



**Skwxwú7mesh  
Úxwumixw**

Squamish Nation

# **Squamish Nation Report from Council**

June 2021



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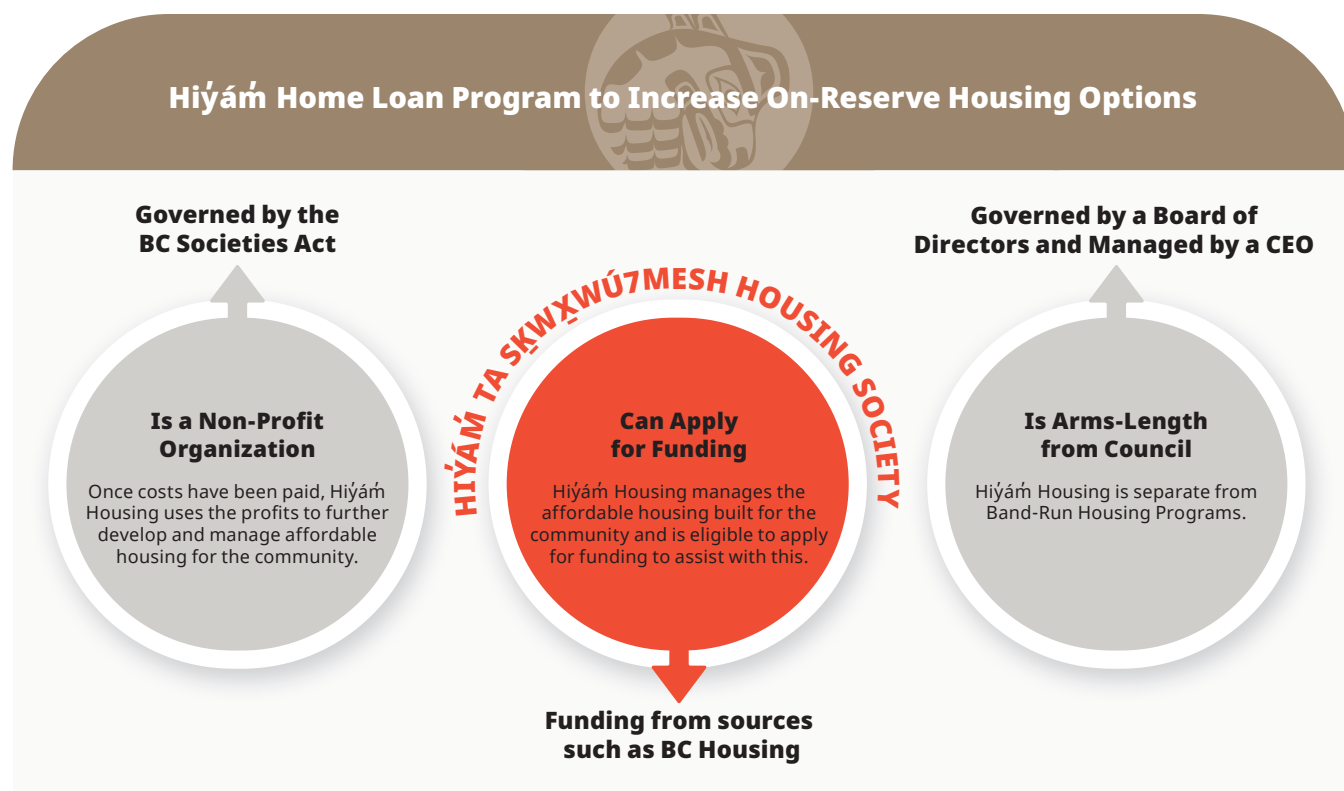
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On June 24, Nexwsxwníw ntm ta Úxwumixw (Council) approved the On-Nation Home Loan Policy and a new housing initiative: the Hi'yám Home Loan Program (HHLP). This program will provide qualifying Members with a loan guarantee to fund the construction or purchase of a home on-reserve. First explored in 2009, HHLP is an updated initiative that will support the Nation's goal of bringing all Sḵwxwú7mesh home.

Hi'yám Housing will implement and administer HHLP in partnership with Ta na wa Shéway I7xw ta Úxwumixw (Planning & Capital Projects), Ts'ixwts'ixwnítway (Member Services), and Esṯwá'yusem (Finance & IT). Further details about the application process and eligibility requirements will be shared when finalized.

The Hi'yám ta Sḵwxwú7mesh Housing Society was created on October 8, 2019 with a mandate from Nexwsxwníw ntm ta Úxwumixw to develop and manage non-profit housing for the community, working towards the goal of housing all Sḵwxwú7mesh within a generation (25 years). As an entity of the Nation, Hi'yám Housing Society is accountable to Membership.

## Ayás Méhmen Exploring Opportunities to Exercise Jurisdiction Under Bill C-92



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On June 10, Ayás Méhmen (Child & Family Services) met with Nexwsxwníw ntm ta Úxwumixw (Council) to present information on the opportunity for Sk̓wxwú7mesh Úxwumixw to exercise its inherent rights and jurisdiction over child and family services.

Bill C-92, the *Act respecting First Nations, Inuit, and Métis children, youth and families* came into force on January 1, 2020. This federal legislation provides the opportunity for Indigenous people to design and deliver child and family solutions that best suit the unique needs of their communities. On July 29, 2021 Cowessess First Nation became the first to sign a Coordination Agreement under the *Act* and exercise their inherent right to care for their own children and families.

Sk̓wxwú7mesh Úxwumixw – through Ayás Méhmen programs and services – guides, protects, and provides for our families and children according to our Chiyaxw (Sk̓wxwú7mesh traditional values and culture). From June to December 2021, the Ayás Méhmen Project Team will engage with Membership to present what this unique opportunity means for the Nation and seek feedback.

Some activities the Project Team has conducted include:

- Consultations with our hereditary Chiefs;
- A survey;
- Continued family meetings, focus groups and workshops.

For more information, please read the 4 Point Update newsletter at [squamish.net/amm-4point](https://squamish.net/amm-4point) or email [AmmComm@squamish.net](mailto:AmmComm@squamish.net).



## Protecting Old Growth Forest in Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Territory



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On June 10, Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw formally called on the Province of B.C. to stop old-growth logging for two years in Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Territory while the Nation develops long-term sustainability plans. These forests house intact ecosystems which have re-generated naturally under Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh stewardship since time immemorial and were never ceded by our people.

While 44 per cent of the Nation's old-growth areas have been protected, 56 per cent remains at risk with at least 20 cut blocks identified for logging activities in the next five years. 78,000 hectares of the Nation's old-growth forest are in danger unless the Province immediately halts new clear cuts.

In 2001, Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw developed the Xay Temixw (Sacred Land) Land Use Plan that highlights the importance of protecting old-growth forests and the need for the Nation to be involved in the economic opportunities of harvesting. Ta na wa Yúus ta Stitúyntsah̓ (Rights & Title) is working to review and update this Plan taking into considering new legislative changes that recognize Indigenous title and rights and feedback from Membership, including Elders and cultural knowledge holders. More information will be shared with the community as soon as possible.

## Squamish Nation Council Meeting Attendance

Total meetings with attendance recorded (duly convened <sup>1</sup>) June: 7

Councillor	Present	Absent <sup>2</sup>	Excused <sup>3</sup>
Askew, Orene	7	-	-
Baker, Alroy (K'etximtn)	1	6	-
Baker, Deborah (K'ána)	6.5	-	0.5
Baker, Richard (Kasalus)	2.5	-	4.5
Campbell, Chief Ian (Xàlek Sekyú Siyam)	0.5	4	2.5
Darbyshire-Joseph, Brandon (Kátxelacha)	6.5	0.5	-
George, Carla (Kwitelut Kwelaw'ikw)	5	1.5	0.5
Joseph, Joshua (Skwetsi7meltxw)	1	3	3
Lewis, Chris (Syetáxtn)	6.5	-	0.5
Lewis, Deanna (Kálkalilh)	4	2	1
Lewis III, Jacob (Xayil)	5	2	-
Rivers, Dustin (Khelsilem)	6	-	1
Rivers, Kristen (Tiyáltelut)	6	-	1
Williams, Joyce	5	2	-
Williams, Wilson (Sxwíxwtn)	6	-	1
Wooden, Marcus (Klakwagilagime)	5	2	-

<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 Band Council Resolutions

May 2021

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

Date	Motion #	Topic
June 2	1	Approval of Agenda
	2	To go IN CAMERA under s. 1.22(b) <i>employee relations</i> from the Council Governance Policy
	3	Adjournment of Meeting
June 3	1	Approval of Agenda
	2	Approval of the Records of Decision – May 27, 2021
	3 / 4 - 7	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
	8 / 9 - 10	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
	11	Adjournment of Meeting
June 10	1	Approval of Agenda
	2	Approval of the Records of Decision – June 2 and 3, 2021
	3 / 4	To go IN CAMERA under s. 1.22(i) <i>sensitive intergovernmental negotiations or relations</i> from the Council Governance Policy
	5	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
	6	Appointment of Service Agreement Committee (SAC)
	7	BCR - Approval of 5 Revocation of Surrender
	8	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
	9 / 10	To go IN CAMERA under s. 1.22(f) <i>litigation or potential litigation affecting the Squamish Nation</i> from the Council Governance Policy
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	E1	Squamish Nation Residential School Survivors Trip to Kamloops, BC

June 14	E1	IN CAMERA
June 22	1	Approval of Agenda
	2	Table Motion re Approval of Ta7Inewás – EE&T Department Policy and Procedure Manual to the July 8, 2021 Council Meeting
	3	Adjournment of Meeting
June 24	1	Approval of Agenda
	2	Approval of the Records of Decision – June 10 and 11, 2021
	3	BCR – Future of Squamish Spit – Central Estuary Restoration Project
	4	To go IN CAMERA under s. 1.22(i) <i>sensitive intergovernmental negotiations or relations</i> from the Council Governance Policy retroactively for Agenda Item #5
	5 / 6	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
	7	On-Nation Home Loan Policy
	8	Adjournment of Meeting
	E1	Approval of the Records of Decision – June 14, 2021
June 29	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
	3	BCR – Approval of Tax and Implementation Conditions Precedent
	4	To go IN CAMERA under s. 1.22(j) <i>sensitive financial or economic negotiations</i> from the Council Governance Policy
	5	BCR – Approval of Financing Condition for Señákw
	6	Adjournment of Meeting



**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](https://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](https://squamish.net/agendas)

**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](mailto:webmaster@squamish.net) for assistance with accessing the Members Only section of the Squamish Nation website.



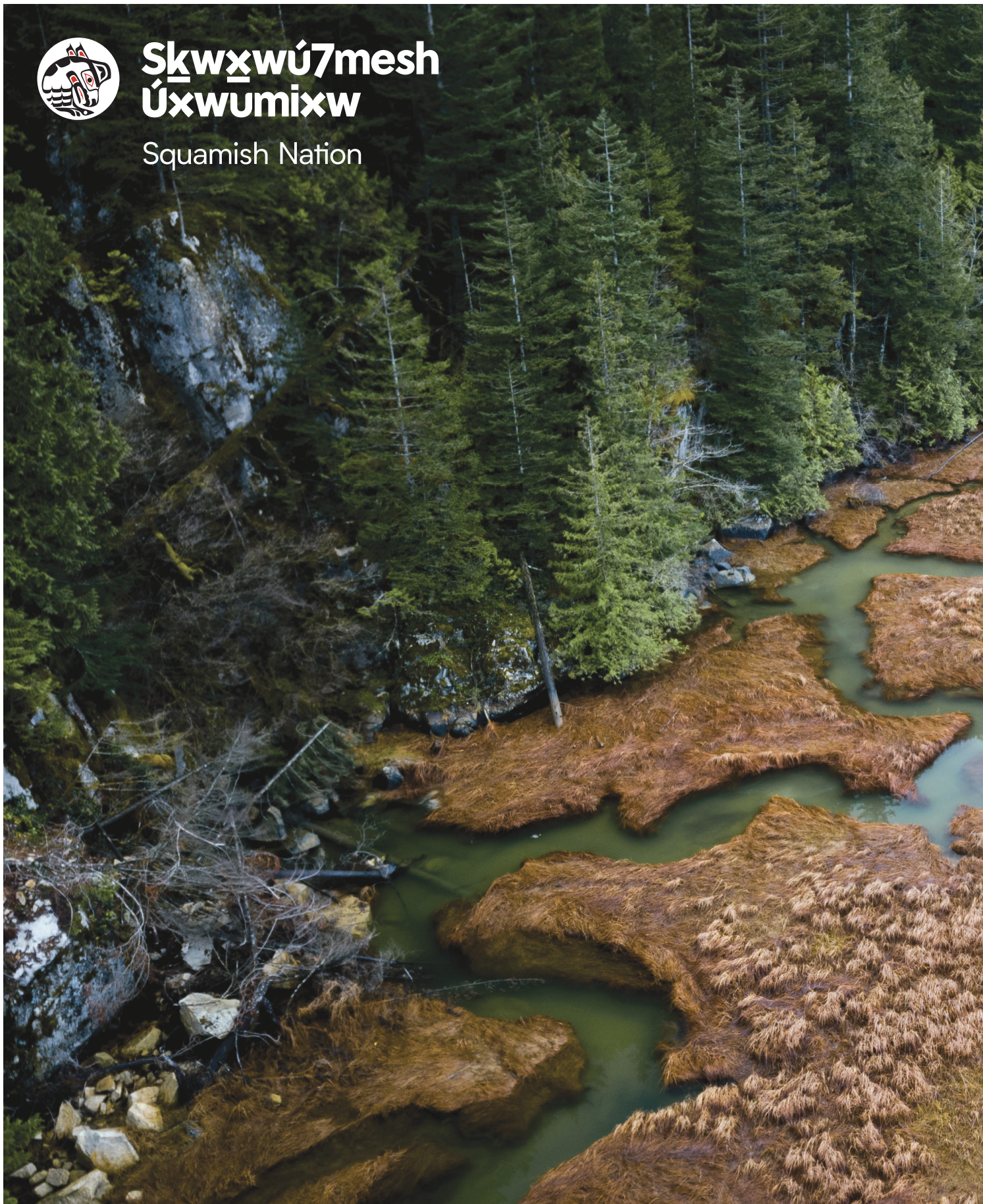




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