



Syétsem tl'a Sxexelhnát

News of the Week

Monday, August 31, 2026





Elders Centre Expansion Update

CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES ON SCHEDULE

The North Shore Elders Centre expansion is expected to be complete by years’ end. The project, led by Ta na wa Shéway I7xw ta Úxwumixw (Planning & Capital Projects), is right on schedule.

Elders should be able to start moving back into the renovated centre by the end of January 2027.

Recent project work includes installing new windows, interior finishings, as well as re-establishing service connections such as hydro, water and sewer. The new Elders Centre will be more than double in size from the original – with room for up to 140 Elders. It includes larger dining and lounge spaces to gather in, an expanded kitchen and a traditional medicine garden.

Squamish Elders co-created the design to allow for important traditions such as an arts and culture space large enough to accommodate looms for weaving.

During construction on the Centre, access to the Shaker Church and Longhouse is being maintained.

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Squamish Nation Ticket Lottery

Closes on October 5, 2026

Enter online at:
www.surveymonkey.com/r/2026-ticket-lottery

The ticket lottery is open from August 28 to October 5, 2026. Squamish Nation Members of any age are eligible to enter the ticket lottery.

As tickets are provided to the Nation, staff will conduct draws from this list of names.

The lottery includes sports tickets such as Canucks and Warriors games, as well as other types of event tickets given to the Nation. If you win tickets for an event that you are not interested in, your name can go back in the draw if you decline within 48 hours.

Ticket lottery closes:
Monday, October 5, 2026

If you require assistance with filling out the form, please contact Ta na wa Cheñtm (Chair & Council Office) at **604-980-4553** or **cco@squamish.net**.



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Honour Your Strength

OUR DIABETES WELLNESS JOURNEY

Yúustway is excited to resume their Honour Your Strength: Our Diabetes Wellness Journey community-based education series this fall.

Made up of eight in-person interactive education sessions, participants will learn how to live well with diabetes through holistic wellness, peer support and strength-based learning. The series invites people to have conversations around diabetes, sharing their stories and wisdom.

WHEN: September 22, October 20, November 17, December 8
 5 – 7 pm

WHERE: Yúustway Health & Wellness
 380 Welch St., Unit 9A

The dates for sessions 5 – 8 will be announced later. Participants are required to attend all 8 sessions, which will be held in person and virtually. A light meal will also be served.

For more information or to register, please contact:

 **Deni Olivares: 236-668-9653**

 **publichealth@squamish.net**

Wa iyímentsut ta slhenlhánaý

The Women are Strengthening Themselves

Join us in a supportive space to connect, learn, heal, and strengthen ourselves together through culture, community, and wellness.

A Women's Wellness & Connection Group

Dates: Wednesdays, September 23 - October 28

Time: 5:00 - 7:30 pm

Location: Shared after registration

What to Expect

- Psycho education w/ arts based processing
- Self-regulation and body based practices
- Connection with other women
- Cultural teachings and shared learning
- A safe and welcoming environment

Facilitated by Nadia Campitelli (wellness therapist) and supported by Elder Shadi Motiei and junior Elder Norma Nahanee. The wellness therapist will connect with each participant directly to provide additional details about the group.

Registration

Register online: <https://form.jotform.com/262155856044257>

If you have questions, contact us at amm_wellness@squamish.net



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**Skwxwú7mesh
Úxwumixw**

Squamish Nation

NEW EDITION

CJMC 2026 Fall Program Guide

The **2026 CJMC Fall Program Guide** (September - December) is now available.

All the programs at Chief Joe Mathias Centre are **free of charge** for Squamish People and Community.

If you don't have your printed version, **scan the QR code below** for the online copy.



← **Scan me**



squamish.net/CJMCrecreation





ENROLL YOUR THREE TO FIVE-YEAR-OLD

Mother Bear Child Development spaces available

Care aligns with Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw values

Chesha7 Mixalh Méńmen (Mother Bear Child Development Centre & Daycare Services), in Xwemélch'stn (Capilano) and Eslha7an (Mission), now have spaces available for three to five-year-olds.

- To enroll your young child, contact manager Megan McDonnell at Megan_Mcdonnell@squamish.net.
- Care provided from 8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, for the children of Skwxwú7mesh People, those living in Community, and Nation staff.



JOIN US AT ESLHA7AN FOR A BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ

Hosted by Eslha7an Staff & Teachers

All Students are Welcome!

Drop by to sign up for our programs and ask any questions, meet and greet our teachers, tour the classrooms, and enjoy:

- HOTDOGS
- BURGERS
- SALADS
- FRUIT & VEGGIES
- CHIPS
- POP
- WATER
- AND MORE!



Eslha7an Learning Centre (On top of Parking Lot)

ADDRESS: 345 5th St W, North Vancouver, BC

TIME: 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Contact Us

EMAIL: eslha7an_learning@squamish.net

PHONE: 604-985-7711



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

YOUNG ADULT EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

FOR SQUAMISH NATION INCOME
ASSISTANCE CLIENTS ONLY

September 14 - 18, 2026
8:30 AM-4:30 PM

*Hosted by Stitsma Career Centre in
partnership with Bungalow 968*

Ages: 19 - 30

Workshops:

- Food Safe
- First Aid
- Resume & cover letter writing
- Site visits

What is included:

- \$75/day incentives
- Lunch
- \$200 BONUS for participation & perfect attendance

Why participate?

Build real-world skills in a supportive, empowering environment.

Contact us at the phone number or email below to register

Deadline: September 4, 2026

15 spots available!



Empower Your Future with Stitsma Career Centre

Career Services

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



Visit our Facebook page

📞 **604-985-7711**

✉️ **Trevor_Billy@squamish.net**



Señákw Updates

**As sménhem, Tower Two, prepares for residents, the vision of
Señákw -- returning Skwxwú7mesh People to our ancestral
village -- grows stronger.**

**More Skwxwú7mesh People will be able to once again call
Señákw home when Tower Two opens its doors to residents
this fall.**

We have several milestones to celebrate with Community, including:

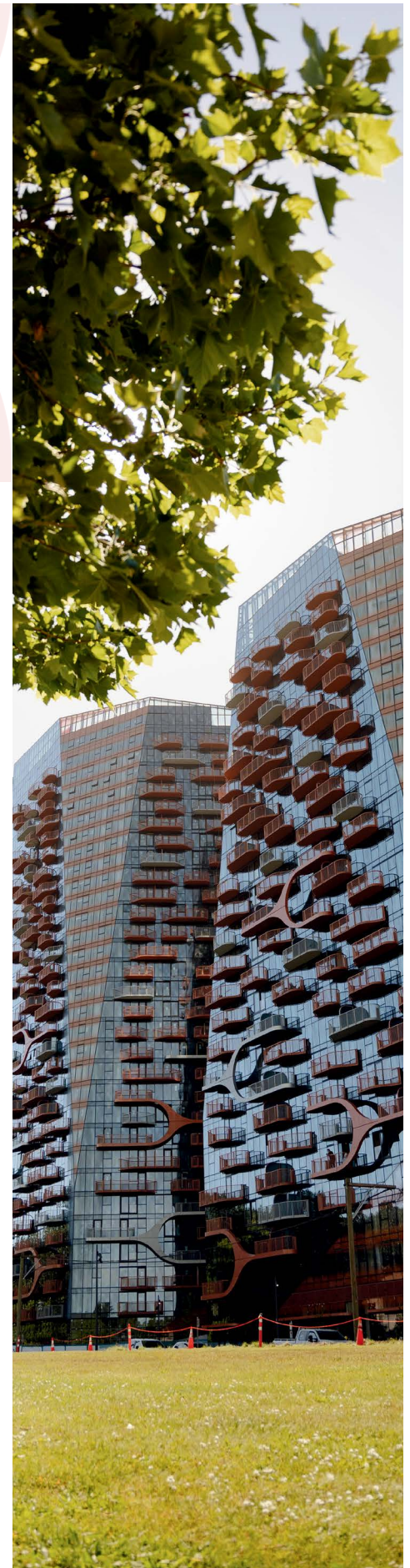
- **Tower One is more than 50 per cent leased, with 165 households already settled in. A majority of residents are Indigenous, reflecting the vision that has guided this project from the beginning.**
- **Tower Two move-ins are expected to begin this fall**
- **Señákw's Welcome Centre is now open six days a week**
- **Vancity is welcomed as Señákw's first commercial tenant**

The details on Hiýá'rn Housing's application process for Tower Two will be released shortly.

A Hiýá'rn Housing Navigator can answer any further questions you may have about the application process or eligibility and can be reached at 604-210-9126, or at navigator@hiyamhousing.com.

**For more information on living at Señákw:
Senakw.com**

Nch'kay guides the leasing and rental processes for Señákw. Leasing for Tower Two is expected to begin once Tower One reaches approximately 70 per cent occupancy. Skwxwú7mesh People and Indigenous applicants will continue to receive priority access.





Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw
Squamish Nation

**Ta na wa Shéway I7xw
ta Úxwumixw**
Planning & Capital Projects

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOI)

Welcome Figures Carving - Squamish Nation Elders Centre

Submission Deadline: September 30th, 2026

1. Overview & Eligibility

- The Squamish Nation invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) from qualified Skwxwú7mesh artists for the design and carving of two (2) welcome figures to be installed at the Squamish Nation Elders Centre (100 Mathias Road, West Vancouver).
- Eligibility: Open exclusively to Skwxwú7mesh artists and artist teams. Mentorship of emerging Skwxwú7mesh artists and intergenerational knowledge transfer are strongly encouraged and considered key assets.

2. Project Scope & Budget

- Cultural Guidelines: **Designs must reflect traditional Coast Salish visual language and cultural principles (no formline)** and will be reviewed by a panel including cultural knowledge holders.
- Budget & Support: \$20,000 CAD per pole (\$40,000 CAD total) covering artist fees, design, carving, materials/tools, painting, finishing, and team coordination. Log procurement, engineering, transport, and installation are provided by Squamish Nation.

3. Key Project Timeline

Milestone	Schedule
EOI Submission Deadline	September 30th, 2026
Shortlisting of Artists (Phase 1)	October 7th, 2026
Shortlisted Artists Notified	October 14th, 2026
Proposal Phase Commences (Phase 2)*	Mid-to-late October 2026
Submission of Design Proposals	November 18th, 2026
Final Selection & Notification	November 25th – December 2nd, 2026
Carving & Fabrication Period	December 2026 – March 2027
Installation & Raising Ceremony	April 2027

*Shortlisted artists will be provided with an honorarium for design submissions

4. For Application Requirements & How to Apply, and Full Document Access

To access the complete EOI document and project description please visit the link here:
<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/ka1fxptzw5jz363bm1qmc/SQFCE-Welcome-Figures-EOI-08-17-26.pdf?rlkey=izjtv9mjk2vanswubblzq9div&st=6qk0ruxo&dl=0> or scan QR below:



Inquiries: Contact Andrew Mardjuki at amardjuki@squamish.net or (604) 904-7474



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You're Invited!
2026 Nch'kay Annual Gathering

Squamish People are invited to join us for an evening of food, culture, and connection as we bring together the businesses, projects, people and opportunities across the Nch'ka'y Group.*

NORTH SHORE ANNUAL GATHERING

Friday, September 11
Chief Joe Mathias Centre
5:00–9:00 PM

SQUAMISH VALLEY ANNUAL GATHERING

Friday, September 25
Totem Hall
6:00–9:00 PM

Throughout the evening, you can:

- Share a meal with family, friends and community
- Explore interactive Nch'kǎy Story Spaces
- Meet the people behind our businesses
- Learn about careers, business opportunities and other ways to get involved
- Enjoy cultural programming and entertainment
- Take part in Prize Draws, custom swag and more

Everyone who attends will receive an entry into our door-prize draw. RSVP at least one week before your Gathering date and you'll receive an additional entry.

NORTH SHORE: RSVP by September 4
for additional door-prize entry

SQUAMISH VALLEY: RSVP by September 18
for additional door-prize entry

*This gathering is exclusively for Squamish Nation Members and is not open to the general public.

Learn More & RSVP at:

nchkay.com/2026-nchkay-annual-gathering

or scan the QR Code.

We hope you'll join us!

Huy chexw a,
Nch'kaý Development Corporation





Client Connection Session

INCOME ASSISTANCE

Ha7lh Skwáyel (Good Day!)

JOIN US TO:

- Get the latest updates on IA services
- Meet the Outreach team members
- Ask questions and learn about the support available

WHEN:

Tuesday, Sept 15, 2026
11:30–2:00 p.m.

LUNCH PROVIDED

WHERE:

Eslha7an Learning Centre
345 5th Street West, North
Vancouver
(Activity room)

Sign-up required by Sept 14, register by email or in person at the office.



Attend the full session to be exempt from job search this month and receive a \$75 Walmart gift card!
*** Must stay the full 2.5 hours and arrive on time (within 10 minutes).

New Job Postings

Squamish Nation

Director, Member Services

Permanent Full-Time | Ts'ixwts'ixwnítway
Member Services | North Vancouver, BC

Language Teacher

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

Medical Office Assistant

Permanent Part-Time | Yúustway Health &
Wellness | Squamish Valley, BC

Wellness Coordinator/Social Worker

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

Fleet Coordinator

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

Senior Language Teacher

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

Nch'kay

Customer Service Representative

Casual, On-Site | Squamish Valley Gas Bar |
Squamish, BC

Maintenance Manager Cap RV

1 Year Term | Cap RV | West Vancouver, BC

Maintenance Technician

Permanent Full-time | Ch'ich'iyúy, International
Plaza | North Vancouver, BC

Senior Project Manager

Permanent Full-Time | Park Royal | West
Vancouver, BC

Senior Accountant

Permanent Full-Time | Park Royal | West
Vancouver, BC

Senior Accountant

12 Month Term Full-Time | Park Royal | West
Vancouver, BC

Social Media and Content Specialist

Permanent Full-Time | Park Royal | West
Vancouver, BC

nchkay.com/careers

Develop your career with the Nation

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

Chérchenstway (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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Salmon Sockeye

DOWN:

2. Animals that hunt salmon.
4. Protection of salmon populations.
6. Freshwater habitat where salmon begin life.
7. Birds often feeding on salmon.
10. Flowing water salmon swim against.
14. Streambed material used for spawning.
15. Fish known for returning to birthplace streams.

ACROSS:

1. Benefits salmon bring to ecosystems.
3. Land area draining into streams and rivers.
5. Direction traveled to spawning grounds.
8. Area where river and ocean waters meet.
9. Series of stages from egg to spawning adult.
11. Long journey between ocean and freshwater.
12. Important food source for young salmon.
13. Life stage adapting to saltwater.

