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ha7lh skwáyel ta newyáp (good day to you all),

Thank you for your continued patience as we work on this critical and complex project. Our work has been progressing steadily and in a good way as we weave our Skwxwú7mesh culture and protocols together with advanced scientific technologies and methodologies.

As you may remember, the fieldwork began in August last year and will continue until we have certainty. The next step for the data we collected was to analyze and layer the data generated from the Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR), LiDAR, and Electrical Resistivity. We collected over 50 million data points that had to be analyzed after the completion of the groundwork.

Due to the precise nature of the work, analysis has taken time. We are employing two separate teams to conduct the analysis. These teams analyze without communicating with each other, which is called a “double blind” approach and follows scientific best practices. The information the data generated now offers us the next layer of information and provides us with direction for what to focus on next.

The data has identified areas of interest at the former St. Paul’s Indian Residential School that require further examination. These GPR, LiDAR, and Electrical Resistivity results are inconclusive. The data only shows areas that need the next layer of scientific review to be understood.

For the next phase of the work, we will use a percussion corer for sediment analysis. This method is minimally invasive and will offer us the next layer of scientific analysis in this process. The work using those methods will begin in the coming weeks.

We have also produced a video to explain the process to date, as well as what you can expect in the coming weeks and months as the Yúusnewas work continues. You can watch that video [here](#).

As always, we would also like to remind you that **health and wellness supports are in place for anyone in need in the community** and will continue to be offered throughout this work.

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We also continue to offer a safe space to listen to our truth-tellers, led by Peter Baker, Kevin Rivers, and Adina Williams. If you would like to share your truth, please reach out to yuusnewas@squamish.net.

chet wanáxwstúmi (respectfully),

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