



# Syétsem tl'a Sxexelhnát

News of the Week

Monday, April 20, 2026



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# You're Invited:

## Skwxwú7mesh Blessing Ceremony for Señákw's first tower

Squamish People are invited to witness a Blessing Ceremony for Señákw's first tower, t'eltl'élnup ("real home"). This moment carries deep significance — a return to our ancestral village and the beginning of a new chapter as we prepare to welcome residents in the months ahead.

The ceremony is performed by Squamish knowledge holders and will include cedar bough brushing, singing, drumming, and calling witnesses.

### CEREMONY DETAILS

Friday, May 8, 2026  
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Señákw  
Enter the site off of  
1100 Chestnut St.,  
Vancouver, BC V6J 3J9

**Includes:**  
Light refreshments

**Registration Required:**  
Scan the QR code to register  
your attendance by May 1



Additional event details, including transportation and parking, will be sent to registered Squamish People ahead of the ceremony.

We look forward to gathering together on this land and will continue to share more opportunities to gather together in the months ahead.

FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT  
communications@senakw.com

# Señákw



## What is your experience with Nation services?

We're inviting all Squamish People aged 16+ who have accessed Nation information or services to complete our 2026 People's Satisfaction Survey.

**Your feedback helps shape better services for our community.**



**And enter to win  
1 of 5 gift cards!**

**Scan the QR code  
to complete the  
survey.**





Sts'its'áp'newas  
Employment & Future Skills  
Stitsma Career Centre

Empower Your Future with Stitsma Career Centre

Stitsma Career Centre  
Eslha7an Centre, 345 5th St W, North Vancouver

## LIFE SKILLS: BASIC COMPUTER SKILLS & FUNDAMENTALS

May 25-June 5, 2026  
9:00 AM-4:00 PM

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH FIRST NATIONS TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL

This program aims to help Squamish Nation Income Assistance clients prepare for the workforce, schooling and other training opportunities.

**Eligibility:**

- Must be a Squamish Nation Income Assistance client

**What is included:**

- Lunch
- \$350/week incentive
- Free laptop based on participation and completion of class
- Student support funds
- Access to First Nations Technology Council's student services department

**Why participate?**

- Build real-world skills in a supportive environment.



The First Nations Technology Council is an Indigenous-led, innovative nonprofit that serves all First Nations across BC. They are mandated by First Nations Leadership to provide digital skills training to Indigenous learners, realize digital equity, and ensure individuals, communities, and Nations play an active role in leading and shaping the technology sector.



SCAN TO APPLY

Interviews begin May 4

Questions? Contact Trevor Billy  
Call 604-985-7711 or email [trevor\\_billy@squamish.net](mailto:trevor_billy@squamish.net)

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# Grief and Loss Healing Circles

Please join us in a Healing Circle as we learn how to move through grief in a good way. These Circles are open to all Community Members, and will be facilitated by Elder Gene Harry.

**Dates:**

**North Vancouver:**

Wednesday, April 22, 5 – 9pm

Wednesday, May 20, 5 – 9pm

Wednesday, June 17, 5 – 9pm

**Location: Shaker Church, 104 Mathias Rd**

**Squamish Valley:**

Wednesday, April 29, 5 – 9pm

Wednesday, May 27, 5 – 9pm

Wednesday, June 25, 5 – 9pm

**Location: Shaker Church, 1365 Chief Billy Drive**

**Food and refreshments will be provided.**

**Hosted by:**

Justice Services, Member Services Department

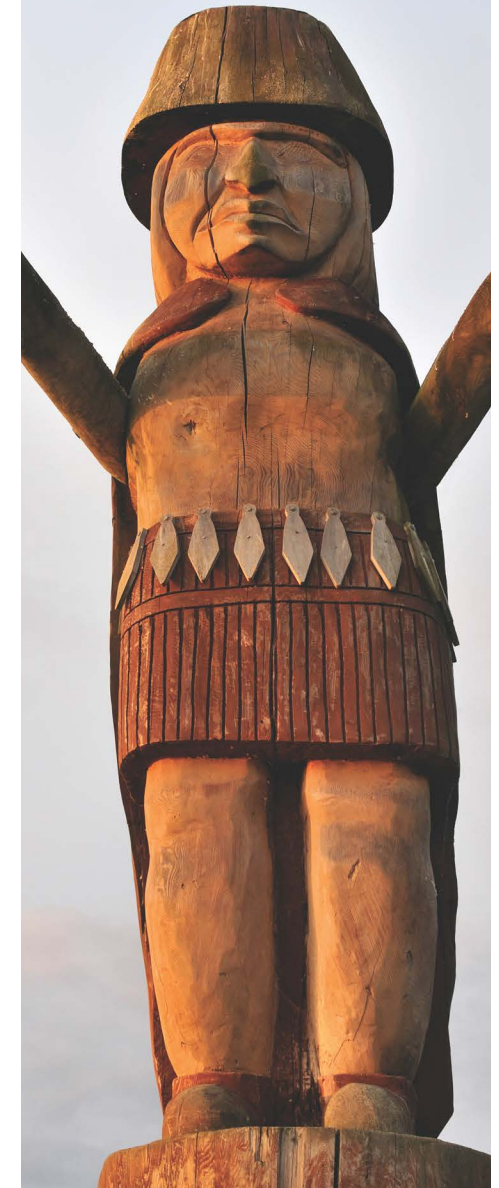
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# POST-SEC SUPPORT DEADLINE

**New students & returning students for a spring term must fill out a new application to continue supports.**

- Students are responsible for ensuring that their application form is complete, signed and received by the deadline. Incomplete applications will cause delays or result in ineligibility.
- Late applications will be placed on a waitlist and will be reviewed at a later date. Applications submitted on time will be reviewed first.

## Deadline

**Submit Fall & Winter Start Date Applications on or before:**



**May 1**



**To submit an application, complete one of:**

- Online Form: [tr.ee/snpostsecform](https://tr.ee/snpostsecform)
- Online PDF: [tr.ee/snpostsecapp](https://tr.ee/snpostsecapp)  
*(Email or submit in-person)*
- Pick up a form in-person (Unit 5, 380 Welch Street, West Vancouver)



Online PDF  
QR Code



Online Form  
QR Code

## Contact Us

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact our education office and ask for one of our post-secondary student advocates, or email at:

**604 - 982 - 7600**

**post-sec@squamish.net**

## Youth Advisory Council

# Movie and Recruitment Night

**Come eat pizza (Big Mama's and Papa's), watch a movie (Night Raiders), and learn about joining the Squamish Nation Youth Advisory Council (YAC).**

The YAC movie night hopes to recruit new members, specifically those with lived experience in foster care or unstable home environments. These kinds of lived experiences can improve the Nation's youth services.

**Attendees will get a full meal and an honorarium for their time and input.**

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 10 | 5 - 8pm

**WHERE:** Chief Joe Mathias Centre



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# GATHERING OUR MEDICINE

## MEN'S KINSHIP CIRCLE



Every Thursday  
 April 30th-June 25th  
 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM

**41139B Government Road**  
 Facilitated by Ayas Menmen family  
 wellness workers and Elders support.

**Intended for: Father's, grandfather's, uncles, nephews and sons.  
 caring for Squamish Children and Youth.**

The GOM program supports men in understanding how colonial history has influenced men's roles, including fatherhood, within family and community, while honouring the healing and resilience held in Skwxwú7mesh ways of knowing and being.

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



 amm\_wellness@squamish.net

<https://form.jotform.com/260697347235263>



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

Scan the QR code or visit  
[www.nchkay.com](http://www.nchkay.com)  
 to read it online



### INSIDE THIS ISSUE, YOU'LL FIND:

- Housing application information and artwork from Sehákw
- Sqomish Forestry's seedling donation program
- Upgrades to Mosquito Creek Marina
- Photos from the 2025 Annual Gathering
- Promotions and professional achievements at Nch'kay
- And much more!

***Prefer to read it in print?*** Pick up a copy in-person at the North Vancouver or Squamish Valley Elders Centres, the Squamish Nation Main Office, EsIha7an Learning Centre, Training & Trades Centre, Totem Hall, or CJMC — or, you can sign up to receive one in the mail.

If you or a family member would like to have a printed Quarterly Update delivered to your home, email us at [communications@nchkay.com](mailto:communications@nchkay.com).

***Please note, mail service is offered upon request to Squamish People only.***



# Squamish Valley Community Plan Overview & Next Steps

## The Valley's Plan is Approved

Council has recently approved the Squamish Valley Community Plan, which will guide all planning moving forward in the Squamish Valley.

We are moving ahead with the Quick Start actions, including forming the advisory committee, appointing the project lead, and developing the Squamish Valley Plan Communications Framework (a process for regularly communicating what's happening in the Squamish Valley).

The Squamish Valley Community Plan will guide staff on what the Community needs and what projects should be prioritized, based on Squamish Valley voices.

It will also inform the strategic plan currently being developed by Council, which ties into our Úxwumixw 2050: Skwxwú7mesh Generational Plan.

## What is the Squamish Valley Community Plan?

A first of its kind, the Squamish Valley Community Plan (also known as The Valley's Plan) gathers all current planning and clearly explains what is to be accomplished in the Squamish Valley during the next 10 years.

The Valley Plan is organized into three elements:

- Quick Start Actions
- Next Steps
- Seeds" (representing future projects).

**Learn more: <https://bit.ly/sv-community-plan>**

# Squamish Valley Community Plan Overview & Next Steps



The Squamish Valley Community Plan was built on planning from the past few decades, 50+ documents, community engagement over the past 16 months, and co-development with a Community Advisory Group.

It brings various initiatives under one umbrella and sets the vision for the future. The Nation is committed to honouring our Skwxwú7mesh ways, incorporating a health and wellness view of things and opening doors for our Community to have job opportunities.

## What's next?

Staff are working on the Quick Start actions:

- Creating a 10-person Squamish Valley Community Advisory Committee
- Appointing The Valley's Plan Project Lead
- Developing Squamish Valley Plan Communications Framework

## Timeline

- Squamish Valley Community Plan approved: February 2026
- Begin working on the Quick Starts: April 2026
- Advisory Committee Meetings: Fall 2026
- Appointing a Project Lead: Fall 2026 (budget approval)

**Questions? Email:**  
**[SVCommunityPlan@squamish.net](mailto:SVCommunityPlan@squamish.net)**

**Learn more & read the plan:**  
**<https://bit.ly/sv-community-plan>**

# New Job Postings

## Squamish Nation

### Billing Coordinator

Term Full-Time | Estxwáyusem Finance | North Vancouver, BC

### Program Team Leader, Training & Trades Centre

Permanent Full-Time | Sts'its'áp'newas Employment & Future Skills | North Vancouver, BC

### Manager, Community Outreach Services

Permanent Full-Time | Ayás Méhmen Child and Family Support Services | North Vancouver, BC

### Manager, Natural Resources

Permanent Full-Time | Ta na wa Yúus Stitúyntsarh Rights & Title | North Vancouver, BC

### Administrative Assistant

Permanent Part-Time | Ts'ixwts'ixwnítway Member Services | Squamish Valley, BC

## Hiyám Housing

### Director of Communications and Engagement

Full-Time | Hiyám Housing | North Vancouver, BC

### Team Leader, Food Program

Permanent Full-Time | Ayás Méhmen Child and Family Support Services | North Vancouver, BC

### Senior Manager of Operations

Full-Time | Hiyám Housing | North Vancouver, BC

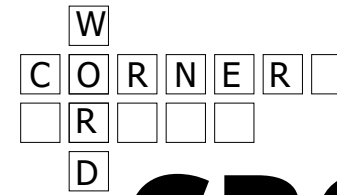
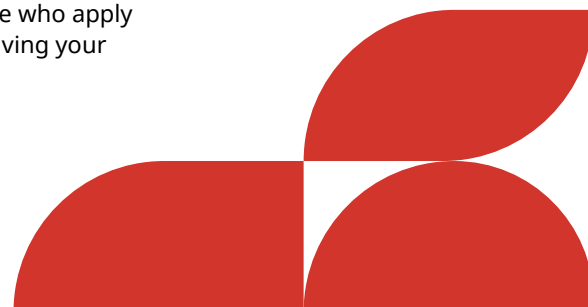
[hiyamhousing.com/career-opportunities](http://hiyamhousing.com/career-opportunities)

## Develop your career with the Nation

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

[squamish.net/careers](http://squamish.net/careers)



# CROSSWORD

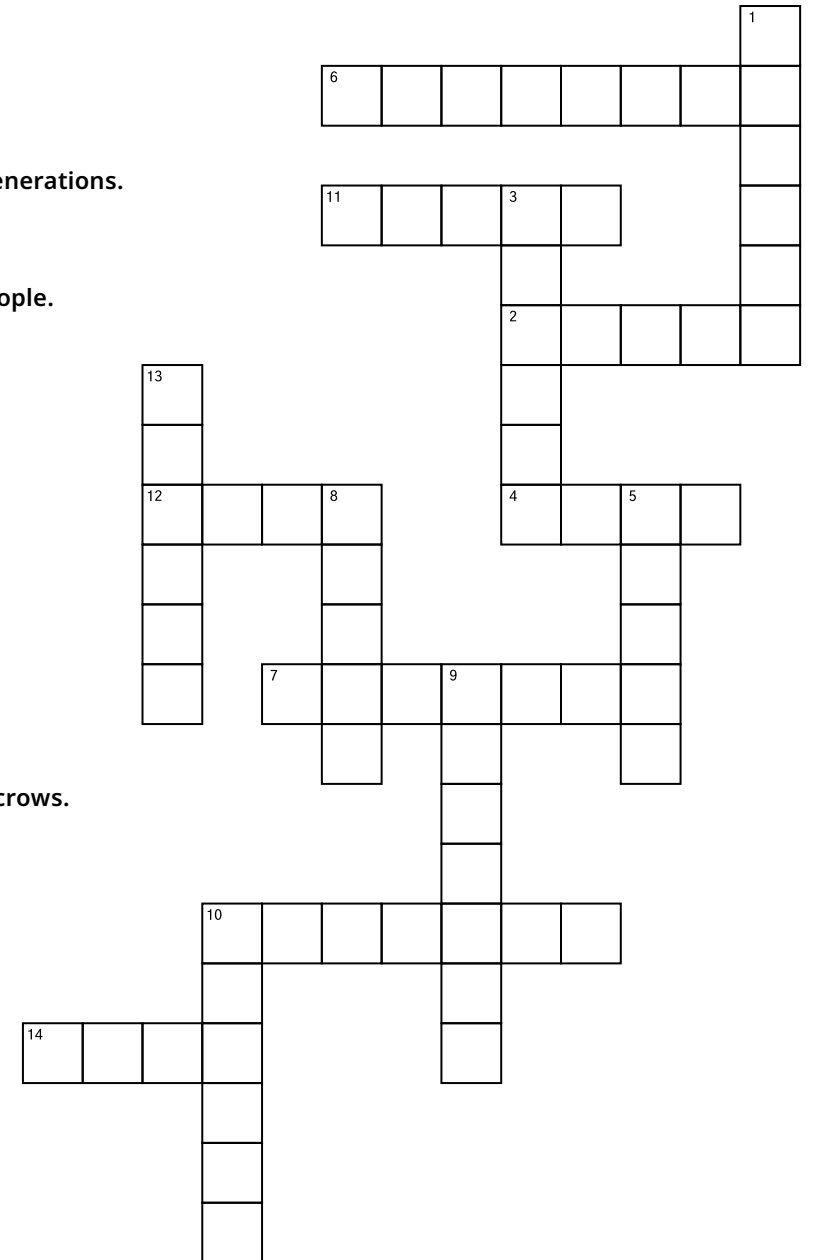
## Ravens

### ACROSS:

- How knowledge is shared through generations.
- Home built high in trees or cliffs.
- Animal that eats plants and meat.
- Raven shares knowledge with the people.
- Raven's clever nature.
- Objects ravens can learn to use.
- To fly high using air currents.
- Ravens often mate for life.

### DOWN:

- Ability ravens are known for.
- Meaning behind Raven stories.
- Word often used to describe ravens.
- A large intelligent black bird.
- Food ravens often scavenge.
- Bird family that includes ravens and crows.
- What Raven leaves behind.



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