



**Skwxwú7mesh  
Úxwumixw**

Squamish Nation

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ta úxwumixw**

Report From Council



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## Budget 2023-2024 Approved

On tem lhawt' (March) 30, 2023 Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw (Council) approved the Nation's budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. The budget is an important document that sets out how much money the Nation expects to receive (income) and how much to spend on strategic priorities, programs, and services (expenditure).

After several years of pandemic restrictions causing disruptions in service delivery, this year, the budget returns to a more normal situation. As with any budget, the goal is to carefully manage income, expenditure, and capital so that the Nation can expand and improve the services it offers to Members in a sustainable way.

While the Nation anticipates ending the year with a surplus, it remains focused on making investments into infrastructure and the tools required to serve Members. Some of the big initiatives that the Nation is undertaking are reflected in this year's budget, including:

- Re-establishing the community at Seńákw.
- Developing Úxwumixw 2050, a community generational plan to sustainability, self-sufficiency, and improved governance.
- Exercising our inherent rights to govern the education of our people through the s7ulh wa nexwniweyalh (Our Ways of Education) project.

The budget also includes increases to on-going services such as funding for post-secondary students' living allowances, tuition and supplies, rental assistance program, community health, and expansion of buildings for programming (eg. Youth Centre, Elders' Centre, Language Nest).

Public information about the 2023-2024 budget is available at [squamish.net/finance-budgets](https://squamish.net/finance-budgets). Members must log in to access the confidential details and we ask that this information is not shared with non-Members. Highlights are posted to the Squamish Nation Facebook page throughout tem yetwán (May). It is also a requirement under the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law that the budget is presented at the second People's Assembly of the year.

Community engagement for the 2024-2025 budget will begin later this year. Opportunities for Members to provide input will be posted to the Nation's digital channels as well as the print on-reserve

## Education Jurisdiction Agreement and Education Law Making Protocol Signed

In etl'ím lhkaych' (December) 2022, a referendum was held asking Members to vote on and approve two documents needed to set the foundation for building a Nation-led education system and law. The first document was an Education Law-Making Protocol (the process for how an Education Law will be developed and approved) and the second, was a Jurisdiction Agreement (an education agreement with Canada). 87.5% of Members who voted said yes. This vote marked an important moment in time and allows our Nation to move forward on this work, which was made possible from the efforts of many who have been working for decades towards reclaiming the right to govern the education of our people.

To continue with the process, Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw (Council) is required to sign both the Protocol and the Canada-First Nations Jurisdiction Agreement. This was completed on tem lhawt' (March) 2, 2023. Canada will also sign the document which is expected to happen later in 2023. In the meantime, the s7ulh wa nexwniweyalh (Our Ways of Education) continues to develop the next phase of work and the plans will be shared with community when completed. There will be future opportunities for input on this important project. Stay tuned for updates at [squamish.net/reclaiming-education](https://squamish.net/reclaiming-education).

# Xay Temíxw Land Use Plan Re-released

The Xay Temíxw (Sacred Land Use Plan) was originally published in 2001 as a first draft, however, it was not formally finalized. The draft summarized what was heard at community feasts, in individual interviews, and workshops with Elders and youth. It was available publicly, including on the Nation's website, before being taken down after it was used without the Nation's permission. Since 2001 the Xay Temíxw has acted as a guiding document to support several landmark agreements between the Nation, the Province of BC, and other stakeholders, which have increased protections across the Territory.

On tem lhawt' (March) 31, 2023 Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw (Council) endorsed re-releasing the 2001 version with updated branding and photos as well as a preamble explaining some of these accomplishments. No other changes have been made to the original document. One of the objectives of Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw 2026 – the Strategic Plan – is to “review and update the Xay Temíxw Land Use Plan.” The Xay Temíxw is being re-released as a way to remind ourselves of where we were at in 2001, how far we have come, and where we still need to go. This update project will include meaningful engagement with our people to ensure the community's vision is upheld for our Land and Waters.

The rebranded document is available to read at [squamish.net/xay-temixw](http://squamish.net/xay-temixw).



# Squamish Nation Council Meeting Attendance

Total meetings with attendance recorded (duly convened<sup>1</sup>) tem lhawt' (March) 2023: 4

Councillor	Present	Absent <sup>2</sup>	Excused <sup>3</sup>
Gonzales, Stewart (Sempúlyan)	3.5	-	0.5
Jacobs, Shayla (Sumkwaht)	3	-	1
Rivers, Dustin (Khelsilem)	4	-	-
Rivers, Kristen (Tiyáltelut)	4	-	-
Whonnock, Ann (Syexwáliya)	3.5	-	0.5
Williams, Richard (Xwélxwelacha)	4	-	-
Williams, Joyce	4	-	-
Williams, Wilson (Sxwíxwtn)	3	-	1

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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 Resolutions

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

Date	Motion #	Topic
March 2	1	Amendment to Agenda – Agenda Item #8 In Camera – Sehákw Phase 2 Review and Approval of Sehákw Zoning Bylaw to Agenda Item #10
	2	Approval of Agenda Including Consent Agenda Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Record of Decisions from Council Meetings February 16 &amp; 17, 2023</li> <li>Record of Decisions from Email Resolution February 17, 2023</li> <li>Council Resolution – ISC Funding Amendment #24</li> <li>Council Resolution – Mandate for a) Council Evaluation and b) CAO Evaluation</li> </ul>
	3	Council Resolution – Canada First Nations Education Jurisdiction Agreement: Education Law Making Protocol
	4	Council Resolution – chenkw emút Lease Approval
	5	Approval of Nch'kay/Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw Draft Relationship Agreements
	6	Council Resolution – Squamish Nation Membership Code Revision Engagement
	7 / 8 - 9	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(iv) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – 2 Custom Lot Transfers
	10 / 11	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(v) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Sehákw Phase 2 Review and Approval of Sehákw Zoning Bylaw
March 23	1	Approval of Agenda Including Consent Agenda Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Record of Decisions from Email Resolution February 23, 2023</li> <li>Record of Decisions from Council Meeting March 2, 2023</li> <li>Council Resolution – Letter regarding developing Long-Term Elder Care and Assisted Care Services for the Squamish Nation Community</li> <li>In Camera Council Resolution – Contract Award: Multi-purpose (lacrosse) box roof</li> <li>Council Resolution – Signature Approval Lawmaking Protocol</li> </ul>
	2	Council Resolution – Governance Policy and Procedures Update
	3	Council Resolution – Project Charter: Equity in Service Delivery
	4	Council Resolution – First Nations Aboriginal Primary Care Network (FNAPCN) Legal Entity Next Steps
	5	Council Resolution – Fiscal Year 2022-23 Quarter 3 Financial Statements
	6	Council Resolution – Investment Wealth Fund Secretariat
	7	Council Resolution – Approval of Terms of Reference for Finance & Audit Committee and Strategic Priorities & Budget Committee

March 30	1	Approval of Agenda Including Consent Agenda Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Record of Decisions from Council Meeting March 23, 2023</li> <li>• Council Resolutions x3 – FireSmart and Emergency Support Services Funding Applications</li> <li>• Council Resolution – Assessment Services Agreement: Squamish Nation &amp; British Columbia Automobile Association (BCAA)</li> <li>• In Camera Council Resolution – Appointments to the Invictus Games 2025 Organizing Committee Board</li> <li>• Council Resolutions – ISC Funding Amendments #25, #26 &amp; #27</li> </ul>
	2	Council Resolution – Squamish Nation Budget Fiscal Year 2023-24
	3	Council Resolution – Hiyárh Housing Budget Fiscal Year 2023-24
March 31	1	Approval of Agenda
	2	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(i) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Facilitated Discussion on MST DC Governance
	3 / 4	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(iv) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Xay Temíxw: Modernized Layout and Public Release



# Be Informed

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

Council Agendas, Motions, and Resolutions are accessible on the website. Members can log in and view Council Agendas from November 2018 onwards at [squamish.net/agendas](https://squamish.net/agendas) and Council Motions and Resolutions from December 2017 onwards at [squamish.net/isolated-motions](https://squamish.net/isolated-motions).

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