



Syétsem tl'a Sxexelhnát

News of the Week

Monday, June 22, 2026





Complete the survey of the wa lh7tí má ta Skw̓wú7mesh Our Squamish Ways Survey by Friday July 24, 2026

We are inviting all Squamish People to give their feedback on the First Draft of our constitution.

Your feedback will help shape our highest law
for our Nation.

Scan the QR code to
complete the survey.



OR GO TO

<https://constitutionproject.net/resource/constitution-first-draft-feedback-survey/>

**Enter to win a \$150 gift card
for completing the survey!**

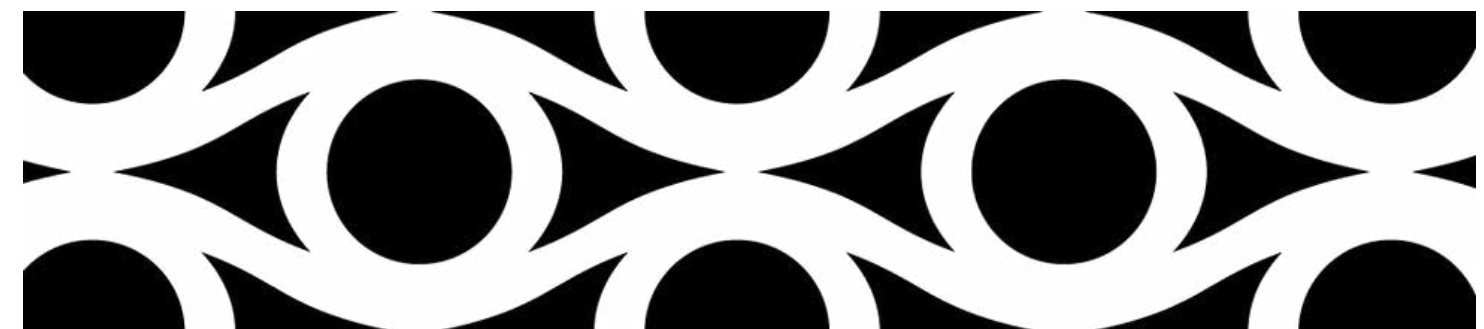


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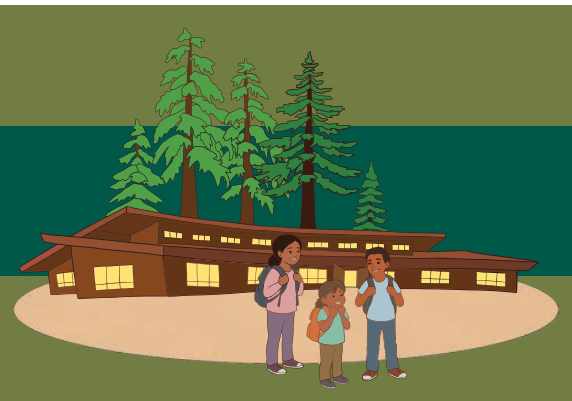
June 2026 Update

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

We conducted interviews and surveys between April 2024 to October 2025, with support from Larry Kelso, Late Kollette Douglas, Amber Kelso, Kim Seward, Jaymyn La Vallee, and Kirsten Baker. Many others supported us during this process and we raise our hands to you!

To meet with our people, we traveled with other Squamish Nation initiatives to deliver surveys and interviews in person, as well as visited the various schools our students attend across our Territory.

Over the past 6 months, we have been reviewing all the interviews and organizing our people's thoughts and perspectives on Education Jurisdiction. We are preparing a summary report, which will be ready in early July.



Some areas we've been exploring with community during interviews

1. What being inclusive means to them for education.
2. The importance of Culture and Language to our people and way of living.
3. How to best ensure our kids may succeed in two worlds.

An in-depth review of themes and what we heard through interviews will be ready in July 2026

REMINDER OF OUR WORK TO DATE

1056 Total People we've spoken to about Squamish Education

General Community Survey 551	All Staff Questionnaire 95	Pilot Survey 36	Youth Conference Survey 25
	Pride Day Questionnaire 36	Honouring Past Educators 31	Amalgamation Day Questionnaire 10
			Seattle Trip 8

Interviews with Skwxwú7mesh People	Children and Youth	145 Complete (goal = 71)
	Parents and Caregivers	74 Complete (goal = 71)
	Elders and Knowledge Holders	73 Complete (goal = 73)

3 PILLARS THAT GROUND OUR WORK

These three foundational pillars were heard from community early on when talking to our people, and continue to be heard across community.

Our People's Education

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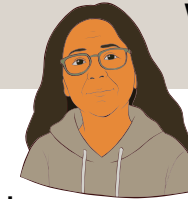
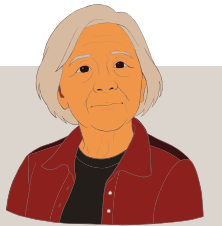
HEAR FROM OTHERS IN COMMUNITY

ELDERS VOICES

“When you said [school], I think of St. Paul's, I guess, because of what's going on today that has to do with the residential school. The word "school" is extremely attached to that. So that's what I think of.

“My school was Granny

“We teach our young to shine, to get a good education, to be able to walk in two worlds



PARENTS VOICES

“Safety, safety, safety for these children, to be able to learn their language, to learn the things that were taken from our people when residential schools came to this land

“Parents/caregivers have a responsibility to identify children's gifts. This should be supported by elders, community members

YOUTH VOICES

“Squamish culture is important for understanding and respecting the land we are on.

“The language being taught in classrooms and songs from the drums, and the feeling of being welcomed into the school.



Upcoming and Staying Connected

In July, our report will show the themes that arose from interviews with our people where we talked more in depth about how we can best design school to work for our children and youth. We'll be sharing updates through our website, social media, live presentations, and more.

Timeline to Referendum

- June 2026..... Drafting Reclaiming Education Data Analysis Reports
- July 2026 Report Back to Community on Data Results Report
- August/Sept 2026..... Expert Circles
- October 2026 First 30 day review period
- January 2026 Second 30 day review period
- May 2027 Referendum

Website: <https://www.squamish.net/community-initiatives/reclaiming-education/>

Email: reclaiming.education@squamish.net

Phone: 604-982-7600 (ask to speak to the Our Ways of Education team)



SEEKING PROGRAM LEADERS FOR LITERACY CAMPS

OPEN TO STUDENTS IN GRADE 10-12 OR POST-SECONDARY

We want to connect with students in Grades 10 to 12 and post-secondary to facilitate our 2026 summer camp programs and other fun educational programs throughout the 2026-27 school year (e.g., Summer Camps, Spring Break, Pro D camp, etc.). Students must be able to attend training and camp dates to be considered.

Training Dates

July 6—10
July 27—31
Mon—Fri

Camp Dates

Aug 10—21
Mon—Fri

PAID EXPERIENCE + TRAINING

Training and Camp Location

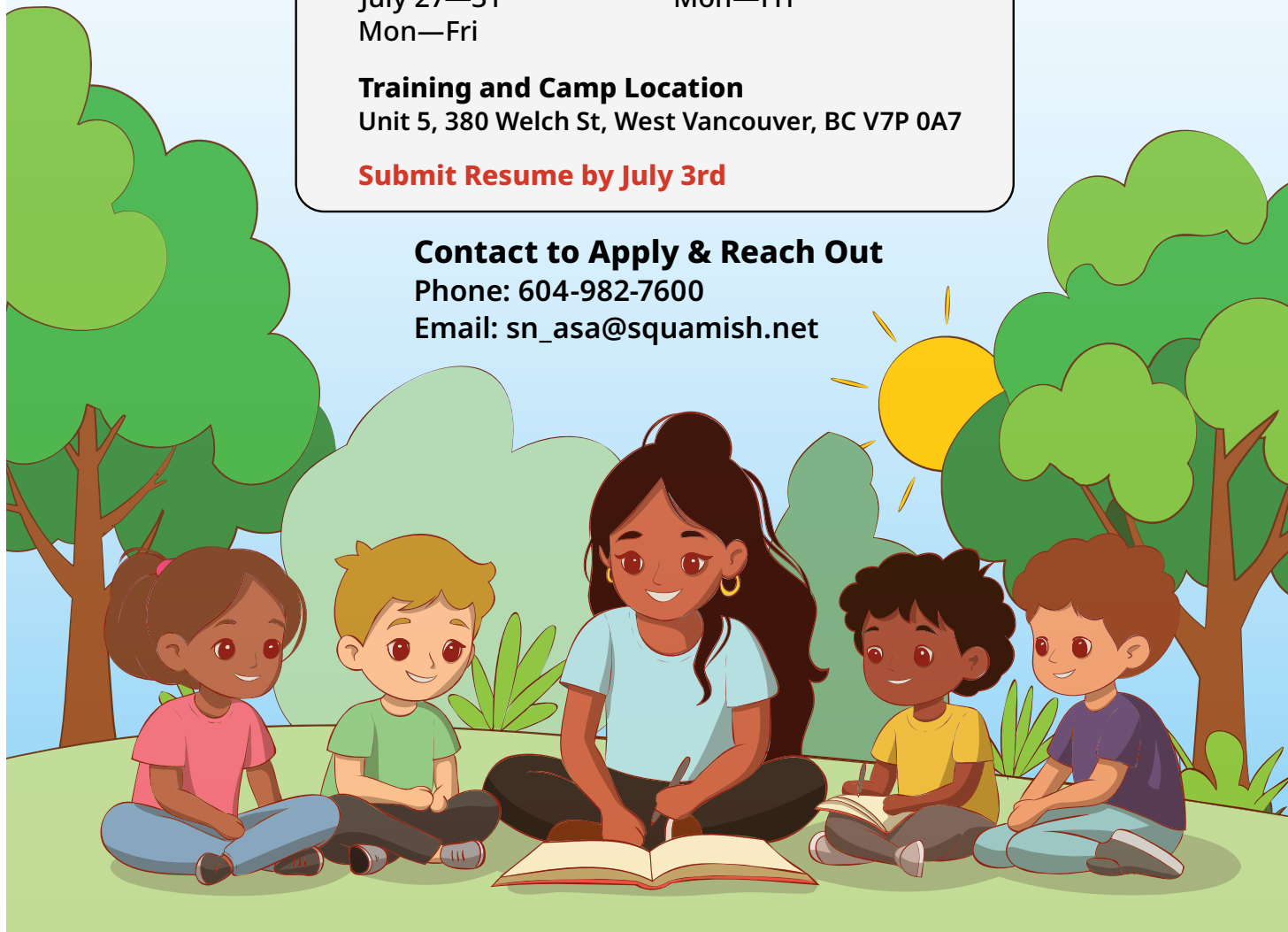
Unit 5, 380 Welch St, West Vancouver, BC V7P 0A7

Submit Resume by July 3rd

Contact to Apply & Reach Out

Phone: 604-982-7600

Email: sn_asa@squamish.net



Culture is Healing for Youth and Young Adults

Welcoming Skwxwú7mesh youth and young adults to connect with your roots by learning from Elders and Knowledge Keepers of the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw

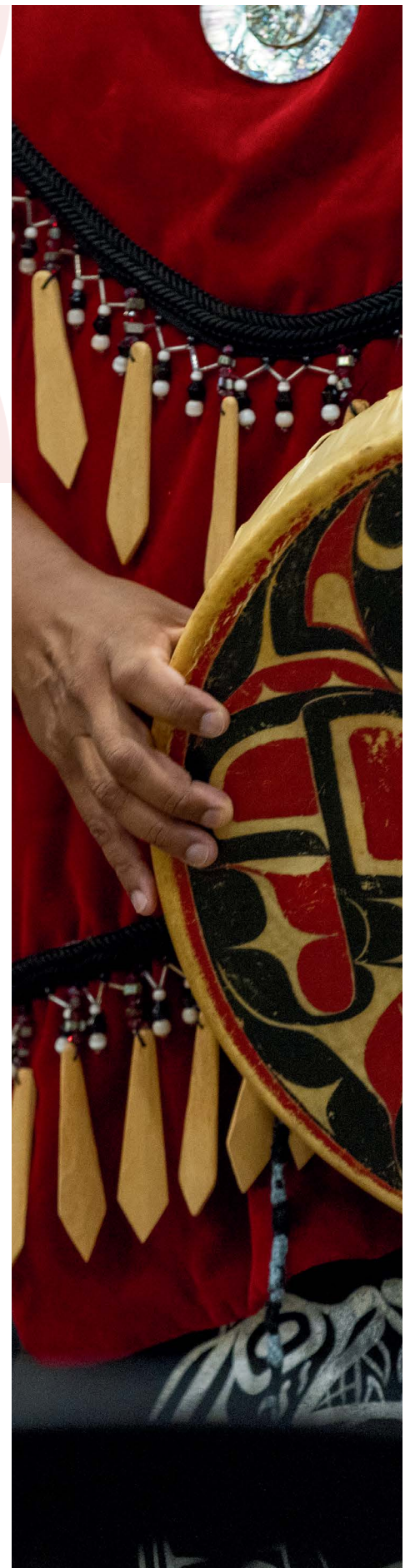
Ayás Ménmen Wellness Team is offering **Culture is Healing for Youth and Young Adults**. This cultural wellness program is for youth and young adults (16-30) to learn about traditional ways to take care of your spirit, mind, emotions, and body. **Child care and a meal will be provided.**

- **Tuesdays until June 23, 4-6:30pm**
- **Ayás Ménmen, 380 Welch St #2, North Vancouver**
- **Ages 16-30**

Register with this QR code:



If you have any questions or comments, please email: amm_wellness@squamish.net





ADVISORY SESSIONS

Chiyáxw

Child and Family Law

Chiyáxw is inviting Squamish Nation Members to join two advisory groups and be part of a group that will help shape the future of Nation Child and Family Services grounded in Squamish values, teachings, and Law.

Advisory Groups:

Chiyáxw Advisory Members (CAM) will help guide the development of child and family services for the Nation.

Knowledge Keepers (KK) will help share cultural, historical, and traditional knowledge to support this important work.

WHEN: Once a month

WHERE: 2-380 Welch Street, Ayás Méhmen

For questions, please contact Julian Edwards at Julian_Edwards@squamish.net



Visit our website to find out more or apply



People Services Offering Land-Based Medicine Drop-In for Squamish Valley

Nexwnínlhewá7nem Ch'áwch'aw (People's Services) is offering land-based medicine drop-ins for Squamish Valley.

Stop by and connect with Pénemkin (Jared) to access traditional and plant-based medicines or have a consult. Stop in for the medicines, or just for a cup of tea and a chat.

- June 4, 24, July 9, 16, 30, August 13, 20 | 1:30 – 4:30 pm
41139-B Government Road, Squamish

No appointment needed, but please call ahead to let us know you're coming at: 778-928-8448.

Please note that for North Vancouver, Land Based Medicine Drop-ins is still on Tuesdays.





2026 Pride Celebration

Nch'u7mut

Live DJ • Vendors • Drag Queens • Drum Groups • Prize Draws

FRIDAY, JUNE 26
CHIEF JOE MATHIAS CENTER



2PM • **3PM** • **4-8PM**
Decorating Parade Celebration



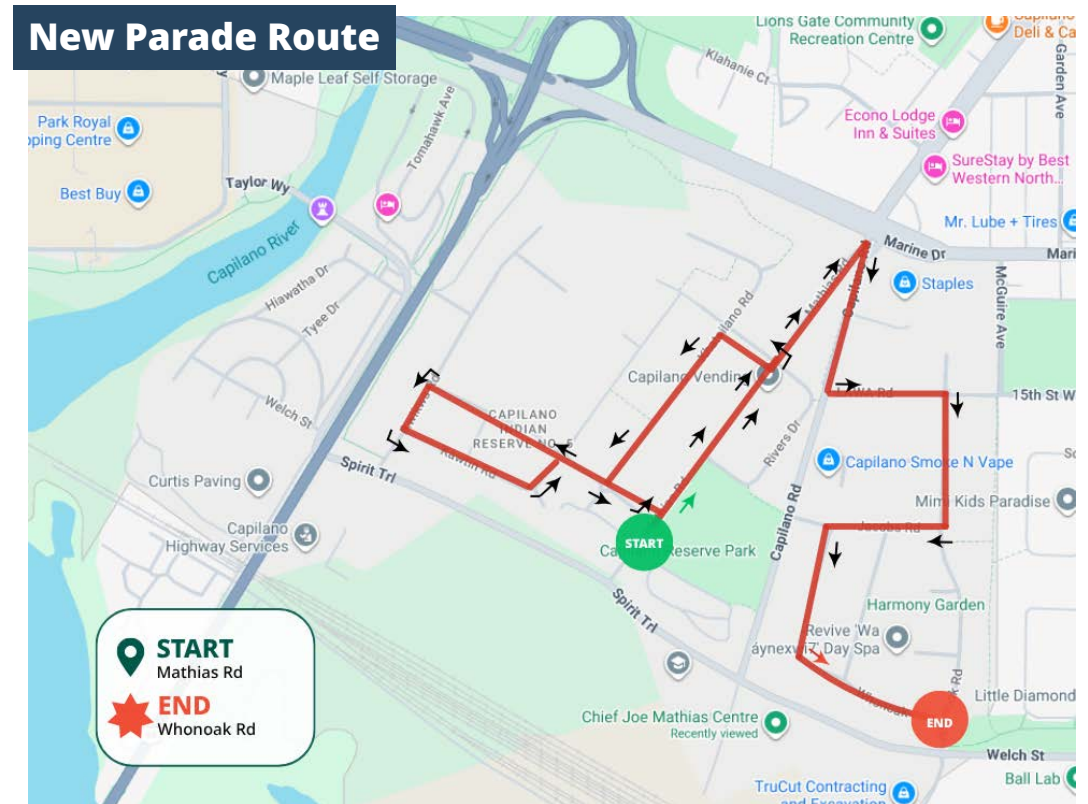
wellness@squamish.net • 604-982-7835

2026 Pride Celebration

Updated Parade Route

The parade route on June 26 has been altered due to a number of other events happening in the City that day, which are creating additional traffic congestion.

This event is for Squamish People and those residing within Squamish Nation Communities and is not a public event.



4TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL SQUAMISH NATION Youth Pow-Wow

Get ready for an unforgettable weekend filled with delicious traditional food, over 100 amazing vendors showcasing diverse goods, and entertainment fun for everyone.

New Location

This youth-focused competition Pow-Wow features dance categories for all ages, with exciting prizes awarded throughout the weekend. It's a wonderful opportunity to uplift our youth and promote education, employment, and healing through culture. Due to ongoing construction in the Longhouse and Elders' area, the Pow Wow will now be held at the Chief Joe Mathias Centre

➤ Join us from July 10 to 12 at Chief Joe Mathias Centre

Everyone is welcome to join us for a fantastic weekend of community spirit and celebration in memory of Gloria 'Honeygirl' Nahanee, T'enalt-h.

Scan the QR code to learn more



Lower Stá7mes Community Celebration

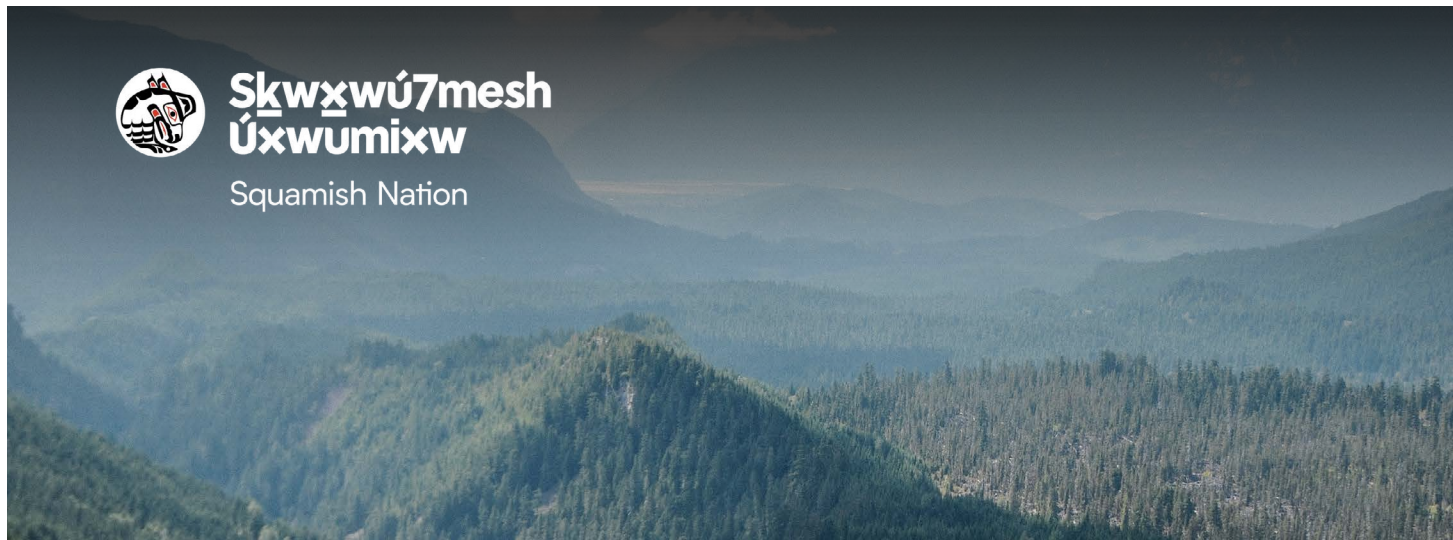
Wednesday, June 24, 5 - 8pm, Totem Hall

Come to the Lower Stá7mes Community Celebration and Open House at Totem Hall on June 24. Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) is bringing its People together to honour and celebrate Stá7mes Village.

The event will see the sharing of recent archeological and cultural findings and also provide a high-level update on planning for the Lower Stá7mes area. Learn how future work will protect lands and waters and bring new benefits to Skwxwú7mesh People.

The event will include:

- An opening celebration and dinner
- A short presentation celebrating Stá7mes history, archeological and cultural findings, and the future vision for the area
- Time for Community members to visit information stations, ask questions, and speak with Councillors, Elders, staff, and consultants



Wa Ns7eyx ta Temíxw's Five-Part Workshop Series

Wa Ns7eyx ta Temíxw, the Nation's land department dedicated to growing our reserve lands, maintaining the Housing List, and supporting estate and lot transfers, is hosting a free five-part workshop series.

These sessions are our way of sharing knowledge and building capacity within the community on topics that directly affect our lands, housing, and rights as Nation members. Whether you've got questions or just want to learn more, these workshops are for you.

All sessions run 5-7 pm at the Member Services Office (Unit 6 - 380 Welch Street). Drop in for one or come to all sessions, it's up to you. The workshops are open to all community members.

To register or ask questions please email community_lands@squamish.net

Session Dates:

- Wednesday, June 24
- Wednesday, July 8
- Wednesday, July 15
- Wednesday, July 22
- Wednesday, July 29



Scan here to find out more about the sessions offered



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, July 3 | 2 - 6 pm

WHERE: Totem Hall

Contact

 Anastasia_Jeffrey@squamish.net  www.squamish.net



Empower Your Future with Stitsma Career Centre

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

SQUAMISH NATION GUARDREADY CLASS

July 6-31, 2026
9:00 AM-4:00 PM

June 30: Info session, meet and greet with potential employers + registration

July 6-31: Class is in session

What will you gain?

- Two weeks of Basic Security Training
- 40 hours of practicum
- One week of Advanced Security Training

What is included:

- Lunch
- \$75/day incentives
- Opportunity to gain employment following course completion

Why participate?

- Build real-world skills in a supportive environment.

Registration: 604-985-7711 or trevor_billy@squamish.net

Deadline: June 30

*20 spots available



Empower Your Future with Stitsma Career Centre

Career Services

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- Cover Letter Writing
- Tips on Interviewing
- Career Counseling
- Work Gear
- Job Searching
- Youth Programs



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✉️ trevor_billy@squamish.net

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Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre

📍 MST SUMMER INTERNSHIP
ADC

* PLEASE SEE INDIVIDUAL JOB POSTINGS FOR REQUIREMENTS AND MORE INFORMATION



OR CONTACT US AT

✉️ stitsma_career@squamish.net

📞 604-985-7711

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Vancity to open future community branch at Seńákw

A new layer of village life is taking shape at Seńákw.

Nch'kaý Development Corporation will welcome Vancity to Seńákw as the project's first announced commercial tenant, marking an important step in the growth of the village's commercial spaces.

The future Seńákw Village Branch will also serve as Vancity's Centre of Indigenous Banking, bringing together its Indigenous Banking offerings in one location.

This milestone comes as first residents are being welcomed home. Together, these moments reflect continued progress toward the long-term vision for Seńákw: a modern Skwxwú7mesh village on Squamish Nation land, shaped by homes, services, public spaces, gathering places and amenities that support daily life.

Seńákw has always been envisioned as more than housing. It is a place for people to live, gather, access services and be connected to community. Vancity's future branch represents one of the first commercial services that will help support that vision as the village continues to grow.



Scan to read the full announcement:



New Job Postings

Squamish Nation

Policy Writer

Term Part-Time | Ta na wa Ns7éyxnitm ta Snewiyálh Language & Cultural Affairs | North Vancouver, BC

Team Lead, Registered Nurse

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

Manager, Emergency Response, Planning, and Projects

Permanent Full-Time | Ta na wa Téywilhaýlhem Public Safety | North Vancouver, BC

Early Childhood Educator Infant and Toddler

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

Executive Assistant II

Permanent Full-Time | Nexwníwmamin Ch'awch'aw Territory & Culture Services & K'iyáxan Ch'awch'aw Community Services | North Vancouver, BC

Senior Health Care Assistant

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

Driver

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

Home Care Nurse Assessor

Term Full-Time | Yúustway Health & Wellness | Squamish Valley, BC

Develop your career with the Nation

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

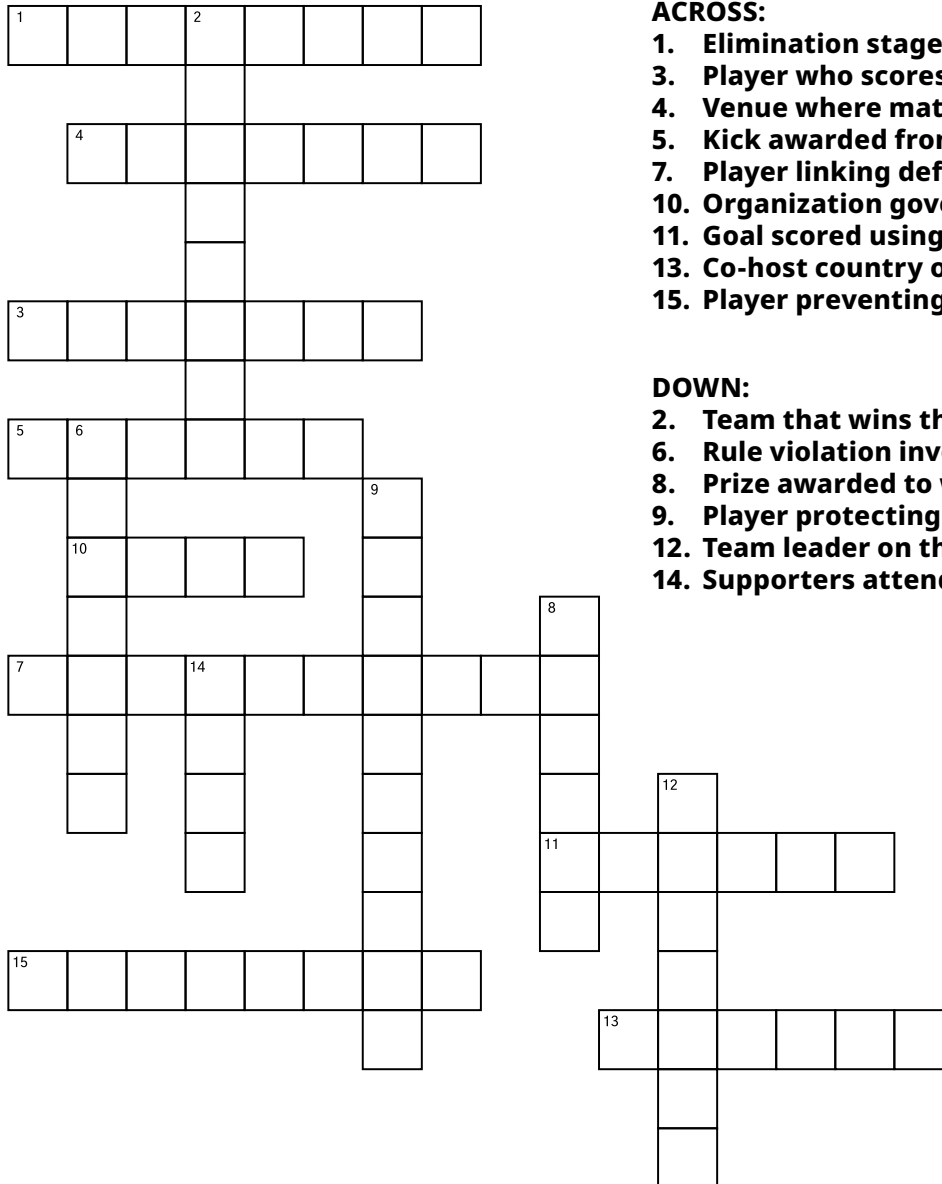
Chéhchenstway (Human Resources) connects with all Squamish People who apply for positions with Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw. We look forward to receiving your application and supporting your professional growth with the Nation.

squamish.net/careers

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FIFA World Cup 2026



ACROSS:

1. Elimination stage format.
3. Player who scores goals.
4. Venue where matches are played.
5. Kick awarded from corner arc.
7. Player linking defense and attack.
10. Organization governing world football.
11. Goal scored using the head.
13. Co-host country of the 2026 tournament.
15. Player preventing goals.

DOWN:

2. Team that wins the tournament.
6. Rule violation involving positioning.
8. Prize awarded to winning team.
9. Player protecting the net.
12. Team leader on the field.
14. Supporters attending matches.

