



Seeking New Elder & Youth Representatives!

Xwí7ski! (Let's Go!) Elder's Program Action Team

For the last two years, Xwí7ski! (Let's Go!) has been proud to serve Squamish Nation's treasured Elders.

How has Xwí7ski been serving the Elders?

As a group of Elders, Youth, and a Cultural Advisor, all nominated by the community, Xwí7ski has been working hard to support the development of Wa í7imeshnewás chet (We Walk Together) the new Squamish Nation Elder's Program Plan. Through deep and thoughtful engagement with over 400 Elders as well as youth, community

members and staff Xwí7ski ensured the Plan was developed *for* Elders *by* Elders.

Why is Xwí7ski looking to expand their team?

Although the engagement for the Elder's Program Plan development has ended, Xwí7ski has been hard at work advising on several other Elder related projects. They are looking to expand the team to ensure all Elder - and future Elder - voices can be honoured and reflected in the good work being done!





What is Xwí7ski's role in Squamish Nation?

Xwí7ski meaningfully guides and supports Elder-related project work, bringing the new Elder's Program Plan to action. With support from Ts'ixwts'ixwnitway (Member Services), Yúustway Health and Wellness, a dedicated Steering Committee, and Planning Team, Xwí7ski will continue to seek input from Elders and other Members to ensure Elder-related projects are meaningful, inclusive, and rooted in Sḵw̱x̱wú7mesh values and culture for present and future generations. Xwí7ski also liaises with other Nation departments, the Elder's Advisory Committee, and Council.

Who is the team looking to include?

The team is recruiting members to guide and support important projects. Current Xwí7ski members are asked to reapply if they still have interest in being on the team. The team is seeking nominations for the following Xwí7ski roles:

- 2 Elders (65+) living in the community (North/West Van)
- 2 Elders (65+) living in the community (Squamish Valley)
- 2 Elders (65+) living outside the community (Off-Reserve)
- 1 Junior Elder (55-64) living in/outside the community
- 1 Cultural Advisor living in/outside the community
- 6 Youth (under 30) living in/outside the community (to attend as available)



What will the Xwí7ski team do?

- Attend meetings in-person (*approx. once a month alternating between Squamish Valley and the North Shore*)
- Represent Xwí7ski and gather feedback at community/Elder events
- Participate in meetings by being prepared and ready to contribute
- Support the Xwí7ski Coordinator with other project tasks
- Work in a good way with other team members and the Nation
- Be team players and role models in the community
- Be acknowledged through honorarium

How can I return a completed Xwí7ski Nomination Form?

1. You can scan it or take a picture of it and email it to: eldersproject@squamish.net
2. You can mail it to:
Elders Centre
100 Mathias Rd.
West Vancouver, BC
V7P 1P7
3. You can drop it off at the following locations:
 - Elders Centre (100 Mathias Rd, West Van)
 - Totem Hall/Elders Lounge (1380 Stawamus Rd, Squamish)
4. You can ask one of the Elder's Program staff to help you complete it (on a call or in person).

Please ensure we receive your Nomination Form by April 12, 2024.

More Information

If you have questions about the Nomination Form or the projects you are invited to:

- **Email:** eldersproject@squamish.net
- **Phone:** (604) 987-4646 and a member of our team will get back to you.

Xwí7ski Nomination Form **#1**

Your Name: _____ **You are welcome to nominate yourself and/or others**

Your Phone Number: _____

If you are nominating yourself, please name someone below who can speak to why you would make a great fit for Xwí7ski. Your reference can be a Squamish Nation Member or Staff Member.

Reference Name: _____

Reference Phone Number: _____ Reference Email: _____

Nominee Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Role (check one): Elder Junior Elder Youth Cultural Advisor

Where does the nominee live? (check one): North/West Van (on-reserve) Squamish Valley (on-reserve) Outside the community (off-reserve)

What are some gifts and skills that make you/this person a good fit for Xwí7ski?

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Xwí7ski Nomination Form #2

Your Name: _____ **You are welcome to nominate yourself and/or others**
Your Phone Number: _____

If you are nominating yourself, please name someone below who can speak to why you would make a great fit for Xwí7ski. Your reference can be a Squamish Nation Member or Staff Member.

Reference Name: _____
Reference Phone Number: _____ Reference Email: _____

Nominee Name: _____
Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Role (check one): Elder Junior Elder Youth Cultural Advisor
Where does the nominee live? (check one): North/West Van (on-reserve) Squamish Valley (on-reserve) Outside the community (off-reserve)

What are some gifts and skills that make you/this person a good fit for Xwí7ski?

Stl'i7 cht kwis kw'enmantúmi cht (we would like to thank you) for your nomination.