

**tem kw'eskw'ás**

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July 2023



**Skwxwú7mesh  
Úxwumixw**

Squamish Nation

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nexwsxwníwntm  
ta úxwumixw**

Report From Council



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## Three Squamish Strong Protocols Signed

As part of the 100th anniversary celebrations of the Amalgamation of Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw, the Nation signed a *Wa Iyím ta Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish Strong) Protocol Agreement* with the City of North Vancouver, District of Squamish, and the City of Vancouver respectively in tem kw'élemexw (July).








These new protocol agreements are reflective of the principles, values and traditions of the Squamish People and provide guidance on how each government will meaningfully engage in advancing reconciliation. They also lay the groundwork for the development of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Nation and each municipality.

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# Elders' Program Engagement Project Update

 <b>Skw̓xwú7mesh Úxwumixw</b> Squamish Nation		<b>Elder's Program Vision Framework</b> Our Vision Framework draws together the ideas we heard through engagement with 336 Elders, as well as Squamish Nation staff, youth, and community members. <b>As of June 2023</b>				
<b>VISION</b>	The Squamish Nation Elder's Program provides a loving, inclusive, safe, and well-structured environment for our Elders to come together to thrive emotionally, spiritually, physically, and mentally. Rooted in Skw̓xwú7mesh values, culture, and language, the program honours the teachings of our ancestors and the Creator and inspires us to share and learn with each other and with the young ones in our community. All Squamish Elders, no matter where we live, are welcomed and embraced as respected and proud stewards of our Elders Program, for the benefit of present and future generations.					
<b>PRINCIPLES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Respect</li> <li>Safety and Wellbeing</li> <li>Intergenerational Teaching</li> <li>Inclusion and Equity</li> <li>Relationships</li> <li>Listening</li> <li>Honouring Ancestors, Culture, and History</li> <li>Trust</li> <li>Spirituality</li> </ul>					
<b>PILLARS</b>	Activities & Programs			Operations & Governance		
<b>GOALS</b>	 <b>Strengthen Culture, Language, and History</b>	 <b>Support Mental and Physical Health and Wellness</b>	 <b>Enhance Social Connections</b>	 <b>Improve Inclusion and Participation</b>	 <b>Increase Communication and Collaboration</b>	 <b>Build Organization, Management and Capacity</b>
<b>STRATEGIES</b>	Increase connections to land, culture, and ancestors  Increase opportunities to learn and share cultural teachings and practices	Strengthen supports to access healing and wellness services  Increase resources for healthy lifestyles	Build relationships of care and mutual support between Elders  Increase connections with Squamish and other Elders, children, and youth	Expand availability and participation in programs  Increase comfort and accessibility of programs	Support collaboration, recognition, and respect within the program  Engage Elders in program planning and monitoring	Strengthen operational processes to support Elders and staff  Build capacity and structures to sustain program growth
<b>INITIATIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cultural Arts / Crafts</li> <li>Language Learning</li> <li>History and Culture</li> <li>Ceremony</li> <li>Elders On-the-Land</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Healing</li> <li>Food Security</li> <li>Life Skills</li> <li>Recreation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outings</li> <li>Elder's Outreach</li> <li>Youth-Elder Learning</li> <li>Elder's Gatherings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elder's Program Space</li> <li>Transportation</li> <li>Participation</li> <li>Away-from-Home Satellite Elder's Program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Respectful Relationships</li> <li>Recognition</li> <li>Elder Involvement</li> <li>Connections to Support for Elders</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Policy Development</li> <li>Safety</li> <li>Staffing Capacity</li> <li>Departmental Collaboration &amp; Collaboration</li> </ul>

On tem kw'émexw (July) 6, Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw (Council) received an update on the Wa í7imeshnewas chet (We Walk Together) Elders' Program Engagement Project.

Since early 2022, the Project Team has been engaging Members on how to improve the existing Elders' Program, for Elders living in the North Shore, Squamish Valley, and away from the community. The project has been guided by a group of Elders and Youth, known as Xwí7ski (Let's Go!): Elders' Project Action Team (EPAT).

The project has directly engaged with over 336 Elders as well as Youth, community members, and Nation staff to create a vision framework for the future of the Skw̓xwú7mesh-ulh síyuxwa7 (Squamish Nation Elders) Program, including 25 program initiatives.

After receiving the update, Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw directed staff to prepare an implementation plan to carry out six priority program initiatives, continue project planning for another five, and report back in Q2 2023/2024.

The Project Team continues to share updates with Elders and community members. There will be a celebration and launch for the new program on October 20, 2023 from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm at Chief Joe Mathias Centre. For more information, please email [eldersproject@squamish.net](mailto:eldersproject@squamish.net). Information about the project is also available at [squamish.net/elders-program-project](https://squamish.net/elders-program-project).

## Squamish Nation Council Meeting Attendance

Total meetings with attendance recorded (duly convened<sup>1</sup>) tem kw'eskw'ás (June) & tem kw'elemexw (July) 2023: 7

Councillor	Present	Absent <sup>2</sup>	Excused <sup>3</sup>
Gonzales, Stewart (Sempúlyan)	6	-	1
Jacobs, Shayla (Sumkwaht)	5	-	2
Rivers, Dustin (Khelsilem)	6.5	-	0.5
Rivers, Kristen (Tiyáltelut)	6	-	1
Whonnock, Ann (Syexwáliya)	5	-	2
Williams, Richard (Xwélxwelacha)	5.5	-	1.5
Williams, Joyce	4	-	3
Williams, Wilson (Sxwíxwtn)	5	-	2

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

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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

tem kw'eskw'ás (June) & tem kw'élemexw (July) 2023

Squamish Nation Members can view the complete isolated motions (containing additional details) online at:

[squamish.net/isolated-motions](https://squamish.net/isolated-motions)

Date	Motion #	Topic
June 1	1	Approval of Agenda Including Consent Agenda Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Record of Decisions from Council Meeting May 18, 2023 and Email Resolution May 12, 2023</li> <li>Council Resolution – Emergency Operations Centre Funding Application</li> <li>Council Resolution – Eshilhíkw'iws Chet Updated Data Policy</li> <li>Council Resolution – Travel Request (Victoria, Declaration Act Engagement Fund Announcement)</li> <li>Council Resolution – Chairperson Travel Request (Assembly of First Nations)</li> <li>Council Resolution – Cultural Leave Request</li> </ul>
	2	Council Resolution – ISC Comprehensive Funding Agreement 2023-2024
	3 / 4 - 5	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(v) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – MST Rights Recognition and Implementation Strategy and Business Matters
June 2	1	Approval of Agenda
	2	Council Resolution – Strategic Objective Charter (Performance Management: Investing in Growth)
	3	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(iv) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Update on Relationship Agreements with Various Levels of Government
June 15	1	Approval of Agenda Including Consent Agenda Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Record of Decisions from Council Meetings June 1 &amp; 2, 2023 and Email Resolution May 23, 2023</li> <li>Status Update – RFP for ERP Placement Project</li> </ul>
	2	Council Resolution – Strategic Objective Charter (Orientation Program)
	3 / 4	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(v) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Volumetric Leasehold Plan for Phase 2 Seńákw
	5 / 6 - 7	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(v) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Two Custom Lot Transfers

	8 / 9	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(iv) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Naming of the New Harry Jerome Community Recreation Centre Arena
June 29	1	Approval of Agenda Including Consent Agenda Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Record of Decisions from Council Meeting June 15, 2023</li> <li>Appointment of Councillor Sempúyan, Stewart Gonzales as Official BCFN 2SLGBTQQIA+ Knowledge Keeper</li> <li>Travel Request – AFN Annual General Assembly</li> </ul>
	2 / 3	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(v) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Sehákw: Phase 1 Amendments and Phase 2 Agreements
	4 / 5 - 6	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(iv) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – wa iyím ta Skwxwú7mesh Protocol Agreements and Memorandums of Understanding (Provincial and Federal Relationship)
	7 / 8	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(iv) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Amendment #2 to FortisBC Eagle Mountain Gas Pipeline Environmental Assessment Agreement with Squamish Nation
July 6	1	Approval of Agenda Including Consent Agenda Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Record of Decisions from Council Meeting June 29, 2023</li> </ul>
	2	Council Resolution – Elder’s Program Engagement Project Report & Next Steps
	3 / 4 - 6	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(iv) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Wa Iyím ta Skwxwú7mesh Protocol Agreements (Municipalities)
	7 / 8	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(vi) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Yúusnewas Project Update
July 13	1	Agenda Amendment – Move Item #4 Council Chairperson Report
	2	Approval of Agenda Including Consent Agenda Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Record of Decisions from Council Meetings June 29, 2023 and July 6, 2023</li> <li>Council Resolution – Travel Request for Spokesperson Sxwíxwtn to attend Western Premiers’ Conference in Whistler June 26, 2023</li> </ul>
	3 / 4	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(iii) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Custom Lot Transfer
	5 / 6	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(iv) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Appointment of Squamish Nation Membership Appeals Committee
	7 / 8	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(iv) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Hi’yám Housing Tripartite Agreement Loan
	9 / 10 - 11	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(iii) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Wealth Fund Secretariat Recruitment
	12 / 13	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(v) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law -- Canada-First Nations Education Jurisdiction Funding Agreement

July 20	1	Approval of Agenda Including Consent Agenda Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Record of Decisions from Council Meeting July 13, 2023</li> </ul>
	2 / 3 - 4	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(v) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Squamish Nation Land Development Strategy Work Plan & Budget
	5	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(viii) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – MST Development Corporation Annual Update





# Be Informed

## Want to stay informed about the topics and issues discussed at Council meetings?

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