



**Skw̓wú7mesh  
Úxw̓míxw**

Squamish Nation

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# **syétsem tl'a nexwxwníwntm ta úxwumíxw** Report From Council

tem eḵwáyánexw (November) & etlí'm lhḵaych' (December) 2022





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## Three Funding Applications Submitted to ISC

On tem eḱwáyanexw (November 3), 2022 Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw (Council) approved applications to seek funding from Indigenous Service Canada's First Nations Child and Family Services Capital Program. If approved, the funds will be used to support work the Nation is doing to build "safe, healthy, inclusive, affordable communities where Squamish people are engaged and empowered" ([Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw 2026](#)). This includes:

### Xwmélch'tstn Multi-Purpose Recreation/Lacrosse Box

Ta na wa Shéway I7x w ta Úxwumixw (Planning & Capital Projects) is currently working on a Project Plan for the lacrosse box which involves completing the design and developing the final budget for construction and operating costs. Funds received would help cover those costs.

### Híyám Housing Xwmélch'tstn Housing Project

The money would be used to fund 15 of the building's 95 units and cover one year of programming for Ayás Méhmen's youth and families who are most in need of support. To learn more about the chenḱw emút affordable housing development, visit [hiyamhousing.com](http://hiyamhousing.com).

### Healing Lodge on Bowen Island

Ayás Méhmen (Child & Family Services) wishes to explore building a culturally safe healing lodge for our méhmen (children) and families. Funds received from this application would be used to conduct a feasibility study, the first step in project planning. Planning and construction of a healing lodge would be a multi-year project. More information will be shared as progress is made.



**Eligible individuals may apply for Two types of compensation:**

- Individual damages
- Specified Injuries, if applicable

Learn more at [firstnationsdrinkingwater.ca](http://firstnationsdrinkingwater.ca)



## Drinking Water Class Action Settlement

A Settlement Agreement was recently reached between First Nations and Canada over unsafe drinking water conditions. Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw (Council) voted to accept this Settlement on tem eḱwáyanexw (November) 24, 2022.

As part of the Agreement, individuals may be eligible for compensation if they were affected by a drinking water advisory for at least one year between tem eḱwáyanexw (November) 20, 1995, and tem kw'eskw'ás (June) 20, 2021. A dedicated website has been set up at [firstnationsdrinkingwater.ca](http://firstnationsdrinkingwater.ca) which provides more information on eligibility criteria and how to apply. The deadline to submit a claim has recently been extended to tem lhawt' (March) 7, 2024.

Support is available to Members who are considering applying. Please email [watersettlement@squamish.net](mailto:watersettlement@squamish.net).

The Settlement Agreement awards a lump sum of money to the Nation. It also requires Canada to provide a minimum of \$6 billion to fix ongoing problems with water systems on reserve lands across the country. The Nation can apply to receive further funding from this amount. More information will be shared after the funds have been received and decisions are made by Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw on where to allocate them. Accepting this Settlement is just one of the many steps the Nation has taken to ensure safe drinking water for our community. Learn more about the progress made at Cheakamus at [squamish.net/drinking-water](http://squamish.net/drinking-water).

# Squamish Nation Council Meeting Attendance

Total meetings with attendance recorded (duly convened<sup>1</sup>) tem eḱwáyanexw (November) & etl'ím lhḱaych' (December) 2022: 5

Councillor	Present	Absent <sup>2</sup>	Excused <sup>3</sup>
Gonzales, Stewart (Sempúlyan)	5	-	-
Jacobs, Shayla (Sumkwaht)	4.5	0.5	-
Rivers, Dustin (Khelsilem)	4.5	0.5	-
Rivers, Kristen (Tiyáltelut)	5	-	-
Whonnock, Ann (Syexwáliya)	4.5	0.5	-
Williams, Richard (Xwélxwelacha)	5	-	-
Williams, Joyce	5	-	-
Williams, Wilson (Sxwíxwtn)	4	-	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

## tem eḱwáyanexw (November) & etl'ím lhḱaych' (December) 2022

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
Nov 3	1	Approval of Agenda Including Consent Agenda Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Records of Decisions from Council Meeting October 27, 2022</li> </ul>
	2	Council Resolution – Squamish Nation Xwmélch'sten Multi-Purpose Recreation/Lacrosse Box
	3	Council Resolution – Squamish Nation Xwmélch'sten Housing Project
	4	Council Resolution – Squamish Nation Healing Lodge on Bowen Island Feasibility Study
Nov 10	1	Approval of Agenda Including Consent Agenda Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Record of Decisions from Council Meeting November 3, 2022</li> </ul>
	2 / 3	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(iii) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Appointment of Two Independent Directors to the Nch'ḱay Development Corporation Board
	4 / 5	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(iii) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Appointment of Three Directors of the Hiḱáám ta Skwḱwú7mesh Housing Society
	6 / 7	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(iii) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Appointment of Two Trustees to the Squamish Nation Trust
	8 / 9 - 12	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(iii) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Custom Lot Transfers
Nov 17	1	Approval of Agenda Including Consent Agenda Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Record of Decisions from Council Meeting November 10, 2022</li> <li>Council Resolution – Travel Request: FNHA Coastal Regional Caucus</li> <li>Council Resolution – ISC Funding Amendment #19</li> <li>Council Resolution – ISC Funding Amendment #20</li> </ul>
	2	Approval of Nch'ḱay Development Corporation's Consolidated 2023 Operating and Capital Budget
	3 / 4 - 5	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(iii) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Appointment of Facilitator Squamish Nation November People's Assembly (AGM)
Nov 18	1	Council Resolution – Letter to District of West Vancouver: Land Acknowledgement

Nov 24	1	Approval of Agenda Including Consent Agenda Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Records of Decisions from Council Meeting November 17, 2022</li> <li>• Council Resolution – Political Engagement on DFO Decision on Fish Farm Transition</li> <li>• Council Resolution – Travel Request: Whistler Excellence Awards</li> <li>• Council Resolution – Rescinding Resolution 22199 and Passing Resolution re In Camera Appointment of Directors to the Hiḱám Housing Board</li> </ul>
	2 / 3	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(iii) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Acceptance of Drinking Water Class Action Litigation Settlement
	4	Council Resolution – Approval of Hiḱám Housing CMHC RHI Projects Additional Funding
	5 / 6	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(iv) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Tseil-Waututh Nation Letter Agreement
Dec 14	1	Approval of Agenda Including Consent Agenda Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Records of Decisions from Council Email Resolution November 18, 2022</li> <li>• Records of Decisions from Council Meeting November 24, 2022</li> <li>• Council Resolution – Removal of Metro Sewer Line from Seḱákw (Kitsilano IR 6)</li> <li>• Council Resolution – Funding Proposal Submission with NUQO Modular - Ayás Méḱmen Daycare Spaces and Facilities</li> <li>• Update on Entrepreneurship Pilot</li> <li>• Council Resolution – In Camera Appointment of Squamish Nation Registrar</li> <li>• Council Resolution – BC Electoral Boundaries Letter Commission Letter</li> <li>• Council Resolution – Community Member Relief Program ICSF 5 Projects</li> </ul>
	2	Council Resolution - Ayás Méḱmen Child & Family Services (C6) Delegation
	3 / 4	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(iii) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Appointment of Squamish Nation Membership Committee
	5	Amendment to Council Resolution No. 22223 Clause #3
	6	Sḱwḱwú7mesh Days Festival 2023
	7 / 8	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(iii) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Audited Statements of Renumerations Elected Officials 2020/21 & 2021/22



# Be Informed

## 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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