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# Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw to Explore Creating Two Squamish Language and Culture Centres

On September 9, Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw (Council) requested that Ta na wa Ns7éyxnitm ta Snewíyelh (Language & Cultural Affairs) conduct a needs assessment to explore creating two Language & Culture Centres, one in North Vancouver and one in Squamish Valley. A needs assessment explores things like location, construction and operating costs, and funding opportunities.

These centres would create dedicated space for all Members to fully engage in and learn the Skwxwú7mesh Sníchim (Squamish language) until they are ready to practice it within their homes and pass it along to future generations. The Skwxwú7mesh Sníchim Policy, which was approved on July 8, 2021, outlined the need for a centre because current sníchim classes rely on borrowed space and often get disrupted by other events.

The Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw is committed to re-establishing Skwxwú7mesh Sníchim as the primary language. It is a living language, one enriched by new words and teachings, particularly as younger Members contribute to its growth and evolution. The creation of a Language & Cultural Centre would better support Ta na wa Ns7éyxnitm ta Snewíyelh as the department works to achieve that goal.

Several departments will work with Ta na wa Ns7éyxnitm ta Snewíyelh on this needs assessment, including Ta na wa Shéway I7xw ta Úxwumixw (Planning & Capital Projects), Ts'ixwts'ixwnítway (Member Services), and Ta na wa Yúus ta Stitúyntsam (Rights & Title). Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw has requested an update on this work be presented in Q1 2022/2023.

If you are interested in learning more about the Skwxwú7mesh Sníchim programming available for Members, please visit squamish.net/language-cultural-affairs or email language\_culture@squamish.net.



# Child and Family Chiy axw (Jurisdictional Law) Project Update

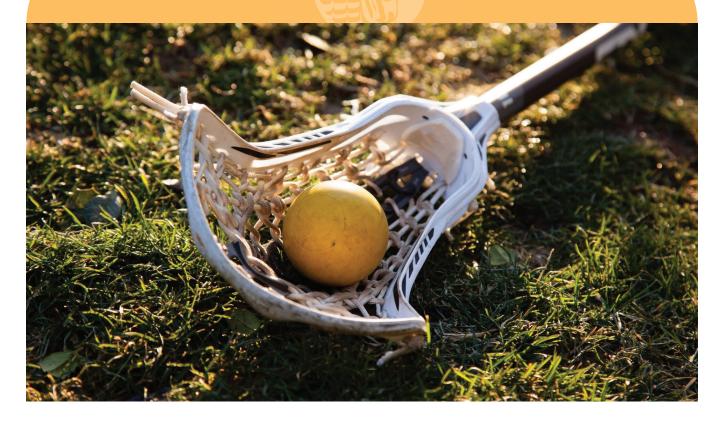


On September 9, Ayás Méńmen (Child & Family Services) presented a Chiýáxw Project update to Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw (Council). The Project Team engaged with community over fall and summer through a survey, one-on-one meetings, and presentations to Hereditary Chiefs and Elders. Membership indicated a strong preference for Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw to exercise its inherent rights and jurisdiction to deliver child and family services under the Nation's authority.

Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw indicated its support for the next phase of the project: that the Nation enter into a Tripartite Coordination Agreement with the Governments of British Columbia and Canada. Throughout 2022, Ayás Ménmen will continue to engage the community on how they would like to see services designed and organized to guide, protect, and provide for our families and children. Chiýáxw law and policies will then be developed with the goal of implementing them in 2023.

Questions about this project can be emailed to <a href="mailto:amm\_reception@squamish.net">amm\_reception@squamish.net</a>.

# Site Selected for Xwmélch'sten Multi-Purpose Recreation Box



Ta na wa Shéway I7x w ta Úxwumixw (Planning & Capital Projects) provided an update regarding the Xwmélch'sten lacrosse box replacement to Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw (Council) on September 23.

When the existing Xwmélch'sten lacrosse box site was allocated to Hiýám Housing for Member housing construction, preparations began for the development of a new multi-purpose recreation box. In August 2020, Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw requested that a needs assessment be completed. Through input from Membership and lacrosse groups, the assessment determined that an area south of Chief Joe Mathias Centre was the preferred location and that the facility should have a roof and lights so that it can be used year-round.

After reviewing this information at the September 23 meeting, Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw approved these recommendations and the next phase of this project: a Business Case Report. This Report will develop a more detailed budget, design, and plan for construction. During the design phase, there will be opportunities for Membership to help guide the layout and design of the facility.

Total meetings with attendance recorded (duly convened 1) Tem cháyilhen (September): 4

Councillor	Present	Absent <sup>2</sup>	Excused <sup>3</sup>
Askew, Orene	4	-	-
Baker, Alroy (K'etximtn)	0.5	2.5	1
Baker, Deborah (K'ána)	4	-	-
Baker, Richard (Kasalus)	Kasalus) -		4
Campbell, Chief Ian (Xàlek Se <u>k</u> yú Siýam)	2	-	2
Darbyshire-Joseph, Brandon (Kátxelacha)	4	-	-
George, Carla (Kwitelut Kwelaw'ikw)	3	-	1
Joseph, Joshua (Skwetsi7meltxw)	2.5	1	0.5
Lewis, Chris (Syetá <u>x</u> tn)	4	-	-
Lewis, Deanna (Kálkalilh)	4	-	-
Lewis III, Jacob (Xayil)	3.5	0.5	-
Rivers, Dustin (Khelsilem)	4	-	-
Rivers, Kristen (Tiyáltelut)	2	1	1
Williams, Joyce	3.5	-	0.5
Williams, Wilson (Sxwíxwtn)	1	1	2
Wooden, Marcus (Klakwagilagime)	3	1	-

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;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>&</sup>lt;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.)

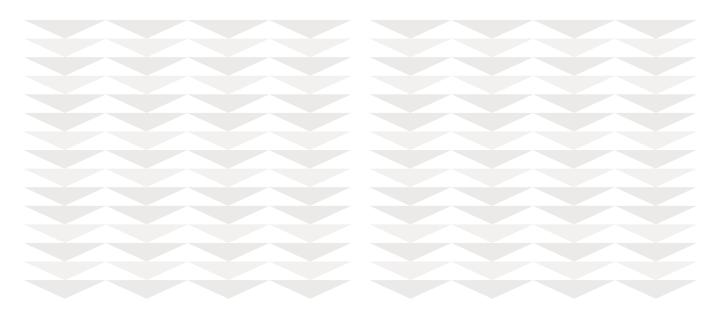
# **Squamish Nation Council Motions and Band Council Resolutions**

Tem cháyilhen (September) 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 #	Торіс
Sept 9	1	Approval of Agenda
	2	Approval of the Records of Decision – August 19, 2021
	3	Rescind 2021-08-12 BCR re Timber Permit – Cheakamus IR 11 – Roger Lewis
	4	BCR – Timber Permit – Cheakamus IR 11 – Roger Lewis
	5	Needs Assessment for Squamish Language and Culture Centres
	6	Xwmélch'sten Phase 4 Subdivision – Addition of Seven Lots and Use of Seven Lots for Duplexes and Triplexes
	7	BCR – Project Approval Request (PAR) to Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) for Upgrade Works on St'á7mes IR No. 24
	8	BCR – Squamish Nation Child and Family Welfare Jurisdictional Law
	9	COVID-19 Community Member Relief Program Phase 4 Projects
	10 / 11 - 19	To go IN CAMERA under s.1.22(e) the financial or economic interests of a third party of the Council Governance Policy
	20 / 21	To go IN CAMERA under s. 1.22(i) <i>sensitive intergovernmental negotiations or relations</i> from the Council Governance Policy
	22	Mandate – Employment and Training Agreement with Seaspan
	23	Adjournment of Meeting
Sept 16	1	Approval of Agenda
	2	Approval of the Records of Decision – September 9, 2021
	3 / 4	To go IN CAMERA under s.1.22 (j) sensitive financial or economic negotiations of the Council Governance Policy
	5 / 6	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 of the Council Governance Policy
	7	Allow District of Squamish to Construct Jimmy Jimmy Slough Culvert on Waiwakum Reserve
	8	Approval and publication of the Annual Financial Report prepared for Squamish Nation for the year ended March 31, 2021
	9	Adjournment of Meeting

Sept 22	1	Approval of Agenda – with Item #8 removed
36Pt 22	2/3-4	To go IN CAMERA under s.1.22 (e) the <i>financial or economic interests of a thir party</i> of the Council Governance Policy for Agenda Items #4 and #5
	5	BCR – Squamish Off-Road Cycling Association ("SORCA") Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with the Squamish Nation
	6	BCR – Squamish Windsports Society Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with the Squamish Nation
	7 / 8	To go IN CAMERA under s.1.22 (i) sensitive intergovernmental negotiations or relations of the Council Governance Policy
	9	Adjournment of Meeting
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Sept 23 1 2	1	Approval of Agenda
	2	Approval of the Records of Decision – September 16 and 22, 2021
	3	BCR – ISC Funding Agreement – Amendment #2
	4	BCR – ISC Funding Agreement – Amendment #3
5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 / 13	5	BCR – ISC Funding Agreement – Amendment #4
	6	BCR – ISC Funding Agreement – Amendment #5
	7	First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) Joint Project Board (JPB) Master Agreement #000000891-A3
	8	BCR – Hiý ám Home Loan Program – Term Sheet
	9	Hiýám Home Loan Program (HHLP)
	10	Approval and Implementation of Talent Acquisition and Internal Mobility / Promotion Policies
	11	Alison Ariss' research project on Salish Weaving in Relation with the Land: The Work of Wrapping Territory and Critiquing Institutions
	12 / 13	To go IN CAMERA under s.1.22 (i) sensitive intergovernmental negotiations or relations of the Council Governance Policy
	14	BCR – Business Case & Design for Xwmélch'sten Multi-Purpose Recreation Box
	15	Adjournment of Meeting



### Are you interested in watching recorded Council meetings?

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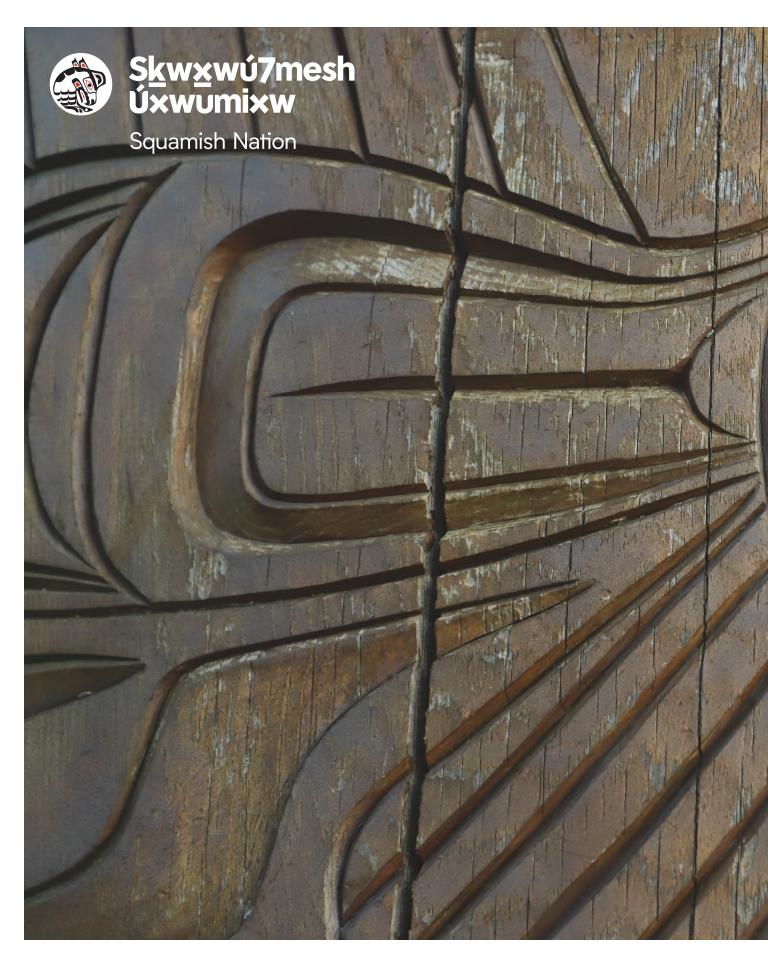
### Want to stay informed about the topics and issues discussed at Council meetings?

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### 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 <u>webmaster@squamish.net</u> for assistance with accessing the Members Only section of the Squamish Nation website.







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