

What's in a Name Continued

Hunlen Falls was named for an Interior First Nation chief who trapped in the Atnarko area.



Photo courtesy Dietrich Ulrich

Lobelco, the area around the Community Hall, derived its name from "Lower Bella Coola" because it was down the Valley from the main Norwegian Bella Coola settlement at Hagensborg.

Nookliklonnik:

"*The Glacier Creek that Disappears*", so called because in winter, its frozen glacial source results in a mere trickle.

Noosgulch (Nusq'lst):

"*The Place of the Green Rocks*", is a north-side tributary of the Bella Coola River across from Nusatsum Mountain (also called Nusq'lst by the Nuxalk people). It is said that the human figure on the skyline lying on his back with his boot to the left (North) is a sleeping giant who lay down there after throwing his green stone axe which shattered into many pieces. This explains the prevalence of green rocks in the Noosgulch area.



Photo courtesy Michael Wigle

Nusatsum (Nusats'm):

"*The Place Where Spring Salmon Go to Spawn.*"



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Nuxalk:

The name of the Bella Coola River and its Valley, meaning "*Becoming One*". The name alludes to the coming together of many villages into one after the devastation caused by disease in the 19th Century.

Nuxalkmc:

The people living in the Valley (now called Nuxalk)



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Snooka (Snuqaax):

"*The Place of Salmon Berries*".

Saloompt (Salmt):

"*A Good Place to Live*".



Photo courtesy BCVT/James Taylor

Snootli (Snut'li):

"*The Place of the Large Dog Salmon with a Bird on his Back*" (preserved in a rock formation upstream from the Highway 20 bridge.)

Skuluk (Mount Fogner):

"*The Place of Raven's Paddle*", is the mountain at tidewater where Raven pushed the salt water out of the Valley from his magic canoe. His actions also made the river wind, reducing its harm to the salmon runs. Later, the mountain was renamed for the Valley's first school teacher, Ivor Fogner.



Talchako

Talchako, is the name of the glacier-fed tributary which joins the Atnarko near Stuie to form the Bella Coola River. It is an Interior First-Nations name meaning "*The Long River*".

Thorsen Creek:

Named for Thor Thorsen, who with Filip Jacobsen, built the first trail from the Townsite to Hagensborg the year before the Norwegian settlers arrived. To the Nuxalkmc, it was "*Squmalh*", "*A Place of Punishment*".