



**Skw̓wú7mesh
Úxw̓míxw**

Squamish Nation

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

Tem kw'eskw'ás (June) 2022



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Skw̓xwú7mesh Census Open Until tem cháyilhen (September) 30

To plan for our Nation's continued growth and prosperity, we need a clearer picture of our over 4000 Members' quality of life and priorities. That is why the Nation has launched a Skw̓xwú7mesh Census. Our Elders have named the census Eshlílkw'íws Chet, which translates to "we are all related".

It is not mandatory to complete the census, however filling it out will give the Nation the data it needs to develop programs, services, and budgets that better serve all Members. It will also be used to help create Úxwumixw 2050 – the Nation's Generational Plan.

Eshlílkw'íws Chet respects self-determination so Members can fill in as much, or as little, as they like. The core questionnaire 'In My House' is completed by one person on behalf of their household. The other topics can be completed by any Member. Every Skw̓xwú7mesh Member 18+ living on- or off-reserve is eligible to complete the census. Parents/caregivers are asked to respond on behalf of minor children.

The Skw̓xwú7mesh Census is different from the federal one as all the data collected will be completely owned by the Nation. All information will be stored securely respecting confidentiality. Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw (Council) and Nation employees will not be able to see anyone's individual answers. More information about the census is available at squamish.net/census.



There are two ways to complete the census. Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/squamish-census to fill out the census online. You can also call 604-373-9735 to book an appointment with one of the door-to-door enumerators, who are Nation Members. The deadline to complete the census is September 30, 2022.

Vote Yes to Reclaiming Education



Ta7Inewás (Education, Employment & Training) department is leading a project to take back control of our méhmen (children)'s education. Residential schools aimed to take our language, culture, and heritage from us, and we have been working to overcome that harmful legacy.

There is an opportunity to reclaim the right to educate our méhmen, from preschool to Grade 12, in a way that is uniquely Skwxwú7mesh. Students who attend on-reserve schools will be taught from a Skwxwú7mesh worldview so that they can grow up confident in our culture and values, which will improve our graduation rate. The Nation would be able to incorporate more language and land-based learning as well as set its own qualification process for teachers.

On etl'ím lhkaych' (December 1), 2022, Nation Members will be asked to vote and approve two documents which will set the foundation for building our own education system and law. First is an Education Law-Making Protocol (the process for how an Education Law will be developed and approved) and the second is a Jurisdiction Agreement (an education agreement with Canada).

If Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw votes yes, then the work will begin on building our education system, together. Through consultation and feedback, we will develop a system – including elements such as curriculum, graduation requirements, and teacher certification – that meets the needs and desires of our children and community. The goal is to implement an Education Law for the start of the 2023 school year.

Engagement on the first stage of the project (the lead up to the vote) began recently. Stay tuned to the Nation's Facebook page or visit the website at squamish.net/reclaiming-education for more information. If you have any questions, please email reclaiming.education@squamish.net.

Squamish Nation Council Meeting Attendance

Total meetings with attendance recorded (duly convened¹) Tem kw'eskw'ás (June) 2022: 5

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

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

Tem kw'eskw'ás (June) 2022

Squamish Nation Members can view the complete isolated motions (containing additional details) online at:
squamish.net/isolated-motions

Date	Motion #	Topic
June 2	1	Approval of Agenda Including Consent Agenda Items
	2 / 3	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(i) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Reclaiming Education: Lawmaking Protocol and Appeal Process
	4 / 5	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(iv) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Accommodation Agreement: Phibbs Transit Exchange Improvement Project
	6	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(vii) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Public Safety
	7	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(iv) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Vancouver Plan
June 15	1	Approval of Agenda
	2	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(iv) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – MST Tri-Council Meeting: Information Update
	3	BCR – Access to Sk̓w̓x̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw Membership List to support the census of Sk̓w̓x̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw Members
June 16	1	Approval of Agenda Including Consent Agenda Items
	2 / 3 - 4	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(viii) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – 2 Custom Lot Transfers
	5	In Camera Discussion Section 6.4.4 (b)(i) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Estate Matter
	6	Annual Squamish Nation Canoe Races at Ambleside Park
	7 / 8	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(iv) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Lions Gate Bridge Project Accommodation Agreement
	9 / 10	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(vii) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Public Safety Discussion
June 24	1	Approval of Agenda
	2 / 3	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(v) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Sehákw Related Matters

June 28	1	Approval of Agenda
	2 / 3 - 4	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(iv) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Seńákw
June 30	1	Approval of Agenda Including Consent Agenda Items
	2	Approval of I7xwíxwat Wa Eshíhkw'iws (We Are All Related) Policy
	3	Seńákw Development Bylaws
	4	Agenda Amendment – Addition of Item #5: Seńákw Matter
	5 / 6	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(v) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Seńákw Matter
	7 / 8	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(iv) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Pattullo Bridge Contract and Additional Staff Hiring
	9	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(iv) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – MST Tri-Council Debrief



Be Informed

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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