



Signs of Lekwungen to be Unveiled

Date: Monday, September 29, 2008

For Immediate Release

VICTORIA, BC — Media is invited to join Mayor Alan Lowe, Chief Robert Sam of the Songhees Nation, Chief Andy Thomas of the Esquimalt Nation, Coast Salish artist Butch Dick, and project partners for a blessing and unveiling of the *Signs of Lekwungen* at the lower causeway in the Inner Harbour.

The *Signs of Lekwungen* is a new interpretive walkway consisting of seven unique markers placed at culturally-significant sites along the Inner Harbour and surrounding areas to honour the traditional territory and contributions of the Coast Salish people, who have resided in the Victoria area for hundreds of years. The Songhees and Esquimalt Nations are part of the Coast Salish family and are descendants of the Lekwungen family groups.

What: *Signs of Lekwungen* Blessing and Unveiling
When: Tuesday, September 30, 2008, from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Where: Lower Causeway, Inner Harbour, across from The Fairmont Empress

Paid parking is available at the Robbins parking lot at Ship Point, next to the lower causeway. Parking along the upper causeway, across from The Fairmont Empress, will be reserved for VIPs only.

The original cedar carvings will be on display in the City Hall foyer from Tuesday, September 30, 2008 until the end of October.

Project partners include the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations; the City of Victoria; the Government of Canada, Department of Canadian Heritage, Cultural Capitals of Canada Program; the Province of British Columbia; the Provincial Capital Commission; the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority; and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities.

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Note: Lekwungen is pronounced *Le-KWUNG-en*.

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