

October 23, 2025



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News of the Week

Some Important Upcoming Dates

Squamish Valley Fall Art Circles began	Oct. 16th
Community Burning (p. 8)	Oct. 24th
Fall Festival (p. 9)	Oct. 25th
Fall Immunization Series (North Shore) begins (p. 20)	Oct. 27th
Oath-signing Ceremony (p. 10)	Oct. 28th
Family Halloween Party (p. 23-24)	Oct. 29th
Yúusnewás Project — Inaugural Town Hall meeting (p. 11)	Nov. 1st
Honouring our Athletes (p. 12)	Nov. 2nd
Youth Career Conference (p. 16)	Nov. 7th
Fish Jarring Workshop (p. 21)	Nov. 9th
Davies Walker Maintenance & Education clinic	Nov. 10th
FNESC Information Session begins (p. 13)	Nov. 12th
Squamish Nation Ticket Lottery closes (p. 7)	Nov. 17th
Holiday Craft Fair	Nov. 29th
FIFA Local Licencing application deadline (p. 25)	Nov. 30th

IA Cheque Day: October 28th, 2025



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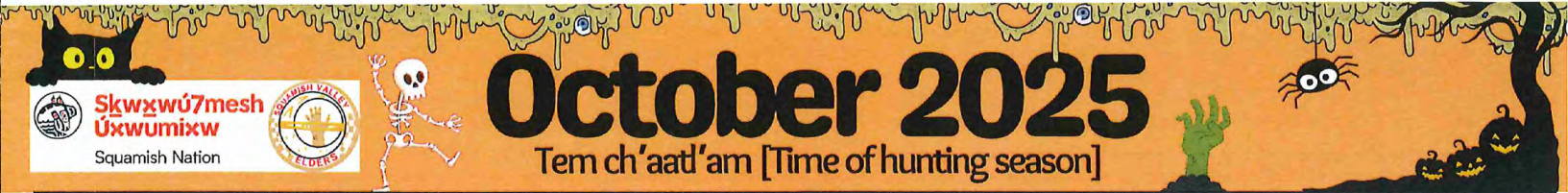
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SUNDAY Sxexelhnat	MONDAY Skwetkalhyes	TUESDAY Stsamyes	WEDNESDAY Schanxwyes	THURSDAY Sxaa7utsens	FRIDAY Stsiyachis	SATURDAY T'akw'entem
Legend: Unless stated, all programs will be at the Totem Hall Red: Birthdays Purple: Sign Up Required			Shirley T. 1 12:00 Lunch	2 FNHA with Angel Lunch	3 11 Bannock & Bingo	Vera D. + Doreen B. 4
5	6	Lorraine M. 7 No Program	8 YHW Health 12:00 Lunch	Linda W. 9 Moccasin Making 10 am Annette Fleury	Franny L. 10 Moccasin Making 10 am Annette Fleury 11 Wayne Mah	11
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26	27 Davies Walker Clinic	10:30 Brunch 28 Richard Band Trust 11 Fitness Mary	Colette S. 29 Adventure Center Lunch 12:00	30 12:00 Halloween Lunch	31	

LANGUAGE NEST

INTEREST CALLOUT

OCTOBER 2025

Why a language nest?

It is our collective vision to breathe new life into 1st-language speakers who will acquire fluency in the Skwxwú7mesh language within the Valley.

Who is eligible?

Children 0-5 Years with their Parents/Caregivers

Our aim is to bring up a new generation of fluent language speakers accompanied by their Parents/Caretakers who are looking forward to advancing the language within their homes.

Language nests are:

- Total Immersion** (No English): Passing on the language in a natural way through meaningful communication.
- Culturally-grounded**: Program design and activities are based on culture, to raise children in a nourishing and traditional way.
- Family/Community-based**: Day-to-day activities involves parents, families and the communities support.

Upcoming Events

- Information Session w/t light dinner provided on November 17th, 2025 5:30PM at The Education Portable
- Registration Deadline December 5th, 2025
- January Nest Opening (TBD)

History

The Māori and Hawaiians began nests in the 1980s. These were the stepping stones that created a huge revitalization movement.

Contact Info

Email: Virginia_johnston@squamish.net
Phone: 604.892.5166



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Health & Wellness
Health Benefits Advocacy
& Promotion

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.



Squamish Nation Ticket Lottery

Open September 23 - November 17, 2025

Enter online at:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/2025-sn-ticket-lottery

The 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 you are not interested in, your name can go back in the draw if you decline within 48 hours.

Ticket lottery entry form closes:
November 17, 2025

To submit the form over the phone, please contact Chair & Council Office staff at **604-980-4553**.



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~*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

(DD/MM/YYYY)

Compass Card:

☐ One Zone

\$2.²⁰ ea

Compass Card #:

☐ Two Zone

\$3.²⁵ ea

☐ Adult Day

\$10.⁰⁰ ea

☐ Monthly

\$126.⁰⁰ ea

HanyDART Fare Savers #

Zone:

HBA&P Signature

Date:

2025 Community Burning Annual Autumn Offerings *Burning for Your Own Family*



**When: Friday, October
24th, 2025**

**Where: WaiWaKum
(Brackendale) Cemetery**

Time:

- 11:00 AM — Cleaning Plots
- 12:00 PM — Table Set

**Please bring cooked
food to share —
small portions only,
please!**



Contact for more information: Patricia Brown
Squamish Nation Membership Services
604-892-5166 • 604-848-2232 • 604-815-9099

Tem *ekwáyanexw* FALL FESTIVAL

12-3 PM OCT.25TH
Totem Hall - Squamish Valley

**Door Prizes
By
Squamish Valley
Artists!**

**Pumpkin Carving
Beading • Hair-Braiding
Cultural Craft Booths
Knowledge Keepers
Games • Food • Music**



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Ayás Méhmen
Child & Family Services

**Bring Your
Drum!**

NEW DATE

Community invited to the
Oath Signing Ceremony

Community members are warmly invited to CJMC to join in witnessing and celebrating the special oath-signing ceremony, which marks the election of our new Council and Band Manager. We look forward to sharing this meaningful occasion with everyone. The celebration will begin with a meal shared together, followed by some words from our leadership, both past and present, accompanied by drumming and singing.

Date: Tuesday, October 28, 2025

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: Chief Joe Mathias Centre

Chet kw'enmantúmiyap (we thank you all) the outgoing Councillors, Chairperson and Band Manger for their dedication over the past four years.

We would also like to thank all the candidates who ran in the 2025 General Election.



SQUAMISH INDIAN COUNCIL

/ Council: 1930s-1940s

Transportation Schedule:

Squamish Valley Pick Up

Cheekeye - 3:00 pm
Brackendale - 3:15 pm
Mamquam - 3:30 pm
North Yards – 3:45 pm
Stawamus - 3:55 pm
Travel to CJMC – 3:55 pm

North Vancouver Pick Up

Seymour IR Mailboxes - 4:00 pm
Eslha7an Learning Centre - 4:20 pm
Mission Road & 1st Street - 4:25 pm
Jacobs Road & Jacobs Crescent - 4:40 pm
Mathias Road & Rivers Drive - 4:45 pm
Skawshen Road & Ikwikws Road - 4:50 pm



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**Yúusnewas Project
Inaugural Town Hall**

Yúusnewas is a Squamish Nation-led project to research and document the residential school experiences of our People at St. Paul's Indian Residential School.

We are pleased to announce the first Town Hall meeting:

**Saturday, November 1st
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

**Totem Hall
1380 Stawamus Dr.**

Additional Town Hall meetings will be announced in the coming weeks.

- Lunch will be served | No RSVP necessary
Wellness supports will be available
- Transportation is available (please call 236-308-4877)

*For more information, email yuusnewas@squamish.net
or visit the website: www.squamish.net/community-initiatives/yuusnewas*





Honouring our Athletes Celebration - November 2

Community members are invited to celebrate our past and present athletes at Chet wa wanáxws kwétsi'wit na kw'shétsut ta skw'éshetsut (we are honouring those who have played sports) on November 2.

We will be honouring Skwxwú7mesh athletes, coaches, teams, managers, and those who support our athletes.

Lunch and refreshments will be served in the Chief Joe Mathias Centre before the ceremony.

Date: Sunday, November 2, 2025

Time: 12 pm – 5 pm

Location: Kw'eshkw'shétsutay, Playing Place

100 Capilano Road, West Vancouver



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We encourage community members to wear your team jerseys or any team that you support. Find the transportation schedule on our website.

www.squamish.net/honouring-athletes-celebration

Information Sharing Opportunity for First Nations Parents: Building Our Capacity for Supporting Parent and Family Engagement in Education

Two Sessions Are Being Offered:
November 12 and 13, 2025 *or* January 19 and 20, 2026

The First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) and the First Nations Schools Association (FNSA) are pleased to announce an information sharing opportunity designed for First Nation parents who are interested in joining our workshop for Building our Capacity for Supporting Parent and Family Engagement in Education.

Two in-person sessions will provide an opportunity for parents to work together to build their capacity for family engagement in Education. Participating parents will:

- Learn about and discuss how to effectively use information and materials that have been developed to help families get involved in their childrens education, students do better in school and schools improve when parents and families are engaged.
- Learn from other parents about strategies like creating a positive home environment that celebrates education. We plan to facilitate an engaging and interactive session where your input, as a First Nation parent, is key.
- Supporting language and culture learning at home and what families can do to support this.

Day 1 – The Value of Family Engagement

- Attendance – what families should know, how to
- Positive Teacher-Student-Parent Relationships Provide the Foundation for Success
- Graduation and Career Planning
- Family Engagement – Providing Info for Families and a Review and Feedback on New Resources

Day 2 – What Can Schools do to Promote Family Engagement

- Listen to families involving a Table Talk and Share Out
- What can Schools Do? Recommendations for Educators
- Creating Supportive Home Learning Environments
- Promoting Wellness

Schedule

Day One: Breakfast 8:00 to 9:00 am. Workshop: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Day Two: Breakfast 8:00 to 9:00 am. Workshop: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Everyone interested is asked to register for one of the sessions using the following link or QR code ↑

1. Building Capacity for Supporting Parent and Family Engagement in Education

<https://survey.alchemer-ca.com/s3/50276000/Building-Capacity-for-Supporting-Parent-and-Family-Engagement-in-Education>

Space is limited and participants will be accepted on a first-come-first served basis **leave room in your suitcase for resources**. If session is full, you will be directed to our waitlist.

ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

Up to two First Nations Parents of each First Nation will be eligible to attend one of the scheduled sessions, which will take place in Richmond, Vancouver, BC.

Further details about the meeting location and hotel bookings will be provided to everyone who is accepted as a participant.

TRAVEL EXPENSES

Participants will be reimbursed for their travel and accommodation expenses, as well as all food and incidentals costs related to attendance, according to standard travel reimbursement policies. Travel claim forms will be provided to all accepted participants.



First Nations Education Steering Committee

First Nations Schools Association

Suite 113-100 Park Royal South, West Vancouver, BC V7T 1A2

Toll-free in BC 1-877-422-3672



Iháwatsut chet 'we will heal ourselves'

November 21, 2025 - Squamish Valley
Lunch served outside Totem Hall - 2:00PM

In honour of National Addictions Awareness Week

The Community Health & Wellness team invites you to uphold and honour one another for National Addictions Awareness Week.

We will be drumming and singing through each Squamish Valley community to honour those that struggle with addiction.

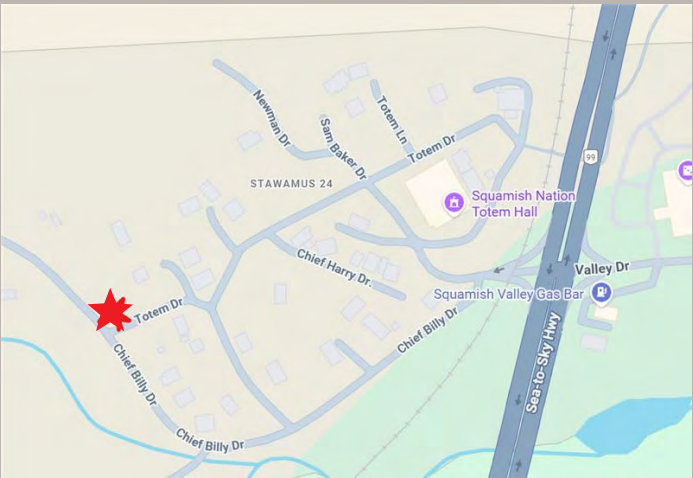
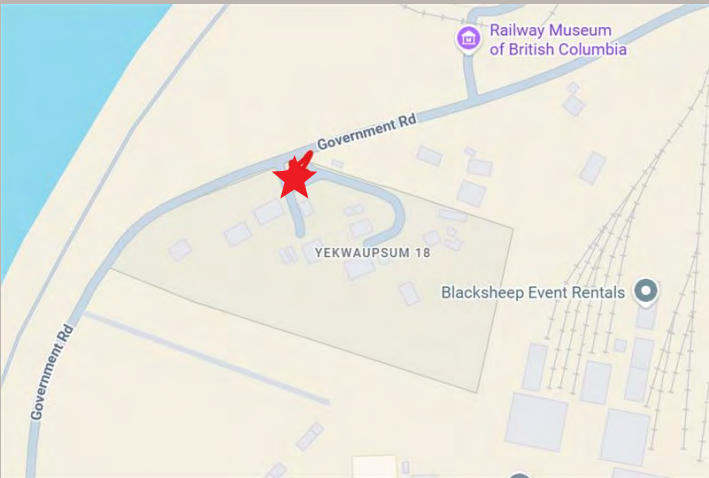
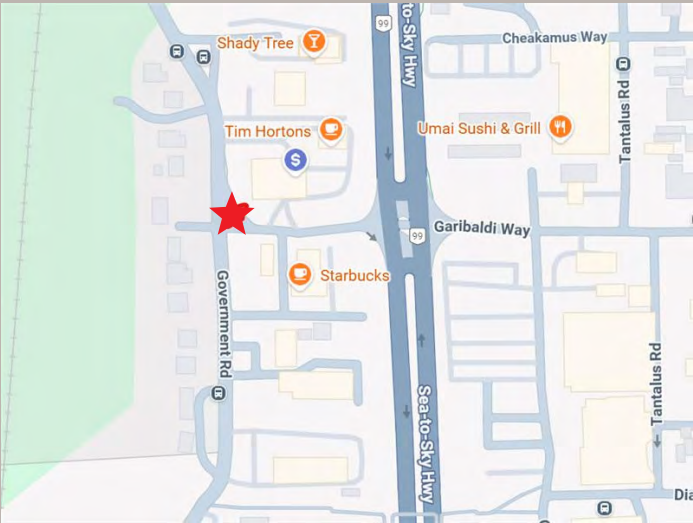
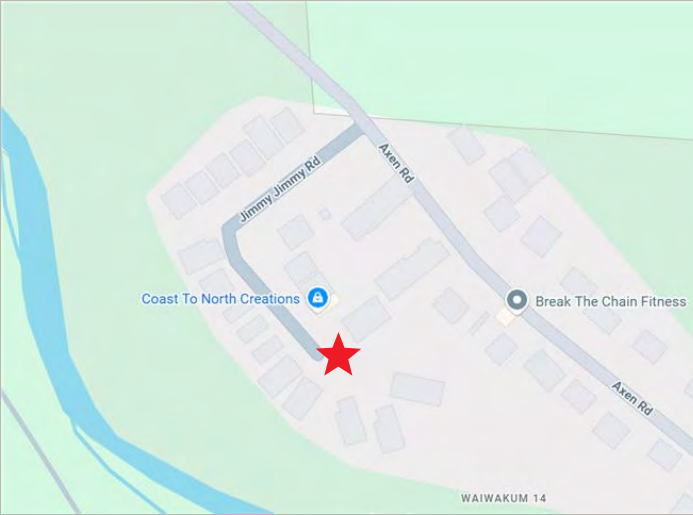
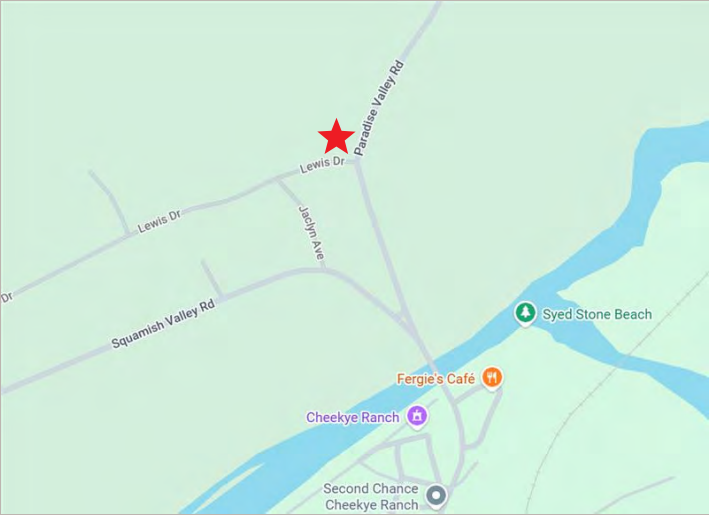
The day will conclude with take-away lunches distributed outside Totem hall at 2:00PM.



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AGENDA (see back for map)

- 10:00AM - Cheakamus / Cheekye
- 10:45AM - Wai wa kum / Brackendale
- 11:30AM - Eskékwí7ch t'l'a Sp'ákw'us Place / Hiyam Housing
- 12:30PM - Kowtain / Mamquam
- 1:00PM - Yekw'apsem / Northyards
- 1:30PM - Sta'á7mes / Stawamus
- 2:00PM - Lunch outside Totem Hall



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Stitsma Career Centre Presents:
**YOUTH CAREER
CONFERENCE**

November 7, 2025
9:00AM– 2:45PM

Chief Joe Mathias Centre
100 Capilano Rd

The Stitsma Career Centre invites Indigenous Youth currently in grades 8-12 to attend the Youth Career conference.

**Conference
Keynote Speakers**



Mindy Wright
Chief Executive Officer



Aidan Baker
Manager

SCAN TO REGISTER



Registration Deadline:
October 31:

**604-985-7711**

**Stitsma_career@squamish.net**

**Why
Participate?**

You can learn about potential career paths and job opportunities during our various workshops in a culturally supportive environment.

**What
Is Included:**

- Guest Speakers
- Career workshops
- Cultural workshops
- Employer Booths
- Post-Secondary Booths
- **Door Prizes!!!!**

New Job Postings

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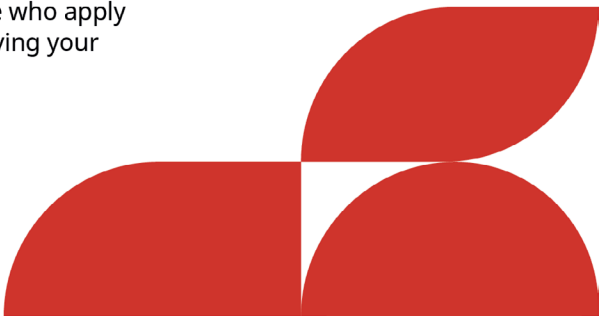
- Executive Assistant**
Permanent Full-Time | CAO Office |
North Vancouver, BC
- Child & Youth Mental Health Therapist**
Ayás Méhmen Wellness Services | Ayás
Méhmen Wellness Services |
North Vancouver, BC
- Account Payable Technician**
Permanent Full-Time | Estxwáyusem
Finance | North Vancouver, BC
- Mental Health Addictions Counsellor**
Full-time Term | Yúustway Health &
Wellness | North Vancouver, BC
- Jordans Principle Admin Coordinator
Project (JPACPL)**
Permanent Full -Time | Ayás Méhmen Child
and Family Services | West Vancouver, BC

Develop your career with the Nation

Questions? Need help applying? 604-985-8335 | careers@squamish.net

Chéichenstway (Human Resources) connects with all Squamish People who apply for positions with Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw. We look forward to receiving your application and supporting your professional growth with the Nation.

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We Lift Each Other Up Men's Circle

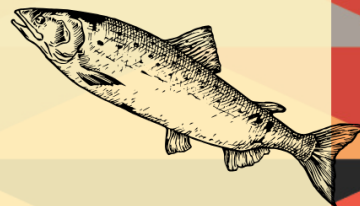
Strengthening the Family Circle: A Call to Grandfathers, Fathers, Uncles, Sons, and Nephews Meeting on the river and around the fire.

Starting September 13th, For 8 Saturdays

Time: 11:00 am

Location: Waiwakum Riverside

Transport available from SV Elder at each circle



Connecting with the Land: This includes foraging for wild foods, enjoying seasonal activities, and spending time on ancestral land.

Sharing Skills: Activities like fishing and traditional crafts are perfect for passing down knowledge and honoring skills together.

Snacks Provided

If you are interested, please email amm_wellness@squamish.net or contact Susanne PAULL 604-375-0973



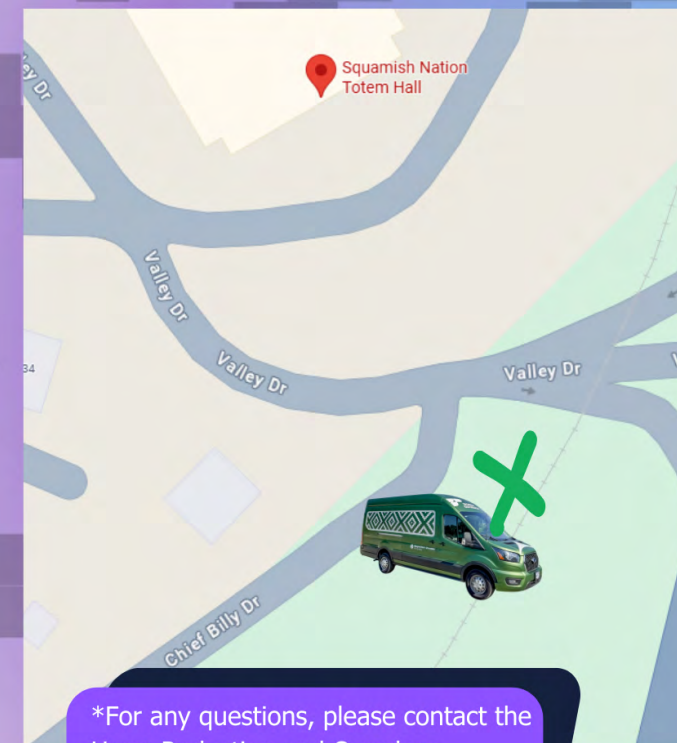
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Ayás Méhmen
Child & Family Services

Group Led by Steph Matthews



Drug Checking- Mondays, Squamish



Date: Every Monday

(cancellations will be posted on 'Squamish Nation Community Health and Wellness' Facebook page)

Time: 1:30PM-3:30PM

Location: Chief Billy & Stawamus, near Totem Hall

Services Offered:

- Drug checking (fentanyl and benzodiazepine strips)
- Snacks and Refreshments will be shared
- Connect with Peers with Lived Experience
- Safer Use Supplies
- Intramuscular and Intranasal Naloxone

All free and confidential, always.

*For any questions, please contact the Harm Reduction and Overdose Prevention Lead:

[Juhi Taya; 236-788-1977](mailto:Juhi.Taya@236-788-1977)



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Community Health & Wellness

North Shore Fall Immunization Series

Yúustway Health & Wellness

Do you and your family want to get prepared for the Winter Season?
Join the Squamish Nation Public Health Nurses in one of their three drop-in dates to get vaccinated for the flu, COVID-19, and Pneumonia.

Dates & Times



Monday, October 27th for Elders

1:00 - 4:00 PM

Chief Joe Mathias Centre: Eslha7an Room (East)
100 Capilano Rd., West Vancouver, BC V7P 0A7



Wednesday, October 29th for All ages

1:00 - 6:00 PM

Chief Joe Mathias Centre: Main Gym.
100 Capilano Rd., West Vancouver, BC V7P 0A7



Monday, November 3rd for All ages

1:00 - 5:00 PM

Eslha7an Learning Centre
345 5th St. W, North Vancouver, BC V7M 1K9

No registration needed. If you have any questions, please contact the Public Health Nurses

✉ publichealth@squamish.net ☎ 236-668-9653



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Health & Wellness

— FISH JARRING WORKSHOP — *TA SKEKXW 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 29th 1:30PM -
November 5th 1:30PM.



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Community Health & Wellness

Adult Programs Fall 2025/26

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Fit Nation Workout 6:00-7:00AM Pauline Baker</p> <p>Lunch time pickleball for SN/community members only 12:00-1:00PM</p> <p>Group Fitness 5:15-6:15PM Nicolas Castro</p> <p>Zumba 6:30-7:30PM Aparna Sharma</p> <p>Ball hockey 8:00-10:00PM</p>	<p>Lunch Time Circuit 12:00-1:00PM Mary Smith</p> <p>CO-ED Weightlifting 6:00-7:00PM Tony Xu</p> <p>Adult Kickboxing 8:00-9:00PM The Sound Martial Arts</p> <p>Basketball 8:00-10:00PM</p>	<p>Group Fitness 5:15-6:15PM Nicolas Castro</p> <p>Pickleball For SN/community members only 6:30-7:30PM</p> <p>Pickleball 8:00-10:00PM</p>	<p>Lunch Time Circuit 12:00-1:00PM Mary Smith</p> <p>CO-ED Weightlifting 6:00-7:00PM Tony Xu</p> <p>Crafting Club 5:00-7:00PM</p> <p>Volleyball 8:00-10:00PM</p>	



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Squamish Valley Operations
Recreation

Totem hall | 1380 Stawamus Rd Squamish BC | 604-892-5166
Squamish Nation and/or SN community members are free!
Non nation fee's: \$10.00 drop in (1 session)
& \$75.00 punch card (10 session)

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Private event for Squamish Nation
members and Community members
residing in Squamish Valley.

Squamish Valley Recreation

**FAMILY HALLOWEEN
PARTY**

**29 OCTOBER
6–8 PM**

Followed by Fireworks at waterfront at 8 pm.

Totem Hall

COME DRESSED IN YOUR CREEPIEST,
SILLIEST, OR MOST OUTRAGEOUS COSTUMES

Dinner, costume contest, crafts, best witch cackle contest.

email squamishrecreation@squamish.net for transportation.



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NOTE ABOUT FIREWORKS SHOW:

Following the Family Halloween Party on **October 29, 2025**, Recreation will be hosting a fireworks show, @ **8:15 – 8:35 pm** at the Stawamus waterfront on **Chief Billy Drive.** 🌟

- **Please note: this fireworks show has been approved by the Squamish Nation. The Recreation and Public Safety departments are working together to ensure this is a safe event.*

The general ban on fireworks is still in effect; individuals may not set off any other fireworks on Nation lands. Please inform Public Safety if you see any other fireworks being used.

Chen kw'enmántumi (Thank you.)



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Public Safety: 604-982-9938

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FIFA World Cup 26™ Local Licensing Opportunity

Help Bring Squamish Culture to the World

FIFA is offering a special opportunity for Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish)-owned businesses to become an Official Local Licensee for the FIFA World Cup 26™ in Vancouver.

As an Official Local Licensee, you can showcase Squamish culture and creativity by designing and selling exclusive, FIFA World Cup 26™ merchandise that will reach fans through wholesale, retail, or direct-to-consumer channels.

The submission deadline is **November 30**. FIFA will then review the applications and work with selected businesses to finalize licensing agreements.

**Scan the QR code with
your phone to apply now!**



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In case of after-hours emergency:

- **Public Safety:** 604-848-2261
- **Health & Wellness:** 604-982-7806
 - **Comm Ops:** 604-815-7116
- **Member Services:** 604-505-3776