



BudgetTalks 2023-2024: Survey Results

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Over September and October, we invited Members to participate in shaping the direction of the 2023-2024 budget through a short survey. It asked respondents to prioritize some of the objectives in Sk̓w̓x̓w̓ú7mesh Úxwumixw 2026, the Nation's Strategic Plan. 69 responses were submitted, and the summaries are available below.

Please note that some of the objectives in Sk̓w̓x̓w̓ú7mesh Úxwumixw 2026 are new and/or require significant planning and resources to be completed before they can begin. Therefore, although they may be ranked highly in the survey by Members, you may not see them listed in the 2023-2024 budget. Or they will be included in the budget but not become an active program or service for Members until another year.

What happens with this information?

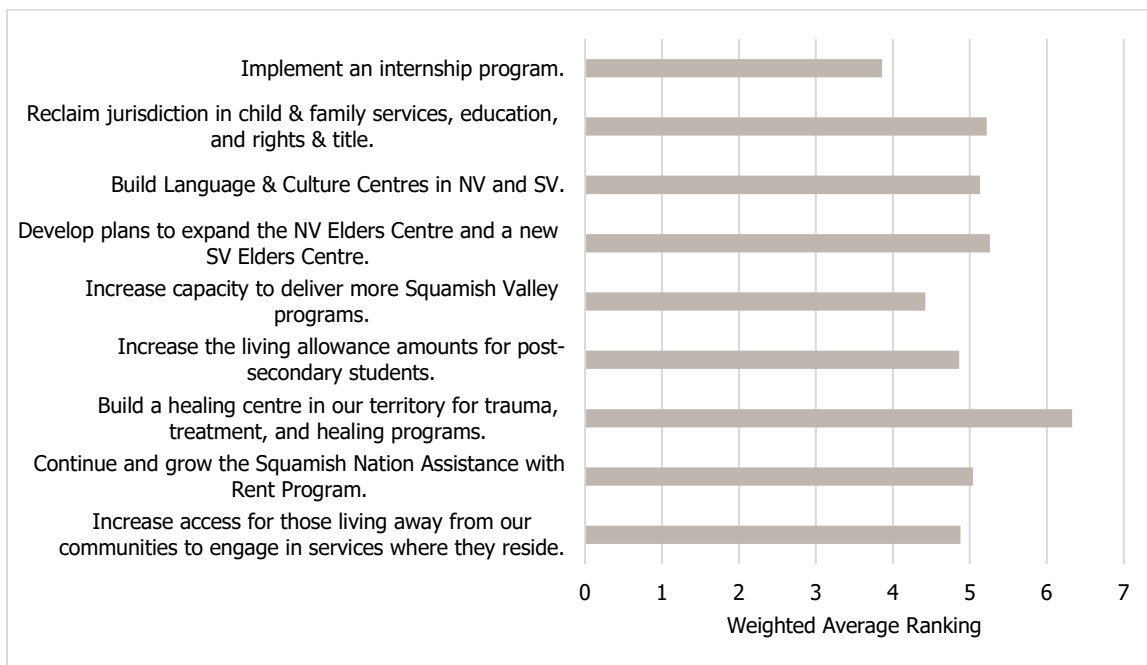
The feedback from engagement activities is provided to Directors to help them develop their department budgets. The entire budgeting process is overseen by Estxwáyusem (Finance). The full 2023-2024 budget will be presented to Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw (Council) for approval in March 2023.

To learn about the budget process and see results from other engagement activities this year, please visit squamish.net/budget-talks.



Question 1: Please rank the following For The People objectives.

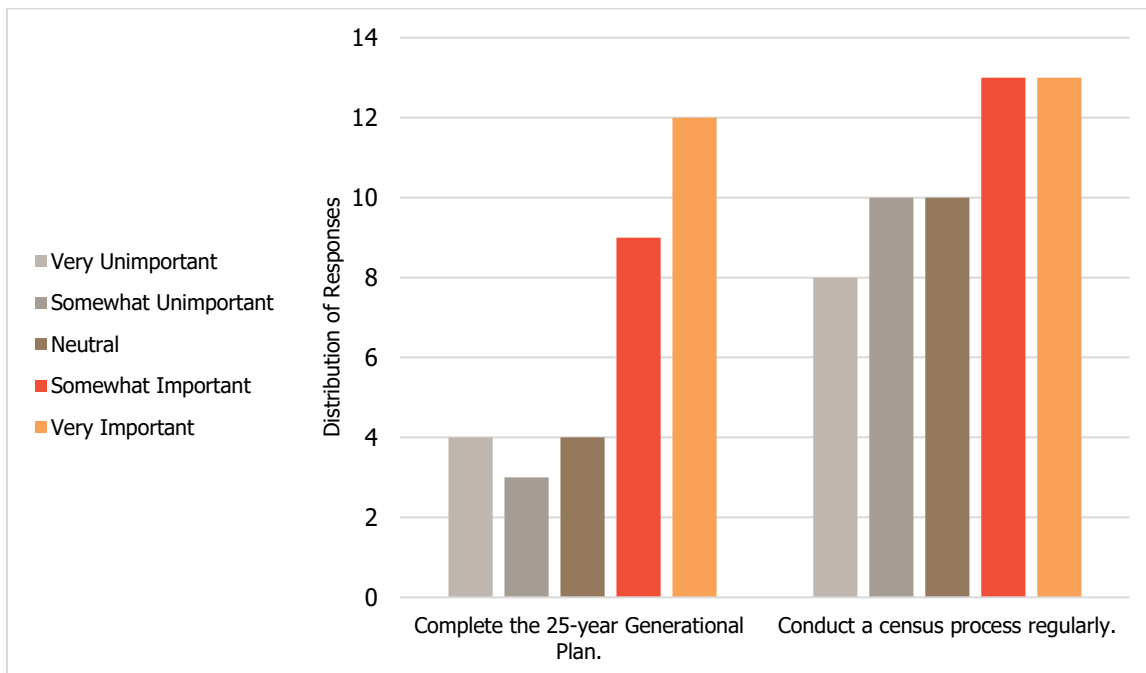
Building a healing centre was the most highly ranked objective with topics such as housing, language and culture, and reclaiming jurisdiction close behind. These themes were also reflected in the comments submitted in question four.





Question 2: How important are these For Our Government objectives to you?

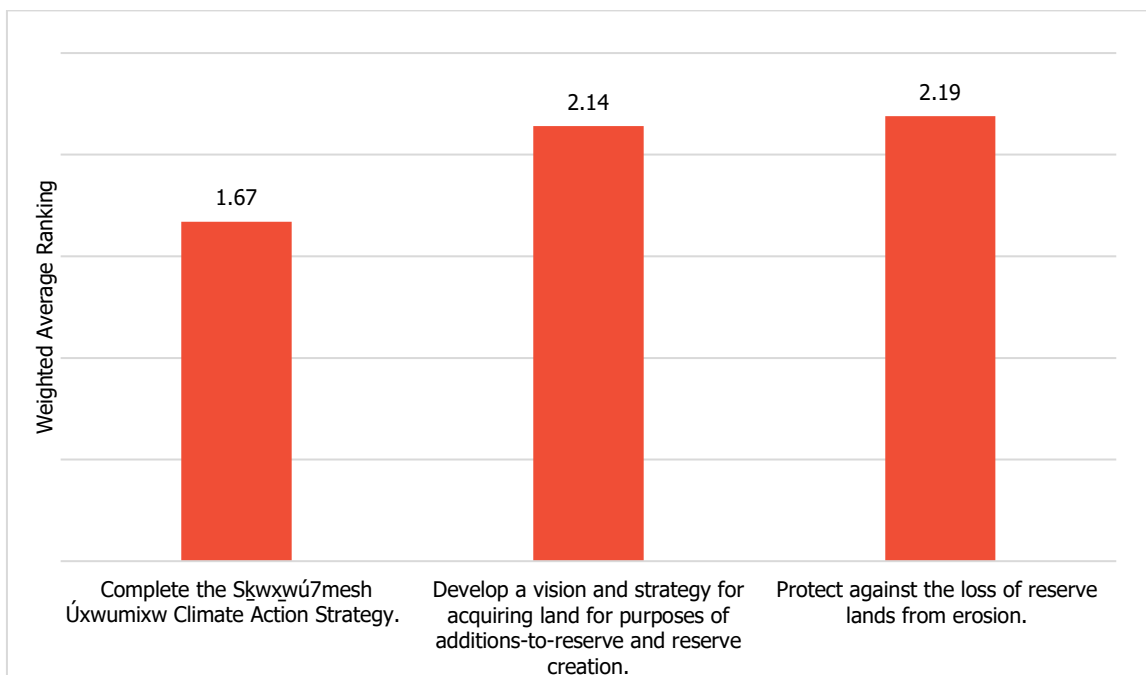
In the BudgetTalks 2022-2023 survey, the Generational Plan and Census together were ranked third out of eight objectives. Over 2022, these two projects increased community engagement. This survey separately looked at these projects and found that Membership continued to rank them of high importance, although the census had a higher proportion of unimportant rankings.





Question 3: Please rank the following For Our Land and Waters objectives.

In the BudgetTalks 2022-2023 survey, Members ranked the addition to reserve process and the Climate Action Strategy somewhat/very important with combatting erosion very/somewhat unimportant. Interestingly in this year's survey, there was a slight switch. Combatting erosion and an addition to reserve strategy ranked at the top with the Climate Action Strategy close behind.



Question 4: Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the Nation's budget, spending, or the strategic goals of Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw 2026?

Some common themes emerged, which were also reflected in the top For The People objectives of question one.

Wellness and healing "The strategic goals are great. Supporting wellness through access to education and healing centers will do so much good for our community."

Housing "Make sure you have housing number 1 at all times." "Create a community plan for existing vacant lands so we can invest in infrastructure to build homes: Squamish Valley (all areas), Chekwelp (Gibsons). This will provide opportunities for self financing and bring people home."

Programming "Higher budget to hire more language speakers in different departments." "More money for sports programs."

Youth "It is imperative to service the largest group of Members (Youth) with supports to prosper and lead us into the future."

Transparency "Clear and effective communication with Membership."