



Xwemelch'stn Housing – Start of Construction

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The Hiyám Housing Society and Ventana Construction are pleased to announce the upcoming start of site activities associated to the new Xwemelch'stn Housing project at the corner of Mathias and Skewshen Rds. Construction is scheduled to begin in early March 2021.

*This project is to supply 94 new units for the Squamish Nation Elders, families and youth.
The project involves the construction of townhouses, the Co-op shop, and an apartment building.*

*The project is a fast-track design and build.
The building construction schedule requires extended working hours, including evening and weekends. It is the intention to move as quickly as possible with the project, to minimize these effects.*

The works will involve

- Demolition of the Lacrosse court and clearing of the shrubs and bushes*
- Earth compaction and excavation*
- Soil removal and trucking*
- Increased vehicle traffic and parking*
- Delivery of materials including concrete, rebar, building materials, equipment, sea containers*
- Utility extensions and new connections*
- New hydro feeders*
- House and apartment framing, involving the use of mobile and static cranes and mobile forklifts*
- Cladding and roofing involving rough terrain, aerial platforms and scissor lifts*
- Road works including new curbing, asphalt, and sidewalks*

As with any construction, there will be different noises, vibration, dust, lights, and additional activities than is normal in a quiet urban location. The static crane will windmill in the wind at night, above neighboring properties and will cast shadows.

As a good neighbour, the site and management team will continue to communicate openly and in advance with the surrounding neighbourhood and with the Nation as a whole during the entire construction process.

If you have any questions or concerns, we encourage you to reach out to the Hiyám Society at info@hiyamhousing.com, to Ventana Construction's Project Manager Jeff Shouldice at 604 291 9000 or directly to the site superintendents.

We greatly appreciate your understanding as we work to complete this important project quickly for the benefit of the Elders, families and youth of the Squamish Nation.