



# Syétsem tl'a Sxexelhnát

News of the Week

Monday, February 9, 2026





## Returning to Seḥákw

Over a century ago, Squamish People were forcibly removed from our village at Seḥákw. Our homes were destroyed, but our connection to the land remained strong. In 2026 we are proud to invite our People home to Seḥákw and share this long-awaited moment with our community.

Phase One of Seḥákw includes three towers and will provide 1,409 homes with the first move-ins expected this summer. All homes are prioritized for Squamish People, with 63 units exclusively reserved for Squamish Members through Hiḡám Housing. Squamish People will have three pathways to live at Seḥákw.

**Guided by Úxwumixw 2050:** Seḥákw reflects our Generatoinal Plan for long-term housing to build security, stability, and belonging for current and future generations.



**Scan for Full Guide to Living at Seḥákw**

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### Three ways to live at Seḥákw:



01

Hiḡám Housing Homes

Rental homes with assistance for Squamish Nation Members, managed by Hiḡám Housing.

02

Affordable Homes

Below-market rental homes to support middle-income households.

03

Market Homes

Rental homes at typical market rates for households exceeding eligibility limits for Hiḡám Housing and Affordable Homes.

# ELH7ILHEN CHET ESK'ÉW'K'EW TA NEXWSXWNÍWNTM TA ÚXWUMIXW COMMUNITY TABLE: A MEAL WITH LEADERSHIP

**CHIEF JOE MATHIAS CENTRE**  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026  
4:00 - 8:00 PM (DROP-IN)

**TOTEM HALL**  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026  
4:00 - 8:00 PM (DROP-IN)



## A Community Dinner with your newly elected Leadership

Elders, families, youth, and all generations are warmly invited to join us for an evening of food and conversation as we get to know our newly elected leadership.

This gathering marks the first of many opportunities for the Chairperson, Council, and Band Manager to spend time with our community while connecting through conversations and building relationships across generations as we walk forward together.

Enjoy dinner, open conversation, and an evening of drumming and singing as we come together to celebrate community, culture, and connection.

*Have a seat at the table: Connect with your Community and Leadership. We look forward to gathering with you!*

**For any questions, please email [cco@squamish.net](mailto:cco@squamish.net) or call 604-980-4553**



## Honouring our Athletes Celebration NEW DATE: February 21

Community members are invited to a celebration to recognize our community athletes, coaches, teams, managers, and those who support our athletes.

We are hosting Chet wa wanáxws kwétsiwit na kw'shétsut ta skw'éshetsut (we are honoring those who have played sports) on February 21 at CJMC. We will be honoring past and present Skw̓wú7mesh athletes for a variety of sports that were nominated through an online application form in October 2025.

Lunch and refreshments will be served before the ceremony.

**Date: Saturday, February 21, 2026**  
**Where: Chief Joe Mathias Centre**  
**Time: 12 - 4 pm**



SCAN ME

We encourage community members to wear your team jerseys or represent your favorite sports team. We acknowledge the value in recognizing those who have played sports and will host this event annually.

Find the transportation schedule on the Squamish Nation website or scan the QR code.

[www.squamish.net/athletes-celebration](http://www.squamish.net/athletes-celebration)





# 2026 Sports & Recreation Grant

Cycle 1 now open! Deadline: March 9, 2026

The 2026 Sports and Recreation Grant - Cycle 1 is now open! Download an application at [squamish.net/sport-rec-grants](https://squamish.net/sport-rec-grants) or scan the QR code:



Submit your application by Monday, March 9, 2026, before 4:30 pm:

- Email: [rec@squamish.net](mailto:rec@squamish.net)
- Fax: Attention Justine Sobell, 604-980-8277
- Mail or personal delivery Attention: Justine Sobell, 100 Capilano Road, North Vancouver BC V7P 3P6

Please note: If you applied for and received funding for Cycle 2 in August 2025, you are not eligible to apply for this round.

If you have any questions, contact Justine Sobell at [Justine\\_Sobell@squamish.net](mailto:Justine_Sobell@squamish.net) or call 604-980-6338.



# HIV Community Wellness Initiative

# ÁYETSUT

(BEING CAREFUL WITH YOURSELF)

## CHIEF JOE MATHIAS CENTRE

MARCH 12, 2026, 4:00PM - 7:00PM

### Education, Sharing, and Care

Join us for an information session and learn about HIV wellness and how to care for yourself. **Testing opportunities**, lunch and care packages provided.

For questions, please email [Juhi\\_Tayal@squamish.net](mailto:Juhi_Tayal@squamish.net) or call 236 788 1977



Register here!



# INDIGENOUS YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE GATHERING OUR VOICES 2026

## YOUTH GRADES 8-12



**10 SPOTS AVAILABLE**

*\* Priority will be given to students in grades 10 to 12*

- March 17th to 20th, 2026
- Vancouver Convention Centre & Pan Pacific
- Two of our staff will chaperone our youth during the event
- Please **RSVP** by **February 20<sup>th</sup>** to [shannon\\_treadwell@squamish.net](mailto:shannon_treadwell@squamish.net)



Find our more at [gatheringourvoices.ca](http://gatheringourvoices.ca)

# CJMC'S

# SPRING BREAK CAMP



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**REGISTRATION OPENS:**

**TUES, FEB. 24th @ 11:00am**

<https://form.jotform.com/24032571>

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**6-8  
YEAR OLDS  
MARCH 16 - 19**

**(MONDAY -  
THURSDAY)**

**9-12  
YEAR OLDS  
MARCH 23 - 26**

**(MONDAY -  
THURSDAY)**

**TEEN DAYS  
(13-16 YEAR OLDS)  
FRIDAY, MARCH 20  
&  
FRIDAY, MARCH 27**

***For more info contact:***

**Shannon Dawn Baker**

**604.499.2384**

[shannon\\_baker@squamish.net](mailto:shannon_baker@squamish.net)



## Empower Your Future with Stitsma Career Centre

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

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS: WINTER 2026

#### NORTH VANCOUVER

**Life Skills for Income Assistance Clients: "What the L"**  
February 9 & 13

**Construction Safety Officer Training**  
February 9-20

**Marine Sampler**  
February 23-27

#### SQUAMISH VALLEY

**Basic Security Training**  
February 9-13, 17

**SuperHost**  
February 25

**What the L**  
March 18 & 25

**Training Includes:** Lunch + \$75/day incentives

Gain transferable skills in a supportive environment!

### 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

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

✉️ **stitsma\_career@squamish.net**



## IN-PERSON Squamish Nation CCAE Indigenous Business & Entrepreneurship Skills Training (BEST)



Dream your business



Grow your business



Run your business

**March 31 - April 16, 2026 | Tuesday - Thursday | 11:00 am - 4:00 pm**

#### Program includes:

- Building your business plan
- Conducting market research
- Basic bookkeeping
- Financial literacy
- Ongoing mentoring
- Business coaching
- Indigenous guest speakers
- + much more!

#### Supports include:

- Free tuition & training allowance
- Meal plan, transportation & childcare subsidy

#### Call or email for more information & registration assistance

📞 604-980-7946 ✉️ tradescentre@squamish.net

**Registration Deadline: March 17**



Scan for registration

CANADIAN CENTRE FOR ABORIGINAL  
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

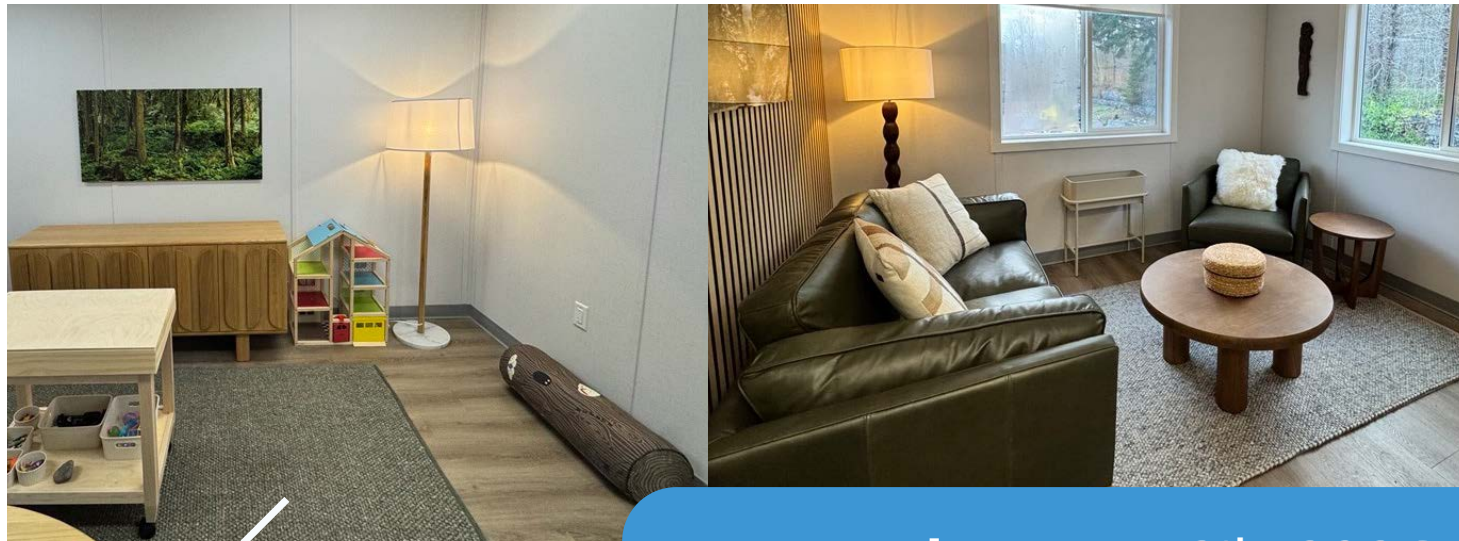
CCA.E.CA BRINGING THE BEST TO YOUR COMMUNITY



Sts'its'áp'néwas  
Employment & Future Skills  
Nexw7áystway Training & Trades Centre

# OPEN HOUSE (HEALTHY HUB) Ha7lh skwalwnawtxw

Come for ceremonial opening and tour the new Health Hub while connecting with doctors, nurses, therapists, elders, and more.



**Date: February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Time: 11:00AM–2:00PM**

**Location: 41139-B Government Rd**  
(limited parking - please plan accordingly)


Door prices and giveaways


If needed transportation, please email Susanne at [susanne\\_paull@squamish.net](mailto:susanne_paull@squamish.net)





# PARENT AND CAREGIVER SHARING CIRCLE


Talk to Your Kids about Sexual Health



 **Thursday, February 12**

 **6:00 - 8:00 PM**

 **So Sah Latch**  
422 Esplanade W. North Vancouver,  
BC V7M 1C1

 **Virtual option to attend**

Wondering how to talk about healthy relationships, healthy sexuality, and body science with your children? The **Public Health Nurses** from Yúustway invite you to this circle during **World Sexual Health Week**. All parents, grandparents, and caregivers are **welcome**.



## We will share ideas on:

- **What information to share** about body science and healthy relationships – and at what age.
- **How to find words** to address tough questions
- **Exploring our own values, feelings, and personal beliefs** about sensitive topics.
- **Being approachable** when it comes to tough topics as your child grows.
- **Where to get current and reliable information** on sensitive topics.



To **register** or for more information, please contact Dení Olivares at **(236) 668 - 9653**.



# INDIGENOUS YOUTH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Skwxwú7mesh Lílwat7úl  
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 8 –  
JUNE 12, 2026**

Apply now at [slcc.ca/IYA](http://slcc.ca/IYA)



Yúustway  
Health & Wellness

# NEW YEAR DIABETES SHARING CIRCLES



5:00 pm–7:00 pm

Yúustway Health & Wellness  
Unit 9A 380 Welch St. West Vancouver

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>,  
2026 TUESDAY, MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>,  
2026 TUESDAY, APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2026

Have you been **diagnosed** with Diabetes or Pre-Diabetes?

Are you interested in learning more about Diabetes?

To **REGISTER**, please contact:  
Deni Olivares 236-668-9653  
[publichealth@squamish.net](mailto:publichealth@squamish.net)

**Join the Public Health Nurses from Yúustway**

The session will be held **in person** and via **Zoom**  
A light meal will be served

# New Job Postings

## Squamish Nation

### HR Systems Support

Permanent Full-Time | Ché́hchenstway Human Resources | North Vancouver, BC

### HR Operations & Transaction Support

Permanent Full-Time | Ché́hchenstway Human Resources | North Vancouver, BC

### Community Justice & Victims Service Lead

Term Full-Time | Ts'ixwts'ixwnítway Member Services | North Vancouver, BC

### Desktop Support Analyst

Permanent Full-Time | Nexwsp'áyaken ta Smets'álken Kw'áxwa7 IT & IS | North Vancouver, BC

### Archivist

Permanent Full-Time  
Ta na wa Ns7éyxnitm ta Sne'wiyáhl Language & Cultural Affairs | North Vancouver, BC

### Team Lead, Registered Nurse, Home and Community Care

Full-Time Term | Yúustway Health and Wellness | North Vancouver

## Develop your career with the Nation

Questions? Need help applying? 604-985-8335 | [careers@squamish.net](mailto:careers@squamish.net)

Ché́hchenstway (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](https://squamish.net/careers)

## Hiyám Housing

### Tenant Support Worker (multiple positons)

Full-Time / Part-Time  
Esqé́kxwi7ch t'la Sp'ákw'us Place, Estítkw Place

### Senior Property Manager

Full-Time  
Location: Various

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Full-Time  
Location: Various

### Building Maintenance / Service Worker (BSW)

Full-Time  
Esqé́kxwi7ch t'la Sp'ákw'us Place

[hiyamhousing.com/career-opportunities](https://hiyamhousing.com/career-opportunities)

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# CROSSWORD

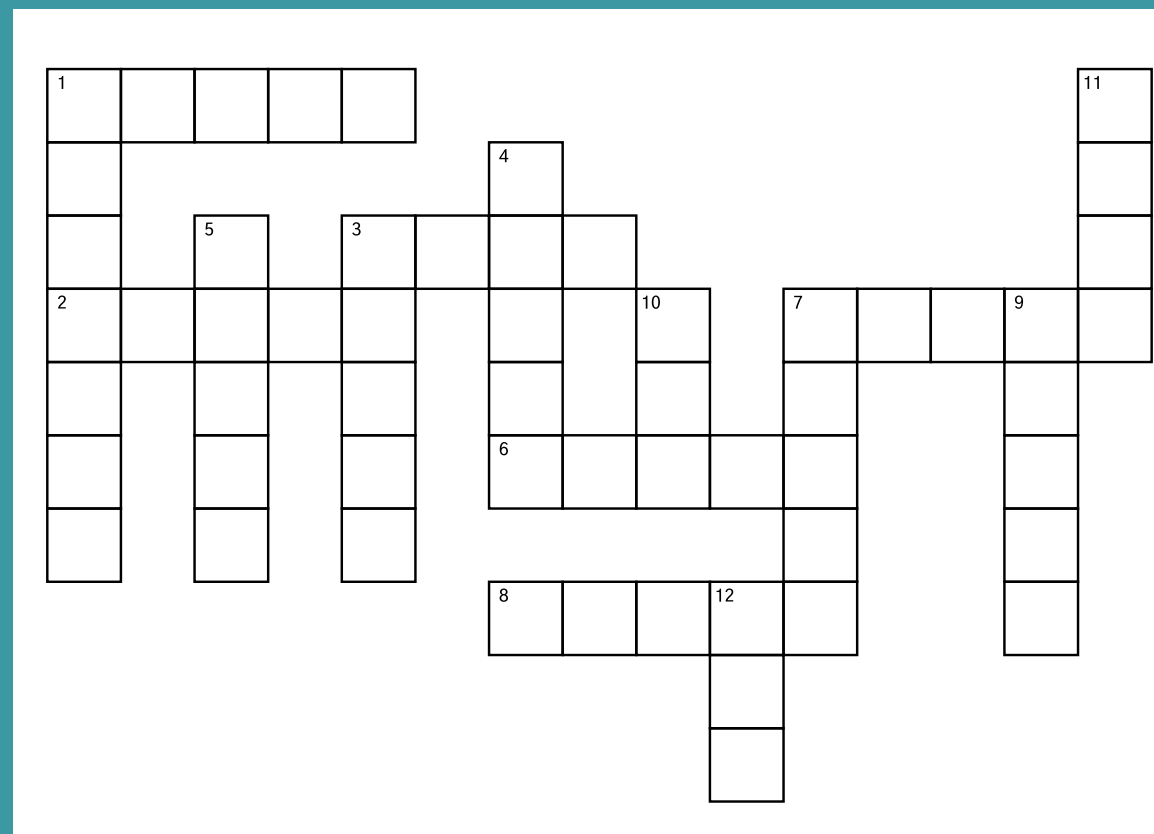
## Hot Chocolate Festival

### DOWN:

- Candy sometimes melted into hot cocoa.
- Tool used to mix hot chocolate smoothly.
- Diary topping.
- Chocolate coffee hybrid.
- General flavour profile of most creations.
- One of the base ingredients in chocolate.
- Small taste of a hot drink.
- Feeling celebrated on February 14.
- Traditional colour of Lunar New Year.

### ACROSS:

- Delicious indulgence.
- Fluffy texture on top of a drink.
- The feeling you get while drinking hot chocolate.
- Classic Canadian flavour used in drinks.
- Flavour add-in like cinnamon or chili.
- Symbol of Valentine's Day.





# 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 2026

- Declaration Week 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 WEEK	CHEQUE ISSUE DATE
Jan 14	Jan 28
Feb 11	Feb 25
Mar 11	Mar 25
Apr 15	Apr 29
May 13	May 27
Jun 10	Jun 24
Jul 15	Jul 29
Aug 12	Aug 26
Sept 16	Sept 30
Oct 14	Oct 26
Nov 10	Nov 25
Dec 2	Dec 30

## 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

## SOCIAL ASSISTANCE MONTHLY RENEWAL DECLARATION **FOR: March 2026 >>555** **Cheque issue date is Wed. February 25th – March 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.

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 # \_\_\_\_\_

List any changes in your living situation \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not hand in your **Declaration** on ... **Wednesday, February 11th, 2026.** You will **NOT** receive your Cheque on Wed. February 25th. **Late Declaration** means, late cheque

Have you had any earned or unearned  Yes  No **Income this month?**  Yes  No **5. Has there been any change in your assets?**  Yes  No

If yes, completed		If yes, complete	
➔	Earnings	➔	Bank Account
➔	Family Allowance	➔	Property
➔	Maintenance	➔	Other (specify)
➔	Employment Insurance		
➔	Other (specify)		
	<b>TOTAL</b> ➔		<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.

<b>Status Number</b>	<b>Signature of applicant</b>	<b>Date</b>
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\*\*\*PLEASE CLEARLY PRINT YOUR NAME HERE: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* Worker Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*PLEASE CLEARLY PRINT YOUR NAME HERE: \_\_\_\_\_

Please remember that you cannot drop off your Declaration early, unless there is an emergency. If your Declaration/Job search is late, so is your cheque. **Declare all Earnings, Family Allowance, DB, GST, Maintenance and other monies received. Also any changes to address and family unit size.**

**ALL CLIENTS MUST BRING IN PERSON ESLHA7AN LEARNING CENTRE**

