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# Indigenous Perspectives

In Vancouver

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# Vancouver, BC...



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...is located on the traditional territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Watuth Nations.

Currently, Vancouver's population is estimated to be around 2.6 million.

The gorgeous nature: mountains, lakes, and forests surrounding the area are home to a wide variety of wildlife: bears, eagles, salmon, and more.

I feel blessed to live in such a beautiful community!

# Indigenous Languages (BC)



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- Athapaskan (Athabaskan) Languages: Dalkelh, Dena-thah , Dunne-za, Kaska Dena, Sekani, Tagish, Tahltan, Tsilhqot'in, Tutchone, Nat'ooten, Wet'suwet'en
- Salishan Language Family: Comox, Halkomelem, Nlaka'pamux, Nuxalk, Okanagan, Secwepemc, Se'shalt, Squamish, Stl'atl'imx, Straits Salish
- Tsimshianic Languages: Gitxsan, Nisga'a, Tsimshian,
- Wakashan Languages: Haisla, Heiltsuk/Owik'ala, Kwakwaka'wakw, Nuu-chah-nulth
- Tlingit
- Algonquian (Cree)
- Language Isolates: Haida, Kootenai
- Chinook Jargon

# Languages in Vancouver



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## Sḱw̱w̱ú7mesh (Squamish)

- Núu - Hello
- Wa chxw yuu - Take care
- Nu chexw men wa ha7lh? - Are you well?
- Nú chexw kw'ákw'aý? - Are you hungry?
- Sp'áyaḱim̓ - Homemade bread
- Staḱw - Water
- Sḱw'elám - Berries

## Halq'eméylem (Halkomelem)

- Éy swayel - Hello
- E'lhtel - Eat
- Sekw'emiy - Birch Tree
- Ímexstexw tel sqema:y - I took my dog for a walk
- Íxel sq'eq'otel - Paddle together
- Olu lexwó:m - Really fast water
- Á:wkw' - Clothing
- Á:yḱ - Crab



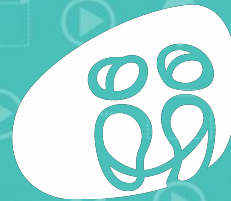
# Symbolic Animals



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- Butterfly: transformation, metamorphosis, beauty, balance, grace
- Eagle: focus, strength, peace, leadership
- Frog: wealth, abundance
- Bee: honesty, willingness to serve the community above all
- Hummingbird: love, wonder
- Raven: creation, transformation, knowledge, prestige, the complexity of nature, the subtlety of truth
- Orca: family, romance, longevity, harmony, travel, community, protection
- Beaver: creativity, cooperation, creation, persistence, harmony
- Bear: strength, family, vitality, courage, health

THANK YOU



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