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Council Monthly News for September 2026





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Milestone 1: Approval of X̱ay Áysaých (Sacred Territory) - An integrated planning framework and direction to implement interim planning

Developing a framework that brings together land and ocean planning, which reflects Sḵwx̱wú7mesh beliefs and knowledge.

Council asked staff to review and update land and water stewardship direction, and to bring forward an approach that better integrates these efforts.

X̱ay Áysaých (Sacred Territory), an integrated planning framework, will bring together land and ocean planning into one framework, reflecting the Sḵwx̱wú7mesh understanding that land, water, and people are interconnected.

The stewardship of X̱ay Temíxw and X̱ay Sẖkw'eñ (Squamish Nation plans for land and ocean) will be combined under a single framework guided by Sḵwx̱wú7mesh values, rights, title, laws, and responsibilities to future generations.

X̱ay Áysaých will guide various areas of work including the review of applications for development, review of new policies from other governments, support Sḵwx̱wú7mesh Nation projects, intergovernmental negotiation, and public education.

Developing this framework and completing the work in a phased approach includes support for developing and applying interim direction, where urgent protection of cultural or ecological values is needed before the plan is complete.

As we move forward with this work, Community will be engaged to share ideas, experiences, and concerns regarding our land and waters.

Milestone 2: District of Squamish provides formal apology to the Nation

On September 19, 2026, community members attended a private ceremony at Totem Hall and witnessed a formal apology from the District of Squamish.

The ceremony marked an important milestone in the ongoing relationship between the District and the Nation. It was an opportunity to come together and witness the acknowledgement of past harms and the District's commitment to a renewed relationship with the Squamish Nation.

It was acknowledged during a public ceremony at O'Siyam Pavilion on September 30, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, also known as Orange Shirt Day.



Squamish Nation Council Meeting Attendance

Council meetings with attendance recorded (duly convened¹): 2

Councillor	Present	Absent ²	Excused ³
Ketxímtn, Alroy Baker	2	-	-
Sikemkin, Yul Baker	-	-	2
Sinámkin, Jody Broomfield	2	-	-
Jonah Gonzales	1.5	-	0.5
Yeltsilewet, Faye Halls	2	-	-
Kwa7kwmchen-kin, Matthew Houghton	2	-	-
Sumkwaht, Shayla Jacobs	-	-	2
Is'gh'li-ya, Anthony Joseph	2	-	-
Bertha Joseph	2	-	-
P'akwelut, Sandy Lafontaine	2	-	-
Kálkalilh, Deanna Lewis	-	-	2
Sxwchálten, Kevin Rivers	2	-	-
Syexwáliya, Ann Whonnock	1	-	1
Skuálhkamaat, Amanda Williams	1	-	1
Jonny Williams	2	-	-
Sxwíxwtn, Wilson Williams	1	-	1

Council Meeting Attendance

1. Does not include committee meetings, meetings off-site, or Council workshops at which a recording secretary was not present.
2. A partial meeting absence is recorded when a Councillor is absent for a significant portion of the meeting (i.e., if a Councillor arrives in the morning, leaves at 10:30 am and does not return until 3:00 pm). Partial meeting absences and absences in the morning or afternoon are counted as 0.5.
3. An excused absence can include the following: illness, family care, scheduled vacation time, refusal due to a conflict of interest, or Council Business (such as spokesperson duties, conferences, ceremonies etc.)

Squamish Nation Committee Meeting Attendance

Corporate Services Committee meeting on 09/23/26 (duly convened¹): **1**

Committee Member	Present	Absent ²	Excused ³
Jonah Gonzales	1	-	-
Faye Halls	-	-	1
Bertha Joseph	1	-	-
Sandy Lafontaine	1	-	-
Deanna Lewis	-	-	1

Finance & Audit Committee meeting on 09/08/26 (duly convened¹): **1**

Committee Member	Present	Absent ²	Excused ³
Sandy Lafontaine	1	-	-
Deanna Lewis	-	-	1
Ann Whonnock	1	-	-

Squamish Nation Committee Meeting Attendance

Finance & Audit Committee meeting on 09/08/26 (duly convened¹): **1**

Committee Member	Present	Absent ²	Excused ³
Amanda Williams	1	-	-
Jonny Williams	1	-	-

People Services Committee meeting on 09/15/26 (duly convened¹): **1**

Committee Member	Present	Absent ²	Excused ³
Faye Halls	-	-	1
Matthew Houghton	1	-	-
Shayla Jacobs	-	-	1
Sandy Lafontaine	1	-	-
Amanda Williams	1	-	-





Squamish Nation Committee Meeting Attendance

Strategic Priorities & Budget Committee meeting on 09/01/26 (duly convened¹): 1

Committee Member	Present	Absent ²	Excused ³
Yul Baker	-	-	1
Jonah Gonzales	1	-	-
Anthony Joseph	1	-	-
Kevin Rivers	1	-	-
Ann Whonnock	-	-	1

Cancelled Squamish Nation Committee Meetings

Community Services Committee: Meeting was cancelled due to no requests to present being received.

Territory & Culture Committee: Meeting was cancelled due to no requests to present being received.

Squamish Nation Council Motions and Resolutions

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Squamish Nation Members can view the complete isolated motions (containing additional details) online at: www.squamish.net/motions-resolutions

Date	Motion #	Agenda Item
Sept. 3	1	Approval of Agenda
	2	Council Chairperson Report
	3	Multi-Year Financial and Capital Planning Tool Workshop
	4	Language Commission Term Extension To present Pahayikwup Language Commission to request to extend their current four-year term for an additional two years until July 31, 2028 and to highlight upcoming requests to Skwxwú7mesh Sníchim policy amendments and to gauge for full support for policy amendments.
	5	Xay Áysaých - Integrated Planning Framework Approval of the Xay Áysaých Integrated Planning Framework and Direction to Implement Interim Planning
	6	IN CAMERA - District of Squamish Matter*
Sept. 17	1	Approval of Agenda
	2	Council Chairperson Report
	3	IN CAMERA - Squamish Nation's Rehousing Guidelines for Redevelopment and Chíshem Resident Relocation Strategy*
	4	IN CAMERA- Squamish Nation & Build Canada Homes Portfolio Partnership Agreement*
	5	IN CAMERA - Squamish Nation Administrative & Community Centre - Preferred Option*
	6	IN CAMERA - Independent Expert Panel to advise Council on an Own-Source Revenue Strategic Framework*
	7	IN CAMERA – Housing Issue*

***In-camera agenda items are under the Squamish Nation Election and Referendum Law Sec. 6.44(b) (i) harm the deliberative processes of Council**

Council Events

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Council received 20+ requests to attend events in September 2026. The list below features events that reinforce meaningful relationships, assert our rights and/or ensure the Nation is represented at important opportunities throughout Skwxwú7mesh Territory.

Date	Event & Location	Purpose
September 16	Simon Fraser University (SFU) Naming Ceremony, Burnaby Campus	SFU received names during a ceremony for their Burnaby campus and four Indigenous spaces on campus.
September 19	District of Squamish Formal Apology Ceremony, Totem Hall	A formal apology to the Nation for the harms inflicted on generations of Squamish People and Community by colonial systems and policies, and for District actions that negatively affected the Squamish ways of life.
September 23	Many Generations, One Future: Climate Action in Howe Sound, Squamish	This event that brought together communities, organizations, and the region to learn, share perspectives, and discover the climate action already underway in Howe Sound.
September 25	Indigenous Opportunities Forum 2026, Vancouver	This forum gathered business, economic, and First Nations leaders to learn about the projects, partnerships, and opportunities shaping a more sustainable and prosperous future. It was organized by the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade and CN Rail.

Upcoming Events

Squamish Nation community members are invited to attend these meetings and events. The Nation's event calendar: www.squamish.net/events-gatherings/calendar

Date	Event	Location & Time
November 15	A Meal with Leadership	Chief Joe Mathias Centre, 12 pm - 2:30 pm (Drop-in)
November 28 - 29	Annual General Meeting	Chief Joe Mathias Centre, 10 am - 5 pm



Council News & Documents

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- **Council Agendas:** Explore agendas from Council meetings that were held between 2019 to 2026.
Visit: www.squamish.net/council-agendas
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Visit: www.squamish.net/motions-resolution
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