



# SQUAMISH NATION

Quarterly Report from Council Q3-JULY-SEPT 2019



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## PARK ROYAL CULTURAL STRATEGY

On July 2, Council approved the work plan, budget, and terms of reference for the Squamish Nation Arts & Culture Strategy Project at Park Royal. (See the 2019 Q1 Quarterly Report from Council for background on the project.)

A working group—comprised of members from the Squamish Nation Language & Cultural Affairs Committee, Squamish Nation members, Larco/Park Royal representatives, and a consultant—will be formed to provide input, advice, and recommendations on the Squamish Nation Cultural Strategy and Partnership.

Once formed, the working group will host two community panel workshops to discuss and examine Squamish Nation language, culture, and heritage opportunities at Park Royal along with visitor attraction(s) while considering economic, social, and employment benefits for the Nation.

Following the workshops, the consultant will deliver a final report with recommendations to Council.

## SQUAMISH LANGUAGE POLICY FRAMEWORK ENGAGEMENT

On July 2, Squamish Nation Council approved a draft Language Policy Framework for discussion purposes.

The founding provision of the Squamish Language Policy Framework is a recognition on the language rights of the Squamish Peoples including reference to the United Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Section 35, and others.

The draft Policy Framework includes a mandate to create a language authority called a Language Commission to be appointed by Council. The Commission will be comprised of nine members for a four-year term based on specialized language-related criteria.

Other highlights of the draft Policy Framework include a mandate to develop an official language revitalization strategy, an oral proficiency certification, and an official Squamish Language Commission Teaching Certification.

Feedback on the draft Language Policy Framework will be solicited from Squamish Language speakers, Language & Cultural Affairs staff, Squamish Nation elders and youth, language teachers, and Squamish Nation members. Staff will summarize the feedback into a report on key themes, suggestions, and ideas, and return to Council with a draft policy and implementation plan for consideration by Council.

## CLIMATE EMERGENCY

On July 16, Council passed a motion declaring, in part, that, “the breakdown of the stable climate and sea level under which human civilization developed constitutes a climate emergency.”

The threat of climate change has been at the forefront of leaders’ minds around the world in recent years. On April 22, 2016, world leaders from 175 countries recognized the threat of climate change and the urgent need to combat it by signing the Paris Agreement, agreeing to keep warming “well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels” and to “pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C,” which is in itself not safe for humanity. Then, on October 8, 2018, the United Nations released a special report which projected that limiting warming to the unsafe 1.5°C target this century will require an unprecedented transformation of every sector of the global economy over the next 12 years, which was criticized by many

leading climate scientists as overly conservative.

As part of the motion passed, Council mandated the formation of the Climate Emergency Committee—comprised of Councillors Kristen Rivers, Chris Lewis, Joyce Williams, Dustin Rivers and Deanna Lewis—as a Standing Committee under the Governance Policy. The Committee will return to Council with a Terms of Reference to assist Council and the Nation in responding to the Climate Emergency.

Effective immediately, the Squamish Nation will begin advocating to all levels of government and in First Nations political organizations for climate action that meets the requirements for a stable climate as outlined in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Report to reduce Canada’s carbon emission by 60% below 2010 levels by 2030 and to achieve net zero emissions by 2050.

## EDUCATIONAL JURISDICTION

On July 5, 2006, First Nations, Canada, and BC signed an Education Jurisdiction Framework Agreement. This agreement sets the overall context and road map for implementing First Nations’ jurisdiction over education in BC. The education jurisdiction initiative provides formal recognition by the Federal and Provincial governments of a First Nation’s right to make decisions about the education of its children through signed agreements. BC First Nations have been seeking recognition of their jurisdiction over education for decades.

Educational jurisdiction brings a First Nation’s exercise of jurisdiction to life and sets the scope of its law-making powers. It also recognizes a First Nation’s jurisdiction over education on First Nation Land (i.e., reserve land). It is worth noting that Educational Jurisdiction must be ratified by a majority of eligible voting members of a Nation.

In order to become self-governing in the area of Educational Jurisdiction, the Squamish Nation has two options for joining the process: become an “Interested First Nation” (IFN) or a “Negotiating First Nation” (NFN). As an

IFN, the Squamish Nation would be invited to attend Education Jurisdiction Meetings from time to time. This would enable the Nation to be informed about the education jurisdiction process and influence the process by providing recommendations. As an NFN, the Squamish Nation would attend NFN meetings where the education jurisdiction process is directed, as well as Education Jurisdiction Meetings.

In July, Council received a presentation on the Education Jurisdiction process, and voted in favour of becoming an Interested First Nation. Further, Council directed the Directors of Education, Employment & Training, Language & Cultural Affairs, and Finance to jointly develop a work plan, budget, and recommendation for proceeding with becoming a Negotiating First Nation to present to the relevant Committees of Council before it is presented to Council in early 2020.

## SKWXWÚ7MESH RIGHTS & TITLE DEPARTMENT INTERIM POLICY FRAMEWORK

The newly-formed Rights & Title Department, in conjunction with the Rights & Title Committee of Council, has developed an Interim Policy Framework to govern the conduct of many of the Department's key functions and support a smooth, transparent transition for the new Department. The Rights & Title Department is responsible for the important roles of asserting, protecting, and leveraging (for benefits) the Squamish Nation's right and title interests in its traditional territory.

The *Skwxwú7mesh Rights and Title Department Interim Policy Framework*, which was approved by Council on September 10, 2019, contains the following components:

1. Policy Purpose and Principles
2. Departmental Mandate
3. Departmental Functions - Under the oversight and direction of the Squamish Nation Council Rights and Title Committee, the Department is responsible for performing the following functions related to advancing the growth, strength, and implementation of Squamish Nation Rights and Title.
4. Squamish Nation Rights & Title Strategy - The Department will develop and maintain a Squamish Nation Rights and Title Strategy, which will set out the Department's broad approach to advancing the growth, strength, and implementation of Squamish Aboriginal Rights.
5. Department Structure and Staffing- includes clear staff positions and roles/ responsibility descriptions that ensure clarity, certainty and accountability of staff.
6. Referrals process - Clearly outlines the process for receiving, processing, responding to, and developing an action plan in relation to, incoming referrals and correspondence.
7. Accountability to Council - clearly establish clear direction to staff with respect to when and how the Department should be reporting to Council and/ or relevant committees of Council. This includes direction and role of the Aboriginal Rights & Title Committee.
8. Communication between departments - establish clear guidelines for coordination between departments.
9. Annual Plan and budget - provide direction to staff on budgeting and other accounting issues.
10. Departmental Budget, Approval of Expenditures and Capacity funding - establish guidelines on expenditures based on the annual plan and approved budget. It also provided direction for staff acceptance of capacity funding on the Nation's behalf and for use of such funding.
11. Accounting - provides direction on maintenance of a comprehensive and complete records system in respect of all Department revenue, expenditures or other financial transactions, including funding received from external sources. Also that the Department will be subject to financial audit from time to time.
12. Conflict of Interest - provide clarity around conflict of interest and processes on how to deal with such matters when they arise.



## BC FIRST NATIONS GAMING REVENUE SHARING



In February 2019, the Province of British Columbia announced its commitment to share 7% of net provincial gaming revenues with First Nations over the next 25 years (totaling an estimated \$3 billion).

An interim BC First Nations Gaming Revenue Sharing and Financial Agreement was finalized on August 2, 2019, providing for the first two years of gaming revenue payments to be shared with Eligible First Nations across British Columbia. The Province and First Nations Gaming Commission are currently working to finalize a long-term revenue sharing agreement.

The First Nations Gaming Revenue Sharing Partnership (the “Partnership”) has been established to receive and distribute gaming revenues to Eligible First Nations. All Eligible First Nations in the province may become Limited Partners of the Partnership and shareholders of the General Partner (the BCFN GRS GP, Inc., which manages the Partnership), and in doing so become entitled to share in provincial gaming revenues.

Following a legal review of the terms of the Partnership, the Squamish Nation Council signed a BCR on September 17 authorizing a Joinder Agreement for the Squamish Nation to become a Limited Partner.

Distributable income from the Partnership the Squamish Nation will receive is to be used for approved purposes, which are: (a) health and wellness; (b) infrastructure, safety, transportation and housing; (c) economic and business development; (d) education, language, culture and training; (e) community development and environmental protection; and (f) capacity building, fiscal management and governance of Eligible First Nations and territories and members. The agreement prohibits per capita distributions of the funds to membership.

## PEAK HOUR CHANGES TO LIONS GATE BRIDGE ACCESS

At the request of Squamish Nation Council, the District of North Vancouver (DNV) has extended rush hour turning restrictions from Lower Capilano Road onto Marine Drive. This restriction, which came into effect in mid-September, is intended to discourage non-resident through-traffic from using Welch Street and Lower Capilano Road as a by-pass for congestion at Marine Drive.

The DNV has recently installed new signage. With the changes, there will be no left turns from Lower Capilano Road to Marine Drive (northbound to westbound movements) from 7:00 am–9:00 am, and from 3:00 pm–6:00 pm. Previously, left turn restrictions were in place for morning peak hours only.

The left turn restrictions are enforceable under Section 125 (Disobey Traffic Control) or Section 161 (Disobey Traffic Device) of the Motor Vehicle Act.

Drivers who fail to comply with the turning restrictions are subject to a \$121 fine plus two points on their driving record.

The increased turning restrictions were a recommendation of the Capilano IR No. 5 Transportation Study, and are aimed at decreasing rush hour traffic through the Capilano reserve. The Study was prepared for the Nation with input from Capilano residents and Nation members.

Over the years, the Squamish Nation has seen a steady increase in commuter traffic trespassing through the Capilano reserve, which is putting our community's safety at risk. By introducing these new restrictions on left-turns from the reserve onto Marine Drive, the Squamish Nation is taking steps to address safety concerns and help to ensure the protection of our members and their families.



# SQUAMISH NATION COUNCIL MEETING ATTENDANCE

## Meetings with Attendance Recorded (Duly Convened)\* July 1, 2019 – September 30, 2019

Total meetings with attendance recorded (duly convened)\*: 9

Councillor	Present	Absent	Absent Dates
Askew, Orene	8	1	Aug. 6
Baker, Alroy	2	7	July 2, 9, 16, 24 Aug. 6, 16 Sept. 10
Baker, Deborah	8.5	0.5	July 24 (0.5)
Baker, Richie	5	4	July 2 Aug. 16 Sept. 17, 24
Campbell, Chief Ian	3.5	5.5	July 16, 24 (0.5) Aug. 6 Sept. 10, 17, 24
Darbyshire-Joseph, Brandon	7	2	Sept. 17, 24
George, Carla	6.5	2.5	July 2, 16 (0.5) Aug. 16
Joseph, Joshua	4	5	July 2, 9, 16 Aug. 6, 16
Lewis, Chris	7.5	1.5	July 24 (0.5) Sept. 10
Lewis, Deanna	5.5	3.5	July 24 Aug. 6 Sept. 10 (0.5), 17
Lewis III, Jacob	7.5	1.5	Sept. 10, 24 (0.5)
Rivers, Dustin	8	1	July 24
Rivers, Kristen	6	3	July 16, 24 Aug. 6
Williams, Joyce	8	1	July 9
Williams, Wilson	5.5	3.5	July 2 (0.5), 16 Aug. 6 Sept. 17 (0.5), 24 (0.5)
Wooden, Marcus	5.5	3.5	July 16, 24 Aug. 16 Sept. 24 (0.5)

\*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.



# SN COUNCIL MOTIONS/BCRS - Q3

July 2019 - September 2019



## JULY

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

DATE	MOT #	RE:
July 2	1	Additions and Approval of the Agenda
	2	To Go into CAMERA under section 1.22(j) sensitive financial or economic negotiations from the Council Governance Policy
	3	IN CAMERA
	4	To go IN CAMERA under s. 1.22(e) the financial or economic interests of a third party from the Council Governance Policy
	5	IN CAMERA
	6	To amend Agenda to add Elder Gail Lewis
	7	Squamish Nation Arts & Culture Strategy Project at Park Royal
	8	Language Policy Framework Engagement
	9	Oceanfront Development Park Naming Project
	10	Language and Cultural Affairs Offices Spaces
	11	Program Space Support for Language Programs
	12	Annual Squamish Nation Annual Canoe Races at Ambleside Park
	13	Squamish Nation Hosting Māori Language Delegation
	14	To go IN CAMERA under s. 1.22(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position appointed by Chiefs and Council from the Council Governance Policy
	15	To Adjourn Meeting
July 9	1	Approval of Agenda for July 9, 2019
	2	Approval of the Motions for June 25, 2019
	3	Squamish Nation Support of First Nations Snowboard Association
	4	To move Item #7 and #8 on the Agenda
	5	Attendance at Energy and Mines Conference in Cranbrook, BC July 15-16, 2019 for Chief Ian Campbell and Deborah Baker
	6	To go IN CAMERA under s. 1.22(b) employee relations from the Council Governance Policy
	7	Motion to Adjourn
July 16	1	Approval of Agenda
	2	Approval for Appointment of Acting Co-Chair
	3	Acting Chair Appointment
	4	VFPA South Shore Community Liaison Committee
	5	Appointment of Joyce Williams to the HR Committee
	6	Approval of MST/CLC Information Booth to be set up at Amalgamation Ceremony on July 23, 2019

	7	Squamish Nation and the Climate Emergency
	8	Rescinding Timber Permit 2019- 2714 for Paul Lewis
	9	BCR re Reissuing Timber Permit for Paul H. Lewis
	10	To amend Agenda to not break for lunch and continue with meeting
	11	LGBTQ+ Rainbow Crosswalk Installation
	12	Rally Cross Request for Permission
	13	Funding for four athletes to attend the 2019 BC Aboriginal Championships at Terrace, BC August 22-25, 2019
	14	Approve Carla George and Deanna Lewis to attend 2019 Aboriginal Championship in Terrace, BC August 22-25, 2019
	15	Motion to Adjourn
July 24	1	Approval of Agenda
	2	Approval of Records of Decisions for June 25, July 2 and July 9, 2019
	3	BCR - re Educational Jurisdiction - Interested First Nation
	4	To go IN CAMERA under s. 1.22(j) sensitive financial or economic negotiations from Council Governance Policy
	5	IN CAMERA
	6	IN CAMERA
	7	IN CAMERA
	8	Approval of Squamish Nation's Audited Consolidated Financial Statements as at March 31, 2019
	9	Motion to Adjourn

## AUGUST

DATE	MOT #	RE:
August 6	1	Approval of Agenda
	2	Approval of Motions from July 24, 2019
	3	BCR re Funding Agreement - Amending Agreement #0035
	4	Yúustway Health & Wellness Services conduct research and study on the development of a Squamish Nation Recreation Commission
	5	YHW to commence research and gather information pertaining to the prior research completed on the lacrosse box and artificial turf soccer field that was completed in 2016/2017
	6	Development of Client (Members) to Staff Service Delivery Policy
	7	To go IN CAMERA under s. 1.22(e) the financial or economic interests of a third party from the Council Governance Policy
	8	IN CAMERA
	9	To go IN CAMERA under s. 1.22(e) the financial or economic interests of a third party from the Council Governance Policy
	10	IN CAMERA
	11	IN CAMERA



	12	IN CAMERA
	13	IN CAMERA
	14	IN CAMERA
	15	IN CAMERA
	16	Motion to Adjourn
August 16	1	Approval of the Agenda
	2	Travel Motion for Dustin Rivers to attend Global Gas and Oil Network Biannual Gathering on Cortez Island from August 19 to 23, 2019
	3	BCR re Amending SHAG and Governance Rules and Competencies Matrices for Nch'kay Development Corporation
	4	Squamish Nation Orders Forensic Audit RFP
	5	Meet with BC Premier
	6	Motion to Adjourn

## SEPTEMBER

DATE	MOT #	RE:
September 10	1	Approval of Agenda
	2	Approval of Record of Decisions for August 6 and 16, 2019
	3	Approval of invitation to Greta Thunberg to come to Squamish Nation
	4	To go In Camera under s. 1.22(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position appointed by Chiefs and Council from the Council Governance Policy
	5	To go In Camera under s. 1.22(e) the financial or economic interests of a third party from the Council Governance Policy
	6	Approve the SKWXWÚ7MESH Rights and Title Department Interim Policy Framework
	7	To Table the Welch Street Project to a later date
	8	Motion to Adjourn
September 17	1	Approval of the Agenda
	2	Approval of Motions for September 10, 2019
	3	To appoint a Facilitator for the AGM on September 22, 2019
	4	Allocation of Funds to Daycare Building costs
	5	Bank of Montreal - Portable Lease
	6	BCR - re Gaming Revenue Sharing
	7	BC First Nations Gaming Revenue Sharing Mandate
	8	External Audit and Tax Services RFP
	9	Attendance at WFLNG in Fort St. John, BC on October 23 and 24, 2019
	10	To amend Agenda to Move Item #12 to morning
	11	Appointment to North Shore Housing Innovation Lab

	12	Melanie Nelson – Approval and Signature of the Collaborative Research Agreement for the Indigenous Youth Access and Support for Mental Health and Wellness in Schools and Community: A Case Study
	13	To go IN CAMERA under s. 1.22(i) sensitive intergovernmental negotiations or relations from the Council Governance Policy
	14	Request Staff Report on McGuire Ave and Lawa Road Vehicle Access Plan and Pedestrian Safety
	15	Communication re: Peak Hour Lions Gate Bridge Access Changes
	16	Motion to Adjourn
September 24	1	Approval of the Agenda
	2	Approval of Motions for September 17, 2019
	3	Purchase of a table for the BC Indigenous Business Awards on October 17, 2019
	4	North Shore Indians Senior Lacrosse Team Registration Submission
	5	Indigenous Women’s Leadership Summit approval of attendance
	6	Attendance at World Indigenous Business Forum
	7	To go IN CAMERA under s. 1.22(b) employee relations from the Council Governance Policy
	8	To go IN CAMERA under s. 1.22(b) employee relations from the Council Governance Policy
	9	IN CAMERA
	10	IN CAMERA
	11	To go IN CAMERA under s. 1.22(g) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose from the Council Governance Policy
	12	IN CAMERA
	13	Motion to Adjourn

***In Camera Meetings — from the Squamish Nation Council Governance Policy:***

*1.22 On occasion, Council may hold an in camera meeting, in whole or in part, if the subject matter being considered relates to one or more of the following:*

- (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position appointed by Chiefs and Council;*
- (b) employee relations;*
- (c) the consideration of alleged misconduct or wrongdoing by individual Council members;*
- (d) the security of the property of the Squamish Nation;*

- (e) the financial or economic interests of a third party;*
- (f) litigation or potential litigation affecting the Squamish Nation;*
- (g) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;*
- (h) information that is prohibited from disclosure by provincial and federal legislation; and*
- (i) sensitive intergovernmental negotiations or relations;*
- (j) sensitive financial or economic negotiations; or*
- (k) sensitive Squamish language, cultural heritage, or intellectual property matters.*



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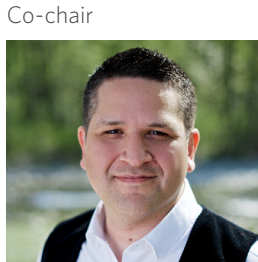
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