Syétsem tl’a Sxexelhnát

News of the Week

Monday, July 13, 2026

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July 9, 2026

To the Squamish People,

Re: Amended Distribution Policy and August 2026 Distribution

Squamish Nation Council would like to update community members on the Amended Distribution Policy and the corresponding adjustment to the August 2026 Distribution.

At the 2025 Annual General Meeting, Squamish People passed People's Resolution *2025-014 — Raising Distribution and Policy for Profit Sharing* —Council directed staff to implement the resolution.

The 2026 standard distribution has been set at $1,700 per member and will be paid across three installments. The April 2026 payment was issued before the policy amendment was finalized. As a result, the remaining payments have been adjusted to bring the total annual distribution to $1,700 per member. A payment schedule for the remainder of 2026 is provided below.

Payment	April 2026	August 2026	December 2026
Amount per member	$272.10	$577.90	$850.00
Note	*Already paid*	*25% of $1,700 + April shortfall*	*50% of $1,700*

A Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) is an increase that helps people keep pace with rising costs for everyday necessities such as food, housing, and transportation. It is intended to help maintain the purchasing power of distribution payments over time.

Under the amended Distribution Policy, the standard distribution will automatically increase each year based on the BC All Items Consumer Price Index (CPI), unless Council establishes a different amount by resolution. This approach helps ensure that distribution payments continue to reflect changes in the cost of living for Squamish People.

We appreciate the patience and understanding of Squamish People as these changes are implemented. Council remains committed to supporting Squamish People and ensuring Distribution policies continue to reflect the needs and priorities of our community. Members will continue to be informed of future Distribution updates and policy developments.

Chet wanáxwstúmi (respectfully),

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UPDATE: August 2026 Distribution

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

Thursday, August 6 | Friday, August 7, 2026
8:30 am – 4:00 pm
Open during lunch hour (12 – 1 pm)

Pick up locations:

Totem Hall
1380 Stawamus Drive
Squamish

Chief Joe Mathias Centre
100 Capilano Road,
West Vancouver

Important dates

- DIRECT DEPOSIT and ELDERS 65+ DELIVERY on Wednesday, August 5
- Canada mail will go out the following week on Monday, August 10

The distribution for August 2026 will be a total of $577.90. 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.

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

Sḵwx̱wú7mesh Úxwumixw Constitution Project

The Constitution Project wa lh7tíḿá ta Sḵwx̱wú7mesh will be out in the community this July!

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. Come find us and do the survey before the deadline on July 24th

JULY 13 (Monday) - **N.V. DROP-IN INFO SESSION - CJMC**
Snacks and refreshments available
1:30PM to 3:30PM for Elders & 4:00PM to 7:00PM Everyone Welcome!

JULY 15 (Wednesday) - **YOUTH ENGAGEMENT DINNER**
4:30 to 7:00PM **Squamish Valley Teen Centre**

JULY 21 (Tuesday) - **S.V. DROP-IN INFO SESSION -TOTEM HALL**
Snacks and refreshments available
1:00PM to 3:00PM for Elders & 4:00PM to 7:00PM Everyone Welcome!

JULY 23 (Thursday) - **AMALGAMATION DAY**
INFO BOOTH & ACTIVITY TENT **- Chief Joe Mathias Centre**

JULY 24 (Friday) - **DROP-IN INFO BOOTH & ACTIVITY TENT**
Xwmélch'sten (Capilano) field

For more information, visit our website at constitutionproject.net
OR get in touch:
PHONE: 604-982-8600
EMAIL: info@constitution.net

Sḵwx̱wú7mesh Úxwumixw Constitution Project

Complete the survey of the wa lh7tíḿá ta Sḵwx̱wú7mesh 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!

Sports & Recreation Grant

Cycle 2 now open! Deadline: August 3, 2026

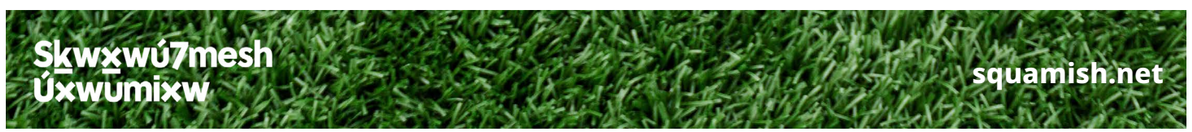
The 2026 Sports and Recreation Grant - Cycle 2 is now open! Download an application at **squamish.net/sport-rec-grants** or scan the QR code:

Submit your application by Monday, August 3, 2026, before 4:30 pm:

- Email: 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 1 in March 2026, you are not eligible to apply for this round.

If you have any questions, contact Justine Sobell at Justine_Sobell@squamish.net or call 604-980-6338.



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SAVE THE DATE

Amalgamation Day 2026

iy̓ím ta Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish Strong)

WHEN: **Thursday, July 23 | 3 - 7 pm**

WHERE: **Chief Joe Mathias Centre**

BONUS: **9:15 pm movie at dusk on Xwmélch'sten Field**

Join us for food, culture, storytelling, activities & vendor booths, followed by a movie under the stars. A family-friendly event honouring our traditions of sharing and coming together. We look forward to seeing you there.

CALL FOR VENDORS

If you are a Squamish Nation Member, part of an immediate family member's household, or 19 and older, we invite you to showcase your business at this year's Amalgamation Day.

Contact Vanessa Lewis at vanessa_lewis@squamish.net for more information.

Deadline: July 15

JULY 29 AND 30, 10AM - 2PM

Squamish Valley Chesha7 and Me

A time for parents and their children to share one on one connections through art and movement. The activities over two days are facilitated by art and family therapists.

Location: Siyich'em Healthy Hub

This two-day event is for one child aged six to 10 and one parent or caregiver. If you need help arranging childminding, contact Sharon for assistance at 604-762-7071. Registration for this event is required. Use the QR code below:

Fish Tanning & Crafting Workshop

Learn how to transform raw fish skins into a supple, durable leather at the Fish Tanning & Crafting Workshop.

Facilitated by Janey Change, participants will learn how this strong textile can be used to make clothing, wallets, footwear, earrings, art, and more.

WHEN: **July 28 & August 4| 10 am – 4 pm**

WHERE: **Unit 9, 380 Welch St, West Vancouver**

Registration open from **July 17 at 1:30 pm – July 24** at 1:30 pm, or until full.

Scan the QR code to register

This event is only for Nation Members.

For any questions, email the Yúustway team at **wellness@squamish.net.**

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CJMC Summer Craft Fair

Admission by donation, with all proceeds funding CJMC's after school programs.

Vendor registration is now open. Tables cost $60, one table per vendor, and vendors 55+ get 50% off. Register with the QR code below:

WHEN: **August 8 and 9, 10am - 4pm**

WHERE: **CJMC, 100 Lower Capilano Road**

Contact

604-980-6338

cjmcevents@squamish.net

JULY 2026

WOODFIBRE LNG & FORTIS BC EAGLE MOUNTAIN GAS PIPELINE PROJECTS

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

SMALL FOCUS GROUP SESSION Q&A PART 2

Q. ***What construction is happening at Little Stawamus?***

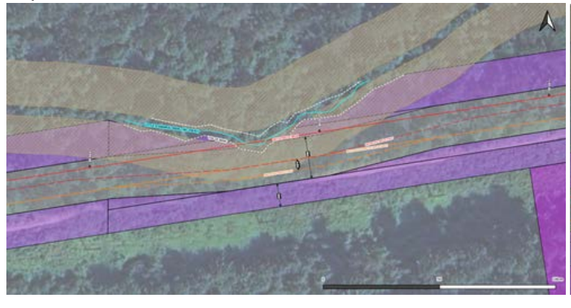
A. Initial FortisBC assessments of Little Stawamus Creek determined that fish would not be found in areas near the Eagle Mountain – Woodfibre Gas Pipeline Project. Reports came into FortisBC and Sḵwx̱wú7mesh Úxwumixw that fish are found in this area resulting in new assessments by FortisBC in 2025. Those surveys confirmed fish presence in the creek, and FortisBC rerouted the alignment through this area to avoid the reclassified section of the creek.

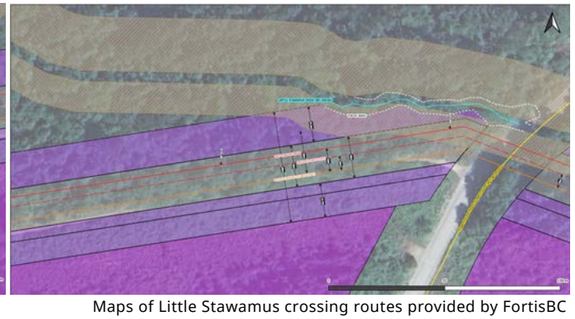
Work within fish-bearing creeks requires a higher level of care during construction – with clear requirements in management plans, permit requirements and best management practices, including restoration requirements.

The original Eagle Mountain Gas Pipeline route would have crossed Little Stawamus Creek in three locations. Following the reroute noted above, the pipeline now crosses the creek in one location. That crossing was completed in June 2026 when the section of the creek was completely dry, following project requirements and with Qualified Professional oversight. Sḵwx̱wú7mesh Úxwumixw Indigenous Monitors were on site during construction and the team conducted an inspection of the area as well; no concerns were identified.

Image of Little Stawamus Creek restoration activities provided by FortisBC

The maps below show the previous Little Stawamus Crossing route (solid red line) and the updated route (dashed red line).





Maps of Little Stawamus crossing routes provided by FortisBC

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SMALL FOCUS GROUP SESSION Q&A PART 2 CONT'D

Q. ***How are glass sponges protected?***

A. Sḵwx̱wú7mesh Úxwumixw is aware that a detailed seafloor inventory conducted by WoodfibreLNG consultants encountered 10 individual glass sponges at the site (not a reef).

WoodfibreLNG conducted a thorough inventory of individual sponges on the seafloor using remote-operated vehicle (ROV) mapping. They also asked for guidance from external third-party academic experts on glass sponges (not associated with the project).

Sḵwx̱wú7mesh Úxwumixw expressed how critical it is for the glass sponges to be protected. WoodfibreLNG redesigned their mooring/anchoring plans for the second floatel to avoid any impacts to the individual sponges.

The methods and approach taken to protect the glass sponges on site is guided by a Fisheries Technical Advisory Committee that includes Sḵwx̱wú7mesh Úxwumixw biologists and other registered biologists.

The presence of glass sponges in this area is very exciting as they had not been recorded here for many decades. The Nation is pleased with the expanded presence of glass sponge locations in Átl'ḵa7tsem (Howe Sound) and their avoidance by WoodfibreLNG. The individual locations now mapped may support further exploration of sponge and reef locations in northern Átl'ḵa7tsem.

Image of glass sponge provided by WoodfibreLNG

Q. ***How do WoodfibreLNG manage the floatel mooring lines?***

A. When the Saga X (2nd floatel) was initially moored at Swiýát, the mooring lines were checked multiple times a day to monitor during changing tides. The mooring lines are now checked every few days to ensure everything is in place. The lines are very visible from the ship and from shore, so any changes would be caught quickly.

Q. ***What studies have been done for plankton?***

A. WoodfibreLNG monitoring is focused on the area surrounding the project site as well as several reference sites (e.g. sites further away from the project as this helps understand if trends on site match region-wide data).

Project specific surveys are focused on how fish use habitat in the project area rather than plankton specifically. There are a range of fish and habitat surveys happening at the site and at reference sites including herring surveys, salmonid surveys, resident fish surveys, beach and purse seine sampling, and more. Anyone with interest in the technical details can read the 2025 WoodfibreLNG Marine Fish and Fish Habitat Environmental Effects Annual Monitoring Report: https://woodfibrelng.ca/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/20327-104-260421-FINAL-2025-MFFH-EEM-Annual-Report-1.pdf

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SMALL FOCUS GROUP SESSION Q&A PART 2 CONT'D

Q. ***What will flaring be like at WoodfibreLNG?***

A. The flare stack has been constructed but there is no natural gas at the facility yet as its still under construction. The first flare is expected later in 2027. We recognize there are questions on flaring during the commissioning and operations phase of the project. We're meeting with WoodfibreLNG on this and will provide dedicated updates and newsletters on the topic soon.

SV Elders Lunch and Feedback Session

We would like to invite the Squamish Valley Elders to join us for lunch and an informal discussion. This gathering welcomes your feedback on the communication methods that best meet your needs. Your input will help us improve how we share information and ensure our communication is accessible, effective, and meaningful for all Elders.

We look forward to spending time together, hearing your thoughts, and continuing to strengthen our communication and engagement with community.

Thursday July 16th

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Totem Hall

please RSVP to swiyat@squamish.net

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, Sḵwx̱wú7mesh Úxwumixw:

swiyat@squamish.net or 778-966-1117

Woodfibre LNG:

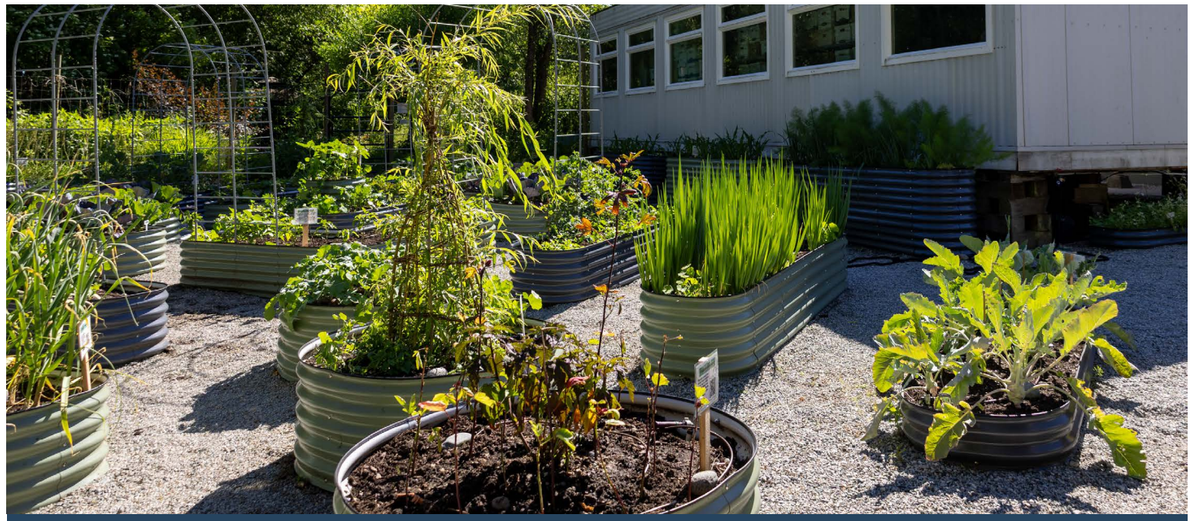
info@wlng.ca or 1-888-801-7929

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



People Services Offering Land-Based Medicine Drop-In for North Vancouver

Nexwnínlhewá7nem Ch'áwch'aw (People's Services) is offering land-based medicine drop-ins in North Vancouver.

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

- Every Tuesday | 8:30 am – 4 pm
- Unit #2 – 380 Welch Street

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

For any questions, reach out to Tiffany Leblanc: **tiffany_leblanc@squamish.net**

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Employment & Future Skills
Nexw7áýstwaý Training & Trades Centre

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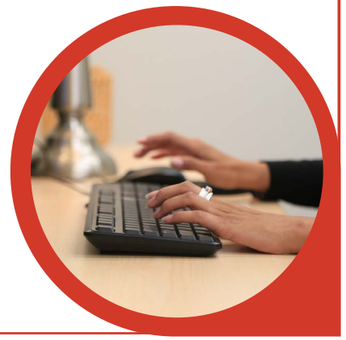
Training & Trades Centre
#3-1500 Railway Street
North Vancouver, BC

LEADERSHIP FOR INDIGENOUS LEARNERS CERTIFICATE (LILC)

September 8, 2026 - August 27, 2027
Tuesday/Thursday 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

The LILC is designed to strengthen students' ability to lead inclusive teams and organizations. Through experiential and inquiry-based learning, students will develop a personal leadership philosophy grounded in their values, culture, and lived experiences. Topics include values-based leadership, communication, employment legislation, people management and more. This program is for current and aspiring leaders.



What is included:
- free tuition & training allowance
- meal plan, childcare & transportation subsidy

Apply by July 30

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION CERTIFICATE (BAC)

September 8, 2026 - August 27, 2027
Monday/Wednesday 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Students will complete six core courses that cover the essentials of business – Intro to Management, Business Computing Basics, Organizational Behaviour, Marketing, Accounting, and a Communication or English course. This program is designed for working professionals as well as students new to the business field.

What is included:
- free tuition & training allowance
- meal plan, childcare & transportation subsidy

Apply by July 30

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

tradescentre@squamish.net
604-980-7946
sntrainingandtradescentre

Scan for website

Income Assistance Notice

IMPORTANT DATES – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

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
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

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***

E-mail: income_assistance@squamish.net

Indigenous Services Canada / Services aux Autochtones Canada

SOCIAL ASSISTANCE MONTHLY RENEWAL DECLARATION FOR: August 2026 >>555
Cheque issue date is Wed. July 29 – July 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, July 15, 2026.** You will **NOT** receive your Cheque on Wed. July 29th. **Late Declaration** means, late cheque

4. Have you had any earned or unearned Income this month? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, completed

Earnings	$
Family Allowance	$
Maintenance	$
Employment Insurance	$
Other (specify) ___	$
TOTAL	$

5. Has there been any change in your assets? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, complete

Bank Account	$
Property	$
Other (specify)	$
	$
TOTAL	$

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.

Status Number	Signature of applicant	Date

***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 you 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

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New Job Postings

Squamish Nation

Manager, Emergency Planning, Response, and Projects
Permanent Full-Time | Ta na wa Téy̓wilhay̓lhem Public Safety | North Vancouver, BC

Bus Driver
Term Part-Time | Ta na wa Ch'awát ta Sx̱wéx̱wel Squamish Valley Operations | Squamish Valley, BC

Planning Assistant
Permanent Full-Time | Ta na was Shéway I7x̱w ta Úxwumixw Planning & Capital Projects | North Shore, BC

Junior GIS Technician
Term Full-Time | Ta na wa Yúus Stitúyntsaḿ Rights & Title | North Shore, BC

Director, Communications and Engagement
Permanent Full-Time | Nexwsyétsem Communications and Engagement | North Vancouver, BC

Home Care Nurse Assessor
Term Full-Time | Yúustway Health & Wellness | Squamish Valley, BC

Case Social Worker
Permanent Full-Time | Ayás Méńmen Child and Family Support Services | Squamish Valley, BC

Develop your career with the Nation

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

Chéńchenstway (Human Resources) connects with all Squamish People who apply for positions with Sḵwx̱wú7mesh Úxwumixw. We look forward to receiving your application and supporting your professional growth with the Nation.

squamish.net/careers

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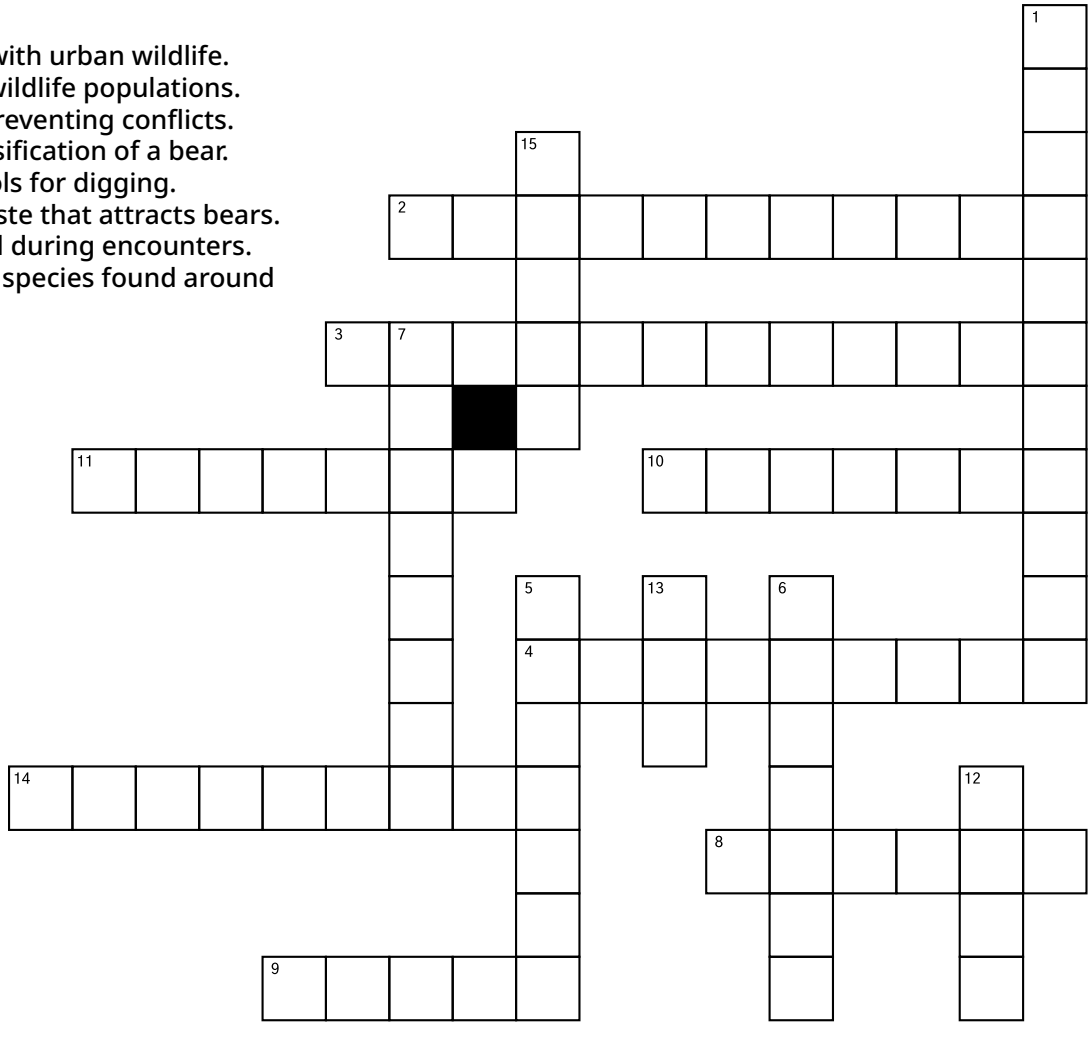
Bear Safety

DOWN:

1. Winter dormancy behavior.
5. Favorite natural bear food.
6. Common urban attractant for bears.
7. Animal that eats plants and meat.
12. Recommended reaction during an encounter.
13. Young bear.
15. What dogs should remain on near bears.

ACROSS:

2. Goal of living with urban wildlife.
3. Protection of wildlife populations.
4. Best tool for preventing conflicts.
8. Biological classification of a bear.
9. Sharp bear tools for digging.
10. Household waste that attracts bears.
11. Action to avoid during encounters.
14. Common bear species found around Vancouver.



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