



Message to Community – Sechelt Nation Announcement

Date: April 20, 2023

Ta newyáp Skw̓xwú7mesh Stélmexw (to all Squamish People),

Today, the shíshálh (Sechelt) Nation publicly [provided an update](#) about their archaeological research project into St. Augustine's Residential Institution, including the results of ground penetrating radar (GPR). Please note that there are some distressing details in the video posted on the shíshálh website.

We are mindful of how difficult this news may be to receive as many from our community were forced to attend this institution. There are extended supports in place for our people today and in the coming days. Wellness, healing, and support look different for each person and the team is here to help you in whatever way you need. More information is also available in the [Yúusnewas Wellness Guide](#).

Nation Supports

- Thursday, April 20 until 10:00 pm: Clinician & Wellness Support
 - Hannah Rushton (Ayás Ménmen) 778-233-4869
- Friday, April 21 until 10:00 pm: Clinician & Wellness Support
 - Brittany Cowen (Yúustway) 236-429-2023

We will continue to update this [Facebook post](#) with other supports in the coming days.

24/7 External Supports

- Indian Residential School Survivors Society: 1-800-721-0066
- KUU-US Crisis Line Society: 1-800-588-8717
- National Indian Residential School Crisis Line: 1-866-925-4419

If survivors or their families of those who attended this institution have questions or want to share information with the shíshálh Nation, they can contact xwash Steven Feschuk at sfeschuk@shishalh.com and 604-885-2273 (ext. 295) or Shiloh Joe at sjoe@shishalh.com and 604-399-8058.

wa chexw yuusténa'mut. Take care of yourself.

Chet wanáxwstúmi (respectfully), Council Spokespersons
Syexwáliya, Ann Whonnock and Sxwíxwtn, Wilson Williams