



**Skwxwú7mesh
Úxwumixw**

Squamish Nation

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

Tem ch'áatl'am (October) 2021

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Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw Begins a New Term



October marked the first month of meetings for the new Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw (Council). The Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw has a long history of elected government by the people. On September 26, 2021, the following were elected to serve the Nation for a four-year term.

Council Chairperson: Khelsilem
(filled by acclamation)

North Shore Councillor: Sumkwaht, Shayla Jacobs

Regional Councillor: Tiyátelut, Kristen Rivers

Squamish Valley Councillor: Joyce Williams

General Councillors: Sempulyan, Stewart Gonzales; Syexwáliya, Ann Whonnock; Xwélxwelacha Siyam, Chief Richard (Dick) Williams; and Sxwíxwtn, Wilson Williams

Band Manager: Tsiyaliya, Bianca Cameron
(filled by acclamation)

A new Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw undergoes an onboarding period during the first few months. Onboarding includes activities like attending orientation presentations by the Nation's administrative departments, selecting

official Council Spokespersons, and appointing representatives to sit on external committees or boards.

Board appointments are one way in which the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw can assert its rightful place at the table. Building nation-to-nation relationships that are based on mutual respect, collaboration, equality, and meaningful engagement is a goal of the Nation's Strategic Plan.

On October 28, the following appointments were made.

Councillors Sempulyan, Stewart Gonzales and Sumkwaht, Shayla Jacobs as well as Nation staff member Sesemiya, Tracy Williams were selected to serve four-year terms for the Board of the Spo7ez Cultural Centre and Community Society (operating as the Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre).

The Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh (MST) Employment and Training Society was created in 2018, with two representatives from each Nation serving as board members, to increase learning and

education opportunities for Members. Councillors Sumkwaht, Shayla Jacobs and Sxwíxwtn, Wilson Williams were selected and will report back quarterly on the board's activities.

The Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh (MST) Working Group is responsible for guiding the implementation of the MST Protocol Agreement. The Working Group is made up of a Technical

Team as well as a Steering Committee, which is comprised of two political representatives from each Nation's elected Council. Chairperson Khelsilem and Councillor Syexwáliya, Ann Whonnock were selected as the Sḵw̓xwú7mesh Úxwumixw's representatives. They will provide an update quarterly on the Committee's activities.

Sḵw̓xwú7mesh Úxwumixw Implements Vaccine Policies to Protect the Health and Safety of Members and Staff



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Wa nséyxnitway chet wes tsíkayámitcht (we protect one another, please get vaccinated).

The Sḵw̓xwú7mesh Úxwumixw is committed to maintaining a safe and healthy workplace for employees and Members accessing services during the pandemic by implementing every reasonable precaution to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

In October, Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw approved a temporary Vaccination Policy, to come into effect on November 30, 2021. Members, employees, and visitors will be asked to provide proof of vaccination (such as a vaccine QR code) when entering Nation offices and facilities for events/gatherings or to access services. The policy will remain in place until public health guidelines change.

The Vaccination Policy is intended to support the COVID-19 safety protocols that have been in place over the past two years. Mask wearing, physical distancing, staying home if sick, and hand washing should continue to be followed. The Nation has aligned its COVID-19 safety protocols based on guidance provided by the provincial and federal governments, who have also implemented vaccination policies in the workplace.

Effective November 30, 2021, the Nation requires all individuals to be fully vaccinated to:

1. Enter the Nation's offices or facilities.
 - Please note that this policy does not apply to facilities deemed 'essential services' including health, education, and income and disability assistance services. Yúustway (Health & Wellness) adheres to protocols which allow for entry of unvaccinated patients into YHS buildings for medical reasons.
2. Attend gatherings and events that are hosted by the Nation.
 - Organizers of community events should submit an Event Safety Plan for review at squamish.net/event-safety-plan.
3. Provide services to the Nation's clients and Members.

For more information about this policy, please visit squamish.net/covid-19-vaccination-policy.

If you need a COVID-19 vaccine, please visit gov.bc.ca/GetVaccinated to register and book an appointment. Information about upcoming Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw community clinics will be posted at squamish.net/covid-vaccines.

If you have questions about COVID-19 or the vaccine, contact Yúustway (Health & Wellness) at 604-982-0332 or Kal'numet Primary Care at 604-985-2052. Information is also available on the website at squamish.net/covid-19.

Members can call Ts'ixwts'ixwnítway (Member Services) to receive emergency assistance and care if they test positive for COVID-19. Call 604-982-7610 during office hours or 604-505-3776 after hours.



Squamish Nation Council Meeting Attendance

Total meetings with attendance recorded (duly convened ¹⁾ Tem ch'áatl'am (October): 2

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

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 ch'áatl'am (October) 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
Oct 14	E1	BCR – Request ISC Funding for Health and Safety Renovation – 307 W 5th St, North Vancouver
Oct 21	1	Approval of Agenda
	2	Approval of the Records of Decision – September 23 and October 14, 2021
	3	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4(b)(vii) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law
	4	Squamish Nation Vaccine Policies
	5	Squamish Nation Community Events Standards
	6 / 7 - 8	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4(b)(vii) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law
Oct 28	1	Approval of Agenda – with Item #8 removed
	2	In Camera Discussion
	3	BCR – Timber Permit – Cheakamus IR 11 – Paul Lewis
	4	Four-Year Appointments to Spo7ez Cultural Centre and Community Board
	5	Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh (MST) Indigenous Skills and Employment Training Society Appointments
	6	Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh (MST) Protocol Agreement Working Group Steering Committee Appointment
	7	Endorsement of Squamish Nation & MONOVA MOU and Protocol Agreement
	8	BCR – Bank Signing Authority – Bank of Montreal
	9	BCR – Bank Signing Authority – BMO Harris
	10	BCR – Bank Signing Authority – HSBC
	11	BCR – Bank Signing Authority – Royal Bank of Canada
	12	BCR – Bank Signing Authority – Squamish Savings



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

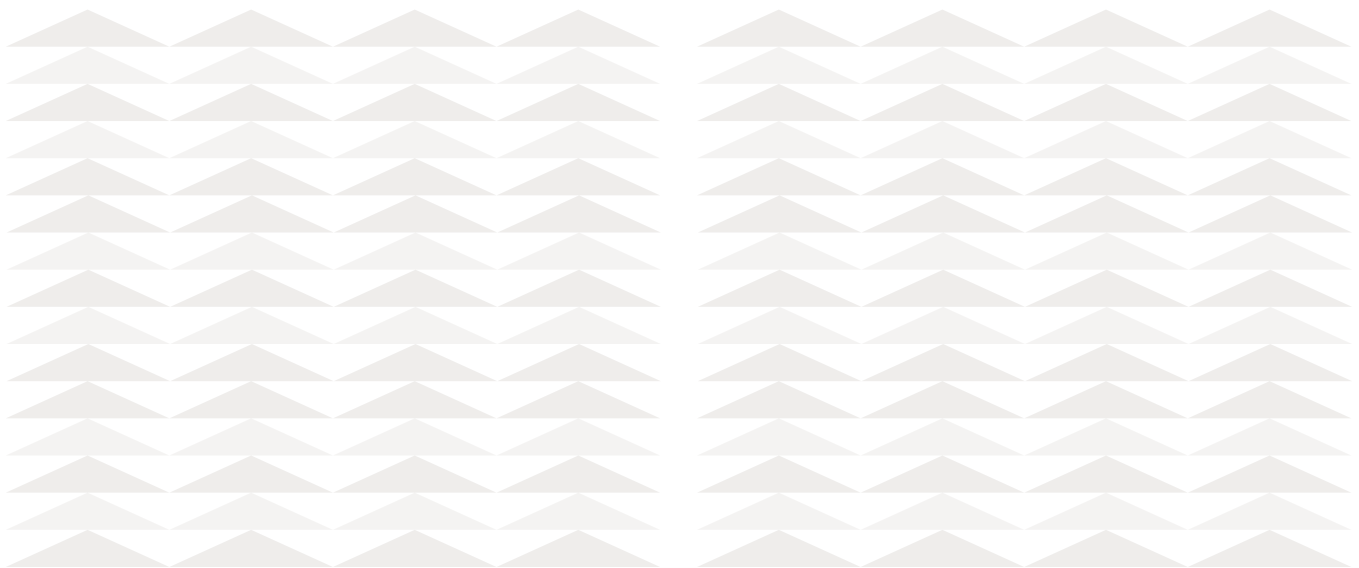
Want to stay informed about the topics and issues discussed at Council meetings?

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Squamish Nation Members can access Council Agendas and Isolated Motions (Records of Decisions) on the website. Members can log in to the website and view Council Agendas from November 2018 onwards and Isolated Motions from December 2017 onwards at squamish.net/agendas

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 for assistance with accessing the Members Only section of the Squamish Nation website.



Squamish Nation Council | Oath Signing Ceremony
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