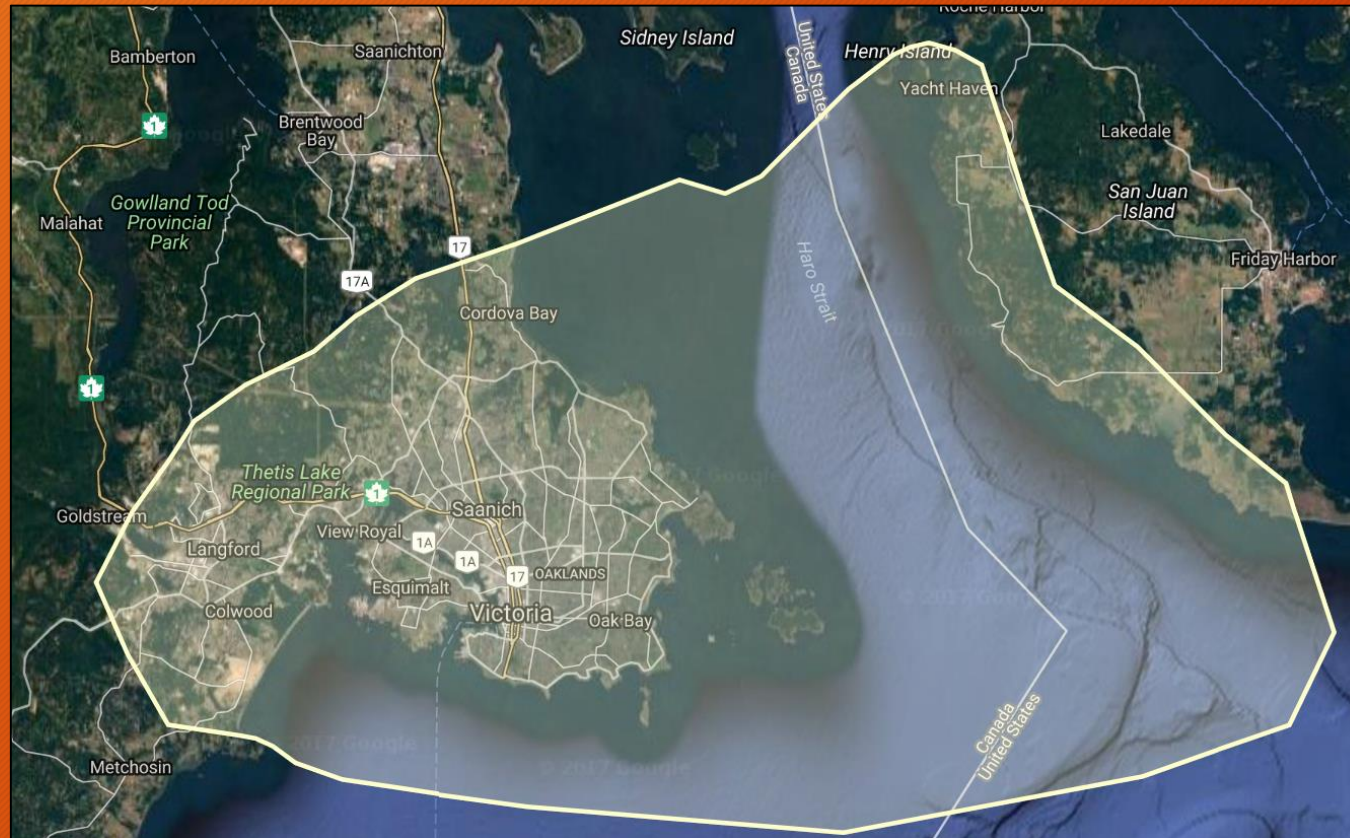


SONGHEES NATION



# Lkwungen Traditional Territory



Approximate Territories of the Lekwungen people redrawn from Lutz, John. 2008. Makuk: A New History of Aboriginal-White Relations. UBC Press. p. 53



# Fort Victoria Treaties



Detail from map 1, Southeastern Vancouver Island showing areas covered by Fort Victoria Treaties, Wilson Duff 'The Fort Victoria Treaties' BC STUDIES, no. 3, Fall 1969

Lkwungen Population estimated at 700 in 1850 Census

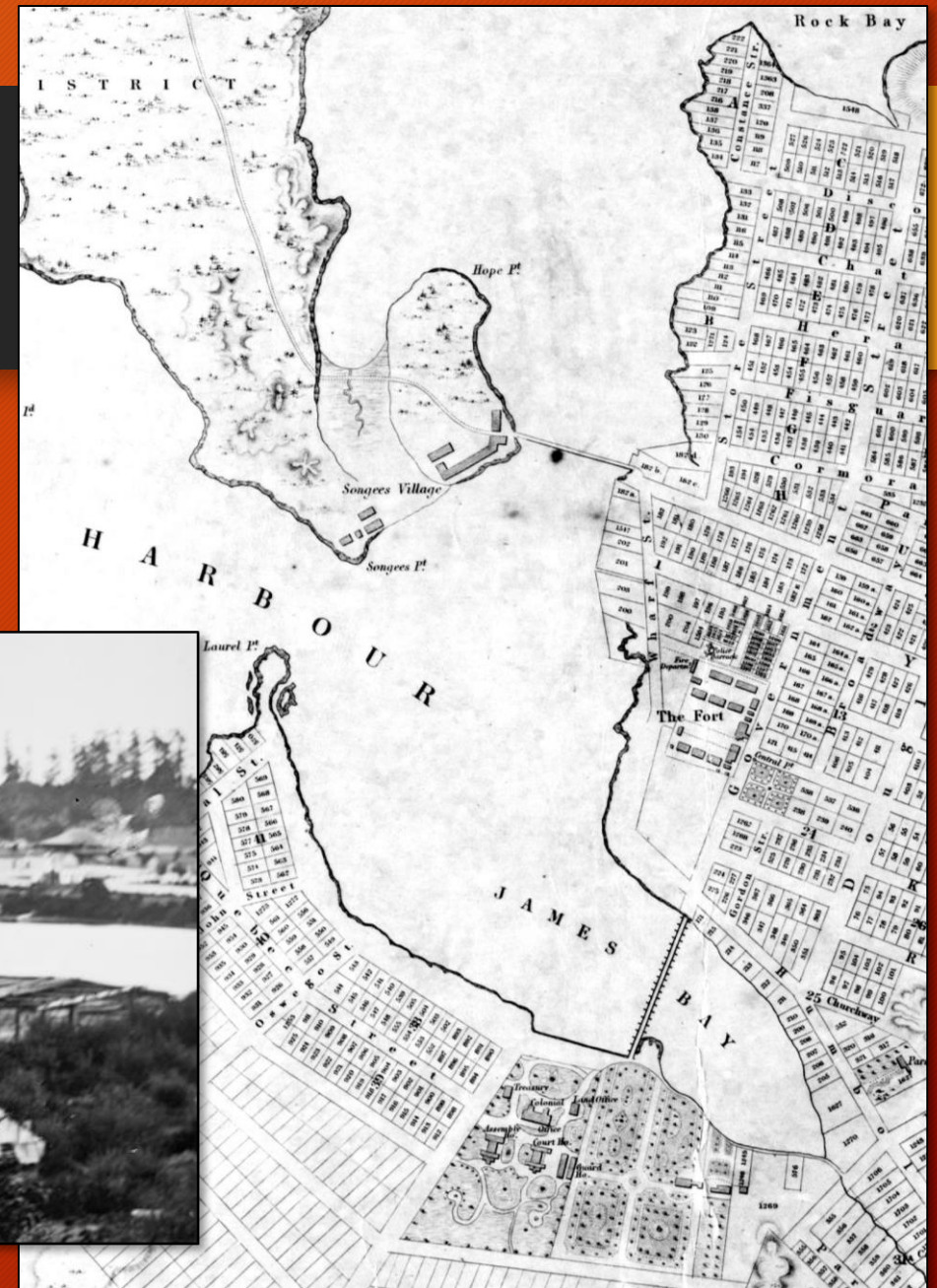
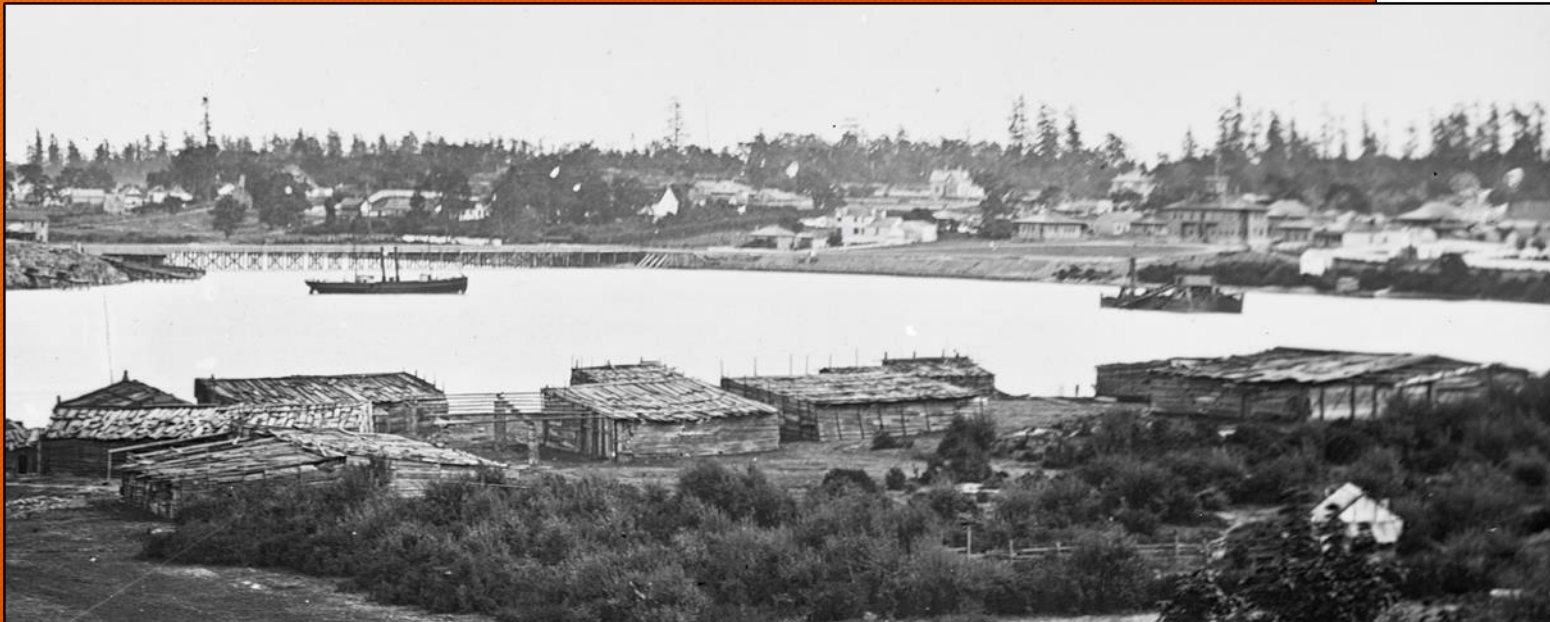
Teechamitsa, Kosampson, Whyomilth, Swengwhung, Chilcowitch and Che-ko-nein signed treaties with HBC Chief Factor James Douglas on April 29 & 30 1850

An area of land was surrendered in exchange for cash, clothing, or blankets. The signatories and their descendants retained existing village sites and fields for their continued use, the “liberty to hunt over unoccupied lands” and the right to “carry on their fisheries as formerly.”



# Songees Village

Songees Village Detail  
City of Victoria Map  
Pemberton 1861





# SCHEDULE.

N <sup>o</sup>	Name.	Acreage	Re
1	Alex Kulqualum.	1.18	
2	Jimmy Fraser.	5.30	
3	Charley Kamai.	0.85	
4	Jimmy S'Loth.	3.33	
5	Johnny Pawaith.	9.50	
6	M <sup>rs</sup> Louis Jackson.	3.05	
7	William Roberts.	1.78	
8	Louis Kamai.	6.30	
9	Albany Austin.	0.41	
10	Edith Sapaloo.	0.56	
11	Tom George.	5.50	
12	Andrew Tom.	2.42	
13	Dick Kwin que mit sun.	0.20	
14	Daniel Joseph.	2.10	
15	M <sup>rs</sup> Charley Fraser.	2.15	
16	Cecilia Billy.	0.40	
17	Michael Cooper.	1.95	
18	Mrs. Friley.	1.82	
19	Willie Jack.	1.78	
20	Commonage.	2.00	
21	Sam Quat laymult.	8.60	
22	Hattie Dick.	House.	
23	John Albany.	1.12	
24	Jimmy Gable.	0.30	
25	Tom Fallardau.	1.75	
26	Commonage.	3.20	
27	Robbie Samirano.	0.30	
28	Michael Cooper.	House.	
29	Mary Hallatas.	0.51	
30	M <sup>rs</sup> Fallardau.	0.67	
31	Maggie Etienne.	0.90	
32	M <sup>rs</sup> Tom Fallardau.	0.59	
33	Charles Gunnian.	0.36	
34	M <sup>rs</sup> Pike.	0.50	
35	John Silver.	0.55	
36	M <sup>rs</sup> West.	0.30	
37	Michael Cooper.	House.	
38	Andrew Tom.	"	
39	Mary Hallatas.	"	
40	Alex Kulqualum.	"	
41	Jack Spuit lath.	"	
42	"	"	
43	Tommy George.	"	
44	Robbie Samirano.	"	
45	Walter Joseph.	"	
46	Daniel Joseph.	"	
47	Robbie Samirano.	"	
48	Jimmy Fraser.	"	
49	Robbie Samirano.	0.28	
50	Pierre Wyplanoc.	House.	
51	Hibban.	0.33	
52	Francois Johnny.	House.	
53	Antoine Brothers.	0.71	
54	Michael Cooper.	0.22	
55	Johnny Galledge.	0.58	
56	Pierre Wyplanoc.	1.48	
57	Charley Kamai.	5.00	
58	Sam Quat laymult.	0.95	
59	"	House.	
60	Dick Kinkwin a sun.	"	
61	Jack Kinkwin a sun.	0.30	
J. Bates.		5.98	
W. Turpell.		0.75	
P. Everett.		3.55	
Marine Hospital.		1.00	
E & N. Railway.		6.60	

## Songhees Indian Reserve #1

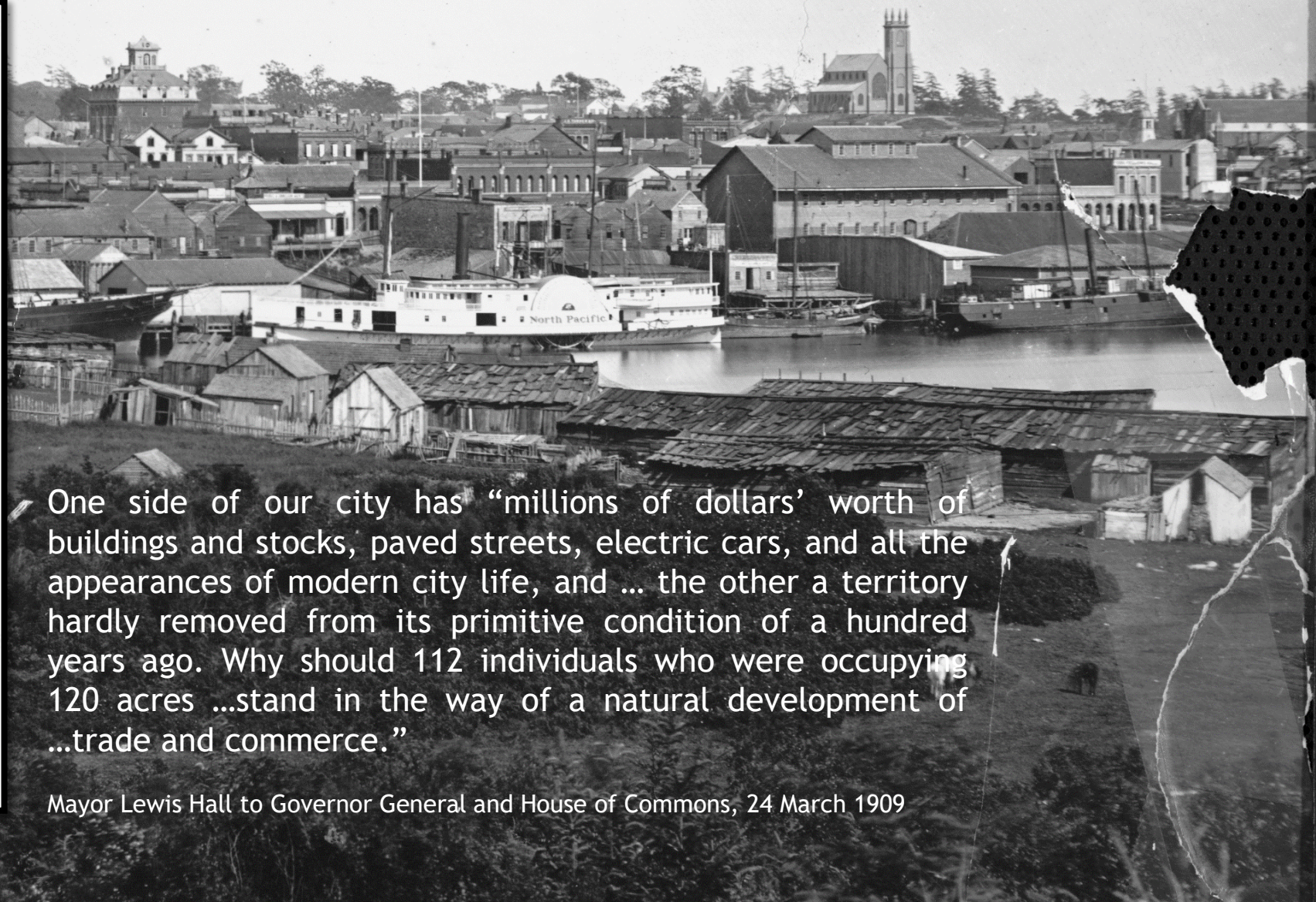


Sketch of The Songhees Indian Reserve, City of Victoria, Indian Affairs Survey Records





Figure 1. Using the automobile as a symbol of modernity, "Wilson," the *Victoria Daily Times*' cartoonist, portrayed the common idea in Victoria that the presence of the Songhees reserve on the inner harbour impeded the city's progress. *Victoria Daily Times*, 16 May 1910.



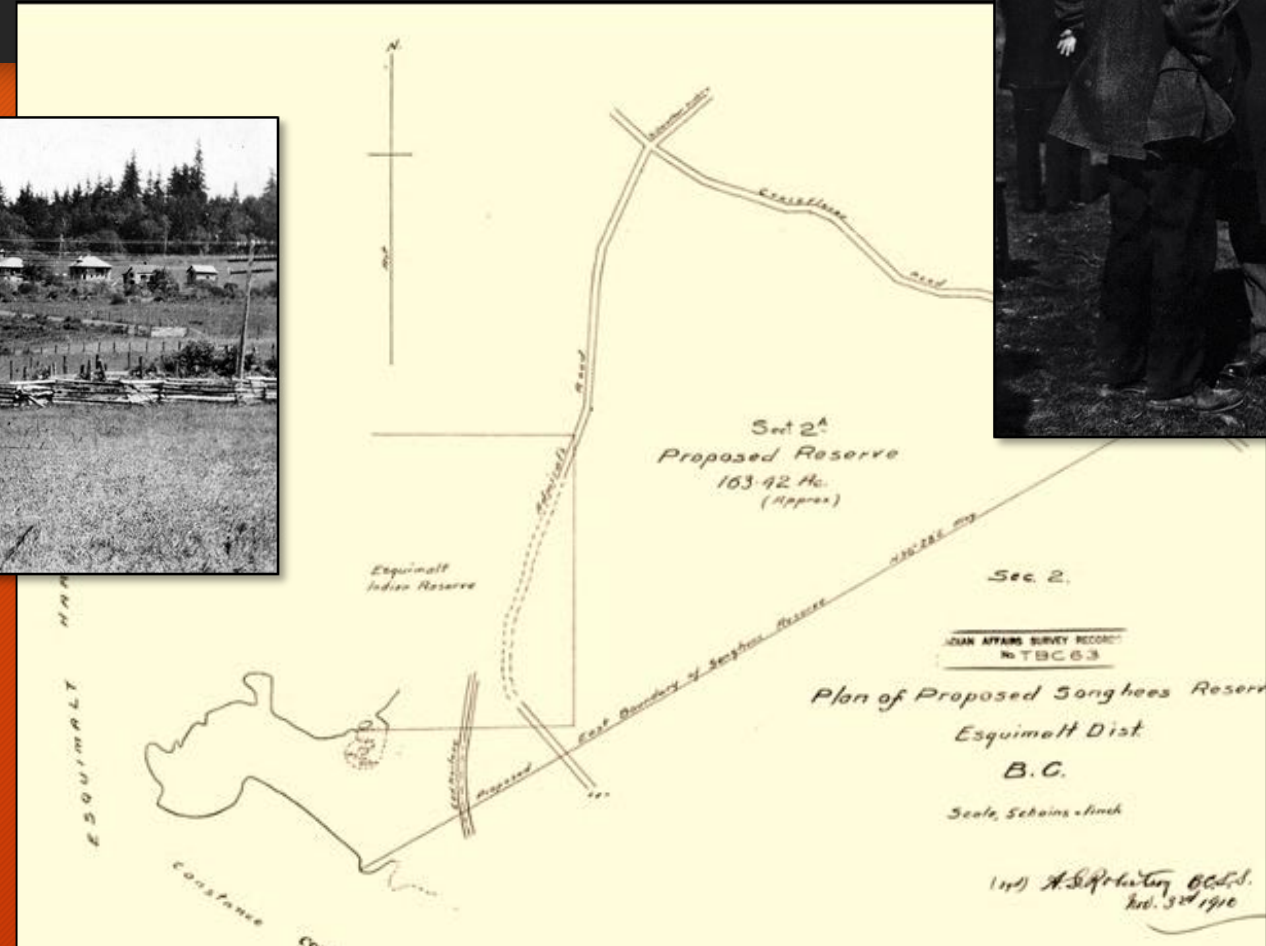
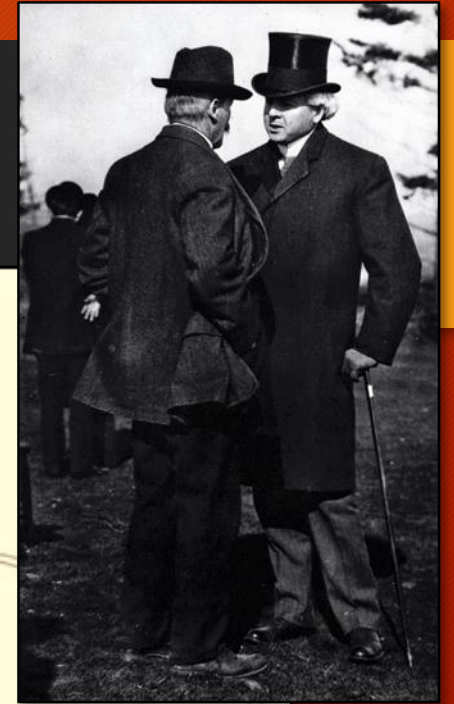
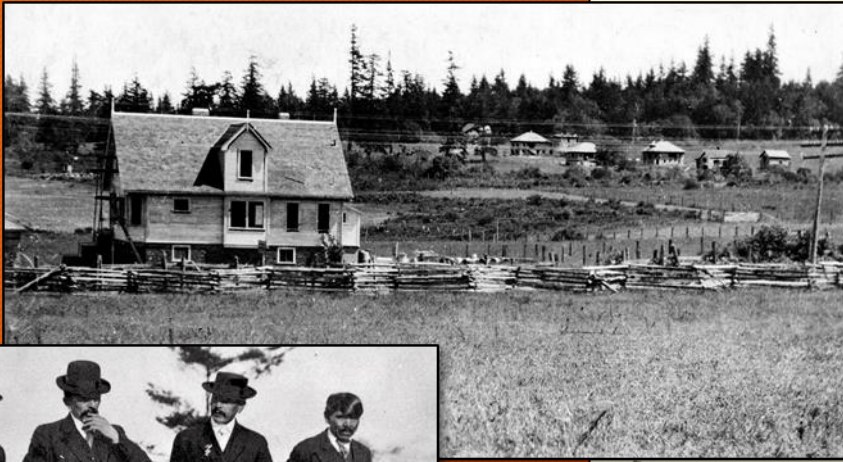
One side of our city has "millions of dollars' worth of buildings and stocks, paved streets, electric cars, and all the appearances of modern city life, and ... the other a territory hardly removed from its primitive condition of a hundred years ago. Why should 112 individuals who were occupying 120 acres ...stand in the way of a natural development of ...trade and commerce."

Mayor Lewis Hall to Governor General and House of Commons, 24 March 1909



# Songhees Indian Reserve #1A

## 1911 Relocation





SŒURS GRISES DE MONTRÉAL  
Archives & Collections

Kuper Island Residential School



**Mission** - Songhees Nation strives to achieve Community Vision through good governance, delivering programs and pursuing projects and initiatives for the benefit of the Songhees People

**Vision** - A Healthy, Self-Reliant, Progressive Community that Honours Tradition and Culture and Invests in Future Generations

**Values** - Eyē? Sqā'lewen, with One Heart and One Mind, we commit to Help one another, to Forgive one another and to Love one another with Respect, Honesty and Courage





# GOVERNANCE

Traditional Governance by consensus among family heads within extended families

Today an elected Chief and Five Councillors represent Songhees Members and are responsible for the Nation's lands and assets

1876-2015 Songhees elections held under the *Indian Act*  
June 22, 2017 Songhees implemented *First Nations Election Act*

*Quorum of 5, Term of 4 Years*





# Songhees Council Election Results 1959-2017

	1959	1961	1963	1965	1967	1969	1971	1973	1975	1977	1979	1981	1983	1985	1987	1989	1991	1993	1995	1997	1999	2001	2003	2005	2007	2009	2011	2013	2015	2017
<b>CHIEF</b>																														
JOHN ALBANY	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X														
NORMAN GEORGE																	X	X	X											
ROBERT SAM																				X	X		X	X	X	X	X			
GARRY ALBANY																						X								
RONALD SAM																												X	X	X
<b>COUNCIL</b>																														
RICHARD ALBANY	X	X	X	X	X																									
FRANK GEORGE SR	X																													
ALFRED GEORGE		X	X																											
HARRY KAMAI				X	X	X	X																							
ROBERT SAM						X	X										X		X											
CLARENCE DICK								X																						
HAROLD JOSEPH								X	X																					
LINDA GEORGE									X	X	X																			
NORMAN GEORGE									X			X	X	X	X	X						X	X	X	X	X				
CHARLIE JOSEPH												X	X	X	X	X		X	X											
BAPTISTE DICK																	X	X				X								
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JOHN RICE JR																							X					X	X	
RONALD SAM																										X	X			
KAREN TUNKARA																											X	X	X	X
JACKIE ALBANY																													X	X
N. GARRY SAM																														X
DON ALBANY																														X





# CHIEF AND COUNCIL



- ❖ Community Engagement: 26 Council Meetings, 4 General Meetings, Annual General Meeting, Community Focus Groups and Advisory Committees
- ❖ Exerting Songhees Aboriginal Rights and Treaty Rights
- ❖ Protecting and Exerting Songhees Jurisdiction over Land and Resources
- ❖ Strategic Planning, Lawmaking and Policy Development
- ❖ Intergovernmental Affairs
- ❖ Representation at Regional and National First Nation Leadership gatherings
- ❖ Representation on Advisory and Governance boards



# STRATEGIC PLAN 2017-2027



	SELF GOVERNMENT	LANGUAGE & CULTURE	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	LAND PROPERTY & HOUSING	EDUCATION, SKILLS & EMPLOYMENT	HEALTH & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
GOALS	Songhees Nation is a responsible, accountable self-governing community, with the legal authority, leadership, and capacity to determine and pursue its own interests	Songhees Nation is a united Community with a flourishing language and a reverence for its unique identity, heritage and traditional practices	Songhees Nation is financially self-reliant and prosperous. The Nation actively participates in the regional economy	Songhees Nation has a sustainable land base meeting current and future needs for cultural, residential, recreational, commercial and community land use	Songhees Nation has an educated population with a skilled workforce and full participation in the labour market	The Lekwungen People of Songhees Nation are mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually healthy
OBJECTIVES	<p>Songhees Nation determines its own membership rules, election processes, lands management and taxation systems</p> <p>Chief and Council lead the Nation and are accountable and responsive to the Community through elections, referenda and transparent and consultative planning and priority setting processes</p> <p>Songhees members participate and contribute to the democratic life of the Nation</p> <p>Songhees staff passionately support Community goals and objectives, with commitment, professionalism and respect</p> <p>Songhees Nation has productive, collaborative relationships with other First Nations, and with Local, Provincial and Federal Governments</p>	<p>Songhees Members, residing on and off reserve, participate in Community Events, Celebrations and Cultural Practices</p> <p>Songhees Community Members speak Lekwungen at home, school and work</p> <p>Traditional skills, teachings and spiritual practices are maintained and promoted as integral to the life of the Community</p> <p>Songhees youth and elders are heard, included and contribute to the life of the Community</p>	<p>Songhees Nation generates surplus income to support community priorities and invest in the future</p> <p>Songhees Nation owns and operates successful business ventures in sectors such as: Tourism and Hospitality; Marine Industrial Services; Agriculture/Aquaculture and Clean Technology</p> <p>Songhees Nation fosters a supportive environment for entrepreneurs and community based business ventures</p>	<p>Songhees' land base, on and off reserve and within traditional territory, is large enough to support current and future uses</p> <p>Songhees Nation land and marine use plans reflect community priorities and values with appropriate laws and regulations for development and conservation</p> <p>Songhees lands are redeveloped to support mixed-use, vibrant villages with a range of housing options for community members</p> <p>Songhees Nation is a responsible steward, making highest and best use of land and property</p>	<p>Songhees children and youth have access to a cultural, values-based education providing them with the skills and knowledge to flourish in the future economy</p> <p>Songhees children and youth successfully complete elementary, middle and high school, ready and capable to advance their education and participate in the workforce</p> <p>Songhees community members have meaningful employment in fields of personal interest and benefit to the Nation</p> <p>Songhees Nation has sufficient leadership, managerial and technical skills to govern and administer the Nation and operate businesses effectively</p>	<p>Songhees community members enjoy good health</p> <p>Songhees community members, particularly youth, lead active lives and are physically fit</p> <p>Lekwungen Families support one another and all children thrive within loving extended families</p> <p>Songhees community members in need have access to income assistance and other supports appropriately addressing life situations impacting health and wellness</p>



# STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES



1. *Pursue Self-Government Beyond the Indian Act*
2. *Engage and Unify Our Community Around Our Vision, Values and Objectives*
3. *Honour our Elders, Speak Our Language, Practice Our Traditions and Enrich Our Culture*
4. *Teach Our Young to Be Proud Citizens with the Skills to Lead Our Nation into the Future*
5. *Generate Income, Capacity and Economic Opportunity for the Nation*
6. *Expand, Sustainably Develop and Steward Our Land and Marine Base*
7. *Provide Income Assistance, Housing Supports and Services for Those Most in Need*
8. *Foster Supportive Families – All Children Thrive in Loving Extended Families*
9. *Promote and Facilitate Health, Wellness and Fitness for Our People*
10. *Communicate and Celebrate our Successes*



# MODERN TREATY

BC Treaty Commission: Canada, BC and First Nations

Te'Mexw Treaty Association: Songhees, T'sou-ke, Scia'new, Snaw.naw-AS and Malahat

Seeking constitutionally entrenched understandings on self-government, land and resources and financial issues

Agreement in Principal has been reached, negotiations to finalize the Treaty are underway







## FIRST NATIONS FISCAL MANAGEMENT ACT

### FIRST NATIONS TAX COMMISSION

- Property Taxation Law
- Property Assessment Law
- Annual Rates & Expenditure Laws
- Taxpayer Representation Law
- Property Transfer Tax
- Development Cost Charges Law

### FIRST NATIONS FINANCE AUTHORITY

- Pooled Investment
- Borrowing Law
- Debenture Bond Financing
- Pooled Borrowing

### FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT BOARD

- Financial Administration Law
- Financial Performance Certification
- Financial Policies and Procedures
- Financial Systems Certification



# LAND, PROPERTY & HOUSING

GOAL: Songhees Nation has a sustainable land base meeting current and future needs for cultural, residential, recreational, commercial and community land use

- ❖ Housing
- ❖ Lands Management
- ❖ Public Works & Infrastructure
- ❖ Property Taxation
- ❖ Bylaw Enforcement
- ❖ Emergency Preparedness





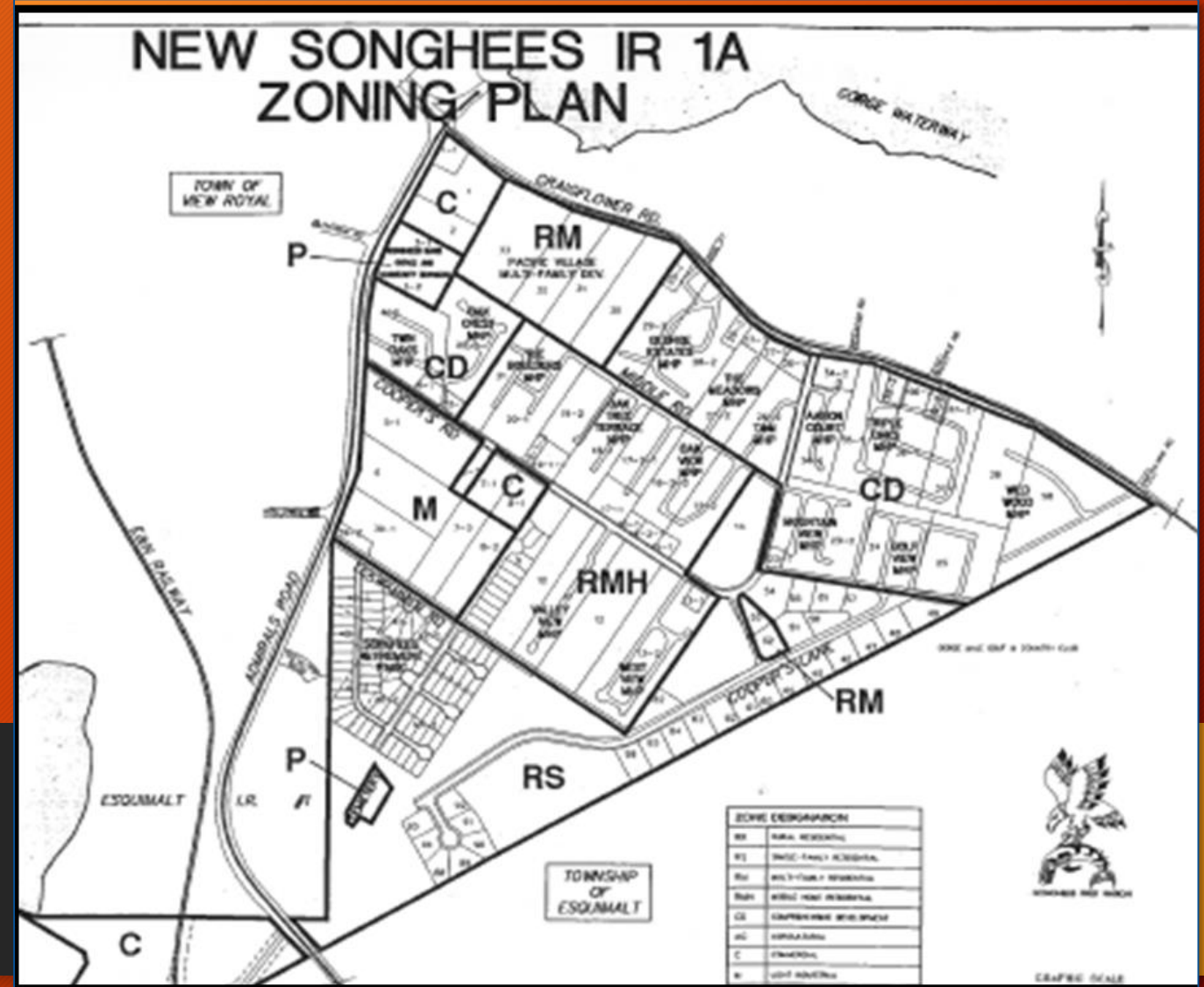
Beginning in 1911 Certificates of Possession were issued to Songhees Families

Ownership held by the Crown, cannot be sold to non-members or used as collateral

Revenue generation through Land Leases, first orchards, then mobile home parks, an apartment complex, manufactured homes and an industrial park.

Legacy issues from Indian Act Leases such as lapsed registration of interests

Lands Management under Songhees Land Code since 2011



## Land Use



# FIRST NATIONS LANDS MANAGEMENT ACT

## SONGHEES LAND CODE

Matrimonial Real Property Law

Interest and Consent Law

Residential Tenancy Law

Building Inspection Law

Zoning and Land Use Law

Banishment Law





# HEALTH & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

GOAL: The Lekwungen People of Songhees Nation are mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually healthy

- ❖ Primary Care Clinics
- ❖ Nursing, Home Care
- ❖ Community Support
- ❖ Recreation and Nutrition
- ❖ Elders and Youth programs





# EDUCATION SERVICES

GOAL: Songhees Nation has an educated population with a skilled workforce and full participation in the labour market

- ❖ Early Childhood Education Centre
- ❖ K-12 Support Services
- ❖ Kwum Kwum Lelum, After School Program
- ❖ Post Secondary support
- ❖ Adult Education and Employment Training
- ❖ Language and Culture



# TRANSPORT CANADA HARBOUR DIVESTITURE



## SONGHEES NATION & ESQUIMALT NATION LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS

XHAMASUNG HOLDINGS LP

Westbay Property

Salish Seaside RV Park

SKUNGEENES HOLDINGS LP

Plumper Bay Waterlot Lease

Barge Facility Sub Lease

MATULLIA HOLDINGS LP

Rockbay Property

CRD Lease



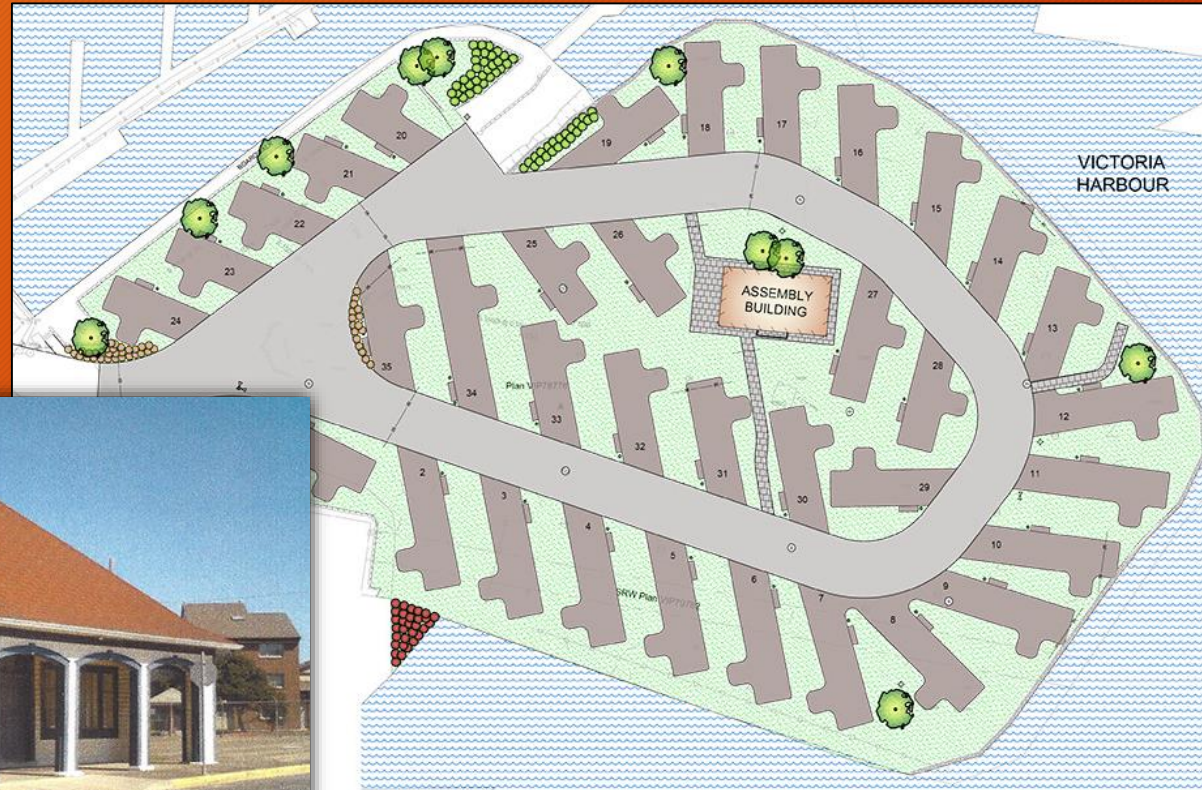
# XHAMASUNG HOLDINGS LP



Waterfront RV Park  
With 36 Sites

New Amenity Building  
with fireplace and deck

Office and gift shop in  
historic Guardhouse





# SONGHEES SEAFOOD & STEAM

Food Truck and Catering  
Executive Chef Dave Roger

Hospitality Training Program with Camosun College  
Sponsoring 2 Red Seal Apprentices







# SONGHEES CENTRE

Banquets, Board Meetings and Conferences  
Facility Tours, Gallery Café, Fitness Studio





# SONGHEES NATION INVESTMENT CORPORATION

Three properties in Victoria and Esquimalt acquired through an Incremental Treaty Agreement

Held in Fee Simple, becomes treaty settlement land in the event of a final treaty





# SALISH SEA INDUSTRIAL SERVICES



**RALMAX**  
GROUP OF COMPANIES



# SONGHEES TOURS INC

## SUMMER FEST 2017

Experiential and authentic aboriginal cultural tourism in the iconic Steamship Terminal

- ❖ Canoe Tours in the Gorge Waterway
- ❖ Totem pole carving demonstration
- ❖ Coast Salish Art workshops and sales
- ❖ Storytelling and walking tours
- ❖ Drumming and Dance performances
- ❖ Artifact and Historic Photo Exhibits
- ❖ Songhees Seafood & Steam grab and go





# OGDEN POINT



SKWIN'ANG'ETH SE'LAS  
DEVELOPMENT COMPANY





Hay'sxw'qa si'em nakwilla

