



Syétsm t'l'a Sxexelhnát

News of the Week

Some Important Upcoming Dates

SN Disabilities Survey deadline (p. 8)	Aug 31st
Siyích'em paving/construction scheduled end	Aug 31st
SV Gas Bar: Carbon Tax change (p. 7)	Sep 1st
Sp'ákw'usullh (Language Nest) reopening [tentative]	Sep 8th
Recreation: Drop-in Programs & Fitness Classes resume (p. 20-23)	Sep 8th
SN Membership Committee application deadline (p. 11)	Sep 8th
Children's Oral Health Initiative (COHI) appointments begin	Sep 14th
4th Annual Elders' Open House	Sep 16th
Hiyám Housing Board of Directors application deadline (p. 12)	Sep 18th
Honour Your Strength: Diabetes Wellness Circle (p. 18)	Sep 22nd
BioPed Pedorthist Clinic (p. 19)	Sep 24th
Nch'káy: Annual Gathering in Squamish Valley (p. 15)	Sep 25th
Call for Artists: Elders Centre Welcome Figures application deadline (p. 13)	Sep 30th
SN Ticket Lottery application deadline (p. 14)	Oct 5th
West Van. Place for Sports: art submission deadline (p. 24)	Oct 15th

IA Declaration Day: September 16th, 2026
IA Cheque Day: September 30th, 2026



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August 2026						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
2	BC Day 3	Bernie M 4 10:30 Brunch Bingo	DB 5 Cheakamus Center	DB 6 Thrifting	Floyd B DB 7 Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre 10-2	Charles N 8
9	Donna B 10	11 10:30 Brunch	Birthday Party 12 11-2	Youth Circle 13 10-3	14	15
16	Wayne Mah 17 11am	Theresa N 18 10:30 Brunch & BINGO	Juanits L 19 Cheekye Ranch 11-12	20 Elder's Budget 10-3	Foot Care 21 10-2	Donal B 22
23	24	25 ELDER'S GATHERING	Lorna W 26 ELDER'S GATHERING	27	28	29
Elaine M 30	31			Legend: Unless stated, all programs will be at the Totem Hall Red: Birthdays Purple: Sign Up Required		



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

Ta na wa Yúus ta Stítúyntsah
Rights & Title
August 18, 2026

Archaeology work continuing on Lower Stá7mes IR 24

You may see archaeology work in different parts of Lower St'á7mes over the coming months. This notice provides information about the work and what to expect.

What is happening

Our archaeology team will conduct additional archaeological testing in Lower St'á7mes.

Testing involves carefully digging small areas so archaeologists can examine and document what is found. Test areas will be restored once the archaeology work is complete.

When: September to October 2026
Expected work hours: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Where

Testing will take place mainly within or beside road boundaries and in other locations where additional archaeology work is needed.

What you will see

You may see:

- archaeologists, ACE technicians and community members working in different parts of the residential area;
- cones around archaeology work areas at the side or edge of the road;
- a single-lane closure on Stawamus Road;
- an excavator working in some archaeology areas;
- trucks travelling along Chief Billy Drive and Stawamus Road to move excavated material to a temporary stockpile area on the island; and
- traffic personnel helping people move safely through the area.

Please follow posted signs and directions from traffic personnel.

Why we are doing this work

Archaeology work has been underway in Lower St'á7mes since 2023, helping us learn more about St'á7mes and the long and continued connection of Skwxwú7mesh People to this place.

Some of what we have learned so far was shared at the Lower St'á7mes Celebration and Open House at Totem Hall on June 24.

This archaeology is part of the ongoing work in Lower St'á7mes to learn from and protect the cultural history held in the land as planning continues for future flood protection and infrastructure improvements.

Who will be doing the work

The work will be carried out by **Sḵw̱xwú7mesh Úxwumixw Ta na wa Yúus ta Stitúyntsam (Rights and Title Department)**, with community members and ACE technicians participating in and guiding the work.

The archaeology program will be supervised by **Yumks/Dr. Rudy Reimer**, Sḵw̱xwú7mesh Úxwumixw archaeologist who has studied St'á7mes for many years.

Opportunities to participate

There will be opportunities for Sḵw̱xwú7mesh People to see archaeology in action, learn about what is being uncovered, participate in discovery, volunteer, and access training and employment opportunities connected to the work.

More information about these opportunities will be shared as the archaeology continues.

Contact

For questions about the archaeology work, contact:

Andrew Latimer, Archaeological Specialist
(778) 319-0529
Andrew_latimer@squamish.net

Huy chexw a,

**Sḵw̱xwú7mesh Úxwumixw
Ta na wa Yúus ta Stitúyntsam (Rights and Title Department)**



We are sharing an important update for Squamish People who purchase fuel at the Squamish Valley Gas Bar.

Nch'kaý recently discovered that, because of a system error, the Squamish Valley Gas Bar continued to apply a Carbon Tax exemption after the tax had ended in 2025.

To correct this, the Gas Bar system will be updated effective **September 1, 2026**. This means the Carbon Tax exemption will no longer be applied. For gasoline, this change is approximately **17 cents per litre**.

Your **GST and Motor Fuel Tax exemptions are not changing** and will continue to be applied at the pump.

We recognize this change will have an impact. We want to notify our community well in advance of September 1 so there is time to plan before the update takes effect.

If you have questions, please contact communications@nchkay.com.



DEADLINE: AUGUST 31ST, 2026

Disabilities Survey

Squamish Nation is conducting a Disabilities Review Survey to better understand the experiences, needs, and priorities of Skwxwú7mesh Stélmexw (Squamish Peoples) living with disabilities, as well as their families and caregivers.

Your Feedback Matters

Whether you are currently accessing services or have experienced challenges finding the supports you need, your experience matters. Your feedback will help identify:

- Gaps and barriers in accessing services
- Unmet needs and challenges faced by individuals and families
- Priorities for future disability-related supports
- Opportunities to improve programs and services across Nation departments

The survey findings will help inform a Squamish Nation Disabilities Action Plan and guide future service planning and improvements across our community.

Complete the Disabilities Review Survey for your chance to win 1 of 10 \$100 Save-On Foods gift cards!

Scan the QR code to learn more



<https://bit.ly/4g9kAKB?r=qr>



Indigenous Services Canada
Services aux Autochtones Canada

INCOME ASSISTANCE MONTHLY RENEWAL DECLARATION **FOR: OCT 2026**

>>>555 **Cheque issue date is Wed. Sept 30th – For October 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*

3.MANDATORY: Current Address

Phone #

List any changes in your living situation

If you do not hand in your Declaration on ...**Wednesday, Sept 16th, 2026.** You will **NOT** receive your **Cheque on Wed. Sept 30th.** Late Declaration means, late cheque

4. Have you had any earned or unearned ☐ Yes ☐ No

Income this month?

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 DECLARATION IN PERSON TO TOTEM HALL



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Squamish Nation

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Member Services

Subject: Important Policy Change – Monthly Declaration Requirement for PWD Income Assistance

To all Persons with Disabilities (PWD) Income Assistance clients,

Effective **October 1, 2026**, there is an important change to Income Assistance policy:

All PWD Income Assistance clients must now **submit a Declaration form every month** to be eligible for their monthly income assistance payment.

To ensure you continue to receive your monthly cheque:

- Submit your monthly Declaration form to your local office by the specified deadline.
- Please refer to the attached 2026 submission schedule for exact dates.

Important reminders:

- Declarations must be submitted on time. Late submissions will result in delayed payments.
- Declarations should not be submitted early, unless there is an emergency.
- You must report all sources of income and changes, including:
 - Employment earnings
 - Family Allowance
 - Disability Benefits (DB)
 - WCB Claims / Pension earnings / GST payments
 - Maintenance or other income
 - Changes to your address or household composition

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your Income Assistance worker.



Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumíxw
Squamish Nation

A Call to Community Members

Join the Squamish Nation Membership Committee

We are inviting Community members to bring their heart, knowledge, and dedication to the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumíxw Membership Committee. This committee plays a vital role in carrying out necessary, respectful work related to Membership and our Membership Code, ensuring our Community remains strong, connected, and grounded in our values.

We are seeking those who bring knowledge, experience, or a strong interest in:

- Culture & Traditions: Squamish Nation history, laws, customs, language, and active participation in cultural and community life.
- Connection to Land & Ancestry: A deep understanding of family ties to the traditional lands of the Nation.
- Community Engagement: Active involvement and care for our people, whether you reside in community or away from home.

Honouring Our Elders

Our Elders hold invaluable wisdom and perspective. Elders are strongly encouraged to apply, and priority for Elder appointments will be given in the following order:

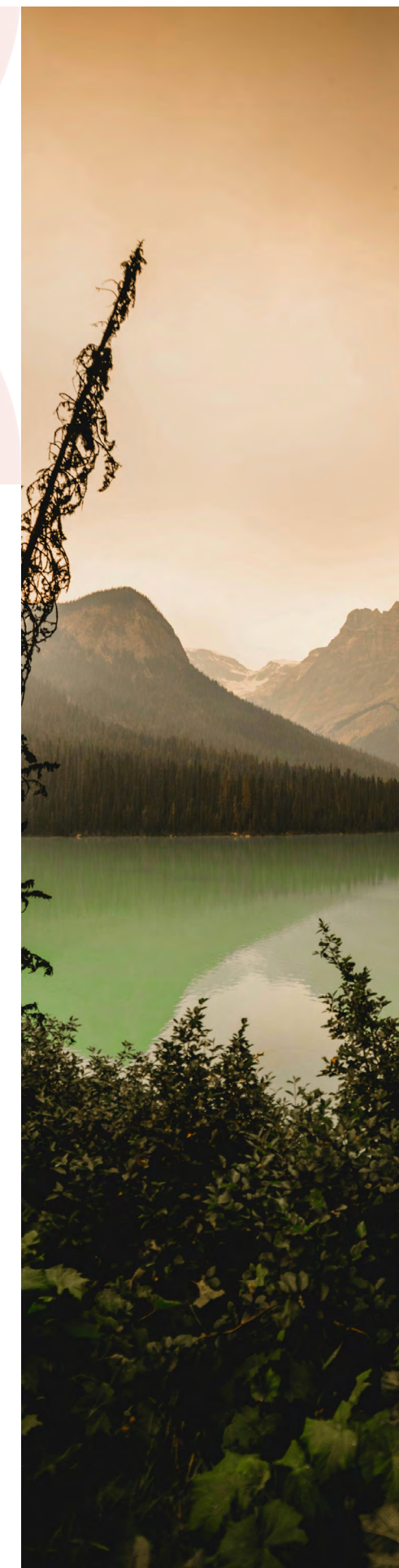
- 65 years of age and older
- 60 to 64 years of age
- 55 to 59 years of age

Serving on the Membership Committee is a meaningful opportunity to contribute your lived experience and Community perspective to a remarkable Nation responsibility.

How to Apply

Please submit your Expression of Interest by email to: EOI@squamish.net

➤ **Deadline for applications: September 8, 2026**





Seeking Applications for Hi'yám Housing Board of Directors

Housing is one of the most significant priorities facing Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw today. Through strategic planning, strong governance, and community-focused leadership, Hi'yám Housing is helping create safe, affordable, and sustainable housing opportunities for current and future generations.

Board Directors play an important role in guiding the organization's vision, ensuring accountability, and supporting long-term success.

We encourage individuals with diverse backgrounds, perspectives, and experiences to apply.

This call out is to fill three Director seats on the Board (voluntary positions). At least one Director seat must be filled by a Squamish Person. External applicants who feel they align with the Squamish Nation's housing goals are also encouraged to apply.

- The deadline for applications is September 18, 2026, at 4 p.m.
- To learn more about the requirements and how to apply, please scan the QR code.



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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/ka1fxpztw5jz363bm1qmc/SQECE-Welcome-Figures-EOI-08-17-26.pdf?rlkey=izjtv9mjk2vanswubblzq9div&st=6qk0ruxo&dl=0> or scan QR below:

SCAN ME



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



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 Che'ntm (Chair & Council Office) at **604-980-4553** or cco@squamish.net.



SCAN ME

You're Invited! 2026 Nch'kaý 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'kaý 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'kaý 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



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
Sne'wiyálh 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
Sne'wiyálh Language & Cultural Affairs | North
Vancouver, BC

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- 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

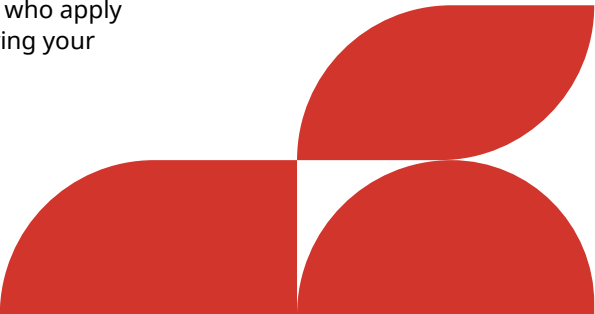
nchkay.com/careers

Develop your career with the Nation

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

Chénchenstway (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





Fellowship of the Spirit



To the members in the Valley who are looking for some support to achieve sobriety and be around like-minded people:

You are welcome to join us in the Fellowship of the Spirit meeting to share or just to listen. No pressure to commit, but just to get your foot in the door and start your journey to healing your mind, body, and spirit.

At the meeting we alternate between nights where we read from the AA book and share, and nights where we have a Talking Circle. We are looking forward to greeting you with an open mind, and open heart, and open arms.

**We have childcare available for young or single parents to further support their needs.*



Meeting @ the Shaker Church —

1365 Chief Billy Dr.
Every Friday night, starting @ 6:15pm





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**



- Custom foot orthotics
- Medical compression socks
- Ankle braces
- Knee braces
- Diabetic foot assessments

To Sign Up:
Contact Health Benefits:
Caroline
P: 236-877-7782
E: caroline_perrin@squamish.net

****Bring a doctor's Rx if you have one****





Squamish Valley Recreation

CO-ED WEIGHT TRAINING

WITH TONY XU

Priority is for Squamish Nation/SN community members who reside in Squamish Valley

**Tuesdays & Thursdays
6:00–7:00PM
1380 Stawamus Rd - Totem Hall Fitness Room
Max 8 persons per session**

STARTS SEPT 8 2026



CONTACT US
SquamishRecreation@squamish.net



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CRAFTING CLUB

Bring a project and enjoy the company of others, whether you're crocheting, knitting, beading, weaving, sewing or looming.
Not a class

For Squamish Nation / SN community members 18+

**Dates: Every Wednesday
Starting September 9, 2026
Time: 5:00–7:00PM**

**1380 Stawamus Rd - Totem Hall
*Stawamus Room *
Snacks provided!**



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Squamish Valley Rec ♦ ♦ ♦

ADULT KICKBOXING

Priority is for Squamish Nation & SN community members.

Equipment is provided (*but recommended to purchase your own gloves eventually).

JOIN US

Fridays starting September 11, 2026

8:00 – 9:00 pm

The Sound Martial Arts

1111 Pioneer Wy #115, Squamish, BC



Contact:

SquamishRecreation@squamish.net



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SQUAMISH VALLEY REC

DROP • IN VOLLEYBALL



EVERY THURSDAY, 8:00-10:00PM

STARTS SEPT 17, 2026

1380 STAWAMUS RD - TOTEM HALL GYMNASIUM

OPEN TO: EVERYONE 18+
SQUAMISH NATION AND/OR SN COMMUNITY
MEMBERS ARE FREE!

NON-NATION FEES: DROP IN
\$10.00 (1 SESSION)
PUNCH PASS (10 SESSIONS)
\$75.00



Contact:
SquamishRecreation@squamish.net

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Place for Sport: Public Call for Artists

The District of West Vancouver invites artists to design and integrate site-specific public art at the Place for Sport in West Vancouver, BC.

Artists may submit either an art mural (Category A) or a fabricated installation (Category B), or to both categories. Opportunity is open to all artists who:

- reside in British Columbia
- understand the vision and themes
- have the skills & experience necessary to manage all project phases, from design through to installation
- can meet the deadlines and stay within aproved budget

Deadline for submissions is October 15, 2026 @2:00 PM (Pacific Time)

For more information, including the vision and themes for the project, contact info, instructions for submissions, and where to direct your questions, please use the QR code or link below.



https://bcbid.gov.bc.ca/page.aspx/en/bpm/process_manage_extranet/232987



Elders' Fundraiser





Sea Urchin Vase **SOLD!**

Bumble Bee Jar **SOLD!**



Fish Vase for Sale **\$100.00**



Bear plate for Sale **\$150.00**

Artist: Ruby Joseph

Two art pieces remain! If interested in buying either one, come visit the **Elders' Lounge**, or call anyone on the Team.



In case of after-hours emergency:

- **Public Safety:** 604-982-9938
- **Health & Wellness:** 604-982-7806
 - **Comm Ops:** 604-815-7116
- **Member Services:** 604-505-3776