



**Skwxwú7mesh
Úxwumixw**

Squamish Nation

**Syétsem t'l'a
Nexwswníwntm ta Úxwumixw**
Report from Council

Tem ekwáyanexw (November) & **Etl'ím lhkaych'** (December) **2021**

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On December 16, Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw (Council) approved the workplan and timelines to develop a Wa Lhkwáyel Skwiyíntsut (Climate Action Strategy). Building a sustainable and resilient community in the face of climate change is something that the Nation has been working towards since declaring a climate emergency in 2019.

Over the next two years, Ta na wa Yúus ta Stitúyntsarh (Rights & Title) will lead the development of the climate strategy. With input from the community, it will set out priorities and specific actions to protect and strengthen the rights of our people, protect quality of life, and enhance the health of our community. It will also contribute to the global goal of net zero emissions by 2050. The Wa Lhkwáyel Skwiyíntsut will be a living document, updated and revised every five years.

Share your thoughts on the role that Skw̓xwú7mesh culture and values can play in developing solutions to the climate crisis. There are a number of ways to get involved in this first phase of the project from joining a Working Group, to completing a survey, or attending a dedicated Elder or Youth meeting. Visit squamish.net/climate-strategy to sign up or scan the QR code. You can also contact the Project Team for more information at climate@squamish.net or 604-982-0510.



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Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw (Council) Committees Created for 2021 - 2025 Term

Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw continued its onboarding activities over November and December by restructuring Council Committees for the new term and selecting Councillors to sit on them. The reorganization will aid Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw in performing its duties more effectively. For the first time, non-voting external appointees will sit on two committees (Rights & Title Advisory Board and Finance & Audit Committee) to bring additional expertise and knowledge.

On December 2, seven committees and one advisory board were created. Each is comprised of a maximum of three Councillors. Therefore, each Councillor is a member of up to three Committees. The Chairperson and Band Manager sit on each Committee as ex-officio members (meaning they cannot vote) and attend meetings if or when needed.

Each committee will select a Chair and Deputy Chair in February 2022 and hold initial meetings in March. They will also develop a Terms of Reference. All Council Committee minutes will be available to Membership through the Members only section of the website.



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Budget & Strategic Priorities Committee

Purpose: To advise on the development and implementation of the Strategic Plan and its alignment with the annual budget process, and the development and implementation of the Comprehensive Community Plan.

Committee Members: Tiyáltelut, Kristen Rivers; Sumkwaht, Shayla Jacobs; Sxwíxwtn, Wilson Williams

Community Services Committee

Purpose: To advise on matters involving services and community including Member Services, Language & Cultural Affairs, Health & Wellness, Child & Family Services, Planning & Capital Projects, Education, Employment, & Training, Community Operations, and Public & Community Safety.

Committee Members: Sxwíxwtn, Wilson Williams; Xwélxwelacha Siyam, Chief Dick Williams; Sempulyan, Stewart Gonzalez

External Relations Committee

Purpose: To advise on intergovernmental relations with all levels of government and Indigenous governing bodies as well non-governmental entities, organizations, and groups.

Committee Members: Sumkwaht, Shayla Jacobs; Sxwíxwtn, Wilson Williams; Joyce Williams

Finance & Audit Committee

Purpose: To advise on finance and audit matters and perform duties required under the Nation's Financial Administration By-Law.

Committee Members: Xwélxwelacha Siyam, Chief Dick Williams; Syexwáliya, Ann Whonnock; Sempulyan, Stewart Gonzalez

**Four non-voting members who are external and independent from Nation government and administration will also sit on this Committee to provide additional expertise.*

Governance Committee

Purpose: To act as the monitoring and advisory body responsible for helping Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw fulfil its legal, ethical, and functional responsibilities.

Committee Members: comprised of Chairs from the other Committees

Organizational Operations Committee

Purpose: To advise on the internal operations of the Squamish Nation including Human Resources, Finance, Information & Technology (IT), and Administration.

Committee Members: Tiyáltelut, Kristen Rivers; Sempulyan, Stewart Gonzalez; Sumkwaht, Shayla Jacobs

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Policy Committee

Purpose: To provide advice on policy review and development, and oversight of the implementation of the policy framework.

Committee Members: Joyce Williams; Syexwáliya, Ann Whonnock; Tiyáltelut, Kristen Rivers

Rights & Title Advisory Board

Purpose: To provide strategic advice to the Ta na wa Yúus ta Stitúyntsah' (Rights & Title) Department and Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw on matters including environment, climate mitigation & adaptation, archeology, natural resources, and government-to-government relations.

Committee Members: Xwélxwelacha Siyam, Chief Dick Williams; Syexwáliya, Ann Whonnock; Joyce Williams

**Four non-voting members who are external and independent from Nation government and administration will also sit on this Committee to provide additional expertise.*



Four Host Nations to Explore Potential 2030 Olympic Bid

Spokesperson Sxwíxwtn, Wilson Williams speaks at a December 10, 2021 press conference.

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On December 10, 2021, the Sḱwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw announced it signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with sə́ilwətaḱ (Tsilil-Waututh), xw̓məθkʷə́yəm (Musqueam), and Líl'wat7úl (Lil'wat) Nations to explore a potential Indigenous-led bid for the 2030 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. The City of Vancouver and Resort Municipality of Whistler were invited to join the four Host Nations in this exploratory review.

This is not yet an official bid for the Games. It is an opportunity for the four Nations to assess both the positive and negative aspects of hosting, as well as explore available funding opportunities. Once the full picture is understood, a recommendation will be made whether to present a formal bid.

This would be the first Indigenous-led bid in the history of the Games and, if successful, would be a major step towards Reconciliation through sport. It would be an opportunity to announce to the world that we are not invisible, we are still here and will always be here. The four Host Nations proudly

welcomed the world for the 2010 Vancouver Games, playing a key role as they took place on our shared territories. For the 2030 Games the Host Nations, and their Members, would take on the lead role in all aspects of planning and hosting.

As the process continues, more information will be shared with community on the Nation's social media channels and at squamish.net/olympic-mou.

"We call upon the officials and host countries of international sporting events such as the Olympics, Pan Am, and Commonwealth games to ensure that Indigenous peoples' territorial protocols are respected, and local Indigenous communities are engaged in all aspects of planning and participating in such events." – Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Call to Action #91



Squamish Nation Council Meeting Attendance

Total meetings with attendance recorded (duly convened) Tem ekwáyanexw (November) & Etl'ím lhkaych' (December) 2021: 6

Councillor	Present	Absent ²	Excused ³
Gonzales, Stewart (Sempúlyan)	6	-	-
Jacobs, Shayla (Sumkwaht)	5.5	0.5	-
Rivers, Dustin (Khelsilem)	6	-	-
Rivers, Kristen (Tiyáltelut)	5	-	1
Whonnock, Ann (Syexwáliya)	6	-	-
Williams, Chief Richard (Xwélxwelacha Siyam)	6	-	-
Williams, Joyce	6	-	-
Williams, Wilson (Sxwíxwtn)	6	-	-

¹Does not include committee meetings, meetings off-site, or Council workshops at which a recording secretary was not present.

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²A 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.

³An 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 eḱwáyanexw (November) & Etl'ím Ihḱaych' (December) 2021

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

Date	Motion #	Topic
Nov 10	1	Approval of Agenda
	2	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4(b)(iv) and 6.4.4(b)(v) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law
	3 / 4	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4(b)(iv) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law
	5 / 6	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4(b)(iv) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law
	7	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4(b)(iii) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law
Nov 18	1	Approval of Agenda with Amendment – Removal of Travel Request Motion
	2	Dr. Annalijn Conklin research project: slhánaý sḱwalwn: developing foraging walks with Squamish Nation to promote Indigenous women’s heart health
	3	Political Lead Appointments to the Vancouver Coastal Caucus
	4	Appointment of Political Liaisons to the St. Paul’s Residential School Project Steering Committee
	5	BCR – Change to Nch'ḱay Development Corporation Trustee
	6	BCR – Change to Nch'ḱay Development Corporation Nation Appointed Council
Nov 25	1	Approval of Agenda with Amendment – Removal of Approval of the Record of Decisions (Motions) from Council Meeting (November 18, 2021)
	2	Approval of Squamish Nation's Financial Statements for 2021/22 Quarter 2
	3	Transfer of funds related to WaiWaKum 13-plex rentals to Hiyám Housing Society
Dec 2	1	Approval of Agenda
	2	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4(b)(ii) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law
	3	2021-2025 Council Committees

Dec 9	1	Approval of Agenda
	2	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.44.(b)(v) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law
	3	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.44.(b)(v) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law
	4	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.44.(b)(v) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law
	5 / 6 - 9	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(viii) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law
	10 / 11	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(v) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law
	12 / 13	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(v) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law
	14 / 15	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(iv) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law
Dec 16	1	Removal of Agenda Item #6 - MSTA Agreements
	2	Approval of Agenda
	3	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.44.(b)(iii) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law
	4	Amendment to BCR – Wa Lhkwáyel Skwiyíntsut (Climate Action Strategy) Workplan
	5	BCR – Climate Action Strategy Framework and Letter to the Province and Federal Government
	6	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(iv) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law
	7	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(iv) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law
	8 / 9	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(v) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law
	10 / 11	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(vii) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law

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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

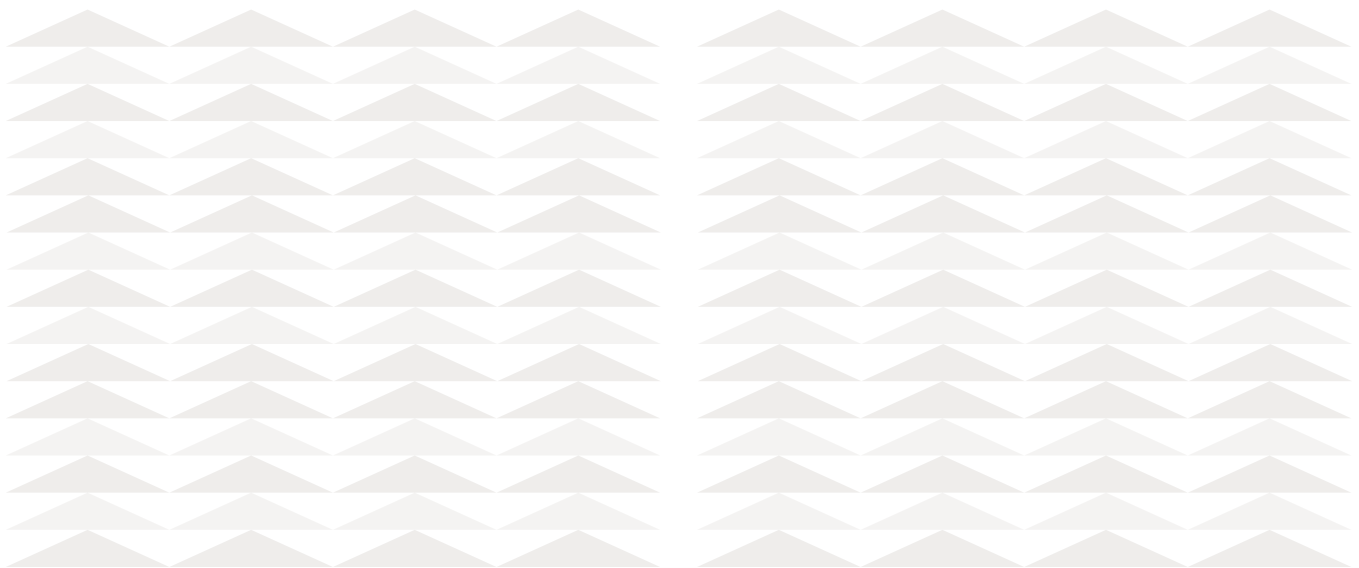
Want to stay informed about the topics and issues discussed at Council meetings?

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