



Syétsem tl'a Sxexelhnát

News of the Week

Monday, April 27, 2026

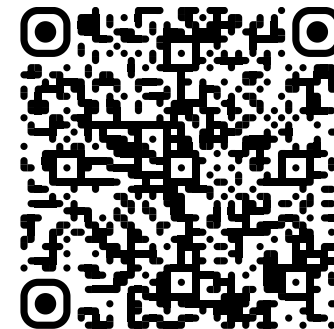




What is your experience with Nation services?

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.



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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



SAVE THE DATE

Squamish Valley Peacekeepers Celebration

We are hosting a celebration to honour the Squamish Valley Peacekeepers for their years of dedicated service to the safety of Squamish People. All Squamish Nation community members are invited.

Please share information about this celebration with Elders, community members, and those who have a history or connection with the Squamish Valley Peacekeepers.

WHEN: Friday, May 22 | 2 – 6 pm

WHERE: Totem Hall

Contact

Anastasia_Jeffrey@squamish.net

www.squamish.net



**Skwxwú7mesh
Úxwumixw**

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

**Nexw7áystway
Training & Trades Centre**
#3-1500 Railway Street
North Vancouver, BC

TRY A TRADE

July 6 - September 25, 2026
Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

The Try a Trade program offers students hands-on experience to help them discover their interests and potential career paths. Trades may include carpentry, electrical and plumbing. Programming includes Squamish cultural learning, essential skills, technical training and job readiness.

What is included:

- free tuition & training allowance
- meal plan, childcare & transportation subsidy

Apply by June 22



August 4 - November 6, 2026
Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

**INTRODUCTION TO
CARPENTRY**

Introduction to Carpentry is designed for students who have little or no experience/education in the carpentry trade. Our curriculum incorporates cultural workshops, job readiness, safety training and 8 weeks of technical training with a Red Seal Carpenter! This program ladders into Carpentry Level One.

What is included:

- free tuition & training allowance
- meal plan, childcare & internet subsidy

Apply by July 21



Empowering Indigenous people to learn a trade and build a successful future

- ✉ tradescentre@squamish.net
- ☎ 604-980-7946
- 📷 sntrainingandtradescentre



Scan for website



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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

☎ 604-985-7711



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Ta7Inewás
Education
Advocacy, Support & Assessment

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
- ▶ Online PDF: 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

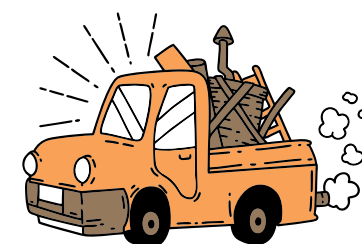
post-sec@squamish.net



Annual Community Clean Up

Upper Mission Reserve

West 4th, West 6th Street, Forbes, and Chief Joseph Crescent



Nexwsp'áyaken ta Úxwumixw (Community Operations) Annual Community Clean Up continues.

We will be doing a one time junk pick up in your area starting Sunday, May 3.

Please have all your items placed by the curb side for pick up by Friday, May 1.

If you are an Elder and require assistance, please contact our office:

Phone: 604-980-8655

Email: communityoperations@squamish.net

This will be a one time pick-up only. If you miss your junk pick-up day, it will be your responsibility to have it removed – so make sure to have your items out.

Up next will be the East Capilano Reserve. Stay tuned for your pick-up dates.

WE ARE HIRING



Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) is committed to training, hiring and promoting Squamish People to work for the Nation. Every job posting at the Nation is shared in community for one week prior to being shared publicly. Our goal is to foster career growth within the Community and the Nation. Our Úxwumixw 2050: Skwxwú7mesh Generational Plan envisions a Feeling of Purpose where more Squamish People work for the Nation.

To view all current job postings: www.squamish.net/careers

Quarterly Employment Report

JAN 2026



Employment Tip

When exploring new positions, don't limit yourself to job titles—focus on your transferable skills. These are the abilities you've developed in one role that can be applied across different jobs, industries, or sectors. Skills like communication, problem-solving, project coordination, leadership, relationship-building, time management, and adaptability are valuable almost everywhere.

Internship Program

Yes, Skwx wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) provides paid internships for Squamish People to join the organization at different stages of their career – newly graduated from high school, partway through post-secondary education, or when considering a new career path.

Interns are hired for a set time period and can be either full or part time work. For internship job postings and more details, visit www.squamish.net/careers/internships



Building a Future Together

Norman Guerrero shares about his 22 years with most of that time dedicated to teaching and revitalizing Skwxwú7mesh sníchim, (our language).

Watch the video at youtu.be/gMqHGzf7nCo

By the Numbers

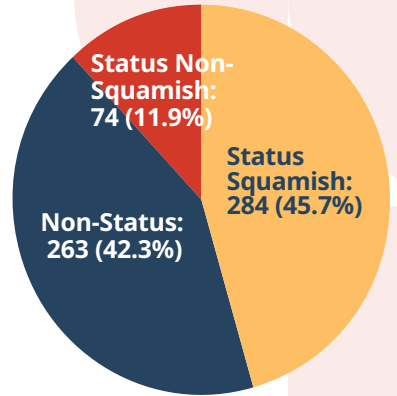
621 Total Squamish Nation Employees*

*includes all Permanent & Term Squamish Nation employees, but does not include those on leave

284 Members working for the Nation

39 Squamish Hires This Quarter (October-December)*

*includes permanent and term hires only (not casual or temporary employees)



Employee Spotlight:

My name is **Ianna Lewis**, and I do not have an ancestral name. I was born and raised in North Vancouver on the traditional territory of the Squamish Nation and was fortunate to later move to the Capilano Reserve (Xwemelch'stn). My mother is Jessie Williams, my father is Raymond Lewis, my brother is Darius Lewis, my son is Elijah Cajuguiran and my grandparents are the late Ray Sr. Lewis and the late Lucille Williams.



Department: Rights & Title Nexwníwmain Ch'áwch'aw (Territory & Culture Services)

Title: Climate Action Officer

Time working with the Nation: Since 2018, I started as a Youth Program Facilitator at the Chief Joe Mathias Centre after high school. I am now a Climate Action Officer, having been a Climate Action Technician and later promoted.

Tell us about working for the Nation: Working at the Nation gives me a deeper sense of purpose than working externally, as I know my work benefits my relatives and community. Climate Action spans transportation, education, zero waste, land and water protection, food sovereignty, and more. I'm grateful to connect and collaborate with Squamish Nation staff and people, strengthening relationships along the way. To learn more about this work, please visit the Climate Legacy Strategy on the Squamish Nation website.

Want Help With a Job Posting?

For questions about posted roles or the application process, the talent team is here to help. Please reach out through the HR Helpdesk.

604-985-8335

careers@squamish.net

Featured Jobs

For a full list of job postings, visit www.squamish.net/careers

Desktop Support Analyst

Full-time Internship (4-6months) | North Vancouver

Gain hands-on experience providing technical assistance, supporting end-users, and helping maintain our SharePoint-based intranet.

Program Officer

Full-Time Term | North Vancouver

Coordinate and support the full life cycle of Training & Trades Centre (TTC) programs.

Housing Project Coordinator

Full-Time Permanent | North Vancouver

Play a vital role in building homes and futures for our Úxwumixw (community).

SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY
ELVIS PRESLEY.

CJMC'S
Mother's Day Celebration

COME DRESSED TO IMPRESS AND
Get ready to shake, rattle, and roll!

FRIDAY MAY 8
6:00 - 9:00PM

AT THE CHIEF JOE MATHIAS CENTRE

TRANSPORTATION
***** BY REQUEST *****

604-980-6338
rec@squamish.net

PLEASE HAVE REQUESTS IN BY MAY 7TH



Wa Chet Eskéxw Kwis Tahím Ta Manáts'a
We Gather to Make a Drum

WHERE: Totem Hall
DATES: May 12 & 27
TIME: 5:00PM - 8:00PM Each Day

Come and learn how to make and paint a drum. Drum making facilitated by Alice Guss. All materials provided. We kindly ask that you can commit to both dates in order to finish your project. Scan the QR code to learn more and to sign up!



Registration opens April 29th 1:30PM - May 6 1:30PM

You can also contact us to sign up or if you have any questions:
wellness@squamish.net



Evolve Bike-share program Expands in Squamish Now Includes E-Scooters

The Evolve bike-share program is growing from 17 to 30+ stations across Skwxwú7mesh lands and the District of Squamish, now including E-scooters and new stations at Stá7mes waterfront and Healthy Hub at Siyí7ch'em.

Squamish Nation community members and staff are eligible for reduced rates.

For more details on Evolve's Squamish Valley expansion and the reduced rates for members and staff, scan the QR code.

Scan the QR code with your phone to learn more!

SCAN ME



PUBLIC SAFETY FAIR

Community members, families, and children will have the opportunity to connect with Nation staff, and Nation partners and external agencies committed to keeping Skwxwú7mesh People safe and to learn about the work they do.

This event is being held during Emergency Preparedness week, a national awareness initiative.



Door prizes



Earthquake simulator



Dinner, games, give-a-ways & much more!

Totem Hall
MAY 8, 2026
3:00pm – 6:00 pm

Chief Joe Mathias Centre
MAY 13, 2026
3:00pm – 6:00 pm

Need more information
public_safety@squamish.net



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men wé7us chap kwis ch'áwatap wa estéteýwilh ta úxwumixw cht
Help keep our community safe



APRIL 2026
WOODFIBRE LNG & FORTIS BC
EAGLE MOUNTAIN GAS PIPELINE
PROJECTS

Update from Ta na wa Yúus ta Stitúyntsám | Rights and Title Department

SKWXWÚ7MESH ÚXWUMIXW COMMUNITY SAFETY INFO
SESSION: QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Rights & Title staff met with community members at Totem Hall (Jan 20) and Chief Joe Mathias Centre (Mar 25) to discuss community safety on both projects. We appreciate all those that attended. We recognize there are likely other members with similar questions, so we wanted to compile responses for distribution in a newsletter. We will share responses in the April and May 2026 newsletters.

Q: How are WoodfibreLNG maintaining Henriette dam?

A: WoodfibreLNG is responsible for maintaining the Henriette dam. Plans for 2026 include repairing the concrete in various places and reinforcing the struts between the dam's buttresses. This is likely to be several months of work.

In the meantime, the dam gets a surveillance inspection every week and an engineering safety inspection twice a year. Numerous engineering studies have been completed / provided since WLNG took on ownership.

Q: What's being done to mitigate lighting effects on herring at WoodfibreLNG?

A: Herring are in Átl'ka7tsem as early as Feb each year until around April and are surveyed by WoodfibreLNG and Howe Sound Marine Stewardship Initiative (MSI). We noted concerns regarding light impacts on marine life and asked WoodfibreLNG to do a review of all lights on site. This resulted in removal of unnecessary lights. Lights are needed at night for safety reasons as construction work is happening. In addition, many other mitigations were used such as the installation of timers and motion sensors, light was directed inward and away from the water, lights are set back from water's edge, LED/long tube fluorescent lights are used to mitigate UV, and light shields were installed.

Q: What are the risks to herring with the second floatel being near herring spawning grounds at WoodfibreLNG?

A: The area around Foulger Creek (~1000 m south of the Certified Project Area) has been a reliable spawning location pretty much every year. Some years that high-density spawning has extended very far south and some years more to the north, as far as Woodfibre Creek in 2021 and 2024. The most intensive herring spawn around Swiyát in the last decade was around 2016 and 2017, and most of that spawning was on the thousands of old creosote-coated piles that were left behind from the pulp and paper mill days – those piles were since removed in 2019.

APRIL 2026

SKWXWÚ7MESH ÚXWUMIXW COMMUNITY SAFETY INFO
SESSION: QUESTIONS ANSWERED CONT.

Biologists are monitoring (via snorkel and scuba diving) bi-weekly until July for any spawn through the Certified Project Area and at two areas outside the Certified Project Area. If herring do spawn on either floatel, this will trigger a renegotiation of the habitat compensation work that will follow construction. Those compensation plans are already very focused on providing abundant new spawning habitat around Swiyát.

Q: What is the carbon footprint of the floatels?

A: Floatel 1 = 2,368 tonnes of CO2e in 2024

This represents emissions from diesel powered generators prior to being connected to BC Hydro/shore power in Dec 2024.

Floatel 1 = 1,179 tonnes of CO2e in 2025

There were BC Hydro power outages that resulted in diesel powered generators being used.

Floatel 2 = 739 tonnes of CO2e in 2025

This represents emissions from diesel powered generators prior to being connected to BC Hydro/shore power in Feb 2026.

Both Floatels are now connected to BC Hydro as the main source of power and therefore emissions are expected to be much less going forward.

Q: Is the FortisBC EGP project still planning to go through the Little Stawamus River despite it having fish in it?

A: Surveys conducted by FortisBC's Qualified Professionals in 2025 verified that the fish bearing status of the Little Stawamus Creek went farther upstream than was originally determined in previous surveys. FortisBC altered the project routing through this area accordingly to avoid crossing the Little Stawamus in the area that was reclassified.

Please keep an eye out for May's newsletter which will include the remaining questions and answers from the info sessions!

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

Fortis BC EGP:

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

EGP Community Conduct Line

(specific to conduct in Squamish):

EGPWCC@rubinthomlinson.com or 1-855-514-6644

New Job Postings

Squamish Nation

Senior Health Care Assistant

Term Full-Time | Yúustway Health & Wellness | North Vancouver, BC

Education Administrative Officer

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

Administrative Coordinator

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

Driver

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

Child & Youth Worker – Life Skills

Permanent Full-Time | Ayás Méhmen Early Years & Youth Services | Squamish Valley, BC

Cultural Support Worker – Facilitator

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

Hiyám Housing

Director of Finance & Administration

Full-Time | Admin Office | North Vancouver, BC

Director of Communications and Engagement

Full-Time | Admin Office | North Vancouver, BC

Senior Manager of Operations

Full-Time | Admin Office | North Vancouver, BC

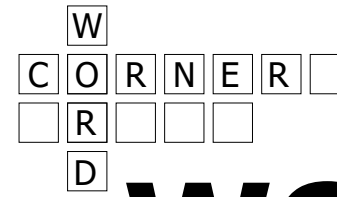
hiyamhousing.com/career-opportunities

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.

squamish.net/careers



WORD SEARCH

Bird Watching

ORNITHOLOGY
CONSERVATION
BIODIVERSITY
OBSERVATION
BINOCULARS
CAMOUFLAGE
MIGRATION
FLEDGLING
SPOTTING
TWITCHER
NESTLING
WETLANDS
VAGRANT
HABITAT
RAPTOR

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Squamish Nation

PREVIOUS WEEK ANSWERS:

1) MEMORY, 2) STORY, 3) LESSON, 4) NEST, 5) SMART, 6) OMNIVORE, 7) TEACHER, 8) RAVEN, 9) CARRION, 10) CUNNING, 11) TOOLS, 12) SOAR, 13) WISDOM, 14) PAIR

