



An Open Letter To All Squamish Nation Members | June 8, 2000



Dear Member:

Re: The Proposed Settlement of the 1977 Omnibus Trust Action, the Kitsilano Action and the Bouillon Action

I am writing to inform you that the government of Canada has now made a formal offer to settle the Squamish Nation Omnibus Trust Action, the Kitsilano Action and the Bouillon Action out of court. This is a truly historic event that will require the participation of all members. On behalf of Chiefs and Council, I would like to invite you to participate in the ratification process and to vote on the "Proposed Settlement Agreement" on July 23, 2000.

Over the next several weeks, membership will be provided with written

materials, internet web site updates and videos. In addition, information meetings will be held on numerous occasions in North Vancouver, Squamish, Nanaimo and Seattle.

The Omnibus court case, including both the Kitsilano and Bouillon cases, was started in 1977. They involve claims by the Squamish Nation against the government of Canada that have affected several generations of our people. Over the years, the Squamish people, Squamish Councils and leaders such as the late Chief Joe Mathias and the late Andy Paul dedicated their lives to finding a settlement to these claims.

The Council of the Squamish Nation now believes that a fair and just settlement has been reached. We are therefore recommending this settlement to membership.

I have provided a status report ([Bulletin No. 8](#)) attached to this letter to assist in understanding where we go from here. On behalf of Council, I look forward to discussing this settlement with everyone over the next several weeks.

Yours truly,

Chief Gibby Jacob

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