



# Syétsm tl'a Sxexelhnát

News of the Week

March 20, 2025

## Squamish Valley — Important Dates

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|---|------------|
| <b>Tax Clinic</b> .....                                       | Mar. 27th  |
| <b>SVCP Online Meeting workbook submission deadline</b> ..... | Mar. 31st  |
| <b>April 2025 Regular Distribution</b> .....                  | Apr. 3–4th |
| <b>Super Clinic 2025</b> .....                                | Apr. 4th   |
| <b>Vision Clinic</b> .....                                    | Apr. 4th   |
| <b>BC Cancer Mammogram Van visit</b> .....                    | Apr. 10th  |
| <i>registration deadline</i> .....                            | Mar. 27th  |
| <b>Baby Ceremony 2025</b> .....                               | Apr. 13th  |
| <b>Electoral Commission Referendum</b> .....                  | May 31st   |

## Community News — Important Dates

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| <b>Indigenous Youth Ambassador program intake</b> ..... | Apr. 2nd |
| <b>Squamish Spring Hiring Fair 2025</b> .....           | Apr. 3rd |

**IA Declaration Week: Mar. 10th – 13th, 2025**  
**IA Cheque Day: Mar. 26th, 2025**



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To better serve the Squamish Nation people of the valley, we are now offering an additional option for the newsletter: **a digital copy, sent directly to your email!**

**\*Note:** We will continue printing physical copies of the newsletter for anyone who wants it; this is a **new alternative**, and **not a replacement** for the printed newsletter.

- If you are interested in signing up for a digital newsletter, we have a few quick questions:*
- What email address do you want to use to receive the newsletter?
  - Do you already receive a printed (physical) copy of the newsletter?
  - Would you like to continue receiving a copy of the printed newsletter, in addition to a digital copy?

↓ Please use one of these links to fill out our survey. →

<https://form.jotform.com/250767014620047>

**Thank you for your support as we continue to look for ways to improve!**





# March 2025

Tem lhawt' [Time of healing/Time of life to return]

## Squamish Valley Elders Program Calendar



| SUNDAY  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY                                | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY                                 | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY    |
|---|---|--|---|--|--|-------------|
| Sxexelhnat  | Skwetkálhyes  | Stsamyes                               | Schanxwyes  | Sxaa7utsens                              | Stsiiyachis  | T'akw'entem |
| <b>LEGEND:</b> Unless stated, all pro-grams will be at Totem Hall<br><b>Red</b> = Birthdays<br><b>Purple</b> = Programs that REQUIRE Sign |   |  |   |  |  |             |
| 2   | 3   | 10:30 Brunch<br>11 Carmen—Ayas Men Men | 5<br>12 Lunch<br>1:30 Resin Work-shop                     | 6<br>1 Drum Making Workshop @ Oceanfront | 7<br>10:30 Community Development Meeting               | 8           |
| 9   | 10<br>10-2 Wayne Mah  | 11<br>10 Fitness<br>10:30 Brunch       | 12<br>12-3 Elders Gathering @ CJMC                        | 13<br>1 Bingo @ Planet Bingo             | 14<br>10 Taxes @ Totem Hall<br>1:30 Mens Club          | 15          |
| ELVA L. 16  | ST. PATRICKS DAY 17<br>12 Luncheon with Rights and Titles       | 18<br>10 Fitness<br>10:30 Brunch       | 19<br>12 Lunch<br>10:30 Resin Work-shop                   | 20<br>KIETH D.<br>1 Hospice Talk         | 21<br>Eagle Father Park<br>Dr. Leigh Joseph (Time TBD) | 22          |
| MAUREEN B. 23<br>THERESA H. 30  | 24<br>1 Craft with Siobhan<br>BDAY PARTY @ CJMC<br>CHERYL B. 31 | 25<br>10 Fitness<br>10:30 Brunch       | 26<br>10-12 Elders Program Implementation Project & Lunch | 27<br>1 Craft with Ayas Men Men          | 28   | 29          |



SOCIAL ASSISTANCE MONTHLY RENEWAL DECLARATION [FOR: APRIL 2025](#)  
>>555 Cheque issue date is Wednesday, March 26 ,2025 – for April issue.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT Provision of the information requested on this document is voluntary and is being collected in order to make a fair decision. The information will be stored in personal information bank INAI.P-PU-020 and is protected under the provisions of the Privacy Act.

If you require continued Social Assistance, please complete this form, and return to your local administering Authority at least 2 weeks before the next cheque issue.

1. Are you still in need of Social Assistance? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Has your marital or employment situation changed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If **YES**, explain change \_\_\_\_\_

**MANDATORY:** Current Address \_\_\_\_\_ Current Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

3. List any changes in your living situation (e.g., address, rent, etc.). Submit new receipts.

\_\_\_\_\_



If you do not hand in your Declaration between March 10 – 13<sup>th</sup>, You will **NOT** receive your Cheque on Wed, March 26th - 2025. Late Declaration means, late cheque / No, Work Plan, No Cheque. Wait time, up to a week or longer if declaration is late.

4. Have you had any earned or unearned ☐ Yes ☐ No income this month? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
If yes, completed ☐ Yes ☐ No 5. Has there been any change in your assets? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
If yes, complete ☐ Yes ☐ No

|                          |                        |    |
|--------------------------|------------------------|----|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Earnings               | \$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Family Allowance       | \$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Maintenance            | \$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Unemployment Insurance | \$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (specify)        | \$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | GST                    | \$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>TOTAL</b>           | \$ |

|                          |                 |    |
|--------------------------|-----------------|----|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Bank Account    | \$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Property        | \$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (specify) | \$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |                 | \$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>TOTAL</b>    | \$ |

6. Is there any change in your number of dependents or their school status? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, explain the change(s) \_\_\_\_\_

I declare that this is a true statement concerning my monthly income, assets, marital, employment, and family status. I give permission for this information to be verified and I consent to a report being obtained from any reporting agency for that purpose.

STATUS #

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date

Signature of Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

(If there is a spouse listed on your file)

**PRINT YOUR NAME/S HERE** \_\_\_\_\_ **BSDW Initial** \_\_\_\_\_

Please remember that you cannot drop off your declaration early unless there is an emergency. If your Declaration/ Job Search is late, then so is your cheque. **Declare all Earnings, Family Allow, Pensions, DB, GST, Maintenance, and other monies received. Also, any changes to address and family unit size. Share info with your worker.**





Squamish Nation  
Income Assistance Program

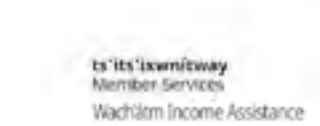
T5 – Tax Time

Income Assistance Clients, your T5 is here at my office. Please come to pick up your T5. All Income Assistance Clients must do their taxes each year. Also, please remember to give me a copy of your assessment notices when they come in the mail, at a later date.

If you would like the Squamish Nation to do your taxes, please come and fill out the form and attach your T5 to it.

If you are no longer an Income Assistance client but you were on IA with me, in 2024 you will have a T5 here.

Laurie Baker  
Income Assistance Officer



1380 Stawamus Rd.  
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Squamish, BC V8B 0B5

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| 2024 TAXES INFORMATION  |            |                       |                      |
|---|------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| NAMES:  |            | SIN(#):               |                      |
| MAILING ADDRESS:  |            | POSTAL CODE:          |                      |
| CITY:   |            | PHONE #:              |                      |
| YOUR DATE OF BIRTH:   |            | MONTH                 | DAY                  |
|   |            | YEAR                  |                      |
| CIRCLE YOUR MARITAL STATUS @ DEC. 31, 2024 <i>*If filing married/common-law, fill out spouse's section below.</i>   |            |                       |                      |
| If your marital status changed during the year, provide date:   |            |                       |                      |
| MARRIED   | COMMON-LAW | WIDOWED               | DIVORCED             |
|   |            | SEPARATED             | SINGLE               |
| SPOUSE'S NAME:  |            | SPOUSE'S D.O.B:       |                      |
| SPOUSE'S SIN(#):  |            | SOURCE OF INCOME:     | NET INCOME LINE 236: |
| YOUR BAND NUMBER:   |            | SPOUSE'S BAND NUMBER: |                      |
| GST CREDITS WILL BE ISSUED TO THE INDIVIDUAL, BASED ON WHOSE RETURN IS PROCESSED FIRST BY CRA   |            |                       |                      |
| PLEASE PROVIDE A VOID CHEQUE FOR YOURSELF & SPOUSE TO RECEIVE GST CREDIT BY DIRECT DEPOSIT  |            |                       |                      |
| Do you want your tax refund & GST credit via direct deposit? Circle one: YES NO   |            |                       |                      |
| <i>*Direct deposit will automatically continue if you currently have direct deposit set up.</i>   |            |                       |                      |
| Have you had a severe mental or physical impairment in 2024? Has your impairment lasted longer than, or is expected to last at least 12 months? (If yes, you need a form filled out by a Medical Practitioner (i.e. Nurse/Doctor) |            |                       |                      |
|   |            |                       |                      |
| DEPENDANTS:   |            |                       |                      |
| NAME  |            | BIRTH DATE            | RELATIONSHIP         |
|   |            |                       | INCOME               |
| 1)  |            |                       |                      |
| 2)  |            |                       |                      |
| 3)  |            |                       |                      |
| 4)  |            |                       |                      |
| 5)  |            |                       |                      |
| Did you have any children in 2024?  |            | YES                   | NO                   |
| Did you file your 2023 TAX RETURN?  |            | YES                   | NO                   |
| Did you file your 2023 with the Band?   |            | YES                   | NO                   |
| Do you need to file other years prior to 2024?  |            | YES                   | NO                   |
| If yes, indicate which year(s):   |            |                       |                      |
| Do you want to be a registered voter?   |            | YES                   | NO                   |

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date dropped off: Date processed: Prepared by:

Fill out this form and bring it with you when you do your tax return.

Tax year 2024

Keep this form for your records. Do not send a copy to the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).

- Complete **Section I** to allow a Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) volunteer to prepare your income tax and benefit return.
- Complete **Section II** if you would like your return to be electronically filed. The CVITP volunteer must complete parts **E** and **F**.
- Keep all records used to prepare your return for a period of six years, and provide this information to the CRA on request.
- The CRA is responsible for ensuring the confidentiality of your electronically filed tax information **only** after the CRA has accepted it.

Section I – Authorization

Part A – Identification

|  |      |            |                         |   |                         |
|--|------|------------|-------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| Last name  |      | First name |                         | Social insurance number<br>(only enter last 3 digits) |                         |
|  |      |            |                         | x   x   x   x   x   x                                 |                         |
| Mailing address: Apt. No. – Street No. Street name |      |            | Telephone number (home) |   | Telephone number (work) |
|  |      |            |                         |   |                         |
| P.O. Box   | R.R. | City       |                         | Prov./Terr.   | Postal code             |
|  |      |            |                         |   |                         |

Part B – Disclaimer

I am fully aware that my income tax and benefit return is being prepared by a volunteer under the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program and that this volunteer is not acting as an agent of the Canada Revenue Agency.

Signature (individual identified in Part A)

Date

Signed at (place and name of organization)

CVITP volunteer must complete parts E and F

Part E – Electronic filer identification

By signing Part D above, the individual in Part A declares that the following person or organization is electronically filing his or her income tax return. Part D must be signed before the return is electronically transmitted.

Name of person or organization:

Electronic filer number:

Part F – Document control number

Document control number for the electronic record of the individual's return:

**We're here to help!**  
If you need more information on your tax refund or your tax return, or if you have a service complaint, go to [canada.ca/cra-contact](https://canada.ca/cra-contact) or call 1-800-959-8281.

Personal information is described in Personal Information Bank CRA PPU 100. Under the Privacy Act, individuals have a right to have their personal information protected. They also have the right to access, correct or notate this information and to file a complaint with the Privacy Commissioner of Canada regarding our handling of their information.



# TAX PREPARATION SERVICES

Preparation services available February 28 - May 16

The service is available for those with **simple tax returns** (eg. no business income) and is free for

- Elders 55+
- Income Assistance clients
- Members with 2024 low income as set by the CRA

Members must submit their tax slips using one of the options below or else the return cannot be processed. Note that Nation staff cannot accept documents from Members. **Intake days/hours for the different options vary so please read the following information carefully.**

Questions? Email [tax\\_returns@squamish.net](mailto:tax_returns@squamish.net)

**NORTH VANCOUVER - March 10 to May 16**

**H&R Block**, 1754 Lonsdale Ave, North Vancouver, BC V7M 2J7

7 days a week | Monday & Tuesday, 9:00 am - 9:00 pm | Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, 10:00 am - 8:00 pm | Saturday & Sunday, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

**H&R Block**, 960 Marine Drive, North Vancouver, BC, V7P 1R9

7 days a week | Monday & Tuesday, 9:00 am - 7:00 pm | Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm | Saturday & Sunday, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

- **Recommended for Members who wish for assistance from a H&R Block representative.**

**Main Office** at 320 Seymour Boulevard, North Vancouver, BC V7L 4J5

Monday - Friday | 9:00am - 4:00pm

**SQUAMISH VALLEY - February 28 to April 18**

**Totem Hall** at 1380 Stawamus Road, Squamish, BC V8B 0B5

Monday - Friday | 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. A representative will be at the Admin Room on Fridays.

**ONLINE**

Use the H&R Block file upload system ([bit.ly/HandRBlockOnline](https://bit.ly/HandRBlockOnline)) at home any day.



1

**DETERMINE IF YOU QUALIFY**  
This is for Members with **simple tax returns** (eg. no business income).

**FREE for:**

- Elders 55+
- Income Assistance clients
- Members with 2024 low income

You **MUST** sign the forms when submitting documents.

2

**SUBMIT PAPERWORK & SIGN FORMS**  
In-person and online options from **February 28 to May 16**

3

**WAIT FOR PROCESSING**  
H&R Block will contact you if any more information is needed.

4

**SIGN THE RELEASE FORM**  
You will be contacted when your return is ready. You must **sign a release form** (and pay if not eligible for the free service).

Email **tax\_returns@squamish.net**  
Visit **squamish.net/tax-return**

**Tax Clinic**

*Open to all community members who need to file their taxes.  
We will help submit to Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)  
for processing.*

**Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
4 pm – 630 pm  
Member Support Services  
#6- 380 Welch St.  
West Vancouver, BC

**No Appointments Needed – First come, first serve**  
**Refreshments provided**

Please bring the following:

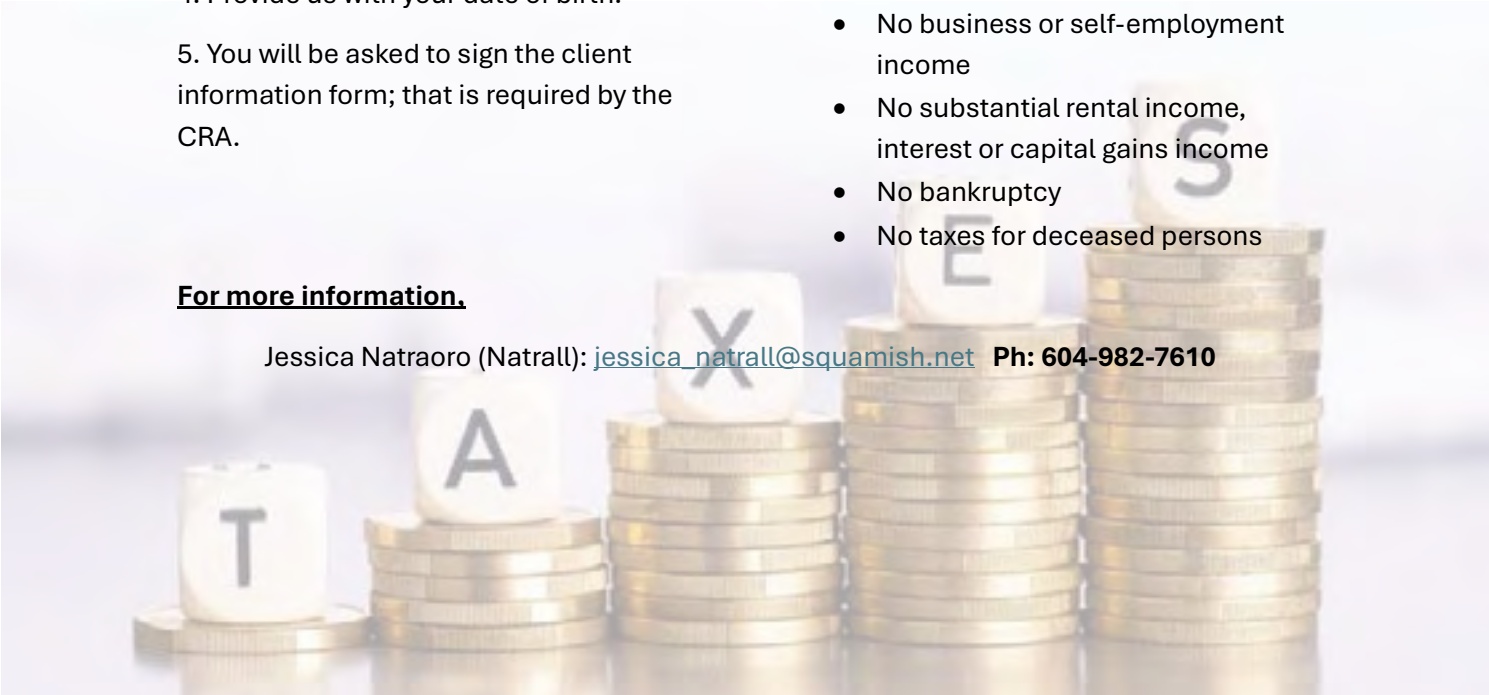
1. Clients arrive with any tax information they have from this year or last year.  
If you don't have anything, that is ok.
2. Bring photo ID (or photocopy of ID)
3. Social Insurance number (SIN #)
4. Provide us with your date of birth.
5. You will be asked to sign the client information form; that is required by the CRA.

The criteria to qualify for having taxes done with NSCR under CRA's voluntary tax program are:

- Total 2024 income less than \$45k for a single person and \$55k for a couple
- No first-time taxes (i.e. for a newcomer to Canada)
- No business or self-employment income
- No substantial rental income, interest or capital gains income
- No bankruptcy
- No taxes for deceased persons

**For more information.**

Jessica Natraoro (Natrall): [jessica\\_natrall@squamish.net](mailto:jessica_natrall@squamish.net) **Ph: 604-982-7610**





Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

The Community Operations has received multiple requests to use the Comm Ops trailer for item disposal. We would like to remind everyone that the trailer has been put away for the season, and it will be available again in the spring, after necessary maintenance.

We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause, but for the remainder of the winter season, we ask you to find alternate means of transport and disposal if possible. Thank you for your understanding.



**Skwxwú7mesh  
Úxwumixw**

Ta na wa Ch'áwat ta Sxwéxwel  
Squamish Valley Operations

# Help Us Shape the Future of the Squamish Valley!

The **Squamish Valley Community Plan (SVCP)**, being made here in the valley, will guide our vision for the Squamish Valley over the next 10 years. We need your input to make it complete!

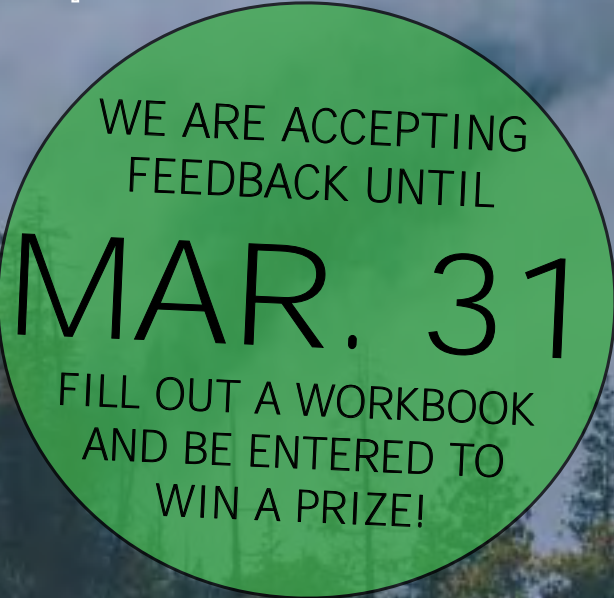
## CONTACT US!

Email: [SVCommunityPlan@squamish.net](mailto:SVCommunityPlan@squamish.net)

Phone: 604-849-2520  
(Anastasia Jeffrey)

***By contacting us, you can:***

- Receive an information package, containing details of the Plan that is being developed
- Receive a digital Workbook to fill out
- Get answers to your questions
- Share more of your thoughts and feedback
- Let us know if you are interested in joining the SVCP Advisory Group!







Attention:

Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw

Book your  
*Family Dinner*  
today!!!!

S7ulh kwis Úxwumixw *Our Way of Being a Nation Project*, would like to encourage **ALL** members to **book** a Family Dinner with us!

Booking is as easy as emailing [eyoalha\\_baker@squamish.net](mailto:eyoalha_baker@squamish.net) or calling **(604) 982-8600**.

The **goal** of the Constitution Project is to get all Skwxwú7mesh stélmexw to participate in creating an official document describing **Our Way of Being a Nation**. This is a chance to make sure we stay true to **Our Voices, Our Future, Our Way**.

See available Family Dinner Dates available:

**Totem Hall**

Tuesday, February 25  
Tuesday, March 4, 11, 18

**OPEN INVITE/ ALL WELCOME**

Thursday, March 27

(*please RSVP* to help us get an idea of how much food to order for catering)

**Eslha7an Learning Center**

Thursday, March 6, 13, 20  
Monday, March 31  
Thursday, April 3, 10

**OPEN INVITE/ ALL WELCOME**

Wednesday, March 26

(*please RSVP* to help us get an idea of how much food to order for catering)



# FLEA MARKET

## INDOOR Totem Hall

10am - 2pm

### Sat Mar 22nd

40plus Vendors Selling Assorted Items

- \*PLUS SIZE CLOTHING
- \*ELECTRIC SCOOTER
- \*WEDDING DECOR
- \*WOMEN'S WEAR
- \*BEADING
- \*CRAFT SUPPLIES
- \*MEN'S WEAR
- \*ELECTRIC WHEELCHAIR
- \*JEWELLERY
- \*FABRIC
- \*HOME DECOR
- \*GARDEN DECOR
- \*LEGO SETS
- \*KIDS CLOTHES
- \*FOOT WEAR

# Concession Stand

Join us for Lunch





# Community Meal Night

**Monday March 24th 3:30pm until 6:30pm**

**Healthy Hub Field**

**1221 Chief Billy Dr. SQUAMISH, BC**

Join us for a family-friendly evening of visiting, entertainment, and a catered meal

All ages are welcome! There will be games and activities for children to enjoy!

Come participate in:

- games
- socializing
- good food
- converstaion
- fresh air
- and more!

For more information please reach out to [elisabeth\\_adam@squamish.net](mailto:elisabeth_adam@squamish.net)



# S7ULH KWIS UXWUMIXW

## OUR WAY OF BEING A NATION

(SQUAMISH NATION CONSTITUTION)

### EVERYONE WELCOME

### DINNER MEETING

**THURSDAY MARCH 27, 2025, 5PM**

**Stawamus Room, Totem Hall**

**doors open at 5pm, dinner at 5:30pm**

Learn more about this project for the people, by the people. This document is being created by and for our community and for our future generations.

Please let us know if you will be attending as we want to make sure we have enough food. If you need a ride and/or childminding for this meeting, please call 604-982-8600 or you can email [constitution@squamish.net](mailto:constitution@squamish.net)





## WHAT DOES AN “ELDER-IN-RESIDENCE” LOOK LIKE TO YOU?

Call for Interest

We are looking to meet with Indigenous Elders to gain feedback and suggestions (and solicit interest for future positions) on how we can build out a meaningful and culturally informed “Elder-in-Residence” Program to support our Indigenous peoples accessing services at PearlSpace.

**About PearlSpace:** PearlSpace was created as a grassroots organization dedicated to the prevention of gender-based violence and support for survivors impacted by violence or abuse and is committed to implementing actions that work toward reconciliation and the decolonization of our programs and services.



The **Elder-in-Residence program** could provide support, guidance, and cultural teaching to Indigenous clients of PearlSpace. Indigenous clients would be able to connect with an elder or knowledge keeper by requesting an appointment and meeting with them at one of two PearlSpace locations: Squamish/Skwxwú7mesh Drop-in Centre or Squamish/Skwxwú7mesh PearlSpace Transition House.

PearlSpace recognizes that elders and knowledge keepers have attained a high level of understanding of Indigenous history, spirituality, traditional language, cultural teachings, ceremonies and/or healing practices through training and lived experiences.

The goal of the Elder-in-Residence program is to **create an avenue and space for cultural knowledge and teaching to be shared in a safe, accessible, and respectful way.**

Responsibilities could include: **Provide listening services, Provide support, Assist with cultural knowledge learning, Knowledge keeper - sharer, Guide cultural safety, Provide knowledge on protocols, Teach classes (traditional foods & medicines, weaving, beading ect.), Tracking statistics (number of people utilizing your service)**

Come share a meal with us to provide your feedback and/or express interest in the above program.

**DATE:** Wednesday April 2, 2025

**LOCATION:** Stawamus Room, Totem Hall, 1380 Stawamus Rd

**TIME:** 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

**RSVP:** 778-966-1117



## April 2025 Regular Distribution

Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw (Council) and Ts'its'ixwnítway (Member Services) would like to update Members on the Squamish Nation Regular Distribution for April 2025.

**Thursday, April 3 | Friday, April 4, 2025**

**8:30 am – 4:00 pm**

Open during lunch hour (12:00 pm – 1:00 pm)

### Pick up locations:

Totem Hall  
1380 Stawamus Drive  
Squamish

CJMC  
100 Capilano Road,  
West Vancouver

### Members can update the following information:

- Direct deposit
- Mailing address
- Pick up location
- Name change
- Change payee
- Birth additions

### Important deadlines

- UPDATE mailing address or pick up location by **Wednesday, March 12.**
- DIRECT DEPOSIT and ELDER DELIVERY on **Wednesday, April 2.**
- Canada mail will go out **April 7 & 8.**

The distribution for April 2025 will be a total of \$266.50. This amount includes the Regular Distribution and Cost-of-Living Adjustment.

A Cost-of-Living Adjustment is an increase to help people keep up with rising prices for everyday things such as food, housing, and transportation. It's designed to make sure your money can still buy the same amount, even when the cost of living goes up because of inflation.

**If you have any questions or to update your information, contact Ts'ixwts'ixwnítway (Member Services) at [membership@squamish.net](mailto:membership@squamish.net) or 604-982-7610.**







# Super Clinic 2025

Squamish Valley Operations – Membership Services Health •  
Squamish Nation Emergency Safety Team  
Status Cards (SCIS) • CRA Taxes & Service Canada • WorkBC •  
Provincial Ministry of Citizens' Services • Service BC • Eagle Bay  
Financial • FNHA • Sea to Sky Foundry Services • RCMP  
Integrated First Nation Unit (INFU) team • Squamish Fire Hall 2  
Fire-rescue

Date: April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (Friday)  
Time: 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM  
Lunch break: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM  
Location:  
1380 Stawamus Road — Totem Hall, gymnasium

ALL WALK-INS WELCOME; NO APPOINTMENT REQUIRED

## Description of available services:

- Status Cards — renewals & new applicants
- WorkBC — jobs & address change issue
- Service Canada Benefits available for pension
- Squamish community foundation resources
- FNHA — 6 Health Benefits First Nations people have access to: Pharmacy, Medical Transportation, Vision, Dental, Mental Wellness, Medical Supplies & Equipment
- Emergency Planning & Response: "Help keep our community safe" information.
- BC Birth Certificate, Mobile BC Services Card set-up and verification, MSP questions, BC Business Name Approval & Registration, etc.
- Differences in disability
- New pensioner sign-up package
- Child tax issues
- Tax issues; late taxes
- Eagle Bay — Group retirement, medical benefits while working

For more info, contact:  
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Membership Services Officer  
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# Honouring Our Skákelechets Baby Ceremony 2025

Ayás Méhmen (Child & Family Services) invites community members with children born between October 1st, 2024 to March 30, 2025, to participate in our Baby Ceremony (and also for those babies who haven't participated in a previous Baby Ceremony). A meal will be served at the event.

To help us with planning please register with Edmund Guss at [Edmund\\_Guss@squamish.net](mailto:Edmund_Guss@squamish.net) or call 604-849-2490.


Sunday, April 13, 2025  
10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Totem Hall - 1380 Stawamus  
Road, Squamish, BC





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**BABYSITTING  
TRAINING**  
*In partnership with Sea 2 Sky Services*

March 26, 2025  
9:00 AM – 3:30 PM  
Sandman Hotel  
39400 Discovery Way, Squamish

Youth ages 13+ are invited to register for Babysitting Training. Learn to look after babies, toddlers, preschoolers and school-age children.

**What will you gain?**

- First Aid training
- Skills to play games and organize activities to keep kids of all ages entertained.
- Skills to create a safe environment, and deal with phone calls and unexpected visitors.
- + much more!

**What is included:**

- \$75/day incentives
- Lunch

**Register by March 19**





**FORTISBC/WLNG CAREER FAIR**

March 21, 2025  
3:00 PM – 6:00 PM  
Totem Hall  
1380 Stawamus Road  
Squamish, BC

**Are you ready to unlock new career opportunities?**


The Stitsma Career Centre is excited to announce an upcoming Career Fair! Connect with various representatives from FortisBC, Woodfibre LNG and the Eagle Mountain Project.

**Available job positions include but are not limited to:**

- Environmental Monitors
- Drivers
- Labourers
- Concrete Framers
- Administrative roles



**April 28 - September 5, 2025**  
Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm



**CARPENTRY LEVEL TWO**

Have you completed Carpentry Level One and finished your L1 apprenticeship hours? Are you ready for level two? If so, we encourage you to apply today!


**What skills will you expand on?**

- Drawings and specifications
- Building codes and bylaws
- Using portable and stationary power tools
- Concrete form work
- Framing walls, stairs, and roofs (gabled)
- Installing doors, windows and their hardware
- Exterior finishes

**What is included:**

- free tuition & training allowance
- meal plan and childcare subsidy, transportation


**Apply by April 8**



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**Career Services**

- Resume Building
- Cover Letter Writing
- Tips on Interviewing
- Career Counseling
- Work Gear
- Job Searching
- Short Term Training



See our current job opportunities  
please visit our job bank





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345 5th St W, North Vancouver  
1221 Chief Billy Drive, Squamish Valley


UPCOMING PROGRAMS

|  NORTH VANCOUVER |  SQUAMISH VALLEY |
|---|---|
| <b>Food Safe Level 1</b><br>April 7   | <b>Food Safe Level 1</b><br>April 17  |
| <b>Basic First Aid</b><br>April 14  | <b>Fall Protection + Confined Spaces Training + WHMIS</b><br>May 1                                |
| <b>What the L</b><br>May 5 & 12   | <b>Transportation Endorsement</b><br>May 15   |
| <b>Intermediate First Aid (formerly OFA 2)</b><br>May 5 - 6                                       | <b>Serving it Right</b><br>May 21   |
| <b>Class 4 Workshop</b><br>June 2, 3 & 9  | <b>Class 4</b><br>June 9, 10 & 17   |
| <b>Traffic Control Personnel</b><br>June 23 - 24  | <b>Advanced First Aid (formerly OFA 3)</b><br>June 2 - 13   |

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 **NV: 604-985-7711**  
**SV: 604-848-2260**

 **stitsma\_career@squamish.net**

NEW JOB POSTINGS

MARCH 20, 2025

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Health Programs Driver  </b> Term Full-Time Yúustway Health and Wellness North Vancouver, BC | <b>Cultural Collections Lead  </b> Permanent Full-time Ta na wa Ns7éyxnitm ta Snewíyelh - Language and Cultural Affairs North Vancouver, BC |
| <b>Accounts Payable Team Lead  </b> Permanent Full-time Estxwáyusem Finance North Vancouver, BC | <b>Principal  </b> Permanent Full-time Ta7lnewás Education North Vancouver, BC  |
|   |   |

DEVELOP YOUR CAREER

WITH THE NATION

Questions? Need help applying?  
**604-985-8335 | careers@squamish.net**  
Chénchenstway (Human Resources) connects with all Squamish People who apply for positions with Skw̓xwú7mesh Úxwumixw. We look forward to receiving your application and supporting your professional growth with the Nation.



See all  
jobs &  
apply

**squamish.net/careers**







# INDIGENOUS YOUTH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

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CULTURAL CENTRE  
WHISTLER

Gratefully supported by



The Indigenous Youth Ambassador (IYA) Program is an immersive cultural and tourism education program that teaches the foundations of business, through the lens of an Indigenous cultural centre in Whistler BC. This ten-week paid training includes placement in the Food & Beverage, Retail, and Cultural Departments. We provide a safe space for students to gain confidence, skills and work experience, while discovering their personal strengths and interests.

NEXT INTAKE  
**APRIL 2 –  
JUNE 14, 2025**  
Apply now at [slcc.ca/IYA](https://slcc.ca/IYA)





# WorkBC Centre

## Squamish Spring Hiring Fair 2025

Don't miss Squamish's largest free and accessible hiring fair!  
Connect with local employers and explore exciting job opportunities.  
Register today to secure your spot!

 April 3rd, 2025  
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM  Auditorium Gym at Brennan Park  
1009 Centennial Way, Squamish, BC

### Presented By:



Canada   
This program is funded by the Government of Canada  
and the Province of British Columbia.



# NCH'KAÝ IS HIRING!

## ABOUT NCH'KAÝ

Nch'kaý Development Corporation (Nch'kaý) is the economic development arm of the Squamish Nation. Our mission is to pursue successful business opportunities that contribute to the long-term wealth and prosperity of the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw and Skwxwú7mesh Stélmexw (People).

## CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

- » **Business Analyst**  
Nch'kaý Head Office
- » **Development Manager**  
Nch'kaý Head Office
- » **Director, Asset Management**  
Nch'kaý Head Office
- » **Director of Development and Construction**  
Nch'kaý Head Office
- » **Customer Service Representative**  
Squamish Valley Gas Bar
- » **HR Coordinator, Learning and Development**  
Nch'kaý Head Office
- » **Manager Forestry**  
Nch'kaý Head Office

✉ HR@nchkay.com

Visit our Careers Page  
to learn more!



## WHY WORK WITH US?

- Opportunities for career growth and development
- Friendly and supportive work environment
- Flexible hybrid work schedule
- Extended health benefits, life insurance for full-time workers
- Employee and Family Assistance Program
- Pension Plan and Supplementary Savings Plan.



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## Medical Travel for Members Living on Reserve: Info Sheet

When a member books a medical appointment that is more than 30 km away from home, with no closer options, they may qualify for a Gas PO. This happens in two ways:

- 1) **Members living on reserve can contact Caroline @ Health Benefits: 236-877-7782 or by filling out and dropping off the attached intake form at Totem Hall.**

The Member or someone acting for them can pick up the PO at Totem Hall.

**\*\*There are no Squamish Nation Employee Drivers for this service\*\***

- 2) **Elders can contact the Elders Team and book a ride with them.**  
The PO will be given to the Elders Driver.

- 3) **All confirmation forms must be signed and returned.**

**\*\*Members living off reserve should contact FNHA directly at 1- 855-550-5454\*\***

## Gas PO Policy:

- a) **48 hours-notice is required for ALL Gas PO requests.** Urgent requests will be considered on a case by case basis, time permitting.
- b) **Only one active PO can be issued per trip.**
- c) **PO's are non-transferrable & must be returned if the appointment doesn't happen.**
- d) **24 hours-notice is required for cancellations** with the Elder Drivers, as well as requests to change any Gas PO.

MEDICAL PATIENT TRANSPORTATION INTAKE
Travel Details

Name of Patient: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
DD/MM/YYYY Name of Driver: \_\_\_\_\_

Care Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Status #: \_\_\_\_\_ JDE #: \_\_\_\_\_

Travel to: \_\_\_\_\_ (Ex. Doctor's/Dentist Name, Hospital Name etc)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Appt. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Return Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
(DD/MM/YYYY)

Purpose of Visit: \_\_\_\_\_

~\*OFFICE USE ONLY\*~

Date Requested: \_\_\_\_\_  
(DD/MM/YYYY)

Mode of Transport Requested: \_\_\_\_\_  
Taxi: ☐ Bus: ☐

Taxi Type: \_\_\_\_\_  
Regular: ☐ Wheelchair: ☐ Return Trip: \_\_\_\_\_

P/O #: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Zone
Quantity
Rate

☐ One Zone
\_\_\_\_\_
\$2.<sup>20</sup> ea

☐ Two Zone
\_\_\_\_\_
\$3.<sup>25</sup> ea

☐ Adult Day
\_\_\_\_\_
\$10.<sup>00</sup> ea


☐ Monthly
\_\_\_\_\_
\$126.<sup>00</sup> ea

Compass Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

HanyDART Fare Savers #
Zone: \_\_\_\_\_


HBA&P Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

West Vancouver – 9A, 380 Welch Street, West Vancouver B.C. V7P 0A7 • T 604.982.0332 • F 604.982.0372  
Squamish – P.O. Box 1334, 1221 Billy Road, Squamish B.C. V8B 0A9 • T 604.892.5975 • F 604.892.3478



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tem Ihawt' (March) 20, 2025



# NCH'U7MUT GATHERING

Community group for 2SLGBTQIA+, those questioning, and allies/support people. Each gathering will have a traditional craft session to participate in as we share and educate on our collective experiences. Food and snacks will be provided.


**Thursdays, February 6th, 20th, 27th, March 6th, March 20th, and March 27th**  
**5:00pm - 7:00pm**  
**River Room 2 at Lions Gate Community Rec Centre**  
**1733 Lions Gate Ln, North Vancouver**

**AGES 17+**

**February 13th and March 13th**  
**6:15pm - 8:15pm**  
**Marine Room at Lions Gate Community Rec Centre**  
**1733 Lions Gate Ln, North Vancouver**


**Facilitated by**  
**Sidney Crosby and Steph Matthews**

Scan to register (drop ins welcome as well)




Please note this group is for Squamish Nation people, their families, and those that reside in the community, ages 17+.

You can contact us with any questions or about transportation: call or text 236 818 3154 or email [wellness@squamish.net](mailto:wellness@squamish.net)



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**OMNIEye + VISION**  
OPTOMETRISTS

**Friday April 4th 2025**

**Optometry Appointments  
With Omni Eye Vision**

**1221 Chief Billy Drive, Unit B**  
**10 am - 5 pm**

**Open to all community members**  
**Direct billing available!**

**Contact Caroline to book: 236-877-7782**  
**caroline\_perrin@squamish.net**



## BC Cancer Mammogram Van Squamish Valley Visit

If you are over 40 and due for a mammogram, the BC Cancer Mammogram Van will be back in Squamish next month.

**Thursday, April 10 | 10:00 am to 4:30 pm | Waterfront  
Office, Stawamus Reserve**

If you are unable to attend on this day, please see the BC Cancer website for clinic locations:  
[bit.ly/BCMammogramClinicLocator](https://bit.ly/BCMammogramClinicLocator).

**Registration is required by March 27.** We will help you complete your intake package.

To register, reach out to Caroline Perrin at  
[Caroline\\_perrin@squamish.net](mailto:Caroline_perrin@squamish.net), or 236-877-7782.

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# DRUG CHECKING

## STAMUS

**WHEN: Fridays, 1:30PM to 3:30PM**

**WHERE: Waterfront gravel road, Chief Billy Drive**

Community Health and Wellness Peer Support Workers will be offering weekly drug checking in Squamish Valley.

- Confidential space to have your drugs checked
- On the spot Naloxone training from peer support workers
- Resources and safe use supplies
- Snacks and beverages

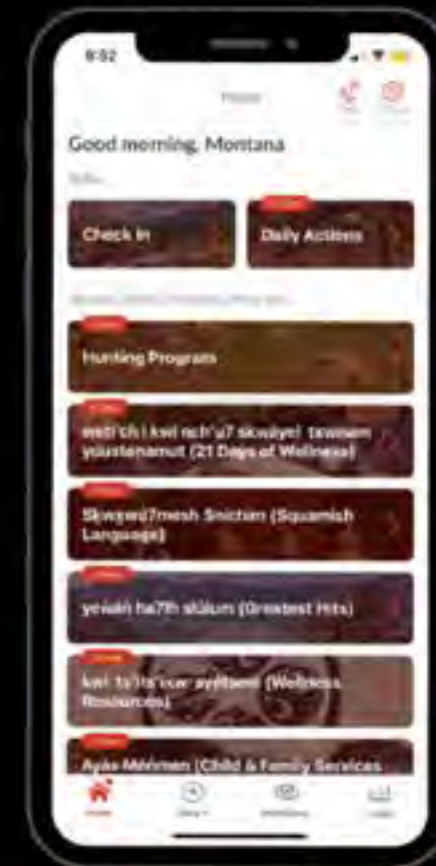
**Questions? Contact Briana Gonzales at 236-886-2613**



**ta skwálwentn**

**Our voices. Our language. Our stories. Our teachings.**

ta skwálwentn is your Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw wellness app. It is a confidential and safe place for you to connect with our ancient teachings, learn from our elders and knowledge keepers, and lift up our Skwxwú7mesh community members.



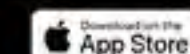
### New Teachings: Winter Medicines

**Señákw (Senaqwila Wyss) shares about traditional medicines, their healing benefits, and how to respectfully work with them at home to support your health.**

View all of the teachings by March 31st to be entered to win a wellness pack from RH Tea co.

### Download the app today

Scan the QR codes or search: ta skwálwentn in the App or Play Store.



**For more information visit our  
website [taskwalwentn.com](https://taskwalwentn.com)**

**Need help? Have questions? Call or text: 613-888-7986, or email: [hello@taskwalwentn.com](mailto:hello@taskwalwentn.com)**



# Spring Break

## 2025



|                  | Mon                   | Tue                    | Wed                  | Thu                         | Fri              |
|------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Ages 6-8</b>  | 17<br>Science World   | 18<br>Britannia Museum | 19<br>Crash Crawly's | 20<br>Go Bananas            | 21<br>NO Program |
| <b>Ages 9-11</b> | 24<br>Whistler Tubing | 25<br>Extreme Air Park | 26<br>West Van Pool  | 27<br>Central City Fun Park | 28<br>NO Program |

Bus Schedule Ages 6-11

- Cheekeye: 9:15AM
- Teen Centre: 9:30AM
- Eagle Run: 9:35AM
- North Yards: 9:40AM
- Down Town: 9:45AM
- Totem hall: 9:55AM

Dress for the wheather

Lunch Provided

Pack a Water bottle

**Contact:**  
Ages 6-8 & 9-11  
Lawrence Lewis  
604-849-0750  
Jan Eckstein



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# SPRING BREAK camp



LUNCH  
PROVIDED

For Squamish Nation/community  
members who reside in Squamish Valley

Ages 6-8 March 17-20  
Ages 9-10 March 24-27  
Ages 11-12 March 17-20  
Ages 13-18 March 24-27

\*Groups are subject to change if  
capacity is reached\*

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER MARCH 7, 2025**  
[SQUAMISHRECREATION@SQUAMISH.NET](mailto:SQUAMISHRECREATION@SQUAMISH.NET)



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# SPRING BREAK

## Culture Camp

*for Squamish Nation/  
Community Members*

To register:

- Pick up a registration form from Totem Hall during office hours (8:30 AM – 4:30 PM)

OR

- contact the Education Department  
[virginia\\_johnston@squamish.net](mailto:virginia_johnston@squamish.net)

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**Monday – Thursday**  
**Ages 9–10 — March 17–20**  
**Ages 11–12 — March 24–27**  
**Ages 13–18 — March 17–20**

*\*Please note that these dates do not conflict with the Recreation Spring Break camps; a child age 9–18 can register for both camps.*

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SQUAMISH VALLEY REC

# CINEPLEX MOVIE NIGHT

For Squamish Nation/SN community members who reside in Squamish Valley

Showing: Snow White  
Wednesday March 26, 2025  
Movie starts at 6:00PM  
3000 Park royal S, West Vancouver

**NO TRANSPORTATION**

Contact: 604-892-5166  
[SquamishRecreation@squamish.net](mailto:SquamishRecreation@squamish.net)




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# Spoon making workshop

With Tsawaysia Spukwus

For Squamish Nation/SN community members who reside in Squamish Valley. 16+

|               |                          |   |
|---------------|--------------------------|---|
| Spots limited | March 27, 2025<br>5:00PM | Stawamus Waterfront  |
|---------------|--------------------------|---|

**Contact:**  
 604-892-5166  
 [SquamishRecreation@Squamish.net](mailto:SquamishRecreation@Squamish.net)



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**SQUAMISH VALLEY RECREATION**

# FAMILY EASTER PARTY

A private event for Squamish Nation/SN community members who reside in Squamish Valley

Date: April 16, 2025 Wednesday  
 Time: 6:00-8:00PM  
 1380 Stawamus RD - Totem hall

crafts - food - fun!

For transportation please contact  
[SquamishRecreation@squamish.net](mailto:SquamishRecreation@squamish.net)  
 or 604-892-5166

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# STITCH SOCIAL CLUB



Bring a project and enjoy the company of others whether its crocheting, knitting, weaving or looming.

**\*Not a class\***



For Squamish Nation/ community members who reside in Squamish Valley 18+



Dates: Every Tuesday starting January 14, 2025  
Time: 6:00-8:00PM

1380 Stawamus RD - Totem hall  
\*Stawamus Room\*  
Snacks provided!

TRAINING & TRADES CENTRE

MARCH 2025

# NEWS & UPDATES



## Reach for the Stars 9th Annual Gala Fundraiser

On February 28, the Nexw7áystway Training & Trades Centre (NTTC) hosted the 9th Annual Reach for the Stars Gala Fundraiser at Chief Joe Mathias Centre. Each year, the Gala is held to raise money for programming and student support at the NTTC. Funding goes directly towards personal protection equipment, start up tools, creating curriculum, emergency support funds, work practicums, childcare subsidies and so much more.



The night was complete with a VIP hour, live auction, silent auction, games, a performance by Welh Tima Kexwusem, dinner and other festivities! Thank you to the student volunteers, sponsors and staff who made the event a huge success.



The 2024 Gala raised \$187,938 allowing the NTTC to provide quality training to support the long-term labour market success of Indigenous people. The NTTC is excited to total the exact amount that was raised this year thanks to the sponsors and attendees.





# NEWS & UPDATES



Medal Presentation Boxes for Invictus Games



## Medal Presentation Boxes

The NTTC had the amazing opportunity to design and create the Medal Presentation Boxes for the Invictus Games. The Invictus Games are an international sporting event for wounded, injured and ill service members and veterans that took place from February 8 - 16. The twelve students who participated in the Woodwork Training program in Fall 2024, created forty bentwood boxes alongside Spirit Works Limited. The boxes were crafted out of yellow cedar with red cedar edges, forever linking Squamish culture to this legacy project.



## Blessing Ceremony

On February 3, a blessing ceremony was hosted at the NTTC to unveil the medal presentation boxes for the Invictus Games. A lovely morning of connection, blanketing of honoured guests and refreshments was held to commemorate this exciting milestone for the students that worked on the project and the NTTC. The NTTC was pleased to have staff from the Invictus Games team join in blessing the boxes.



## Connect with us

604-980-7946

tradescentre@squamish.net

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# Zane's Fundraiser

POKER TOURNAMENT \$60 BUY-IN

50/50 RAFFLE

DINNER PLATES:

- \* SPAGHETTI
- \* BANNOCK DOGS
- \* INDIAN TACOS

SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 12-6PM

CHIEF JOE MATHIAS CENTRE  
100 CAPILANO RD  
NORTH VANCOUVER

Any questions call Colleen at  
778-997-3842

