



Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw

Squamish Nation

Message to Community – Phase Two: Truth

Date: September 7, 2022

Ta newyáp Squamish Nation Members,

The Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw is committed to keeping Members informed of the ongoing archives and land-based research into St. Paul's Residential School. Phase One, Staging, is now complete. In this first phase the Project Team planned how to care for our Elders, survivors, and community. This included setting up health and wellness supports, a process for recording truths, researching history through the archives, and preparing for land-based surveys. The Project Team continues to engage our neighbouring communities and other Nations working on their respective IRS projects.

The Yúusnewas Project is now entering Phase Two, Truth, where we will listen to the oral histories of our survivors. This process is not for everyone, however the Project Team has worked hard to create a safe and comforting environment for any of our survivors who feel willing to share.

Kwitelut, Carla George and Adina Williams are ready to support those who wish to create their legacy of truth. These truths will assist the Project Team in their research and preparing for land-based surveys. The oral histories will also help shape our understanding of the IRS experience as we heal and move forward together. Please reach out to yuusnewas@squamish.net if you would like to know more or are ready to gift your truth.

wa chexw yuusténa'mut. Take care of yourself.

We want all Members to feel cared for in whatever way they need. Ayás Mé'nmen (Child & Family Services) and Yúustway (Health & Wellness) offer a variety of wellness and healing supports, including traditional land-based practices. You can find more information in the [Yúusnewas Wellness Guide](#).

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Chet wanáxwstúmi (respectfully),

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