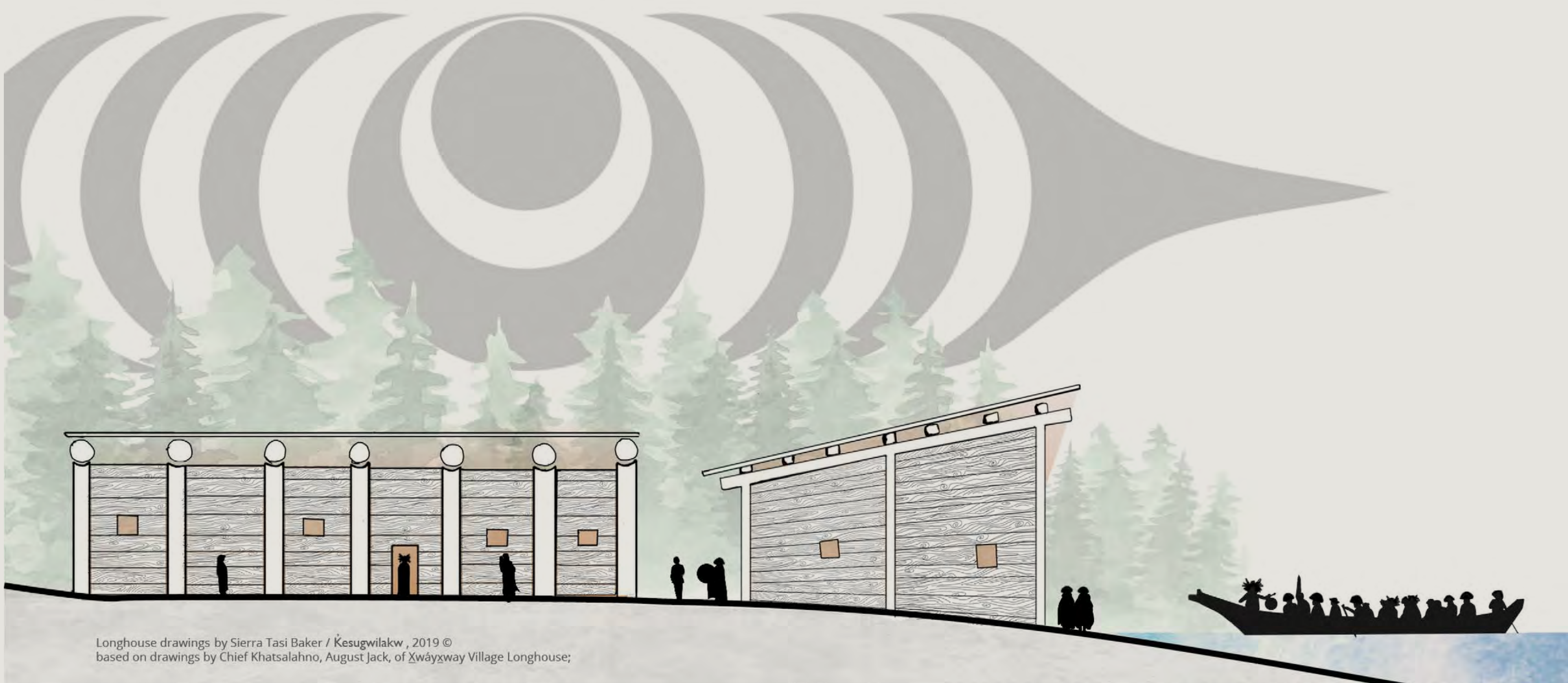
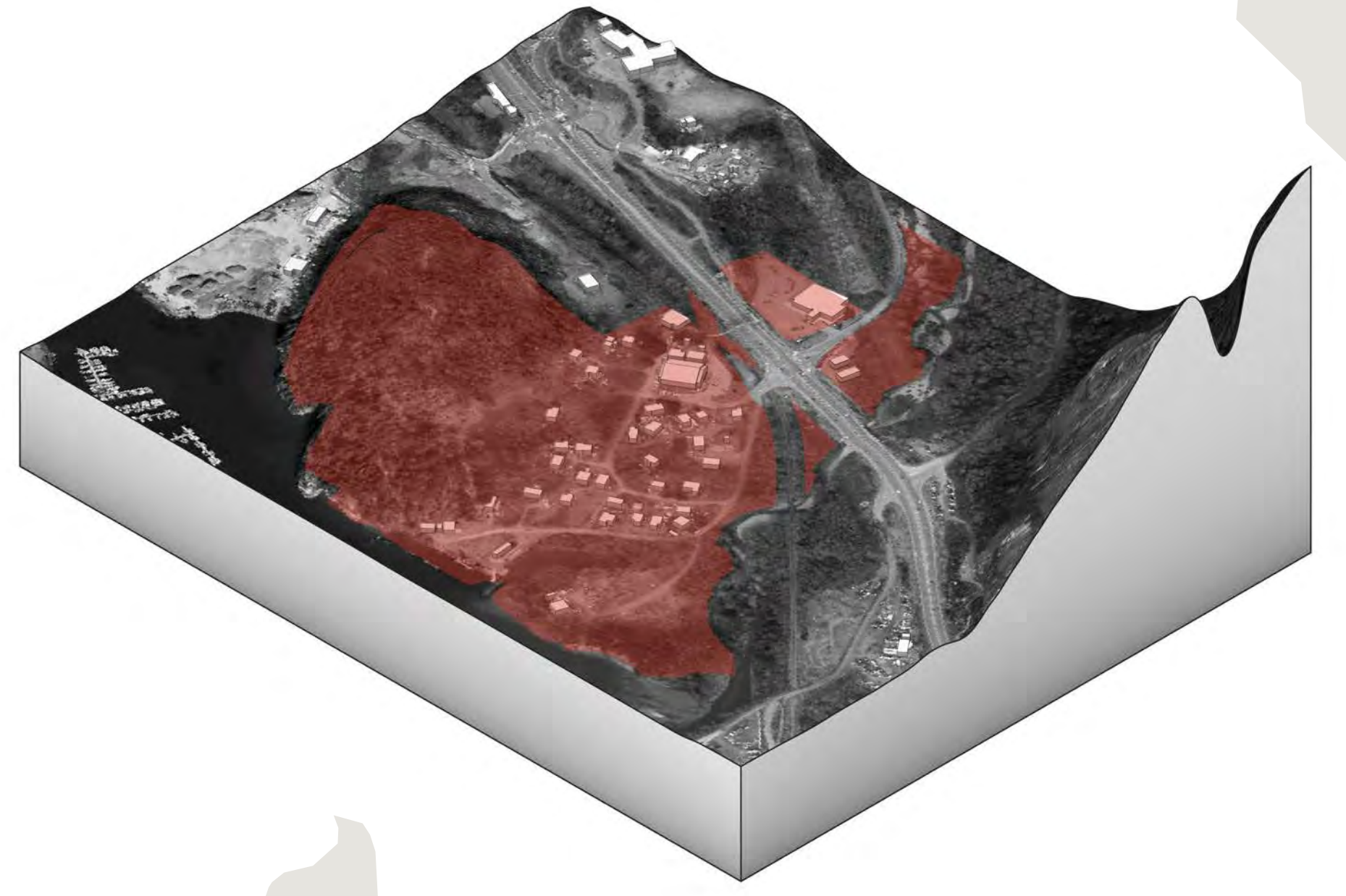


Stá7mes

“There are many stories about Xaays transforming living beings. One of the most well known is about **Siyaám Smánit... The rock was once a tl'áktaxanaáwtxw (long house)**. A t'le7énk (big-time potlatch) took place, and all the Animal People were invited. The Xaays immortalized the event by transforming the guests and longhouse into a mountain. The Spirits are still within the rockface, revealing themselves at different times.”

- *Tiná7 Cht Ti Temíxw, 2023*



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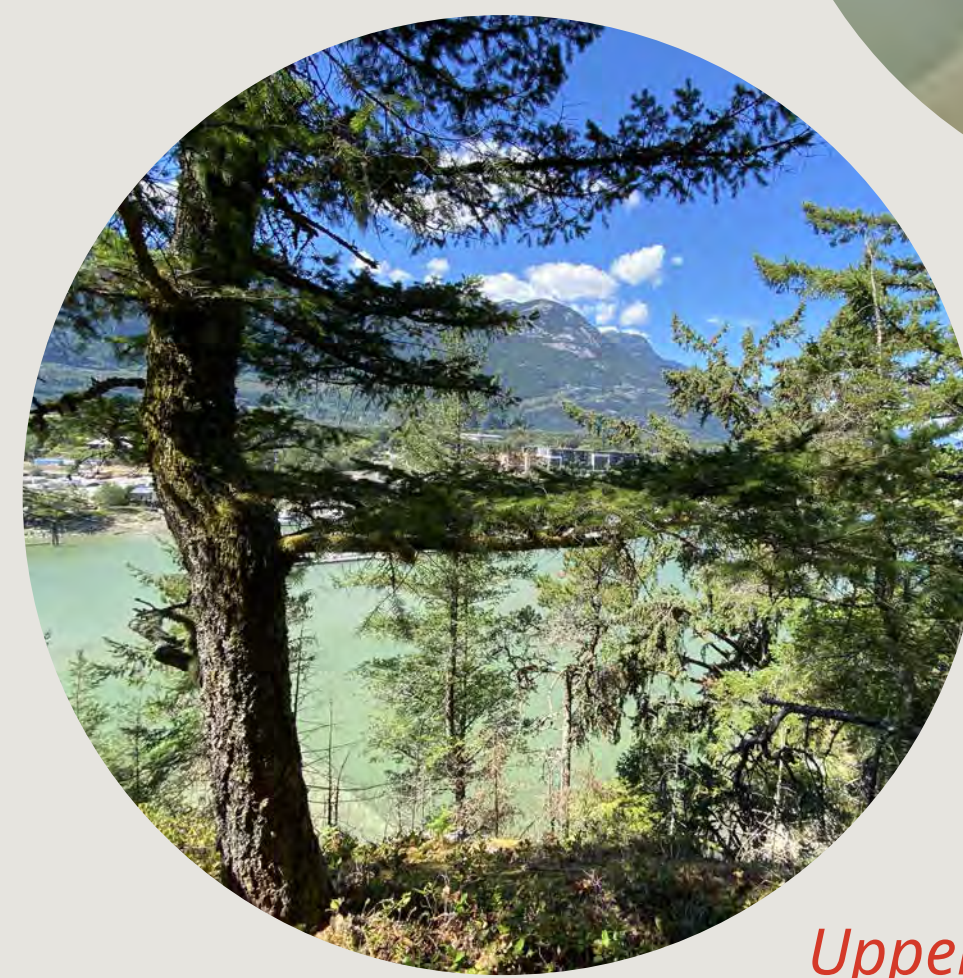
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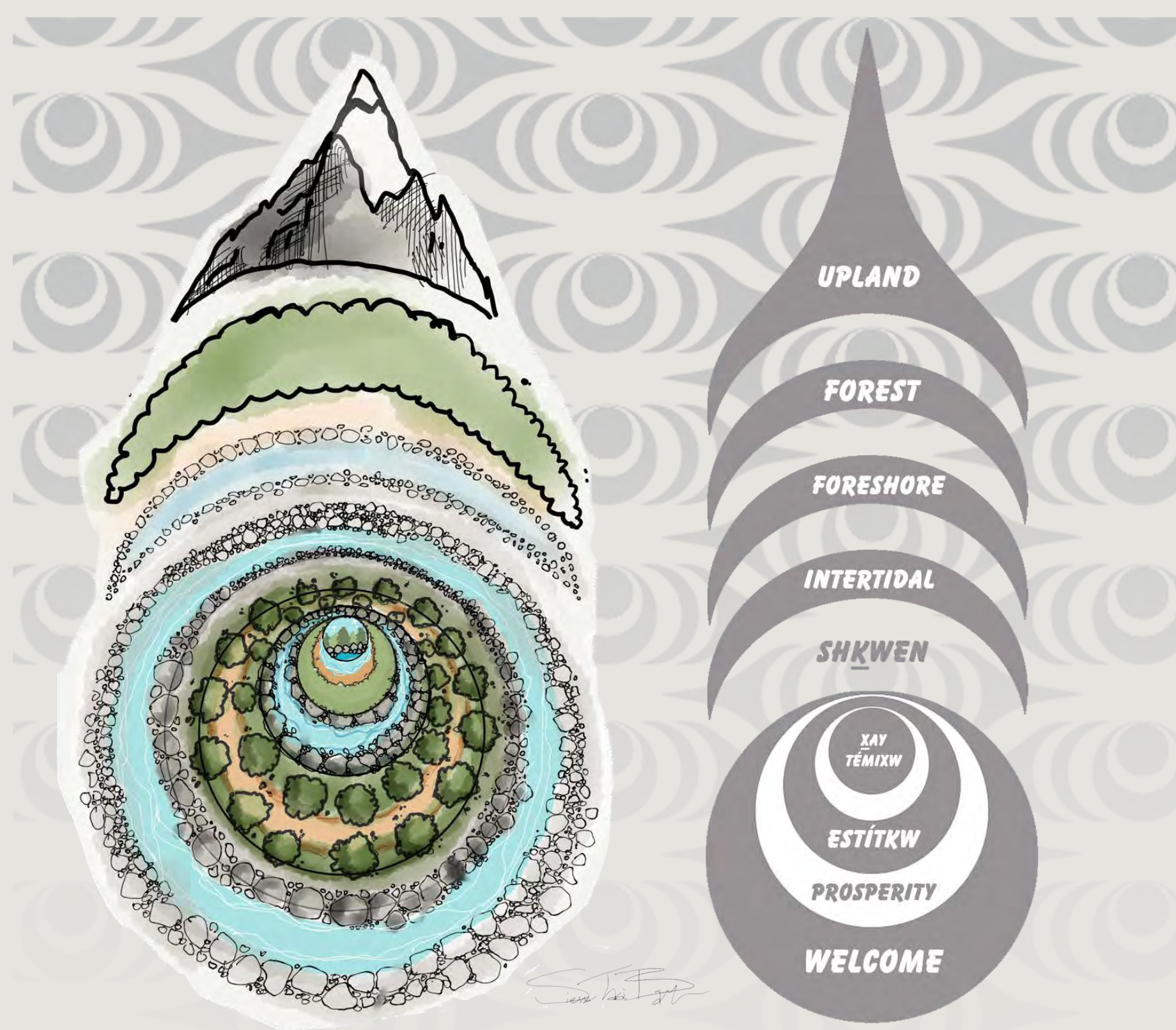
The Legend of “**The Highly Respected Daughter of a Big Chief and a Strange Dog**” teaches us about the integral family and community roles that make a Village. Working with these Skwxwú7mesh values and understandings we can apply these values to the site and work **to revitalize and support these community roles.**



View up the Mamquam Channel



View from Upper Stá7mes



Land Use Categories

- La'm**
Housing
- Áytxwmínen**
Economic Development
- Úxwumixw**
Community
- Xay**
Spiritual
- Temíxw Stakw**
Environmental Stewardship

Design Approach

- Ché' 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 origin stories of Stá7mes

Respect and honour the ancestors

Create a buffer area around the existing cemetery to emphasize respectful use of the land

Enhance and acknowledge Skwxwú7mesh presence

Expand housing options to increase number of members living at St'a7mes
Increase the visual presence of Skwxwú7mesh language around the site

Prioritize cultural land uses adjacent to the water

Highlight opportunities along the river for cultural practices
Establish gradient from public to private, to enable the safe pursuit of spiritual practices.

Connect member housing, support services, and cultural spaces

Maintain adjacencies and create gathering places between housing and cultural spaces
Create a new administrative area that interweaves with the community

Utilize Skwxwú7mesh models of environmental stewardship and stormwater management

Include outdoor teaching spaces that allow environmental learnings to be passed on

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

Develop connections to surrounding communities that enhance member access and use of the site



Sawa7elt (Stawamus River)

