



**Skwxwú7mesh
Úxwumixw**

Squamish Nation

**Syétsem tl'a
Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw**
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Sḵwḵwú7mesh Sníchim Policy Approved



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On July 8, Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw (Council) approved the Sḵwḵwú7mesh Sníchim (Squamish Language) Policy. This Policy is the result of work that Ta na wa Ns7éyxnitm ta Snewíyelh (Language & Cultural Affairs) has been undertaking since the Sḵwḵwú7mesh Sníchim Policy Framework was approved in July 2019. It is based on the principle that Sḵwḵwú7mesh Sníchim is a language belonging collectively to the Sḵwḵwú7mesh Stélmexw (Squamish People) and that everyone has the right to learn, speak, and teach it.

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In the late 1980s to 1990s, a group of Elders came together to teach their grandchildren the Sḵwḵwú7mesh Sníchim and culture. These first language speakers were called Ta na wa Nexwíw n ta a Imats (The Ones Who Advise The Grandchild). Today, the UNESCO Atlas of the World's Languages in Danger categorizes Sḵwḵwú7mesh Sníchim as severely endangered because there are no longer any first language speakers.

The Sḵwḵwú7mesh Úxwumixw is committed to re-establishing Sḵwḵwú7mesh Sníchim as the primary language. It is a living language, one enriched by new words and teachings, particularly as younger Members contribute to its growth and evolution. This Policy will guide and implement best practices in language revitalization to develop and maintain highly proficient and fluent speakers of Sḵwḵwú7mesh Sníchim.

Ta na wa Ns7éyxnitm ta Snewíyelh offers a wide range of Sḵwḵwú7mesh Sníchim programming. For more information, please visit squamish.net/language-cultural-affairs or email language_culture@squamish.net.

Advisory Committees Provide Opportunity for Members to Learn About Nation's Governance

In July, Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw (Council) approved Terms of Reference for the Housing and Elders Advisory Committees.

Advisory Committees provide a unique and valuable volunteer opportunity for interested Members to learn more about the Nation's governance, and to provide important feedback that will help inform Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw decision making. There are four Advisory Committees, each comprised of 10 Members: Budget & Finance, Elders, Housing, and Youth.

Advisory Committees do not exercise authority over administrative staff or Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw. However, they can attend presentations or request relevant informational materials developed by the Nation's departments to help fulfill their mandate and provide feedback. Two Councillors act as liaisons between Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw and the Advisory Committee.

Appointments are made for two-year terms. Information about the application process will be posted to squamish.net/council-advisory-committees when Advisory Committees are seeking new volunteers.

Ta na wa Yúus ta Stitúyntsám (Rights & Title) to Review All Timber Permit Requests



On August 12 it was decided that Ta na wa Yúus ta Stitúyntsám (Rights & Title) would take over responsibility for the intake and evaluation of timber permit requests from Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw (Council). This transfer will improve efficiency and oversight as well as ensure equitable access for Members.

Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw supports a system whereby projects and matters are vetted through departments and committees before consideration at a Council meeting. To improve transparency of the process, it was decided that all Member requests should be overseen by Ta na wa Yúus ta Stitúyntsám, who already reviews third party timber permits.

Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw also requested that Ta na wa Yúus ta Stitúyntsám develop a strategy and criteria for receiving, evaluating, and recommending timber permit renewal requests going forward. More information will be shared with Members as the department undertakes this work.

Squamish Nation Council Meeting Attendance

Total meetings with attendance recorded (duly convened ¹) July & August: 6

Councillor	Present	Absent ²	Excused ³
Askew, Orene	5	1	-
Baker, Alroy (K'etximtn)	2	2	2
Baker, Deborah (K'ána)	5	1	-
Baker, Richard (Kasalus)	-	-	6
Campbell, Chief Ian (Xàlek Sekyú Siyam)	2	3	1
Darbyshire-Joseph, Brandon (Kátxelacha)	6	-	-
George, Carla (Kwitelut Kwelaw'ikw)	4	1.5	0.5
Joseph, Joshua (Skwetsi7meltxw)	2.5	1.5	2
Lewis, Chris (Syetáxtn)	4	-	2
Lewis, Deanna (Kálkalilh)	4.5	1	0.5
Lewis III, Jacob (Xayil)	4	-	2
Rivers, Dustin (Khelsilem)	4.5	0.5	1
Rivers, Kristen (Tiyáltelut)	6	-	-
Williams, Joyce	6	-	-
Williams, Wilson (Sxwíxwtn)	2.5	1.5	2
Wooden, Marcus (Klakwagilagime)	6	-	-

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

²A 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.

³An 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

July & August 2021

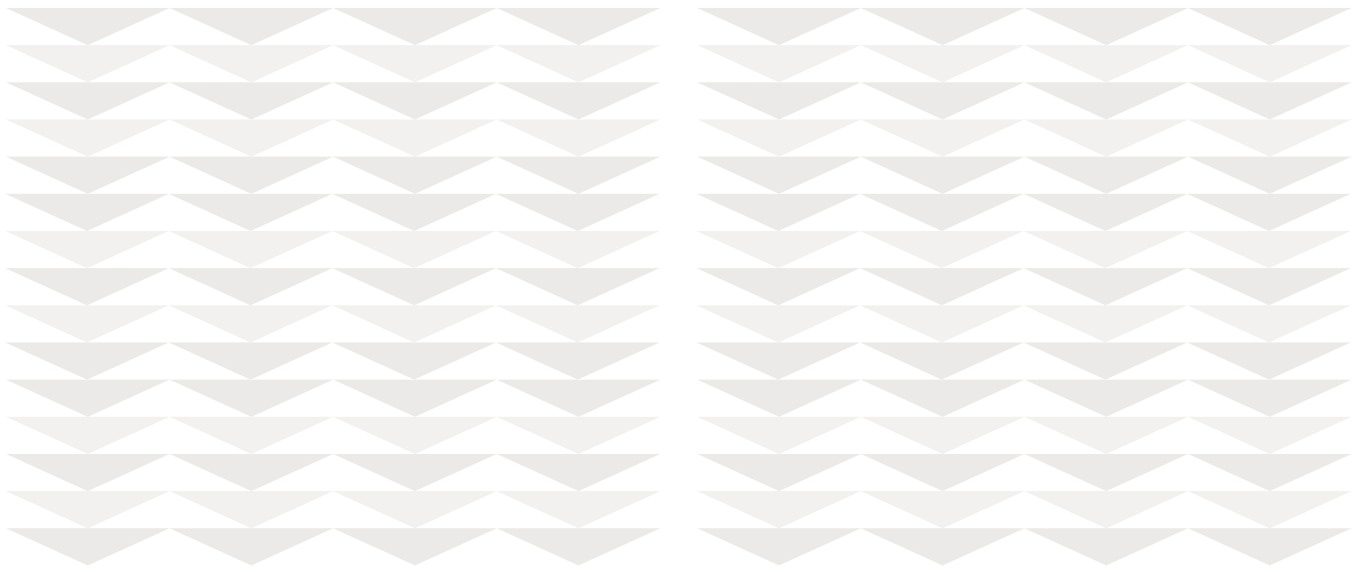
Squamish Nation Members can view the complete isolated motions (containing additional details) online at squamish.net/members/records-of-decision-members-only

Date	Motion #	Topic
July 8	1	Approval of Agenda
	2	Approval of the Records of Decision – June 22, 24, 29
	3	Amendment of SN Financial Administration By-law, 2019 – Annual Report Publication Date
	4	Approval of Strategic Operations Department Budget
	5 / 6	To go IN CAMERA under s. 1.22(h) <i>information that is prohibited from disclosure by provincial and federal legislation</i> from the Council Governance Policy
	7	Approval of Squamish Language Policy (2021)
	8	Agenda Amendment – Move Item #9 to End of Day
	9	Squamish Nation Housing Advisory Committee Terms of Reference (2021)
	10 / 11	To go IN CAMERA under s. 1.22(k) <i>sensitive Squamish language, cultural heritage, or intellectual property matters</i> from the Council Governance Policy
	12 / 13	To go IN CAMERA under s. 1.22(b) <i>employee relations</i> from the Council Governance Policy
	14	Adjournment of Meeting
July 12	E1 - 3	IN CAMERA
July 14	1	Approval of Agenda
	2	To go IN CAMERA under s. 1.22(j) <i>sensitive financial or economic negotiations</i> from the Council Governance Policy
July 15	1	Approval of Agenda
	2	To go IN CAMERA – under s. 1.22(f) <i>litigation or potential litigation affecting the Squamish Nation</i> from the Council Governance Policy
	3	Approval of the Records of Decision – July 7, 8, and 12
	4	Approval of Ta7lneŵás (Education, Employment & Training) Department Policy and Procedure Manual

	5 / 6 - 7	To go IN CAMERA under s. 1.22(i) <i>sensitive intergovernmental negotiations or relations</i> from the Council Governance Policy
	8	To go IN CAMERA under s. 1.22(e) <i>the financial or economic interests of a third party</i> from the Council Governance Policy
	9	Adjournment of Meeting
July 16	E1	IN CAMERA
July 20	1	Approval of Agenda
	2	To go IN CAMERA under s. 1.22(g) <i>advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose</i> from the Council Governance Policy
	3	Adjournment of Meeting
July 21	E1	IN CAMERA
July 22	E1	Approval of Squamish Nation Elders Advisory Committee Terms of Reference
July 27	1	Approval of Agenda
	2 / 3	To go IN CAMERA under s.1.22 (i) <i>sensitive intergovernmental negotiations or relations</i> from the Council Governance Policy
	4	Adjournment of Meeting
July 29	1	Approval of Agenda
	2	Approval of the Records of Decision – July 14, 15, 16, 20, and 22, 2021
	3 / 4	To go IN CAMERA under s. 1.22(j) <i>sensitive financial or economic negotiations</i> from the Council Governance Policy
	5	Squamish Nation Grant & Funding Agreement Policy
	6	Approval of the Nch'kaý Development Corporation Budget for 2021
	7	Adjournment of Meeting
August 3	E1	Approval of the Records of Decision – July 21, 2021
August 12	1	Approval of Agenda
	2	Approval of the Records of Decision – July 27, 29, and August 3, 2021

	3	To go IN CAMERA under s. 1.22(j) <i>sensitive financial or economic negotiations</i> from the Council Governance Policy
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	5	Table Motion re: Host Nations (MST) Opportunity to August 19, 2021
	6	Squamish Nation Member Timber Permit Renewal Process
	7	BCR – Timber Permit - Cheakamus IR 11 - Roger Lewis
	8	Adjournment of Meeting
August 19	1	Approval of Agenda
	2	Approval of the Records of Decision – August 12, 2021
	3	BCR Funding support payments from Squamish Nation to the Spo7ez Cultural Centre and Community Society for 2021-2022 Fiscal Year
	4	First Amendment to Motion re: Cash Contribution for Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI)
	5	Second Amendment to Motion re: Cash Contribution for Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI) Application
	6	Cash Contribution for Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI) Application
	7	Bereavement Leave for Indigenous Employees
	8 / 9	To go IN CAMERA under s. 1.22(j) <i>sensitive financial or economic negotiations</i> from the Council Governance Policy
	10	Approval of Squamish Nation Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2021
	11	Approval of Northwest Squamish Forestry LP Financial Statements
	12	Approval of Lynnwood Industrial Estates Holding Company Ltd Financial Statements
	13	BCR - Squamish Nation’s Formal Response to the Province’s DRIPA Draft Action Plan
	14	Adjournment of Meeting

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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 to the website and view Council Agendas from November 2018 onwards and Isolated Motions from December 2017 onwards at squamish.net/agendas

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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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