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Syétsem t'l'a Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumíxw
Report from Council

Mímna lh̓kaych' (January) 2022



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Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw Endorses Elder's Program Engagement Project



Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw (Council) and Nation employees have heard feedback that there is a need for a well-structured, safe, and inclusive Elder's Program (in North Vancouver and the Squamish Valley) that is rooted in Sk̄wxwú7mesh ways and supported by appropriate governance policies.

Throughout 2022 the Squamish Nation Elder's Program, with support from Ts'ixwts'ixwnítway (Member Services), will be actively connecting with Elders, youth, and the community to hear what is wanted for the future of the Sk̄wxwú7mesh-ulh síyuxwa7 (Squamish Nation Elders) Program. Elders living both on- and off-reserve will be lifted up as the honored community members that they are and placed at the center of this project.

An Elder's Project Action Team, including a Project Coordinator, a Cultural Advisor, Elders, and Youth will guide the project from beginning to end. Yúustway (Health & Wellness) is generously supporting this project with funding from the First Nations Health Authority and additional funding from the First Nations Public Services Secretariat.

On Mir̄na Ih̄kaych' (January) 20, the Project Team presented to Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw. Councillors endorsed the project with a Band Council Resolution (BCR) and agreed to participate, as appropriate, in any engagement opportunities.

Throughout the year, project updates and opportunities to get involved will be posted at squamish.net/elders-program-project and on the Nation's social media channels. The Project Team can be contacted at eldersproject@squamish.net or 604-987-4646.

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Ch'iyakmesh Water System Update

Ta na wa Shėway I7xw ta Úxwumixw (Planning & Capital Projects) has been monitoring the water system at Ch'iyakmesh to understand how it is operating and how it could be improved. The water is regularly tested for safety and has been determined to be healthy for drinking. The Nation's ultimate goal is to ensure a long term and stable supply of water to Members, given that the current system is old.

The Nation received funding from Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) to complete a study looking at whether to upgrade the current system or explore connecting to the District of Squamish's system. On Miřna lhkaych' (January) 20 Nexwsxwniřntm ta Úxwumixw (Council) approved the second option that the District has also indicated it is supportive of. To move forward with the next stage of this project, Ta na wa Shėway I7xw ta Úxwumixw will submit an application to ISC for design funding and explore any other funding/partnership opportunities. Updates will be shared with the community as the project progresses.

Funding Allocated for COVID-19 Relief Phase 4.2

Phase 4.2 of the COVID-19 Community Member Relief Program was approved by Nexwsxwniřntm ta Úxwumixw (Council) on Miřna lhkaych' (January) 13. This marks the Nation's ongoing commitment to supporting Members, both on- and off-reserve, through the pandemic and keeping our Elders and most vulnerable safe.

Phase 1 started in Spring 2020 with \$1.6 million allocated to assist Members. The funding came from Indigenous Services Canada Indigenous Community Support Fund (ICSF) and donations by Nexwsxwniřntm ta Úxwumixw and others. Phase 2 prioritized areas that Membership identified in a survey in September 2020 (Elders, mental health, food security, education etc.). Funding came from the ICSF through a direct allocation and a needs-based request from the Nation.

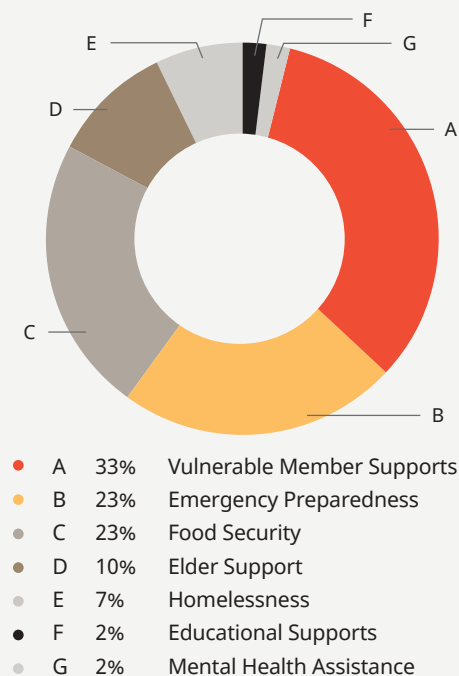
More examples of the programs supported between June 2020 and

March 2021 can be found in the COVID-19 Community Relief Program Highlights booklet at bit.ly/2020-covid-relief.

Phase 3 began in Spring 2021. \$1.1 million went to supporting and enhancing services to keep Elders and our most vulnerable Members safe, to emergency preparedness, and to expanding mental health supports including the family/domestic violence program. In Fall 2021, Phase 4's \$1.3 million focused on mental health including supports for wellness, grief and loss, youth programs, and technology to help connect Elders and low-income families with family and programs. Funding came from the ICSF through a direct allocation and a needs-based request from the Nation. Phase 4.2 will continue to focus on the priority areas identified by Membership through programs like Elders' activity bundles, assistance for the food pantry, and educational supports.

The Nation continues to provide emergency financial support to those in crisis. Members are encouraged to contact Ts'ixwts'ixwniřway (Member Services) at 604-982-7610 and request to speak with an intake officer if they require assistance. Members can also call to receive care while isolating due to COVID-19 at 604-982-7610 during office hours or 604-505-3776 after hours.

Phase 4.2 Proposed Projects by Category



Squamish Nation Council Meeting Attendance

Total meetings with attendance recorded (duly convened¹) Mir'na lh̓qaych' (January) 2022: 4

Councillor	Present	Absent ²	Excused ³
Gonzales, Stewart (Sempúlyan)	3.5	-	0.5
Jacobs, Shayla (Sumkwaht)	4	-	-
Rivers, Dustin (Khelsilem)	4	-	-
Rivers, Kristen (Tiyáltelut)	4	-	-
Whonnock, Ann (Syexwáliya)	4	-	-
Williams, Chief Richard (Xwélxwelacha Siyam)	4	-	-
Williams, Joyce	4	-	-
Williams, Wilson (Sxwíxwtn)	4	-	-

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

² 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.

³ 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 Band Council Resolutions

Mimna Ihkaych' (January) 2022

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

squamish.net/isolated-motions

Date	Motion #	Topic
Jan 6	1	Approval of Agenda
	2 / 3	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(iii) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law
Jan 13	1	Approval of Agenda
	2	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4(b)(ii) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law
	3	Approval of COVID-19 Community Member Relief Plan Phase 4.2
	4	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4(b)(iii) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law
	5	Approval of Supports Provided to Off Reserve Members – November 2021 Atmospheric River Event
	6	Approval of Inclusive Washrooms Squamish Nation Buildings
	7 / 8	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4(b)(v) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law
	9	Table Item #11 “IN CAMERA - Nch'ka'y Development Corporation – External Applicants Board Appointment Scoring” to the 2022-01-20 Council Meeting
Jan 20	1	Approval of Agenda
	2	BCR – First Nations Guardians Initiative Funding Application
	3 / 4	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.44.(b)(iv) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law
	5 / 6	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4.(b)(iv) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law
	7	BCR – Design Approval Request (DAR) for Water System Replacement on Ch'iyakmesh IR No. 11
	8	BCR – Endorsement for the Elder's Program Engagement Project
	9	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4(b)(iii) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law

Jan 27	1	Approval of Agenda
	2 / 3	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(iii) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law
	4 / 5	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(vi) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law



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Are you interested in watching recorded Council meetings?

Squamish Nation Members can watch recordings of Council meetings, which are uploaded to the Squamish Nation website within a few days of the meetings. Members can log in to the website and watch the recordings at squamish.net/livestream

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

Squamish Nation Members can access Council Agendas and Isolated Motions (Records of Decisions) on the website. Members can log in and view Council Agendas from November 2018 onwards at squamish.net/agendas and Isolated Motions from December 2017 onwards at squamish.net/isolated-motions

Are you experiencing issues when attempting to log in to the website?

If you are not able to log in to the website, please email webmaster@squamish.net for assistance with accessing the Members Only section of the Squamish Nation website.



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