

THE SQUAMISH NATION IN THE NEWS

“The federal government introduced legislation Thursday with the potential to kick start \$7 billion worth of real estate development on the Squamish First Nations Capilano Reserve”

**-- The Vancouver Sun
December 11, 2009**

“An example of a mutually beneficial relationship is our partnership with Squamish Nation. Recently they have waived their rights of accommodation on several properties to allow the district to acquire dykes, park land and other infrastructure lands.”

**-- The Squamish Chief
January 16, 2010**

“The new community forest, which comprises of 36,000 hectares of forest ... will allow logging within the area to occur, but in such a way that will not compromise the forest’s ecosystem. The forest will be managed jointly between the RMOW, the Squamish Nation, and the Lil’wat Nation. This is possible only because an agreement was reached with the Province, transferring decision-making abilities from the Province to the three partners for the next 25 years.”

**-- Whistler Question
January 16, 2010**

“The Olympic torch relay is rolling into Whistler on February 5 and as part of the festivities, the Resort Municipality of Whistler and VANOC are throwing quite the party ... following the musical performance, the Squamish Nation Eagle Song Dancers will take to the stage in Skiers Plaza to showcase their drumming, dancing and song to the audiences.”

**-- The Pique
January 13, 2010**

“A stunning white Steinway concert grand piano — the world’s first to be adorned with Coast Salish art — sprang into sound and life Thursday at its unveiling at the Squamish Nation longhouse in North Vancouver. Acclaimed Coast Salish artist Jody Brimfield, who created the Four Host First Nations’ crest for the 2010 Olympics and has designed coins for the Royal Canadian Mint, said he adorned the unique piano with the crests of thunderbird, salmon, ocean, ancestors and humans.”

**-- Canwest News
January 7, 2010**

“Elders of the Squamish Nation blessed the North Shore Spirit Bells at the Hiwus Feast House on Grouse Mountain. For the Nation, bears represent family and strength.”

**-- North Shore News
January 3, 2010**

“Aaron Marchant, an aboriginal from B.C’s Squamish Nation, has developed one of Canada’s few aboriginal focused sports programs, the First Nations Snowboard Team. The snowboard team, formed in 2004, started with a goal of placing an aboriginal snowboarder on the Olympic podium in 2010.”

**-- The Canadian Press
December 25, 2009**

“The Squamish Nation is pleased that the Mamquam project, located in our traditional territory, is moving forward as part of the BC Hydro Clean Power Call. Projects such as this reflect our commitment to sustainability and partnerships for future generations of our membership,” said Chief Gibby Jacob on behalf of the Squamish Nation Chief and Council.”

**-- Chief Gibby Jacobs, Fox Business
November 18, 2009**

“The government of Canada moved Wednesday to atone for what Prime Minister Stephen Harper called a “sad chapter in our history” by formally apologizing for the Indian residential school system which removed 150,000 aboriginal children from their families and created an emotional void in first nations communities across the country for generations. After the video broadcast from Parliament, Squamish Nation Chief Gibby Jacobs called for healing. ‘If we don’t quit victimizing ourselves, we don’t release ourselves from the prison we put ourselves in ... the effect that we felt multi-generationally will continue.”

**-- Canada.com
July 9, 2009**

“Squamish First Nation has joined forces with TerraSphere Systems, LLC, who is revolutionizing the way fresh organic produce is grown. The company, which designs and builds systems for growing fruits and vegetables in a controlled, indoor environment, uses clean technology to create solutions to food production challenges.”

**-- Indian Country Today
May 15, 2009**

“The Squamish Nation unveiled a First Nations training initiative in North Vancouver on July 25 aimed at moving local aboriginal workers into the labour-starved construction sector. Kwantlent University College and the Vancouver Aboriginal Skills Employment Society (VanASEP) will be partners in this initiative, which will add 72 full-time apprentices in construction trades.”

**-- North Shore News
August 1, 2008**