION. Transferring k'weq'ənəq represents a moment of truth when Canada must demonstrate its commitment to implementing UNDRIP and the principles respecting Canada's relationship with Indigenous peoples.”

Chief Harley Chappell of Semiahmoo First Nation



“We are working together to take back this land we call k’weq’ənaq. As we do this work, each day we get stronger, and each day we realize that we can go further together. We have invited the government to jump on board and return this land to us so we can all go down this road together.”



Councillor Rick Bailey of Katzie First Nation

k’weq’ənaq is Crown land that has been declared surplus for some time now — and the Nations have been advocating with the government for this land to be returned for many years. It’s time to see this opportunity realized for the benefit of current and future generations and hold true to commitments of truth and reconciliation.

This is a remarkable opportunity for a new step forward and to honour all our relations.

A fair Canada is one that shares with First Nations. Collectively, our Nations see a critical opportunity to work collaboratively with other governments in pursuing prosperous and sustainable land use and management for the benefit of all.

Both the Governments of Canada and B.C. have enacted legislation to fully adopt and implement UNDRIP as the framework for reconciliation, which is one of the 94 calls to action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. Transferring k’weq’ənaq represents a moment of truth when Canada must demonstrate its commitment to implementing UNDRIP and the principles respecting Canada’s relationship with Indigenous peoples.

“We are coming together as three Nations, as a family, working together to honour the countless past, present, and future generations of our Kwantlen, Katzie and Semiahmoo people. We owe that to them, and the government owes that to us. It’s time. It’s not the time to talk anymore, it’s time for us to see k’weq’ənaq returned to us. I cannot express enough how important this land is to us.”



Chief Marilyn Gabriel of Kwantlen First Nation

Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada **94 CALLS TO ACTION**

Together, we are asking the federal government to adhere to its own legislation and return k’weq’ənaq to the Nations to:

Implement the Reconciliation calls-to-action to address historical injustices



Meaningfully and respectfully engage with the Nations towards long-term economic development



Support our collective goals of sustainable economic self-sufficiency and self-government



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