



Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw

Squamish Nation

Message to Community – St. Paul’s Investigation

August 10, 2021

Our community is on a healing journey, one that is supported and sustained by our Skwxwú7mesh culture and customs.

Ta na wa Yúus ta Stitúyntsam (Rights & Title) has been preparing to undertake work regarding the former St. Paul’s Indian Residential School site.

We thank all community members and survivors who were able to join us for a ceremony on Monday, August 9, as we prepare to move forward on this important and difficult journey.

Today, we announce publicly that we have embarked on an Indigenous-led initiative, with xwməθkʷəyəm (Musqueam) and səliłwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations, to find answers about the children who attended the former St. Paul’s Indian Residential School but never made it home.

The investigation is being launched to bring healing and care for residential school survivors and is a critical part of the reconciliation process. This work will occur in phases, with a plan for each phase approved and supported by the Skwxwú7mesh community through Council. The intent is to proceed in a careful manner to gather records and accounts of the experiences of survivors who attended the school.

See the full press release [here](#). Please note, this document contains information regarding Indian Residential Schools that may be distressing to some.

The Community Health & Wellness Team at Yúustway (Health & Wellness) is available to support Members. Please contact them at 604-982-0332 or wellness@squamish.net.