

**Family and Child Chiyaxw (Jurisdiction Law) Project –  
Membership Engagement Opportunity - June 2021**

Honouring the Squamish values of Guide, Protect, and Provide, the Family & Child Chiyax Law Project is seeking the knowledge and input of the Squamish Nation membership to assist in designing a Child & Family Service that reflects the teachings and traditions of the Squamish people. We hope that you will take this short survey as a starting point and be part of contributing to a Squamish Nation approach for services to our children, youth and families. More engagement opportunities and information sessions are coming up.

Huy Chexw - Thank you, your responses are appreciated and valued. **Please email responses to [AmmComm@squamish.net](mailto:AmmComm@squamish.net), or drop off at Ayas Menmen** or you can contact the team at 604-985-4111

1. On a scale of 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest, how well do you think our programs support our Nations’ children in the following categories? Please check or “x” how well you think our programs support our Nations children.

	1- Not at all	2- Not very well	3- neutral / impartial	4- well/ satisfactory	5- very well
Culture	1	2	3	4	5
Language	1	2	3	4	5
Family support	1	2	3	4	5
Family tree (lineage) knowledge	1	2	3	4	5
Squamish history	1	2	3	4	5

Please add others that you feel are important – please add additional pages if needed

2. Which of the following do you feel are important for a child and family services program for the Squamish Nation? Check as many as you like.

It is important that children be cared for by family or community members if they cannot reside with their parents for the time being.

Elders need to play a significant part in services as mentors and family supports.

Decisions about the care of children and youth can be made by their family, possibly at a family circle or gathering with family and elders present.

Access to training and education in Squamish Nation laws and cultural teachings from Elders and knowledge keepers

Parents who need support can get help that is culturally appropriate as soon as possible to prevent children having to be cared for by others.

Access to Mental Health and Wellness Services can be readily available.

Access to Alcohol and Drug and Addictions Services can be readily available.	
Other - Please add others that you feel are important	

<b>3. A. Have you accessed any services from Ayás Méhmen in the past?</b>	
Yes	No
<b>B. If yes, please check all that you have accessed:</b>	
Family Circles (Nexwniwnitway)	
Early Years' Services (So Sah Latch)	
Food Distribution	
Youth Workers and/or Youth Club House	
Cultural Services	
Family Preservation and Family Support Services	
Guardianship Services for Children and Youth in Care, under BC Law and MCFD child welfare law	
Support in Dealing with MCFD	
Community Meals	
Others (Please add here)	

<b>4. Currently the Squamish Nation is required to follow the Provincial Laws and policies of the Ministry of Child and Family Development (MCFD) for our children in care. Would you be interested in the Squamish Nation creating its own Family and Child Chiyaxw ( laws) based on our culture and traditions? Check one and elaborate if you checked yes or no.</b>	
Yes, I'm interested in learning more about forming our own law	
No, I'm satisfied with the current system	
Unsure / Undecided	
Comments:	

5. A. Do you think that our programs to support the welfare of our children, youth and families need to be more inclusive of Squamish history, language, laws, cultural and spiritual teachings, and be more grounded in ceremony?

Yes          No          No comment

B. Do you have suggestions for ensuring the wellbeing of our children and their safety, based in cultural teachings and that upholds our Squamish Chiyaxw (Law)?

6. Would you be interested to participate in the following (check as many as you like)

Serve on a Committee	In person	Zoom
Participate in a Focus Group	In person	Zoom
Do a one-to-one interview	In person	Zoom

**TO BE CONTACTED OR TO WIN A PRIZE!!** Please write your Name and contact information below. Telephone/Text/email