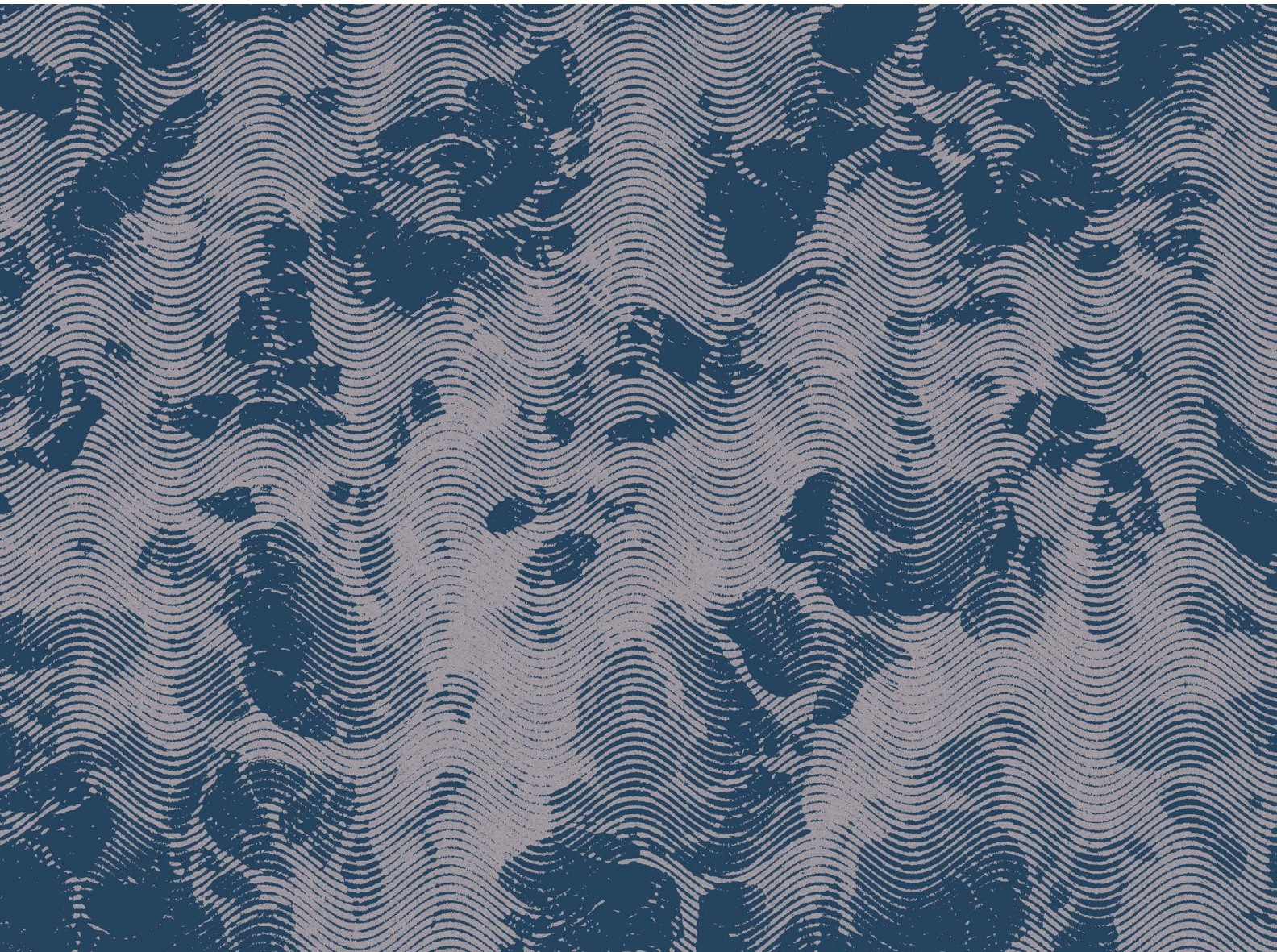




Syétsem tl'a Sxexelhnát

News of the Week

Monday, March 23, 2026





Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh
Úxwumixw

To the Squamish People,

Re: April 2026 Distribution

Squamish Nation Council would like to update community members on the April 2026 Distribution.

We hear your concerns regarding Distribution amounts and recognize this is a priority issue in our community. There are Squamish Nation policies and processes that must be followed as staff explore the proposed distribution increase and how it could be implemented.

Council will provide a full update on Distribution to community once the Squamish Nation budget has been approved at the end of March 2026.

The distribution for April 2026 will be a total of \$272.10. This amount includes:

- The Regular Distribution;
- And Cost of Living Adjustment.

A Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) 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.

All annual distribution payments are increased by a cost-of-living adjustment tied to the Canadian Consumer Price Index (CPI). For 2025/2026, the CPI's cost of living adjustment is 2.1 per cent. We are working with the Squamish Nation Trust on an update regarding the 2025 income and whether there will be a distribution.

We will continue to update the Squamish People as we work through changes to Distribution.

Chet wanáxwstúmi (respectfully),

Squamish Nation Council

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UPDATE: April 2026 Distribution

Nexwsxwníwntm ta Úxwumixw (Council) and Ts'its'ixwnítway (Member Services) would like to update Members on the Squamish Nation Regular Distribution for April 2026.

Wednesday, April 1 | Thursday, April 2, 2026
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

Chief Joe Mathias Centre
 100 Capilano Road,
 West Vancouver

Important dates

- DIRECT DEPOSIT and ELDER 65+ DELIVERY on **Wednesday, April 1.**
- Canada mail will go out **Tuesday, April 7.**

The distribution for April 2026 will be a total of \$272.10. This amount includes the Regular Distribution and a 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.

Council will provide a full update on Distribution to community once the Squamish Nation budget has been approved at the end of March 2026.

If you have any questions, contact Ts'ixwts'ixwnítway (Member Services) at membership@squamish.net or 604-982-7610.

SQUAMISH NATION OFFICIAL NOTICE

SAVE THE DATE

SQUAMISH NATION

PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY

CJMC* | Online (Zoom)
SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Why attend the People's Assembly?

- Get involved and stay updated on important information.
- Vote on resolutions and receive updates on previous resolutions from staff. Enjoy time with friends and family while discussing our future.

Your vote matters! Attend and cast your vote on issues that matter to you.

Please be advised that the first People's Assembly will take place at Chief Joe Mathias Centre and Online ONLY. In-person meeting locations will alternate throughout the year.

Proposed Agenda

April 12, 2026 People's Assembly
Chief Joe Mathias Centre* | Online (Zoom)

10:00 AM Opening

- Meeting Call to Order
- Opening Remarks/Meeting Information 10:45

10:45 AM Final Quorum Count

- 5% of eligible voters

11:00 AM Main Meeting

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes:
 - November 15-16, 2025 Annual General Meeting
- Special Business:
 - Vote on Member-submitted Resolutions
 - Staff Updates on Previous Resolutions

5:00 PM Meeting Adjourned





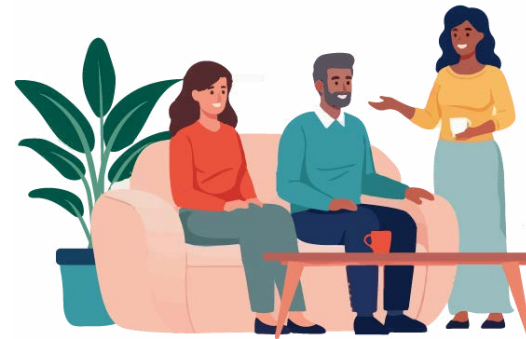
SAVE THE DATE Ts'its'ixwnítway (Member Services)

OPEN HOUSE

Come and connect with Member Services in their newly renovated office space.

Drop in to meet the team, make connections, learn more about Member Services, and enjoy a bit of fun along the way.

No registration required — all Community Members are welcome.



WHEN: Tuesday, April 21 | 3-6 PM

WHERE: Member Services
Unit 6, 380 Welch St, West Vancouver

For questions, please contact Lily Farfan at lily_farfan@squamish.net.



Nexw7áystway Training & Trades Centre

OPEN HOUSE

MARCH 25

2 - 7 PM

Nexw7áystway
Training & Trades Centre
#3-1500 Railway St.
North Vancouver, BC

You're invited to explore training opportunities and connect with students, staff and industry professionals!

Transportation will be provided from North Vancouver & Squamish Valley. Stay tuned on our social media for details.

Snacks & refreshments provided!
GRAND DOOR PRIZE: 55-INCH TV!



Scan to register

Nation continues to respond to call for increased safety

In response to the Council Resolution on Public Safety (passed November 27, 2025), our Nation's departments continue to work together in close collaboration to support Squamish People.

Multiple public safety measures were enacted late last year and continue to be developed. Our Nation is ensuring Community stays connected, and that supports, whether medical, legal, or cultural are in place for those that need it.

We all have responsibilities and play a role in bringing to life the vision of our Generational Plan. Part of that Generational Plan vision is a feeling of security, especially as it relates to our values of Wenáxws and Úxwumixw through respect and good relations with our lands and each other. Wenáxws and Úxwumixw guide us to work together to keep our communities strong and that in turn helps us foster a feeling of security for our people.

How to Connect to Supports

For Squamish Nation support outside of our regular hours, our main point of contact for anyone in Community is our Safety Phone Line: 604-982-9938.

This 24/7 number includes connection to People Services supports with Public Safety & People Services working closely together to provide supportive services and follow-up discussions.

Here is a closer look at some of the actions, so far, as we respond together to our Local State of Emergency:

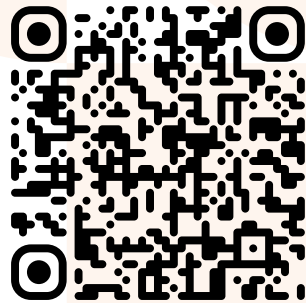
Increased Surveillance

Our Communities on the North Shore and Squamish Valley are already home to more than 150 surveillance cameras, installed on administration buildings, Chief Joe Mathias Centre, Totem Hall, our schools and our Elder Centres. In response to the state of emergency, further key locations have been identified as areas for increased surveillance.

Public Safety also hired an external service to conduct non-invasive surveillance for a two-month period following the declaration of emergency.

Important Contacts

Find a list of Nation Supports and contact information



Additional Wellness on Wheels

The Nexwnínlhewá7nem Ch'áwch'aw héñ xwilhem (People Services on Wheels) continues to move through the Communities in North Vancouver and the Squamish Valley.

A second wellness van was purchased and will be fully operational this June. Our People Services on Wheels vehicles are not intended to be call-response vehicles, but are wellness units created to meet the growing need for accessible, culturally grounded care that meets people where they are. The vehicles provide harm-reduction supplies, emotional and mental health support, traditional medicines, referrals, and comfort items – in addition to caring, trained staff.

Increased Recreation Programs

Both CJMC and the Kw'eshkw'shétsuta'y (Playing Place) have expanded their hours. This means more access to the gymnasium, weight room, and Playing Place (multisport box) and increased opportunities for Community to get involved in recreation programming such as volleyball, floor hockey, drumming and singing.

Here's a link to the Spring CJMC program guide: <https://bit.ly/3PqYWri>

Expansion of Community Safety Team

The Community Safety Team has significantly expanded its operations. The team now works from 9 am until 2:30 am on the North Shore, and from 9 am to 1 am in the Squamish Valley on a seven-day-a-week schedule.

The department has transitioned several experienced part-time staff to full-time roles. The Nation's main after-hours contact number, which is available to Community 24/7, was developed by the Public Safety Department.

Hiyám Housing

Hiyám Housing acted on Council's Safety Resolution with a Crime Free Resident Policy that strengthens building safety while supporting housing stability. We work with the First Nation Integrated Unit (IFNU) and the Squamish Nation Community Safety Team when serious safety risks arise, and since implementing these measures, critical incidents have decreased.

The Squamish Nation temporarily contracted 24/7 security at Estítkw Place and Chenkw Erúút. Security reports consistently showed that Hiyám Housing staff effectively de-escalated situations, and the Nation has chosen not to renew these contracts.

Amid the toxic drug crisis, Hiyám Housing remains committed to harm reduction approaches that create safer homes, reduce overdoses, and prevent homelessness for Skw'xwú7mesh People.

Crisis Response Team Mobilized

People Services staff identified seven existing staff members, including crisis support specialists, mental health clinicians, and social workers that can respond as soon as a need for Community support is identified.

Healing & Safety Task Force

In February, Council created a Healing and Safety Task Force. The task force is required to make recommendations to Council on a range of public safety matters that will improve the quality of life, safety and health of the Squamish People. The Band Manager is chairperson of the Task Force, and with task force members will advance culturally grounded responses to the toxic drug crisis.

The Healing and Safety Task Force will meet at least once a month for at least one year, and all meetings will be open to Community Members.

Block Watch

Communities with an active Block Watch program demonstrate a significant decrease in crime in their area. The Nation is introducing Block Watch into Community by setting up information booths at CJMC, at Nation events and raising awareness of the program to encourage Community to sign up and participate in the Block Watch program.

Added Supports Ayás Méhmen and Yúustway

People Services departments, Ayás Méhmen and Yúustway, are providing counselling services and several regular group meetings. To reach their services during Nation office hours, 8:30am to 4:30pm:

Yúustway at 604-982-7806

Ayás Méhmen at 604-985-4111

Some of the weekly offerings include: Mens and Women's and Open Talking Circles; Traditional Medicine Drop Ins and Wellness Wednesdays.

Yúustway Nurses Join Drug Checking to better support you

The Public Health Nurses have partnered with the Harm Reduction Team to provide **vaccines & health information** during regular drug checking.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27TH, 2026

Estítkw Place, near Lawa and Capilano

1:30 - 3:30 PM

Come if you'd like to get health information or vaccines. **No judgement just care.**



Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw

Yúustway Health & Wellness



Squamish Valley Community Drum Walk

March 27 2026

Agenda
The group will meet ...

On March 27th we invite you to join us in a community drum walk through the Squamish Valley. Each stop will feature snacks, drumming, singing, and a chance to win prizes. Come gather and help uplift the community! Lunch will be served outside Ha7lh Skwalwnawtxw Siyich'em at 12:00PM.

11:00AM Brackendale (Jimmy Jimmy Road)
12:00PM - 2:00PM (Lunch)
Ha7lh Skwalwnawtxw Siyich'em
(41139b Government Road)
2:30PM: Stawamus Waterfront

What to Bring:

- Your drums
- Your spirit of togetherness

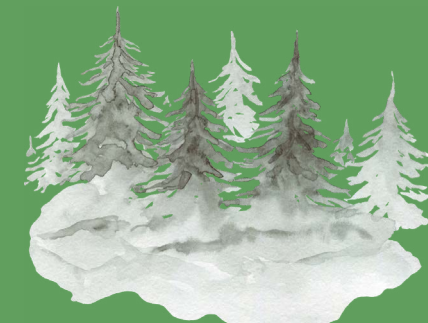
If you require transportation, please contact jenna at 236 668 0084

Let's unite in healing and resilience. Your presence matters.

For any questions, please email wellness@squamish.net



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CONTACT INFORMATION AND REPORTING LINES FOR THE EGP AND WOODFIBRE LNG PROJECTS

SKWXWÚ7MESH ÚXWUMIXW COMMUNITY OUTREACH COORDINATORS

The Community Outreach Coordinator's main focus is to provide Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw membership with all pertinent information regarding these two projects and address any and all concerns that may arise. This is an internal position for the Nation working in the Ta na wa Yúus ta Stitúyntsam (Rights & Title Department).

We have two Community Outreach Coordinators who sit on several committees and attend meetings with both Woodfibre LNG and FortisBC to remain up to date on project activities and relay information to membership.

Monthly newsletter updates are distributed via Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw's website, email, and facebook with an option to sign up for the newsletters (and other notices).

One-on-one meetings can be requested to allow for members to ask any questions or provide feedback, in person or virtually.

by telephone: 778-966-1117
by email: swiyat@squamish.net

FORTISBC EGP REPORTING LINES

EGP RESPECTFUL COMMUNITY CONDUCT LINE

Operated by a third-party for any member of the public to contact about conduct by an EGP Project worker occurring within the Squamish community, or in violation of the After Hours and Respect for Community section of the EGP Project Worker Code of Conduct (https://www.cdn.fortisbc.com/libraries/docs/default-source/about-us-documents/codeofconduct.pdf?sfvrsn=c6ac9caa_11), including harassment and/or violence.

By telephone: 1-855-514-6644
By Email: EGPWCC@rubinthomlinson.com

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FORTISBC EGP REPORTING LINES (CONT.)

GENERAL EAGLE MOUNTAIN GAS PIPELINE FEEDBACK

For any and all questions, concerns, feedback regarding the EGP project.

By telephone: 1-855-380-5784
By Email: egp@fortisbc.com

WOODFIBRE LNG REPORTING LINES

WOODFIBRE LNG LINE FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO USE

The Community Reporting Line, a confidential line that allows **anyone** to raise concerns about the behaviour of Woodfibre LNG Project workers within the Squamish area, or to report violations of the Code of Conduct including incidents of discrimination, harassment or violence.

By telephone: 1-888-801-7929
By Email: info@wlng.ca

WOODFIBRE LNG LINE FOR WORKERS TO USE

ConfidenceLine, a confidential reporting service (anonymous if preferred) operated by an independent third party for any **workers** who are uncomfortable raising an issue with their supervisor, security personnel, Indigenous Floatel Cultural Managers, or other senior project staff.

By telephone: 1-800-661-9675
Online: woodfibrelng.confidenceline.com

UPCOMING COMMUNITY INFO SESSIONS

To find out more about the Woodfibre LNG and FortisBC EGP Projects:

Eslha7an Room,
Chief Joe Mathias Centre
March 25th 2026
6:00-8:00 PM
Please RSVP:
778-966-1117 or
swiyat@squamish.net

so we can organize a meal

Executive Suites Hotel & Resort
40900 Tantalus Rd,
Squamish
March 31st 2026
4:00-7:00 PM

To find out more about the proposed BChydro powerline connection to Woodfibre LNG (<https://wlnginterconnectionstage2.com>), hosted by BChydro

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Have you been impacted as a result of the current construction activities that are taking place?

Please report to:

Whitney Joseph, Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw:
swiyat@squamish.net or 778-966-1117



Woodfibre LNG:

info@wlng.ca or 1-888-801-7929

FortisBC EGP:

egp@fortisbc.com or 1-855-380-5784

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:

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
District of North Vancouver

AIRFIELD OPERATIONS SPECIALIST
YVR

BUILDING SERVICE WORKER
Lu'ma Native Housing Society

* PLEASE SEE INDIVIDUAL JOB POSTINGS FOR REQUIREMENTS AND MORE INFORMATION



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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New Job Postings

Squamish Nation

Team Leader, Food Program

Permanent Full-Time | Ayás Méhmen Early Years & Youth Services | North Vancouver, BC

Cultural Support Worker

Permanent Full-Time | Ayás Méhmen Early Years & Youth Services | North Vancouver, BC

Team Leader, Training & Trades Centre

Permanent Full-Time | Sts'its'áp'ne'was Employment and Future Skills | North Vancouver, BC

Delegated Manager, Case Management

Permanent Full-Time | Ta na wa Ch'awát ta Sxwéxwel Squamish Valley Operations | Squamish Valley, BC

Administrative Officer

Permanent Full-Time | Ta na wa Ch'awát ta Sxwéxwel Squamish Valley Operations | Squamish Valley, BC

Driver

Casual | Ta na wa Ch'awát ta Sxwéxwel Squamish Valley Operations | Squamish Valley, BC

Develop your career with the Nation

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

Chéhchenstway (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.

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CROSSWORD

Chess

DOWN:

1. A move that ends the game.
3. The first phase of the game.
4. Long-term planning in chess.
6. The smallest and most numerous chess piece.
8. Piece that moves in an L-shape.
15. A tactic attacking two pieces at once.

ACROSS:

2. Special pawn capture.
5. Final stage of the game.
7. When a pawn reaches the last rank.
9. Threatening the opponent's king.
10. Piece that must be protected at all costs.
11. The most powerful piece on the board.
12. Short-term combination to gain material.
13. Castle-shaped piece that moves in straight lines.
14. Opening where a pawn is sacrificed for advantage.

