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Squamish Nation

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## Councillor Dustin Rivers – Sxwchálten Appointed to Proposed City of Vancouver Task Force Implementing UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

On January 28, 2021, Council endorsed a City of Vancouver motion to collaboratively develop a report on implementing the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (the UN Declaration) and recognize the title and rights of First Nations within Vancouver. Council is pleased to announce that Councillor Dustin Rivers – Sxwchálten will be the Squamish Nation’s representative on the Mayor’s Task Force that will oversee this work.

The motion was developed in collaboration with a working group of Indigenous community leaders. The Councils of Musqueam Indian Band, Squamish Nation, and Tsleil-Waututh Nation are providing further feedback. When all three have endorsed the motion, it will be tabled for final approval at a City of Vancouver Council meeting. This partnership between municipal government and First Nations Councils is a first within Canada.

The task force will include representation from the City of Vancouver Council, each participating Nation’s Council, as well as a representative from the urban Indigenous community. It is an opportunity to review past and current city projects, policies, and programs that relate to the rights of First Nations and ensure alignment with the UN Declaration.

### The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples



The UN Declaration emphasizes the Indigenous peoples’ rights to live in dignity, to maintain and strengthen Indigenous institutions, cultures and traditions, and to pursue self-determined development, in keeping with Indigenous needs and aspirations. The Squamish Nation supports the UN Declaration being implemented by all levels of government.

### Xwemélch'stn Etsimxwawtxw Skwul Plans to Offer Grade 3



In a meeting on February 18, 2021, Council confirmed its support of Xwemélch'stn Etsimxwawtxw Skwul's application to add Grade 3.

Xwemélch'stn Etsimxwawtxw Skwul (Capilano Little Ones School) currently offers K4 to Grade 2. By expanding the current programming to Grade 3, the youngest Skw̓x wú7mesh will be fully supported throughout their crucial development years. Students will also be better prepared for the academic and social transition to the intermediate years (Grades 4 to 7) at a new school.

The application has been submitted to Indigenous Services Canada (ISC), and more information will be shared with the community as it becomes available.

### Squamish Nation to Explore Creating a Public Safety Board & First Nations Policing Program

To establish integrated and sustainable public safety services throughout the Squamish Nation community, on February 18, 2021 Council requested a feasibility report on developing a Public Safety Board and Public Safety Commissioner, as well as a First Nations Policing Program.

Council has heard the concerns of membership that there is no established department or agency responsible for public safety. Public safety involves protecting the personal safety and physical well-being of the community. This can mean safeguarding people from crime, as well as preparedness and education campaigns for things like natural disasters, the COVID-19 pandemic, or land conservation.

Many First Nations have dedicated law enforcement agencies, as well as Public Safety Commissioners, to oversee these types of activities. A Squamish Nation Public Safety Board and Public Safety Commissioner


would be responsible for overseeing public safety and security issues including:

- Squamish Nation Peacekeepers;
- Squamish Nation Conservation;
- Safety and Health;
- Animal Protection;
- Emergency Planning & Response; and
- Preparedness Campaigns.

Acknowledging the work of volunteer-based groups, one of the mandates of a Public Safety Board would be to establish guidelines for the management and administration of the Peacekeepers. The Peacekeepers would become the primary enforcement service within the community focusing on safety, protection, and accountability.

Nation staff have been asked to submit the feasibility report no later than December 2021. The community will be updated on next steps following Council's review.

**Squamish Nation to Explore Building Assisted Living / Long-Term Care Facilities**



On March 11, 2021, Council directed the Planning & Capital Projects Department to explore the development of an Assisted Living Community and a Long-Term Care Facility for Nation members.

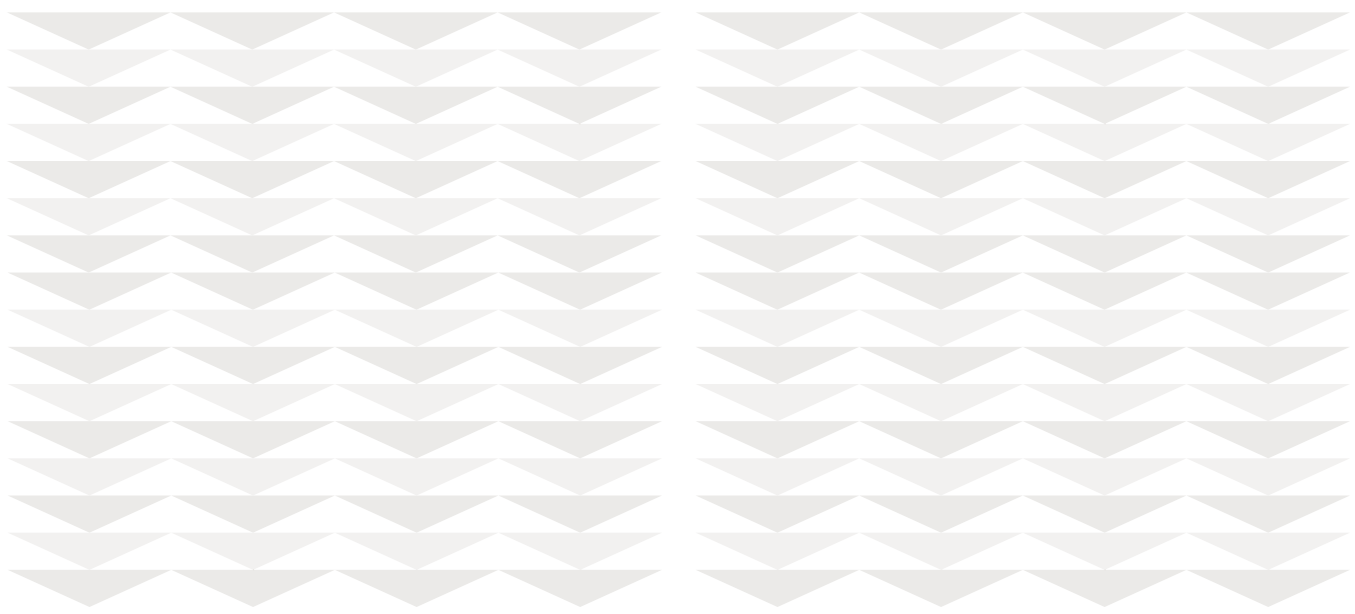
Providing Elders with housing options where they can age in comfort and dignity aligns with the Nation’s Strategic Plan to house every Sk̓wx̓ wú7mesh within a generation (defined as 25 years). Before the end of 2021, the department has been asked to complete a Needs Assessment that will look at potential location options, construction and operational costs, as well as provincial regulations and funding opportunities.

Assisted living communities help people to live safely and independently as they age, either in stand-alone residences or a larger retirement community. Trained staff are available to help with select personal care services if required, such as supervision of medication or organizing recreational activities.

Long-term care facilities are for people who can no longer live safely in their own homes, due to complex medical conditions. These facilities, which are also known as extended care or nursing homes, have trained staff who provide 24-hour care and supervision. Assisted living and long-term care facilities must meet standards set by the Province of British Columbia.

Over the past twenty years, multiple locations have been explored for these types of projects. At one point, the Mathias Road and Skawshen Road site was approved in principle by the previous Council. However, due to the lack of operational funding, the project never moved to construction. New locations will be explored for these projects that meet the needs and desires of the community.

The Planning & Capital Projects Department will review all past work done on this project and update the latest information. The Planning & Capital Projects Department will also be consulting our community and Elders in North Vancouver, Squamish Valley, and those living away from the community, on these projects. This will include looking at potential locations in the communities to build these different facilities for our community members.



## Guidelines for Naming Buildings and Streets on Nation Territory to be Developed

As the Squamish Nation expands and completes large capital projects, there is a need for appropriate naming of buildings, streets, and property addresses so that emergency, delivery, and transportation services can quickly locate them. On March 18, 2021, Council requested that Nation staff, in consultation with relevant stakeholders, develop naming guidelines which provide clear location and direction cues.

Highlighting the Skwx̓wú7mesh language in place names is a key part of the Squamish Nation Strategic Plan. Naming and recognition reminds members of their connection to the land while also ensuring that

visitors appreciate whose territory they are on. Some of the buildings that currently need names include:

- North Vancouver Townhomes (condos);
- Wiw̓k'em Tenplex and Thirteenplex;
- Xw̓melch'stn Duplex and Fourplex; and
- Xw̓melch'stn 95 Unit Affordable Housing Project.

More information about this process will be shared as it becomes available. Staff are to present the guidelines for Council consideration before the end of September 2021.

## Johnathon Strebly and Jordan Ann Joseph – Sxwelhchaliya Join Council Advisory & Support Team

Council is pleased to officially welcome two team members to the Council Advisory & Support Team. Johnathon Strebly joined Squamish Nation as Chief of Staff in November 2020 and Jordan Joseph – Sxwelhchaliya started as Executive Assistant to the Co-Chairs of Council in January 2021.

As Chief of Staff, Johnathon is a key member of the Nation's leadership team. He works closely with Council and across departments to provide strategic oversight and leadership in the areas of project management, communications, governance, and Council administrative support, in alignment with the values and goals highlighted in the Squamish Nation Strategic Plan. He has supported numerous organizations in effectively navigating growth while remaining true to their core values and culture. His experience will be an asset as the Nation strives to create positive social impact for members.

Jordan continues her journey in a new role as Executive Assistant to the Co-Chairs of Council after starting at Ayás Méh Men in 2010. Her keen eye for organizational workflow, information management, and event coordination will be invaluable as she supports Co-Chairs and Council activities. Jordan's connection to community and family brings an empathetic perspective to the decisions and creative thinking required to deliver positive change for Nation members.

Jordan is a Squamish Nation Member and the daughter of the late Julie (née: Newman) and Jerry Baker. She and her husband Lance Joseph Jr. have a son, Owen Joseph.

Please join Council in welcoming Johnathon and Jordan to their roles.

## Squamish Nation Council Meeting Attendance

Total meetings with attendance recorded (duly convened) \* January to March 2021: 15

Councillor	Present	Absent	Absent Dates**
Askew, Orene	12.5	2.5	March 11 (0.5), 12, 18 (0.5), 29 (0.5)
Baker, Alroy	2.5	12.5	January 21 (0.5), 28 February 4, 10, 25 March 4, 9, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 29
Baker, Deborah	13	2	February 25 March 12
Baker, Richie	4.5	10.5	January 28 February 4, 10, 11, 18 (0.5), 25 March 4, 9 (0.5), 12, 18 (0.5), 19, 29
Campbell, Chief Ian	5	10	February 10, 11, 25 March 9, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 29
Darbyshire-Joseph, Brandon	12	3	March 11, 18, 19
George, Carla	9	6	February 25 March 9, 12, 17, 18, 19 (0.5), 29 (0.5)
Joseph, Joshua	13	2	February 18 March 12
Lewis, Chris	12.5	2.5	January 28 (0.5) March 17, 18 (0.5), 29 (0.5)
Lewis, Deanna	13	2	March 9 (0.5), 11 (0.5), 17
Lewis III, Jacob	15	0	
Rivers, Dustin	15	0	
Rivers, Kristen	14	1	March 29
Williams, Joyce	10	5	January 28 (0.5) February 10, 11 March 9 (0.5), 17, 19
Williams, Wilson	11	4	January 21 March 9 (0.5), 12, 18 (0.5), 29
Wooden, Marcus	11.5	3.5	March 9 (0.5), 11, 12, 29

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

\*\*Note: 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.

## Squamish Nation Council Motions and Band Council Resolutions

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

### January

Date	Motion #	Topic
Jan. 21	1	Approval of Agenda
	2	Approval of Records of Decisions for December 3, 10 and 17
	3	New Appointment to Language and Cultural Affairs Committee
	4	Making Permanent the \$300-a-month Supplement to Social Assistance Rates
	5	BCR re Squamish Nation Grant Application to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP)
	6	BCR re Squamish Nation Grant application for COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream (CVRIS) Funding to Repair and Renovate the Capilano Longhouse
	7 / 8	To go IN CAMERA under s. 1.22(i) <i>sensitive intergovernmental negotiations or relations</i> from the Council Governance Policy
	9	To go IN CAMERA under s. 1.22(b) <i>employee relations</i> from the Council Governance Policy
	10	Change Managing Directors' Monthly Update Agenda Item to IN CAMERA – under s. 1.22(d) <i>the security of the property of the Squamish Nation</i> from the Council Governance Policy
	11	Motion to Adjourn
Jan. 28	1	Approval of Agenda
	2 / 3 - 5	To go IN CAMERA under s. 1.22(j) <i>sensitive financial or economic negotiations</i> from the Council Governance Policy
	6	BCR re Squamish Nation Council Support for Hiý'áń Housing Society Grant Funding for Solar Energy
	7	Implementing the UNDRIP in the City of Vancouver
	8	Motion to Adjourn

### February

Date	Motion #	Topic
Feb. 4	1	IN CAMERA
	2	Approval of Agenda
	3	Approval of Records of Decisions for January 21, 2021



	4	BCR re Union of BC Municipalities for Emergency Support Services Grant
	5 / 6 - 7	To go IN CAMERA under s. 1.22(j) <i>sensitive financial or economic negotiations</i> from the Council Governance Policy
	8 / 9 - 11	To go IN CAMERA under s. 1.22(b) <i>employee relations</i> from the Council Governance Policy
	12	BCR re Capital Planning and Projects Policy
	13	BCR re Fiona Beaty Approval of Research
	14 / 15	To go IN CAMERA under s. 1.22(a) <i>personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position by Chiefs and Council</i> from the Council Governance Policy
	16	Approval of Emergency Management Committee Terms of Reference
	17	Motion to Adjourn
Feb. 11	1	Approval of Agenda
	2	Approval of Records of Decisions for January 28, 2021
	3	Cultural Grants Policy Amendment
	4	BCR re Indigenous Service Canada 2021-2022 Professional and Institutional Development (P&ID) Grant for Building Capacity in Core Governance
Feb. 18	1	Approval of the Agenda
	2	Approval of Records of Decisions – February 4, 2021
	3	Legal Representation on MST Development Corporation
	4	BCR – Xwemélch’stn Etsimxwawtxw Expansion to Grade 3
	5	Squamish Nation Public Safety Board & First Nations Policing Program
	6	BCR re School of Public Policy and Global Affairs Masters Research Project
	7	Approving Work Plan and Budget – Next Steps in SN Headquarters and Totem Hall Expansion Projects
Feb. 25	1	Approval of Agenda as Amended
	2	Approval of Records of Decisions for February 11, 2021
	3	To go IN CAMERA under s. 1.22(h) <i>information that is prohibited from disclosure by provincial and federal legislation</i> from the Council Governance Policy
	4	BCR – First Nations Emergency Support Services Grant Application
	5 / 6	To go IN CAMERA under s. 1.22(d) <i>the security of the property of the Squamish Nation</i> from the Council Governance Policy
	7 / 8	To go IN CAMERA under s. 1.22(e) <i>the financial or economic interests of a third party</i> from the Council Governance Policy
	9	Motion to Adjourn

## March

Date	Motion #	Topic
March 4	1	Approval of Agenda
	2	Approval of Records of Decisions for February 18 and 25, 2021
	3 / 4 - 5	To go IN CAMERA under s. 1.22(f) <i>litigation or potential litigation affecting the Squamish Nation</i> from the Council Governance Policy
	6 / 7	To go IN CAMERA under s. 1.22(j) <i>sensitive financial or economic negotiations</i> from the Council Governance Policy
	8	Motion to Adjourn
March 11	1	Approval of Agenda
	2	Approval of Records of Decisions for March 4, 2011
	3	Agenda Amendment – Move Senakw Zoning Bylaws to Housekeeping
	4	To Make the In Camera Motions re Senakw Zoning Bylaws Public
	5	Needs Assessment for Assisted Living/Communities
	6	Needs Assessment for Long Term Care Facility
	7	To go IN CAMERA under s. 1.22(f) <i>litigation or potential litigation affecting the Squamish Nation</i> from the Council Governance Policy
	8 / 9 - 10	To go IN CAMERA under s. 1.22(a) <i>personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position appointed by Chiefs and Council</i> from the Council Governance Policy
	11	To go IN CAMERA under s. 1.22(b) <i>employee relations</i> from the Council
	12 / 13	To go IN CAMERA under s. 1.22(b) <i>employee relations</i> from the Council
	14	To go IN CAMERA under s. 1.22(b) <i>employee relations</i> from the Council Governance Policy
March 18	1	Approval of the Agenda
	2	Approval of the Records of Decision – March 11, 2021
	3	BCR – ISC Funding Agreement Amendment #60
	4	Request for a New Squamish Nation Service Agreement Committee and Service Agreement Negotiation Principles
	5	BCR – Squamish Nation Trust Deed of Gift
	6	Approval of the Financial Statements for the Quarter 3 of Fiscal Year 2020-2021
	7	To go IN CAMERA under s. 1.22(i) <i>sensitive intergovernmental negotiations or relations</i> from the Council Governance Policy
	8 / 9	To go IN CAMERA under s. 1.22(a) <i>personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position appointed by Squamish Nation Council</i> from the Council Governance Policy

	10 / 11	To go IN CAMERA under s. 1.22(i) <i>sensitive intergovernmental negotiations or relations</i> from the Council Governance Policy
	12	Motion to Adjourn
	E1	Request for Interpretation Guide to Squamish Nation's Organizational Values
	E2	Guidelines for Naming of Buildings, Streets, and Other Nation Assets
	E3	Approval of Letter of Support - Emergency Planning Secretariat (EPS) Request
March 19	1	Agenda Addition – Managing Director Departmental Realignment
	2	Approval of Agenda
	3	BCR – ISC Amendment #55
	4	BCR – ISC Amendment #59
	5	BCR – ISC Amendment #63
	6	BCR - Hiýárm Housing Society Land Designations - Referendum Vote
	7	Defer Motion re Hiýárm Housing Society Budget Approval
	8	Divide the Question - Motion re Approval of Hiýárm Housing Society Budget 2021-2022
	9	Approval of the Hiýárm Housing Society Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022
	E1	Reclassifying the Squamish Valley Administrator to the Squamish Valley Director
	E2	Approval of Squamish Nation Department Realignment
March 31	E1	BCR – ISC Amendment #61
	E2	BCR – ISC Amendment #62
	E3	BCR - Comprehensive Funding Agreement

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