

Territory Acknowledgement CUPE 951

We acknowledge and respect the *ləkʷəŋən* peoples on whose traditional territory CUPE Local 951 conducts its business, and the (Songhees and Xwsepsum/Kosapsum [Esquimalt] and WSÁNEĆ (STÁUTW/Tsawout, WJOŁŁLP/Tsartlip, BOKÉCEN/Pauquachin, WSIKEM/Tseycum)_whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day. May we build strong working relationships with all local nations with trust, humility, kindness, respect and continue to walk softly on these ancestral lands



WSÁNEĆ Peoples

The **Coast Salish** is a group of ethnically and linguistically related [Indigenous peoples of the Pacific Northwest Coast](#), living in [British Columbia](#), Canada and the [U.S.](#) states of [Washington](#) and [Oregon](#). They speak one of the [Coast Salish languages](#).

The Coast Salish are a large, loose grouping of many tribes with numerous distinct cultures and languages. Territory claimed by Coast Salish peoples span from the northern limit of the [Salish Sea](#) (aka [Strait of Georgia](#)) on the inside of [Vancouver Island](#) and covers most of southern Vancouver Island, all of the [Lower Mainland](#) and most of [Puget Sound](#) and the [Olympic Peninsula](#)