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Willow Creek Stewardship

January 12, 2026

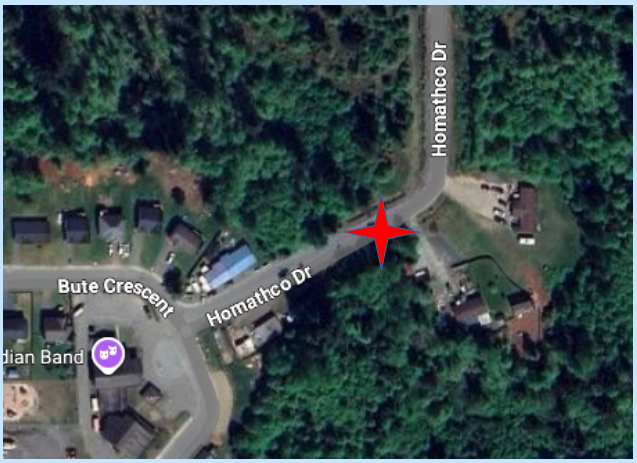
Geotechnical Testing and New χʷɛmaɬkʷu Lands Signage

Happy new year to all! As we enter the new year, Willow Creek Stewardship work continues – here are some activities taking place this month:

Geotechnical Drilling Work

- **Utility Line Locating, January 9**: Thank you for your patience on Friday January 9th as GeoScan worked to locate utility services in the roadway in preparation for the design of new water way crossings where Willow Creek and Beaver Creek cross under Homathco Drive (near the mailboxes, and near Jubilee Drive). A technician used ground penetrating and electromagnet radar to locate and then paint the location of the utilities at the two crossings. This will support this week's upcoming borehole drilling and geotechnical testing work.

- **Borehole Drilling and Geotechnical Testing, January 14-15:** A geotechnical crew from Northwest Hydraulic Consultants will be performing borehole drilling and testing at the same sites on Homathco Drive. An archaeologist from In Situ will also be present. The work will involve drilling holes with a diameter of 6" or less into the asphalt to collect data on the subsurface conditions. The holes will be patched with cold mix asphalt afterwards. There will be minor traffic disruptions during the drilling operations, but traffic flagging is being provided by the geotechnical company.



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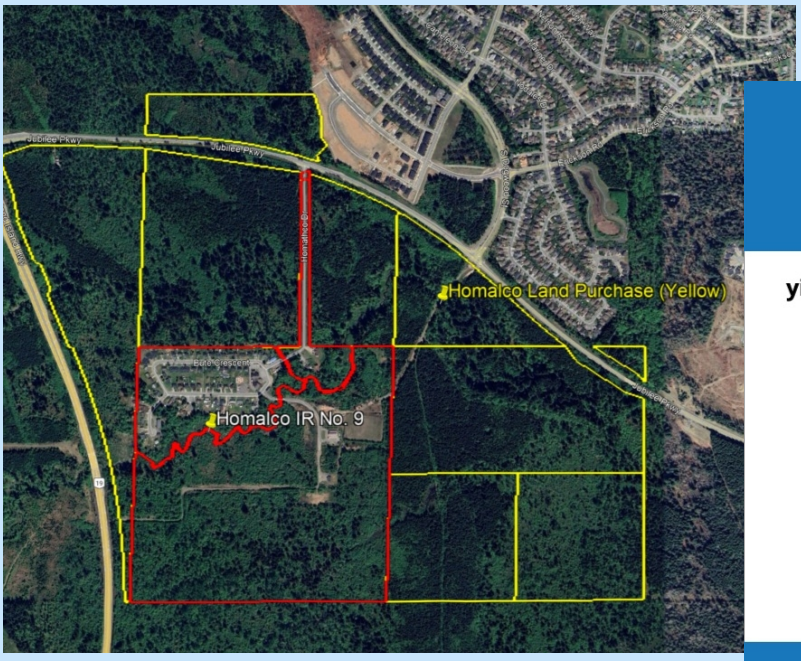
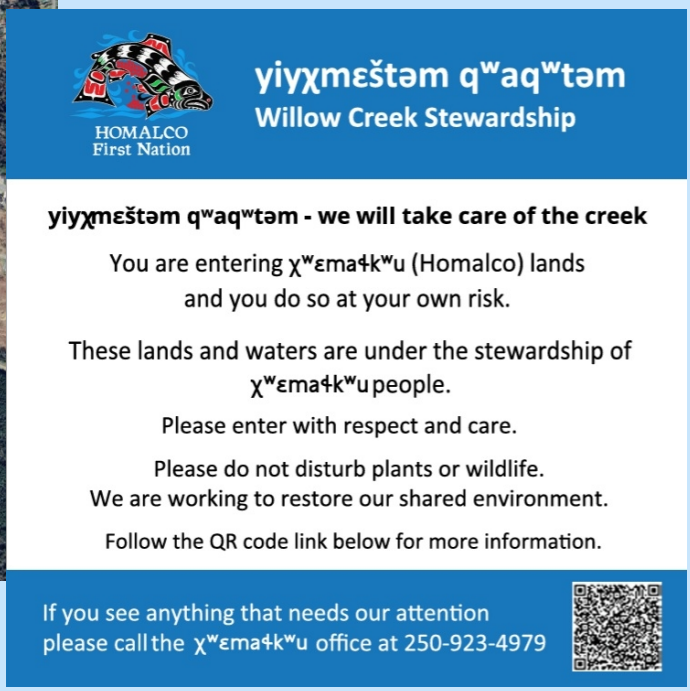
You may notice new signs like the one pictured below going up around our χʷɛmaɬkʷu lands. Campbell River residents have long used the trails in the formerly Mosaic Forest Management lands that χʷɛmaɬkʷu has purchased (outlined in yellow below). We can only expect that they will continue to do so. This gives us an important opportunity to build positive relationships with our neighbours and show off the good land and water stewardship that we are undertaking. As landowners there is risk to us that accidents may happen when people are on our lands, but rather than erecting no trespassing signs, these signs state that people enter at their own risk, and we get a small opportunity to communicate positive messages around our stewardship work.





Homalco Staff and Guardians will be on site to monitor these works as they proceed.

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