

What will the proposed Squamish Land Code do?

The proposed Squamish Land Code enables us to:

- Assert Squamish Nation jurisdiction over our reserve lands and resources
- Define development approval processes and the role of members, administration, and council in approval of proposed developments on our lands
- Create environmental assessment and protection regimes that will enhance the environment
- Create a land use planning regime that enhances coordination of land uses and the quality of life for residents of our lands
- Ensure Canada retains responsibility for other services (i.e. health and education)

Will the proposed Squamish Land Code affect the tax exemption?

No. The proposed Squamish Land Code does NOT affect the tax exemption. Members with homes on Squamish Nation reserves will not pay property taxes if the proposed Squamish Land Code is approved by membership. Members will still be able to use their status card to be exempt from sales tax if they shop at Park Royal or the Superstore. Members will still be exempt from personal income tax if they work on reserve.

Will the proposed Squamish Land Code affect other areas like health and education?

No. The proposed Squamish Land Code does NOT affect other program areas like health and education. The proposed Squamish Land Code is only related to land management.

Is the proposed Squamish Land Code a treaty?

No. The proposed Squamish Land Code is NOT a treaty. The proposed Squamish Land Code does not affect Squamish Aboriginal Rights and Title. The Squamish Nation will continue to negotiate accommodation agreements with other governments or the private sector.

When will land management authority be transferred to the Squamish Nation?

If membership approves the proposed Squamish Land Code, the Squamish Nation will have up to twenty-four (24) months to prepare policy, procedures, and land laws required to assume responsibility of land management.

How can I learn more about the Squamish Land Code?

There are a number of ways to learn about the proposed Land Code.

- Watch the video: A video has been prepared that includes a description of how the proposed Squamish Land Code will work and includes interviews with some members of the Squamish Nation Land Code Working Group.
- Read the bulletins: This is the first in a series of bulletins that will be available on various subject areas including: law-making, housing, and, development approvals.
- Attend a meeting: Membership meetings will be scheduled to discuss the proposed Squamish Land Code.
- Send an e-mail: You can send an e-mail question about the proposed Squamish Land Code to landcode@squamish.net.
- Go on-line: Additional information will be posted at www.squamish.net - check there for updates!
- Call us: you can call us at (604) 982-0510

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SQUAMISH LAND CODE MEETING DATES:

Group:	Location	Date	Time
General Membership	TH	March 15	6 - 9 pm
Elders	EC - NV	March 16	12 - 3 pm
General Membership	CJMC	March 16	6 - 9 pm
Youth	YC - NV	March 22	3 - 5 pm
Elders	TH	March 23	12 - 3 pm
Youth	TH	March 25	11:00 am - 12:00 pm
General Membership	TH	April 3	6 - 9 pm
General Membership	CJMC	April 4	6 - 9 pm

TH = Totem Hall CJMC = Chief Joe Mathias Centre EC = Elders Centre YC = Youth Centre



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SQUAMISH LAND CODE RATIFICATION VOTE DATE: APRIL 7 & 8, 2011



“Under the Canadian legal system we do not even own this dirt that we’re standing on, and that it rightfully belongs to the Canadian government, subject to the terms of the Indian Act. That is still the case today.”

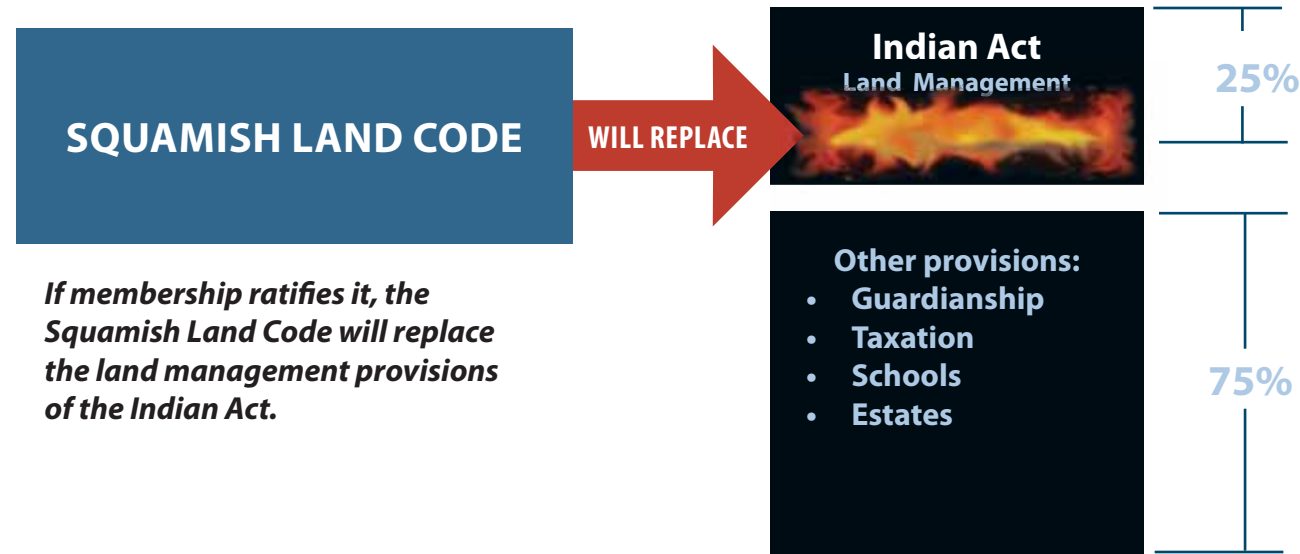
- Chief Joe Mathias, 1991

Squamish Nation Indian Reserves are subject to the provisions of the Indian Act. This means that the Federal Government, through the Department of Indian Affairs has the final say on Squamish Nation lands.

The reserve system has never worked well for us. This is why the Squamish Nation has participated in the land management initiative to replace the land management provisions of the Indian Act with our own Squamish Land Code.

Ratifying the Squamish Land Code is a critical part of the Community Development Plan that is being discussed at Family Meetings. Implementation of the code will enable us to: (a) better manage our existing reserve lands; (b) acquire more lands; and, (c) ensure that there are places for membership to live together for generations to come.

This is the first in a series of bulletins to provide membership with information about the proposed Squamish Land code.



TO ASSUME CONTROL OVER ITS RESERVE LANDS, SQUAMISH NATION MEMBERSHIP WILL BE ASKED TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING QUESTION IN A REFERENDUM:

Do you approve:



How was the proposed Squamish Land Code developed?

Squamish membership has participated in the development of the land code in a number of ways. Over 40 meetings have been held since 2003 on the land management initiative and over 90 members have participated in committees and working groups. Over 600 'person meetings' of effort have been devoted by membership to the development of the Squamish Land Code.

Squamish Nation Chiefs and Council would like to thank all those that have taken the time to participate in land code meetings. Your comments and questions have shaped the Squamish Land Code.

Katherine August, Christine Baker, Cynthia Baker, Deborah Baker, Eric Baker, Julie Baker, Kwakwee Baker, Marie Baker, Pam Baker, Richard (Richie) Baker, Robert (Bob) Baker, Toby Baker, Lydia Blaney, Aaron Bruce, Harold Calla, Jason Calla, Susie Calla, Chief Ian Campbell, Joan Daniels, Dawn Dawes, Sandy Douglas, Sarah

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