



**Skw̓xwú7mesh  
Úxwumíxw**

Squamish Nation

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

Tem lhawt' (March) 2022





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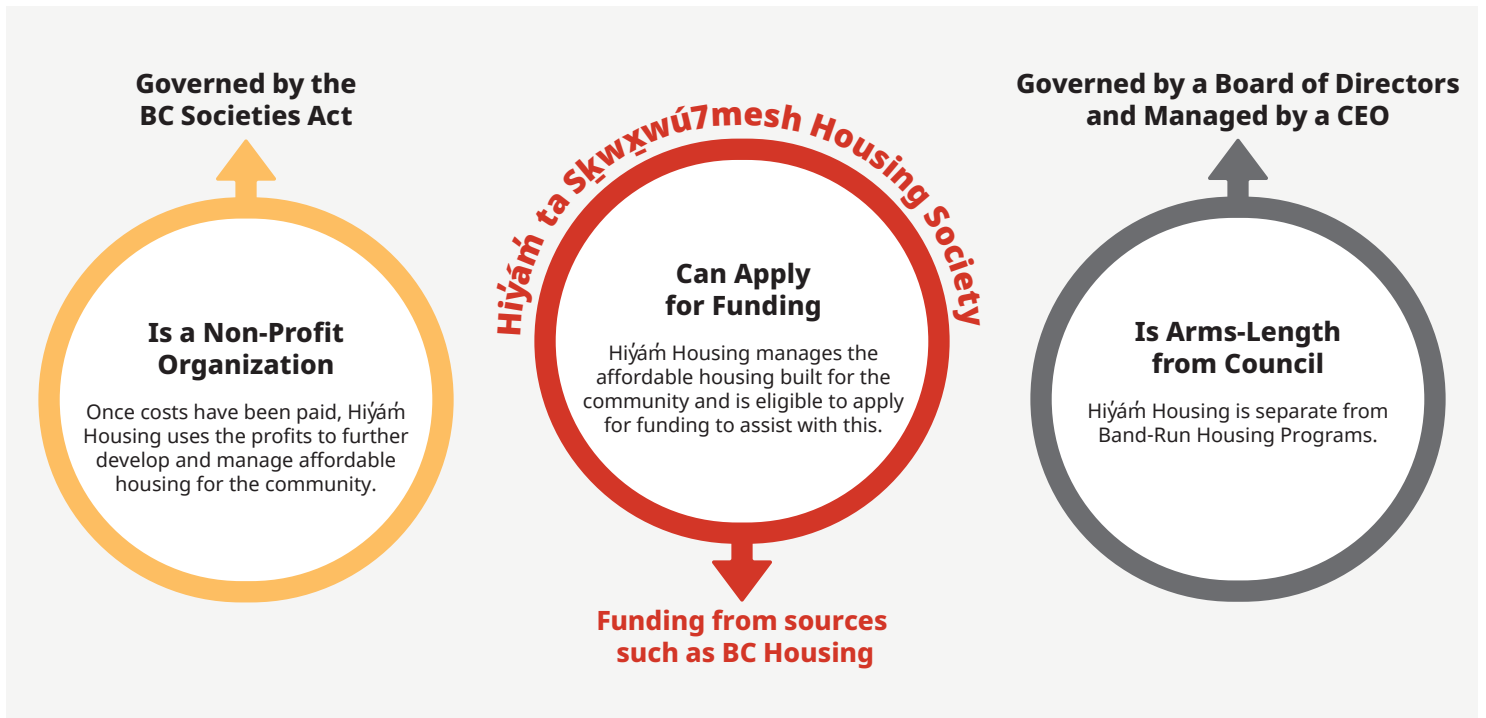
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# Hiyám Housing to Conduct Affordable Housing Needs Assessment



Developing a variety of housing that enables Members to stay in our communities and connected to our lands and culture is one of the Nation’s top priorities. To support this critical work, the Hiyám Housing Society Strategic Plan 2021-2026 has identified several key objectives, including conducting a housing needs assessment.

The needs assessment will collect and measure data on community identified housing needs and lived experience. It will look at topics like “what types of housing programs are a priority?”, “are there any portions of the population that are expected to grow faster than others in the next 25 years?” or “what barriers exist to accessing housing?” The data collected will ensure that Hiyám Housing creates projects and programs that meet the current and future affordable housing needs of the community. It will also support the development of a housing strategy.

This project is in the beginning stages and the first step is to issue a Request For Proposals (RFP) to conduct the needs assessment. On Tem Ihawt' (March) 3, Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw (Council) approved the RFP. Hiyám Housing will communicate more information as soon as it is available.

Hiyám Housing was created on October 8, 2019 with a mandate from Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw to develop and manage non-profit housing for the community, working towards the goal of housing all Skwxwú7mesh within a generation (25 years). As an entity of the Nation, Hiyám Housing is accountable to Membership. For more information, please email [info@hiyamhousing.com](mailto:info@hiyamhousing.com) or visit [bringsquamishhome.com](http://bringsquamishhome.com).

## Research Project on Adult Indigenous Language Learning Supports Strategic Plan

A key goal in the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw Strategic Plan 2020-2023 is for the Skwxwú7mesh Sníchim to be widely used in the community within a generation. To help achieve this, Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw (Council) recognizes the importance of gathering information and best practice around how language learners can be supported to progress to advanced proficiency, especially in communities where there are few or none first language speakers.

Through the Ta7Inewás (Education, Employment & Training) department, proposed university research projects involving Skwxwú7mesh topics have been supported when they are carried out in a respectful way and the knowledge can be shared for the benefit of the Nation.

On Tem Ihawt' (March) 3, Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw indicated its support for Nicki Benson's research project at the University of Victoria's Department of Education Indigenous Language Revitalization titled "Adult Indigenous Language Learning: From Intermediate to Advanced Language Proficiency and Beyond."

Ta7Inewás and Ta na wa Ns7éyxnitm ta Snewíyelh (Language & Cultural Affairs) will receive a copy of the research data upon completion as well as a series of infographics and a strategy guide to assist them in their ongoing language revitalization work.



# Squamish Nation Council Meeting Attendance

Total meetings with attendance recorded (duly convened<sup>1</sup>) Tem lhawt' (March) 2022: 3

Councillor	Present	Absent <sup>2</sup>	Excused <sup>3</sup>
Gonzales, Stewart (Sempúlyan)	3	-	-
Jacobs, Shayla (Sumkwaht)	3	-	-
Rivers, Dustin (Khelsilem)	3	-	-
Rivers, Kristen (Tiyáltelut)	2.5	-	0.5
Whonnock, Ann (Syexwáliya)	3	-	-
Williams, Richard (Xwélxwelacha)	3	-	-
Williams, Joyce	2.5	-	0.5
Williams, Wilson (Sxwíxwtn)	1	-	2

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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 Band Council Resolutions

## Tem Ihawt' (March) 2022

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

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

Date	Motion #	Topic
Mar 3	1	Approval of Agenda Including Consent Agenda Items
	2	Approval of Sk̓w̓x̓w̓ú7mesh Affordable Housing Needs Assessment
	3 / 4	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(iii) and (v) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Legal Matter
	5	Approval of Research Project: Adult Indigenous Language Learning: From Intermediate to Advanced Language Proficiency and Beyond
	6 / 7	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(iv) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Squamish Nation Participation in Committees with Resort Municipality of Whistler and Lil'wat Nation
	8 / 9	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(vii) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Two Director Board Appointments for the Squamish Community Forest Corporation (SCFC)
Mar 10	1	Approval of Agenda Including Consent Agenda Items
	2 / 3	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(iii) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Legal Matter
	4 / 5	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(viii) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Garibaldi at Squamish (GaS) Board Appointments
	6 / 7 - 8	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(viii) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Nch'k̓aý Development Corporation Strategic Plan
	9 / 10	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(viii) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Nch'k̓aý Development Corporation Budget
	11 / 12	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(i) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Education Jurisdiction for Squamish Nation: Communications and Engagement Plan
	13 / 14	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(viii) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – 100,000 Homes Initiative Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
Mar 24	1	Approval of Agenda Including Consent Agenda Items
	2	Table Motion re: Approval of the Hi'yám̓ Housing Society Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023



	3 / 4	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(iii) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Appointment of Council Representative to West Vancouver Indigenous Education Council
	5 / 6	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(iii) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Director Appointment to Nexw7áystway Trades & Training Centre Society
	7 / 8	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(iv) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Establishment of Permanent Working Group: Squamish Nation & Tseil-Waututh Nation (TWN) Leadership
	9	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(viii) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Olympic Presentation
	10 / 11	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(iv) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Appointments to the Strategic Planning Council





# 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](http://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](http://squamish.net/agendas) and Isolated Motions from December 2017 onwards at [squamish.net/isolated-motions](http://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](mailto:webmaster@squamish.net) for assistance with accessing the Members Only section of the Squamish Nation website.



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