



William White¹, Xelimulh & Kasalid², Snenaymuxw, has worked with traditionally trained Sulsalewh/Elders³ since the 70's, during this time he set up a cultural research project called Q'Puthet Unwinus⁴ to work with Snuneymuxw Elders and has learned the Coast Salish belong to 'a living culture'.

- He has been involved with cross cultural training, St. Michaels' University School in the Victoria Community Based Research Centre and Health Equity Collaborative – Vancouver BC.
- He recently joined an SFU project, Mark Fettes, for its work on Reconciliation⁵ on Gabriola Island and the Snuneymuxw.
- He has collaborated with Dr. Philip Cook since 1994 working with Elders, developing courses to work with traditional knowledge. Philip set up a research group called the International Institute for Child Rights and Development. He is currently with Royal Roads University, Victoria, BC.
- Board Member for the Ninogaad Knowledge Keepers Foundation (published "The Teachings of Chief Kwaxistala Adam Dick and the Atla'gima (Spirits of the forests") Dance" in Plants People and Places with Kim Recalma-Clutesi and Doug Doer. ed N.J. Turner, 2020)
- Recently appointed by Chief M. Wyse of Snuneymuxw for his Elders' Advisory Council.
- Advisor for Kwumet Lelum Children's agency, a new Tribal School called Kwam Kwam Stuwixwulth (Strong Children) Snuneymuxw to assist with applying traditional knowledge called Sinyews, intended to maintain, balance, healing and belonging.
- He recently began a new project to provide advice to the Nanaimo Museum to assist with display, acquisition and new descriptions for its' Coast Salish -Snuneymuxw exhibit.
- In January of 2021 he will be the lead instructor for the Snuneymuxw Tourism Ambassador Program with a focus on History, Traditional Protocols, language, and cultural practices.

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² With immense thanks and gratefulness for the kindness of the following Sulsalewh/Elders Kay George, Dr. Samuel Sam, OC. Agnes Pierre, Theresa Smith, and Chief Adam Dick. They expected we would carry their teachings forward for a new time and place.

³ Sulalewh/Elders for the Project consisted of Kay George, Elders' Co-Ordinator Margaret James, Eva Thomas, Anderson Tommy, Hazel Good, Emily Manson. With immense blessings and thanks. Hystaapka!

⁴ Meaning Center for Coming Together. During the seventies he was a member of the Snuneymuxw Chief and Council, holding the portfolio for Education and Culture. He was also a board member for Tillicum Haus Indian Friendship Centre and the first Co-Ordinator of Indian Education for the Nanaimo School District. He reported and worked with Mr. Thomas BAB Beames. Tom was a significant ally and advocate for Indian Education. With thanks!

⁵ His mother Kay George was brought to Kuper Island Indian Residential School - as a result of that experience, she did not want her children to suffer and did not teach them halkomelem.