



Syétsm t'l'a Sxexelhnát

News of the Week

May 15, 2025

Squamish Valley — Some Important Dates

Summer Craft Fair vendor registration opens	May 12th
Referendum Online Voting begins	May 17th
Victoria Day (Statutory Holiday)	May 19th
Referendum Information Meeting (West Vancouver)	May 21st
SV Transit System Changes survey deadline	May 21st
Mental Wellness Fair	May 23rd
Walking Forward Ceremony ('60s Scoop Survivors)	May 25th
Hearing Loop Launch Event	May 28th
Walker Maintenance & Education	May 30th
Indigenous Youth Sport Legacy Fund application deadline	May 31st
ELECTORAL REFERENDUM VOTING DAY	May 31st
Indigenous Governance and Conservation Fellowship application deadline	June 1st
Elk Harvest Policy workshop (Totem Hall)	June 3rd
SNARP Application deadline	June 5th

IA Declaration Week: May 12th – 15th, 2025
IA Cheque Day: May 27th, 2025






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May 2025

Tem yetwán [When the salmonberries ripen]


Squamish Valley Elders Program Calendar

SUNDAY Sxexelhnat	MONDAY Skwetkalthyes	TUESDAY Stsamyes	WEDNESDAY Schanxwyes	THURSDAY Sxaa7utsens	FRIDAY Stsiyachis	SATURDAY T'akw'entem
LEGEND: Unless stated, all programs will be at Totem Hall Red = Birthdays Purple = Sign Up Required	4 Red Dress Day (MMTW) Victoria Trip!	5 Victoria Trip!	6 Victoria Trip!	7 JOSEPH T Victoria Trip!	8 SHAWN B & EDDY A 10 Community Development Meeting 11 Fitness 12:30 Cannabis Store Questionnaire Victoria Trip!	9 ALEX W 10
11 Mother's Day	12 1 Herb Planters 4-8 Coffee with Council	13 10:30 Brunch and Meeting with Budget Presentation 5-8:30 Dinner and Return to the Falls	14 11 Vax Clinic 12 LUNCH with Election Law Referendum	15 12 LUNCH LNG intro to New CEO 11 Fitness	16 10-3 Wayne Mah	17
18	19 VICTORIA DAY STAT Office Closed	20 10:30 Brunch with EPAT Project Implementation	21 10:30 Transit Survey 12 LUNCH A Ribbon Skirts	22 GWEN H. 10-2 Indigenous Youth Leadership Celebration 11 Fitness	23 BILL B Foot Care Clinic	24
25	26 SOMETHING FUN	27 10:30 Brunch 11 Pre Meeting for Peoples Assembly	28 10:30 Archiving Information 12 LUNCH	29 MARY JANE N. 11 Fitness 1 Craft with Ayas Men Men	30 9-3 Walker Info and Tune Up Session	31

2025 War Canoe Schedule

MAY		
May 3-4	OPEN	
May 10	◆ Penn Cove	Couville, WA
May 10-11	◆ Stzuminus	Chemainus, BC POTENTIAL CANCELLATION
May 17-18	◆ Pilalt Days	Skwah (Chilliwack Landing), BC
May 17-18	◆ Tulalip Days	Tulalip Sports Complex, WA
May 24-25	Seabird Island Days	Seabird Island (Agassiz), BC
May 31-June 1	Nooksack Days	Bloedel Donovan Park, WA
JUNE		
June 7-8	Cultus Lake Water Sports	Cultus Lake, BC
June 13-15	Musqueam	Musqueam Cultural Centre, BC
June 20-22	Stommish Water Festival	Lummi, WA
June 28-29	◆ Sasquatch Days	Harrison Hot Springs, BC
June 28-29	◆ Tsawout	Tsawout, BC
JULY		
July 4-6	Whey-Ah-Whichen Festival	Cates Park, Tsleil-Waututh, North Van., BC
July 11-13	Sqewlets	Squawkum Park, Harrison Bay, BC
July 19-20	Quw'utsun	Cowichan Bay, BC
July 25-27	Snuneymuxw Water Sports	Snuneymuxw (Nanaimo), BC
AUGUST		
August 2-3	◆ Geronimo Days	West Saanich, BC
August 2-3	◆ Ambleside	Ambleside Park, West Van., BC
August 9-10	◆ Snaw-naw-as	Nanoose Bay, BC
August 9-10	◆ Swinomish	LaConner, WA
August 16-17	Chief Seattle Days	Suquamish, WA
August 22-24	Makah Days	Neah Bay, WA





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SOCIAL ASSISTANCE MONTHLY RENEWAL DECLARATION **FOR: JUNE 2025**
>>555 Cheque issue date is Tuesday, May 27th, 2025 – for June 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.

Canada

If you do not hand in your Declaration between May 12 – 15th, You will **NOT** receive your Cheque on **Tues, May 27th - 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 income this month?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, completed

Earnings	\$
Family Allowance	\$
Maintenance	\$
Unemployment Insurance	\$
Other (specify)	\$
GST	\$
TOTAL	\$

5. Has there been any change in your assets?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, complete

Bank Account	\$
Property	\$
Other (specify)	\$
TOTAL	\$

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

Signature of Spouse
(If there is a spouse listed on your file)

Date

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'S
2025

Summer CRAFT FAIR

JUNE 7 & 8
10:00-3:00PM

CHIEF JOE MATHIAS CENTRE
100 CAPILANO ROAD

VENDOR REGISTRATION
OPENS MAY 12 11:00AM

\$60 for 1 day / \$100 for 2 days
Elders 55yrs + receive 50% off

QR code



- No early registration
- First come first serve basis
- Scan QR code for online application
- Applications available at CJMC

**no applications will be accepted before 11am*

NO HOLDS

Table will not be assigned until application and payment is received



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cjmcevents@squamish.net



604-980-6338

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Ta na wa Yúus ta Stítúyntsam
Rights & Title

ELK HARVEST POLICY WORKSHOP

The Rights and Title
Department is seeking input
from **Squamish Nation**
hunters and gatherers as
we develop an Elk Harvest
Policy. There will be:

- ➔ Dinner and desert
- ➔ Door prizes: knife set, elk caller, vacuum packer, meat grinder, and more!!



Date #1: Totem Hall
June 3, 2025
5:30 - 8:00 pm

Date #2: Chief Joe Mathias
June 4, 2025
5:30 - 8:00 pm



RSVP to 604-346-8098 or
Land_Guardian@squamish.net by May 30



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Attention: All Members

This information bulletin is to inform Members who own dogs that due to numerous complaints about dogs running at large, creating safety concerns for Members and their pets, the Nation will be enforcing the Animal Control Bylaw, which states in Section 18, "Every Owner or Possessor of a Dog must ensure that the Dog does not Run at Large within Squamish Lands." And Section 19 states, "An Animal Control Bylaw Officer may seize and Impound any Dog:

- (a) Found running at large,
- (b) That is an Unlicensed Dog, or
- (c) That the Animal Control Bylaw Officer, on reasonable grounds, believes has inflicted an unprovoked bite on a person or another animal."

If your Dog is found Running at Large and is Impounded, it is the responsibility of the owner of the Dog to pay the Impound fees, and is subject to a Fine, as per Section 31 of the Animal Control Bylaw, 2004, which states, "(1) It is an offence to

- (a) Do or cause to be done anything,
- (b) Neglect to or refrain from doing anything, or
- (c) Suffer or permit anyone doing anything in contravention of this Bylaw.

(2) Every person who contravenes Section 31(1) is guilty of an offence and is liable to imposition on summary conviction a fine not exceeding One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars or imprisonment for a term not exceeding thirty (30) days, or both."

Please contact Community Operations at communityoperations@squamish.net or 604-980-8655 to report dogs running at large, or any other concerns regarding animals in the Community.

Brian Baker

Director, Community Operations



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Squamish Valley Transit System Changes

**Changes are coming to the Squamish Valley transit system.
We want to know what you think.**

It's important that the voices of the Squamish People are heard and included in local transit planning. Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumíxw (Squamish Nation) will be engaging with the community to gather feedback on:

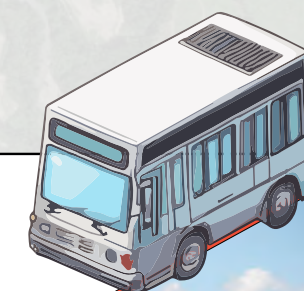
- ☒ The level of support for a potential fixed transit stop in St'á7mes
- ☒ Desire for additional transit access to Wiw'k'm and Ch'iyák'mesh
- ☒ Overall experiences using transit in the Squamish Valley
- ☒ Ideas to integrate Squamish Nation art and language on buses and bus stops

Your input will be used to help our Nation advocate for transit service and improvements that meets our community needs.

Get Involved!

Take our **survey** by **May 21** to share your feedback and a chance to win a Visa Gift Card.

Scan the QR code or follow the link to take the survey.
<https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/SNTransitSurvey>



Drop by **in-person** on **May 7** from
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at **Totem Hall**
to learn more and ask questions.

For more information, please contact Squamish Valley Community Plan at SVCommunityPlan@squamish.net.

SQUAMISH NATION OFFICIAL NOTICE OF REFERENDUM VOTE

TAKE NOTICE that the Squamish Nation has called a Referendum Vote to be held on **May 31, 2025**, in accordance with the *Election and Referendum Law (2021)*, for the voters of the Squamish Nation to consider amendments to the *Election and Referendum Law*.

INFORMATION MEETINGS

MAY 13, 2025

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

SQUAMISH, BC

TOTEM HALL, STAWAMUS ROOM

1380 STAWAMUS DRIVE

MAY 21, 2025

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

WEST VANCOUVER, BC

CHIEF JOE MATHIAS CENTRE

100 CAPILANO ROAD

STARTS THIS WEEK

VOTE ONLINE

MAY 17, 2025, AT 9:00 AM – MAY 31, 2025, AT 9:00 PM PDT

To vote online, please visit: www.onefeather.ca/nations/squamish

Click the **RED** button “Sign Up” or “Vote Now” and follow the instructions provided. You will be required to provide your Registry Number (this is your 10-digit Status card number - starting with "555..."), Date of Birth, and a personal email address. If you require assistance, please call or email OneFeather Support using the information below.

VOTE IN-PERSON

MAY 31, 2025 - 9:00 AM TO 9:00 PM

SQUAMISH, BC

SQUAMISH NATION TOTEM HALL

1380 STAWAMUS RD, V8B 0B5

WEST VANCOUVER, BC

CHIEF JOE MATHIAS CENTRE

100 CAPILANO RD, V7P 0A7

VOTE BY MAIL-IN BALLOT

Voting by mail-in ballot will be available by request. An eligible voter may request a mail-in ballot from the chief voting officer using the contact information below. The voter will be required to verify their identity.

PLEASE NOTE that all members of Squamish Nation who are eighteen (18) years of age or older as of May 31, 2025, are eligible to vote in this referendum. Please visit the website listed below for information and online voting instructions.

Dated April 1, 2025.
Brett Bilyk, Chief Voting Officer

For more information, please contact OneFeather:
Email: voterhelp@onefeather.ca | Toll Free: 1-855-923-3006
Phone support is available weekdays from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm Pacific Time
209-852 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C., V8W 1H8
www.onefeather.ca/nations/squamish

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Guide to Digital Voting

You will need the following:

✉

A personal email address

📅

Your date of birth

🆔

Your status or citizenship number

🔒

Voting pin number (will be sent to your email)

Scan the QR code to get started →

Or go directly to members.onefeather.ca

First, you'll need to create and confirm your OneFeather account

1 Enter your personal email

2 Create a password

3 Check your email & confirm

4 Click on Digital Voting

When you're ready to vote, it's easy and secure

5 Connect to your Nation

6 Find the voting event

7 Confirm your information

8 Enter the PIN emailed to you

support.onefeather.ca

voterhelp@onefeather.ca

1-855-923-3006 (toll free)

250-384-8200 (office)

Phone support is available Monday - Friday, 9:30am to 4:30pm PST
Please leave a message if we're unable to take your call.

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Employment & Future Skills
Stitsma Career Centre

Empower Your Future with Stitsma Career Centre

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



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1221 Chief Billy Drive, Squamish Valley


UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

Empower Your Future with Stitsma Career Centre

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

**SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

We are hiring for positions in both the Squamish Valley and North Vancouver.

Wage: \$25.68/hour

Requirements:

- Full-time student (previous school year and registered for Fall)
- Ages 15+
- Valid ID
- Criminal record check
- Additional forms to be completed

Apply by June 7



**SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
FOR POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS**

We are hiring for positions in both the Squamish Valley and North Vancouver.

Wage: \$27.68/hour

Requirements:

- Full-time student (previous school year and registered for Fall)
- Ages 15-29
- Valid ID
- Criminal record check
- Additional forms to be completed

Apply by June 7



NEW JOB POSTINGS

MAY 20, 2025



Peer Worker | Term Full-Time
Yúustway Health and Wellness
Squamish Valley, BC

Occupational Therapist | Permanent
Full-time Yúustway Health and
Wellness North Vancouver, BC

Special Projects Manager |
Permanent Full-time Ta na wa Cheńtm
– Chair and Council Office North
Vancouver, BC

Post-Secondary Advocate |
Permanent Full-time Ta7Inewás
Education North Vancouver, BC

DEVELOP YOUR CAREER
WITH THE NATION



Questions? Need help applying?
604-985-8335 | careers@squamish.net
Chéńchenstway (Human Resources) connects
with all Squamish People who apply for
positions with Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw. We
look forward to receiving your application and
supporting your professional growth with the
Nation.

squamish.net/careers



See all
jobs &
apply



SPRINGTIME

HONOURING GROUP

GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

SUPPORTING THOSE THROUGH GRIEF & LOSS & ACKNOWLEDGING THEIR JOURNEYS.

EACH SESSION WILL CONCLUDE WITH A GROUP CEDAR BRUSH OFF FROM ELDER ALAN HARRY.

DATE: EVERY WEDNESDAY, MAY 14- JUNE 18, 2025

TIME: 5:00PM -7:00PM

SHAKER CHURCH, 1365 CHIEF BILLY DRIVE, SQUAMISH VALLEY

Facilitated by Steph Matthews and Ben Lewis.
For any questions, please call Jenna at 604-982-7816 or email wellness@squamish.net





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Yúustway Health & Wellness
Community Health & Wellness



Walking Forward Ceremony Honouring Sixties Scoop Survivors

Ayás Méhmen would like to invite all Skwxwú7mesh People to join them in “Walking Forward”, an event honouring Sixties Scoop survivors from our community.

This will be a cultural ceremony of Squamish ways, including blanketing, brushing off, and blessing of the survivors. The focus of the event is healing and acceptance, and to acknowledge the harm endured.

- **May 25** | 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm | Chief Joe Mathias Centre

Lunch will be provided and participants will also receive a small medicine pouch as part of their gifts.

If you would like to join us, please confirm your attendance with the Ayas Men Men team by calling **604-985-4111**.

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SQUAMISH NATION WALKING GROUP

**NO REGISTRATION
REQUIRED!**

**OPEN TO AGES
16+**

Step into wellness with our weekly walking group—happening every Tuesday, rain or shine! Enjoy beginner-friendly walks, meaningful wellness chats, and great company. Walks will journey 40 minutes from the starting point and return. Please bring a water bottle and wear comfortable footwear.

WHEN: EVERY TUESDAY 5:30PM-7:00PM
MAY 13TH, 2025 - SEPT 9TH, 2025

WHERE: MEET OUTSIDE YUUSTWAY HEALTH & WELLNESS
380 WELCH ST UNIT 9A

For any questions, email wellness@squamish.net or call Jenna at 604-982-7816

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Health & Wellness
Community Health & Wellness



Walker Maintenance & Equipment Education Clinic

With Davies Home Health

Is your walker or wheelchair due for a tune up?

Bring it to Yúustway (Health & Wellness)'s Walker Maintenance & Equipment Education Clinic for some basic maintenance. Davies Home Health will be there and can help answer your questions about other medical equipment at home.

- May 30 | 9 am - 3 pm | Totem Hall, Stawamus Room

For any questions, reach out to Caroline Perrin at caroline_perrin@squamish.net, or 236-877-7782.

Event Details:

May 30

Totem Hall,
Stawamus Room

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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Are you protected against measles?

Measles is a highly contagious disease but the vaccine can prevent serious illness.

Contact our Public Health Nursing Team to check your own or your child's immunization records. You can also check medical records through the BC Health Gateway online: healthgateway.gov.bc.ca

If you are interested in more information,
please contact the Kal'númet Primary Care Clinic at
604-985-2052

The measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccine is routinely given at 12 months and 4-6 years of age. If you're planning on travelling with young children, talk to your immunization provider about getting a dose before these ages.



First Nations Health Authority
Health through wellness



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Health & Wellness
Kal'númet Primary Care



MEASLES

What you need to know

Measles is a highly contagious virus that can be very serious. Vaccination is the most effective way to prevent transmission and illness.

Symptoms

Rash

Cough

Red, watery eyes

Runny nose

High fever

Other symptoms may include ear infections, lung infections or diarrhea

In severe cases, measles can be fatal

- Measles spreads when someone who has measles coughs or sneezes.
- It can also stay in the air and on things like tables or toys for a long time. 90% of people who haven't been vaccinated or had measles before will be infected if they are around someone who is sick with measles.

Prevention

- Talk to our Public Health Nurses about protection against measles.
- You can also check your medical records to see if you or your child is vaccinated against measles through the BC Health Gateway online: healthgateway.gov.bc.ca

What else can you do?

- ✓ Stay home if you are sick.
- ✓ Wash your hands to protect others.
- ✓ If you have symptoms and need to be assessed, call ahead so the clinic can protect others.
- ✓ Stay up-to-date on your Measles vaccine.



Contact Kal'númet Primary Care Clinic
Phone: 604-985-2052
Email: kpc_medicalclinic@squamish.net



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Kal'númet Primary Care



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

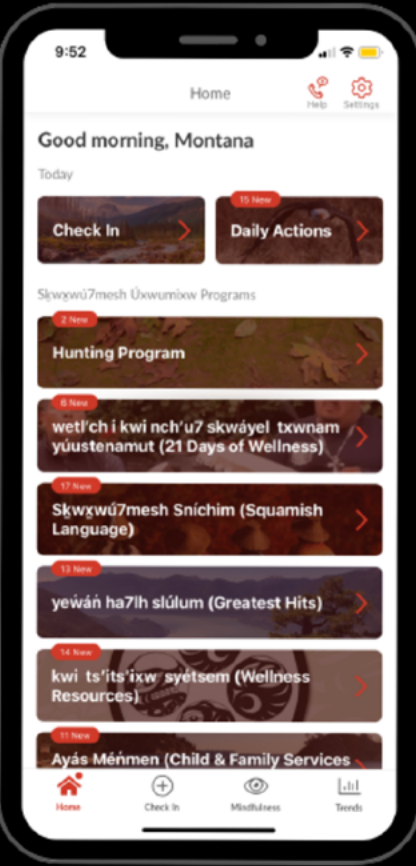


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Community Health & Wellness



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: Salmon Teachings

This program shares the importance of fishing with respect—honouring salmon by giving to Elders first and returning remains to the water, guided by values of gratitude, balance, and care for the land.

View all of the teachings by May 31 to be entered to win Two hand-carved fish prizes—one by Troy Baker and one by Lawrence Joseph

Download the app today

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



For more information visit our website taskwalwentn.com

Need help? Have questions? Call or text: 613-888-7986, or email: hello@taskwalwentn.com

SQUAMISH VALLEY REC

FAMILY SWIM NIGHT

FOR SQUAMISH NATION/COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO RESIDE IN SQUAMISH VALLEY

DATES: MAY 14, 21, & 28 2025

TIMES: 7:00-10:00PM

WHERE: 1009 CENTENNIAL WAY BRENNAN PARK

PARENT PARTICIPATION MANDATORY



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Squamish Valley Operations
Recreation

SQUAMISH VALLEY REC

FAMILY

Camp Fire Night



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

MAY 22, 2025
5:30-7:30PM
979 AXEN RD -
WAI WA KUM TEEN CENTRE
FOOD INCLUDED

Looking for community story teller
 CONTACT: SQUAMISHRECREATION@SQUAMISH.NET



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LET'S MOVE

SQUAMISH VALLEY MEMBERS

Attend 12 adult fitness/sports classes and receive a smoothie gift card on us!

For Squamish Nation members, community members who reside in Squamish Valley.

You can obtain your punch card from Recreation staff during program hours.

Any questions: squamishrecreation@squamish.net



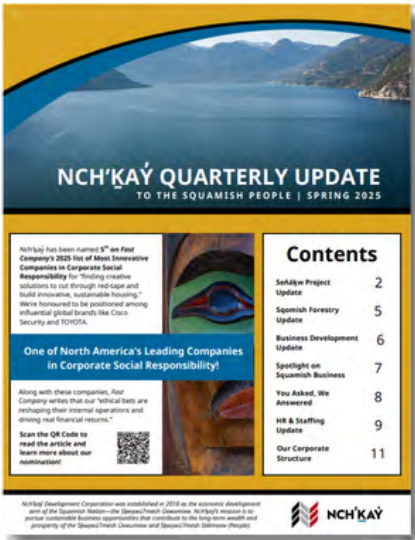
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 Recreation

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2025 SPRING QUARTERLY UPDATE

The newest issue of our
*Quarterly Update to the
Squamish People*
is now available!

Scan the QR code or visit
www.nchkay.com/updates
to read it online



INSIDE THIS ISSUE, YOU'LL FIND:

- Seákw art and construction updates;
- Featured news from Sqomish Forestry;
- Cheekeye Debris Barrier milestones;
- Our staffing demographics;
- And much more!

Prefer to read it in print? Pick up a copy in-person at the NV or SV Elders Centres, the Squamish Nation office, Eslha7an Learning Centre, Education Department, Training & Trades Centre, Totem Hall, or CJMC — or, you can sign up to receive a print copy of our Quarterly Updates delivered by mail.

If you or a family member would like to sign up to receive a copy by mail, complete the form at the top of the page linked above or email us at communications@nchkay.com.

Please note that mail service is offered to Squamish People only.



336 West 4th Street
North Vancouver, BC
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(604) 210-9126
info@hiyamhousing.com
www.hiyamhousing.com

SNARP Squamish Nation Assistance with Rent Program Additional Funding 2025 – 2026

To support our community affected by the health and housing crisis, the Skw̓xwú7mesh Nation Council has approved additional funding for SNARP Year 5. This funding is for one year only.

If you are a current regular recipient of SNARP, you will not apply to this funding stream, instead, you will receive a renewal application from Hiyám Housing.

Administered by Hiyám Housing, this program will provide eligible tenants with up to *\$250 - \$750 per month*. The supplement is designed to help low and moderate-income Skw̓xwú7mesh People/renters facing financial hardship. Those currently living in housing with rent subsidized by any level of government will not qualify for this program. Refer to the program guide on the website for more information.

As there is limited funding, applicants may be selected through a lottery process.

- To apply for this program:
- Submit a completed and signed application along with all supporting documents must be received by 4:00 pm (PST) on June 5, 2025. Completed applications can be emailed to snarp@hiyamhousing.com, dropped off, or mailed to:

snarp@hiyamhousing.com

or

Hiyám Housing
Squamish Nation Assistance with Rent Program (SNARP)
336 West 4th Street
North Vancouver, BC, V7M 1J1

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Hearing Loop Launch Event

May 28, 12–2 PM

in Council Chambers at Municipal Hall



Calling all hearing aid users, help us
celebrate our new hearing loop!

Drop in at any time.

An audiologist will be on site to help you
learn how to use a hearing loop.

Refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP to kkidner@squamish.ca



UBC / Woodfibre LNG Indigenous Governance and Conservation Fellowship

Led by Professor Jeffrey Sayer and collaborators at the UBC Faculty of Forestry, this research initiative focuses on how conservation efforts can better support and be guided by the leadership, knowledge, and priorities of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs). This will be a comparative study and will include examples from several countries in order to enable learning about what is working and why. A major emphasis will be placed on working in close collaboration with IPLCs in each country. The full list of locations has not been finalised but the study will include locations in British Columbia, Indonesia and either China or a Congo Basin country. All researchers will engage in more than one country/landscape.

The research contributes to one of the most urgent global goals of our time: protecting 30% of the planet’s land and oceans by 2030 (the “30x30” target). Instead of focusing only on remote protected areas, the work explores how active, working landscapes—including forests, coastlines, and production lands—can contribute to biodiversity goals, especially when stewardship is led by Indigenous and local communities.

One of the Canadian research areas will be around the Átl’ka7tsem / Howe Sound UNESCO Biosphere Region, where the Squamish Nation holds deep ancestral and ongoing relationships to land and sea. The project aims to support conservation strategies grounded in both traditional knowledge and contemporary governance. Howe Sound presents a living example of how biodiversity conservation, economic activity, and Indigenous stewardship can co-exist and shape one another. The Squamish Nation’s involvement is foundational to the work, both in guiding research questions and in co-developing scenarios for land and marine use.

Across field sites in British Columbia, Indonesia and other countries, the team will be guided by Sayer et al. (2013) and will:

- Partner with communities in areas like Howe Sound, the Nass Valley, and multiple sites in Indonesia to explore how conservation can be integrated with forestry, fisheries, aquaculture and extractive industries, in landscapes.
- Work alongside indigenous communities, for instance Squamish Nation knowledge holders to understand the future they envision for their landscape, and how research can support their leadership.
- Use visual storytelling, interviews, governance analysis, and data science to explore how conservation can be effective and equitable in real-world, lived-in places.
- Share findings in ways that are useful to governments, NGOs, and international biodiversity policy efforts, with a focus on inclusive and ethical approaches to conservation.

- The Indonesian case studies will provide a comparative lens, focusing on similar questions of land use, biodiversity, and community governance in fast-changing forest and coastal regions.

Who This Is For

We’re seeking graduate students who are passionate about:

- Conservation that respects and is guided by Indigenous governance, rights, and knowledge
- Working in direct partnership with indigenous communities shaping the future of their lands and waters
- Bridging research and practice—whether through science, storytelling, or policy engagement for instance following Boedhihartono (2012)
- Collaborating across disciplines and cultures, in places like Howe Sound, northern BC, and locations in Indonesia guided by Sayer and Campbell (2004)
- Tackling real-world environmental challenges with humility, curiosity, and a commitment to justice, Sayer et al. (2003)
- Students will be part of a well-established, international research network based at UBC’s ***Faculty of Forestry and Environmental Stewardship***, with opportunities for deep community engagement, fieldwork, mentorship, and policy impact.

Entitlements

Students accepted into the program will receive funding to cover their UBC tuition – whether it be a MSc or PhD and a stipend to cover living costs.

Expression of Interest

If you are interested, please send Amar Athwal, Director of Indigenous Relations at Woodfibre LNG an email at amar_athwal@wlng.ca with your resume, detailing your educational background and a brief 250-word expression of interest. The deadline to apply is **June 1**. Screening will be completed by **June 15** and finalize selection for the single available placement will be made by **June 30** (fall 2025 start date projected).

Note:

This document sets out the general aims of the program and detailed research and operational planning will take place in each of the project locations and will involved local actors



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