



## Housing Updates

### Background:

A number of projects are currently underway to build more secure, safe, and affordable housing, and to improve our policies and programs. This letter is to share some exciting updates on housing for the community.

### Hiyám Home Loan Program

The next round of the Hiyám Home Loan Program has recently been announced. This program allows those eligible for a bank loan, similar to a mortgage, to renovate or construct a home. This round will include 10 single family dwellings on lots to be allocated from Squamish Nation to individual members, 5 single family dwellings on Member-owned lots (CP), and 5 renovations to create a secondary suite within an existing home.

For questions about the Hiyám Home Loan Program, please contact [applications@hiyamhousing.com](mailto:applications@hiyamhousing.com) or 604-210-9126.

### Publication of Housing List

The 2012/2013 Housing List will be published in April to support transparency. Please be aware that this is not the final list for allocations. Work still remains to ensure that the Housing List is up to date and that it aligns with the updated Allocations Policy (see below).

For questions about the Housing List, please contact [CommunityLands@squamish.net](mailto:CommunityLands@squamish.net) or 604-982-7610.

### Allocations Policy

The Nation is updating the Housing Policy. As part of this, work is underway to create a standalone Allocations Policy. Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw (Council) has directed staff to make updates to the policy that enhance transparency, consistency, and clarity of the allocations process. These updates will primarily focus on the policy's administration and **will not include changes to the allocation categories**. Opportunities for community engagement will be announced shortly.



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For questions about the Allocations Policy, please contact [pcprojects@squamish.net](mailto:pcprojects@squamish.net) or 604-904-7474.

### **Upcoming Subdivision Phase 4 Allocation**

Servicing for Xwmélch'tstn Subdivision Phase 4 is complete. In the recently approved 2024/2025 budget, Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw (Council) approved funding for 15 lot and home allocations. These allocations are planned for Fall 2024 and will take place under the new standalone Allocations Policy.

### **Next Steps:**

In the coming weeks and months, staff will provide updates on this work and opportunities for community input. Announcements will be provided on social media and the Nation's newsletters.

### **More Information:**

For more information on the Nation's Housing Policy work, please visit [squamish.net/housing-policy-engagement](https://squamish.net/housing-policy-engagement).

For information on how the Nation diversifies its housing delivery, please visit [hiyamhousing.com](https://hiyamhousing.com).

If you have any questions, please contact:

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chen kw'enmantúmiyap (I thank you all),

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