

# About Cowichan Tribes



- The single largest First Nation in British Columbia. Over 3,800 registered members; about half currently live on the Reserve.
- Located in the Cowichan Valley in mid-Vancouver Island, British Columbia.
- Comprised of seven traditional villages (Kw'amutsun, Qwum'yiqun', Hwulqwselu, S'amuna', L'uml'umuluts, Hinupsum, Ti'ulpalus).
- Total Reserve area is currently 2,400 hectares (5,900 acres), made up of nine Reserves.
- Core Traditional Territory is approximately 375,000 hectares (900,000 acres).
- Governed by a Chief and 12 Councillors, within the framework of the Indian Act.
- Part of the Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group. In Stage 4 (Agreement in Principle) of the Treaty Process (<http://www.hulquminum.bc.ca/>).
- Delegated responsibilities in Children and Families, Education, Health, Housing, and Social Development.
- Own and operate Khowutzun Development Corporation (KDC) group of companies, (<http://www.khowutzun.com>) which includes:
  - Khowutzun Mustimuhw Contractors Limited Partnership (KMCLP)
  - Khowutzun Forest Services Limited Partnership (KFCLP)
  - Khowutzun Millwork & Joinery Limited Partnership (KMJLP)
  - Quw'utsun Cultural and Conference Centre (QCCC)
  - Cherry Point Vineyards
- Collective annual revenues of over \$57 million.
- 800+ employees – one of the single largest employers in the region.

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