

tem yetwán

May 2023



Skwxwú7mesh
Úxwumixw

Squamish Nation

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nexwsxwníwntm
ta úxwumixw

Report From Council



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Skw̓xwú7mesh Úxwumixw Protocol Policy Approved

On tem yetwán (May) 4, Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw (Council) approved the Skw̓xwú7mesh Úxwumixw Protocol Policy. There is a lack of public awareness around what our Skw̓xwú7mesh protocols are. Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw wishes to ensure that the Nation is represented in various partnerships and that protocols are being respected within our Territory.

The purpose of the Skw̓xwú7mesh Úxwumixw Protocol Policy is to define the processes and proper rules of engagement with Skw̓xwú7mesh Úxwumixw as a government and community for all levels of government, businesses, other partners, and the public. It does not apply to ceremonial or cultural activities that are traditionally the responsibility of families. Instead, it focuses on events or ceremonies where Skw̓xwú7mesh representation, particularly by elected leadership, is requested or strategic to the Nation's interests.

Ta na wa Cheh̓tm (Chair & Council Office) staff are now working on an intake process for protocol requests, creating a curriculum for partners on Skw̓xwú7mesh protocol, and working with Chairperson and Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw on a process for ensuring compliance within our Territory.

The Protocol Policy can be found on the website at squamish.net/policies. If you would like to learn more about the policy, please email protocol@squamish.net.



Business Case for Expansion of Xwmélch'sten Estím̓xwawtxw

Xwmélch'sten Estím̓xwawtxw (Capilano Littlest Ones) has continued to grow and add additional grades since it was built in 2004. In 2020, Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw (Council) requested that an assessment of the current facilities be conducted to determine what is needed to support the future educational needs of our méh̓men (children). Since then, s7ulh wa nexwníwéyalh (Our Ways of Education), the Reclaiming Education initiative, received strong support from Members for the development of a K-12 system.

A feasibility study was completed in tem kw'élemexw (July) 2022 and identified a potential distributed campus structure. It would include the current school site and expand to make use of the wooded area to the south and west in order to support further land-based learning.

On tem yetwán (May) 18, Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw directed Ta na wa Shéway I7xw ta Úxwumixw (Planning & Capital Projects) and Ta7Ine7wás (Education, Employment & Training) to proceed with developing a Business Case.

It will look at things like project budget and operational costs, updated demographic data and school enrollment projections, as well as input from staff, parents, and the wider community.

Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw also requested that a Needs Assessment be conducted to support K-12 education goals in the Squamish Valley.

Developing feasibility studies and business cases are technical steps required under the Capital Planning & Projects Policy however, there will be opportunities for the community to learn more and provide input at key stages as the projects progress.

Squamish Nation Council Meeting Attendance

Total meetings with attendance recorded (duly convened¹) tem yetwán (May) 2023: 2

Councillor	Present	Absent ²	Excused ³
Gonzales, Stewart (Sempúlyan)	2	-	-
Jacobs, Shayla (Sumkwaht)	1.5	-	0.5
Rivers, Dustin (Khelsilem)	2	-	-
Rivers, Kristen (Tiyáltelut)	1	-	1
Whonnock, Ann (Syexwáliya)	2	-	-
Williams, Richard (Xwélxwelacha)	2	-	-
Williams, Joyce	2	-	-
Williams, Wilson (Sxwíxwtn)	1	-	1

¹ Does not include committee meetings, meetings off-site, or Council workshops at which a recording secretary was not present.

² A partial meeting absence is recorded when a Councillor is absent for a significant portion of the meeting (i.e., if a Councillor arrives in the morning, leaves at 10:30 am and does not return until 3:00 pm). Partial meeting absences and absences in the morning or afternoon are counted as 0.5.

³ An excused absence can include the following: illness, family care, scheduled vacation time, recusal due to a conflict of interest, or Council Business (such as spokesperson duties, conferences, ceremonies etc.)

Squamish Nation Council Motions and Resolutions

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Squamish Nation Members can view the complete isolated motions (containing additional details) online at:
squamish.net/isolated-motions

Date	Motion #	Topic
May 4	1	Amendment to remove Consent Agenda Item #11
	2	Approval of Agenda Including Consent Agenda Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record of Decisions from Council Meetings April 13, 14 & 18, 2023 Council Resolution – Appointment of Councillor Wilson Williams to the Science World Board of Directors Council Resolution – Renovation Application to Indigenous Services Canada Council Resolution – Travel & Trips Policy Council Resolution – Corporate Credit Card Policy Council Resolution – Sehákw Construction Hours Bylaw Amendment Council Resolution – Squamish Nation Constitution Development
	3 / 4	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(iv) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Stséktsek Forestry Strategy
	5	Council Resolution – Skwǰwú7mesh Úxwumixw Protocol Policy
	6 / 7-9	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(i) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – 3 Custom Lot Transfers of Interest
	10 / 11	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(v) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Loblaws Annual Land Agreement Renewal
May 18	1	Approval of Agenda Including Consent Agenda Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record of Decisions from Council Meetings April 25 (email) and May 4, 2023 Council Resolution – Letter of Support for Simon Fraser University (SFU) Medical School Council Resolution – Occupational Health & Safety (OHS) Policy Council Resolution – Revised Funding Application re: First Nations Child & Family Services (FNCFS) Capital Funding Program In Camera Council Resolution – Letter of Support for Member Affected by Wildfires Council Resolution – Travel Request: BC AFN Women and 2SLGBTQIA+ People’s Dialogue Sessions
	2	Squamish Nation Homeowner Grant Program 2023
	3	Squamish Nation Annual Tax Rates and Expenditure Law 2023
	4	Accreditation Canada – Accreditation for Yúustway (Health & Wellness)

	5	Approval of Feasibility Study and Development of Business Case for Expansion of Xwmélch'sten Estímxwawtxw
	6 / 7	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(v) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Creative Energy
	8	Financial Management System Certification



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Council Agendas, Motions, and Resolutions are accessible on the website. Members can log in and view Council Agendas from November 2018 onwards at squamish.net/agendas and Council Motions and Resolutions from December 2017 onwards at squamish.net/isolated-motions.

Are you experiencing issues when attempting to log in to the website?

If you are not able to log in to the website, please email webmaster@squamish.net for assistance with accessing the Members Only section of the Squamish Nation website.



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