



Squamish Language Commission Background Information

On July 8, 2021, Squamish Nation Council approved the Skwxwú7mesh Sníchim Policy, Squamish Language Policy. One critical component of the Policy is the Language Commission; this will provide a voice for the community, providing guidance on language programming that will impact future generations of speakers. We invite you to nominate up to five Squamish Nation members to help guide the sacred work of the Language Commission.

Role and Responsibilities of the Language Commission

The role of the Language Commission includes:

- promoting the health and well-being of the Skwxwú7mesh Sníchim
- protecting, preserving, and revitalising the Skwxwú7mesh Sníchim
- overseeing Skwxwú7mesh Sníchim education
- encouraging the use of Skwxwú7mesh Sníchim

The Language Commission will:

- prepare an Official Language Strategy
- oversee, monitor, guide and implement the Official Language Strategy
- work towards making Skwxwú7mesh Sníchim an official language of the Squamish Nation
- grant proficiency certificates to speakers and teachers and approve guidelines, exams, and certified examiners for oral proficiency, translator, and teacher certification
- advise Skwxwú7mesh Sníchim programs
- approve official signage in Skwxwú7mesh Sníchim on territorial land
- create or approve new words to add to the official lexicon
- recommend a standardization of the written Skwxwú7mesh Sníchim

Commissioners will:

- Attend all meetings when possible and participate in all meetings by being prepared for meetings and being ready to contribute to the deliberations
- Participate on sub-committees when necessary

Criteria of Commissioners

Up to five (5) Commissioners will be recommended to Council. Commissioners should match **any** of the following criteria:

- have an understanding of language policy
- have experience with Skwxwú7mesh Sníchim planning in family and community contexts
- have an academic background in sociolinguistics and language planning
- have high levels of connectivity with Skwxwú7mesh Sníchim and community initiatives
- have high level of proficiency in the Skwxwú7mesh Sníchim

To submit your nomination form, or to request a copy of the Skwxwú7mesh Sníchim policy, please email: [**language_culture@squamish.net**](mailto:language_culture@squamish.net)

Deadline: October 15, 2021



Squamish Language Commission Nomination Form

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Please explain why you think this person would be a good candidate for the Language Commission:

We thank you for time and consideration for this important role.

Please provide your email address and/or phone number for the prize draw.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Signature:

Date:

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