



# Syétsém tl'a Sxexelhnát

News of the Week

Monday, November 3, 2025



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Honouring

## Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw

*We welcomed our new council, chairperson and band manager in an Oath Signing Ceremony October 28.*





# Oath Swearing Ceremony



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## Community coming together to celebrate Squamish Nation’s newly elected Council

On October 28, the Squamish Nation community gathered at the Chief Joe Mathias Centre to celebrate the official Oath Swearing Ceremony for the Nation’s newly elected Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw (Chairperson and Council), who will serve over the next four years.

Each of the 15 councillors, along with the chairperson and band manager, took their oath of office, pledging to uphold the values, responsibilities, and vision of the Squamish Nation in the presence of community members, Elders, and special guests from local municipalities.

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# Squamish Nation Ticket Lottery

## Closes on November 17, 2025

Enter online at:

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/2025-sn-ticket-lottery](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2025-sn-ticket-lottery)

The ticket lottery is open once a year for eight weeks. As tickets are provided to the Nation, staff will conduct draws from this pool of names.

The lottery includes sports tickets such as Canucks and Warriors, but also other types of event tickets given to the Nation.

If you win tickets for an event that you are not interested in, your name can go back in the draw if you decline within 48 hours.



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**Ticket lottery entry form closes:**  
**November 17, 2025**

To enter the ticket lottery over the phone, please contact Chair & Council Office staff at **604-980-4553**.

# GATHERING OUR MEDICINE

## KINSHIP CIRCLE



**every thursday**  
**October 16th–December 4th**

**5:00 PM – 7:30 PM**

**Location: Ayás Ménmen**  
**Wellness Building unit 1B- 380 Welch**

**Intended for: Parents, caregivers, and kinship care providers.**  
**Anyone caring for Squamish Children and Youth**

The GOM program provides opportunities for families to understand the impacts of colonial history on parenting while focusing on the resilience and healing that are embedded within Skwxwú7mesh ways of knowing and being.

**Meal will be provided. Child-minding available on request. Please register via the Jot Form.**



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**Úxwumixw**

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[amm\\_wellness@squamish.net](mailto:amm_wellness@squamish.net)

<https://form.jotform.com/250636878494271>



# FAMILY WELLNESS MONTH

Ayás Méhmen (Child & Family Services) is planning events in November to honour our families, create space for connection, and spend time together in fun and healthy ways. There will be events hosted in North Vancouver (NV) and Squamish Valley (SV).

## FAMILY EVENTS

**November 8 – Movie & Pizza (SV)**

**November 9 – Sea to Sky Gondola (SV)**

**November 22 – Teaching Powwow (NV)**

**November 29 – Honouring a Life (NV)**

**November 17 – Recreation passes**

More information about events, visit:

[www.squamish.net/family-month](http://www.squamish.net/family-month)



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**Skwxwú7mesh  
Úxwumixw**

Ta7Inewás  
Education  
Advocacy, Support & Assessment



## READING | WRITING | MATH SNACKS PROVIDED

Students are encouraged to bring their homework, projects, or any assignments they are working on.

### **Mondays**

**Grade 4 to Grade 7**

From 3:15PM to 5:00PM

ASA building, Unit 5, 380 Welch St,  
West Vancouver, BC

### **Tuesdays**

**Kindergarten to Grade 3**

From 3:15PM to 5:00PM

ASA building, Unit 5, 380 Welch St,  
West Vancouver, BC

**Please contact us to register. Transportation may be available.  
After school program follows the public school schedule.**

PLEASE CONTACT ADVOCACY, SUPPORT & ASSESSMENT IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS:

**EMAIL:** [sn\\_asa@squamish.net](mailto:sn_asa@squamish.net)

**PHONE:** 604-982-7600



## STITSMA CAREER CENTRE




# LOOKING FOR WORK?

**CHECK OUT THE STITSMA JOB BANK FOR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

OVER 40 JOBS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE AND NEW JOB OPPORTUNITIES POSTED WEEKLY

## POSITIONS INCLUDE:

-  **FORTISBC REPRESENTEE (STREET TEAM)**  
Fortis BC
-  **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CLERK**  
BA Blacktop Group
-  **ASSISTANT FRONT OFFICE MANAGER**  
Vail Resorts

\* PLEASE SEE INDIVIDUAL JOB POSTINGS FOR REQUIREMENTS AND MORE INFORMATION

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OR CONTACT US AT

✉ stitsma\_career@squamish.net

☎ 604-985-7711

**STAY UP TO DATE WITH OUR LATEST TRAINING PROGRAMS AND JOB UPDATES**

 EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING SQUAMISH NATION

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## — FISH JARRING WORKSHOP —

# TA SḶEḶXW KWIS LI7T CHET

'a gathering in order for us to store food'

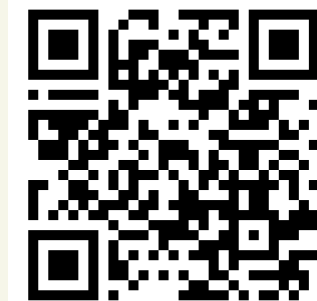


**WHEN: NOVEMBER 9, 2025 10AM-4PM**  
**WHERE: CHIEF JOE MATHIAS CENTRE**

**COME AND LEARN HOW TO JAR SALMON, AND TAKE YOUR JARS HOME AFTER. SALMON PROVIDED.**

**FOR ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT: 604-982-7816 OR WELLNESS@SQUAMISH.NET**

Scan to register! Open  
October 29<sup>th</sup> 1:30PM -  
November 5<sup>th</sup> 1:30PM.



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Health & Wellness  
Community Health & Wellness



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# Iháwatsut chet 'we will heal ourselves'

**NOVEMBER 28, 2025**

**4:30PM - 7:30PM, CHIEF JOE MATHIAS CENTRE**

The Community Health & Wellness team invites you to uphold and honour one another at our Addictions Awareness Event. With the help of our external partners, join us for an evening of food, entertainment, and connection. We welcome you to come as you are and participate to your comfort level.

## AGENDA

4:45pm - Opening Prayer

4:55pm - Opening remarks & overview of activities

5:10pm - Food & community sharing

6:00pm - Mental Wellness speaker

6:15pm - Guest speakers

6:45pm - Blanketing

7:20pm - Closing Prayer

Questions? Require transportation? Email [wellness@squamish.net](mailto:wellness@squamish.net) or call 604 982 7816

# Women's Health Workshop na mí ha7halhí7 ta slhánaý (Woman who are becoming well)

A 3-hour workshop facilitated by Naturopath, Dr Georgia Kyba. Featuring presentations from Yuustway Public Health Nurses and cedar weaving. Dinner & beverages provided.



November 26<sup>th</sup>,  
5:00PM - 8:00PM



380 Welch Street,  
Unit 9A

**Scan to register!**  
**Registration open**  
**November 14<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30PM**  
**to November 21<sup>st</sup> @**  
**1:30PM**



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Health & Wellness  
Community Health & Wellness





**When Ta na wa Yúus ta Stitúyntsám (Rights and Title Department) met with members in the Summer, there was a request for more information on what is happening with the FortisBC Eagle Mountain Gas Pipeline Project. We asked them to provide an update on some commonly asked questions below:**

**Eagle Mountain – Woodfibre Pipeline (EGP) Project Questions and Answers**

- **How many workers are in town? When will peak be reached?**
- In August 2025, there were 37 local workers and 523 non-local workers working on-site per day in Squamish on average.
- The workforce will continue to be refined as construction progresses and actual on-site workforce numbers will be tracked and reported. It is anticipated that the workforce will fluctuate throughout the remainder of the construction period, with peaks in workforce in 2025 right now and likely occurring again in mid-2026.
- **Where are the shuttles used to reduce traffic?**
- There are currently six round trips from the Mountain Retreat Hotel to the Squamish Yacht club daily.
- In an effort to manage EGP Project non-local workforce presence in Squamish during peak construction, FortisBC or its construction Contractor(s) are also providing multi-passenger marine vessels to transport workers to and from the Indian Arm barge landing in order to access work sites in the southern portion of the Indian River Valley.
- **What community safety initiatives has FortisBC committed to?**
- FortisBC has sought to reduce potential workforce impacts from the EGP Project. As part of this commitment, we have a number of initiatives in place, including:
  - In-person gender and cultural safety training for the EGP Project workforce. The training provides an overview of Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw culture and includes building awareness of gender and cultural safety, anti-racism, and risks related to violence faced by Indigenous women and girls and people with diverse gender identity or expression.
  - As of the end of September, more than 660 workers have been trained this year.
  - Health and medical clinic for EGP Project workers’ use in Squamish, supporting their mental health and overall well-being.
  - A third-party reporting line for any member of the public to call or email about alleged conduct by an EGP Project worker occurring within the Indian River Watershed area and a 10-kilometre area around the District of Squamish in violation of the After Hours and Respect for Community section of the EGP Project Worker Code of Conduct, including harassment or violence.

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- Respectful Community Conduct line: 1-855-514-6644.
- <https://talkingenergy.ca/projects/eagle-mountain-woodfibre-gas-pipeline-project/respectful-community-conduct-line>
- Rights & Title and FortisBC are also finalizing a Community Gender and Cultural Safety Program Document which summarizes the safety measures and initiatives that FortisBC has implemented - and will continue to implement - during project construction to support community gender and cultural safety, and to address concerns raised of potential disproportionate effects such as exacerbated violence or harassment on distinct subgroups, including Indigenous women and girls.
- **Any road closures coming up?**
- FortisBC posts road closure information on our Talking Energy website. To ensure safety and facilitate coordination for traditional and cultural purposes. Please send any member access requests to **Whitney Joseph** at [swiyat@squamish.net](mailto:swiyat@squamish.net) a week prior to required access.

**How FortisBC provides updates....**

**FortisBC have promoted how they are reducing workforce impacts, as well as their community initiatives on our Talking Energy website, including:**

- Between June 16-30 FortisBC had an advertising campaign to highlight a blog on Gender and Cultural Safety training. This included social media advertising, and a Squamish Chief ad.
- On July 14, FortisBC’s newsletter included the Gender and Cultural Safety training blog, Coldest Night of the Year fundraiser, Squamish Enduro trail collaboration, Pitch-in Week participation, as well as a Squamish construction update
- On July 21, FortisBC launched a two-week advertising campaign to promote the project webpage and e-newsletter sign- up. This included social media advertising, and a Squamish Chief ad.
- On September 18, there was another ad placement in Squamish Chief: Reducing workforce impacts -- highlighting the Respectful Community Conduct Line

FortisBC have let us know they're committed to continuing to ensure project information remains accessible. They are grateful to the Ta na wa Yúus ta Stitúyntsám (Rights and Title Department) for providing FortisBC this opportunity to reach out directly to Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw members via this newsletter.

FortisBC welcomes further ideas on how best to share updates that work for the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw community - please feel free to contact the FortisBC team at [egp@fortisbc.com](mailto:egp@fortisbc.com) or [1-855-380-5784](tel:1-855-380-5784). You can also sign up for the FortisBC email newsletter for the latest on construction activities.

Please contact Whitney Joseph at [swiyat@squamish.net](mailto:swiyat@squamish.net) or **778-966-1117** if you have any further questions.



# Client Connection Session

## INCOME ASSISTANCE

Ha7lh Skwáyel (Good Day!)

### JOIN US TO:

- Get the latest updates on IA services
- Meet the Outreach team members
- Ask questions and learn about the support available

### WHEN:

Tuesday, Nov 18, 2025  
10:30–1:00 p.m.

### WHERE:

Eslha7an Learning Centre  
345 5th Street West, North  
Vancouver  
(Activity room)

### BRUNCH PROVIDED

Sign-up required by Nov 17, register by email or in person at the office (no phone sign-ups)



Attend the full session to be exempt from job search this month and receive a \$75 Walmart gift card!  
\*\*\* Must stay the full 2.5 hours and arrive on time (within 10 minutes).

# Income Assistance Notice

IMPORTANT DATES – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

### ACTION PLAN FOR EMPLOYABLE CLIENTS

- Employable clients **must complete an Action Plan with Stitsma Employment monthly.**
- **Please book your appointments in advance** to meet your deadline.
- If you miss the deadline, your cheque will be delayed by 3–10 business days.
- **No monthly check-in = No cheque.**

### NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT

- Provide your **Notice of Assessment for 2024, 2023, and 2022.**
- **IA requires a copy for your file**, which you will receive by mail or online after filing your taxes
- **File your taxes every year** to confirm eligibility for IA.

### ANNUAL RENEWAL

- Ensure your **Annual Renewal** is completed each year.
- Contact your worker to complete this process.

### BILLS

- **Send your BC Hydro & Fortis bills** as soon as you receive them.

Update your worker with any changes to **Identification, Address, Phone Number**, when your child turns 18/19, if expecting a child, or when you turn 64/65.

*Tell your worker if someone moves in or out of your household. This affects your bills/rent. If there are changes, **fill out a new Occupancy Form***

### MONTHLY DECLARATIONS 2025

- Declaration Day is now **1 day** per month.
- **Declarations must be submitted IN PERSON** at Eslha7an Learning Center.
- **Late submissions may DELAY benefit payments by 3–10 business days.**

#### DECLARATION DAY

SEPT 10  
OCT 15  
NOV 12  
DEC 3

#### CHEQUE ISSUE DATE

SEPT 24  
OCT 29  
NOV 26  
TBA

### CLIENT APPOINTMENTS

- **NO WALK-INS – Please book an appointment with the receptionist.**
- Appointments will be scheduled at the **earliest available time.**

Please contact the Income Assistance team for any further questions.

Phone: 604-988-8807 / Fax: 604-998-8917

E-mail: [income\\_assistance@squamish.net](mailto:income_assistance@squamish.net)







Join us at the

**2025**

# Annual Gathering for Squamish People

**Friday, Nov. 21, 5:30-8:30 pm**  
Chief Joe Mathias Centre

**Saturday, Nov. 22, 12:00-3:00 pm**  
Totem Hall

**Tuesday, Dec. 2, 6:00-8:00 pm**  
Online



Pre-register today!

**Learn · Connect · Engage**



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www.hiyamhousing.com

## Opportunities for Affordable Housing in North Vancouver

Hiyám' Housing is partnered with Hollyburn Community Services Society to offer affordable rental rates to Squamish People.

Applications are currently being accepted for three housing opportunities available at Hollybrook Apartments on 600 West Queens Road in North Vancouver.

The amount of each unit is based on Rent Geared to Income (RGI), a system that determines rental pricing based on family composition and gross household income.

The RGI units available include:

- Two 2-bedroom, 1-bathroom units (household income range from \$30,000 to \$72,000).
- One 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom unit (household income range from \$40,000 to \$86,000).

Hollybrook Apartments is a four-storey subsidized and affordable housing community for families and seniors. Each unit has been designed to provide comfortable and functional living spaces.

If you sign a lease agreement with Hollybrook, you can still apply to future Hiyám' Housing opportunities and/or remain on a Hiyám' Housing waitlist.

This application process requires multiple steps, please reach out to Hiyám' Housing at 604-210-9126 if you need help.

The deadline is Monday, November 17 by 5 p.m.

For details on how to apply and for a copy of the application form, please visit <https://hiyamhousing.com/apply-for-partner-housing/>



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