

**mi'mna lhkaych**  
(January)

**tem welhxs**  
(February)



**Skwxwú7mesh  
Úxwumixw**

Squamish Nation

**syétsem t'l'a  
nexwsxwníwntm  
ta úxwumixw**

Report From Council



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## Update on Resolutions from 2022 Annual General Meeting



Huy chexw a (thank you) to the 658 Members who registered and attended the tem ekwáyanexw (November) 2022 Annual General Meeting in-person and online! As quorum was achieved, attendees were able to discuss and approve six Member Resolutions. On miřna lhkaych (January) 12, Nation staff presented reports on how to action the resolutions. Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw (Council) approved the proposed approaches, and more information will be shared at the next People's Assembly on tem tsá7tskaý (April) 28, 2023.

### Resolution #1 – Constitutional Working Group

Nation staff will draft a Terms of Reference for a Constitutional Working Group and establish a process to select individuals to serve on the group. They will also create a work plan for having a draft constitution ready for consideration and referendum in tem cháylhen (September) 2025. These items will be presented at the next People's Assembly.

### Resolution #2 – Raising Membership Distribution

Nation staff will develop several options for Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw to consider regarding a change to the calculation of Membership distributions.

### **Resolution #3 – Review and Membership Feedback on Squamish Nation Governance Policy and Election & Referendum Law**

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Nation staff will ensure the Governance Policy is updated with minor edits to be in alignment with the Election & Referendum Law and present at the next People's Assembly. Membership will then be engaged to share their feedback.

### **Resolution #5 – Equity in Service Delivery**

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Nation staff will review Own Source Revenue (OSR) as well as programs, services, and funding that are available for on- and off-reserve Members to determine gaps. This information will be shared at the next People's Assembly after which staff will develop equity principles and a workplan for Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw consideration.

### **Resolution #4 – Review of Policies Regarding Renumeration for Cultural Affairs**

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Nation staff will review current policies and practices such as employee 'Leave Bank' and present this information at the next People's Assembly.

### **Resolution #6 – Equitable Housing Policies for all Squamish Nation Members**

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Due to the volume and complexity of the work involved, it will take place in phases as per the results of the Housing Policy engagement project. The following will be submitted to Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw in tem lhawt' (March) 2023: Housing Policy Framework, Home Construction Policy, and Maintenance and Renovations Policy.

More information is available at [squamish.net/housing-policy-engagement](https://squamish.net/housing-policy-engagement).

The next People's Assembly will be held from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm on tem tsá7tska'y (April) 28, 2023. For more information, visit [squamish.net/peoples-assembly](https://squamish.net/peoples-assembly). Members who pre-register by tem tsá7tska'y (April) 25 will be entered in a draw to win one of four \$500 gift cards. Dinner, childcare, cultural wellness services, and transportation will be provided.

## Squamish Nation Council Meeting Attendance

Total meetings with attendance recorded (duly convened<sup>1</sup>) mir̄na lh̄qaych (January) & tem welh̄xs (February) 2023: 5

Councillor	Present	Absent <sup>2</sup>	Excused <sup>3</sup>
Gonzales, Stewart (Sempúlyan)	5	-	-
Jacobs, Shayla (Sumkwaht)	4.5	0.5	-
Rivers, Dustin (Khelsilem)	4.5	-	0.5
Rivers, Kristen (Tiyáltelut)	4.5	-	0.5
Whonnock, Ann (Syexwáliya)	4	-	1
Williams, Richard (Xwélxwelacha)	5	-	-
Williams, Joyce	4.5	-	0.5
Williams, Wilson (Sxwíxwtn)	4	-	1

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<sup>1</sup> Does not include committee meetings, meetings off-site, or Council workshops at which a recording secretary was not present.

<sup>2</sup> A partial meeting absence is recorded when a Councillor is absent for a significant portion of the meeting (i.e., if a Councillor arrives in the morning, leaves at 10:30 am and does not return until 3:00 pm). Partial meeting absences and absences in the morning or afternoon are counted as 0.5.

<sup>3</sup> An excused absence can include the following: illness, family care, scheduled vacation time, recusal due to a conflict of interest, or Council Business (such as spokesperson duties, conferences, ceremonies etc.)

# Squamish Nation Council Motions and Resolutions

miḡna lhḡaych (January) & tem welhḡs (February) 2023

Squamish Nation Members can view the complete isolated motions (containing additional details) online at:

[squamish.net/isolated-motions](https://squamish.net/isolated-motions)

Date	Motion #	Topic
Jan 5	1	Approval of Agenda Including Consent Agenda Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Record of Decisions from Council Meeting December 14, 2022</li> </ul>
	2 / 3 - 4	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(iii) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law - Nch'ḡay Development Corporation Nation Director Appointment
Jan 12	1	Approval of Agenda Including Consent Agenda Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Record of Decisions from Council Meeting January 5, 2023</li> </ul>
	2	Council Resolution – Annual General Meeting of the People’s Assembly November 2022: Resolution #6 Equitable Housing Policies for all Squamish Nation Members
	3	Council Resolution – Annual General Meeting of the People’s Assembly November 2022: Resolution #5 Financial Equity for On- and Off-Reserve
	4	Council Resolution – Annual General Meeting of the People’s Assembly November 2022: Resolution #3 Review and Membership Feedback on Squamish Nation Governance Policy and Election & Referendum Law
	5	Council Resolution – Annual General Meeting of the People’s Assembly November 2022: Resolution #1 Constitutional Working Group
	6	Council Resolution – Annual General Meeting of the People’s Assembly November 2022: Resolution #2 Raising Membership Distribution
	7	Council Resolution – Annual General Meeting of the People’s Assembly November 2022: Resolution #4 Review of Policies Regarding Renumeration for Cultural Affairs
Jan 19	1	Approval of Agenda Including Consent Agenda Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Record of Decisions from Council Meeting January 12, 2023</li> <li>Council Resolutions – ISC Funding Agreement Amendment #21 and #22</li> <li>Council Resolution – Hiḡám Housing Society Xwmélch'tstn Siyi7ch'em Provincial Sales Tax (PST) Exemption</li> <li>Council Resolution – In Camera MST Development Corporation (MSTDC) Loan Agreement</li> <li>Council Resolution – Letter to British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC)</li> </ul>
	2 / 3 - 4	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(iii) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Two Custom Lot Transfers of Interest
	5	Council Resolution – Community Research Projects Policy

	6 / 7	Amendment #1 and #2 – Use and Development of Squamish Nation Lands
	8	Use and Development of Squamish Nation Lands
	9 / 10	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(v) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Forest and Range Consultation and Revenue Share Agreement 2023
Feb 16	1	Approval of Agenda Including Consent Agenda Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Record of Decisions from Council Meeting January 19, 2023</li> <li>• Record of Decisions from Email Resolution January 30, 2023</li> <li>• Record of Decisions from Email Resolution February 8, 2023</li> <li>• Council Resolution – Hi'yám Housing Organizing Resolution</li> <li>• Council Resolution – ISC Funding Amendment #23</li> <li>• Council Resolution – Travel Request for Chairperson Khelsilem (Broadbent Progress Summit)</li> <li>• Council Resolution – Travel Request for Chairperson Khelsilem (Delegation to Federal Government re Fish Farm Closure)</li> <li>• Council Resolution – Travel Request for Chairperson Khelsilem (Assembly of First Nations Special Chief's Assembly in Ottawa)</li> </ul>
	2	BC First Nations Health Governance
Feb 17	1	Agenda Amendment – Addition of Resolution re Purchase of 2 Tables for the Reach for the Stars Fundraiser
	2	Approval of Agenda
	3 / 4	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(v) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Exemption to Purchase Policy for Brandlive Contract
	5 / 6	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(iv) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Project Charter Engaging the Crown
	7	Hours & Leaves Policy
	8	Governance Policy and Procedures Updates
	9 / 10	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(iv) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Project Charter Intergovernmental Agreements



# Be Informed

## Want to stay informed about the topics and issues discussed at Council meetings?

Council Agendas, Motions, and Resolutions are accessible on the website. Members can log in and view Council Agendas from November 2018 onwards at [squamish.net/agendas](https://squamish.net/agendas) and Council Motions and Resolutions from December 2017 onwards at [squamish.net/isolated-motions](https://squamish.net/isolated-motions).

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