

Message to Community – Williams Lake Announcement

January 25, 2022

Today, the T'exelcemc First Nation (People of Williams Lake First Nation) will be sharing the initial results of their residential school investigation at the former St. Joseph's Mission. We wanted to let you know in advance of their announcement that you are likely to see the results of the investigation in the news.

Squamish Nation understands that this information may be triggering and difficult to hear. We are here to walk alongside you and support you. Ayás Ménmen (Child & Family Services) and Yúustway (Health & Wellness) are here to offer a wide range of wellness & healing supports for you. Please reach out for support.

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Our own investigation into St. Paul's residential school (Yúusnewas) is ongoing. Updates on the project will be posted to squamish.net/yuusnewas.

We are committed to keeping you informed and will reach out when we have more to share, as our own investigation progresses.

Chet wanáxwstúmi (respectfully),

Council Spokespersons Syexwáliya, Ann Whonnock and Sxwíxwtn, Wilson Williams