



syétsem t'l'a nexwsxwníwntm ta úxwumixw

Report From Council

mimna lhkaych' (January) 2024

Skwxwú7mesh
Úxwumixw



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Vacant Council Seat Filled

In etl'ím lhkaych' (December) 2023, our respected Councillor, Elder, and Hereditary Chief passed away, leaving a vacant seat on Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw (Council). He represented the Skwxwú7mesh People for much of his life and his knowledge and guidance will be greatly missed.

The process for filling vacant seats between scheduled elections is set out in the Election & Referendum Law, which was approved by Membership in 2018. It is the role of the Electoral Commission to uphold the Election & Referendum Law. The Electoral Commission was established in 2015 as an independent institution of the Nation to oversee fair and transparent elections and referendums. To learn more, visit squamish.net/electoral-commission.

The Election & Referendum Law states in Section 2.4.2 that the runner up, as voted by Membership in the last general election, will be contacted by the Electoral Commission to confirm if they remain eligible and wish to swear the oath of office to assume the vacant seat.

K'ana, Deborah Baker was the runner up in the 2021 general election and provided the necessary notarized documentation to the Electoral Commission to confirm she met the eligibility qualifications listed in Section 2.3.1 of the Election & Referendum Law.

As she met the eligibility requirements, Ms. Baker was sworn in by the Electoral Commission Chairperson at the Council Meeting on mirna lhkaych' (January) 18, 2024 and assumed her duties immediately. By overseeing this process, the Electoral Commission upheld the Election & Referendum Law.

More Strategic Objective Charters Approved

Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw 2026 – the Strategic Plan – outlines the priorities of Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw (Council) through a series of goals that aim to uphold our people and communities, now and into the future. To accomplish these goals, there are a number of strategic objectives. Nation staff are responsible for developing implementation plans for the strategic objectives and presenting them to Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw for approval. To read the Strategic Plan, please visit reports.squamish.net/strategic-plan.

On mirna lhkaych' (January) 18, 2024, charters were presented for two strategic objectives. Getting a charter approved is the first step of the process to achieve the objectives.

- Objective 1.1.12 – Increase capacity to deliver more Squamish Valley Programs
- Objective 3.1.01 – Review and update the Xa'y Temixw Land Use Plan and develop and complete a Xa'y Shkw'e'n Marine Use Plan

Community engagement is an important part of achieving the strategic objectives. Information will be shared with Members on the different ways they can get involved as plans are developed.

Squamish Nation Council Meeting Attendance

Total meetings with attendance recorded (duly convened¹) miḥna lh̄kaych' (January): 2

Councillor	Present	Absent ²	Excused ³
Baker, Deborah (K'ana)	2	-	-
Gonzales, Stewart (Sempúlyan)	1	-	1
Jacobs, Shayla (Sumkwaht)	2	-	-
Rivers, Dustin (Khelsilem)	2	-	-
Rivers, Kristen (Tiyáltelut)	2	-	-
Whonnock, Ann (Syexwáliya)	2	-	-
Williams, Joyce	2	-	-
Williams, Wilson (Sxwíxwtn)	1.5	-	0.5

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

² 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.

³ 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

mi'mna lhkaych' (January) 2024

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

squamish.net/motions-resolutions.

Date	Motion #	Topic
Jan 18	1	Amendment to Agenda to add a Motion for Discussion of Council Process & Procedures
	2	Approval of Agenda Including Consent Agenda Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record of Decisions from Council Meeting November 30, 2023 and Email Resolution December 12, 2023 ISC Agreement Amendment #5 & #6
	3	Amendment #1 to Council Resolution – Community Health State of Emergency for Squamish Nation: Add #7 to Therefore, Be It Resolved
	4	Council Resolution – Community Health State of Emergency for Squamish Nation
	5	Charter for Strategic Objective 3.1.01 Xa'y Temixw and Xa'y Shkw'eñ Marine Use Plan
	6	Charter for Strategic Objective 1.1.12 Increase Capacity to Deliver More Squamish Valley Programs
	7	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(i) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Discussion of Council Procedures
Jan 19	1	Approval of Agenda
	2 / 3	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(i) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – New Appointments to the Spo7ez Cultural Centre and Community Board of Directors
	4	Council Resolution – Enhancing the Internal Hiring Process of the Squamish Nation
	5 / 6 - 7	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(iv) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – Squamish Nation Response to Vancouver Charter Changes
	8	Council Resolution – Improving Transit Access for Squamish Nation Communities
	9 / 10 - 14	In Camera Discussion under Section 6.4.4 (b)(i) of the Squamish Nation Election & Referendum Law – 5 Custom Lot Transfers of Interest



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