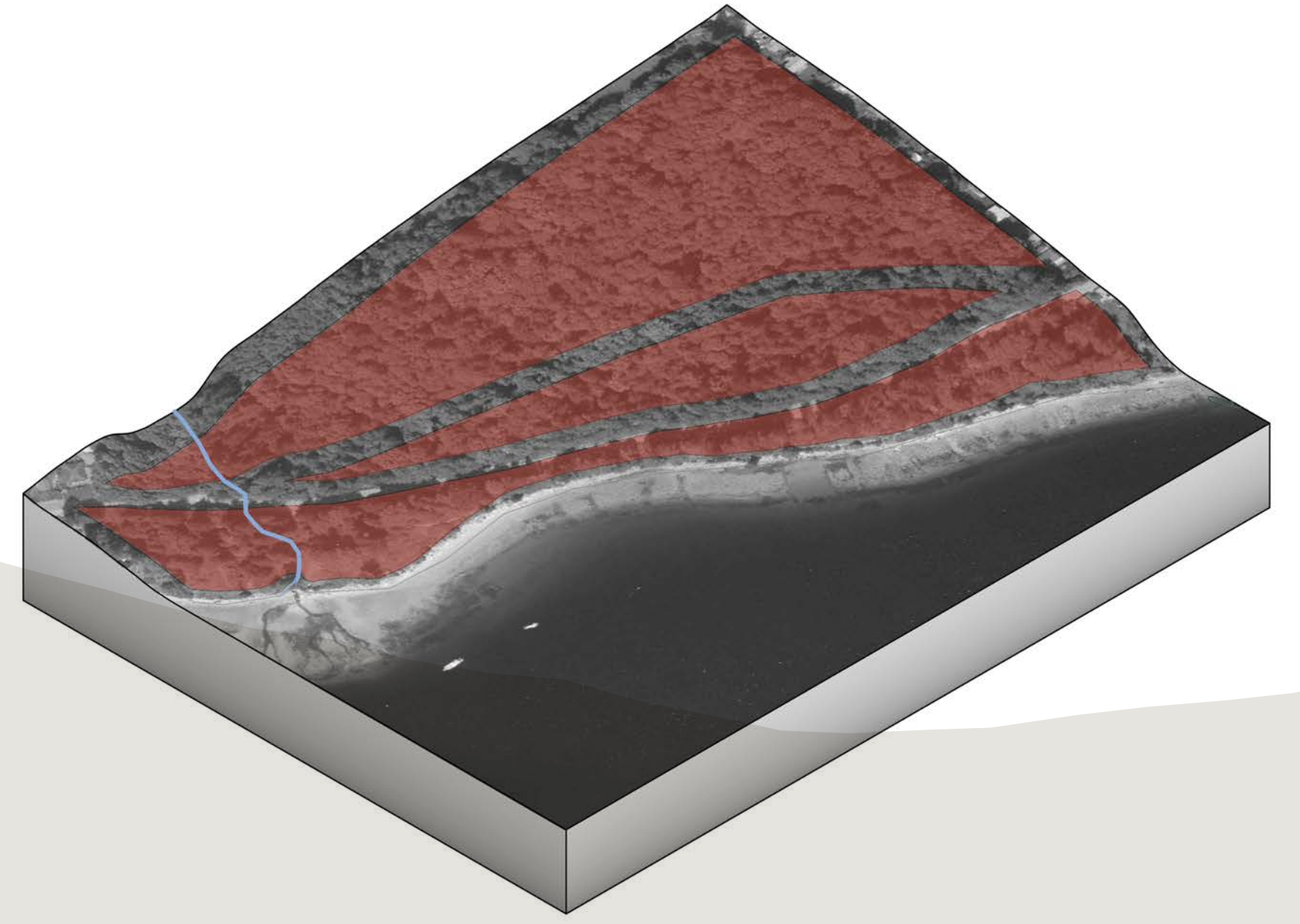


# Ch'kw'elhp

Ch'kw'elhp is **one of the main Skwxwú7mesh origin villages**, and the first Village built after the last Ice Age and following the Great Flood. There are many Legends that originate from this village such as that of **Tsekánchten and Sxeláten**, and of the **“Young Trainee and the Black Fish”** that teach us about our People’s relationships with the Spirit World.



How can a Coast Salish Village be rebuilt at Ch'kw'elhp?



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## Project Process



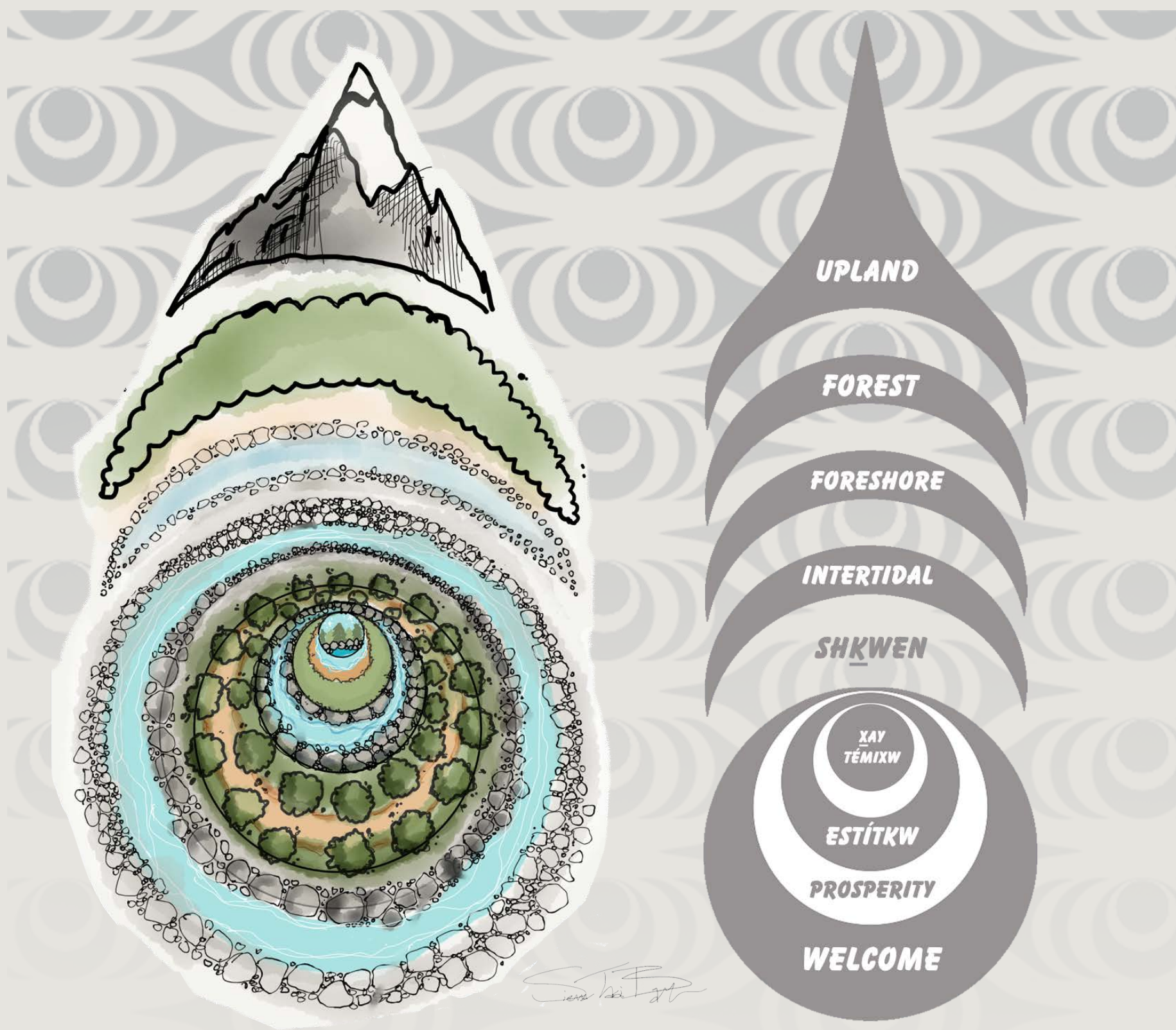
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(Arbutus)*



*skw'ekwchsáy  
(Huckleberry bush)*



*View from the shore*



### Land Use Categories

**Lám**  
Housing

**Áytxwmínen**  
Economic Development

**Úxwumíxw**  
Community

**Xay**  
Spiritual

**Temíxw Stakw**  
Environmental Stewardship

### Design Approach

**Chéñ chenstway**  
Uplift and uphold each other

**K'ayáchten**  
Places of welcome

**Estitkw**  
Safe place, closed community practice

**Téywilhn xay temíxw stakw**  
Protect sacred land and water

**Cultivate places of kinship**

### Principles & Strategies

**Honour the origin stories and legends of place**  
Honour the story of the First Ancestors

**Respect and honour the ancestors**  
Respect the resting places of the ancestors

**Enhance and acknowledge Skwxwú7mesh presence**  
Create a welcoming to the territory upon arrival from the land and water  
Place cultural spaces at connections to adjacent sites

**Prioritize cultural land uses adjacent to the water**  
Reintroduce and honour traditional canoe and boat access on the North side of the site

**Connect member housing, support services, and cultural spaces**  
Locate key points of entry toward the foreshore

**Utilize Skwxwú7mesh models of environmental stewardship and stormwater management**  
Enable the remediation of Gibsons Creek

**Prioritize space for services and programs that support Nation members**  
Maintain direct adjacencies between member housing areas and community support areas

**Work with the topography to maximize views, and enhance pedestrian and vehicular circulation**  
Orient homes toward the water  
Create walking paths that emphasize the natural topography

