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

Tem yetwán (May) 2022





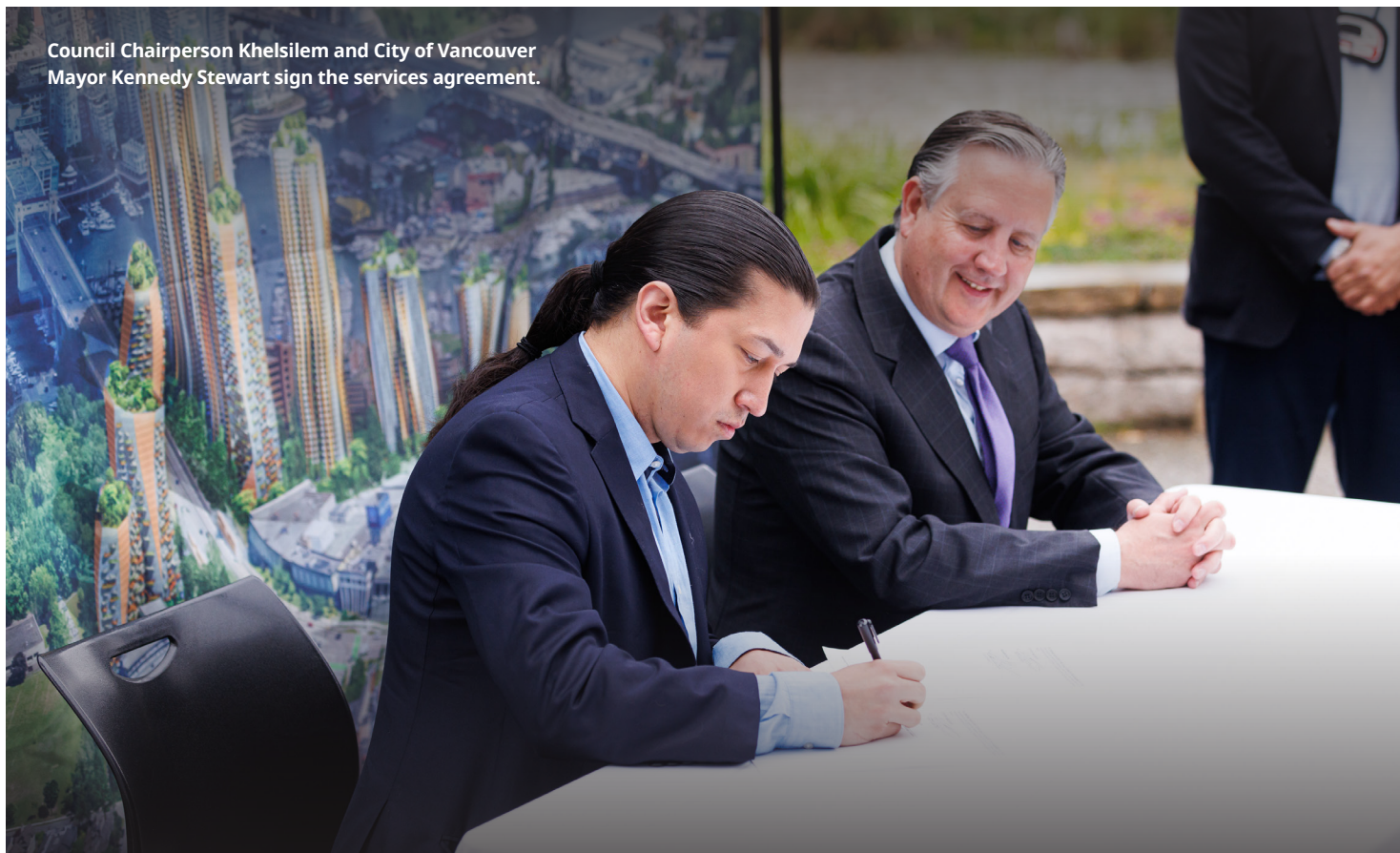
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## Services Agreement Signed for Seńákw Development



On Tem yetwán (May) 25, the Sḵw̓xwú7mesh Úxwumixw announced the signing of a services agreement with the City of Vancouver. This agreement is an important step as the Nation moves forward with the development of the Seńákw reserve lands at the foot of the Burrard Street bridge.

The agreement demonstrates the continued government-to-government relationship between the Nation and the City of Vancouver. It ensures access to critical municipal infrastructure for the development and focuses on:

- Connecting the Seńákw development to City of Vancouver water and storm sewer services
- Significant upgrades and investments to pedestrian, cycling, transit, and road improvements

For more information, please read the press release at [squamish.net/senakw-services-agreement](https://squamish.net/senakw-services-agreement) or visit [senakw.com](https://senakw.com).

**“Seńákw has been a Sḵw̓xwú7mesh village site for thousands of years. With the overwhelming support of our Squamish People, the Seńákw development will generate enormous wealth for our community and see the return of Squamish People to our village that past Canadian governments forcibly evicted us from.” – Spokesperson Sxwíxwtn, Wilson Williams**



## Work Continues on Xwmélch'sten Multi-Purpose Recreation Box and Squamish Valley Longhouse

Ta na wa Shéway I7x w ta Úxwumixw (Planning & Capital Projects) provided an update about two ongoing projects to Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw (Council) on Tem yetwán (May) 5. If you have any questions about these projects, please contact Nick Guidobono, Capital Projects Manager at [Nick\\_G@squamish.net](mailto:Nick_G@squamish.net) or 604-904-7474.



### Xwmélch'sten Multi-Purpose Recreation Box

Lacrosse is an important part of the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw community and culture. When the former lacrosse box site was allocated to Hiýárh Housing for affordable housing projects, preparations began for the development of a new multi-purpose recreation box.

With initial input from Membership and lacrosse groups, a Needs Assessment determined that an area south of Chief Joe Mathias Centre was the preferred location and that the facility should have a roof and lights so that it can be used year-round. In Tem cháylhen (September) 2021, Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw (Council) approved these recommendations and the next phase of the project: a Business Case.

On Tem yetwán (May) 5, the Ta na wa Shéway I7x w ta Úxwumixw team

presented the Business Case which contained a more detailed design and budget. It was developed with input collected from Members over Tem lhawt' (March) and Tem tsá7tskay (April). Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw approved the design and directed staff to proceed with developing a Project Plan. This will involve completing the design and developing the final budget for construction and operating costs.

Community feedback is an important part of this project. Opportunities will be posted to the Nation's Facebook page, the website at [squamish.net/lacrosse-box-engagement](https://squamish.net/lacrosse-box-engagement), and the on-reserve newsletters.

### Squamish Valley Longhouse

Squamish Valley does not currently have a longhouse for ceremonial and cultural use. One of the Nation's values is snewíyelh (advice, teachings, and cultural knowledge). Building a

longhouse in Squamish Valley will help promote the practice and growth of snewíyelh among our communities. The Ta na wa Shéway I7x w ta Úxwumixw team collected initial information through external research and Member feedback to create a Needs Assessment. It determined that an area on St'á7mes was the preferred location for a longhouse.

On Tem yetwán (May) 5, Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw approved the Needs Assessment and directed staff to proceed with developing a Business Case. It will include design work, more details on construction and operating costs, and will likely be completed in Fall 2022.

There will be more opportunities for Members to help guide the design and layout of the building. Information will be posted to the Nation's Facebook page, the website at [squamish.net/sv-longhouse-engagement](https://squamish.net/sv-longhouse-engagement), and the on-reserve newsletters.

## 2022 Taxation Rates and Homeowners Grant Approved

On Tem yetwán (May) 19, Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw (Council) enacted the *Squamish Nation Annual Rates Law, 2022* and the *Squamish Nation Annual Expenditure Law, 2021*, an annual process which is required for property tax notices to be sent to permit and lease holders on-reserve.

In 2022, the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw will collect over \$10 million. This provides the Nation with a flexible source of revenue, one which can be used to help fund services and programs for Members and support the continued development of the community.

Since 1993 the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw has exercised its jurisdiction under section 83 of the *Indian Act* – and since January 2009, the *First Nations Fiscal Management Act (FMA)* – to enact Annual Rates and Annual Expenditure laws on-reserve. The Nation’s annual tax rates are the same as the local government; therefore, taxpayers pay the same rate if they live on- or off-reserve.

Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw also approved a Squamish Homeowner Grant Program for 2022 which allows taxes to be reduced by an amount equal or less to what a taxpayer could be entitled to off-reserve under the provincial government’s *Home Owner Grant Act* RSBC 1996, c. 194.



# Squamish Nation Council Meeting Attendance

Total meetings with attendance recorded (duly convened<sup>1</sup>) Tem yetwán (May) 2022: 4

Councillor	Present	Absent <sup>2</sup>	Excused <sup>3</sup>
Gonzales, Stewart (Sempúlyan)	3.5	-	0.5
Jacobs, Shayla (Sumkwaht)	4	-	-
Rivers, Dustin (Khelsilem)	4	-	-
Rivers, Kristen (Tiyáltelut)	1.5	-	2.5
Whonnock, Ann (Syexwáliya)	3	-	1
Williams, Richard (Xwélxwelacha)	2	-	2
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 Band Council Resolutions

## Tem yetwán (May) 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
May 5	1	Approval of Agenda Including Consent Agenda Items
	2	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(iv) of the Squamish Nation Election and Referendum Law Section – UBC School of Public Policy and Global Affairs (UBC SPPGA) Research Findings Presentation
	3	BCR – Needs Assessment for Squamish Valley Longhouse
	4	BCR – Business Case & Schematic Design Approval for Xwmélch’s ten Multi-Purpose Recreation Box
	5 / 6 - 7	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(v) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – International Plaza/CAPREIT
May 9	1	Amendment of Agenda
	2 / 3 - 5	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(v) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Sehákw Servicing Agreement and Head Lease
May 12	1	Approval of Agenda Including Consent Agenda Items
	2	Approval of Terms of Reference – 5 Council Committees
	3 / 4 - 6	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(v) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Phase 1 Roll-Over (Forestry & JV’s) to Nch’kaý
	7	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(iv) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Progress on UNDRIP Task Force Update Report to the City of Vancouver Mayor & Council
May 19	1	Approval of Agenda Including Consent Agenda Items
	2 / 3 - 6	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(vii) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Public Safety Discussion
	7	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(viii) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – 2030 Olympic Bid Presentation
	8	BCR – Squamish Nation Annual Tax Rates Law 2022 and Annual Expenditure Law 2022
	9	BCR – Squamish Nation Homeowner Grant Program for the 2022 Taxation Year (the “Program”)



	10 / 11 - 12	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(i) of the Squamish Nation Election and Referendum Law – Appointment of Acting Chairperson
May 26	1	Approval of Agenda Including Consent Agenda Items
	2	Approval of 2022-2026 Sk̓w̓xwú7mesh Úxwumixw Strategic Plan
	3 / 4	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(iii) of the Squamish Nation Election and Referendum Law – Update on Chief Administrative Officer Search
	5 / 6	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(vii) of the Squamish Nation Election and Referendum Law – Public Safety Discussion



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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](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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