



**Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh
Úx̓wumixw**

Squamish Nation

**Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Úx̓wumixw
Ta na wa Yúus ta Stitúyntsám-Rights and Title Department**

Cultural Cedar Tree Program Policy 2021

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Supersedes: New
Policy Owners: Peter Baker, Director, Rights and Title Department
 Samaya Jardey, Director, Language and Culture Department

Roles & responsibilities

Role	Responsibility:
Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Approval
Director, Squamish Nation Rights and Title Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review, implementation, and management of Cultural Cedar Tree Program Policy • Oversight of Acquisition Phase of Cultural Cedar Tree Program • Appoint appropriate and/or required supporting staff to oversee any portion of the Cultural Cedar Tree Program
Director, Squamish Nation Language and Culture Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review, implementation, and management of Cultural Cedar Tree Program Policy • Oversight of the Application and Project Completion Reporting stages of Cultural Cedar Tree Program • Oversight of the Distribution Phase of the Cultural Cedar Tree Program • Appoint appropriate and/or required supporting staff to oversee any portion of the Distribution Phase of the Cultural Cedar Tree Program

PART 1 — FOREWARD

The *Skwxwú7mesh* are an Indigenous people who are a part of the Coast Salish linguistic family. The *Skwxwú7mesh-ulh Stélmexw* (Squamish People) have a complex and rich history. Ancient connections are traced within our language through terms for place names, shared ceremony among the Salmon Peoples of the Cedar longhouse, and First Ancestors that continues to connect us in present day. The *Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw* is the Nation of *Skwxwú7mesh-ulh Stélmexw* that amalgamated in 1923. The Amalgamation was established to guarantee equality to all Squamish people and to ensure good government.

PART 2 — INTRODUCTION

This interim Policy is a living document and reflects the *Skwxwú7mesh* view on a Cultural Cedar Tree Program. Therefore, the policies presented here are subject to change and revision.

The *Skwxwú7mesh-ulh Stélmexw* have *xwékwstem ta xapáyay iy ta k'elhmáy'* from *Skwxwú7mesh-ulh temíxw, stakw,* and *stséktsek* for many millennia and will continue to do so.

The Cultural Cedar Tree Program provides cedar trees/logs to Squamish Nation members acquired from various forestry agreements from the *Skwxwú7mesh* territory or other territories. This program is divided into two Phases: The **Acquisition Phase** and the **Distribution Phase**. The purpose is to provide cultural support to Squamish Nation members through the donation of cedar trees/logs and to continue to invest in our sacred language/culture, history, and the ancient professions of the *Skwxwú7mesh-ulh Stélmexw*.

This policy will guide the intended outcomes of this program, outline the processes for the successful acquisition and distribution of Cedars and identify the key roles and responsibilities in administering the program.

Ta na wa Yúus ta Stitúyntsam' The Rights and Title Department Director is responsible for the **Acquisition Phase of the Cultural Cedar Tree Program**. *Ta na wa Ns7éyxnitm ta Sne'wiyálh-* The Language and Cultural Affairs Department Director is responsible for the **Distribution Phase of the Cultural Cedar Tree Program**.

PART 3 — DEFINITIONS

<i>Skw̓xwú7mesh</i>	Squamish
<i>Skw̓xwú7mesh-ulh Stélmexw</i>	Squamish People
<i>Skw̓xwú7mesh Úxwumixw</i>	Squamish Nation
<i>Ta na wa Yúus ta Stitúyntsám</i>	Rights and Title Department
<i>Ta na wa Ns7éyxnitm ta Sneʷiyálh</i>	Language and Culture Department
<i>Xwékwstem ta Xapáyay iy ta K'elhmáy</i>	Red cedar and yellow cedar trees used
<i>Temíxw</i>	Land
<i>Stakw</i>	Water
<i>Stséktsek</i>	Trees or Forest

PART 4 — OBJECTIVES

The Cultural Cedar Tree Program has four key objectives:

1. Enact our rights to acquire and use Cedar trees/logs from *Skw̓xwú7mesh* territory for traditional uses which shall include:
 - a. *Sch'etxw* (welcome poles, house posts, memorial dedications)
 - b. *Chátwilh* (canoe carving)
 - c. School projects; community projects and gatherings for cultural awareness and training tools for cultural diversity education; cultural gatherings for up coming ceremonies, family gatherings.
2. Manage the distribution of culturally harvested Cedar trees/logs to *Skw̓xwú7mesh-ulh Stélmexw* living in our communities and those living away from our communities.
3. Squamish Nation Rights and Title will execute Stewardship of resources for future generations and cultural investment in the present and future generations to come.
4. Provide support for our people by prioritizing those in need of the Cedar trees/logs.

PART 5 — ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Ta na wa Yúus ta Stitúyntsám- The Rights and Title Department Director is responsible for the **Acquisition Phase of the Cultural Cedar Tree Program**. *Ta na wa Ns7éyxnitm ta Sneʷiyálh*- The Language and Cultural Affairs Department Director is responsible for the **Distribution Phase of the Cultural Cedar Tree Program**.

Both Directors are responsible for the implementation of this interim policy, including annual reviews or revisions. In addition, the Directors are responsible for the

management of this policy unless or until an appropriate individual is appointed to take on the responsibility of implementation and management of this policy.

PART 6 — ACQUISITION PHASE OF CULTURAL CEDAR TREE PROGRAM

Ta na wa Yúus ta Stitúyntsah- The Rights and Title Department Director shall be responsible for the coordination and acquisition of a variety of types of cedars, such as red cedar/yellow cedar when they are generally available.

The Squamish Nation Rights and Title Director, should they require, may appoint a coordinator to oversee the acquisition of cedar trees/logs.

The cedar trees/logs for the Cultural Cedar Tree Program will be acquired through various forestry agreements from the *Skwxwú7mesh* territory or other territories.

The Rights and Title Department Director will notify the Language and Culture Department Director when cedar trees/logs have been delivered to designated storage location.

PART 7 — DISTRIBUTION PHASE OF CULTURAL CEDAR TREE PROGRAM

The Director of *Ta na wa Ns7éyxnitm ta Snewiyálh*- The Language and Cultural Affairs Department may appoint a Distribution Coordinator or designate an employee to lead and coordinate the distribution of a cultural cedar log donation for each distribution.

Squamish Nation members must apply to *Ta na wa Ns7éyxnitm ta Snewiyálh*- The Language and Cultural Affairs Department through formal written application process to be considered for a Cultural Cedar Tree donation. A separate written application must be submitted by the Squamish Nation member must also commit at the time of their application to submitting a Project Completion Report to *Ta na wa Ns7éyxnitm ta Snewiyálh*- The Language and Cultural Affairs Department once their project is complete. This Project Completion Report is mandatory and failure to submit this report will result in future applications for Cultural Cedar Tree donations being denied.

Cedar trees/logs donated to Squamish Nation members through the Cultural Cedar Tree Program are not permitted to be used for monetary gain on the part of the Squamish Nation member. Cedar trees/logs donated through this program are to be used by the recipient for the purpose outlined in their application. If it is determined that cedar trees/logs that are obtained through the Cultural Cedar Tree Program are being used for monetary gain or used for purposes not outlined in their application by Squamish Nation members, future applications to the Program will be denied.

The Project Completion Report must include the date of project completion as well as photographs of finished projects. This report must be submitted to *Ta na wa Ns7éyxnitm ta Snewiyállh*- The Language and Cultural Affairs Department in a reasonably timely manner. This Project Completion Report is mandatory and failure to submit this report will result in future applications for Cultural Cedar Tree log donations being denied.

Upon approval of Cultural Cedar Tree Program the Director of *Ta na wa Ns7éyxnitm ta Snewiyállh*- The Language and Cultural Affairs Department shall appoint an employee or manager to work on the logistics for the distribution to applicant.

The *Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw*, in following our cultural customs, will prioritize distribution of Cedar trees to:

1. Elders over 60
2. Those with ceremony projects, memorials poles, memorial canoes, bentwood boxes.
3. All other *Skwxwú7mesh-ulh Stélmexw*

The Director shall choose one of four forms of distribution:

1. Option 1: Direct distribution to those indicated for priority
2. Option 2: Distribution for *Skwxwú7mesh Stélmexw*
3. Option 3: Call for recipients
4. Option 4: Stored then distributed for special *Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw* events

The Director shall select a Coordinator to lead the distribution of the Cedar trees based on the chosen options for distribution.

If Option 1 is selected, a notice shall be delivered to the intended recipients of the intended distribution.

If Option 2 is selected, a notice shall be distributed indicating the dates of distribution and how people living outside of the Squamish Nation community can pick-up.

Pick-up of Cedar tree by someone other than the Squamish Nation member listed on the approved application is permissible provided a declaration form with name of the person that is picking up the Cedar tree clearly written, as well as the signature and band number of the approved applicant is submitted to the Rights and Title Director, either directly or through appointed distribution Coordinator no less than 14 days prior to pick up.

If Option 3 is selected, a notice shall be distributed indicating the Cedar tree is available for receipt, name, band number, and signature of the *Skwxwú7mesh Stélmexw* to receive.

If Option 4 is selected, the foods shall be stored in a secure and safe location for future and later use. It will be at sole discretion of the Director of their designate to approve the distribution of food for special *Skw̓xwú7mesh Úxwumixw* events.

For Option 1 & 2 – the *Skw̓xwú7mesh Úxwumixw* must make available reasonable funds to cover a portion of travel costs for the *Skw̓xwú7mesh Stélmexw* to come to a distribution location within 500 km of *Skw̓xwú7mesh* territory.

PART 8 — APPROVAL AND REVIEW

This Policy shall be reviewed annually by the Director and any advisors, committees, or staff deemed appropriate by the Director.

The policy is approved by the Squamish Nation Council by resolution on _____ and included herein:

PART 9 — APPLICATION PROCESS

Please see attached application.

Squamish Nation cultural Cedar donation program

Please complete form and check off the section of this request.

Please submit request to Peter Baker at rights and title. Contact info phone (604)-982-0510 or via email at peter_baker@squamish.net



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Name		Contact info	Squamish Nation number# 555_____
Reason for application Carving project School project Cultural project			Target date when log is needed.
Tree specification		Diameters	Delivery address
Red Cedar			
Yellow Cedar			