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Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly Purchases Historic City of Merritt Courthouse



yé tək síłq̓t (ye-ah tik sheetl-qt) - good day!

The Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly (CNA) is pleased to announce that they have purchased the historic City of Merritt Courthouse located at 1840 Nicola Avenue. The Old Courthouse is located in the heart of Merritt and has been a landmark for over a century. CNA plans to restore the building to create a culturally safe and vibrant space for the community. The building will be used for cultural events, workshops and training and will have a space for Elders. CNA hopes this new space will bring people together and create a sense of community in the city.

The Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly was created 10 years ago, but its work is rooted in hundreds of years of history and a legacy of protecting the nłeʔképmx people and our culture, values, and territory. The Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly (CNA) is a not-for-profit organization that was formed in 2013 to manage and administer the agreements relating to Teck Highland Valley Copper Mine (HVC) on behalf of Ashcroft Indian Band, Boston Bar First Nation, Coldwater Indian Band, Cook's Ferry Indian Band, Nicomen Indian Band, Nooaitch Indian Band, Shackan Indian Band and Siska Indian Band (the Participating Bands). CNA's main office is located in downtown Merritt at 2025 Granite Avenue.

"At Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly we are proud to own a space where we can let the roots of our organization and communities grow. Acquiring this building supports the continued growth and success of the Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly. Through programs and community engagement, the Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly continues to work with our members from our Participating Bands and the Nlaka'pamux Nation to reclaim our Nlaka'pamux language and culture. The building will quite literally become our Citxw – "house," where we can gather, learn, teach, and inform. This building supports our continued growth and will provide efficiencies in engagement while also providing a culturally safe environment informed by our Nlaka'pamux Identity once renovated." – Chief Christine Walkem, Chief of Cook's Ferry Indian Band and Chair of CNA Board of Directors

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