



Child and Family Chi'áxw Project

Facebook Live! February 15, 5:30 PM

What is Chi'áxw?

It is a Squamish word that refers to: protocols, ways of being, and respectful ways of conducting oneself.

Many interpret Chi'áxw as a law i.e., "a correct way of going about doing a task or caring for our children" for example.

What makes this opportunity unique?

It allows the Nation to exercise our Inherent right to care for our own children.

More important, it allows the Nation to define our Jurisdictional law as it applies to our children and families, to develop the services that are supportive to families, and to deliver the services in a culturally appropriate way that is centered on our own values, beliefs, and ways of being.

Off-Reserve Members and those who missed it!
Please make sure to tune in to **Ayás Méhmen Facebook**
on **February 15** at **5:30 PM**

For our information session and engagement for members to share their thoughts on what should be included in our **Child and Family Chi'áxw**

Thank you to all who attended our two information sessions on January 19th at Totem Hall and January 23rd at Chief Joe Mathias Centre. We had 16 and 15 Squamish Members respectively turn out and give us their thoughts and opinions on how we want to move forward with a Child and Family Law Jurisdiction in a Squamish way. Our members are speaking:

"We need to reach out to the young ones and young elders to share knowledge and strength for the sake of our grandkids" **Sharon Schorneck**

"...it has caused pain trauma to our children and women. We need healing, a longhouse, and a healing home, where they can get support." **Sharon Paull**

"...respite for young parents. Young parents not knowing how to be parents due to being a product of residential schools. So many survivors all being affected on many different levels." **Lisa Paull**

"We knowledge keepers with culture, we need to display our culture and teach them culture. We need a Squamish longhouse with a traditional name. The work is already beginning with us tonight. Ceremonies for birth names and memorials" **Paitsmauk, Dave Jacobs**

Share your opinions, ideas and recommendations for change.

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